

BERKLEY.

**THE LATE MRS. MARY BENNETT:—A REMARK-
 ABLY CAREER.**—The life of Mrs. Mary Bennett,
 the oldest inhabitant of this village, who recently
 passed to her rest, was remarkable for many
 reasons. She had attained to the great age of 93,
 and with the exception of three nights she had
 lived in Berkley throughout her long life. She
 had seen England ruled by five monarchs—George
 III., George IV., William IV., Victoria the Good,
 and Edward VII.—and she had seen six rectors of
 Berkley. She has left to mourn their loss eight
 children, 35 grand children, 58 great grandchildren,
 and four great-great grandchildren. She was
 buried in Berkley Churchyard on Sunday, her
 body being carried shoulder high to its last resting-
 place by 12 of her grandsons. The cortege was
 met at the entrance to the churchyard by the
 Rector (the Rev. J. M. Crossing), and the full
 surpliced choir. There was a number of beautiful
 floral tributes. In his sermon at evensong the
 Rector referred to the deceased. Before the
 service the organist (Mr. C. J. Grant, senr.)
 played "O rest in the Lord" and afterwards
 "Crossing the bar." After the burial and before
 evensong muffled peals were rung on the church
 bells.