

Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

August 22nd, (born July 18th). Sarah Annie, daughter of James and Emily Sarah Brown of Hambleden.

Same day, (born June 12th). Emily Jane, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Carrill of Laxsters.

Same day, (born July 9th). Louisa Kate, daughter of William and Mary Anne Robins of Woolleys.

Same day, (born April 27th). Sarah Ann, daughter of Emma Lathan.

BURIAL.

August 15th, (died August 11th). Mary Ann Bailey of Henley, aged 61 years.

HARVEST.

The wet and windy weather in July caused considerable anxiety to all classes of persons in connection with the produce of the earth. It delayed the harvest, and caused a considerable rise in the price of wheat, flour, bread and other eatables. But at length, in answer to the prayers, which were very generally offered in Church, the weather cleared up, and by this time Harvest is more than half over in our neighbourhood; and though considerable damage has been done to some crops, there is less alarm felt, and less distress feared than was anticipated. If the crop of wheat is not over-abundant, and its quality not first-rate, still there is no appearance of scarcity. No doubt the potato-crop has suffered; but we expect it will be found that the yield of potatoes generally is very large. The rains have done great service to all green crops. There will be large supplies of roots of all kinds, and a greater quantity of good hay will be secured at this late period of the year than has been gathered for a long time. There will be much to call for deep and earnest thankfulness to the giver of all good things, when the fields are cleared and the ingathering is concluded. We hope our Harvest Thanksgiving will be hearty, and accompanied with a liberal Thankoffering.

LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

The Show of Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers will take place some day during the present month. It is impossible at present to name the exact day, but the experience of former years will be some guide to Exhibitors in calculating when it is likely to be. We anticipate a large and handsome Exhibition.

We remind our friends Uphill that their exhibition is not to be compared this year with that of our Downhill friends, but that separate tables and separate prizes will be assigned to each.

We wish also to correct a very absurd mistake which the Printer made in the handbills of the association which were circulated last Spring. He has made it appear that Exhibitors are to send **9** heads of cabbage, instead of **3** as in former years. This is the Printer's mistake. The Committee require only **3** heads of cabbage, but 9 of each of the other articles which came before "cabbage" in the List.

CRICKET.

A spirited match was played on Saturday, July 24th, in the Rector's meadow, between eleven boys of Hambleden and eleven of Millend. There was a good deal of nice and lively play, giving promise of useful members of the Hambleden and Greenland Cricket Club in years to come. The match was won by the Millend boys.

A match was played on Wednesday, July 28th, at Stonor, between the Hambleden and Stonor Clubs, and resulted in the victory of the latter.

Accidents so seldom happen to the Queen and Royal Family, though they are continually moving about, that it seems right to call attention to one which befel her Majesty, just after she set out from Osborne for Balmoral. In sailing, or rather steaming, from Cowes to Gosport, the Alberta with the Queen on board came in collision with the Mistletoe belonging to E. Heywood, Esq., of Manchester. The smaller yacht sunk and we are sorry to say three lives were lost. The Queen was greatly distressed and has done all she could to alleviate the sorrows of the sufferers.

On the Saturday before a very fine vessel, the Boyne, on its homeward voyage from South America, struck on a rock on the coast of France. Happily no life was lost. There was just room, and no more, for every person on board, passengers and crew, in the ship's boats, which had to lie quite still for four hours close to the wreck, because of the denseness of the fog. A nephew of the Rector's and Mrs. Ridley's was on board, returning from Buenos Ayres, where he had been occupied in the construction of Waterworks.

These occurrences, (the like of which are constantly happening) teach us the necessity of praying with sincerity for those who "travel by land or by sea," and of using from time to time the "Hymn for those at Sea," even when the weather is not stormy on shore. There was no storm on either of these two occasions.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BAPTISMS.

August 1st. Elizabeth Deane. ,, 22nd. Fanny Gladdy.

The School holidays came to a close on Monday, August 30th. We take this opportunity of reminding our readers that the Government intends to examine the School very shortly. It is of the greatest importance therefore that parents see that their children do not miss a single attendance. What course the Government may take if a satisfactory examination is not passed it is impossible to say; but it is quite certain they will not make matters any more pleasant to the Parish.

ORGAN FUND.—The following is a list of the subscriptions up to the present time.

				£	S.	d.
Mrs. Spencer Ryder				3	0	0
Miss Ryder	7			0	10	6
Miss Mary Ryder				0	2	6
Masters Wilfrid and Charles Ryder				0	1	6
Mrs. Mowbray Thompson		1.4	1	0	5	0
Mr. William and Miss Hobbs			*	3	0	0
Mrs. Fawell				1	0	0
Miss Blackwell				0	5	0
Mr. Scudamore		MURSI		0	5	6
Mr. Edward Ryder				0	10	0
Elizabeth Oxlede				0	5	0
Martha Nicholls				0	5	0
Mary Sutton				0	2	6
Sarah Simmons			•••	0	1	0
Mr. Rigden				1	0	0
Masters Walter, Ernest, and John I	Hill			0	4	6
Rev. W. and Mrs. Hill		•••		2	0	0