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Baptism.

Dec. 4.—Elsie Muriel, daughter of James William and Kate Eva Coker.

Marriages.

Dec. 26.—Frederick Charles Long and Laura Lee.
,, 31.—Arthur Edward Keep and Mary Maria Hobbs.

Burials.

Dec. 9.—John Brooks, aged 67 years.
,, 15.—Leonard Henry Leaver, aged 15 months.

A Happy New year to our readers far and near!

If we have a new year, it is the gift of God: if it is a happy one, it will be by God's blessing. God grants His gifts, not fitfully or at haphazard, but in accordance with rules of which no one need be ignorant. Happiness is no doubt enhanced by wealth and health, but it does not consist in these. It consists in a quiet conscience: and this is God's blessing upon a faithful discharge of duty towards Himself and our neighbour. Our natural ideal of happiness (which is emphasised by our customs at Christmas) is that of "Home." This is but a reflection of God's own ideal for man: a Home, a Family. Let us try to realise it, *i.e.* make it real—the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man.

The Rev. J. W. Nutt, Rector of Harpsden, has kindly promised to give two **Lectures** on the History of the Church of England, in continuation of the two he gave last winter. This will bring his subject down to the interesting period of "The Reformation." All Church people ought to make an effort to attend, in order to be able to correct the vague and erroneous views so prevalent about our Church's past history. The lectures will be given on Monday, January 2nd, and Thursday, January 26th, at 7.30 p.m. in the School at Hambleden.

The **Lantern,** which is a valuable part of our parochial apparatus, has now been fitted with acetylene gas, and a proper stand has been purchased, which will much simplify the preparation of the room beforehand. These improvements have been obtained at the Church Army headquarters at the cost of about £2 10s. Any of our friends who are so disposed may send subscriptions towards this to Rev. G. F. Eyre for "lantern fund." If the lantern is to be used slides must be hired, and their carriage paid for, which cannot be done for much less than 10s. for a lecture.

Mr. Eyre has been making good use of the lantern at his Thursday evening Services in Skirmett Parish Room.

The Rev. F. J. Chandler, Organizing Secretary of the **National Society,** will preach in the Parish Church on Sunday, January 8th, morning and evening, in behalf of this Society.

The Rev. Johnson Barker, Secretary for this and three other Dioceses for the Church "**Waifs and Strays**" Society, will preach in the Parish Church on the evening of February 5th, and in the morning of February 19th in behalf of that Society.

We request our friends to remember Tuesday, January 17th, and take tickets for the **Concert:** 2s., 1s., and 3d. The proceeds are for the summer outing of Choir and Churchworkers. We are fortunate in securing Miss Lilian Laugher, student in the Hochschule, Berlin, under Dr. Joachim. Our old friend, Mr. Bayley, Organist of Henley Parish Church, has also kindly promised to bring out some friends who will give substantial help in the programme.

Our readers will like to know that we have still amongst us two parishioners who are very little behind the century, and to wish them a Happy New Year. Ephraim Webb was born December 19th, 1804, and George Barlow, February 4th, 1805. The former recollects attending to the Rector's farm horses 80 years ago, and the latter used to walk down from Frieth to night school twice a week.

The **Churchyard.** We have to thank Mr. Grenfell for a gift of trees and shrubs to the Churchyard, and Mr. Beever for arranging for Mr. Perkins to plant them, and at the same time to trim the shrubs and ivy, and plant some bulbs.

The Provident Clubs.—Our best thanks are due to Mr. Scott Murray and Mr. C. A. Cripps for paying the bonus on the Coal Club for Vale and Hill respectively; and to the Hon. W. F. D. Smith for the bonus on the Clothing Club throughout the parish.

The **Schools** re-open on January 2nd. We may hope now to be free from sickness for a time, and from changes in the staff. The work is a good bit behindhand from these causes. We have however now every reason to hope that steady progress will be made.

The Law relating to School Attendance.

(a) Every child between 5 and 13 years of age must attend unless under efficient instruction in some other manner.

(b) A child between 10 and 13 shall not be required to attend if it has received a certificate from H.M. Inspector that it has reached the Fifth Standard.

(c) A child between 10 and 13, if shewn to the satisfaction of the Local Authority to be beneficially and necessarily employed, shall not be required to make more than 150 attendances in the year if it has received a certificate from H.M. Inspector that it has reached the Fourth Standard.

N.B.—H.M. Inspector holds an examination for Labour Certificates at Henley in June, and at no other time. Parents who want their children examined should give due notice to the Schoolmaster.

(d) No person, parent, or other may take into his employment any child between 13 and 14 years of age, unless such child shall either possess a certificate that he has passed the Fourth Standard, or that he has made 250 attendances in not more than two Schools during each year for five preceding years, whether consecutive or not. This certificate can be obtained from the Schoolmaster.

Subscribers for the **Magazine** should be grateful to Miss M. Courtney for the trouble she takes each month in distributing it, and especially now should lighten her trouble by paying their subscriptions forthwith. *Subscriptions should be sent direct to her.*

Annual Statement of Sums collected.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) *By Offertory in Church:*						
Parish Church	67	15	9			
S. John's, Frieth	15	2	9			
All Saints', Skirmett	8	15	4			
				91	13	10
(2) *By Subscriptions and Boxes:*						
Hambleden and Skirmett	13	15	4			
Frieth	3	7	7			
				17	3	6
				£108	17	4

Distributed as follows:

	£	s.	d.
1. Diocesan Education Board (Bishop's letter)	8	7	1
2. Diocesan C.E.T.S. ...	8	4	2
3. ,, Clergy Sustentation Fund ...	1	0	3
4. Lane End School Enlargement	7	12	6
5. Hospitals	2	0	9
6. Royal Agric. Benev. Institution	5	6	8
Missionary—(a) Home.			
7. S.P.C.K. (Bi-centenary)	2	2	0
8. A.C.S.	3	5	5
9. E.L.C.F.	18	9	1
10. Church Penitentiary Association	1	14	10
11. Church Army	5	10	0
12. Parochial Mission to Jews	1	0	0
13. Church Building Society (Skirmett)	0	8	9

(b) Foreign.	£	s.	d.
14. S.P.G., general	10	3	2
15. ,, (Jamaica—hurricane)	2	9	3
16. Missionary Studentship Association	2	4	5
17. U.M.C.A.	7	4	10
18. Calcutta	2	0	0
19. Bishop in Jerusalem and the East	2	0	0
20. Japan—Guild of S. Paul	2	0	0
21. Khartum (in hand for)	13	12	2
22. Rockhampton	2	0	0
Cheques	0	2	0
Total ...	£108	17	4

The above does not include amounts collected for S.P.G. at a meeting at Frieth in January; for E.L.C.F. at Hambleden in November; or for Waifs and Strays by the Misses Stanton's Sale of Work (£8 5s.), or Mrs. Barnett's collection for the education of the African child (£7).

FRIETH.

The Concert in aid of the funds of the **Reading Room** was a great success, in spite of the bad weather which hindered many friends from other districts from being present. The nett gain is well over £4. The Reading Room now numbers forty members, and a fresh attraction has been provided in the shape of a bagatelle board, kindly presented by Mr. Edwin West.

We are glad to announce that a serviceable wheeled **bier** has been presented to the Church. It will stand, for the sake of convenience, in the coach-house at the Parsonage.

A Mission Priest from Madagascar, Rev. D. Cowan, is coming to hold a **meeting** in the Village Hall on Jan. 16th. At the conclusion of his address, Mission boxes will be distributed to those who desire them. We hope many will thus start their new year's service to God and the heathen in a practical way.

We regret to hear that Mr. E. West is relinquishing the post of Sunday School Superintendent, which he has filled with such faithful regularity. We offer him our grateful thanks for his 25 years' services for the good of the children.

CONTENTS OF MISSIONARY BOXES.

(1) £1 19 4; (2) 6s. 1½d.; (3) 1s. 0d.; (4) 1s. 0d.; (5) 2s. 2¼d. A.G.N.

Postscript.—They will not be happy till they get it. What is it? A **piano** for the Memorial Hall. They are going to give a concert to get it. See bills in the shop windows and take tickets. And when they have got it, they will give a concert with it to get funds for the Choir and Churchworkers' outing. Let us therefore hope they will soon get it. A.H.S.

The School will re-open on January 2nd under Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, who come to us with excellent recommendations from Northmarston, near Winslow, in this county. They are both trained, certificated teachers. They will, we are sure, find a welcome at Frieth, and meet with the co-operation and sympathy of the parents in their duties with their children.

BAPTISMS. Nov. 27.—Margaret Laura, daughter of Edgar H. and B. Ansell.
,, 27.—Amadine, daughter of Horace and E. J. Stanborough.
,, 27.—Louisa Polly, daughter of Horace and E. J. Stanborough.
,, 27.—Laura, daughter of Horace and E. J. Stanborough.
Nov. 29.—Charles, son of George and Alice E. Barnett (privately).

BURIAL. Dec. 2.—Charles Barnett, of the Folly, aged 1 day.