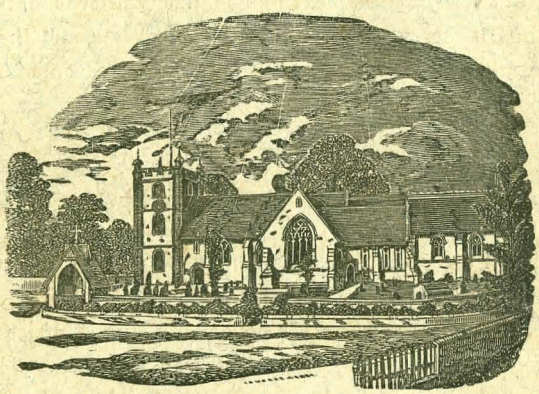
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BAPTISMS.

Nov. 1.—William Robert, son of Albert Leonard and Mary Jane Pocock. Wargrave.

„ 22.—Ellen Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Annie Jane Metcalf. Greenlands.

„ 28.—Hilda Minnie, daughter of Thomas Giles and Minnie Ada Louisa Clark. Rockwell End.

BURIAL.

Nov. 17.—Harry John Jollye, Little Frieth, aged 15 years.

The death of poor Harry Jollye was very sudden and sad. He was run over by a waggon on which he had been riding, which was bringing coal from Henley to Shogmoor. The accident occurred between Mill End and Hambleden on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 12th. May God in His mercy comfort the afflicted parents, and the brothers and sisters, who mourn their loss, and may this season of mourning be rich in blessings to their stricken souls!

MISSIONARY SERMONS.

Special Sermons in behalf of Foreign Missions (S.P.G.) were preached in all three Churches on Sunday, Nov. 15th, by Mr. Ramm, who is a Clergyman working in Australia.

On the Monday there was a Missionary Meeting at Frieth, and on the Tuesday at Hambleden; both were well attended. The Rector was unable to be present, as he was absent from home on account of the illness of his brother. Mr. Reade took the Chair at Frieth, and Mr. Mc Connell at Hambleden.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Rector has just received the first quarterly payments of the "Fee Grant" for Hambleden and Frieth Schools. They are reckoned on last year's averages, which unfortunately were low ones, and especially so at Hambleden, in consequence of the "diphtheria," which of course interfered very greatly with the attendance. The Grants are, Hambleden, £11 5s., and Frieth, £11 10s.; this sum is, however, larger by several pounds than it would have been under the old system.

The bill for the building and repairs at Frieth School amounts to £62; this is a formidable sum, and only about £30 has been *specially* subscribed towards it; unless some of the parishioners will come forward to pay this off, it will throw us behind at the end of the year!

The *Voluntary* Rate at Hambleden is *three-pence* in the £, the School Board Rate at Stokenchurch—not far from here—is *Two Shillings*, and, so *an extra call for an extra expense*, in our own case, from time to time, is not unreasonable. By doing this we are able to keep the rate at 3d.!

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese has given notice that a Confirmation will be held in the Parish Church on the 17th of February. This date may possibly be postponed until March, but due notice will be given if it is.

We hope that many Candidates will come forward, and make up their minds to stand firm on the Lord's side against all sin, and especially against that which is, alas! so common now and so dangerous, *indifference!* We want many to stand up bravely for God's cause, and to say in the spirit of Joshua, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Those who promise *in that spirit* will undoubtedly be strengthened for their need with the Holy Ghost—the Comforter!

CHRISTMAS.

To not a few far off and near, this Christmas will perhaps be a sad one! May all who cannot take part in its usual outward rejoicings find an abundance of that blessed gift of Peace which our dear Lord came down from Heaven to bring us!

HAMBLEDEN RECTORY.

A great sorrow has fallen upon the Rector and his family, which is of a nature that it must be felt beyond his own home! He asks for the kind indulgences of the parishioners whilst he is cut off from them, and hopes that they will make all allowance if some things cannot be carried out for a time just as usual. Already he has received most kind assurances of sympathy in the midst of his trial, and he believes that many prayers are going up to God in behalf of

her who is sick, as well as for the whole family and household, that they may be kept safe in the time of danger! It is a most true comfort and support to be assured of this, and the Rector returns to all his most heartfelt thanks.

MEDMENHAM.

BAPTISM.

Nov. 22.—Albert James Meads.

THE SCHOOL. At last the blow, which has been so long threatening, has fallen, and the authorities have shewn that they are determined to have their way in the matter of School attendance. We are not surprised at this for it is only the same justice that has been meted out in other places and by which punishments have been and are oftentimes inflicted. Nor do we think there is any ground of complaint, for it is notorious that the law with regard to the attendance of children at School and the responsibility of Parents, is not put into force with any harshness. Anyhow, the warning has lately come home in Medmenham in a rough business-like shape; and it is to be hoped that it will be taken well to heart and that no further consequences will be necessary. We are quite sure that any repetition of the offence will meet with severe handling.

ADVENT. During the season of Advent there will be Service in the Church on Fridays, at 7 p.m., when an Address will be given.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. It will be a great kindness if those who have the means of sending a few flowers or such like to decorate the Church at Christmas, will remember that the supply at command in Medmenham is very limited.