

obituaries of good children, Scripture Biography, and Natural History, will always be considered proper subjects, and will be thankfully received. It is an old saying, that "Many hands

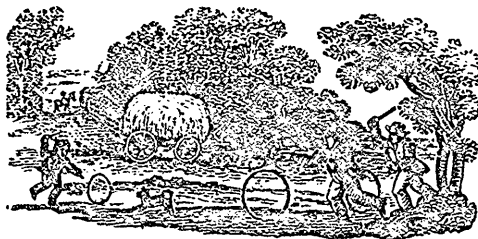
make light work ;" but in this respect it will not only lighten the task, but many contributors will furnish a rich fund of pleasing intelligence. Will our friends make a fair trial ?



### SUMMER.

This is perhaps the most pleasant and important season of the year ; and although there are some things in summer which are not very agreeable, such as the oppressive heat, and sometimes the prevailing sickness, yet there are so many pleasures to be enjoyed, and such important works to be performed, as render it a very desirable season to almost every person.

It is in this season that the earth is covered with those beautiful flowers which are so pleasing to the eye, and that fill the air with their agreeable odours, and the little birds pour forth their sweetest songs. This is the time also, that the farmer, or the husbandman performs his most profitable labours.



The harvest is to be reaped and gathered into the barn to furnish food for the coming year ; the ground broken up and prepared to receive the seed of a future harvest. This season is so short, and the labours which must be performed in it, if performed at all, are so many, that it requires the improvement of every hour to

complete them before it has passed away ; and when once gone, the same never returns to us again.

Now, in the language of the scripture, summer is sometimes employed as a figure to represent the busiest and most important period of human life. This is middle-age, when we are, or ought to be prepared to perform