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SCOUTS GARDEN PARTY.- "Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild's Own Scouts" have just replenished their ranks with a number of new recruits (so many of the elder lads having been recently "called up") and it has been necessary to provide their equipment (not to *pay* for them, for according to the excellent rule of the Scouts each boy pays his own expenses, but in most cases is only able to do so by weekly or monthly instalments). Some one proposed that they should raise the wind by borrowing the Vicarage garden and giving a Garden Party therein. And the enterprise was carried out with great spirit on Thursday, August 16, which was fortunately a fine day-one of the very few fine days this August has produced. A varied programme was arranged. Many kind friends contributed cakes, milk, fruit, etc., to the tea tables. There were races and donkey rides for the younger folk in the paddock, and the tennis court was occupied by a succession of sets all the afternoon, while on the front lawn an open-air concert attracted a goodly audience. The items were as follows:- Waltz, "Destiny" and "The Druid's Prayer"; piano, Miss H. Redrup; violin, Miss E. Redrup; 'cello, Mr. H. Redrup; songs, "Come Home to Me" and "Down Here," Miss M. Caves; "When You Come" and "Love's Garden of Roses," Miss E. Redrup; "Keep the Home Fires Burning," the Scouts. But perhaps the most popular part of the entertainment was the dancing which came at the end. Though the damp grass made it rather "heavy going," yet after our three years of toil and trouble it was evidently a relief to many (there was a sprinkling of soldiers home on furlough-otherwise the dancers were all of the gentler sex) to be again footing it on the sward, and we were glad to observe that they had lost none of the quiet grace for which Wing dancing used to be so famous in the old days of peace and quietness. Among the contributors to the commissariat were Mrs. Adams, Miss Monaghan, Mrs. Tarver, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. W. Manning, Mrs. Fountaine, Miss Gates, Mrs. Merry, Mrs. A. S. Heley, Mrs. T. Eley, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Gurney, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. W. Gardner, etc. This list might have been longer but for the modesty of the Scouts in soliciting support, and they unfortunately had their handbills printed instead of typing them at home, whereby they became liable to the "Amusement Tax." They realised between £7 and £8. Both they and their guests owe much of the success of the entertainment to the exertions of Mr. Frank Walker, who is acting as Scoutmaster during the absence of Mr. Long.

THE SCHOOLS.- The Infant School reassembled after the summer holiday on Monday, August 27th. The boys and girls on Tuesday, 28th. Some of the elder boys have been employed in farm work during their holiday, and there would have been many more if required, but the deplorable weather for the last month has delayed (and, in many cases, it is to be feared, seriously damaged) the harvest. The potato plots, which some weeks ago gave such splendid promise, now have a very different appearance, and many show signs of disease. The violent storms, too, of wind and rain have grievously injured the fruit crop. Mr. Long, our excellent and much missed Schoolmaster, has now for more than a year served in the R.E.'s as clerk to a signalling officer "somewhere in France". He is applying for a Commission in the A.S.C. We must all hope that his application may be successful- particularly as his appointment would probably make it necessary for him to return to England to be trained for a while.

We announce with sorrow the death of two more Wing men who have laid down their lives for their country, William, son of the late Sidney Woolhead, and Harold, grandson of George Randall -both of the Royal Artillery, and both killed in the recent advance in Flanders. Since the above, we have just heard that another of our sons has fallen, Arthur, son of Henry Woodward, and now (August 30th) of yet another, Ernest Pollard, Sergt., farrier in the Bucks. Hussars, died of wounds at Beersheba.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. John Herbert Firminger, M.A., Vicar of Fenny Stratford. The services will be continued on Sunday, Sept. 30th. Though again we shall be unable to have the public tea, we hope we may look to our lady supporters for their tray money, which will, as heretofore, be divided between the Royal Hospital, Aylesbury, and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The whole of the collection in Church is given to the former object.

MOTHERS' MEETING.- The Mothers' Meetings at Parish Room will be resumed on Thursday, October 4th.

MR. JAMES ALLDER.- The many friends that Mr. and Mrs. Allder left behind them at Wing will be concerned to hear of the serious illness of the former. Since Mrs. Allder's retirement from the Headship of the Girls' School they have lived in Southall with their two daughters, who are teachers at Southall Schools. I am sure they have the sympathy of us all, and we must pray God to cheer and sustain them in this their time of anxiety.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

MARRIAGE.

Aug. 1.- Arthur Furniss, soldier of the Canadian Contingent, to Annie Sophie Lampard, of Littleworth, Wing.

BURIAL.

Aug. 24.- Jessie Elizabeth Payne, aged 19.

OFFERTORIES.

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Aug. 5 th - 9 th S. after Trin.	5	5	2	Red Cross Soc.
12 th - 10 th " "	1	12	6	Sick and Needy.
19 th . 11 th " "	1	14	10	Church Exps.
26 th . 12 th " "	1	9	7	" "