

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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NEW YEAR.

A very few words with which to wish the good people of Englefield "A very bright, prosperous, and happy New Year."

We look back over the past 1897 with many sad thoughts and memories. It took from us one who through many years of life had been a most kind and generous friend of our Parish, in all matters whether of the Church or in secular affairs. The condition of our Parish Church and the flourishing Village Club will remain as witnesses to his work. It has also, as a result of his death, separated from us the devoted wife who so fully entered into and shared his labour and desire for the good of others. We could not speak of the coming time without a grateful retrospect to the honoured dead.

But time passes. And we turn our faces to the future. The labour and the duties of the day remain with us. There is the living work to be done. And as we look onwards into the days which are to come, we do so with the happy confidence that the same spirit which has ruled the affairs of Englefield in the past, will not be wanting to its future prosperity and well-being. In most ways there has been very little incident in the year! our parish life has gone the even tenor of its way, with little change of any kind beyond the usual alternation of work and play. May the New Year bring to all, Goodwill, Happiness, and Prosperity.

H. S. Y.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

The Annual Meeting on behalf of the Society was held in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, on Wednesday,

December 1st. The Rev. Canon McNab, of Toronto, was present as deputation for the Society. The chair was taken by J. Herbert Benyon, Esq. The proceedings commenced as usual with prayer, and the Rector then read out a statement of the progress of the Society in the Parish during the year, and the results of the Boxes, which were as follows :

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Dyer ...	0	4	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mrs. Hannington	1	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Wardswell	0	5	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Coombes ...	0	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Robinson	0	3	6	Mrs. Claydon ...	0	6	7
Mrs. J. Martin...	0	5	3	The Rectory ...	0	15	5
Mrs. Thame ...	0	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Palmer ...	0	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miss Webb ...	0	4	6	Miss Irene Young	0	6	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Hilda Harris ...	0	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Rooke ...	0	13	0
The Bothey ...	0	5	1	Mrs. Benyon, sen.	6	13	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Butler ...	2	12	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Hobart ...	0	17	0

Mr. Benyon then briefly introduced the speaker, and Canon MacNab gave a very interesting account of Canada, and told of the very rapidly increasing prosperity and occupations of the Great British Dominion in North America. Toronto is about to build a Cathedral, a drawing of which was shewn in the room, and he encouraged workers for the Society with the reminiscences of its work in North America in the past, and asked us all to do what we can to support the Society, so that her work which is continually spreading may be carried on and our emigrants may find their Church and its services ministering to their spiritual needs in the new homes beyond the seas.

On Sunday, December 5th, the usual Annual Sermons were preached on behalf of the Society, that in the morning being by the Rev. P. T. Ditchfield, Organizing Secretary for the Archdeaconry.

The results of all the collections are as follows :

	£	s.	d.
By Boxes	15	18	3
By Collections in Church	8	5	6
Subscription	1	1	0
Total	25	4	9

THE CHOIR.

We have heard a little talk lately about some who wished to be in the choir and some who have left the choir, and the talk referred to gives the impression that people are not altogether clear as to what it means to be in a choir, and how to become a member. We should like therefore to say, First of all it must be remembered that the choir consists of persons invited by the Rector to help him in the performance of the services of the Church. Secondly, they must be able to sing. Anyone wishing to become a member should make known his wish to the Rector, who, if everything is satisfactory, will then be able on a vacancy occurring, to ask the candidate to join. Something it is obvious must depend upon the quality of voice, for example, it would be no use to fill the vacancy made by the loss of a Bass, by the introduction of an Alto, just now there is a vacancy owing to Mr. Church's resignation, we regret to say he is leaving the parish.

THE SCHOOLS.

A very interesting ceremony, which we hope may become an annual institution, took place on Thursday, December 23rd, when Mrs. Benyon very kindly came to distribute the Prizes which she had offered the children for good conduct and also for Needlework.

The Room was decorated with specimens of the School work, maps, letters, drawings, and various articles of kindergarten being posted on the walls, &c.

Mrs. Benyon with her son and daughters arrived about 3.30 p.m.

Under the direction of Mr. Robinson and the Assistant Teachers (the Misses Hill), a capital programme was gone through, consisting of songs, drills, &c., and a special recitation by the Infant Department under the charge of Miss Hill. Mrs. Benyon then made a careful and interested inspection of the work which had been shewn and expressed to Mr. Robinson her high appreciation of the ability and care with which the work of the School has been carried on.

She then addressed the children, pointing out to them that their prizes had been gained not by cleverness but by good and diligent behaviour, which was within the reach of all, and impressing upon them that good character and industry were to the full as important in life as ingenuity and ability in the tasks which they had to perform in school. The prize-giving then proceeded. Each child was called out separately and received a valuable and interesting book from Mrs. Benyon's hands as its reward. The infants were then given each a Christmas Card, and the Needlework prizes also were distributed.

At the close, the Rector called on the children to give three cheers for Mrs. Benyon, which was most heartily done. Three more for the Teachers followed. Mrs. Benyon calling upon the children also to give three cheers for the Rector. "God save the Queen" was then sung by the children, and a very successful ceremony was closed.

We append a list of the Prize Winners.

CONDUCT PRIZES.

Over 90 per cent. marks.

Std.	Name.	Std.	Name.
6	William Martin, 99 per cent. Best Boy.	7	Ella Hayes
6	Emily Morland, 97 per cent. Best Girl.	7	Gertrude Wyatt, 95 per cent.
7	Tracey Wyatt	4	Harry Newman.

Over 80 per cent. marks.

6	Charles Claydon	2	Alfred Neighbour
6	Edith Harris	2	Florence Neville
4	Edward Fowler	1	Gilbert Cox
4	Rose Bates	1	Alice Cox
4	Arthur Horne	1	Ethel Horne
3	Owen Wyatt	1	Lily Wherrell
3	Alice Day	1	May Winchcombe

Over 75 per cent. marks.

6	Robert Allen	4	Emily Horne
5	Edward Buckland	1	Edith Bates
5	George Neville	1	Sarah Paice
4	Hubert Cox	1	Elsie Symth
4	Annie Allen		

NEEDLEWORK PRIZES.

Std.	Name.	Std.	Name.
1	May Winchcomb	5	Alice Vince
2	Beatrice Fowler	6	Edith Harris
3	Bessie Martin	7	Gertrude Wyatt
4	Margaret Stocker		

KNITTING PRIZES.

1	Alice Cox	5	No Prize
2	Florence Neville	6	Hilda Harris
3	Amy Neville	7	Ella Hayes
4	Rose Bates		

INFANT NEEDLEWORK—Henry Neville.

KINDERGARTEN—Arthur Sinythe.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Benyon will give a Christmas Tree to the School Children on Tuesday, January 11th.

There will be Tea for the Children at 5 p.m., and Mothers will be admitted to see the Tree, &c., at 5.45 p.m.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

2nd Sunday after Christmas	M., 179. 317. 312. 315.	E., 70. 175. 165.
1st Sunday after Epiphany	M., 76. 180. 178. iii.	E., 77. 197. 21.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany	M., 219. 260. 199.	E., 248. 202. 24.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany	M., 296. 35. 181.	E., 279. 176. 28.
4th Sunday after Epiphany	M., 289. 267. 193.	E., 245. 191. 82.

SERVICES.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Mattins, and on all Sundays, and the Feast of Epiphany and the Conversion of S. Paul at 8.30.

BAPTISMS.

November 7th.—Mary Louise Church.

December 5th.—Herbert Edwin Neville.

MARRIAGE.

December 27th.—Gideon Elliott and Annie Norris.

BURIAL.

December 30th.—John Woods, aged 78 years.

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THE CHOIR DINNER.

January as the month for Christmas holiday has been largely taken up with Entertainments.

The first of these the Choir Dinner took place at the Rectory, on Tuesday, January 2nd. The Choir mustered in full force and we were also favoured with the company of Mr. Roake, the Parish Churchwarden, and the Sidesmen. We had our usual good old-fashioned English Christmas Dinner, Turkey and Roast Beef, Plum Pudding and Mince Pies. When this was over we drank the usual Toast of the Church and Queen, the Choir, the Churchwardens, the Rector, and lastly Mr. and Mrs. Benyon. Then we made a move to the drawing-room, where our worthy Organist, Mr. Robinson took possession of the piano, and we wiled away an hour with various songs, till the time of retiring came, and we went each one our own homeward way.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Benyon's Christmas Tree and Party for the children was held in the Long Gallery on Tuesday, January 11th. Mr. George, of Reading, provided an excellent tea with all the usual array of cakes, biscuits, jam and marmalade; and at 5 p.m., a number of eager young people somewhere about 100 in all, school children and members of the Boys' and Girls' Sunday Bible Classes found their way into the bright and cheerful room, and were speedily at the tables and hard at work upon the good things before them, under the superintendence of Mrs. Benyon herself, assisted by her daughters and Mr. Harry Benyon, and other ladies who gave

their aid. It was soon over, thanks to good appetites and ready hands to help, and then the little people were dismissed into the darkness outside for a few moments while the tables were cleared away and the chairs arranged in order, under the direction of Mr. Roake, facing the upper end of the gallery in readiness for the second part of the evening. Very speedily when the doors re-opened, all were in their places, with some of the mothers, whom Mrs. Benyon had invited to come in and see the Tree, and then the curtain, which till this time had concealed the upper end of the room from sight, was removed and disclosed the Tree itself in all its glittering splendour of candles, coloured chains of paper, and metal ornaments, with which it was hung from top to bottom. As soon as the first ecstasy of delight had subsided, we had a song from the children under the superintendence of Mr. Robinson, our excellent Schoolmaster, and when it was over, Mrs. Benyon with the help of Mrs. Rooke, Miss Benyon, and Mr. H. Benyon, distributed among them the contents of two tables placed one on each side of the gallery, and which had been piled with toys and other good things, each little one going away with its arms full of four precious treasures of a kind suited to their age and capacities. Very happy they looked with all the cares of their stores upon them, and very hearty indeed were the cheers at the end of the entertainment for the Squire and his family, testifying to their appreciation of the kindness they had received, and their happiness in their evening's pleasure. This closed the proceedings and Mr. Robinson played "God Save the Queen," of which the first and last verses were sung and all went home.

On the evening of Thursday, January 13th, a very delightful Entertainment was given to the parishioners by Mr. and Mrs. Benyon in the Long Gallery at Englefield House. It was divided into two portions, the first consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and the second of a charade drama on the word "Outlaw."

The first, in which the Choir under the guidance of Mr. Robinson bore a conspicuous part, was highly appreciated by the audience if we may judge by the encores which

greeted each singer in turn. We are not intending to be drawn into a criticism or commendation of each, but we should like to say a word of special welcome to Mrs. Rooke, on her first visit since her marriage to Englefield. The programme will be found below and tells its own story. As regards the charade everyone was, we believe, highly amused with the eccentricities of the various characters represented, and the "make-up" and dresses were excellent. With actors thoroughly up in their parts and plenty of life and "go" all round, nothing flagged throughout, and the audience watched with equally delighted interest the complacent dignity of Mrs. Bounce, the mental tribulations of Mr. Crumbsqueeze, the legal conceptions of Mr. Perkfoot, the neighbourly amenities of Mrs. Dobbins, the placid comfort of Mrs. Pengoose, and the feigned terrors of the mysterious Stranger, till the end came, when players and audience stood up and sang "God Save the Queen" together and we separated, each to our own homes, brightened and happy with the evening's pleasure, and heartily grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for the kindly thought and careful arrangement which had carried out for the benefit of the parishioners so successful an entertainment.

The programme will be found below.

FIRST PART.

Glee	...	...	"The Belfry Tower"	...	...	<i>Hatton.</i>
			The Choir.			
Song	...		"The Admiral's Broom"	...	...	...
			Mr. J. Todd.			
Mandoline Solo	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Miss Tyser.			
Song	...	...	"Death of Nelson"	...	...	...
			Mr. Robinson.			
Recitation	...	...	"The Road to Heaven"	...	...	<i>G. R. Sims.</i>
			Mr. Tegg.			
Song	...		"The Bailiff's Daughter"	...	...	...
			Mrs. Rooke.			
Song	...	...	"The Wolf"	...	...	...
			Mr. Dyer.			
Quartette			"The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys"	...	...	...
			Messrs. Pocock and Howard, Masters Claydon and Harris.			

SECOND PART.

Charade in Three Acts. Word "Outlaw."

ACT 1. "OUT."

Scene. An Apartment at Mr. Crumbsqueeze's.

Mr. Crumbsqueeze	...	...	...	...	Mr. B. Young.
Miffins (his servant)	...	...	...	...	Mr. H. Young.
Edward	{ (his nephews) }	{	...	...	Mr. G. Young.
Julius			...	...	Mr. Harry Benyon.
Mrs. Bounce (the housekeeper)	...	...	...	...	Miss Benyon.
Poppet (the maidservant)	...	...	...	...	Miss Evelyn Young.

ACT 2. "LAW."

Scene. A Room at Mr. Perkfoot's.

Mr. Perkfoot	...	...	...	...	Miss Isabel Young.
Mr. Doldrum	...	...	...	...	Mr. H. Young.
Solomon	...	...	...	...	Mr. B. Young.
Mrs. Dobbins	...	...	...	...	Miss Hohnbaum.

ACT 3. "OUTLAW."

Scene. An Apartment in Mr. Pengoose's Villa, near Seaside.

Mr. Pengoose	...	...	...	...	Mr. B. Young.
The Mysterious Stranger	...	...	...	...	Mr. H. Young.
Mrs. Pengoose	...	...	...	...	Miss Evelyn Young.
Clementia Tibbs (ward of Pengoose)	...	...	...	...	Miss Isabel Young.
Patty (her maid)	...	...	...	...	Miss Benyon.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club was held on Monday, January 17th.

The Rector having moved that Mr. Benyon is the President of the Club according to the terms of Rule II., it was carried by acclamation and Mr. Benyon took the chair accordingly.

The Annual Report was read, and after a fitting allusion to the loss which had been sustained in the death of the late Mr. Benyon, gave an account of the progress made in the various departments such as Library, Billiard Room, and general objects of the Club.

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet was also alluded to, shewing the very satisfactory balance in hand of £40. Certain changes in the bye-laws were suggested and carried in relation to the election and retirement of the Committee, and an expenditure of £10 on books for the library was ordered.

The Officers and Committee were then elected:—Mr. Roake, Treasurer; Mr. Robinson, Secretary; Messrs. A. Harris, D. Harris, W. Vince, G. Tizard, W. Palmer, T. Tegg, G. Johnson, C. Cox, jun., J. G. Taylor, J. Bucknell, W. Barefoot and F. Pocock.

Mr. Coombes and Mr. Harrison were appointed Auditors.

The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

A report of the Meeting of the Cricket Club must be held over for next month.

January, 1898.

My dear People,

I am sometimes asked questions about the Guild of S. Mark in this Parish. It has fallen out of sight as it seems. But it has hardly been out of mind. I am anxious that it might be—

- 1.—A bond of union for communicants of the Parish.
- 2.—A means of helping us all to better lives—nearer to God.
- 3.—A means of reminding us of the duties, *e.g.* worship, prayer, communion, which we owe to God, and of the duties of kindness we owe one to another.

I am hoping that Lent may help us to make a new beginning at Easter, and that we may have regular meetings afterwards.

Yours always faithfully,

H. SAVILL YOUNG.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

Septuagesima,	M.,	83.	320.	322.	316.
Feb. 6th.	E.,	36.	234.	19.	
Sexagesima,	M.,	168.	4.	172.	
Feb. 13th.	E.,	274.	163.	30.	
Quinquesima,	M.,	210.	7.	217.	
Feb. 20th.	E.,	82.	297.	31.	
First Sunday in Lent,	M.,	92.	251.	244.	
Feb. 27th.	E.,	84.	90.	20.	

Notices as to Lent Preachers, Services, &c., will be issued in a special number for the holy season.

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NOTICE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ABOUT STONE THROWING.

A notice has been sent to the Managers of Schools on the danger of stone throwing in consequence of the death of an engine driver, who was killed by a stone thrown at a train while it was passing under a bridge.

It has been ascertained that School children are frequent offenders in such cases, and the Education Department request Managers of Schools to assist in "putting down a practice which so materially affects the interests of the public generally."

Happily for Englefield we have no railway running through the parish, so that our children are not tempted in this particular way, but it is by no means the only way in which mischief may be and is done by throwing stones, and we hope parents will also do what they can to caution their children against the habit, and teach them it is wrong to do what may be hurtful to other people.

SCHOOL INSPECTION.

The Bishop's Inspector of Schools in Religious Knowledge the (Rev. S. C. F. Angel-Smith) visited our School on Monday, February 21st, and made a very careful examination of the knowledge of the children in Bible and Prayer Book. His Report is as follows :—

"It is always a pleasure to examine this School where religious education is so thoroughly and conscientiously given, and in which the children show good knowledge, attention,

and reverence. The Infants are particularly bright and intelligent, and their answering was far above the average, among the best are Lily Horne, Edward Day, Arthur Worth, Wm. Tegg, Fred Huggins, Ida Rampton and Winifred Robinson.

Standards I., III.—In this class the written answers from the catechism were accurate and the spelling correct. Nearly all the children answered well in all subjects. The following distinguished themselves :—Edith Buckland, Ann Neville, Alice Day, Edith Bates, William Garlett, and Owen Wyatt.

Standards IV., VII.—A very full syllabus was prepared by this class and very considerable knowledge of it was shewn. In Old Testament, Acts of the Apostles and Litany, the answering was particularly good, while perhaps a little weakness was shewn in the knowledge of the Gospels. Tracey Wyatt and Hilda Harris who did very well being disqualified for the diocesan prize by having gained it on a former occasion, it was awarded to Charles Claydon, Edward Buckland and Rose Bates, and indeed the rest of the class acquitted themselves most creditably."

On the whole we may congratulate the School on Mr. Angel-Smith's Report, and we are glad also to have anything of a weak spot pointed out to us. We must see that he has not the opportunity of doing the same on a future occasion.

THE WORK OF LIFE.

There can be nothing more sobering than the truth that this life is a state of trial and probation for another. A serious person as soon as life as a whole is placed before him, must say to himself "What is this life for? What is its object? What is its end?" When he asks these questions and he is told that this life is a state of probation out of which it is intended that he shall come fitted for another, that seems to him . . . a reason sufficient to explain it . . . This general end of life as trial, is superior to all special

ends, and it is thus superior because the general end is also the individual end. It is the end which concerns the individual being, his spiritual condition, his ultimate prospects. It contains the highest and grandest ends to him, the only ends that are of any moment to him, it contains an eternal end, the reward of life everlasting.

J. B. MOZLEY, Sermon.

The Special Preachers during the month will be as follows—

- Tuesday, March 1st.—The Rev. P. H. DITCHFIELD,
Rector of Barkham.
- „ „ 8th.—The Rev. U. I. EASSON,
Assist. Curate of Stoke Poges.
- „ „ 15th.—The Rev. H. C. WILDER,
Rector of Farnham Royat.
- „ „ 22nd.—The Rev. H. LAST,
Vicar of Holy Trinity, Reading.
- „ „ 29th.—The Rev. G. G. SKIPWITH,
Assist. Curate of Mortimer.
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THE LENT SERVICES.

Some one has said to us that there are too many of these Lent Services. People do not want them and will not come. Now that is not we think altogether the question. The real question is “What can we do to make Lent a time of usefulness to the Parishioners?” It was meant to be a voice from God speaking to His people.

If some cannot come on one evening they may be able on the other, and we know that though only a few can come to Holy Communion on a week day; yet the Service is one in which above all Services we pray for others, and so these may be looked upon as an Intercession for the Parish, and those whose business forbids them to be present.

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

Second Sunday in Lent	...	M.,	93.	317.	107.	261.
		E.,	89.	88.	256.	25.
Third Sunday in Lent	...	M.,	94.	279.	250.	
		E.,	91.	284.	206.	25.
Fourth Sunday in Lent	...	M.,	184.	87.	86.	
		E.,	252.	164.	93.	25.
Fifth Sunday in Lent ...	...	M.,	96.	260.	183.	
Passion Sunday	...	E.,	95.	198.	263.	25.

Hymn 25 will be sung as a recessional instead of the verse which has usually been sung as the Choir left the Chancel.

Lent, 1898.

Once more the holy season of Lent has come to us, and we are invited by the Church to give ourselves a little more than usual to thought about God and our own souls, so that we may try and see how we stand as regards our doing His will, and our eternal happiness.

Some people take it for granted everything is well as regards these things and that they need not trouble about God or their souls.

Some people say everything is done for us and so look upon their salvation as though they need not do anything for themselves.

Some people put it away from them, they will attend to it some other time, not *now*.

I am asking you to take a little thought on these matters just now, while we are able.

Every year we have the same call made when Lent comes, and we have special Services and Sermons in the Church to help us to think rightly about God and His Will for us.

Shall we try each one to gain something in our religion this Lent, that Easter when it comes may find us ready to rejoice in our Lord's Victory over the grave and death.

Hear what God says :—

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”—*I. John*, i., 8.

“Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth.”—*Isaiah* xlv., 22.

“Come unto Me, all ye who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”—*S. Matthew* xi., 28.

SERVICES.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Holy Communion at 8.30.

Mattins and Communion Service at 11.

Evensong at 4.30

Litany and Sermon at 7 p.m.

On Wednesdays—Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.30.

SHORT SERVICE AND SERMON,

On Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

PREACHERS :—

March 1st.—THE REV. P. H. DITCHFIELD, Rector of Barkham.

„ 8th.—THE REV. U. I. EASSON, Assistant Curate of Stoke Poges.

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„ 22nd.—THE REV. H. LAST, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Reading.

„ 29th.—THE REV. G. G. SKIPWITH, Assistant Curate of Mortimer.

On Friday Evenings at 7 p.m., there will be a Short Service, to which all Members of S. Mark's Guild as well as any Communicants who may wish to become Members are especially invited—with Addresses on the following subjects : I.—“What we need for our religious life.” II.—“What stands in our way.” III.—“How to get what we need.” IV.—“What God wants of us.” V.—“What we must do.” VI.—“How we may do it.”

HOLY WEEK.

There will be a Short Service on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Evening at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m.

Service of the Passion at 2 p.m.

Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m.

WORKING PARTY.

Mrs. Benyon proposes to have the usual Working Party for Foreign Missions in the Long Gallery, on Thursday, at 2.30 ; and hopes that all who have been in the habit of attending during past years will come as usual.

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Last month we were able to put the Diocesan Inspector's Report on the state of Religious Education before our readers. This month we have H.M.'s Inspector's on the general condition, it is as follows :—

MIXED SCHOOL.—“The School is in a high condition of efficiency. The order is very good and the instruction sound and intelligent. Some apparatus for class teaching in Needlework is required.”

INFANTS' CLASS.—“The Infants are in very good order and the teaching is upon excellent methods. The appointment of a monitress would be a great benefit to the School.”

Miss C. A. Hill will receive her certificate in due course.

The Annual Parish Meeting for the Election of Parish Councillors took place at the School on Wednesday evening, March 16th, about fifteen parishioners were present. Mr. Benyon was voted to the chair, and having asked for nomination papers to be handed in, the following persons were after the usual interval declared by him to be duly elected Parish Councillors for the ensuing year—Thomas Dixon, James Bucknell, David Horne, Henry Horne, George S. Roake.

The Trustees of the Parish Charities presented the following Balance Sheet to the Meeting.

ENGLEFIELD APPRENTICE CHARITY.

BALANCE SHEET from March, 1897 to March, 1898.

1897.		RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
March 25.	To Balance in Bank	...	91	2	7
April 13.	Quarter's interest on Consols ...	...	4	9	4
July 20.	Ditto do.	...	4	9	4
Oct. 15.	Ditto do.	...	4	9	4
		Interest on £100 Deposit Savings Bank	2	10	3

1898.

Jan. 13.	Quarter's interest on Consols ..	4	9	4
March 1.	Rent of Land per J. H. Benyon, Esq.	7	10	0
		<u>£119 0 2</u>		

					PAYMENTS.			£	s.	d.
Expenditure Nil	...	..	...	...	...					
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	...	...	119	0	2		
						£119	0	2		

The Charity consists of £650 in Consols and 5 acres, 1 rod, and 14 poles of land in Theale meadow, rented by J. H. Benyon, Esq., at £7 10s. 0d. per annum. The total income from Capital account is £25 7s. 4d.

There is also £100 on Deposit in Reading Savings Bank. Interest—£2 10s. 3d.

The present Trustees are Rev. H. Savill Young and G. S. Roake.

The amount available for apprenticing boys or girls is £219 0s. 2d.

Pottinger's Charity consists of 40/- annually paid by J. H. Benyon, Esq., and distributed in bread on St. Thomas' Day.

MEETING OF THE BERKSHIRE LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF THE HOME MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

This gathering though not strictly parochial has a special interest for us, because Mrs. Benyon has been elected the President of the Berkshire Association in connection with the above-named Society. It took place at Englefield House on Wednesday, March 9th, and was held in the Drawing-room. A very considerable number of ladies and gentlemen from the neighbourhood met together on the occasion. At 3.30 p.m. the chair was taken by Mr. Benyon, who, Prayers having been said by the Rector, introduced the subject of the meeting to the audience in a few words, and called upon Mr. Boyle, who is one of the Secretaries from the London office of the Society to address them.

Mr. Boyle began by describing what was the character of the work which the Society had to do. He spoke of his own experience as a clergyman in what we know as the Black Country, where great numbers of men and women are employed in manufacturies in the iron trades, and in getting up the coal for us out of the earth. He spoke of the great need there was of helping the clergy who have to do the work of the Church in those parts, because the population has increased so largely, while the richer people, who have the means of helping in such matters, have in many cases moved away to live in more pleasant places.

After Mr. Boyle, the Rev. S. York, who is Secretary to the Society for the Diocese of Oxford, gave same account of his experience in the manufacturing parts of Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire, and with a few more words from Mr. Benyon the Meeting closed. We may not individually be able to do much for this Society or help its work, but it is well that the story which its speakers bring to us, should remind us of the duty of trying to do what we can, as well as to appreciate.

the blessings of our own parish Church and its services, and surely as God has given us blessings so far in advance of those which are to be found in those less favoured districts, He will ask for so much more from us than from them. "To whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required."

THE OFFERTORY.

The Collections on Easter Day will be given to the Home Missions of the Church of England.

Collections for Church Expenses will be made on the first Sundays in the months of May and October.

HOLY WEEK.

Mattins and Evensong will be said daily in Holy Week at 10.30 a.m., and 4.30 p.m. There will be no Service in the Evening.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m.
Service of the Passion at 2 p.m.
Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m.

EASTER DAY.

1st Celebration of the Holy Eucharist	7.30
2nd Celebration of the Holy Eucharist	8.30
Mattins and 3rd (Choral)	11 a.m.
Litany	3.30
Evensong and Sermon	6 p.m.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Palm Sunday		M., 98.	106.	110.
		E., 99.	108.	27.
Good Friday		M., 109.		
		A., 114.	105.	Story of the Cross.
		E., 122.	107.	123.

HYMNS—(*continued*).

Easter Day	...	...	M., 135.	128.	312.	316.
			E., Anthem.		132.	137.
Low Sunday	...	...	M., 135.	133.	136.	
			E., 134.	128.	137.	
2nd Sunday after Easter...			M., 197.	140.	302.	
			E., 410.	439.	436.	

REGISTER FOR THE QUARTER.

BAPTISMS.

February 6th.—Edith Emily Rous.

,, William George Arlett.

MARRIAGES.

January 15th.—Egbert George Allen and Ellen Louise Cross.

BURIALS.

January 29th.—Henry Fisher, aged 79 years.

,, Walter Haines, aged 31 years.

February 10th.—Martha Davies, aged 63 years.

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MAY, 1898.

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EASTER DAY.

Our Church looked very bright and beautiful this Easter Day. If possible there was even a greater wealth of flowers than usual. And the pulpit struck us particularly as looking more dressed than ever, with its splendid array of Arum lilies.

The Services were the same as in past years, and as we had the advantage of the help of Mr. Sealy from Reading, all were over in good time, and the confusion which was troublesome at the Celebration of the Holy Communion last year was avoided. On the whole, the music, etc., went very well. We wish we could induce one or two of the old Members of the Choir, boys who have become men, that is, to join again, so as to fill up the vacant seats.

The number of Communicants was not quite so large as last year, and we thought there ought to have been more men at the Celebrations, it is very sad to see any neglect the invitation of their Saviour to His Table, at this great Feast of the Christian year. What strange indifference it seems as we think over it, and remember the love and dignity of Him who bids us to come, and the inestimable benefit which belongs to the privilege He offers.

THE EASTER VESTRY.

The Annual Vestry for the appointment of Churchwardens was held at the Church as usual on Easter Monday.

There were present, besides the Rector, J. H. Benyon, Esq., and Messrs. Roake, Palmer, Coombes and Vince.

The notice calling the meeting having been read, the accounts of the Churchwardens for the past year were produced and passed, and the usual voluntary rate of 1d. in the pound was made for the ensuing year.

Mr. Benyon was appointed the Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Roake was re-elected Parish Churchwarden.

Messrs. Coombes, Todd, Palmer, and Dyer were re-appointed Sidesmen.

(Communicated by Mrs. Benyon).

OUR LENT WORKING PARTY.

I am sure the kind Workers of our Lent Working Party will be glad to hear that we made 244 garments, all of which I think were most useful. We have sent parcels to S. Saviour's, Haggerston; Guys Hospital; Rochester; Ladies Association for the poor in South London; The Deaconesses Home, Mildmay Park; and 40 garments to Central Africa; the frock to Mbweni, and the Kisibaws to Magila.

I have received grateful thanks from all, it may interest you to hear the two following letters:—

The Mother from S. Saviour's writes—"I am writing to thank you most truly for the delightful collection of garments you have so kindly sent. They will be a great help and I trust you will be kind enough to convey our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped in the work." and Miss Duncombe from the Deaconess House, writes—"The beautiful box of clothes arrived safely and I wish you and all the kind Workers could have seen the delight of the Deaconesses in having them to take to their various Missions, they are being given away at once and will bring joy to many hearts and homes. We all thank you and all of you, and all who helped, very much indeed."

THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The past season of the Club seems to have been in all ways most successful. The various contests have been carried out with fully sustained interest, and we here subjoin a list of the names of the winners :

Whist—Messrs. W. Holloway and R. Long ; Double Cribbage—Messrs. J. M. Young and J. Claydon ; Single Cribbage — Mr. F. Howard ; Don — Mr. J. Claydon ; Draughts—Mr. F. Howard ; Dominoes—Mr. J. Abery ; Bagatelle—i., (Cannon and holes) Mr. C. Cox ; ii., (Cannon) Mr. R. Mountford ; iii. (All Balls) Mr. E. Cottrell ; Billiard Handicap—Mr. F. Howard ; Chess—Mr. C. Cox.

As regards the Tournaments played against other Clubs in the neighbourhood, the past season has been the most successful which our Club has known since its institution, having won out and home matches against Mortimer and Burghfield, the home match also against St. Mary's, Reading, ended in a victory for Englefield. While the return game at Reading resulted in defeat. On the whole we think we may congratulate ourselves on our successes, and look forward with confidence to the future.

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

A Meeting of the Members of the Englefield Habitation took place in the Long Gallery on Thursday, April 21st.

In the absence of a Ruling Councillor, the Chair was taken by Capt. Sharp. Capt. Sharp opened the business of the Meeting by proposing that Mr. Benyon be elected Ruling Councillor, which was carried unanimously, and Mr. Benyon then became Chairman of the Meeting. Mrs. Benyon was then elected Dame President, Mr. Harrison Secretary, and Mr. Roake Treasurer.

An address on the past and present position of the League was then delivered by Mr. Lane Fox, shewing the wonderful increase which had taken place in its numbers

since its original formation, and the great influence which it had exercised at the polling booths in the subsequent elections.

Mr. Benyon also addressed the Meeting and thanked Mr. Lane Fox for coming down to speak to them.

Afterwards a most interesting and amusing entertainment followed. This consisted first of a Cinemetrographic display accompanied by suitable music, this was succeeded by a Musical Sketch given by Mr. Griffith Humphreys, and a succession of Animated Photographs concluded a delightful and pleasant evening. Finally the gathering separated after singing "God Save the Queen," and giving three hearty cheers for Mr. Benyon.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

First Sunday,	M.,	411.	439.	312.	316.
May 1st.	E.,	446.	445.	436.	
Second Sunday,	M.,	202.	232.	179.	
May 8th.	E.,	178ii.	197.	27.	
Third Sunday,	M.,	143.	245.	247.	
May 15th.	E.,	248.	246.	21.	
Ascension	M.,	147.	217.	150.	
Day.	E.,	147.	301.	30.	
Fourth Sunday,	M.,	147.	150.	301.	
May 22nd.	E.,	304.	149.	148.	
Whit-Sunday,	M.,	207.	156.	312.	315.
May 29th.	E.,	152.	210.	154.	

COLLECTIONS.

First Sunday.	Church Expenses.
Second Sunday.	General Purposes.
Third Sunday.	General Purposes.
Fourth Sunday.	General Purposes.
Fifth Sunday.	General Purposes.

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JUNE, 1898.

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EASTER MONDAY DANCE.

We were obliged to hold over our notice of this popular gathering at the Club, as our notes were filled up last month. We were not present ourselves, but from the report which has reached us through a Member of the Committee, we are glad to be able to say that it seems to have been fully as popular as in former years, and that the interest in these entertainments grows rather than diminishes as times goes on. The arrangements on all points appear to have been thoroughly satisfactory and a most enjoyable evening was provided for all who attended.

THE CHURCHYARD.

We have been very sorry to learn that a complaint has been made as to the destruction of some little shrubs and flowers, which had been placed on one of the graves in the Churchyard.

It is difficult to understand how any one could be so careless of the feelings and affection of those who seek in such ways to bear witness to their love for their departed relatives and friends. We should like to think it was done by some of the strangers who now and then visit our Parish, and not the act of any of our neighbours. At all events it is to be hoped that such a disgraceful thing will not happen again, or strong steps may have to be taken to prevent what is an outrage on all good and kindly feeling, both as regards the living and the dead.

ASCENSION DAY.

We have celebrated this great Festival of the Church once more in its accustomed manner in this Parish. And it was good to see the Congregation at the time of the Morning Service in the Church, and hear the voices joining in the hearty Service. It was not an attractive evening to bring people out of their homes, but still we wish a few more of those not present in the morning might have found their way to the Church, to keep the Festival in some sort, and show that in their hearts they realised all that the opening of the way into Heaven by our Lord and Saviour means for His people in the world, the assurance of the hope we live by, that where He is, there may His servants be.

THE BELLRINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Englefield Branch of the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers was held in the Vestry on Wednesday, May 18th.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

The Members of the Belfry of the Parish were then settled and appointed by the Rector, as follows :—W. Vince, foreman ; James Abery, Alfred Lamperd, George Abery, Robert Moore, William Rabbitts, John Thame, and William Lamperd ; in addition to these the following Members of the Guild are resident in the Parish :—John Abery, F. W. Pocock, and Edward Cottrell.

Henry Morland and Alfred Thame are also reckoned as probationary Members of the Belfry.

CRICKET.

The regular Cricket season has re-opened with the month of May, and our Englefield Club has once more published a good card of Matches for the Summer.

Three have already taken place, in the first which was at Englefield on Saturday, the 7th inst., we were victorious over the Bucklebury Fireside Club by 4 runs. On the following Saturday our team journeyed to Goring and we regret to say, were defeated by 72 runs. While on Saturday the 21st, when they met the Reading Biscuit Factory on our own ground, Englefield was again beaten on the first innings by 66 runs.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Trinity Sunday	...	M., 163.	317.	312.	316.
		E., 160.	164.	22.	
1st Sunday after Trinity		M., 161.	210.	290.	
		E., 281.	236.	23.	
2nd Sunday after Trinity		M., 165.	290.	231.	
		E., 298.	282.	27.	
3rd Sunday after Trinity		M., 247.	269.	240.	
		E., 276.	260.	21.	

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JULY, 1898.

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THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

A considerable addition is about to be made to the Library, amounting in all to over 60 volumes.

Some of them have been purchased under the direction of a Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose by the Committee of the Club, and the remainder consists of books originally meant for the School Library, but which are found in practice to be not suitable for the children, and have been therefore handed over by the managers to the authorities of the Club.

Considerable care has been taken in the choice of the books which comprise works of very different sorts, some of fiction, and these on the whole comprise the larger portion, while there are several also of a scientific or technical character, which will be found suited to some other classes of readers.

This selection of books fills up the pages of the present catalogue and it will be a matter of consideration for the Committee, whether a new list of the whole Library should be now made and printed, and we think this should be done before any further additions are made.

We may also mention that a gift of books has been made to the Club by Mr. Harrison of Theale.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Club has been busy during the past month. Five matches have been played since our last issue and Englefield has suffered defeat on one occasion only. The matches played are as follows:—with Swallowfield on May 28th, which was drawn against us; with Evans O'Donnell and Co. on Whitsun Monday, which was drawn owing to the weather; on June 4th, we played the Aldermaston Cricket Club, and won by 89 runs; June 11th, our match was against Silchester, which was won by 21 runs; and on the 18th, we defeated Mortimer by 36.

On the whole we think our Club may be congratulated on having so far done well.

CHURCH GOING.

“Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.” Hebrews, x., 25.

So speaks God in His Holy Word about Church going, and yet how many people never go to Church. How wrong and sad it seems. What do we go to Church for? the right reason is that we may seek His Presence, that as Christian people, we may together pray to Him and praise His Name.

As Christian people we are all united in Jesus Christ, we are knit together in the Mystical Body of Christ our Lord, we are acting on this thought and in this spirit when we come together at the Holy Communion.

We show our desire to live in accordance with this which is His Will for us, whenever we come to join one with another in the services of His House.

Then some one says “Oh I can say my prayers at home, I can read my Bible at home,” Yes, but all the while you will be leaving undone what God has told you to do, you are defying God and disregarding His commands. You are acting as if you had no care for His love, Who has promised specially to be with His people in their gathering together in His Name. Three services in the Church every Sunday,

three times the bell rings out God's call to you to come, and how many turn so lightly, so carelessly away. What account shall we give of our waste of these times and opportunities in the day of His appearing?

REGISTER FOR THE QUARTER.

BAPTISMS.

Feb. 6th.—Edith Emily Rouse.
 „ 6th.—William George Arlett.
 May 8th.—Albert Ernest Horne.
 „ 29th.—George Atbara Somerville.
 Edith Amy Allen.

MARRIAGE.

June 15th.—Egbert George Allen and Ellen Louisa Cross.

BURIALS.

Jan. 29th.—Henry Fisher, aged 79 years.
 „ 31st.—Walter Haines, aged 31 years.
 Feb. 10th.—Martha Davies, aged 63 years.
 May 23rd.—Hannah Dixon, aged 62 years.
 June 25th.—Matilda Horne, aged 80 years.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

4th Sunday after Trinity	M., 254.	317.	321.	107.
	E., 273.	222.	26.	
5th Sunday after Trinity	M., 214.	280.	196.	
	E., 261.	165.	31.	
6th Sunday after Trinity	M., 269.	178 i.	271.	
	E., 263.	193.	24.	
7th Sunday after Trinity	M., 200.	279.	179.	
	E., 270.	235.	27.	
8th Sunday after Trinity	M., 197.	219.	265.	
	E., 191.	242.	20.	

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No. 152.

AUGUST, 1898.

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CHOIR EXCURSION.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Benyon our Choir Excursion came off as in former years on Monday, July 4th.

We had our breakfast and started from Englefield about 5 a.m., and found our train ready and waiting at the L. & S.W. Railway Terminus at Reading.

No one minds the journey in the bright air of the morning, when everyone is fresh and jolly, and all the anticipations of the day at the seaside are before us, and the hours soon ran away, and before we had realised how fast they were flying, we found ourselves at Brighton.

In these days when everyone knows everything and must have seen it, it is quite unnecessary to describe the different amusements of the beach and the pier, and the streets of Brighton. There was plenty of all kinds to amuse all sorts and kinds of minds and inclinations. Nothing better than the beauties of Nature herself in sea and sky, for we had a perfect day as regards the weather.

Soon it was dinner time, and the Rector met us at Booth's, where our meal was laid, and good appetites did hearty justice to the beef and pudding and tarts set before us in plenty on the tables.

Then we went out once more and filled up our afternoon with pier and steamboat and all the little delights and entertainments of the shore, till Tea-time came and found us once more ready and hungry at Mr. Booth's hospitable establishment, doing full justice to tea and bread and butter and cake and jam.

So all too soon our happy day of holiday making was over, and we once more found our way back to the station, and then the hours were short before we were once more at our own homes in Englefield again.

The railway arrangements were capitally carried out and there were no tedious delays upon the journey. The train reaching Reading in good time, and our brake awaiting us we were at Englefield by 11 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed our day, and very very grateful to Mr. Benyon's kindness who had provided for us so pleasant an "outing."

THE BELL RINGERS' GUILD.

This Diocesan Meeting took place at Maidenhead this year. The Church being All Saints, Boyne Hill, and our Ringers were present on the occasion and thoroughly enjoyed a most satisfactory and pleasant meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Bishop has issued his usual pastoral letter on behalf of the Diocesan Organizations and this year asks his people to make collections in the Churches for the Diocesan Board of Education.

Most of us are aware that this Organization is the oldest of all the Diocesan Societies, having now been at work for the last sixty years.

It endeavours to help forward these objects by arranging for the Inspection and Examination of the various Schools in the Diocese, which are connected with the Church of England, with a view to promoting a high standard of Religious Instruction, and it also makes grants according to its power in aid of local efforts to build the Schools needed by the increasing population, and provide School material such as Books, &c.

It also assists the Training Schools for Masters and Mistresses, and provides for the Examination of Pupil Teachers in religious knowledge.

Generally speaking it may be said that the Society endeavours in all ways to promote throughout the Diocese a true standard of Religious Education, in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

We are obliged to hold over till next month the report of a Lecture on Mission Work in Central Africa given in the Long Gallery by Miss Berkeley.

ENGLEFIELD CRICKET CLUB.

Since the last issue 6 matches have been played with the result that 2 have been won, 3 lost and 1 drawn. On June 25th, we were beaten by Reading College by 17 runs; July 2nd, the game with Bucklebury Fireside ended in a very even draw; On July 9th, Thames Bank Ironworks were the victors by 78 runs; On July 14th, we were most decisively beaten by Mr. Steel's XI. (Bradfield College) by 125 runs. Mr. E. L. Richardson for the winners had much to do with this victory. Going in first he was not dismissed till he had made a bright and vigorous 83. The last two matches have been won, against Biscuit Factory by 16 runs and Goring by 32. The chief features of the match against Goring was the batting of Leslie Todd (44) and A. Lamperd (29 not out). Church was very successful in bowling, for going on to bowl a second time, he captured 5 wickets for 2 runs.

HYMNS.

9th Sunday after Trinity	M., 282.	315.	312.	107.
	E., 190.	161.	17.	
10th Sunday after Trinity	M., 247.	210.	221.	
	E., 226.	166.	22.	
11th Sunday after Trinity	M., 255.	256.	106.	
	E., 267.	224.	183.	
12th Sunday after Trinity	M., 198.	222.	240.	
	E., 217.	281.	301.	

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SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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On Friday, July 29th, too late to be inserted in our last issue, we had a most interesting Meeting in the Long Gallery, when all who had attended the Working Parties in Lent were invited by Mrs. Benyon to hear an address from Miss Berkeley, giving an account of her work in the Usambasa Countries which, no doubt, our readers are well aware, lies on the East Coast of Africa.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rector, who then introduced the Speaker, as one of the first Lady Missionaries to go to the work of the Society at Zanzibar.

In the course of her lecture Miss Berkeley described many of the details of the work and specially how much had to be done for the native children, to whose benefit her labours had been chiefly directed, and very painful were the stories which she had to narrate of the treatment many of these had undergone before they were rescued and came into the hands of the authorities.

A great many of us are perhaps living in the belief that the Slave trade which a generation or so back was spoken of with so much horror, as its surroundings were made known to the public mind, is a thing altogether of the past, and so far as European nations are concerned this is indeed happily the case, but among the Arabs the trade still exists, in spite of the efforts of our sailors to put an end to it.

Slave dealers still bring their wretched captives down to the coast and endeavour to smuggle them over the sea to the markets at Pemba and Zanzibar, while the English vessels are on the watch endeavouring to prevent them from doing so, and to rescue the unfortunate people from their misery.

Miss Berkeley told us of one particular case in which the Captain of the Slaver declared that his cargo consisted of sacks of earth, and, when in spite of his opposition the hold of his vessel was opened and search made, it was found to contain sacks indeed, but these held not mere dust of the earth, but little native children of about eighteen months old, who were being carried in this manner to be sold into slavery.

How many of these poor little ones could have survived the terrible character of such a voyage it is difficult to imagine, but this one case may suffice to show us how much of human misery and ignorance of truth has to be combatted and done away with in those parts of the world.

This was not by any means the only story which Miss Berkeley had to tell us of the evils attendant on the reign of heathenism in the regions of Africa. Some even exceeding in horror that which we have just described, and we trust that all felt a more earnest desire to do anything in our power, however small it might seem in itself to lessen this great sum of human sorrow.

Her address was illustrated by a number of Photographs which were handed round for our inspection at the end of the Meeting, and when this was over we all sat down to Tea which Mrs. Benyon had most kindly provided for us, and those who were happy enough to be near Miss Berkeley were able to listen to more talk about Mission work and we trust that all of us went home freshly stirred to make new efforts for its furtherance.

NURSING LECTURES.

A course of six Lectures on the nursing of sick people and the care of health in our homes will be given in the Long Gallery at Englefield House on the Monday in each week, beginning with Monday, September 12th, at 2.30 p.m. by the kind arrangements of Mrs. Benyon.

They are intended chiefly for Wives and Mothers and it is hoped that as many as possible of these will try and attend. The Subjects will be 1—Good Health, &c. ; 2—Personal care of Health ; 3—Causes of Fever ; 4—Broken Limbs and how to Stop Bleeding, &c. ; 5—Loss of Consciousness, &c. ; 6—Rheumatism, &c.

NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The School re-assembles for work on Monday, September 5th. It is hoped all the children will remember the date and put in a punctual attendance.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

It is proposed (D.V.) that the Harvest Thanksgiving should be on the same lines as in past years.

On Sunday, September 4th, we shall have our Festival, the services being the same as usual for the first Sunday in the month, with the addition of a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8.30.

On Wednesday, September 7th, there will be a Special Thanksgiving Service at 11 a.m., when a Sermon will be preached by the Rev. P. H. Eliot, Rector of Slough. The offerings will be given as usual to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

After the Service there will be dinner for men in the Long Gallery at 12.30, and tea for the women and children at 5 p.m.

Other details for the day will be made known in due course.

S. MARK'S GUILD.

The Rector will be glad if those who are interested in the renewal of S. Mark's Guild and its Meetings in the Parish will attend a Meeting on Sunday, September 25th, in the Church at 3.30 p.m.

 HYMNS.

13th Sunday after Trinity	M.,	381.	315.	322.	107.
	E.,	Anthem		382.	386.
14th Sunday after Trinity	M.,	270.	235.	221.	
	E.,	219.	194.	274.	
15th Sunday after Trinity	M.,	215.	214.	353.	
	E.,	281.	265.	269.	
16th Sunday after Trinity	M.,	217.	274.	190.	
	E.,	179.	297.	355.	

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OCTOBER, 1898.

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HARVEST HOME.

We held our Harvest Festival in Englefield in the old way this year. It began with Sunday, September 4th, when in addition to the usual services there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8.30, at which a considerable number of our people attended. We wish there had been more, when shall we learn to look upon this as the great service of Christian praise and thanksgiving to Our Father in Heaven?

The Church was as usual very beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit and other offerings of the products of the ground, corn and grapes and apples and many sorts of vegetables being all spread out as specimens of the gifts which God has sent us. Fruit of the earth which God has given in answer to our labour and our prayers.

Then on Wednesday, September 7th, we had our week-day Festival. We began with a service at 11 A.M. in the Parish Church, which as usual at such times was filled with a congregation chiefly of men. The Rev. P. H. Eliot, Rector of Slough, preached to us on the words of St. Paul, "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." And pointed out to us that as we saw in the harvest ingathering the results of long and patient work and waiting, so in our life towards God and our way to Heaven, we were working on in faith and patience, slowly and painfully in prayer, and use of the holy Sacraments of the Church to our full perfection as God's children.

The collections at the end of the service, together with those on the Sunday, were given to the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading, and amounted to £59 13s. 8d.

When the service was over we moved on to the Long Gallery at Englefield House, and everyone was soon in

his place at the two long tables covered with substantial supplies of beef and ham and other necessary accompaniments, which soon made way for good old-fashioned English plum pudding, and when these too had disappeared, there followed the usual toasts. Mr. Benyon proposed the Queen, which we drank with all loyalty. Next the Rector proposed the health of the Squire. "The right man in the right place," which was drunk with right hearty goodwill, and any amount of cheering. Then in a few kind words Mr. Benyon proposed "the Rector," who briefly returned thanks.

After this came the long business of the distribution of prizes for the Cottage Garden Show, which seemed to us a very good one considering the long dry summer we have gone through.

The list of the prize winners will be found below.

When this was over we moved out into the park, and various games and races amused the children, while with these a new phase of the day's work began. Mrs. Benyon with Mrs. Rooke and Miss Benyon and others to assist her, presided in a tent distributing prizes and presents to the winners of the various races for old and young, and we think all the school children winners or no got something.

Here, too, came a very pleasant little addition to our party in the shape of the children from the workhouse, who had been brought over from Bradfield under the care of their teachers, and seemed very happy in their "outing."

It was hot work running races and hot work too for Mr. Benyon, who, with the assistance of Messrs. Todd, Roake, Palmer, &c., worked hard at the organisation and management of the afternoon's proceedings. These ended with the usual "Tug of War," in which the Timber Yard was once more successful.

At 5 P.M. there was a substantial tea in the Long Gallery, where in the old way, the women and children were entertained by Mrs. Benyon.

And after this, there was an evening party for many of the villagers, while others enjoyed the harmony of a Smoking Concert at the Club, both of which were kept up till a late hour, and then Englefield Harvest Home for 1898 was a thing of the past.

PRIZES.—LABOURERS.

BEST CULTIVATED GARDEN.—John Abery, 1; Edward Morland, 2; David Elliott, 3.

BEST COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES.—John Abery, 1; Edward Morland, 2; William Cox, 3.

POTATOES (KIDNEY).—Henry Bates, 1; William Day, 2; Edward Morland, 3; Edward Lamperd, extra.

POTATOES (ROUND).—Thomas Huggins, 1; John Thame, 2; Edward Lamperd, 3.

CABBAGES.—George Neighbour, 1; William Stocker, 2; Henry Groves and James Martin, 3 (equal).

ONIONS.—John Abery, 1; James Martin, 2; George Neighbour, 3.

RUNNER BEANS.—David Brill, 1; George Rabbits, 2; William Fowler, 3.

CARROTS (LONG).—John Abery, 1; Edward Lamperd, 2; James Martin, 3.

CARROTS (SHORT).—Edward Lamperd, 1; none, 2; none, 3.

TURNIPS.—Edward Morland, 1; David Elliott, 2; Harry Bates, 3.

PARSNIPS.—John Abery, 1; Edward Lamperd, 2; Edward Morland, 3.

MARROWS.—Charles Fisher, 1; John Morris, 2; George Neighbour, 3.

MECHANICS.

BEST CULTIVATED GARDEN.—John Hayes, 1; Charles Cox, 2; Henry J. Horne, 3.

BEST COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES.—Charles Cox, 1; none, 2; none, 3.

POTATOES (KIDNEY).—William Leaver, 1; Henry J. Horne, 2; none, 3.

POTATOES (ROUND).—James Cox, 1; Charles Cox, 2; Henry Martin, 3.

CABBAGES.—Henry J. Horne, 1; John Lawrence, 2; William Leaver, 3.

ONIONS.—Charles Cox, 1; Henry J. Horne, 2; Henry Martin, 3.

RUNNER BEANS.—Henry J. Horne, 1; none, 2; none, 3.

CARROTS (LONG).—Charles Cox, 1; none, 2; Henry J. Horne, 3.

TURNIPS.—John Lawrence, 1; James Cox, 2; none, 3.

PARSNIPS.—James Cox, 1; Henry Martin, 2; Henry J. Horne, 3.

MARROWS.—Charles Cox, 1; John Lawrence, 2; Henry J. Horne, 3.

WILD FLOWERS (BOYS).—Stephen Clayden, 1; Owen Wyatt, 2; Alfred Horne, 3.

WILD FLOWERS (GIRLS).—Annie Allen, 1; Amy Neville, 2; Emily Horne, 3.

FOR COLLECTION OF QUEEN WASPS.—S. Brown, 1; Edward Cottrell, 2.

ST. MARK'S GUILD.

A meeting of the Guild was held in the Parish Church on Sunday, September 25th, at 3.30 p.m.

About 35 members in all came together, and we rejoiced that so many were able to be present.

The Office of the Guild was said, and a short address given on "Faith as the foundation and first step in a religious life."

Subject to any alteration that may be suggested by the members, of which due notice will be given, the next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.

HYMNS.

17th Sunday after Trinity	M., 273.	315.	322.	107.
	E., 403.	184.	20.	
18th Sunday after Trinity	M., 248.	202.	165.	
	E., 217.	268.	219.	
19th Sunday after Trinity	M., 207.	213.	271.	
	E., 193.	200.	302.	
20th Sunday after Trinity	M., 298.	290.	172.	
	E., 282.	166.	23.	
21st Sunday after Trinity	M., 291.	270.	306.	
	E., 222.	229.	427.	

OFFERTORY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING [SEPT. 30TH.

	£	s.	d.
General Purposes	...	7	7 8
Oxford Diocesan Board of Education	...	6	1 1
Royal Berkshire Hospital	...	59	13 8
Total	...	£73	2 5

LOCAL SHEET.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

						RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	...		0	0	4		
Honorary Members' Subscriptions				...	...		5	8	6		
36 Ordinary Members at 1/-		...	...	...	...		2	14	0		
6 " "		1/-	...	...	...		0	6	0		
7 Badges Sold at 6d.		...	...	...	...		0	3	6		
Donation from President	...	...	...	...	...		2	7	2		
							£10	19	6		

EXPENDITURE.						£	s.	d.
Perry & Cox (Bats, Balls, &c.) ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	12	3
J. Claydon, Erecting Tent, 13 at 2/6 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	6
„ Repairing Bats, Pads, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	0
1 Receipt Book ...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	6
Deficiency on Brakes—Goring, 5/-; Swallowfield, 6/-; Mortimer, 6/-; Bucklesbury, 9/-; Biscuit Factory, 7/6; Thames Bank, 11/-; Newbury, 6/9; Aldermaston, 7/-						2	18	3
Postages, 6/4; Telegrams, 8d. ...	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0
Average Bat ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
						£10 19 6		

The Secretary then read the Annual Report. Twenty matches were played during the season, with the result that 8 were won, 9 lost, and 3 drawn. One match was scratched by Newbury Institute, when our team were on the ground ready to commence play. The averages for the best 7 innings were—W. Leaver, 17·4; G. C. Rudd, 17·1; A. Lamperd, 15·8; W. Lamden, 15·2; C. West, 13·2; W. H. Duckett, 13·1; and J. G. Taylor, 11·5.

The best bowling averages are :

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV.
E. West ...	07·3	11	149	21	7
J. Church ...	132·4	32	260	36	7·2
J. G. Taylor ...	234·3	61	508	55	9·2
W. H. Duckett ...	29	4	78	8	9·7
A. Lamperd ...	34	2	92	8	11·5
A. E. Robinson ...	68	12	152	13	11·6

The Club beat Bucklebury Fireside, Aldermaston, Silchester, Biscuit Factory, Goring, Swallowfield, Newbury Institute, and Whitchurch once each; were beaten twice by Mortimer and Thames Bank Ironworks, and once each by Goring, Biscuit Factory, Aldermaston, Reading College, and Mr. Steel's XI. (Bradfield College), and drew one match each with Swallowfield, Bucklebury Fireside, and Evans, O'Donnell & Co. A vote of thanks were given to the President, for allowing the club the use of the ground, to the Treasurer for giving tea to visiting teams, and to J. Claydon and Mr. Roake for attentions to the ground. After the meeting the Members adjourned to the Workmen's

Club where a very successful Smoking Concert was held, Mr. A. E. Robinson ably presiding at the piano. Mr. J. G. Taylor was Chairman, and songs were contributed by Messrs. T. Bucknell, J. C. Todd, G. Johnson, G. C. Rudd, W. Leaver, F. Bray, A. E. Robinson, J. G. Taylor, T. Shipton, M. Allen, F. Cox, A. Cox, F. Pocock, W. Gilby, W. H. Duckett, A. Harrison, W. Allen, J. Fitzpatrick, F. Shennan, and W. Carpenter.

THE WORKMAN'S CLUB.

The first Dance of the season took place in the Workman's Club on October 19th. About 100 were present and a programme of 18 dances was gone through. Mr. V. Rivers ably presided at the piano and at times he was accompanied by Mr. Fred Cox (violin). All the arrangements were made by the Sub-Committee (Messrs. J. Tegg, R. Moore, and G. Taylor), and a splendid floor was prepared by Mr. Claydon.

The next Club Dance is announced for 23rd November.

The next Smoking Concert has been arranged for the 9th of November.

The following Inter-Club Games and Tournaments have been arranged :

Against S. Mary's Institute, Reading, at Englefield, on October 29th. The return match will be played at Reading, at a date to be fixed.

Against Burghfield at Englefield on Wednesday, December 7th. The return match to be played at Burghfield, on February 8th, 1899.

The usual Home Games Tournament will be carried on as in previous years.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Miss Theakstone and Miss Morten have been appointed Assistant Mistresses in our Schools, in the place of the Misses Hill.

THE ADVENT SEASON.

Advent commences with the last Sunday in the month, bidding us to preparation for our Christmas Festival, and also with the solemn reminder of the flight of time, and its call to Christians to watchfulness and prayer, as it speaks of the Second Coming of our Lord "In His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead." Mattins will be said daily during the holy season at the usual time.

HYMNS.

22nd Sunday after Trinity	M., 221.	317.	316.	107.
	E., 165.	248.	257.	
23rd Sunday after Trinity	M., 197.	202.	274.	
	E., 108.	176.	182.	
24th Sunday after Trinity	M., 217.	245.	219.	
	E., 290.	260.	178iii.	
Advent Sunday	M., 51.	268.	362.	
	E., 47.	50.	48.	

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 156.

DECEMBER, 1898.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

ENGLEFIELD CLUB.

The second Smoking Concert of the season took place in the Club-room on November 9th. A very enjoyable evening was spent, although not a great number were present. The following contributed songs—Messrs. H. Smith, M. Allen, W. Leaver, W. Rabbits, G. Johnson, A. E. Robinson, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Standidge, W. Smythe, C. Fisher, W. Carpenter, J. G. Taylor, G. Rabbits, and F. Cox. Mr. J. Tegg gave a recitation, and Messrs. F. Cox and S. Clayden, a violin duet. Mr. A. E. Robinson ably presided at the piano, Mr. G. Johnson was chairman, and Mr. J. M. Young, vice-chairman. The concert was finished with votes of thanks to the Pianist, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Caretaker, and the National Anthem was sung.

The first of the season's series of inter-club games and tournaments took place in the Englefield Club Room on the evening of Saturday, October 29th, when our visitors were the members of the St. Mary's Institute at Reading.

Eighteen games were played and resulted after a close struggle in a victory for Englefield by one point only.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

A general Meeting of this Club was held on Friday, October 21st.

The following members were present: Mr. Taylor in the Chair, Messrs. Robinson, Bray, Wilder, Fulford, Lamberd, Brown, Fitzpatrick, J. Vince, Cottrell, Clayden, &c.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read, and a financial statement for the year 1897-98 was produced, shewing receipts amounting to £1 19s. 6d. with an expenditure of £1 9s. 11½d., leaving a balance of 9s. 6½d., in the hands of the Treasurer.

A resolution proposing to resuscitate the Club for the season of 1898-99 was carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected : J. H. Benyon, Esq., President ; Rev. H. Savill Young, Treasurer ; Mr. A. E. Robinson, Hon. Sec. ; Mr. Fulford, Captain ; Mr. J. G. Taylor, Sub-Captain ; Messrs. Bray, Lamperd, Clayden, Cottrell, F. Cox, and M. Cox, a Committee.

The arrangement of matches, &c., was left in the hands of the Captain and Hon. Secretary.

Some other matters of detail connected with the coming season were discussed and arranged.

CONFIRMATION.

The Rector has received the Bishop's notice of a Confirmation which he will hold at Englefield, on Sunday, February 12th. People who wish to be confirmed should let the Rector have their names as soon as possible that he may arrange to help them in their preparation, and in due course give them their cards of presentation.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Annual Sermon on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, will be preached on Sunday, December 4th, at the Morning Service, by the Rev. C. J. Machin, a Missionary of the Society from North America, and there will be a collection for the Society also at the Evening Service.

By the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon, a Meeting on behalf of the Society will be held in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, on Monday, December 5th, at 7 p.m., when Mr. Machin will give an Address descriptive of the Society's work and needs.

The Rector will be glad if all who have Missionary boxes belonging to the Society will send them in to him not later than Saturday, December 3rd.

CHRISTMAS.

The holy season of the Birth of Our Redeemer is approaching, and we are called once more to rejoice over the Coming upon earth and reign of The Prince of Peace.

"He shall speak Peace unto His people," was the prophecy of the old time. "Peace on earth, Goodwill toward Men," was the song of the herald Angels on the first Christmas morning.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," is the Benediction of the Prince Himself.

We cannot stop the animosities, the surgings, the strife of tongues which in matters of the world's life, and the life of religion also, are so ready to break out, and are so carelessly set going and so easily worked up among men.

We cannot put an end to anger and injustice, and jealousy, and prejudice, and ignorance, and covetousness, and such things must make for strife and bitterness, but we can try for our own part to be free from them and so do something for peaceableness one with another.

When Christmas comes we can endeavour to have so made ready for it by our Advent thoughts and prayers, that it may be for us, in truth, a Holy Festival. Rejoicing over the Birth of Our Saviour and in the blessings which His Incarnation has procured for us, trying in truth to serve Him and make much of the healing which The Son of Righteousness hath brought for men.

Let us seek Him on this Day of His Birth, with our brethren at His Holy Altar, who thus came the Light of Light into the world.

 HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

2nd Sunday in Advent	M.,	51.	362.	217.
	E.,	358.	220.	49.
3rd Sunday in Advent	M.,	51.	52.	50.
	E.,	355.	288.	227.
4th Sunday in Advent	M.,	51.	45.	226.
	E.,	177.	184.	287.
Christmas Day	M.,	59.	315.	317.
	E.,	Anthem.	60.	62.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Great Festival falls this year on the last Sunday in the month.

The Services will be as usual :—

1st Celebration of Holy Communion, 7.30

2nd „ „ „ 8.30

Mattins and Holy Communion 11 a.m.

Evensong and Sermon ... 6 p.m.