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Extracts from the Parish Registers.

BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 1st—(born June 5th), Amy Florence, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Powell, of Flint Hall.
Aug. 3rd—(born May 31st), Alfred, son of George and Edith Jane Higgs, of Hambleden.
Same day—(born June 11th), Lillie, daughter of Mark and Emma Ralling, of Hambleden.
Aug. 4th—(born March 24th), Hilda Louise, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Smith, of How.
Aug. 8, privately—(born Aug. 6th), Fred, son of Edward and Sophia Cooper, of Chisbridge Cross.
Aug. 25th, privately—(born Aug. 2), William Francis, son of William and Emily Good, of Goddards.

BURIALS.

- Aug. 9th—(died Aug. 7th), John Lane, Henley Union Workhouse, aged 80 years.
Aug. 24th—(died Aug. 21st), Jonathan Smith Stacey, of Little Frieth, aged 77 years.
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NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The Report of Her Majesty's Inspector has just been received.—“The general working shews manifest diligence and zeal, and there has been good general progress. The first Standard has, however, been but poorly taught in Reading.” The Grant is 2s. more than last year. Frieth School was re-opened on Monday, the 18th, after being closed for two weeks by medical order, in consequence of measles. We are happy to be able to say that no serious consequences have at present attended this attack of measles, and that it has passed away very quickly. The lateness of the harvest season has prolonged to a very unusual period the summer school term. Hambleden School broke up on Thursday, Aug. 28th.

SOUTH BUCKS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

“DEAR MR. EDITOR,

“I think you may like to have a short account of the Feast of the S. B. F. S. On Aug. 5th, we met at the end of the Rectory lawn at 11.15 a.m., the Orpheus Band from Lane End played an appropriate air. We then marched to Church, where the Rev. F. H. Slocock preached a good and suitable sermon to a good congregation. After service we marched in procession to the meadow, where we waited till dinner was ready, and owing to the butcher not having brought the meat till late, we had to wait till 2 p.m. before

we could begin. The Chairman after dinner addressed a few appropriate words to the members. Alas! rain fell heavily during the afternoon, which sadly spoiled the out-of-door enjoyment; but about 7 p.m. the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where they danced merrily till 9.30, when, after hearty cheers, &c., we all parted good friends. I think great credit is due to the stewards for the very efficient way in which they performed their duties, and also to Mr. Lane for the dinner, good, well cooked, and well served.

"I remain,

"Yours faithfully,

"A MEMBER OF THE S. B. F. S."

CRICKET.

A Match was played at Greenlands on Monday, Aug. 18th, between the Greenlands Club and the Young Men's Institute Club at Frieth, in which the latter were successful, winning easily in one innings.

HAMBLEDEN CHURCH CHOIR.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On Monday, August 25th, we *i.e.* the members of the H. Ch. Choir, started at 7.30 in a van for Taplow Court, where a fête of Oddfellows and Foresters was being held. At Marlow a large bag of cherries made its appearance and was duly appreciated. While crossing Maidenhead Thicket a heavy shower of rain fell, which luckily stopped by the time we reached Maidenhead. We drove to the "White Horse," where we received a hearty welcome. At about 10.15 a.m. the members met and walked to Church; some of our party went too and enjoyed the Service and singing. After Church we walked with them along a road preceded by the Mayor and Corporation for the purpose of declaring a new road open. At 12 o'clock we sat down to dinner at the "White Horse," which was done ample justice to. Dinner being finished, most of the members went straight to Taplow Court, and the rest after paying the bill followed suit. On the ground we amused ourselves with throwing for cocoa nuts shooting for nuts, roundabouts, &c., not forgetting a show of ghosts, which was well worth seeing: also the stage performance, some of which was very good. At 5 p.m. we had tea, and then more amusements till at about 9 p.m. we all enjoyed a really fine display of fireworks, and when that was over we drove down to the "White Horse" where we had supper; this important matter ended, we drove home after a very pleasant day, arriving about 12.15 a.m. quite safe. In the name of all the Choir I beg to thank you and all kind friends who have contributed to our excursion.

I remain, faithfully yours,

AN ODDFELLOW.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

BIRTH.

8th Aug.—Mrs. George Meads, of a son.

BURIAL.

3rd. Aug.—Frances Hobbs, of Bockmore.

There are times when silence best expresses the feelings which we would not on any account banish or suppress. The briefest notice we are sure will be according to the wishes of those with whom we have so lately grieved, and still grieve. Yet we cannot refrain from saying that this Parish has suffered the loss of one who had its interest and welfare at heart, and who was always most forward to aid in every good work.

The School Treat, like other enjoyments this season, had its difficulties to contend with, but on the whole it went off very well. The day appointed (July 31st) was so drenching, that at the last moment it was necessary to postpone the treat to the next day. We fear this change caused some inconvenience to those who could not be informed in time, but we trust an excuse was found in the unsettled state of the weather. As it was, had it not been for the damp under foot and the soft state of the ground, which scarcely bore the weight of an occupied chair, there would have been little difference between the late occasion and those of other years. The children seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves, and Mrs. Hill had a goodly company of mothers and friends to make tea for.

The holidays commenced later this year, though perhaps some may think not quite late enough as the harvest is so backward; but it was impossible to delay any longer; attendances were becoming short, and *besides*, a teacher should be allowed for annual rest some little of the time which usually gives hope of enjoyable weather. The School will re-open at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15th.