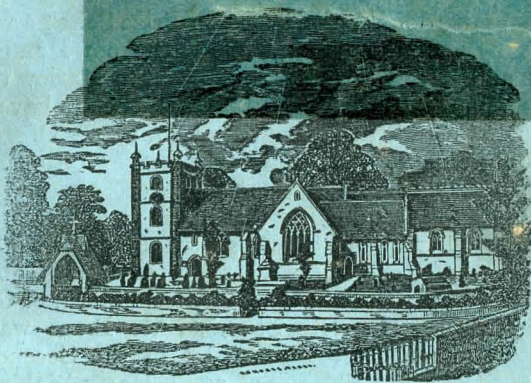


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# Extracts from the Parish Registers.

## BAPTISMS.

May 28th, (born March 22nd), Flora, daughter of Henry and Sarah Lucas, of Pheasants Hill.

May 31st, (born April 30th), Mary Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Friend, of Woolleys.

June 9th, (born January 25th, 1875), Edward Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Millend.

Same day, (born January 22nd, 1876), Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Millend.

June 11th, (born April 18th), Rupert Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stone, of Yewden Manor Farm.

Same day, (born May 4th), Rose, daughter of Zachariah and Alice Coker, of Pheasants Hill.

Same day, (born March 20th), Emily Annie, daughter of William and Ellen Austin, of Skirmett.

Same day, (born May 6th), George William, son of George and Charlotte Stallwood, of Skirmett.

## BURIALS.

June 5th, (died June 2nd), Charlotte Sellars, of Skirmett, aged 17 years.

June 10th, (died June 7th), James Collins, of Hambleden, aged 73 years.

June 22nd, (died June 19th), Charlotte Claydon, aged 66 years.

## NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Examination for the Diocesan Prize Scheme was held on the 7th May. *Four* boys and *one* girl from Hambleden, and *two* boys and *two* girls from Frieth, went to Marlow to compete. The Report has just been issued. Our Scholars have succeeded fairly, but we could wish for greater success. Of Hambleden School, John Horne was 7th, Walter Harvey 10th, Frederick G. Lane 18th, in the Second Class, of Boys between 11 and 13 years of age. Harry Parncutt was 11th in the Second Class of Boys under 11 years of age. Kate Denham was 3rd in the Second Class of Girls under 11 years of age. Kate Denham was also 9th in the Second Class for needlework, of Girls under 11 years of age. Of Frieth School, Kate Brace was 12th in the First Class, and Rose Barlow 1st in the Second Class of Girls between 11 and 13 years of age. Harry Webb was 14th in the Second Class of boys under 11 years of age. Kate Brace was also 9th in the First Class for Needlework, and Rose Barlow 31st in the Second Class of girls between 11 and 13 years of age.

One of the great advantages of the Prize Scheme, is that it shews Teachers the necessity of not only giving information to their Scholars, but of instructing them how to produce their information when necessary. Many children have acquired much knowledge of various subjects, but when a question is put to them respecting this knowledge, they are utterly at fault how to express themselves, especially in writing. Of course it is most important that we should all be able to put forth when it is required, the stores which we have laid up in our minds.



A Bill for the further promotion of Education is before the House of Commons. The great object of the measure is to bring the children of the poor man more certainly and more continuously under the influence of teaching. Parliament has compelled the building of Schools for all the children of the country, and go where you may, all over the land you will find buildings in which children may be taught. But this is of no use if the children do not come to them, or if they come so irregularly that they cannot learn, or retain what they are taught. One of the provisions of the Bill is to give to Boards of Guardians the power now possessed by School Boards, of making bye-laws which shall *compel* the attendance at some good School of every child. This power is only to be exercised on application by the ratepayers of any parish to the Board of Guardians. Other provisions are for securing the attendance at School of the children, by making it unlawful for them to work until they have been a certain number of years at School, or have gained a certain proficiency in knowledge. It is quite certain that if the children are to be taught, they must, by some means or other be brought to the Teachers. Managers and Teachers may do a great deal to *encourage* the attendance of children, as is done in the Schools of this Parish,—but after all this, there are cases which they cannot reach.

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### CRICKET.

The cricket season has begun again, and we hope that our friends here will keep up the game this year with spirit and perseverance. A meeting will shortly be held to make arrangements for practice and play, and we wish all the members of our club, diligence, patience, zeal, and success.

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### LABOURERS' FRIEND ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Rectory, on Monday, June 19th. It was then determined to have the show of vegetables, &c., as usual in September. Complaints having been made by some of the subscribers, that no prizes were offered last year for agricultural purposes, the Committee beg to inform the subscribers that the reason of this was, as stated in their last year's report, viz., that so little interest had been taken in previous years in these prizes, both by employers and labourers. They very gladly offer prizes this year for ploughing, one 1st prize, and one 2nd prize, for ploughmen with two horses; and one 1st and one 2nd prize, for ploughmen with three horses, provided that at least twelve ploughmen give in their names to the Rector by July 10th.



They also offer prizes for rick building and thatching. First prize, £1 ; second prize, 15s. ; third prize, 10s., on the condition that six men at least, give in their names to the Rector, by July 10th. If the number of names here mentioned be not given in by that date, no prizes will be given.

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## MEDMENHAM CORNER.

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### BIRTH.

June 22nd.—Mrs. H. J. Todd of a Son.

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It will save trouble, and answer frequent enquiries, to mention that the Vicar has received word from Mr. Atterton, of Leighton Buzzard, who has the order for our new organ, that "it is going on very well, and is, in fact, nearly finished." Mr. Atterton adds, that he will write again to say when it may be expected. This we await, and then due notice will be given of the day when the instrument will be "opened." The Fund still halts at £86 1s. 0d.

We are given to understand that between the harvests, the members of the South Bucks Friendly Society hope to have their usual holiday. It is to be desired that as many as possible will first attend the very short service in Church, which the Vicar is anxious to offer them. Last year a beginning was made in this direction, to the satisfaction of not a few members. Let it then be continued, and considered as a part of the annual festival.

The day for the School Treat and Distribution of Prizes is not exactly fixed, but it will not remain unknown much longer, and then Mrs. Hill will be pleased to receive to tea on the Vicarage lawn, the friends of the children, as on former occasions.

The Collections for the Diocesan Spiritual Help Society (after a Pastoral letter) on Sunday, June 18th, were £1 13s. 3d.

