

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 121.

JANUARY, 1896.

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Some alterations have been suggested in the School Time Table, and the work is now arranged as follows :—

DAILY MORNING WORK.

9	to 10	Religious Instruction.
10	to 10.50	Arithmetic.
11	to 11.30	Writing (Word-Building and Composition).
11.30	to 12	Reading.

AFTERNOON WORK.

M. W. F.	2 to 3	GIRLS—Needlework. BOYS—Geography and Composition.
M. W.	3.15 to 3.45	History. Object Lesson.
" "	3.45 to 4.5	Singing.
" " F.	3.15 to 4.5	Manual Occupation.
Tu. Th.	2 to 3	Drawing.
Tu.	3.15 to 3.45	Poetry and Recitation.
Th.	" "	Geography.
Tu.	3.45 to 4.5	Musical Drill.
Th.	" "	Museum. Grammar.

It will be observed that Needlework occupies only three instead of four hours weekly; also that a general Geography lesson on Thursday embraces the whole School; also on Thursday, whilst the Upper Standards are having a "Museum" lesson or talk, a little idea of Grammar is to be instilled into Standards I. and II. Moreover, on Friday afternoon there is an hour of "Manual Occupation," an effort to teach a little neatness of hand and finger, to fold paper, to cut out a picture, to use a gum brush or a pair of scissors, all of which in themselves are small things, but undoubtedly useful as education, and teaching to make school life and work less dull and monotonous. Fresh articles for the "Museum" would be greatly valued. We have a School Stamp Album and should

value foreign stamps, which form a pleasant method of teaching Geography. Also we have a School Scrap Book containing illustrations of birds, beasts, costumes, weapons, ships, soldiers, &c., all of which help to the pleasant teaching of History. Pictures of this character would be acceptable.

From the beginning of the year we are proposing a slight change in the Sunday Services, namely, to go back to the old plan of having only one late Celebration of Holy Communion every month instead of (as at present) two. This late Celebration would be at the 11 o'clock Service on the first Sunday in each month, and fully Choral; on all other Sundays the Celebration would be at the usual hour of 8.30 a.m. A late Celebration each month is necessary for those who, by reason of their age, distance, or other causes, cannot come at an earlier hour, but it is evident that the larger number of our Communicants rightly prefer an opportunity of early Communion, and with an increasing number of Communicants the proposed arrangement will probably be the most convenient and acceptable to the larger number.

We should like to see all Communicants making it a habit to stay until the end of the Service on the first Sunday in the month, indeed, every one has a right to do so if they please, but specially we would urge Communicants (not to mention our Guild Members) to do so whether they are going to Communicate or not.

We are now able to give the Balance Sheet of the Clothing Club for 1895.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ..	0	0	8
R. Benyon, Esq. ..	5	0	0
Mrs. Benyon ..	3	0	0
Deposits ..	41	2	11
Discount ..	0	17	9
	50	1	4

PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.
McIlroy ..	35	19	9
Cordery ..	8	19	9
Selwood ..	2	18	3
Jackson ..	1	9	0
Repaid in Cash ..	0	9	0
Balance in hand ..	0	5	7
	50	1	4

We remind members of the Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club, fixed for Monday evening, January 6th, at Eight o'clock. Some alterations in the Rules are proposed, due notice of which has been given on the Notice Board in the Club Room.

On Wednesday evening, 11th December, the following rang 720 Grandsire Minor on our Church bells :—

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| 1. William Vince. | 4. Alfred Lamperd. |
| 2. Thomas Cox. | 5. John Abery. |
| 3. Jas. Abery. | 6. Ernest Holloway. |

It will be observed that five of the six were our own ringers ; Edward Cottrell, who is our Tenor man, can now very nearly take a dodging bell in 120, and, therefore, will also with a little more practice be able to take a dodging bell in a ring of six. We should like to have 720 always rung for Sunday Services.

Our readers will be glad to hear that the Post Office Authorities in London have consented to allow Money Order and Savings Bank business to be transacted at our Village Post Office. This means that the public will be able to buy not only Postal Orders but Money Orders, and also, what is far more convenient, will be able to cash all Postal and Money Orders at our Office, and to transact all Savings' Bank business, to open accounts, to deposit or withdraw money. All this will be a great convenience and ought to encourage thrift, and certainly it will be a saving both of time and trouble.

The School Penny Bank accounts for the year have been balanced. There have been 56 depositors, the amount deposited being £16 10s. 8d., interest added by Mr. Benyon £1 4s. 6d. ; the balances in hand from 1894 were £16 6s. 7d., and £20 12s. 4d. has been transferred to Post Office Savings' Bank accounts, or repaid in cash to depositors.

Our S.P.G. collections on the Third Sunday in Advent amounted to £31 15s., and the Missionary Boxes, as under, produced £15 15s. 2d. :—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Benyon ..	7	10	7	Mrs. J. Martin ..	0	7	3
Mrs. Butler ..	2	12	9	Mrs. Palmer ..	0	8	0
Mrs. Bothey ..	0	5	6	Mrs. Roake ..	0	17	5
Mrs. Claydon ..	0	4	4	Mrs. Robinson ..	0	5	3
Mrs. Coombes ..	0	7	0	Mrs. J. Thame ..	0	5	4
Mrs. Dyer ..	0	4	6	Mrs. Wordwell ..	0	4	7
Mrs. Hobart ..	1	7	4	Miss Webb..	0	4	8
Hilda Harris ..	0	4	10	Miss Wells..	0	5	10

Mrs. Benyon came from London on Monday, December 23rd, and distributed amongst other things the prizes for needlework and swimming, as follows :—

SWIMMING.

John Harris ..	C.P.T.	Alfred Horne ..	Standard III.
John Vince ..	Standard VI.	Hubert Cox ..	.. „ II.
Wm. Lamperd ..	.. „ V.	Albert Cox ..	.. „ I.
Chas. Claydon ..	.. „ IV.	Louis Vince..	.. „ Infant.

NEEDLEWORK.

Annie Claydon ..	Standard VII.	Edith Harris ..	Standard IV.
Nellie Cox ..	.. „ VI.	Alice Vince ..	.. „ III.
Gertrude Wyatt ..	.. „ V.	Rose Bates ..	.. „ II.
Lizzie Wheeler ..	.. „ V.	Amy Neville ..	.. „ I.

KNITTING PRIZES.

Fanny Horne ..	Standard VII.	Annie Allen ..	Standard III.
Ella Hayes ..	.. „ VI.	Emily Horne ..	.. „ II.
Florence Aberly ..	.. „ V.	Edith Buckland ..	.. „ I.
Hilda Harris ..	.. „ IV.		

INFANTS.

NEEDLEWORK.

Louis Viner.
May Wheeler.

KINDERGARTEN.

Elsie Smyth.

KNITTING.

Florence Neville.

MARKING.

Lizzie Wheeler.

The Rector of Theale gave our school children a pleasant examination in Religious Knowledge on Friday, Dec. 20th, and awarded the Bishop's Prayer Book to Tracey Wyatt, the fourth member of that family who has received it. Mr. Angel-Smith's report on the School has not yet been received, but will be in the "Local Sheet" for February.

Our Christmas Services were all that we could wish ; many Communicants, hearty Services, joyful Carols, large congregations, are things which gladden the hearts of Churchmen and go to make a "Happy Christmas" in the best sense of the words. The Altar and Font were bright with flowers.

The Choir met in the Servants' Hall of Englefield House at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30th, to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon, whose absence in London was much regretted on the occasion. Mr. George, of Reading, had supplied an excellent meat tea, and from Mrs. Benyon had come Christmas cards, oranges, crackers, &c., to enliven the party.

The Rector distributed Mr. Benyon's prizes for good attendance, from receiving which two boys unfortunately fell short of the requisite number of marks. A very pleasant evening was spent, for which all present desire to thank the kind donors.

Baptisms.

"Take this Child and nurse it for Me."

Dec. 9th.—Cecil, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Dyer, of Mayridge Farm.

„ 29th.—Edith, daughter of Thomas and Emily Huggins, of Englefield.

With all good wishes to our readers we repeat our New Year's motto,

“True and Just,
Quiet and Peaceable.”

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD, READING.

31st December, 1895.

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The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club was held in the Club Room, on Monday evening, January 6th, the Rector in the Chair. The notice convening the Meeting was read by the Secretary, and the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the President, who had with one exception presided at the Annual Meeting for the last 11 years. The Report (printed below) was then read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, also the Balance Sheet (printed below).

The following were then elected as the Committee, &c., for the ensuing year :—

R. Benyon, Esq., President.
The Rector of Englefield
The Caretaker of the Club

} *ex-officio.*

Mr. John Abery.
„ W. Barefoot.
„ C. Cox.
„ D. Harris.
„ W. Horne.
„ G. Johnson.
„ G. Roake.

Mr. T. Seward.
„ H. Shackelford.
„ J. Tegg.
„ W. Vince.
„ H. Wheeler.
„ A. E. Robinson, *Hon. Sec.*
The Rector of Englefield, *Hon. Treasurer.*

The suggestions made in the Report were then put to the Meeting in the form of resolutions and carried unanimously. Various alterations in the Rules were then proposed, in accordance with notice given, and carried unanimously, and the Rules were ordered to be re-printed.

The Life Boat Box was passed round, and on being opened was found to contain 15/8.

The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

WORKMEN'S CLUB, ENGLEFIELD.

REPORT FOR 1895.

The Report for the past year is one of continued success and usefulness.

The total number of Members has reached 16 Honorary and 118 Ordinary, which has never been exceeded.

The Billiard Table has been a source of great pleasure and amusement to many members, and the Balance sheet shews that, apart from the well furnished billiard room, thanks are due to the President for providing more than half the expense of the Table itself.

The home Tournaments of Games as well as those against Mortimer and Burghfield have been productive of many pleasant evenings.

From the new and commodious shelves of the Library 1216 books have been taken away to read during the year.

The Treasurer submits a Balance Sheet which is in every way favourable, the amount received for refreshments is witness both to the cheapness of the ordinary necessities of home life, and to the prosperity of the Village.

Thanks are again due to the President for the premises held at a nominal rent, and for the gift of various illustrated and other papers.

The Committee suggest that a sum of £10 might be spent in the further supply of books for the Library, also that two dozen more chairs, six library chairs and two more round card tables be bought, and that a sum of £5 be placed in the P.O. Savings' Bank for the Billiard Table Depreciation Account.

Also certain alterations in the Rules are proposed for discussion, and recommended for adoption if it be the will of the Members.

January 3rd, 1896.

(Signed)

A. E. ROBINSON,

Hon. Sec.

BALANCE SHEET, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ..	28	5	9
Members' Payments ..	22	19	2
Billiards ..	9	17	11
Library Subscriptions ..	1	7	9
Tournament Entries ..	0	11	6
Catalogues sold ..	0	4	0
Dance Tickets ..	0	19	9
Newspapers sold ..	1	14	7
Tea and Sandwiches ..	0	14	9½
Note of Hand from Mr. Benyon ..	25	0	0
Mr. Benyon for Billiard Table ..	34	16	0
Matches sold ..	0	3	0
Profit on sales in Shop ..	2	1	3
Bible Class Sunday Fires ..	0	4	4
Donation Mrs. Benyon ..	0	10	0
Donation A.L.C.H. ..	0	10	0
Refreshments ..	136	16	5½

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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Billiard Table, Rules, &c.	61	18	4
Oil ..	5	6	6
Coal ..	6	6	6
Newspapers & Magazines ..	8	13	6
Writing and Two Round Tables ..	5	16	0
Lamp Glasses ..	1	0	0
Printing Catalogue Slips, Tickets and Notices ..	0	11	1½
Books ..	9	11	6
Repairing Books ..	1	9	2
Maps ..	3	7	0
Minute Book ..	0	9	6
Newspaper Cutting Book ..	0	8	0
Jugs 8/3, Glasses 3/6, Matches 9/- ..	1	0	9
Pianist for Dances ..	1	11	6
Insurance ..	0	11	1
Ink, Matchstands, Spitoons ..	0	5	6
Caretaker's Salary ..	6	0	0
Caretaker, Commission on Sales in Shop ..	0	10	0
Tournament Prizes ..	2	1	6
Covering Bagatelle Table ..	2	5	0
Postage, Carriage, Scrubbing ..	1	5	5
Materials for Squash ..	2	9	3
Peppermint and other Cordials ..	0	16	10½
Brandy ..	2	5	9
Gin ..	6	0	0
Whiskey ..	11	5	6
Biscuits ..	2	3	9½
Beer ..	41	1	3
Mineral Waters ..	13	14	3
Tobacco ..	25	14	4½
Balance in hand ..	40	18	1

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DETAILS OF REFRESHMENTS, 1895.

PURCHASE.				SALE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Beer	41	1	3	Excisable			
Tobacco and Cigars	25	14	4½	Articles	111	19	2½
Whiskey	11	5	6	Non-Excisable			
Brandy	2	5	0	Articles ..	24	17	3
Gin	6	0	0			136	16 5½
Biscuits	2	3	9½				
Mineral Waters ..	13	4	3	Gross Profit ..		31	16 2
Materials for Squash	2	9	3	Deduct difference in			
Peppermint and other				value of Stock ..		1	1 2
Cordials	0	16	10½				
	£105	0	3½	Net Profit ..		30	15 0
Value of Stock, December 30th, 1894	..	10	0 3				
.. .. . 1895	..	8	19 1				
						£1	1 2

We have to announce that the Rev. C. A. Wells is again coming to give us some Church History Lectures during Lent. They will be held as usual in the Long Gallery, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend. The subjects and dates of the Lectures are as follows:—"OUR CATHEDRAL AND PAROCHIAL CHURCHES: and what we may learn from them."

"The stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber will answer it."—Hab. ii., 2.

Thursday, February 27th ... "The Anglo-Saxon and Norman Churches."

.. March 5th ... "Early English Churches."

.. .. 12th ... "Churches called 'Decorated.'"

.. .. 19th ... "Churches called 'Perpendicular.'"

The course will treat of the History of the Church of England from A.D. 700 to 1500. The Lectures will be illustrated with lime-light views.

The following is the Report on the School sent by Mr. Angel-Smith, the Diocesan Inspector for Bradfield Deanery.

ENGLEFIELD SCHOOL—EXAMINED DECEMBER 20TH, 1895.

REPORT.

The good behaviour, attention and reverent manner of the children make this a very pleasant School to visit and examine. The hymn-singing, to a pianoforte accompaniment, was soft and in very good time.

Infant Class.—The little ones repeated their prayer, hymns and portion of the Catechism very nicely and correctly. Their knowledge of the Bible was not so good, and they did not seem to understand the meaning of much that they repeated. An easy, conversational explanation of all that they learn by heart is recommended.

Standards I. and II. passed a very fair examination, but the answering was not very general. Hubert Cox distinguished himself in this class.

Standard III.—A small class, and good throughout. The excellent mark is placed against each subject, except explanation of Catechism, which only fell a little below the other work. Perhaps Edward Buckland and Alice Smith were the best of a good class.

Standards IV., V., VI., VII.—A very good class, a little too large for an examiner to give all the children an opportunity of doing themselves justice. Many of the written answers of the three higher Standards showed ability in expression and some originality. The knowledge of their portions of both Old and New Testaments was excellent. A fair general knowledge of the Prayer Book was shown, but the study of a special portion is also recommended. The Managers and Teachers are to be congratulated on a well-ordered and well-taught School. The Diocesan Prize was awarded to Tracey Wyatt. The following distinguished themselves in the examination: Annie Claydon, Hilda Harris, Agnes Smithers, Edward Wheeler, Fanny Horne.

(Signed) S. ANGEL-SMITH.

Mrs. Benyon has sent the following for publication :—

“Again with the approach of Lent, we are thinking of our Working Party; the garments made last year were so much appreciated and wanted (as indeed they are everywhere, especially in London where there is so much distress and poverty) that we think again of working for the Parish of St. Saviour’s, Haggerstone, and for Central Africa. It has been a great disappointment to Mr. Benyon and myself to be detained in London (almost for the first time) during Lent, but I hope (D.V.) to be able to come down to Englefield for the Tuesdays in Lent, and can only repeat that all who are able and willing to work will be welcome at the Working Party.

We propose commencing on Tuesday, February 25th at 2.30, and to meet as usual every succeeding Tuesday through Lent in the Long Gallery at the same hour."

No need to remind you of the Confirmation to be held in our Church, on Sunday, February 9th, at 3 o'clock, when no doubt parents and God-parents will come to offer their prayers for those who are to be confirmed that the Grace of the Holy Spirit may be given to them that they may persevere unto their lives' end.

The Christmas Club Dance was held on January 2nd, and dancing was kept up from 7 until a quarter-past 11. From Grosvenor Square had come as usual a good supply of light refreshments, and the evening afforded pleasure to many, especially to those of our Members who dance, and we should like to see that number increase.

Notice has been received that on February 1st, Savings' Bank and Money Order business will begin to be transacted at our Village Post Office.

The Annual Meeting of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society was held in the Schoolroom, on Friday, January 24th. The accounts for the last quarter of 1895 were examined and found correct, the Members' pass-books for 1895 were also examined, found correct and initialed by the Chairman. The Agency now consists of Assurance Members 37, Deposit Members 21, and Juveniles 41, total 99. The Committee, Agent and Representative Member were all re-elected.

To complete volumes we much need No. 81, September, 1892, and No. 92, August, 1893, of the Local Sheet; 3d. each will be given for a copy in good condition.

We remind you of the dates of past and this year's Confirmations in order that the Prayer on page 56 of the "Guide to Heaven" may not be omitted by any one of those who was confirmed at these times.

1887—Sunday, February 20th (49 confirmed).

1890— " " 9th (38 ").

1893— " " 26th (31 ").

1896— " " 9th (35 to be confirmed.)

Keep two texts before your mind.

"Stir up the gift that is in thee."

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

On Ash Wednesday, February 19th, the Services in Church will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. No special Week-Day Services are proposed as Mr. Wells' Church History Lectures in the Long Gallery, on Thursday evening, will supply their places until Holy Week. On Sunday evenings in Lent we shall as usual make collections of Lent Savings, to be devoted to good purposes amongst the poor of London.

Let it be noticed that the School Cookery Lessons begin again on Saturday, February 22nd, at the usual time and place.

The Club Committee have arranged a Smoking Concert with distribution of tournament prizes for Thursday, February 6th, and a Club Dance for the following Thursday, the 13th.

Baptism.

"Take this child and nurse it for me."

January 7th—Ethel Ellen, daughter of James and Ellen Sarah Tegg, of Englefield.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE, READING.

27th January, 1896.

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A General Meeting of the Cricket Club to elect Officers and make arrangements for the ensuing season was held in the Workmen's Club, on Friday, February 14th. The minutes of the last General Meeting having been read, the following were elected:—Captain, Mr. A. E. Robinson; sub-captain, Mr. J. G. Taylor; hon. treasurer, Rev. A. L. C. Heigham; hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. Taylor; committee, Messrs. C. Eborne, W. Holloway, G. Johnson, H. Shakleford, G. Tizard, H. Wheeler, with J. Claydon as an extra committee man in consideration of his duties as ground man. Challenges for matches were read from the Biscuit Factory C.C., Bucklebury Fireside C.C. and Suttons' C.C., and the first two were accepted, but it was unanimously agreed not to accept the challenge from Suttons' C.C. The Secretary was instructed to arrange two matches each with the following Clubs:—Tidmarsh, Aldermaston, Yattendon, Theale, Burghfield, Thatcham and Woolhampton College. It was decided to give an "average" bat at the end of the season, and Mr. Roake kindly gave 10/- for a bowling prize, both to be awarded on the same conditions as last year. Mr. J. Claydon was appointed ground man on the same terms as last year.

The question of paying brake fares from the Club funds was discussed, and it was finally resolved that the charge to players for fares for out matches be not more than 1/- on each occasion.

The following were the winners in the past winter's tournament of games:—billiards, Mr. G. Taylor; whist, Messrs. Howard and C. Cox; double cribbage, Messrs. Palmer and Duncan; single cribbage, Mr. Barefoot; don, Mr. C. Cox; dominoes, Mr. J. Abery; bagatelle (cannon), Mr. Mountford;

bagatelle (cannon and holes), Mr. Mountford ; bagatelle (all balls up), Mr. Lamperd. The prizes, selected by the winners, were given away at a Smoking Concert, on Thursday, February 7th.

The following is the syllabus of the Cookery Lessons now going on, and which all girls in and above Standard IV. are required to attend :

- 1.—Stewed mutton ; boiled potatoes ; apples in paste.
 - 2.—Vegetable soup ; raspberry buns.
 - 3.—Hot-pot ; boiled carrots ; Aunt Nelly's pudding.
 - 4.—Baked heart ; boiled parsnips ; baked jam roly-poly.
 - 5.—Invalid cookery ; black currant tea ; toast water ; savoury custard ; rice water ; steamed chop, invalid bread pudding.
 - 6.—Macaroni cheese ; boiled turnips ; Paris buns.
 - 7.—Savoury chops ; boiled cauliflower ; Shrewsbury cakes.
 - 8.—Welsh rare-bit ; baked kidneys ; Yorkshire pudding.
 - 9.—Spanish stew ; baked potatoes ; plain seed cake.
 - 10.—Meat cakes ; boiled Brussels sprouts ; tea-cake pudding.
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The Bishop came on Sexagesima Sunday, February 9th, at 3 o'clock, and confirmed 35 persons from this parish, and 30 from Theale. His address to the candidates was largely founded on the first three questions and answers in the Catechism.

On the following Sunday evening, immediately after service, a Guild Meeting was held when 16 males and 13 females were admitted. The total number of members in the Guild now reaches 140.

The number of Confirmation candidates since 1887 has been 153, of whom about 70 have left the village or are usually absent in situations of one kind or another, three have passed away from this world, and the remainder (about 80) are still with us, including those who were confirmed on February 9th.

The Evening School proved both successful and pleasant, and was regularly attended by 13 boys who it is hoped derived some benefit from the first hour's instruction, and some amusement from the second hour's recreation ; this last hour was kindly seen to by Mr. Coombes and Mr. Johnson, to whom both the Rector and Mr. Robinson feel much indebted.

Since the closing of the Evening School after its usual run of 15 weeks, the Schoolroom has been open from 7 to 8 two evenings a week for the continued amusement of those who like to come so long as the dark evenings continue and outdoor games are impossible.

We think it necessary to speak about the Penny Bank and the Post Office Savings Bank. When school fees were abolished it was hoped that parents would save the money by putting it into the Penny Bank. When a boy or girl has 5/- in the School Penny Bank, we open an account for the child in the P.O. Savings Bank, in order that it may be *saved, kept and added to*. But what too often happens is that when the child (or rather its parents) get possession of the Savings Bank book, they draw out all the money but a shilling or two, and this process is constantly repeated. We saw a child's book the other day which had been brought to School in order to pay into the Savings Bank a further sum, whose whole savings for two years and a half amounted to two shillings ! A good deal of this child's money had passed through our hands in the Penny Bank, had received Mr. Benyon's interest in its passage, had been lodged by us to the child's account in the P.O. Savings Bank, and as constantly, all but a shilling or two, drawn out by the parents.

This does no good to anybody ; it gives trouble to us and to the authorities in London, and nobody is a penny the better. The money is never left long enough to earn any interest, and the opening of a so-called *Savings* Bank account ought rather to be called a *spending* account.

We have parted with regret from Miss G. and Miss B. Matthews, who for more than three years had been assistant teachers in our School, and had done their work to the satisfaction of Managers, parents and children. Our not very bracing air, not very strong health, and perhaps also a little feeling of dullness year after year in village life, all combined to make them think that a change was desirable. Our good wishes follow them wherever they go.

We welcome another pair of sisters, the Misses Hill, who will, we are sure, carry on and possibly improve the good work of their predecessors.

Our School is very low in numbers just now, only 82 children all told, whereas two years ago there were 116 on the registers.

We enclose with this number some good reading concerning Lent, but we shall try to publish our April number in time to say something about Holy Week and Easter, and to enclose some leaflets about those holy seasons.

Mr. Roake, the Clerk of our Parish Council, has received an intimation from the Local Government Board that Monday, March 9th, is the day fixed for a parish meeting to nominate and, unless a poll is demanded, to elect the Parish Councillors. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr. Benyon), Mr. Roake has fixed the meeting to be held in the School, at seven o'clock, on Monday, March 9th, notices to this effect will be posted about in the usual manner. Meanwhile, it is the duty of the parishioners to talk over what names should be proposed at the meeting to fill the places of the five retiring Councillors. Any way, it is to be hoped that we shall be unanimous, and avoid the trouble, expense, and possible ill-feeling that might arise if a poll was demanded.

This meeting on March 9th is not the Annual Assembly, which has to take place within seven days of April 15th.

Mr. Roake, the Chief Officer, has been good enough to send the accompanying statement concerning the

ENGLEFIELD FIRE BRIGADE.

"The Annual Supper and Meeting took place at the Fire Station, on January 29th. The Report for 1895 was read by the Chief Officer.

Four fires were attended, as follows:—January 25th, at Englefield School House; April 9th, at Mrs. Butler's, The Lambdens; April 20th, at Sadler's Farm, Sulham; July 5th, at Mr. Waring's, Beenham.

The number of hours employed in extinguishing the above was 26, and the miles travelled to and from the fires was 17.

The charges in each case were promptly paid by the Insurance Companies interested.

Fifteen steam and manual drills were held, and Members of the Brigade attended on nine evenings at the Long Gallery, when the entertainments, &c., took place. They also attended on 53 evenings for cleaning gear, &c.

The average number of attendances for every purpose is 68 per member, Fireman Barefoot being top of the list with 73 out of a possible 74."

We much regret that by some mistake the name of John Vince is omitted on the newly printed slip of Guild Members. All Members are requested to add his name in writing in their manuals.

Burials.

"Grant them eternal rest, O Lord."

February 6th—Elizabeth Wenn, of Englefield House Stables, aged 88.

February 19th—William Ham, from Bradfield Union House, formerly of Englefield, aged 73.

February 24th—Edward Home, of the Bradfield Entrance Lodge, aged 62.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE, READING.

25th February, 1896.

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APRIL, 1896.

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The Report on the School, which we print below, will be read with interest by parents and others. It is satisfactory to add that for the first time in the history of the School we have received from Government the "excellent" grant, a result on which we congratulate both our teachers and our children. Having now reached this standard of excellence, we see no reason why it should not be maintained.

The serious thing is that we have so few children to teach ; hence, although the Grant (including the Fee Grant) amounts this year to 30/6 per child in the standards and 27/- for each infant, as against 29/- and 25/- last year, the total grant this year is practically no larger than last year. Moreover, the expenses of conducting the School remain the same.

We beg parents to remember this and to avoid irregularity of attendance on the part of their children. There are now only 79 children on the registers as against 116 eighteen months ago.

A child absent from School one whole day means a loss of 1½d. in the Government Grant, that is 7½d. a week ; four weeks' absence, therefore, is a loss of half-a-crown, and when we take into account illness and unavoidable absence, it is evident how serious the loss becomes. Out of 23 in our Infants' class, no less than 13 have been pretty constantly absent for some weeks, in most cases, no doubt, unavoidable absence, yet the loss to the School income is great.

Report of Her Majesty's Inspector, for the year ending 31st December, 1895 :—

MIXED SCHOOL.—"The elementary instruction is careful and intelligent and given on good methods. Recitation and needlework are also very creditable. Geography is, on the whole, well treated, but the other class subject needs improvement ; the object lessons are too superficial and the history lessons are inadequately illustrated. The children are very orderly and industrious and all the details of discipline are most carefully attended to."

INFANTS' CLASS.—"The infants are very pleasantly managed and thoroughly well taught."

BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Government Grant ..	86	19	0
Voluntary Contributions	127	9	0
Grant for Drawing ..	5	4	6
Fee Grant	43	17	6

£263 10 0

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Salary of Head Teacher	120	0	0
„ Assistants ..	80	0	0
„ Candidate P.T.	3	15	0
„ Monitors ..	12	0	0
„ Teacher of			
Cookery	5	18	4
Books and Stationery	11	5	6
Fuel, Lights and Cleaning	18	9	3
Rent and Insurance ..	15	12	0
Repairs to Furniture and Buildings ..	3	11	10
Other expenses, viz.,			
Organizing Visitor	1	0	0
Cloths, Brooms,			
Soap, Jugs, &c.	2	9	10
Postage and Carriage	16	3	

£263 10 0

The Parish Meeting for the election of our five Parish Councillors was held in the Schoolroom, on Monday, March 9th, at seven p.m. The Rector was voted into the chair, and received nominations during the statutable 15 minutes, at the end of which time he announced that only five nomination papers had been handed in, all of which were valid, and that the five gentlemen nominated were, therefore, duly elected, namely, Messrs. R. Benyon, G. Roake, D. Harris, T. Dixon and H. Horne. No other business was allowable and the meeting immediately closed.

Mr. Wells' four lectures on the architecture of our Parish Churches are now concluded. They have been very fairly well attended, and have been—at all events to educated persons—full of interest. Some admirable views, illustrative of the four great styles of architecture, were shewn and admired by all.

In our question book at School the other day occurred the enquiry "When was Englefield Church built?" Those who have attended the lectures should be able to give a fairly reasonable answer. The window at the back of the side altar, as well as the "stiff-stalk" ornament round the capitals of the pillars are unmistakable signs of the Early English Period, and very early in the period probably. The pillars are probably about 1140 and the window 1200. For 700 years has the Word of God been preached and the Sacraments administered in our Church. This makes us feel that our religion is no new thing fondly invented and liable to change, but the old way—the safe path for our feet to walk in.

The Dinner Kitchen, which has been going on since November, came to an end, as usual, about Lady Day. The total number of dinner tickets sold reached 1,953, and the overplus of food sold for about 14/-. With our reduced number of children at School so large a number of diners was not to be expected as in previous years. The account stands thus:—

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
1,953 dinners at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ..	4	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Overplus of Food sold ..	14	7	$\frac{1}{2}$
Balance paid by Mr. Benyon	6	10	6
	£11	6	6

PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Meat and Suet	3	18	6
Bread, Flour, Sago, Treacle, Sugar, &c. ..	3	19	6
Cook's Wages	3	8	6
	£11	6	6

We are hastening the issue of this April number of the "Local Sheet" in order that it may be in your hands before Holy Week, so that the accompanying leaflets may be read and thought over before Good Friday and Easter Day.

All of you know that our habit is to have a short service every evening (except Easter Eve) in Church. This year this service will be at eight o'clock, by which hour all garden work (so necessary in spring time) is finished, and it is greatly hoped that this later hour (for usually it has been seven) will enable more persons to come to Church.

The 11 o'clock service on Good Friday is always well attended here by work people, but we hope that the hour's service on that day from two to three—the last hour of Our Lord's Life on earth—will be well attended, even though holidays be not very numerous and garden work be important.

Then on Easter Day all Parishioners, who are Communicants, are ordered by Mother Church to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and we hope to give you the same opportunities of doing so as in previous years, and that, as heretofore, few will be found to stay away from It on that greatest of all the Christian Festivals.

The Services, therefore, are as follows :—

Monday in Holy Week	...	}	Matins, 8.30.
Tuesday „ „	...		Evensong, 5.
Wednesday „ „	...		Short Service at 8 p.m.
Maundy Thursday			
Good Friday.		}	Matins, Litany, Sermon, 11 a.m.
			One Hour Service, 2 to 3; Evensong, 8.
Easter Day.		}	Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30 and at 11.
			Other Services as usual.

The Service on Maundy Thursday, at 8, will be a special Preparation for Easter Communion.

In 1885, Easter Day was on April 5th. This year again, 1896, Easter Day falls on the same date. The former of these two dates was the first Sunday on which the present Rector commenced his work in S. Mark's, Englefield, and the day on which he dates this "Local Sheet" is his 58th birthday.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE, READING.

23rd March, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 125.

MAY, 1896.

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The following notice concerning the results of the Lent Working Party has been received for publication :—

"Once more I must thank our kind workers for all their willing help through Lent, and have great pleasure in announcing that the number of garments exceed any we have hitherto been able to accomplish—Last year there were 270, this 307, so that not only are we able to help our poorer neighbours at the North East of London, through the Sisters of St. Saviour's, Haggerston, but also some of our poorer neighbours in this part of London, through the Sisters of the Ascension, many of whose surroundings are no better than the North and East End.

It has been a great disappointment to me being prevented coming down to any of our Working Parties, but this good result quite makes up for it. I think our special thanks are due to Mrs. Butler, for her kind unfailing help in taking my place.

TOTAL NUMBER OF GARMENTS.

Flannel Petticoats	...	...	...	53
Serge ditto	...	...	...	80
Flannel Vests	...	...	...	30
Chemises	...	...	...	38
Night Jackets	...	...	...	28
Stays	...	...	...	6
Scarfs	...	...	...	36

AFRICAN

Kisiballs	...	...	...	16
Frocks	...	...	...	20

Total ... 307

ELIZBTH. M. BENYON,

April 22nd, 1896.

We are directed by Mr. Benyon to invite all the Members of the Englefield Agency of the Royal Berks Friendly Society to Tea at the Long Gallery, on Whit-Monday, May 25th, at 5 o'clock, and all women in Englefield who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club are also included in the invitation, but there is some uncertainty who are the women who belong to Dr. Cox's Club, those women who propose to accept the invitation must apply at the Parsonage for a ticket of admission, some time during the previous week.

It is not proposed to have an Out-of-door Procession and Service this year on any one of the Rogation Days, it did not seem sufficiently successful last year in arousing the interest or attention of the village in general to make it desirable to continue the Service this year; it can easily be revived again at some future time. The whole object of the Service, fatiguing no doubt, but cheerfully and heartily responded to by the choir, was to identify the goodness of God with our daily life and work, our homes, fields, gardens and occupations. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being," and to ask His blessing for ourselves and the crops, but unless a large part of the village take part in such a Service it loses its object and had better be discontinued.

In this month of May we get no less than three great Festivals, Ascension Day, Whit-Sunday, and Trinity Sunday, and we earnestly hope that all those who received Holy Communion on Easter Day will prepare themselves to do so again on one of these three Festivals, precedence being naturally given to Whitsun Day. We thankfully record that the number of Communicants on last Easter Day has never been so large during the last eleven years, the number reached exactly 150. We propose having a preparation Service for Holy Communion on Sunday Evening, May 17th, immediately after the ordinary Service.

On Ascension Day the Celebrations of Holy Communion will be at 7 and 8.

On Whit-Sunday at 7.30 ; 8.30 ; and 11.

On Trinity Sunday at 8.30.

We request Guild Members to remove from their lists the names of Emily Eggleton and Emily Russell, both of whom have left the neighbourhood.

At a Vestry Meeting held, pursuant to notice, on Easter Monday, 6th April, 1896, present—the Rector, in the Chair, Messrs. Roake, Palmer, Coombes and Vince. The notice convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Churchwardens accounts were produced, examined and allowed, and a Voluntary Rate of 1d. in the £ was recommended to meet current expenses. Mr. Benyon was re-appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Roake Parish Churchwarden. Mr. Todd and Mr. Coombes were re-appointed Sidesmen. Thanks were voted to Mr. Benyon for £21 to pay Organist and Blower for the past year. The Rector produced the Savings Bank Book shewing that £70, the total remainder of the late Miss Benyon's Charity was there invested.

Statement of Churchwarden's Account for the year ending Easter, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Rate at 1d.	10	16	5
Easter Day Collections, 1895	8	15	6
October, 1895 do.	10	15	5
R. Benyon, Esq.—Donation for Organist and Blower	21	0	0
Balance from last year	31	8	0½
	£82	15	4½

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Visitation Fees	0	14	6
Washing Surplices	1	14	8
Bell Ringers to Wokingham	0	10	0
Mrs. Allen—Church Cleaning	3	5	0
W. Vinde—Sexton's Salary and Chiming	5	0	0
Mr. Robinson—Organist	20	0	0
Organ Blower	1	0	0
Re-lacquering Cross	0	9	6
Mowing Churchyard	2	0	0
Fire Insurance	3	2	6
Gas £5, Coke £6	11	0	0
Various Repairs, Cleaning Gutters, &c.	7	1	3
	55	17	5
Balance in hand	26	17	11½
	£82	15	4½

The Rector presents to the Parish the Statement of the Church Offertory Account from Easter, 1895, to Easter, 1896.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	...	...	15	10	11
Offertories for Special Purposes	...	...	...	229	2	4
" on Third Sunday in Month	...	...	...	5	0	8
Lent Savings	...	...	...	16	7	8
Offertories for the Poor	...	...	...	20	12	5½
From "Reserve Fund" for Poor	...	...	...	8	17	5
,, Mr. Benyon for Poor	...	...	...	30	0	0
				£325	11	5½

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	19	10	10
O. D. Board of Education	...	...	...	33	1	0
Royal Berks Hospital	...	...	...	111	19	6
S. P. G.	...	...	...	31	15	0
O. D. Missionary Candidates' Association	...	...	...	32	16	0
Lent Savings sent to East London Church Fund	...	...	...	16	7	8
Special { Diocesan Inspection	...	...	...	2	0	0
{ Waterside Mission	...	...	...	3	0	8
Sick, Poor and Needy	...	...	...	39	11	0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	35	9	9½
				£325	11	5½

The "Reserve Fund" for the Poor now placed in the Savings Bank is exactly £100, the £8 17s. 5d. mentioned above amongst the receipts was drawn out to cover what appeared to be likely to be a deficiency until the £30 was received from Mr. Benyon a few days before Easter. That £100 is likely enough to come in useful sometime or another, it may help to emigrate a family or an individual, or it may apprentice a boy, who, although in every way belonging to Englefield, happens to reside just outside the legal limits of the Parish, and who for want of the Apprentice Fee could not make a satisfactory start in life. No promise is made that it will be so expended, or that it will be expended at all during the incumbency of the present Rector, but *there* is the money at his disposal and no doubt but that sometime or another it will be useful to the Poor.

We hope to open the Swimming Bath on the first warm day in May, last year it opened on the 9th; our School is so diminished in numbers that a large number of boys cannot be expected, but we hope for a good many beginners. At 12 and 4 daily (except Saturday afternoon), will be the usual hours for bathing. For the convenience of those who have lately left School we can let them have a swim on Mondays at 1 o'clock, and on Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock.

The Annual Parish Assembly was held in the School, on March 25th. In the absence of the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Rector was voted to the chair. Mr. Roake produced the following statement of the Parish Charities:—

ENGLEFIELD APPRENTICE FUND.

Balance Sheet from March 25th, 1895 to March 25th, 1896.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank	..	...	...	110	18	11
One year's Interest on £650 Consols	...	...	...	17	17	4
Rent of Land	...	...	...	7	10	0
Interest on £100 in Reading Savings Bank	...	...	...	2	10	3
				£138	16	6
PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Premium for Apprenticing Alfred Cox	...	...	...	20	0	0
Ditto for Joseph Lamperd	...	...	...	20	0	0
Two Indenture Stamps	...	...	...	0	5	0
Cheque Book	...	...	...	0	1	6
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	98	10	0
				£138	16	6

There is £100 in the Reading Savings Bank, which makes the total sum available for apprenticing at the present time £198 10s. 0d. The present annual income of the charity is £27 17s. 7d. It was pointed out at the Meeting that it is the business of parents rather than of the Trustees to find masters who are willing to take their boys or girls as apprentices.

The Trustees of the charity are the Rector of the Parish *ex officio*; and Mr. Benyon and Mr. Roake, who were appointed to their office by the Parish Council, no other persons have any voice in the disposal of the money, but of course the acts of the Trustees can be called in question by the Parishioners at the Annual General Assembly of the Parish.

Application concerning apprenticing either boys or girls can be made to any one of the Trustees

POTTINGER'S CHARITY.

The list of recipients of this charity was produced to the Meeting. The charity amounts to £2 a year, and is at present given away in bread on St. Thomas' Day.

No other business came before the Meeting.

The following are the Cricket Fixtures as at present arranged for 1896 :—

DATE.	CLUB.				WHERE PLAYED.
April 25	Married v. Single	...	...	...	Home.
May 2	Bucklebury Fireside	...	...	...	"
" 9	Biscuit Factory	...	...	...	Reading.
" 16	Earley St. Peter's	...	...	...	Home.
" 23					
" 30	Tidmarsh	...	...	...	Home.
June 6	Aldermaston	...	...	...	"
" 13	Bucklebury Fireside	...	...	...	Bucklebury.
" 20	Woolhampton	...	...	...	Woolhampton.
" 27	Burghfield	...	...	...	Home.
July 4	Whitchurch	...	...	...	Whitchurch.
" 11	Woolhampton	...	...	...	Home.
" 18	Earley St. Peter's	...	...	...	Earley.
" 25	Biscuit Factory	...	...	...	Home.
Aug. 1	Burghfield	..	...	...	Burghfield.
" 8					
" 15	Tidmarsh	...	...	...	Tidmarsh.
" 22	Aldermaston	...	...	...	Aldermaston.
" 29	Whitchurch	...	...	...	Home.
Sept. 5	Married v. Single	...	...	...	Home.

The opening match this afternoon (April 25th), proved disastrous for the "Married," who, aided by a bachelor in the person of J. Todd, who scored 36, got a total of 55; against 63 scored by the "Single." The full score was as under:—

SINGLE.

	HOW OUT.	BOWLER.	SCORE.
L. Todd ...	c J. Todd ...	Shakleford ...	4
G. Tizard ...	run out ...		4
J. Perrin ...	bowled ...	Smythe ...	5
A. Todd ...	bowled ...	Shakleford ...	0
J. Coombes ..	bowled ...	Shakleford ...	16
W. Holloway ...	c Lamden ...	Shakleford ...	11
G. Taylor ...	bowled ..	Shakleford ...	6
A. Lamperd ...	c Barefoot ...	Lamden ...	9
R. Moore ...	not out ...		7
A. Harris ...	bowled ..	Shakleford ..	0
J. Lamperd ...	bowled ...	Shakleford ...	0
Byes ...			1
			64

MARRIED.

W. Lamden ...	bowled ...	Taylor ...	1
J. Todd ...	c L. Todd ...	Perrin ..	36
A. E. Robinson ...	bowled ...	Taylor ...	5
H. Shakelford ..	c L. Todd ...	Coombes ..	0
D. Horne ...	bowled ...	Coombes ...	0
W. Smythe ...	l.b.w. ...	Taylor ...	2
W. Barefoot ...	c Holloway ...	Taylor ...	0
C. Cox ...	bowled ...	Perrin ...	4
C. Fisher ...	bowled ...	Taylor ...	3
D. Fisher ...	not out ..		1
A. Hatt ...	bowled ...	Taylor ...	0
Byes ...			3
			55

We congratulate Mr. Todd on his son Alfred's success in gaining an open exhibition at Reading Grammar School.

The Club Dance on Easter Monday was not well attended, 17 ladies tickets only being disposed of, but there was the more room for those who danced and a pleasant evening was spent.

Baptisms.

"Take this Child and nurse it for Me."

March 29th.—Harry Gordon, son of Thomas and Mary Anne Baker, of Swindon.

„ Mabel Kate, daughter of Edward and Mary Kate Morland, of Englefield.

April 26th.—Elsie Annie, daughter of Henry and Annie Shackleford, of Englefield.

„ May Elizabeth, daughter of William Henry and Anne Fowler, of Mayridge.

A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD, READING,

27th April, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 126.

JUNE, 1896.

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On Wednesday, April 20th, the Ringers met at the Parsonage to transact their annual business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

In rule 3 which speaks about ringing before early service on great Festivals, the words "Ascension Day" were cut out in consequence of the difficulty of finding a sufficient number of Ringers on a week-day who are able to attend at the hour named in the Rule.

James Abery was by consent of all appointed a Ringer in the place of Edward Horne who has left the village, and George Abery was also by consent of all appointed a Ringer in the place of Tom Cox who has ceased to ring.

There are now in addition to the six Ringers, four Probationers, namely: Harry Abery, George Wallace, Harry Wallace, and John Vince, and it was agreed that they should be invited to the Bradfield Deanery Annual Meeting, and their annual subscription to the O.D.G.B. should be paid so long as they continue Probationers in our Belfry, and until they are appointed to a vacant place in the regular band of six Ringers.

It was understood that the Rector would be responsible for this expense; it was not expected or wished that the Churchwardens should be asked to pay the expenses of more than six Ringers at the Annual Meeting of O.D. Guild of Bell-ringers.

It was agreed that the Probationers are expected to be as regular at Church as the other Ringers and also to attend the week-day practices.

It was resolved to ask the Churchwardens to allot more sittings in Church for the use of the Ringers and Probationers.

It was announced that the Annual Meeting of the Guild is fixed for Monday, July 20th, at Bletchley. The year's subscription to the Guild of 1/- was paid by those who were present.

The following is the list of our Ringers and Probationers.

John Abery.	Alfred Lamperd.
James Abery.	William Vince, F.
George Abery.	John Vince, P.
Harry Abery, P.	George Wallace, P.
Edward Cottrell.	Harry Wallace, P.

A General Meeting of the Football Club was held on Friday, May 15th, by permission in the Workmen's Club.

The following Report and Balance Sheet were read by the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer respectively, and duly passed. Also a vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. G. Taylor for his services as Captain during the past season.

REPORT.—“During the past season, out of 23 matches that were arranged, only 11 have been played. Of these 1 was won, 6 were lost, and 4 drawn. The following are those matches with their results.

				<i>For</i>	<i>Agnst.</i>
Englefield v.	Tilehurst F.C.	...	Lost ...	4	6
„	„ Burghfield F.C.	...	Drawn...	1	1
„	„ Woolhampton Coll. F.C.	Won ...		3	2
„	„ Kendrick Old Boys F.C.	Lost ...		2	9
„	„ Newbury A.F.C.	...	Lost ...	1	5
„	„ Woolhampton Coll. F.C.	Drawn...		1	1
„	„ Thatcham F.C.	...	Lost ...	0	8
„	„ Tilehurst F.C....	...	Lost ...	0	6
„	„ Theale F.C.	...	Drawn...	1	1
„	„ Newbury A.F.C.	...	Drawn...	2	2
„	„ Thatcham F.C.	...	Lost ...	1	3
			Total Goals ...	14	44

“The best thanks of the Club are again due to the esteemed President for his continued kindness in lending the use of the ground.”

Signed, A. E. ROBINSON,

Hon. Sec.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand... ..	0	9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rev. A. Heigham	1	10	6
19 Subscriptions at 1/-	0	19	0
15 'Fixture' Cards at 1d.	0	1	3
	£3	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Gunn & Moore's account	0	16	3
Football Case and Pump	0	8	9
Postage, Telegrams, &c.	0	6	5
Deficiency on "brake" account	0	3	11
New Football	0	11	6
Balance in hand	0	13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£3	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Signed, ARTHUR L. C. HEIGHAM,
Hon. Treasurer.

The Committee of the Cricket Club have made a new departure concerning refreshments on home match days. Hitherto, for some years past, sixpence has been collected from each of the 22 players to pay for beer, bread and cheese, and lemonade, but it has been felt somewhat disagreeable as well as inhospitable to collect sixpences from those Clubs who, when Englefield visit their grounds, kindly, from one source or another, provide tea without payment. It has, therefore, been determined to give up beer, and bread and cheese, and a member of the Club has offered to provide a free tea for all the Clubs who visit Englefield, our own Members to pay threepence each for their own tea, but no Member is obliged to have tea and pay threepence unless he desires so to do. Mineral Waters (One Penny a bottle), and biscuits are sold in the Cricket tent to any players. The Committee hope that this arrangement will give satisfaction. The Workmen's Club kindly allow their tea-urn, crockery, &c. to be used on these occasions.

An Excursion Train is running to Dover, on Wednesday, June 10th, and Mr. Benyon is good enough to invite the Choir to make use of it for their Annual Excursion ; we hope for a fine day.

The Swimming Bath opened for the Season, on Saturday, May 9th, and a good number of boys have begun regular bathing, but as yet there are not many beginners ; of 31 boys on the list, 21 are able to swim.

The Whit-Monday Tea of our Agency of the Berks Friendly Society took place as previously announced ; about 80 were present ; the Rector proposed success to the B.F.S. with thanks to Mr. Benyon for his hospitality, and to Mr. Roake for acting as Agent. Mr. Roake made a short statement concerning our Englefield Agency, in which there are 36 Assurance, 19 Deposit and 40 Juvenile Members—total, 95, rather fewer than last year, owing to various removals, moreover, in the B.F.S. a man cannot insure for Sick Pay beyond three-quarters of his usual weekly earnings, many other Clubs are not so strict, hence men give the preference to other Clubs. Mr. Roake mentioned that there are eight men in our Agency who only insure for Sick Pay up to 70 years of age, and not a single person ensures for a pension after 65 years old, although commencing at 20 years of age the payment would only be 1/- a month for a pension of 5/- a week at 65, and if life was prolonged for only two years after that time, the whole amount of premiums paid would have been received back. The Rector commented on the fact that only 14 women in Englefield belonged to Dr. Cox's Medical Club (11 of whom were present), and reminded them that the subscription (5d. a month) can be paid at the School at the same time that payments are made to the Penny Bank.

A stroll on the Terraces brought to a conclusion a pleasant evening. It should be added that Messrs. George & Co. had provided an excellent and ample tea.

On the day of William Horne's burial our Ringers rang a muffled *in memoriam* peal, he had been in past years a constant ringer, and up to the time of his death was a member of the O.D.G.B.

His death also creates a vacancy on the Committee of the Workmen's Club, where, although not a man of many words, he always shewed shrewd sense and judgment, and from its commencement he constantly used the Club, took great interest in it, and was a welcome figure there.

BURIAL.

+ "*Grant him eternal rest, O Lord.*" +

May 22.—William Horne, aged 50, of Englefield.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,

READING.

26th May, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 127.

JULY, 1896.

[Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.]

At a Committee Meeting of the Workmen's Club, held on Friday, June 19th, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was resolved that the Cricket Club be allowed to use the Club crockery on all occasions when matches are played "at home."

The Treasurer announced that he desired to place in the Savings Bank the balance (£25) in his hands, rather than have that sum lying uselessly in his house ; this was agreed to.

It was resolved to accept a challenge to a Tournament of Games from the Members of S. Mary's Club, Reading, on Saturday evening, September 26th, to commence not earlier than 7 p.m., the Tournament to take place in Englefield Club.

It was resolved that the best sympathy of the Club be conveyed by letter to the Widow and family of the late Mr. W. Horne, a member of the Committee, and also of the Club since its foundation.

Mr. F. Howard was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

It was resolved that the "Graphic," "Illustrated London News," "Punch," and the "Army and Navy" be, in future, bound in volumes, and that reading cases be provided for such of these papers as do not already possess them.

In the case of certain Members of the Club who had been absent in London since last October, it was resolved that they be re-admitted Members of the Club from this date without the payment of arrears due since last October.

Mr. W. B. Thomas and Mr. Nicoll were elected Honorary Members, and Messrs. Fred Bray, George Coombes, George Williams and Frederick Clark were elected ordinary members.

No other business was transacted.

Mr. Tremenheere paid a surprise visit to our School on Wednesday, June 3rd, from about 10 to 12. He expressed himself satisfied with everything that was and had been going on, but he made a note in the Log-book that he regretted that "Manual Occupations" had been given up in the Upper Standards which occupations he considers to have a distinct educational value. The "Occupations" which had been commenced but were given up so soon as Sir John Gorst made them no longer a compulsory subject consisted in the boys of the Upper Standards cutting out bits of coloured paper of different shapes and sizes and gumming them on cardboard in various patterns. No doubt any occupation which induces some neatness and dexterity of finger is not to be despised, but the above seemed to us such a singularly childish occupation for boys of 12 and 13 years that we cannot profess to wish to see its revival. We would willingly teach all boys to sew on their own buttons, and do ordinary little jobs of needlework, or even to catch moths, butterflies, beetles, &c. and carefully 'set' and arrange them for the museum, but these are 'occupations' which we do not gather that "My Lords" would allow.

Mr. Tremenheere also suggested some loose alphabets for the Infants, and these have been provided. He also wished us to have "Conduct Sheets" hung up in front of each Class, on which every Scholar's name would be *marked* for each lesson *according to behaviour*: the sheets would not shew *progress* in work, nor record how many sums, &c. were done right, but would record *diligence, conduct, work, behaviour*. It is thought that perhaps some small prize each quarter might well be given to the Scholar in each of the two classes who has the best record.

There will be no Women's Bible Class in Church on the 3rd Sunday in the months of July, August and September.

A continuous downpour of rain spoilt much of the anticipated enjoyment of our Choir outing at Dover on June 10th, the rain never ceased the whole day, and as that day is one of the chief holidays in the year, almost the only day on which some get outside Englefield, a wet day is a serious

disappointment. We wish to record the good-tempered manner in which the boys met the disappointment ; not a hard word was said, nor was there any quarrel or disagreement, though several hours had to be spent in-doors in the tedious work of drying clothes. We did get to the Castle and had a good look at its various architectural beauties, its keep, armoury, &c. ; some few explored the town, some succeeded in getting to the Admiralty Pier, almost all indulged in a little shopping. Dinner and tea were well served at the "People's Cafe," where fortunately there was plenty of room to move about.

We met, at Dover, a clergyman who has a Parish in London, who said, "I am bringing my choir boys to Dover for a fortnight," whereby we gather that some London boys are not so greatly to be pitied as we are disposed to imagine. This particular clergyman has had a furnished house placed at his disposal, rent free, in Dover, capable of containing about 30 persons, and he proposes a succession of visitors all the year through, young or old, male or female, as occasion requires ; the Choir boys—lucky boys—having the first fortnight.

As we write this it comes to our ears that a well-known firm of great wealth in Reading are this year, for the first time in the firm's history, giving all their clerks and upper men a week's holiday without stopping their wages ; a kind thing to do, and an example which it is hoped other well-to-do firms may follow.

On the eve of starting for a holiday even although it be chiefly to drink nauseous waters, one always feels (judging from oneself) how difficult and trying it must be to go on year after year with little or no holiday or change, without even a weekly half-holiday ; it used to be said, "how will a holiday be spent ?" Let the millions of bicycles answer, and the equally notorious fact that out of every 1000 travellers by rail, 901 are third-class passengers.

But an early-closing day for shops in towns is becoming very general to the great relief and comfort of thousands.

But these remarks must not make us forget to add that our Choir desire to thank Mr. Benyon for the day at Dover ; it was the first thoroughly wet day we have had in eleven years.

Sunday bathing has always gone on in the Village, usually in the 'Dairies,' with about two feet of water, to say nothing of the little annoyance of having lads all over the place all the afternoon. We have therefore opened the Swimming Bath for working lads (those who have recently left school) on Sunday afternoons, and we accompany them to the bath, from 9 to 12 have come, and greatly enjoyed themselves : we also go to the Bath with them on Saturdays at 6.30 (an earlier hour is impossible as work with some of them does not cease until 5 p.m.), for this reason Saturday Evensong will not be later than 6 during the summer, which is half-an-hour earlier than usual during the summer months, but the little enjoyment for the lads who have few opportunities of a bath more than compensates for the possible inconvenience of Evensong half-an-hour earlier.

We are careful to mention this Sunday bathing because some persons with strong puritanical feelings might think it inconsistent with the quiet of a Sunday, whereas really the use of the bath is a guarantee that everything is quiet and Sunday-like.

Mrs. Benyon wishes it to be known that all Members of the Guild are invited to the annual afternoon's entertainment at Englefield House on Tuesday, August 11th ; it will be time enough next month to mention the hours of Service, &c.

Members are requested to remove the name of Kate Davis from the list of the Guild.

To encourage collecting for the School Museum, a book on Butterflies and Moths, together with a net, collecting boxes, setting boards, and a killing box, have been put in the School for general use ; all specimens should be brought alive to the School but with no pin put through their bodies

which are as sensitive to pain as our own ; ten or fifteen minutes in the 'lethal chamber' suffices painlessly to destroy life and then the insect can be neatly placed on the setting board. In the case of spiders and beetles the best method of killing them is to plunge them for half-a-minute in boiling water.

Tracy Wyatt and Charles Claydon are kindly undertaking the office of Servers at the Altar in the place of Douglas Harris and John Thame, who after three years (and we thank them for their help) desire to resign. We are so used at Englefield to see Boys filling this office that it is apt to be forgotten that it is as usual, probably more usual, that the office should be filled by those of maturer years, full grown and sometimes quite elderly men ; but it has not yet been our good fortune at Englefield to have any others than Boys offer us their help to the reverent and dignified Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Secretary kindly sends us this report on our Cricket Club up to date.

"The following is a list of Cricket Matches played up to date, of which 4 have been won, 3 lost, and 1 drawn.

May 2—Bucklebury Fireside	Home	Lost by 4 wkts & 28 runs
„ 9—Biscuit Factory ...	Away	Won by 12
„ 16—Earley S. Peter's ...	Home	Won by 53
„ 25—Yattendon ...	Away	Lost by 3
„ 30—Tidmarsh ...	Home	Won by 103
June 6—Aldermaston ...	Home	Lost by 4 wkts & 16 runs
„ 13—Bucklebury Fireside	Away	Drawn
„ 20—Woolhampton Coll.	Away	Won by 39

"Our team had very hard luck in not winning the return match with Bucklebury Fireside, as when 'Time' was called we only wanted 3 runs to win and had 3 wickets in hand, one of the opposing team, going on to bowl about a quarter of an hour from 'time,' robbed our team of a certain victory, by wilfully wasting time.

"The highest individual scores obtained are C. Perrin, 51 and 27 ; W. Holloway, 48 and 26 ; A. E. Robinson, 41 and 18 ; J. Perrin, 32 and 29.

"In bowling, J. G. Taylor has captured 25 wickets for an average of 8 runs.

Tizard, G.	...	8 wkts.	average	9 runs.
Perrin, J.	...	8 "	"	12 "
Perrin, C.	...	4 "	"	21 "
Duncan, W.	...	2 "	"	6 "
Rudd, G. C.	...	2 "	"	6 "
Smyth, W.	...	1 "	"	24 "

"At present we have scored 867 runs in the 8 matches played.

"J. GEO. TAYLOR, *Hon. Sec.*"

BAPTISM.

"Take this child, and nurse it for Me."

May 31.—Charles Oswald, son of Walter William and Emily Elizabeth Smyth, of Parker's Corner.

MARRIAGE.

"They twain are one."

June 15.—George Somerville, of Great Hallingbury, Essex, and Kate Davis, of Englefield.

A. L. C. H.

CROWN HOTEL,
HARROGATE,
24th June, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 128.

AUGUST, 1896.

[Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.]

The "Bantam" has caused some amusement and much enquiry at Harrogate, several persons having stopped the rider in the town and in country sides to enquire its paces, hill-climbing qualities, &c., to all of which it has been satisfactory to give encouraging replies. The Yorkshire hills are somewhat terrifying to a rather heavy elderly man, and require a severe use of the brake, what a pity it is that a brake is not attached to the hind wheel as well as, or instead of, the front wheel, this would entirely prevent that 'kicking' which is apt to be a danger in descending hills.

Harrogate waters, composed largely of sulphur and salt, are exceedingly nauseous, but what a boon it is that nature herself provides without any help from man, such excellent remedies for some of the thousand ills which flesh is heir to. Bath, Buxton, Harrogate, Strathpeffer (in North Scotland), are amongst the most famous waters in our own country, and most other countries both in Europe and America have equally good and curative supplies.

Amongst the features of Harrogate are the bath-chairs as tricycles which stand in the streets for hire at 1/- per hour, the driver is seated on his saddle and works the pedals and guides the chair from behind, whilst the 'fare' is comfortably seated in the chair; the pace these chairs go down the steep hills must be trying to nervous persons.

At Scarborough, one of the features of the streets is the number of little carriages driven by boy postilions in jockey caps and gay costumes; the town itself is very prettily situated, the castle (like Dover) on a high cliff, and a sandy bay ten times the size of that at Dover. The scenery in the neighbourhood is very pretty, the air most invigorating, and our cyclometer now registers over 500 miles, long rides—at least up to 20 miles—were necessary to get well tired and induce sleep which at Harrogate had not been refreshing.

We heard with regret of the fall of plaster from the roof of the nave of the Church, but rejoice that nobody was hurt; the arrangement to have Sunday morning and evening service in the Long Gallery, but to use the Chancel for Celebration of Holy Communion during the repairs, is probably one which commends itself to the Parishioners, and it has been so adopted.

We hear with satisfaction that some ventilation in the nave roof is proposed, the Chancel ventilation is fairly provided for by means of the Englefield Chapel door and windows which, if opened, would admit plenty of fresh air. We are not disposed to think it well to let the Chancel windows be made to open, for our Church heating apparatus is very defective, and caution is necessary in increasing the number of draughts, or the Church would even be colder than it is.

We hear with great pleasure that the boys in the School have quite taken up the collecting of butterflies, moths, beetles, &c., and that one box (certainly not a very large one) is already full, there seems to have been some difficulty about the speedy killing of the insects but this can doubtless be remedied. The difficulty of identification is not slight with our limited supply of books with coloured illustrations, but it is a good thing to have stirred an interest in Natural History, and a habit of observation which should follow us in every detail of daily life spent in the country amongst the Wonders of Creation, wonderful in beauty and form and colour and minuteness.

Two fine stag-beetles have been caught, and amongst butterflies, the Small and Large Tortoiseshell, Brimstone, Meadow Blue, Meadow Brown, Wood Ringlet, Large and Small Garden White. And amongst moths we hear of the Tiger, Leopard, Gold Tail, Brown Tail, and many others as yet not fully recognised. We would remind boys that ponds and ditches are full of insect life, and their occupants are not to be despised because they are not bright coloured and are very small.

Teachers and children are alike looking forward to the holidays, which commence on July 31st. We hope they will be refreshing and enjoyable. During the holidays all specimens of Insects can be brought to the Parsonage where the killing box, setting boards, &c. will be kept.

Bathing will go on at the usual hours during the holidays. We are glad to hear that Fred Shackleford can swim without any help.

The Ringers seem to have enjoyed their annual day's holiday, on July 20th, with the Diocesan Ringers' Guild. The meeting this year was at Bletchley, starting from Reading, at 7.30, Bletchley was reached in time for Service at 11 o'clock, Archdeacon Bourke preached, and after dinner, business and some ringing; some pleasant hours were spent in Oxford on the homeward journey. Only about 70 sat down to dinner as against nearly 300 last year at Wokingham; the Foreman writes to me that the Ringers "desire to thank Mr. Benyon and the Rector and Churchwardens for their annual outing."

Since the last issue of the Local Sheet (we hear from the Secretary) 4 Cricket Matches have been played, of which two have been won and two lost, bringing the record up to date to—played 12, won 6, lost 5, drawn 1.

June 27th, Burghfield, home, lost by 43.

July 4th, Whitchurch, away, won by innings and 5 runs.

„ 11th, Woolhampton College, home, lost by 55.

„ 18th, Earley, St. Peter's, home, won by 189.

Against Whitchurch, C. Perrin performed the "hat trick," taking 3 wickets with successive balls.

Against Earley our players scored 222 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in less than two hours, and then disposed of our opponents for 33. J. C. Todd was in fine batting form, scoring 82, in which were nine hits for 4, and nine for 3. In the same match, A. E. Robinson scored 43, C. Perrin 30, and J. Perrin 24.

HEATHER MOUNT,

WESTEND, SOUTHAMPTON.

27th July, 1896.

A L. C. H.

St. Mary's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET

No. 129. SEPTEMBER, 1896.

[Price with "Banner of
Faith," ONE PENNY.]

It is usual at the end of August to give a certain number of prizes in books to those who have attended the Sunday School and Bible Classes most regularly during the previous twelve months, and the marks have now been added up with the following results, the total number of Bible Class marks obtainable was 47; and in the Sunday School twenty marks each Sunday giving a total of about 2000. It is considered that 40 attendances out of 47 entitles to a prize, as also 1700 marks out of the 2000.

BIBLE CLASS.

John Harris	...	47
Maurice Cox	...	46
Walter Cox ...	...	45
Alfred Cox ...	...	44
Alfred Harris	...	43
William Allen	...	40

BOYS' SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Charles Claydon	...	1850
Harry Newman	...	1840
Alfred Horne ...	...	1830
Tracey Wyatt ...	...	1820
Edward Buckland	...	1820
Harry Vince ...	...	1800
Owen Wyatt ...	...	1800
Stephen Claydon	...	1780
Jesse Neville ...	...	1755
Fred Fisher ...	...	1755
Edward Fowler	...	1745
Louis Vince ...	...	1740

GIRLS' SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Gertrude Wyatt	...	1860
Annie Claydon	...	1840
Emily Horne	...	1820
Edith Harris	...	1700
Isabella Lamperd	...	1700

It should be mentioned that the number of Boys on the Sunday School Register is 33, whilst the Girls only numbered 23 throughout the past twelve months.

Two things have been remarked upon since the Church was re-opened, namely, the increased resonance in consequence of boards having taken the place of the plaster between the rafters in the nave roof, and also the improved purity of the air in consequence of the four ventilators placed in the roof. The parish is grateful to Mr. Benyon for undertaking the repairs and improvements at his own expense.

Two dozen new kneeling cushions have been provided for the Church, they are stamped with the words "For Kneeling," a useful reminder that they should be used for that purpose only, and not for the feet. If any persons miss their books they are requested to look for them in the Church, all books were carefully replaced, but possibly some may have got into wrong position, the same remark applies to kneelers, there are some few high ones in the Church which suit elderly people, and the inconvenience of not having the accustomed kneeler may make itself felt; they are somewhere in the Church and can easily be replaced by the owners in the seats which they are accustomed to occupy.

A meeting concerning Church Defence was held in the Long Gallery on Tuesday evening, August 18th; so full an account of this meeting appeared in the local newspapers that it is unnecessary to say more here than that Church defence is entirely a layman's question, and it is to

emphasize this that at these meetings which are being largely held throughout the country, the Clergy are not invited to take any part. If the Church is to be saved from Disestablishment and Disendowment it must be, under God's Providence, by the action of the large body of laity who love and value the Church and will do their utmost to prevent her being crippled and despoiled. All that the Clergy are called upon to do is to go on doing their various spiritual duties quietly and consistently.

The School re-opens, after five week's pleasant holiday, on Monday, September 7th, when no doubt teachers and scholars will alike return to their work freshened and invigorated. They will find the schoolrooms sweet and clean, the walls having been freshly coloured and desks, etc., varnished; bright walls and pictures, to say nothing of a "Museum," are helpful to weary brains, and when we remember that five hours on five days a week are spent in school it is not surprising that Government Inspectors take much note of the cheerful and cleanly appearance of the school rooms.

The following account of the last of the matches to be played away from home this season has kindly been sent to us by the Hon. Secretary of the Cricket Club, Mr. G. Taylor :—

The fifth cricket match won in succession, and one of the best wins of the season was that against Aldermaston C.C., played at Wasing Park on August 22nd.

Aldermaston won the toss, and batting first made a very poor show against our bowlers, who dismissed them all for 39. To this Englefield responded with 64, thus leading on the first innings by 25, C. Perrin, W. Holloway and J. G. Taylor getting double figures. Going in to bat a second time Aldermaston lost 6 wickets before they knocked off the deficit runs (25), and were all out for 38. Englefield wanting 14 to win obtained them for the loss of 1 wicket, thus being victorious by 9 wickets. The match was won chiefly by exceptionally good fielding, our men being very smart on the ball, and no fewer than 12 batsmen were dismissed by catches. The great feature of the match was the success Taylor's bowling met with, he capturing 6 wickets for 14 runs in the first innings, and 6 for 17 in the second.

SCORE.

ALDERMASTON C.C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
G. Mount, c L. Todd, b		b Taylor	6
G. Varney	6	c Lamden, b Taylor	0
E. Hill, b Taylor	0	c Lamden, b Taylor... ..	9
W. S. Whittaker, b G. Varney	13	c J. Perrin, b Taylor	4
W. B. Thomas, c J. Perrin,		run out	0
b Taylor	1	c Sub. b Taylor	4
P. Strange run out	0	b Taylor	1
C. E. Keyser, c J. Perrin, b		c Holloway, b G. Varney ...	10
Taylor	1	c Lamden, b G. Varney ...	0
F. Jacobs, c J. Perrin, b		not out	2
Taylor	3	c Taylor, b G. Varney ...	2
E. Strickland, c G. Varney			
b Taylor	1		
C. King, s Holloway, b			
G. Varney	0		
H. Keep, b Taylor	11		
R. Cambridge not out ...	3		
Total	39	Total	38

ENGLEFIELD C.C.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
D. Horne, c and b Mount ...	3	...	...
L. Todd, c Mount, b		...	...
Thomas	0	...	...
E. Varney, c King, b Thomas	6	...	...
C. Perrin, b Thomas	12	...	...
W. Lamden, lbw, b Mount ...	5	not out	2
W. Holloway, b Whittaker ...	11	...	...
J. Perrin, c Cambridge, b		...	...
Thomas... ..	8	not out	7
G. Varney, b Thomas	2	...	...
J. G. Taylor, b Whittaker ...	10	...	...
F. Howard, lbw, b		...	...
Whittaker	0	...	...
H. Shackelford, not out ...	1	c and b Whittaker	1
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	64	Total	14

Members of the Guild are requested to make the following alterations and additions in their Guild Manual : Erase the name of Kate Davis ; change Rosa Thame into Rosa Horne. Add the names of

Frederick Howard,
William Allen,
Annie Davis,
Jessie Allen,
Rosa Wyatt,
Lizzie Westbrook,
Elizabeth Webb,
Annie Rayner,
Elizabeth Everett.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held on Thursday, August 27th ; there was a shortened evensong and the Guild office at 4 o'clock in church, and afterwards the members went according to kind invitation to Englefield House, where tea, a variety of outdoor games, some good lantern slides representing a journey round the coast from London to Liverpool, and others of a more laughable character, supper, to say nothing of pleasant and kindly intercourse one with another, were as usual enjoyed and appreciated by all present, and their number was something over 100.

The Cottagers' Garden Show is arranged, all being well, for S. Michael's Day, Tuesday, September 29th ; the Harvest Thanksgiving Services will take place on the previous Sunday, September 27th ; there will be celebrations of Holy Communion on that Sunday at 7.30 and 8.30, but not at the 11 o'clock service, inasmuch as the late celebration will take place on the following Sunday, October 4th, which will be within the Octave.

A short Preparation Service for Holy Communion will be held immediately after Evening Service on Sunday, September 20th, which all Communicants are earnestly invited to attend.

Offerings of the flowers and fruits of the earth are invited to be sent to Church on Saturday morning, September 26th, by 9 o'clock. As usual these will be sent to the Berks Hospital on the following Wednesday.

The Collections made on Tuesday, September 29th, will be given to the funds of the Berks Hospital.

A L. C. H.

Englefield, Reading,
28th August, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 130.

OCTOBER, 1896.

[Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.]

The results of the bathing this year have been most satisfactory, there have never hitherto been a set of boys who have taken more kindly to the water, or who have appeared to enjoy it so thoroughly, or been so altogether fearless.

1,402 baths were taken by the 36 boys, whose names appear below, on 147 occasions from May 9th to the second week in September, when wet weather set in and bathing came to an end a little earlier than usual.

Of the 36 boys all can swim except the 5 whose names are printed in italics. The number after each name represents the number of times the boy bathed:—

Harry Vince, 97.
 Alfred Horne, 94.
 Louis Vince, 93.
 Albert Cox, 91.
 Charles Claydon }
 Stephen Claydon } 89.
 Hubert Cox }
 Fred Smithers, 88.
 Herbert Cox, 75.
 Sydney Allen, 63.
 Robert Allen, 54.
 Fred Shakleford, 51.
 Fred Newman, 44.
 Alfred Buckland, 37.
 Owen Wyatt, 31.
 Edward Buckland, 30.
 Tracey Wyatt, 29.

Maurice Cox, }
 Alfred Thame } 26.
 Arthur Cox }
 William Lamperd } 25.
 William Allen }
 John Vince } 23.
 Walter Cox, 21.
 Alfred Cox }
 John Harris } 16.
 Harry Morland, 9.
 Edward Wheeler }
 Edward Fowler } 8.
 William Fowler, 5.
 Arthur Horne, 4.
 Alfred Day }
 Frank Shakleford } 3.
 Harry Wallace, 2.

Alfred Vince, 1.

At a meeting of the Football Club held in the Workmen's Club on Wednesday evening, September 9th, Mr. Robinson in the chair, it was unanimously decided to continue the Football during the coming season. The following officers were accordingly elected, or continued in office :

President :—R. Benyon, Esq.

Captain :—C. Fisher.

Vice-Captain :—E. Cottrell.

Hon. Treas. :—The Rector.

Hon. Sec. :—A. E. Robinson.

Committee :—Messrs. Duncan ; Howard ; D. Fisher ; Taylor ; Lamperd ; Thame ; and Claydon.

It was resolved to play only a few matches, and the following Clubs were suggested as opponents :—Earley St. Peter's, Burghfield, Sulhampstead, and Woolhampton College.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the late Hon. Treasurer.

The last deposits for the Clothing Club for this season, can be made on Monday, October 26th, on which date all cards must be given in to Mr. Fox, who will probably give out the tickets the following Monday. It is thought that this year to save unnecessary trouble, depositors must purchase their goods of one of the five following tradesmen :—

Mr. Corderoy, (Theale).

„ Selwood, (Pangbourne).

„ McIlroy, (Reading).

„ Heelas, „

„ Wellstead „

This gives a wide choice ; it used to be the rule, relaxed of late years, that all goods should be purchased from Messrs. Heelas, but a Theale and a Pangbourne shop were found convenient, and McIlroy's shop is far more patronised than any other.

Up to the time of writing this, Miss Beech has not fixed the date for re-commencing her Saturday Cookery Lessons, but they will undoubtedly begin either on the 3rd or 10th of October, and we continue to urge upon Parents to send the girls regularly, there is no need to point out the practical use of these lessons to those who are training for domestic service, and to whom a knowledge will be absolutely necessary later on in life.

Most probably the useful and much appreciated Dinner Kitchen will re-open for the half-penny Dinners, on Monday, November 2nd. Mr. Robinson, will as usual, sell the dinner tickets every morning in school.

The date fixed for beginning the Winter Continuation Classes, otherwise called Evening School is Monday, Oct. 5th. Three evenings a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), from 7 to 9, are the days and hours fixed, and there will be the usual mixture of work and recreation. The first hour each evening will be given to Reading, Drawing, Composition, and Mental and other Arithmetic, the last hour to Bagatelle, Whist, Draughts, Dominoes, and other various pleasant games. These Continuation Classes might fairly be called the Boys' Club, where useful and pleasant evenings can be spent, when the days' work is over. It is not proposed to have any Shoe mending this year, those who propose attending the classes having expressed a desire that it should not be attempted. We greatly hope to hear that our good friends, Mr. Coombes, and Mr. Johnson will continue their kind help from 8 to 9 on one evening a week, it is needless to say that it is time well and usefully spent, and affords a great relief to Mr. Robinson.

The payment will be as usual, 2d. a week, and refreshments at a very moderate charge can be bought in the School. We greatly hope that many boys will spend useful and pleasant evenings at these classes throughout the winter.

The Secretary of the Workmen's Club sends us the following account of the first of the Tournaments of the season. "Some twenty or more members of the St. Mary's Club, Reading, visited our Club on Saturday evening, September 26th, for the purpose of taking part in a Tournament of games which had been arranged between the two Clubs. The games played were billiards, bagatelle, draughts, dominoes, whist, cribbage and don, and the final result was in favour of the visitors by one point. A most enjoyable and sociable evening was spent."

We have also received, from Mr. Robinson, a brief account of the Harvest Festival, and Cottagers' Garden Show, held on Tuesday, September 29th, there was, as usual, Service in Church at 11, at which the new Rector, the Rev. H. Savill Young officiated. The following is the list of prize winners at the Garden Show:—

BEST CULTIVATED GARDEN.

Mechanics.		Labourers.
John Hayes.		Charles Cox.
John Abery.		William Cox.
Henry Horne.		David Elliott.

BEST COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES.

Mechanics.		Labourers.
John Abery.		Charles Cox.
David Horne.		William Cox.
George Allen.		Edward Morland.

BEST TWELVE ONIONS.

Charles Fisher.		George Neighbour.		James Martin.
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BEST HALF-PECK OF BEANS.

Daniel Harris.		George Fisher.		Charles Fisher.
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BEST TWELVE CARROTS.

James Martin.		George Neighbour.		Henry Martin.
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BEST TWENTY-FOUR POTATOES.

For Labourers only.

Edward Morland.		James Martin.		Henry Martin.
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BEST FOUR-HEAD OF CABBAGES.

James Martin.		James Cox.		Henry Martin.
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BEST TWELVE PARSNIPS.

James Martin. | Henry Martin.

BEST TWELVE TURNIPS.

No First or Second Prize.—Thomas Dixon.

BEST TWENTY-FOUR POTATOES.

For Mechanics only.

John Abery. | George Neighbour. | William Barefoot

BEST BUNCH OF FLOWERS, (Open to All).

David Horne. | William Allen.
Henry Newman. | William Day.

BEST COLLECTION OF GARDEN HERBS, (Open to All).

William Cox. | James Martin.

BEST COLLECTION OF WILD FLOWERS,

(Open to Children attending Day School).

Charles Claydon. | Edward Buckland. | Tracey Wyatt.

After dinner in the Long Gallery, Mrs. Benyon distributed the above prizes, and also after tea gave the school children prizes for regular attendance, according to the following list :—

1895.—School open 417 times. (Average attendance, 90).

William Lamperd ...	417	2/6	Harry Newman ...	413	1/6
Stephen Claydon ...	"	"	Albert Cox ..	"	"
Florence Neville ...	"	"	Alfred Neighbour ...	"	"
Jesse Neville ...	416	2/6	George Neighbour..	412	"
Herbert Cox ...	"	"	Egbert Cox ...	"	"
Hubert Cox ...	"	"	Frank Shackleford ...	"	"
Edward Fowler ...	"	"	Isabella Lamperd ...	410	"
Tracey Wyatt...	415	2/-	Edward Buckland...	409	"
George Neville ...	"	"	Edith Bates ...	"	"
Alice Vince ...	"	"	Agnes Cox ..	407	1/-
Alice Cox ...	"	"	Owen Wyatt ...	"	"
Fred Shackleford ...	"	"	Alice Smith ...	406	"
Charles Claydon ...	414	2/-	Alice Day ...	"	"
Hilda Harris ...	"	"	Ella Hayes ...	405	"
Emily Horne ...	"	"	Ethel Horne ...	"	"
Amy Neville ...	"	"	Gertrude Wyatt ...	404	"
Robert Allen ...	413	1/6	Hubert Sessions ...	402	"
Beatrice Fowler ...			401	1/-	

The afternoon was taken up with races, &c., in the Park, and in spite of a few showers all went off well. The day concluded with a dance in the Long Gallery, and a very successful smoking concert at the Workmen's Club.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday, 27th September, about 100 persons received the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 or 8.30, and the usual Services at 11 and 6 were as usual well attended. At the Evening Service the Rector took as his text, Psalm xliii., 3, "O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth, that they may lead me." He pointed out that this was the prayer of one who needed and felt he needed guidance, that life was too hard a problem apart from God. The Psalm was probably written by David, when he was in exile, persecuted by Saul, cut off from the usual means of grace, but in these trials he turned the more to God, for Light and guidance, surrounded by his 300 wild and rough companions, whom yet he ruled so well and wisely, it must have cheered him to call to remembrance, the Light and Truth of God. Moreover all these trials helped to form his character, to ripen his own harvest, and any difficult circumstances, trials, temptations, positions in which we find ourselves are to be welcomed, if they help to form our character and lead us to say, "O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth, that they may lead me." What better can we ask than Light and Truth? in youth with all its many dangers, in cheerless days, in trial time, in hours of temptation, in declining years as we get nearer the dark valley. We must not therefore rest upon anybody or anything short of God, not upon friends or clergy, not they they will forget or desert us, but they cannot be what God alone can be to us—Light and Truth. A religion which rests at all on personal regard is a poor thing, to be a Communicant only if the members of the household or family are so, and to fall away if you change your situation or the clergyman changes, is no true religion or shews no true reliance on the Light and Truth of God. We must hold to this Light and Truth wherever we may be, it then makes little difference whether we be together or apart, here or there, separated by a few miles, or more distant. But for all this, partings are always trying,

parents feel it, clergy feel it, we all feel it, but what takes the sting away is the truth of the text, the Light and Truth of God will cheer and guide us, and He alone can and will keep in that Light and Truth, those who commit themselves unto Him. Therefore with courage, faith and love, we must pray for the Light and follow the Light, and say "The Lord is my Light, whom then shall I fear, the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid." "O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth that they may lead me, and bring me to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling."

With these words of the Holy Psalmist ringing in our ears, I bid my dear people, God's blessing and farewell.

5, Vincent Square Mansions,
London, S.W.

A L. C. H.

September 30th, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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NOVEMBER, 1896.

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Our matter for this month's local sheet is most meagre. Spiritual matters, Nationally and Parochially, have been strangely eventful; we need but chronicle what is known to all of us. The key-note is *change*,—change in the Spiritual head of the Church Nationally, change in the head of the Church Parochially. Death has taken away the Primate of England, Archbishop Benson; and, by resignation, the Parish has lost its late Rector, the Rev. A. L. C. Heigham. As everybody knows, the late Rector of Slough—the Rev. H. Savill Young—is now the new Rector of Englefield. For a few weeks, important work in connection with his resignation of the large Parish of Slough, imperatively requires his presence there; but he hopes to take up his residence among his Parishioners about the 16th of this month. The Parsonage will be his home for the remaining days of this month, but at the beginning of December the Rev. and Mrs. H. Savill Young hope to be settled in the Rectory. Let S. Paul's message to the distant Church at Thessalonica be at this time the silent message of the Rector to his people at Englefield,—“Brethren, pray for us” (1 Thess. v. 25).

INDUCTION OF THE NEW RECTOR.

This interesting ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Berks in person on Saturday, October 24th. Unfortunately the morning was very wet, preventing any large gathering of the Parishioners. After the usual presentation of the key of the Church, the Rector (the Rev. H. Savill Young), in accordance with the time-honoured custom, entered the Church alone and tolled the bell, thus announcing to the Parishioners at large that he had taken possession of the benefice. The Choir and

Clergy then entered the Church and proceeded to the Chancel, where the Archdeacon commenced the usual office of the Diocese, said the Prayers before the Altar, and then gave a short Address, explaining the proceedings of the day. That he was acting on the mandate of the Bishop of the Diocese, who had already instituted their new Rector, giving him the spiritual charge of the Parish ; and shewing that the ceremony now performed gave him the freehold and legal rights of the Incumbent of the Parish in the temporalities belonging,—such as the Church, Rectory House, &c.

The entering on the Charge of the Parish was completed by the act of reading the xxxix Articles on Sunday morning, in the presence of the congregation.

Those responsible for the working of the Evening School have advised that the contemplated Continuation Classes should be dropped for the time being ; and this has been done. The Rector, on coming into residence, will thus be able to start *afresh* what work he finds is needed.

The last deposits for the Clothing Club, for the season, were made on Monday, October 26th. The cards have now been made up and interest added, and will be returned at noon on Monday, November 2nd. Will each depositor kindly notice the list of available tradesmen printed in last month's "Local Sheet," and name one of those tradesmen for the necessary order on November 2nd? The Club now number 43 depositors, and we are very glad to see that during the past Clothing Club year no single deposit was withdrawn. This, in itself, speaks well individually for the material prosperity of the Parishioners. Though a few deposits are below £1 (and so in such cases the maximum interest of 5s. has been sadly curtailed), the average deposit is above £1. The total deposits this year amount £44 12s. 4d. against £41 2s. 11d. last year, while the interest gained is £9 3s. 9d. against £8 12s. 10d. The cards for the new Club year will, in all probability, be given out on the first Monday in December.

The Secretary of the Workmen's Club has kindly contributed the following :—" The first of the proposed series of Dances, to be held during the ensuing winter, was held on Thursday evening, October 15th, and was a great success. There was a large attendance, both of dancers and non-dancers, including 29 ladies ; and there was no doubt that everybody enjoyed the evening's pleasure. Mr. G. Johnson was an efficient M.C., and the accompanist was Master V. Rivers. The arrangements were made by the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose, which consists of Messrs. Tegg, Robinson, and Johnson."

"The following arrangements have been made :—(1) Tournaments with Burghfield Club on October 28th (away), and November 25th (home). (2) Tournaments with Mortimer Club on November 18th (home), and December 5 (away). (3) Return Tournament with S. Mary's, Reading, on November 7th (away). (4) Smoking Concert, November 11th."

The half-yearly Collections for Church Expenses was made in October, and handed over to the Churchwardens.

As we write this, Mr. and Mrs. Benyon will be setting off from Englefield for their winter's stay in London. In the name of the Parish we wish them "God-speed" and "A Speedy Return."

The Mixed Conference of Clergy and Laity belonging to Bradfield Deanery took place on Friday, October 23rd, at Wasing Place. The *first* subject discussed was "Popular Church History Lectures, illustrated by Magic Lanterns." The Rural Dean (the Rev. J. B. Burne) was appointed Secretary and Organizer of a scheme to enable two such lectures to be delivered, if possible, in every Parish in the Deanery during the coming winter. The second subject was "Financial Relief to Voluntary Schools." The Rural Dean introduced the subject, and Mr. W. G. Mount, M.P., afterwards addressed the Conference on the

same subject. The feeling of the Conference seemed to be that help from Imperial taxes would be insufficient, and that Church people for *their* Schools must demand that same Rate Aid given to School Boards.



IN MEMORIAM, EDWARD WHITE BENSON,
ARCHBISHOP.—*R.I.P.*

We have referred to the grievous loss which, during the past month, has fallen on the National Church. Archbishop Benson's inexpressibly beautiful death took place, as we all know, at Hawarden, on Sunday, October 11th. He was buried in his own Cathedral of Canterbury, on Friday, October 16th, and during the hour of his interment our ringers rang a half-muffled peal. On the following Sunday the late Archbishop was the subject of the Morning Sermon; the "Dead March" was played by the Organist at the end of both the Morning and Evening Services, and the bells were rung half-muffled throughout the day. The Church of England has lost a saintly member, a fearless leader, and a wise guide. At a time when his wise counsel and fatherly guidance are sore needed in the Religious Education and Church Defence difficulties, which now face the Church he loved so well, and which in God's good Providence he so abundantly blessed. Dr. Temple, the present Bishop of London, has been chosen to succeed the Archbishop. He has more than passed the allotted three-score years and ten; but, as we saw at Reading last year, is still full of energy and enthusiasm.

S. George's, Reading.

J. P. F.

Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude,
October 28th, 1896.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

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The Advent Season has already begun. It has brought to us its note of warning. Reminding us to watch and pray because we know not the time of the coming of The King, Who will take account with His servants. Bidding us also to prepare in heart a mind to keep the Great Festival of His Birth; that we may come to His Holy Altar; to the Feast which Jesus makes; with heart full of praise and thanksgiving; rejoicing in the great miracle of the Incarnation of The Son of God, who came into the world that men might be brought back to God.

On CHRISTMAS DAY the services will be the same as last year.

1st Celebration of Holy Communion at	7.30
2nd " " "	8.30
3rd After Mattins at 11. " "	11.45
Evensong and Carols " "	3.30

As announced in last months' Local Sheet, various arrangements were made by the Committee of the Workmen's Club, calculated to give pleasure and amusement to the members during the winter months. The following is a short account of what has taken place since our last issue :—

On October 28th, some 15 members visited the Burghfield Club, in conveyances provided by Mr. Roberts, of Theale. A Tournament of games was played and resulted in a win for Englefield by 7 games to 4. We were very hospitably entertained.

On Saturday evening, November 7th, 17 members journeyed to Reading, and played a Tournament of games against the members of S. Mary's Club, in the end, we lost by 8 games to 5. Our hosts very kindly entertained us to tea, previous to playing.

On Thursday, November 11th, a Smoking Concert was held in the Club. Mr. Robinson as usual, being the accompanist. There was a good attendance of members, but as the "Singing element" was not strong at the stated time, "business" did not commence until a late hour.

On Wednesday evening, November 18th, the members of the Mortimer Club, to the number of 30, visited our Club, and played a Tournament of 17 games, the result was a win by one point for the visitors (9-8). A most enjoyable evening was spent, and our visitors before leaving, gave hearty votes of thanks to the Club; the Hon. Sec.; and to the Caretaker.

On Wednesday Evening, November 25th, the Club received a strong contingent of visitors from the Burghfield Club, who came to play their return Tournament of Games with us. As will be seen above, the first match, which took place on October 28th, at Burghfield, resulted in an easy victory for Englefield, by 7 points to 4. On this occasion, however, the tables were turned, for Burghfield won an interesting and enjoyable match by 8 points to 7. Before leaving, the visitors expressed themselves delighted with their reception and gave hearty cheers for the Club, the Hon. Sec., and the Caretaker.

In speaking of the various ways in which the members of the club manage to pass pleasant hours, mention cannot be omitted of the billiard handicap. Recently, such a handicap was arranged and after favourable starts had been allotted to no less than 23 entrants, a pleasant competition followed. Many close finishes were witnessed and considerable interest was manifested generally by the members of the club. The final result was a popular win for Mr. R. Todd.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION IN FOREIGN PARTS.

The Alms collected on the 3rd Sunday in Advent will be given to this Society. All the boxes should be sent in to the Rector on the Saturday previous, December 12th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN MISSIONARY CANDIDATES' ASSOCIATION.

The Offertory, on Christmas Day, will be given to this Society, the object of which is to enable men to be trained and prepared to go out and act as Missionaries of the Church in Foreign Countries.

BAPTISM.

Nov. 17th — Henry George Stewart, son of George Stewart and Mary Roake.