

BAPTISMS.

- June 7. (Born April 24th.)—Hilda, daughter of Eda Collins, of Pheasants' Hill.
- June 7. (Born April 3rd.)—Florence, daughter of Thomas and Emily Green, of Rockwell End.
- June 7. (Born April 29th.)—Walter Jewell, son of John and Sarah Ann Hurst, of Pheasants' Hill.

BURIAL.

June 1. (Died May 28th)—Edwin William Clark, of Little Frieth, aged 1 year and 7 months.

THE SCHOOLS.

The Voluntary Rate for the School has been very well paid up this year. It is a great matter that we are able to meet our School Expenses so comfortably, especially so when we know what great difficulties exist in some parishes in finding the necessary funds. The people of Hambleden recognize the fact that it is better to pay a voluntary rate of 3d. in the \pounds , than perhaps be compelled to pay 6d. or 9d.

We hope that the Government Inspections, which are to take place on July 6th and 7th, will prove satisfactory. We had unusually good Grants last year, but we must not be disappointed if they are rather less this time; there are not in the Hambleden School so many children in the Upper Standards to be examined, and of course this must make some difference.

THE WARMING OF THE CHURCH.

It has been decided to employ Messrs. Haden & Sons, of Trowbridge, to carry out this work. A subscription list has been started, and already £100 has been promised. We hope, therefore, that the £45 or £50 still required will be forthcoming. It is a very necessary improvement, and one which commends itself to all persons who are interested in their Parish Church.

THE REV. W. COWLARD.

The Rev. W. Cowlard has kindly come to Hambleden again to help the Rector for a few weeks. There are many who will be pleased to welcome him, as they remember with gratitude his work amongst them when he was here before. The Rector has engaged a permanent Curate to fill Mr. Trusted's place, but he will not be ordained until September.

THE LETTER BOY.

A suitable Tricycle has not been found for the Letter Boy, but it will not now be necessary to provide one, as he is forbidden to carry parcels. It was quite impossible that he could go on doing so, as he was weighted far beyond his strength. It was never intended that he should be used as the carrier of an indefinite number of packages.

SELWYN UKOLO.

The School Report for 1884 of "Selwyn Ukolo," our African Boy, ought to have been published in last month's Magazine, but it was accidentally forgotten. It is as follows :

Name		Selwyn Ukolo.
Tribe		Karne.
Age		8.
Class		4th (equal to 3rd of last year).
School		Mkunazini.
Holy Scripture		Good.
Reading		Improves very much, and can read the
Psalms.		
Writing		Can write his own name, and dictation.
Arithmetic	••	
Progress	「日本	Has made good progress, but does not always do his best.
General Character .		Much brighter and happier. Does his work well. Is not afraid to tell his faults.

Doubtless some will be much interested in reading this report, and we hope that those who support him in this parish by their offerings will be satisfied that their efforts in his behalf are not being thrown away. The Sunday School Missionary Box, which is especially set apart for Selwyn, on the whole makes good progress, though sometimes it is carried round without much success.

A large supply of Missionary Needlework is on the point of being despatched from here for the Central African Mission. This is the result chiefly of the ladies' work in Lent, and that of the women at Skirmett who attend Mrs. Wetherall's Mothers' Meeting. We trust that the day is far off when Hambleden people will cease to take interest in Missionary Work, whether "Foreign" or "Home." If we really value our own religious privileges as members of Christ's Church, the best way in which we can shew our gratitude and thankfulness to God for them is by helping to give those privileges to others who as yet have them not.

MEDMENHAM CORNER.

The School was visited on June 22nd by the Rev. C. D. Du Port and Mr. Pearce. We shall have to wait a little while for the Report, but from the satisfactory return of the Schedule, giving the number of passes as 47 out of a possible 54, we can entertain a confident hope that the Report will be a good one, and the Grant an increase on that of last year. It was to be noticed with much satisfaction that during the last few weeks before the examination the attendance of the children at the School was more regular and more punctual.

We are sure that all the friends of Mr. Ernest Hill will be glad to hear that he has obtained a Classical Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford, after a competitive examination.

CRICKET. Our Match with Hambleden ended satisfactorily for our Club upon the 1st innings. The game, however, was well contested, and would have been very interesting had there been time to play it out. The date for the return match has not yet been fixed. We were successful in our match with Friar Park, but unsuccessful against Marlow Grammar School Fifteen, Wycombe Grammar School, and St. Mark's School, Windsor (return).

