

THE
PARISH MAGAZINE.



St. Mark's, Englefield.

ENGLEFIELD, JANUARY, 1907.

The year 1906 has gone by past recall. It has not been, so far as this parish is concerned, a very eventful year. Who knows what the present year has in store for us? We may be fairly sure of one thing, and that is that a new Education Bill will be introduced, and, from the threatening hints from responsible Ministers, we gather it will not be acceptable to those who value definite religious teaching in our schools. We shall probably have more to say about it later on; in the meantime let us make it a subject for our prayers.

May the year 1907 be full of blessings for you all!

BAPTISMS.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

December 23rd—Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Ada Annie Louise Webb.

„ 23rd—Linda Grace, daughter of Albert Edward and Kate Love.

SAINTS' DAYS IN JANUARY.

1st—Festival of the Circumcision of O.B.L. Mattins 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
[The alms will be given to the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.]

6th—Epiphany of Our Lord (Sunday).

25th—Conversion of S. Paul. Litany 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.

TOY SERVICE.

On the Sunday next before Christmas (December 23rd) was held, for the second year, a Children's Toy Service. The number of presents exceeded those of last year by 30. They have been sent up to one of the poorest of London parishes—Christ Church, Lisson Grove—and we shall, doubtless, hear how they are appreciated.

The full list of those who brought presents will be published in our February number.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of Oxford has, in answer to our request, kindly offered to hold a Confirmation in our Church, specially for this parish, on February 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Names should be given in to the Rector as soon as possible, as classes will be formed early in January.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

For the first time for several years the country presented a typical Christmas card appearance on the Feast of the Nativity. The services were well attended, especially the 7.30 a.m. Celebration. At 11 a.m. there was Mattins with a short Sermon, followed by a Choral Celebration. At 6 p.m. there was a Carol Service.

Our thanks are due to those who helped to decorate the Church, amongst whom were Mrs. Benyon, Miss Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith, Mrs. Roake, Mrs. Moon and Miss Coombes.

S. P. G.

We were privileged to have the Rev. G. R. Ekins, of Lahore, as the deputation from the old Society at the beginning of December. He preached in the Parish Church at the morning service on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, and gave an address to the children in the afternoon.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present could not fail to be struck by his fluency and eloquent earnestness. It is to be hoped that there will be some practical result from his visit, and that the barrier of indifferent toleration will be broken down and a more genuine interest be shown in this great work for God. The collections amounted to £9 1s. 9½d.

On Monday evening, 10th December, a Meeting was held in the Parish Room, Theale, when Mr. Ekins gave a Lecture with magic lantern slides—which, by the way, were kindly manipulated by Mr. Thomas Harris. The lecture, which was attended fairly well, a good percentage coming from Englefield, was most interesting and instructive.

On Friday evening, November 30th, being the Festival of S. Andrew, a Service of Intercession was held in the Church at 7 p.m. The choir and a good number of people were present at what we hope will become an annual gathering.

BOXES (for half-year ending 11th December, 1906):—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. J. Martin	3	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. Ruby	2	1	$\frac{1}{4}$
Miss Barker	4	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rectory Servants	3	8	
Mrs. Roake	8	5		Kitty Vince	2	2	
Miss Coombes	3	5		Laura Allen	1	3	$\frac{1}{4}$
Mrs. Claydon	8	3		Edith Smyth	1	6	$\frac{3}{4}$
Mrs. Smyth	3	6		Mabel Reid	1	1	
Sunday School	4	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. T. Harris	1	6	
Mrs. Page	8	4		Nurse Boddon } boxes held over till			
Miss Benyon	1	2	3	Mrs. Roome } June, 1907			
Mrs. Yarlett	3	0					
Mrs. C. Fisher	2	4					
The Rectory	19	5	$\frac{1}{2}$				
				Total ...	£5	1	5

The total amount sent up to headquarters was £16 5s. 3d.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

We are now at the top of the league table of the Third Division of the Temperance League, where we hope to remain. Only three matches have been played since the last report, viz.:—November 24th, Whitley United (home) won 4 to 1; December 1st, Defiance (away), won 4 to 1; and the replayed game with Shinfield on December 15th (away) won 3 to 1.

YOUTHS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

On December 1st, a team called the Thames Valley F.C. came over from Caversham to play our boys. A very pleasant game ensued, resulting in a win for the visitors by 6 to 4. We hope they will play a return match before the end of the season.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

The following books, chosen by the Sub-Committee, have been added to the Library:—

Title of Book.	Author.	Title of Book.	Author.
The Virginian	Owen Wister	Chippinge	Weyman
In the Palace of the King	M. Crawford	Lest we forget	J. Hocking
Maid Margaret	Crockett	The Scarlet Pimpernel	Orczy
John Chilcote, M.P.	K. C. Thurston	The Garden of Allah	Hichens
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come	John Fox	Patience Sparhawk	G. Atherton
At the Cross Roads	Montresor	Four Feathers	A. E. W. Mason
Zoroaster	M. Crawford	The Cherry Riband	Crockett
Kit Kennedy	Crockett	Starvecrow Farm	Weyman
Barlasch of the Guard	Merriman	The Hazards of Life	V. Tweedale
Kim	Kipling	Whosoever shall offend	Crawford
Lochinvar	Crockett	The MS. in the Red Box	Anon.
The Footstep of a Throne	Pemberton	The Heart of Rome	Crawford
The Red Axe	Crockett	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
Red Cockade	Weyman	Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch	—
The Celebrity	Winston Churchill	Hampshire Days	W. H. Hudson
The Race of Life	Boothby	Cornelius	Mrs. De la Pasture
The Life of Lord Randolph Churchill	Lord Rosebery	Tristram of Blent	Anthony Hope
A Lady of Rome	Crawford	David Harum	E. N. Westcott
Fenwick's Career	Mrs. Humphrey Ward	Ayesha	R. Haggard
The White Plumes of Navarre	Crockett	A Princess of Vascovy	I. Oxenham
		Benita	Haggard
		Puck of Pooks Hill	Kipling

CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The General Meeting of the Cricket Club took place in the Workmen's Club on Monday, November 26th, the President being in the chair. The Rector and Mr. Harry Benyon were also present, but a small attendance of Members. A very satisfactory balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of about £5, was presented by the Hon. Treasurer. The Secretary's report of the season's doings stated that eighteen matches had been played, with the result that six were won, nine lost, and three drawn.

The average bat, given by the Club, was won by Mr. E. West with an average of 44 runs for best seven innings, and the bowling prize, given by Mr. Roake, was awarded to Mr. O. A. Hopley. The President, in presenting the prizes congratulated the winners. A hearty vote of thanks to the President for presiding closed the meeting.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

Festival of the Epiphany (January 6th) ...	M.,	76	178	74	556	318
	E.,	79	78	274	81	
1st Sunday after Epiphany (January 13th) ...	M.,	162	520	260	165	
	E.,	488	523	80	24	
2nd Sunday after Epiphany (January 20th) ...	M.,	6	261	273	78	
	A.,	95	99	(Children's Hymn Book).		
	E.,	81	257	82	31	
Septuagesima Sunday (January 27th) ...	M.,	292	34	83	172	
	E.,	540	520	429	23	

Recessional for month, 29.

Baptismal Hymn, 283 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

						£	s.	d.
November 30th (Festival of S. Andrew)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...		5	6
December 2nd (1st Sunday in Advent)—Church Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	13	8	$\frac{1}{2}$
„ 9th (2nd „ „)—S.P.G. ...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	$9\frac{3}{4}$
„ 16th (3rd „ „)—Magazine Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	
„ 21st (Festival of S. Thomas)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	
„ 23rd (4th Sunday in Advent)—Sunday School ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	
„ 25th (Christmas Day)—General Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	4
„ 27th (Festival of S. John Evangelist)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	
„ 28th (Festival of the Holy Innocents)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	
„ 30th (Sunday after Christmas)—Choir Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	

ENGLEFIELD, FEBRUARY, 1907.

THE CHURCH.

Services :—

February 2nd—Festival of the Purification of the B.V.M. Mattins, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.

„ 13th—Ash Wednesday. Litany, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.; Mattins, Communion Service and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

„ 20th—Litany, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. H. Miles (Rector of Pangbourne).

„ 24th—Festival of S. Matthias. Sunday services as usual.

„ 25th—Confirmation. Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.; Confirmation Service, 2.30 p.m.

„ 27th—Litany, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. J. P. Shepherd (Rector of Sulhamstead).

On Quinquagesima Sunday (February 10th) a Sermon will be preached by the Rev. F. J. Chandler, on behalf of the National Society at the morning service. There will be a collection.

CONFIRMATION.

The Confirmation, as announced in our last issue, is fixed for Monday, February 25th, at 2.30 p.m. I would remind the Candidates that it is usual, where possible, for the God-parents to be present, to witness to the carrying out of the Church's order at their baptism.

TOY SERVICE.

As promised, we append a list of those who brought or sent toys or presents for the children of Christ Church, Lisson Grove, on Sunday, December 23rd :—

Mrs. Benyon, three dolls. Miss Winifred Benyon, two comforters, musical instruments and two books. Henry Bates, two comforters. Rose Bates, socks and petticoat. Ruth Bates, pinafore. Alice and Elsie Bates, comforters. Laura Allen, pinafore. Maggie Allen, comforter. Edith Allen, bat and ball. Minnie Allen, ball. Elsie Allen, comforter. Willie Abery, book. Florrie Abery, knitted cuffs. Anon., jersey and ball. Anon., child's socks. Anon., chemise and petticoat. Anon., woollen vest. Anon., tam o'shanter. Two friends, two pinafores and a frock. George Claydon, compasses, toy and cracker. Arthur Claydon, game, pencils and cracker. Ella Chandler, ball. Mabel Chandler, petticoat. Bertha Cox, doll. Victor Cox, book. Annie Culley, five toys. Johnnie and Percy Elliott, book, cards and pair of stockings. Nellie Fisher, petticoat. May Fisher, petticoat. Arthur Fisher, pair of stockings. Alan Golding, knickers and book. Cecil Golding, top and book. Dorothy Golding, petticoat and toy. Mrs. Hopley, cross-over and cards. Mary Hiscock, pinafore. Ernest Hiscock, box of bricks. Albert Horne, picture book. Edith Huggins, petticoat. Mildred and Muriel Harris, basket with biscuits. Fred James, toy. Bertha Love, toy. Albert Martin, toy. Mrs. Moon, game. John, Leonard and William Nash, toys. Jo Neighbour, book. Charles and Bert Pocock, shirt, three vests and pair of baby's shoes. Edwin Parson, toy gun. Walter and Stanley Rampton, toys. Sarah Rabbitts, doll. George Rabbitts, Jack-in-the-box. Mabel Reid, doll. George Reid, toy. George Rouse, game. Nellie Rouse, box of bricks. Willie Rouse, paint box. Arthur Roome, steamboat. Ernest and Walter Roome, picture books. Laurie Ruby, picture postcards and sweets. Eric Ruby, dominoes and pistol. Marjorie Ruby, petticoat. Phyllis Ruby, doll and sweets. Theo Ruby, magazine and fishing line. Freddie Ruby, trumpet. Mrs. Skipwith, woollen petticoats. Nannette and Philip Skipwith, toys, books and woollies. Charley Smyth, book. Arthur Smyth, tin motor. Edith Smyth, comforter. Elsie and Frankie Smyth, two pairs of knitted gloves. May Stocker, comforter. William Stocker, toy. Yorke Stocker, toy. Mabel Stocker, calendar and knitted cuffs. Kitty Vince, doll. Charlie Waite, doll. Fred Webb, three handkerchiefs. Winnie Webb, gloves. Mabel Wells, child's knickers.

Bertha Winchcombe, petticoat. Cecil Willcox, socks. Daisy Willcox, petticoat. Harold Willcox, box of bricks. Sidney Willcox, box of tools. Emily West, toy. Daisy Young, petticoat. Eva Young, pinafore. Flossie Young, petticoat. Jack Young, game.

Miss Wright, in acknowledging the receipt of the parcels, writes:—" . . . they are all very nice indeed, and a great boon to my poor little children. You will have been the means of making many a little one happy." She adds, "This is an exceedingly poor parish of 9,000—we have eight different Sunday Schools, besides Adult Bible Classes and four Mothers' Meetings, so you see we are very busy here."

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Benyon, with her usual kindness, invited all the children attending the Day School, together with the members of the Rector's Bible Class, and the Workhouse children, to the Long Gallery, on Tuesday, 22nd January. In spite of the bitterly cold weather, there were no absentees. Proceedings commenced with a tea, to which we need scarcely say full justice was done. When the tables had been cleared, and forms and chairs placed towards the stage, the curtain was drawn back, exposing to the view of all a splendid Christmas tree, covered with glittering ornaments and lighted tapers. When the applause which greeted the sight of this had died away, an entertainment was given by the children, which did them great credit.

The programme was as follows:—1, Song, "Here we come cheerily," The Infants. 2, Dialogue, "Little Bakers," Six Boys. 3, Kindergarten Games, The Infants. 4, Action Song, "The Blacksmiths," Little Boys. 5, Dialogue, "When we are men," Ten Boys. 6, Musical Play, "Mistresses and Maids," Teachers and Girls. 7, Recitation, "Village Gossip," Edwin Parsons. 8, Song, "When we were young," Leonard Nash. 9, Musical Sketch, "The Dirty Boy," Mabel Reid. "God Save the King."

We must give a word of praise to Mr. Golding and his assistants, as it could easily be seen that they had expended a good deal of time and trouble in training the children for this performance.

When the programme was finished Mrs. Benyon presented a gift to each of the children, who then went home, having spent a thoroughly happy evening. Before the children went, the Rector expressed, on their behalf, his thanks to Mrs. Benyon for her thoughtful kindness.

WORKING PARTY.

The Lenten Working Party will be held as usual, in the Long Gallery, by invitation of Mrs. Benyon, at 2.15 p.m., commencing Thursday, 14th February.

THE CHOIR AND RINGERS.

The following account, written by one of the boys, speaks for itself:—"Many thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Skipwith for providing us such a good tea on Tuesday evening, January 15th. We were told to get there at 6.30 p.m. When we had been there a little while the servant asked us to a room where we put our hats and overcoats. The Rector then led us to the dining room, where a splendid tea was ready for us, decorated with bon-bons and beautiful cakes. After we had tea the Rector told us to go out and play while the table was cleared and games put on. While we were playing the games the Rector started the gramophone, which was very amusing. Some of the tunes were "Little Mary," "I would not leave my little wooden hut for you," "The big brass band," "The conversation between a busman and a cabman in London," and "Two Scotchmen speaking down the telephone." After we had heard the gramophone we played some more games, and another boy and I had a game of "Trafalgar," in which I won. About 9.10 p.m. the Rector and Mrs. Skipwith wished us "good night," and as we were going along the passage she handed us two buns each, an apple and an orange, and we all went home, having well spent a pleasant evening."

On Wednesday evening, 16th January, the Rector and Mrs. Skipwith invited the Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Choir to supper at the Rectory. A very pleasant evening was spent, the enjoyment of which was enhanced by the addition of a large gramophone, which had been lent for the occasion. On the following evening the Ringers were entertained, two of whom, unfortunately, were prevented putting in an appearance.

RECTOR'S BIBLE CLASS.

Attendances up to January 6th, 1907:—

Alfred Vince (prize)	43	out of a possible	43	Gilbert Cox	...	32	out of a possible	43
Arthur Smyth (prize)	43	"	"	Eson Taylor	...	29	"	"
Robert Bates	...	42	"	Edward Day	...	27	"	"
Edward Stocker	...	39	"	Sidney Willcox	...	40	"	"
Arthur Worth	...	37	"	Albert Fisher	...	5	"	"

The prizes for the current year will be given not only for regular attendance, but for behaviour and general knowledge of the subjects taken.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

The Club is still doing well in the running for honours in the Temperance League. Only three matches have been played since the last report, viz.:—December 22nd, Wesleyan Athletic (away), lost 1 to 3; January 5th, West Reading (home), won 11 to 0; January 19th, South Reading (home), won 3 to 2.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

The Annual Xmas Dance, which proved very successful, took place in the Club Room, on Thursday, January 3rd. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock, and was kept up merrily till 2 o'clock, when a pleasant evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for the Squire and Mrs. Benyon, who very kindly defrayed expenses. The band, which gave every satisfaction, was supplied by Mr. F. Cox, Englefield, and the programme consisted of 24 dances. The caretaker, Mr. J. H. Claydon, prepared a good floor, also great praise is due to him for the way he had decorated the room. About 80 were present. The sub-committee, Messrs. A. Mitchison, J. H. Claydon and O. A. Hopley, made all the arrangements, and efficiently carried out the duties of M.C.'s.

NURSE BODDON.

We have been asked to insert the following Report of the Englefield Nursing Association for the year ending December 31st, 1906:—"Medical cases, 116; Surgical cases, 20; Midwifery cases, 14; total number of visits paid, 1,645. The large number of visits is due to several chronic cases, which received the following number of visits: (a) 346. (b) 43, (c) 60. The work done by Nurse Boddon has been most satisfactory." (Signed) C. Percival, *County Superintendent*.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

Sexagesima (February 3rd)	...	...	M.,	4	280	316	312	182
			E.,	217	193	184	20	
Quinquagesima (February 10th)	...	...	M.,	265	233	210	367	
			E.,	230	173	231	27	
Ash Wednesday (February 13th)	...	...	M.,	90	252	92		
			E.,	94	263	198		
1st Sunday in Lent (February 17th)	...	...	M.,	528	85	91		
			A.,	103	106	(Children's Hymn Book).		
			E.,	89	92	224		
2nd Sunday in Lent (February 24th)	...	...	M.,	186	279	355		
(Festival of S. Matthias)			E.,	524	277	21		

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

				£	s.	d.
January 1st (Festival of the Circumcision)—Oxford Mission to Calcutta	...	...		16	6	
" 6th (Festival of the Epiphany)—Church Expenses	...	...		15	10	
" 13th (1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Sunday School	...	...		1	7	10
" 20th (2nd Sunday after Epiphany)—Choir Fund	...	...		6	11	
" 25th (Conversion of S. Paul)—Altar Fund	...	...		3	9	
" 27th (Septuagesima Sunday)—General Expenses	...	...		1	5	10

ENGLEFIELD, MARCH, 1907.

THE CHURCH.

Services :—

On Wednesdays—Litany will be said at 8.15 a.m.
Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.30 a.m.
Evensong will be sung at 7 p.m.

Preachers :—March 6th—Rev. Robert Dunn, Vicar of Beenham.
„ 13th—Rev. F. R. Horwood, Vicar of Aldermaston.
„ 20th—Rev. A. H. Hopkins, Rector of Tidmarsh.

Holy Week :—

Monday before Easter (Festival Annunciation B.V.M.)—Mattins, 8.15 a.m. ; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. ; Evensong (with Reading), 7 p.m.

Tuesday before Easter—Mattins, 8.15 a.m. ; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. ; Evensong (with Reading), 7 p.m.

Wednesday before Easter—Litany, 8.15 a.m. ; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. ; Evensong (with Reading), 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday—Mattins, 8.15 a.m. ; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. ; Evensong, 7 p.m. (with Service of preparation for Holy Communion).

Good Friday—Mattins, Litany, Ante-Communion and Sermon, 11 a.m. ; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m.

Easter Eve—Mattins, 8.15 a.m. ; Ante-Communion, 8.30 a.m.

Easter Day—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m. ; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. ; Mattins, Choral Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m. ; Evensong and Sermon (with Anthem), 6 p.m.

The Reverend A. E. Clementi Smith has promised again to assist the Rector with the Services, and will probably preach Morning and Evening.

The Collections on Easter Day will be, as usual, given to the Additional Curates' Society which provides funds for poor parishes in England to enable them to have assistant Clergy.

On Quinquagesima Sunday (February 10th), a Sermon was preached at the Morning Service by Rev. Clement F. Rogers on behalf of the National Society. Many people have expressed their appreciation of the clear and forcible way in which he placed the claims of the Society. The Collections amounted to £7 15s. 1d., a receipt for which was placed in the Church porch.

CONFIRMATION.

By the kindness of our Bishop, who came down purposely from London, we were enabled to have a special Confirmation, on Monday, February 25th, out of our regular turn. The service began with a processional hymn No. 525 (Lord, God the Holy Ghost). After the "Preface" had been read by the Rector, the Bishop gave an address to the Candidates, based on the subject of *Strength*—Spiritual Strength given to us in Confirmation by the Spirit of God. He divided the subject into three heads :—(1) Strength to be unselfish ; (2) Strength to resist temptation ; (3) Strength to be sincere and truthful. After this he put the solemn question to the Candidates, as to whether they recognised their duty to God and resolved to do it ; then followed hymn 520 (Love Divine, all loves excelling). Before the blessing, hymn 270 (Soldiers of Christ, arise) was sung and the Bishop gave his second address on the subject of *Love*, making reference to the teaching of our Blessed Lord which can be summed up in *God is Love*, and in three divisions laid down rules for a life of Love after the pattern of Christ's teaching :—(1) by Prayer, regularly night and morning ; (2) by Reading a few verses of the Gospel daily, so that we may get to know more about Our Lord ; (3) by regular attendance at the Holy Communion, in order to obtain that Strength and refreshment, given to us by Our Lord Himself, and which alone gives us true power, peace and freedom.

Both these addresses were given by his Lordship in so earnest and simple a manner, that even the youngest present could understand and follow them; and it is to be hoped that they will make a lasting impression upon all that heard them.

The following is a list of those Confirmed from this Parish:—

Males:—Sidney James Willcox, Arthur Thomas Claydon, Frederick James, Harry Malpas, William Neighbour, Edward Eson Taylor, Albert George Fisher, Edward James Stocker.

Females:—Winifred Benyon, Lizzie Baker, Fanny Parsons, Sophia Malpas, Bertha Rose Winchcombe, Amy Helen Fisher, Laura May Allen, Mary Keturah Vince, Edith Annie Smyth, Ruth Jane Bates, Florence Esther Mary Aberly, Ethel Annie Nash, Ellen Elizabeth Fisher, Marion Mabel Reid.

There were also one male and four females from Beenham Parish.

The Reverend Robert Dunn, Vicar of Beenham, acted as the Bishop's Chaplain and carried the Pastoral Staff.

The Choir attended in full numbers, wearing, by the way, for the first time their new red cassocks. Both before and after the Service peals were rung on the bells by the ringers. Altogether it was a memorable day for some of us, and one that we think, and hope, will be looked back to with joy and happiness by many in the Parish.

ORNAMENTS' RUBRIC.

What is the *Ornaments' Rubric*? This is a question that is being asked by many who have seen reference to it in the daily papers of late. Anyone who takes the trouble to look at the beginning of the Prayer Book, just before the order for Morning Prayer, will notice the following:—"And here it is to be noted, that such Ornaments of the Church, and of the Ministers thereof, at all Times of their Ministration, shall be retained, and be in use, as were in this Church of *England*, by the Authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King *Edward* the Sixth." This is what is known as the *Ornaments' Rubric*, and contains the Church's directions in many important particulars concerning the ritual conduct of her services. It will naturally be asked what was "in use . . . in the second year of the reign of King *Edward* the Sixth?" From a long list the following are selected:—

Ornaments of the Church:—

The Altar, with its Cross, Candlesticks and Coverings.
Paten and Chalice.
Cruets for Wine and Water.
Font.
Pulpit.

Ornaments of the Ministers:—

Eucharistic Vestments, viz., Alb and Vestment, i.e., Chasuble for Celebrant.
Albs and Tunics for Assistant Clergy.
Cope.
Surplice.
Rochet, Pastoral Staff and Mitre for Bishops, etc., etc.

It will be noticed that the rubric does not give any option to the Ministers, as to whether they like them or not, it says "*Shall be retained.*" It may be asked, if that is so why are these things not universally in use? The answer is: "During the commonwealth in this land, the Church's orders as to ritual-worship, were generally disobeyed. This order has continued in many particulars even to our own times. Slowly, yet increasingly, the Church is recovering her lost heritage in this matter. One thing is quite clear, that as long as this rubric remains in our Prayer Book it is intended that the loyal Clergy shall endeavour to act up to it. Sudden changes are never good for a Church or a Congregation, but I hope, by degrees, to free myself from the charge of disloyalty to our Prayer Book." G. G. S.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

TOURNAMENT.—The members of the above-named Club visited Pangbourne Club on February 6th, 1907, and, after a very enjoyable evening, were defeated by one point; the scores being:—Pangbourne, twelve, and Englefield, eleven.

SMOKING CONCERT, February 11th, 1907.—This Concert was given in part with the Tournament Games Prize Distribution; the games having been played during the winter months.

The Prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. G. S. Roake, who also took the chair at the Smoker; and the Plantation Songs which he sang were very much appreciated. The Vice-chair was filled by Mr. J. Bucknell. The Smoker was quite a success.

Names of Winners:—Billiards, Mr. A. Ruby; Whist, Mr. W. Sly, Senior, and Mr. F. Reid; Double Cribbage, Mr. J. Bucknell and Mr. O. A. Hopley; Single Cribbage, Mr. W. Sly, Senior; Double Don, Mr. E. Cox and Mr. G. Allen; Single Don, Mr. J. Hurst; Dominoes, Mr. E. Cox.

Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Roake for so kindly taking the chair, and also to the Committee, who are Messrs. J. Bucknell, B. Webb, F. Cox and J. H. Claydon.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

The Club is still at the top of the League Table. Only two matches have been played since the last report, viz., Earley (away), January 26th, won 3 to 1; Fireside (away), February 2nd, lost 1 to 0.

YOUTHS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Saturday, February 9th, the Thames Valley F.C. came over from Caversham to play our boys and won by 4 goals to 1.

THE SCHOOL.

The Easter holidays have been fixed from Maundy Thursday, March 28th to Monday, April 8th.

As we go to press we hear that the Government Grant for the School is the highest possible. This means that the work of the School is considered by H. M. Inspector to be quite satisfactory.

HYMNS FOR MARCH.

3rd Sunday in Lent (March 3rd)	...	...	M.,	261	271	556	559
			E.,	256	284	207	
4th Sunday in Lent (March 10th)	...	...	M.,	249	514	86	
			E.,	520	257	24	
Passion Sunday (March 17th)	...	...	M.,	106	96	112	
			A.,	117	119	(Children's Hymn Book).	
			E.,	108	97	21	
Palm Sunday (March 24th)	...	...	M.,	Pro. 98	172	107	494
			E.,	Pro. 99	523	105	477
Good Friday (March 29th)	...	...	M.,	114	108	105	
			E.,	120	121	122	
Easter Day (March 31st)	...	...	M.,	134	499	135	553 559
			E.,	Hail! Festal Day. Anthem. 138 131			

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

							£	s.	d.
February 2nd (Purification B.V.M.)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	0
„ 3rd (Sexagesima Sunday)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...		14	9½
„ 10th (Quinquagesima Sunday)—National Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	15	1
„ 13th (Ash Wednesday)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...		8	1
„ 17th (1st Sunday in Lent)—Sunday School	...	...	...	...	...	...		8	10
„ 24th (2nd „ „)—General Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	1

BURIAL.

“Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest.”

February 23rd—Sarah Mildenhall, aged 82 years.

ENGLEFIELD, APRIL, 1907.

BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

March 17th.—Albert James, son of Thomas and Kate Hawkins (North Street)

LENTEN SERVICES.

Favored by exceptionally fine weather, the Wednesday Evening Services have been very well attended. The Special Preachers were Reverends J. H. Miles (Rector of Pangbourne), A. J. P. Shepherd (Rector of Sulhampstead), F. R. Horwood (Vicar of Aldermaston), A. H. Hopkins (Rector of Tidmarsh). Unfortunately, again this year, Rev. R. Dunn (Vicar of Beenham) was prevented by illness from coming.

NEW VESTRY.

The necessary permission to build a new Choir Vestry has been granted by the Ecclesiastical Authorities. We hope that a start may be effected before long. It is perhaps as well that a commencement had not been already made, as the old weathercock from the top of the spire chose that very spot for its descent, during the gale that raged on the night of Tuesday, the 19th March.

THE ORGAN.

Twice last month, during the Course of Divine Service, the organ took it into its head to jib. No persuasion on the part of the Organist or his satellite could alter its intention, so we were forced to finish the Service “unaccompanied,” and it does great credit to the choir to say that they were equal to the occasion.

CASSOCKS.

Those who have been present at Services of late will have noticed a change in the vesture of the choir. We hope that they will be able to say that the singing has not in consequence deteriorated.

The Rector put an advertisement in the “Church Times” offering the old Cassocks to some poor parish. In consequence, he received over 60 letters, besides several telegrams, asking for them. He decided to divide them between two parishes—one in that part of Woolwich known as the “Dusthole,” the other in the slums of Portsmouth. Grateful letters were received from the Vicars of the two parishes.

PARISH MEETING.

This was held on March 4th in the Schoolroom. The chief business was to elect 5 persons to serve on the Parish Council. The following were re-elected for the next 3 years:—Messrs. G. S. Roake, J. Bucknell, J. Coombs, A. Harris and H. Horne.

SCARLET FEVER.

We regret to say that we have had two cases of this horrible complaint, though slight ones, in the Parish. One was imported from London, and the other was caught no one knows how; both patients we understand, are recovering quickly and satisfactorily.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

All hope of the Shield coming to Englefield is now abandoned as we have suffered defeat twice since the last report. February 23rd (home)—Greyfriars Albions, lost 4 to 1. March 2nd (home)—Defiance, won 3 to 1. March 16th (home)—Shinfield, lost 2 to 1.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

The Annual Meeting of the above Club was held on Thursday evening, February 28th. The President, Mr. J. Herbert Benyon occupied the Chair, and there were also present, Mr. H. Benyon, Rev. G. Gore Skipwith and about 40 members. The Statement of Accounts showed the Club to be in possession of a balance in hand of £108 16s. 10d., and the Report spoke of a successful year in other directions. £10 was voted for additional Library Books. The Officers were re-elected as follows:—Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. Palmer; Honorary Secretary, Mr. O. A. Hopley; Honorary Auditors, Messrs. D. M. Davies and A. E. Robinson. The Lifeboat Box was found to contain 17s. 6d.

CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Workmen's Club, on February 28th, the President, J. Herbert Benyon, Esq., being in the Chair. Mr. Harry Benyon and the Rector were also present, and a fair attendance of Members. The following officers were elected for the coming season:—Captain and Hon. Treasurer, Rev. G. Gore Skipwith; Vice-Captain, Mr. A. Ruby; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Lamperd; Committee:—Messrs. H. A. Benyon, L. E. Todd, A. E. Robinson, O. A. Hopley, E. Buckland, B. Webb and J. H. Claydon.

It was decided to give an Average Bat and Bowling Prize under same conditions as in previous years. The Rector again kindly offered to give teas to visiting teams which offer was gratefully accepted.

THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST.

"Our Blessed Lord ordained the Sacrament of the Eucharist in order that we might be able on earth to plead His Sacrifice before the Face of God, even as HE does in Heaven. But there was a further object of supreme importance, viz., that HE might feed our souls with His Body and Blood. That we may thus be able to feed upon Him, HE has given to His Church authority to consecrate, by the power of His Holy Spirit, bread and wine to become His Body and Blood. When we receive the bread and wine thus consecrated, we (in the words of our Catechism) "Verily and indeed" receive His Sacred Flesh and Blood.

The certainty of this depends on the truth known as the *Real Presence*. This term signifies the presence of a reality. Our Lord's Presence in the Eucharist is a spiritual presence *i.e.*, a Presence of a Supernatural Order. Our Lord is present in the Blessed Sacrament in a manner which is beyond our understanding. The Real Presence is a holy mystery.

The Body and Blood of Christ is not received sensibly, nor perceived by our natural senses, as earthly food is. It is received by the soul, by that part of us which has Communion with Spiritual and Heavenly things. In Communion, Christ enters into us through the higher part of our nature, cleansing our souls from the stains of sin, subduing in us what is evil, and quickening in us what is good.

And thus our spiritual life grows, our union with Christ is more closely knit, and His likeness formed within our souls. With this communication of His life, there is laid up in us the seed of our immortality, the seed of that spiritual body into which our natural body is to be transformed. But most may be learnt about the Holy Communion by referring to Our Lord's words, recorded in the 6th chapter of S. John's Gospel. The subject of this solemn discourse is "The Bread of Life." Jesus Christ declares that it is His special province to give It, and that the Father has appointed Him to do so (verse 27). He goes on to identify this Bread of Life with Himself, saying, "I am the Bread of Life" (verse 35). He next teaches explicitly that the Bread of Life is His Flesh, in the words "The Bread that I will give is My Flesh" (verse 51), and declares in the plainest terms that the life of the soul depends on feeding upon Him.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you” (verse 53). This language about eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of Christ is never again used in the New Testament except in reference to the Holy Communion.”

This extract from “A Manual of Instruction for members of the Anglican Church” is intended for a help to those who are making up their minds as to whether they shall present themselves at the Altar on Easter Day.

HYMNS FOR APRIL.

1st Sunday after Easter (April 7th) ...	...	M.,	504	499	127	230
		E.,	197	500	137	28
2nd Sunday after Easter (April 14th) ...	...	M.,	135	514	140	334
		E.,	439	136	129	550
3rd Sunday after Easter (April 21st) ...	...	M.,	224	6	530	541
		A.,	269	190	(Children's Hymn Book).	
		E.,	292	225	12	288
4th Sunday after Easter (April 28th) ...	...	M.,	520	207	273	528
		E.,	178	154	229	19

Recessional for month, 38.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

							£	s.	d.
March	3rd (3rd Sunday in Lent)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	...		15	2½
„	10th (4th „ „)—Sunday School	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	9
„	17th (Passion Sunday)—Choir Fund	...	...	...	...	...		11	4
„	24th (Palm Sunday)—General Expenses...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	6

SAINT'S DAY IN APRIL.

April 25th—Saint Mark. Mattins will be said at 8.15 a.m., and Holy Communion celebrated at 8.30 a.m., as well as on the Tuesday in Easter Week (April 2nd).

N.B.—Owing to the proximity of Easter Day, the Services on the first Sunday of this month will be as follows:—Litany, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.; Mattins and Sermon, 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6 p.m.

ENGLEFIELD, MAY, 1907.

BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me.”

April 21st.—Donald, son of Alfred and Mary Ruby.

SERVICES.

May 1st (Festival of SS. Philip and James).—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Alms will be given to the S.P.C.K.

May 6th, 7th and 8th (Rogation Days).—Evensong (with a Reading) at 7 p.m.

May 9th (Festival of the Ascension of O.B.L.)—The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; Mattins and Sermon at 11 a.m.; Evensong (with a Reading) at 7 p.m. The Alms will be given to the Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

May 19th (Whitsun Day).—The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., and there will be Mattins and Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m. Evensong with Sermon, as usual, at 6 p.m. There will also be Children's Service with Baptisms at 2.30 p.m.

May 21st (Tuesday in Whitsun Week).—Mattins, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.

May 22nd, 24th and 25th are Ember Days.

EASTER VESTRY.

On Easter Monday, the Annual Vestry Meeting was held at 10 a.m. Present:—The Rector (in the chair), J. H. Benyon, Esq., and Mr. G. S. Roake (Churchwardens) Messrs. W. Palmer, J. Coombes, J. H. Claydon and J. Bucknell (Sidesmen), Messrs. A. Ruby, C. Golding and W. Vince. After the Churchwardens' accounts had been read and passed, the Rector thanked the Wardens for their services during the past year, and re-appointed Mr. Benyon his Warden. Mr. Roake was re-elected Parish Warden. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Squire for his contribution to Church expenses.

EASTER DAY SERVICES.

A spell of absolutely perfect weather added considerably to the enjoyment of the Easter Festival. The Services, all of which were very well attended, consisted of three Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist (one being choral) and Mattins and Evensong, at each of which the Rev. A. E. Clementi Smith occupied the pulpit. We are glad to say that the number of communicants was far in advance of previous years; this, doubtless, was partly due to the fine weather and partly to the recent confirmation. Our one hope is that the number, which is exceptional for a village of this size, will not decrease. The Evening Service commenced with *Baden-Powell's* “Hail! Festal Day,” sung in procession, the anthem being “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (*Goss*), the short solo being rendered satisfactorily by Mr. Oliver Hopley; indeed, the music throughout the day did credit to the organist and choir. The collections, amounting in all to £10 17s. 10d., were sent to the Additional Curates' Society.

The Church looked very bright with its decorations; in spite of Easter coming so early this year, there was a good show of primroses and daffodils, while the altar, font and pulpit were graced with hot house flowers. Those who were responsible for the decorations were Mrs. and Miss Benyon, Mrs. Skipwith, Mrs. Roake, Mrs. Moon, Miss Coombes and the staff from the Gardens.

THE CHURCH SPIRE.

Considerable interest has been shown by the parishioners, old and young, in the hazardous work of placing a new weather vane and new lightning conductor on the top of the spire. This, together with the cleaning of the stone-work, is being done by experts at the cost of the Squire, to whom we, who love our Church, owe a debt of gratitude.

PIOUS CUSTOMS.

The following is taken from a "Manual of Instruction for Members of the Anglican Church"—

- i. To kneel in prayer; to stand in praise.
- ii. To bow the head as an act of reverence :—
 - (a) Towards the Altar on entering and on leaving a Church. This is done on the recommendation of Canon VII. passed by Convocation in 1640—"We heartily commend it to all good and well-affected people, that they be ready to tender unto the Lord their reverence and obeisance both at their coming in and going out of Church, according to the most ancient custom of the primitive Church in the purest times." From very early days the Altar has been regarded as the Throne of Christ, because HE there vouchsafes His Sacramental Presence in the Holy Eucharist. We bow towards the Altar, in honour of Him, Whose it is. In the House of Lords, when the Sovereign is present, sitting upon the Throne, subjects kneel and do homage; *when the Throne is vacant, they bow in passing it.*
 - (b) When the Name of Jesus is mentioned. This is done in carrying out the spirit of S. Paul's words, "At the Name of Jesus every knee should bow" (Phil. ii., 10). The Church of England enjoins this practice in her XVIIIth. Canon of 1604—"When in time of Divine Service the Lord Jesus shall be mentioned, due and lowly reverence shall be done by all persons present."
 - (c) At the words "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost," in honour of the Blessed Trinity, before Whose Presence the Angels cover their faces.
 - (d) At the words, "And was incarnate" in the Nicene Creed, in remembrance of our Lord's great humility in becoming Man.
 - (e) At the words "This is My Body . . . This is My Blood," in the Prayer of Consecration, as an act of adoration to our Lord, then Sacramentally present under the form of bread and wine. It is to be given to the people kneeling; for *a sin it is not to adore when we receive this Sacrament*, and the old custom was to receive it after the manner of adoration.

(Bishop Sparrow's "Rationale upon the Book of Common Prayer," 1684, page 218.)

To be continued.

REPORT ON SCHOOL NEEDLEWORK.

"The needlework this year shows a very marked improvement, and is of quite excellent quality throughout."—(Signed) V. M. SKIPWITH, M. I. ROAKE.

Sewing Prizes. 1st Division—1st, Bertha Winchcombe; 2nd, Laura Allen. 2nd Division—1st, Dorothy Golding; 2nd, Maggie Allen and Eva Young (equal). 3rd Division—1st, Daisy Young; 2nd, May Stocker.

Knitting Prizes. 1st Division—Mabel Reid, Florence Abery and Ruth Bates (equal). 2nd Division—1st, Sarah Rabbits; 2nd, Nellie Rouse. 3rd Division, 1st, Elsie Allen, 2nd, Alice Bates.

Marking. 1st Division—1st, Kitty Vince; 2nd, Bertha Winchcombe. 2nd Division—1st, Maggie Allen; 2nd, Eva Young.

INFANTS.—Sewing Prizes. Girls—1st, Mabel Stocker; 2nd, Phyllis Ruby. Boys—1st, Fred Webb; 2nd, Bertie Allen.

Knitting. Girls—Florence Young, Mildred Harris and Mabel Day (equal). Boys—1st, George Rouse; 2nd, Fred Seymour.

CRICKET CLUB.

The following matches have been arranged for May:—11th, *v.* Reading College C.C., at home; 18th, *v.* Christ Church C.C., at Reading; 20th, *v.* Boyne Hill C.C., at home; 28th, *v.* S. Bartholomew's C.C., at Reading. With the exception of the match *v.* Boyne Hill, which will commence at 11 a.m., the other games begin at 2.30 p.m.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

On Wednesday, April 3rd, the members of the Workmen's Club held their last dance of the season. There was an attendance of about 50. Dancing commenced at 8, and was kept up merrily till 12. A programme of 18 dances was gone through, Mr. F. Davies presiding at the piano. A splendid floor was prepared by the caretaker, Mr. J. Claydon, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Thanks are due to the sub-committee (Messrs. A. Mitchison, J. H. Claydon and O. A. Hoplev) for their efforts.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

The football season has finished at last, and we are sorry to say that our team has not kept up its form since its defeat by Shinfield. Three matches have been played since the last report, viz.:—March 23rd, home, Phoenix, lost 1—0; March 30th, away, West Reading, lost 7—1; April 6th, away, Caversham Road, lost 2—1.

The boys had an enjoyable game with S. Luke's Juniors on Saturday, April 20th, the result being that each side scored 1 goal.

HYMNS FOR MAY.

5th Sunday after Easter (May 5th)	...	...	M.,	3(2ndpt.)	527	514	553	559
			E.,	391	537	143	166	
Festival of the Ascension (May 9th)	...	...	M.,	150	220	148	144	
			E.,	147	301	304	300	
Sunday after Ascension (May 12th)	...	...	M.,	179	316	210	219	
			E.,	270	207	231	146	
Whitsun Day (May 19th)	...	...	M.,	470	156	157	556	324
			A.,	136	138	(Children's Hymn Book).		
			E.,	Hail!	Festal Day.	154	155	152
Trinity Sunday	...	...	M.,	163	160	532	215	
			E.,	161	281	160	550	

Recessional for month, 26.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

										£	s.	d.
March	25th to 28th (Holy Week)—S.P.G. New House ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
"	31st (Easter Day)—A.C.S. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	17	10
April	2nd (Tuesday in Easter Week)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		3	6
"	7th (1st Sunday after Easter)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		18	0
"	14th (2nd " ")—Sunday School ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	0
"	21st (3rd " ")—Choir Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		10	6
"	25th (Festival of S. Mark)—Altar Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	0

ENGLEFIELD, JUNE, 1907.

BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not.”

Trinity Sunday, May 26th.—Christine Elizabeth, daughter of Walter William and Emily Elizabeth Smyth.

THE CHURCH.

The Seasons of Ascension and Whitsun have come and gone. The former, with the exception of the 11 o'clock service, is almost unobserved, we are sorry to say. Whitsun Day, though freezingly cold, attracted very fair congregations, especially at the 7.30 a.m. Celebration. The Church looked particularly inviting in her red clothing; indeed, nothing could have looked nicer than the choir and sanctuary at the evening service. The red frontal on the altar, which was decorated with a profusion of red flowers, together with the red cassocks of the choristers, all helped to give a warm tone to the Church. The pulpit, too, was a most attractive sight, the decoration of which was left in the hands of Mrs. Roake. On Whitsun Day it has not been the custom to decorate the Church so lavishly as on some of the other festivals, but we may safely say that it has not often looked so well as it did on that occasion. We were sorry to see (or rather hear) that stampede from Church during the singing of the offertory hymn; it is appropriate this month that among the “Catholic Customs,” taken from the *Congregation in Church*, there should be one on “non-communicating attendance.” We would commend the reading of this to the congregation. Those who were in Church on the first Sunday of the month must have been much struck by the fact that the whole congregation remained for the entire service. We believe that many were prompted to stay to join in a whole-hearted act of intercession for the allaying of the fever which just then was rampant; but some doubtless remained because no one gave them a lead out of Church. We are sure that if well intentioned Church people were to give the matter their prayerful thought, they would realize the value of this service as an act of worship and intercession. Of course, all the unbaptized and those who are living in wilful sin ought not to stay for it.

S. P. G.

The Rector will be glad if those who have boxes will send them to the Rectory by the 14th June, for the half-yearly count.

CATHOLIC PRACTICES (*continued*).

Non-Communicating Attendance.—The Church has always from the very earliest times commanded the presence of the faithful at the Holy Mysteries every Sunday, as a thing wholly distinct from actual reception; there is no break or pause in any part of the office during which people may go away. Those clergymen who of their own accord make such a break or pause, or sanction the departure of the congregation in any way, act in direct contrariety to the rubrics and the spirit of the Prayer Book; nay, more, they countenance and encourage an insult to Almighty God, which is a scandal to any Church, and for which no words of condemnation can be too strong.

The custom of stopping the service after the Church Militant prayer, so that those who desire to do so may leave, is one which was first introduced in Puritan times to satisfy Non-conformists, and for which there is no excuse in our day. In addition to the benefits of spiritual communion which non-communicating attendance offers, must be the valuable inducement which it holds out to the unconfirmed to present themselves for confirmation and become regular communicants. In furtherance of this idea, all baptized children should be taken to Holy Communion with great regularity as soon as they are old enough to sit still in church. The service can be explained to them gradually as they become capable of understanding, and it will be found to be the most interesting of all the services to their young minds.

ProceSSIONAL Cross.—The Cross is carried in front of Processions for a reason precisely analogous to that for which the colours are carried before a regiment on the field of battle. In the old days the Crusaders did actually carry before them the Cross as their standard. The Militant Church of Christ is an army of Christian soldiers, who march forth to do battle with the world, the flesh and the devil, “with the Cross of Jesus going on before.”

The retention and use of the Processional Cross is enjoined by the Ornament's Rubric. (From the *Congregation in Church*.)

To be continued.

SCARLET FEVER.

During this last month we have had an epidemic of fever, such as this parish has not seen for many years. We hope, however, that it will soon be stamped out. Through the kindness of Mrs. Benyon, the nurse's house was turned into a temporary "hospital," and nine or ten children have been located there under the care of Nurse Roberts. We hope that the parents of those children are sensible of the debt of gratitude which they owe to Mrs. Benyon. It is difficult to trace the spread of a disease like scarlet fever, but without a doubt some child must have had it, possibly slightly, and was allowed to mix with other children while in a peeling state. We would remind parents that it is a serious offence to conceal a case of scarlet fever, however slight it may be; indeed a parent so acting is liable to a fine of £10.

THE SCHOOL.

Owing to the scare of fever, the work has been much disorganised. The school was closed, by order of the authorities, from 4th May to 21st. At the time of going to press the School has again been closed until further notice.

CRICKET CLUB.

The season commenced on May 11th, with a match against Reading College. Englefield batted first and realized the respectable total of 153 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed (A. E. Robinson 22, E. West 16, O. Hopley 12, G. Coombes 21, A. G. Herrington 28 not out, E. Buckland 11). Reading College were got rid of in the nick of time for 105, of which T. Anderson was responsible for a well-played 58 not out.

The second match was against Christ Church C.C., played at Cintra Valley, Reading, on May 18th, in bitterly cold weather and on a bad wicket. Result:—Englefield 95 (A. G. Herrington 27, E. West 15, E. Cox 12); Christ Church 119 for 7 wickets (J. A. Jago 27, G. Maggs 30 not out, W. Towner 11, G. Rivers 12).

The third match was *v.* Boyne Hill C.C., on Whitsun Monday. The weather again was most unsuitable for cricket. Result:—Englefield, first innings 63 (A. Lamperd 10, E. Cox 26), second innings 134 (O. Hopley 25, L. E. Todd 57, E. Buckland 11, E. Cox 16); Boyne Hill 135 (T. Wakeling 27, C. Mason 20, W. Thacker 15, W. Bissby 24, J. G. Taylor 24).

So far the bowling has not been up to the average—this possibly may be in a great measure due to the arctic weather. E. Buckland has taken 9 wickets for 74 runs, O. Hopley 3 for 42, E. Cox 5 for 76, and A. Lamperd 3 for 21.

Fixtures for June:—1st, *v.* Oakfield C.C., at Englefield; 8th, *v.* Aldermaston C.C., at Aldermaston; 15th, *v.* Bradfield C.C., at Englefield; 29th, *v.* S. Luke's (Reading) C.C., at Englefield.

YOUTHS' CRICKET CLUB.

A meeting was held in the School on Thursday, May 2nd, when Arthur Worth was elected captain, and Gilbert Cox vice-captain. It is hoped to arrange matches for them later on. We hope that, as they now have an excellent practice ground, an improvement in their play will show itself. At present the one idea has been to "have a smack," which is not cricket.

HYMNS FOR JUNE.

1st Sunday after Trinity (June 2nd)	M.,	221	528	520	322	319
	E.,	270	279	230	31	
2nd Sunday after Trinity (June 9th)	M.,	197	180	514	550	
	E.,	176	510	412	546	
3rd Sunday after Trinity (June 16th)	M.,	540	287	276	511	
	A.,	157	164	(Children's Hymn Book).		
	E.,	193	284	541	21	
4th Sunday after Trinity (June 23rd)	M.,	165	229	257	240	
	E.,	292	415	233	27	
5th Sunday after Trinity (June 30th)	M.,	6	515	416	303	
	E.,	172	432	223	620	

Recessional for month, 13.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

							£	s.	d.
April	28th (4th Sunday after Easter)—General Expenses	...	...	...	...		5	7	
May	1st (Festival S.S. Philip and James)—S.P.C.K. ...	...	...	...	...		5	6	
,,	5th (5th Sunday after Easter)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...		11	10	
,,	9th (Festival of O.B.L.'s Ascension)—U.M.C.A.	...	...	...	...		8	6	
,,	12th (Sunday after Ascension)—Sunday School	...	...	...	...		4	3	
,,	19th (Whitsun Day)—General Expenses	...	...	...	...		1	2	9½
,,	21st (Whitsun Tuesday)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...		1	0	
,,	26th (Trinity Sunday)—Choir Fund	...	...	...	...		3	8	

MRS. BENYON, SENIOR.

Much anxiety has been caused lately by the news that Mrs. Benyon, Senior, has been seriously ill. The latest reports are that she is now out of danger, but considerably shaken by her illness. We trust that she may regain her health speedily.

SAINTS' DAYS IN JUNE.

- 11th.—Festival of S. Barnabas. Mattins, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.
 24th.—Nativity of S. John Baptist. Mattins, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.
 29th.—Festival of S. Peter. Mattins, 8.15 a.m.; Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.

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SAINT'S DAY IN JULY.

25th (Festival of S. James).—Mattins will be said at 8 a.m.; Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.15 a.m.

CATHOLIC PRACTICES (*continued*).

The Sign of the Cross.

The Cross is the sign of redemption, and has always been the distinguishing mark of Christians from the time of our Lord. It is a constant memorial both of the sufferings and death of Christ, and of His wondrous love for us. We make the Sign of the Cross before and after our prayers, at various parts of the public services, at grace before meals, in times of danger and temptation, as well as upon many other occasions, to express our belief in the Atonement, and in the words of the Prayer Book, in token that we are not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner. By the use of this Sign we not only thus openly profess our faith, and declare before men that, like S. Paul, we glory in the Cross of Christ, but we remind ourselves that we must be meek and patient followers of the Cross, and that every action we engage in should be undertaken in the name and for the glory of Him who died thereon. The custom of making the Sign of the Cross has existed from Apostolic times, and throughout all ages of the Church.

The 30th Canon says:—"The honour and dignity of the name of the Cross begat a reverent estimation even in the Apostles' times of the Sign of the Cross, which the Christians shortly after used in all their actions."

Tertullian (a writer of the Second Century) tells us that the people of his day were wont to sign their foreheads with a Cross "at every moving from place to place, at every coming in and going out, in dressing, at the baths, at table, on lighting candles, going to rest, sitting down, etc."

In the "Worship of the Body" we read:—"Is it superstitious to use the Sign of the Cross? Remember that disbelief in the existence of Satan is only too common nowadays. Men call belief in a personal devil a superstition; if it be so, then the use of that Sign is superstitious too; but not so if Satan exists and can see our actions. As the hymn puts it:—

At the Sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee.

That has been the experience of thousands of God's people. Often and often, when pressed sore by temptations from which there seemed no escape, the making of that Holy Sign has driven away the evil suggestions from their minds like darkness before a sunbeam. Especially in temptation to sins of the flesh—there it seems as if the use of the hands in a direct act of worship renders it almost impossible that they should be employed in ministering to evil."

Dr. Pusey, speaking of the use of the Sign in special temptation says:—"Used religiously, I never knew it fail."

The Cross is found on the tombs of the martyrs, in the ancient basilicas and altars. It surmounted the cap of the patriarch, and the crown of the emperor. It was borne in processions, and placed over the graves of the faithful departed. In the Fifth Century it was everywhere used amongst Christians. Later on, when the Church had driven back heathenism, it was erected by the wayside, in the market place, on hill tops, in the cloister and in the churchyard. (From the "Congregation in Church.")

To be continued.

S. P. G.

Boxes (for half-year ending June, 1907):—

£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Miss Barker	...	3 11	Mrs. Page	...	8 8	Mrs. Yarlett	...	3 6
Miss Benyon	...	1 0 0	Rectory	...	1 5 4	L. Allen	...	Held over till December, 1907,
Nurse Boddon	...	4 3½	Rectory Servants	...	2 8½	Mrs. T. Harris	...	
Mrs. Claydon	...	8 3	Mrs. Roake	...	7 0½	M. Reid	...	
Miss Coombes	...	2 8½	Mrs. Roome	...	1 7½	Mrs. Smyth	...	
Mrs. C. Fisher	...	1 8	Mrs. Ruby	...	2 2½	Edith Smyth	...	
Mrs. J. Martin	...	3 8½	K. Vince	...	1 9½	Sunday School	...	

THE SCHOOLS.

After many interruptions, the Schools were re-opened on June 10th, and we hope that, after all the precautions that have been taken to stamp out the scarlet fever epidemic, there will be no further hindrances to the work. In consequence of the dislocation of work the annual Diocesan Examination is postponed till next year.

CRICKET CLUB.

Since our last report the weather has been no more favourable to cricket, every match with the exception of one being interfered with by the elements.

On May 25th we journeyed in to Reading to play S. Bartholomew's C.C. This is an old fixture revived. The match, however, was not a satisfactory one, partly owing to the heavy rain and partly owing to the wicket, which was, I think I may say without hesitation, the worst I ever saw; the consequence was that our representatives, who are not accustomed to rustic wickets, were not seen at their best—the preservation of life and limb being paramount with them. Result:—Englefield 59 (A. E. Robinson 15, L. E. Todd 10, A. G. Herrington 10); S. Bartholomew's 70 (Rev. Jones 13, Bryant 13, Moss 11 not out).

On June 1st, Oakfield C.C. played us on our ground, with the result that we won an interesting game by 33 runs. Oakfield batted first and compiled the respectable total of 93, of which Palmer was responsible for a well-played 57. For Englefield, whose total reached 126, Lamperd 37, West 39, L. E. Todd 17, and E. Cox 21 not out, all played well.

The next match was against Aldermaston C.C., at Aldermaston. This is a match always looked forward to, as our opponents invariably provide a good wicket and a strong team. They went in first and made 180, of which F. G. Strange and F. Hyde each made 37 and Iremonger 26. Owing to careful play on the part of L. E. Todd, G. Coombes and S. Claydon, who scored respectively 22 not out, 10 and 10 not out, we were enabled to avert defeat, though Aldermaston had much the best of the match.

The next match produced a surprise (to us). It was against Bradfield C.C. In spite of good cricket by E. West 34 and L. E. Todd 21, the rest of the team could only muster 15 runs. Bradfield, owing to some vigorous hitting by Scudamore, managing to win by 8 runs.

We had our revenge, however, on the following Saturday, 22nd June. Our opponents were got rid of for 46, of which C. Perrin made 21, and although at one time things looked bad for us, we managed to win by 18 runs, owing chiefly to a very useful stand made by O. Hopley and A. Ruby.

With regard to the bowling, we must congratulate Hopley on the success he has met with in these last two matches; in the former he took 3 wickets for 5 runs and in the latter 7 wickets for 8! The other bowlers who have met with success are:—E. Cox 12 for 107, Herrington 7 for 82, E. Buckland 4 for 54, A. Lamperd 3 for 18.

The following are the fixtures for July:—6th, *v.* Whitechurch, away; 13th, *v.* Bucklebury Fireside, at Englefield; 27th, *v.* S. Luke's C.C., at Englefield.

WORKMEN'S CLUB (Communicated).

Wednesday, June 19th, was celebrated by "Our Club" as the Anniversary of its conception 21 years ago, in other words its "coming of age," it having been opened as a Club on June 16th, 1886. Originally built, and opened by the late Squire in January, 1885, simply as a Reading Room, it proved to be a total failure; so it was decided in June, 1886, to open it as a proper Club, since which it has continued to prosper.

A house for the caretaker was erected at the same time. Various alterations have since been made in the buildings, porches were added in 1892, and last, but not least, the billiard room was added in 1895. The village had no post office at this time, but it was built the same year, and the caretaker of the Club was appointed postmaster. All this was done by the generosity of the late Squire, who took a great interest in the Club.

One of the chief features is the Club library, upon which has been spent some £150 in the purchase of books.

The Entertainment on Wednesday was arranged by the smoking concert sub-committee, they having engaged Messrs. Taylor Brothers, of Reading, who brought a troupe of five artistes, and gave a capital entertainment. This was supplemented by some local talent, those taking part being Messrs. A. Buckland, B. Webb, F. Cox, G. S. Roake, A. Ruby, O. Hopley, A. T. Claydon and J. Taylor. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, a fair number of ladies being accommodated in the billiard room.

During the interval, Mr. Roake (who occupied the chair) having apologised for the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present, then made a few remarks suitable to the occasion, especially pointing out to the younger members the necessity of upholding the honour and integrity of the Club, he trusted that none of them would ever do anything that would bring discredit upon such a valuable institution as few villages possess.

The evening closed with votes of thanks to the Squire for his interest in the Club, to the chairman, and to the vice-chairman (Mr. J. Bucknell).

It may be added that there are only two original members of the Club who have continued as such at present on the roll, viz. :—J. Coombes and J. Claydon.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

6th Sunday after Trinity (July 7th)	M.,	478	191	556	311	182
	E.,	302	238	193	17	
7th Sunday after Trinity (July 14th)	M.,	535	520	573	281	
	E.,	242	202	526	234	
8th Sunday after Trinity (July 21st)	M.,	532	510	6	254	
	A.,	44	164	(Children's Hymn Book).		
	E.,	391	517	223	12	
9th Sunday after Trinity (July 28th)	M.,	536	514	264	277	
	E.,	299	539	228	477	

Recessional for month, 54.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

						£	s.	d.
June	2nd (1st Sunday after Trinity)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	8	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
,,	9th (2nd Sunday after Trinity)—Sunday School...	...	...	...	...	4	7	
,,	11th (Festival of S. Barnabas)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	1	8	
,,	16th (3rd Sunday after Trinity)—General Expenses	...	...	...	...	4	5	
,,	23rd (4th Sunday after Trinity)—Choir Fund	...	...	...	...	4	3	
,,	24th (Nativity of S. John Baptist)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	1	8	

Several of the parents of children, who have recovered from the fever, have expressed a wish that the convalescents should return thanks in Church. There will, therefore, be a Special Service on the 1st Sunday in the month, July 7th, at 3 p.m., when it is hoped that all the children will attend, and as many of the parents as are able. That service will take the place of Sunday School.

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BAPTISM.

“Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.”

21st July.—Herbert Leslie, son of Charles and Florence Ellen Cox.

During the absence of the Rector on his holiday there will be no Week-day Services, and the Lads' Bible Class on Sundays will also be suspended. The Sunday duty will be undertaken by:—August 4th, Rev. E. de la Hey, Tutor of Keble College, Oxford; August 11th to September 1st, Rev. H. N. Grimley, Rector of Norton, near Bury S. Edmunds; September 8th, Rev. F. Gmelin; September 15th, Rev. Samuel Bell.

Although there will be no Intercessory Service on Friday afternoons, it is to be hoped that the cause of Foreign Missions will not be forgotten by those who are in the habit of attending.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

A large congregation attended the Special Service on Sunday afternoon, July 7th, in order to join in a united act of thanksgiving for the recovery of those who had the fever, as well as for those who were by God's mercy preserved from a visitation. Special hymns were sung and an address given by the Rector (based on the Miracle of the Healing of the Ten Lepers) on the subject of thanksgiving.

THE SCHOOL.

The Summer Holidays have been fixed from 8th August to the 9th September. They are later than usual this year, partly because work has been so much interfered with by the fever, and partly because of the lateness of the harvest.

CHOIR BOYS' OUTING (Communicated).

The following account of the Outing, which took place on July 11th, has been selected from a number written by some of the junior boys:—

“Through the kindness of the Squire and Mrs. Benyon, we had our choir trip on Thursday, July 11th. The Rector kindly went with us to take care of us. We started from the School at half-past seven in Mr. Roberts' brake for Mortimer. When we arrived at Mortimer we stopped till the train came. We changed at Basingstoke and Eastleigh, and passed through many stations. When we were near Portsmouth we saw the sea. We went down to the beach in a tram. On the beach we saw the anchor of H.M.S. Victory, and other monuments. There were stalls and bathing machines along the beach. Fred James and Harold Willcox went for a swim. Then we went to the Speedwell Hotel, and put our overcoats and parcels there. We heard in the distance a Punch and Judy show, and we went to see it. We had our dinner at the Speedwell Hotel. After, we went on the pier, and when a steamer came we steamed round the harbour. We saw Admiral Nelson's ship, H.M.S. Victory. There were also many other ironclads in the harbour. One ship had a wreath of leaves on it. When we returned we went on the beach and took off our shoes and stockings. We then paddled in the sea, and Fred James found a sack with a dead cat in it. Then we went back to the Speedwell Hotel and had tea. At seven o'clock we got in the train and started for home. We saw forts on the hills, and allotments full of vegetables and flowers. The train was an express so we travelled fast. We changed at the same stations we did in the morning. When we reached Mortimer Mr. Roberts' brake was there. We had a pleasant ride home, and when we reached Englefield it was half-past ten.”

ENGLEFIELD CHURCH.

The following account of our Church is taken from an old book in the possession of the Squire, and will, doubtless, be of interest to many in the Parish:—

“The parish of Englefield, or rather Inglefield, derives its name from the Saxon word *ingle*, a fire beacon, and probably took its rise about the middle of the ninth century, at which time the Danes, having made themselves masters of Reading, sent out a detachment from their army to

attack the Saxons, who were encamped at this place, and who drove them back with great loss. It was no doubt on this occasion that fire beacons had been lighted up on the neighbouring hills to give notice of the enemy's approach, from whence it was afterwards called Inglefield, *i.e.*, the beacon field. There is the following entry in Domesday Book (a book in two volumes compiled by order of William the Conqueror, containing a survey of all the lands in England):—'William, the son of Ansculf, held Inglefield, in the hundred of Reading, and Gislibert held it under him. Alvin holds it of the king. Then and now it defended itself for ten hides of land. There are 13 ploughs. There are in demense 11 ploughs, 17 villains; [a villain was one who held lands under a servile tenure—Ed.] and 3 cottagers with 11 ploughs. There are four servants, and a mill worth 10/- and 60 acres of meadow. In the time of King Edward it was worth £10 and afterwards £12, now it is worth 7/- more.'

"This is a small parish, being only one mile in breadth and something more than two in length, and contains about 1,300 acres. The church consists of a nave and side aisle. The chancel is small, and has nothing remarkable in it except a chapel appropriated as a burial place to the Inglefield family, who were long resident here, and probably took their name from this place. Near the pavement in the aisle are two low pointed arches formed within the thickness of the wall, in each of which is a figure in a recumbent posture, that towards the east represents a man in quilted armour, with his right hand grasping his sword, and his legs crossing each other, supported on the back of a dog, from which it is conjectured that he had served in the crusades to the Holy Land, which took place in the 12th and 13th centuries, as those only who visited the tomb of Our Saviour at Jerusalem were allowed to be thus represented on their tombs. This figure is of stone rudely carved, and has a wound on the left breast as if made by a sword, but whether this was intended to represent the cause of his death, or not, is uncertain. Adjoining the above is another arch exactly similar to the former, in which is represented a female figure, carved out of solid oak; she is in a recumbent posture, with her hands clasped together in the act of prayer, and her head resting on a pillow. From the similarity of the arches, and the proportion of the figures, there can be no doubt of their belonging to the same age, and were probably intended to represent a man and his wife. It is impossible to say with certainty who these distinguished persons were, for want of a monumental inscription, but from the distance of time that must have intervened since they were first deposited in this place, it is not improbable that the man was intended to represent Alwin, who, it appears from Domesday Book, was Lord of the Manor in the 11th century, or one of his immediate descendants, and probably the founder of the church.

"At the eastern extremity of the aisle is the burial place of John Powlet, Marquis of Winchester, who so heroically defended Basing House against the Parliament's forces, during the civil wars in the 17th century. He is interred under a black marble slab, and on a tablet against the wall is an inscription by Dryden.

"On the right of the above is a beautiful mural monument of white marble, representing a person supporting a female (who seems to have just expired) on his right arm, whose countenance is impressed with the strongest emotions of grief, as is that of another female figure on his left hand, who is bending over the body in a mournful attitude. The whole is executed in a masterly manner, to the memory of Mrs. Mary Benyon, widow of R. Benyon, Esq., of Guidea Hall, in Essex, who died September 18th, 1777, aged 62.

"This living is in the Deanery of Reading, and is in the gift of R. Benyon, Esq., the Lord of the Manor. The present incumbent is the Rev. Thomas Knapp.

"The Abbot of Reading received of this Vicarage one mark per annum."

CRICKET CLUB.

On 6th July, our representatives drove over to Whitchurch to meet the local team. Scores did not reach high figures, owing to the hay crop in the immediate neighbourhood of the pitch. The Whitchurch XI. batting first made 63 (Rev. C. G. Littlehales 23 not out), while Englefield could only reach 38 (G. Coombes 10). H. Hawkins for us took 7 wickets for 25 runs.

Our only other match this month of July was against Bucklebury Fireside, when we were enabled to put a win to our credit. Englefield won the toss and going in made 117 (L. E. Todd 28, O. Hopley 23, A. Lamperd 17, S. Claydon 13, Rev. G. G. Skipwith 20). Owing to some excellent bowling on the part of S. Claydon, who took 6 wickets for 7 runs, we were enabled to get rid of our opponents for 54 (H. Milson 24 not out).

Fixtures for month of August:—3rd, at Englefield, *v.* Christ Church Institute; 5th, at Oakfield, *v.* Oakfield; 10th, at Bucklebury Place, *v.* Bucklebury Fireside; 17th, at Englefield, *v.* S. Luke's, Reading; 24th, at Englefield, *v.* S. Bartholomew's, Reading; 31st, at Englefield, *v.* Whitchurch.

YOUTHS' CRICKET CLUB.

We are glad to see that more interest has been taken by the members than heretofore. There seems to be a little more keenness than last year, and a greater effort to "play the game," which promises well for the future of Englefield cricket. The first match of the season was played at Hillfields (by kind invitation of Mrs. Willink), on Saturday, July 20th, when the Englefield boys proved victorious by an innings and 21 runs. Arthur Worth (the captain) was the most successful both with bat and ball.

HARVEST HOME.

Owing to the unseasonable weather no date can be fixed as yet for this annual affair.

CHOIR VESTRY.

The work in connection with the New Vestry is making rapid progress; we hope it may be dedicated to God's service sometime in September.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

10th Sunday after Trinity (August 4th) ...	...	M.,	3 (Pt. 2)	176	365	312	318
		E.,		270	175	197	20
11th " " (August 11th) ...	...	M.,	4	247	269	257	
		E.,		217	17	528	215
12th " " (August 18th) ...	...	M.,	154	527	514	240	
		A.,	45	172	(Children's Hymn Book).		
		E.,	221	248	541	27	
13th " " (August 25th) ...	...	M.,	165	34	184	260	
		E.,	516	236	183	24	

Recessional for month, 22.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

								£	s.	d.
June 29th (Festival of S. Peter)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		2	2
" 30th (5th Sunday after Trinity)—Magazine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		5	0
July 7th (6th " ")—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	6	$\frac{1}{2}$
" 14th (7th " ")—Sunday School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		8	6
" 21st (8th " ")—General Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0

DEATH OF A FORMER RECTOR.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Reverend Arthur Clutterbuck, from heart failure, which took place on July 20th, at Hinxworth. There will be many still in the Parish who will remember Mr. Clutterbuck, whose tenure of the living lasted from 1869 to 1881, when he resigned. Mr. Clutterbuck who had reached the age of 65 was a brother of Mrs. Benyon, senior.

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BURIAL.

"Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest."

August 6th.—Henry Bates, aged 50 years.

HENRY BATES.

Sunday after Sunday, for close on three years, the prayers of the congregation have been asked, at Matins and Evensong, for Henry Bates. On August 1st, his sufferings, bravely and patiently borne, were ended. One thing that struck all who visited him during his long and weary illness, was his wonderful cheerfulness; he seemed to have a smile for everyone. His mortal remains were laid to rest in the churchyard on August 6th, the Rev. Robert Dunn, Vicar of Beenham, officiating in the absence of the Rector.

SAINTS' DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

21st—S. Matthew. Matins 8.15 a.m., Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.

29th—S. Michael and All Angels. Usual Sunday Services.

Ember Days—18th, 20th and 21st.

BIBLE CLASS.

The Rector hopes to resume the class for lads on Sunday, 22nd inst., at the usual time.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The New Books voted by the Committee have been placed in the Library. A list will probably be published next month.

THE NEW VESTRY.

The Archdeacon of Berks has fixed Sunday, September 22nd, for the Dedication Service. Details as to time, etc., will be announced later on.

CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The report for the past month is a very good one, four matches having been played without a defeat. On August 3rd, the return fixture with Christ Church Institute was played, resulting in a win for the home eleven by 56 runs, S. Claydon 25 (not out) and L. E. Todd being top scorers, E. West 5 for 24 and E. Cox 4 for 4 being responsible for the bowling; our Club also having the kind assistance of Mr. Henry Benyon and Mr. W. H. Patterson.

On August 5th (Bank Holiday), Oakfield was visited, and after a close finish the visitors proved victors by 26 runs. Scores:—Oakfield 51 and 93, Englefield 77, Mr. A. Gray 19, Lewis Vince 14 (not out) and E. West 13 being top scorers for us, E. West taking the bowling honours, taking in both innings 13 wickets for 70 runs, including the hat trick in the second innings.

On August 10th, Bucklebury Fireside was met away, the game ending in a draw rather in favour of the homesters. Scores:—Bucklebury Fireside 144, Englefield 96 for 8 wickets, H. Milson 33 and W. Hedges 30 being top scorers for our opponents, and G. Coombes 25, O. A. Hopley 21 and A. E. Robinson 15 for us.

On Wednesday, the 14th, the Berks County Police were the visitors. The homesters, for whom Mr. W. H. Patterson again appeared, proved much too strong for the visitors. The policemen batted first, but were soon disposed of for 43 runs, O. A. Hopley 5 for 14 and S. Claydon 5 for 25 sharing the bowling. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Gray opened the innings for the homesters. The visitors' score was soon passed, Mr. Patterson being first out for a well-played innings of 42, Mr. Gray being not out at the finish with 51 to his credit, G. Coombes 19 being next best. The home captain declared the innings closed at 139 for 6 wickets down. The policemen were disposed

of again for 46, E. Cox 6 for 16 and Mr. Patterson 4 for 13 being the bowlers, the homesters thus winning by an innings and 50 runs. Mrs. Benyon very kindly entertained both teams to tea, which was very much appreciated.

The match with S. Luke's, which should have been played on the 17th, was unfortunately scratched by our opponents, who were not able to raise a team.

The remaining fixture is with our old opponents from Aldermaston, on September 7th, at home.

BOYS' CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The return match with Burghfield was played at Englefield on July 27th. The Englefield boys again proved victorious by 32 runs on the first innings. The top scorer for Englefield was H. Willcox, 22 runs. The bowlers were A. Worth and E. Day. It should be mentioned that the boys are giving A. Worth a cricket cap for doing the hat trick at Burghfield.

Aldermaston boys visited Englefield on August 10th, and Englefield boys again proved victorious by 14 runs, A. Worth being best scorer with 17 runs, also taking 6 wickets, and in the second innings A. Worth scored 40 (not out).

CHOIR OUTING.

What has come to be known as the "Annual Outing for Choir Men and Bell Ringers" took place on Thursday, 25th July. Unfortunately, it was not possible for the whole number to take advantage of the Squire's kindness, but eighteen out of the twenty-one invited were able to accept. A start was made from the Club at 7.30 a.m., two brakes being requisitioned to convey the party to Mortimer station, from whence the journey was made to Portsmouth, which was reached about 11.50. After an excellent repast at the "Speedwell Temperance Hotel," a move was made for Southsea, most of the men going across to Ryde. After a visit to the town, where the shops appeared to be very attractive, a return was made to the pier. Here an enterprising photographer succeeded in inducing certain of the most attractive looking members to have their portraits taken, but whether those portraits ever reached home, or if they did what was thought of them, history does not say! After this the weather was unkind for a time; the wind and rain driving the passengers down to the lower deck, where the working of the engines proved an attraction to certain members of the party. On arriving at Southsea pier, as the rain continued to pour down, it was found impossible to go round the harbour, so a pleasant hour was spent in listening to an excellent band. At 6 p.m. an adjournment was made to the "Speedwell," where a meat tea was supplied, to which full justice was done. The return journey was commenced at 6.58, and Mortimer was reached about 9.30 p.m. And we must say that the railway companies had done everything to make our journey a success, reserved carriages being in waiting for us at every point, and every civility being shown to our party. Mr. Roberts and his brakes conveyed us home, Englefield being reached about 10.30. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed himself, which is a further proof that Portsmouth and Southsea (which are no strangers to the majority of us) are, after all, the best of places for an outing. Once more our warmest thanks are due to the Squire for his generous treat.

THE SCHOOL.

On Friday, 26th July, Mrs. Benyon kindly came to the School to present the Medals and Certificates—for the year ending December 31st, 1906—to those who had won them.

Miss Edith Buckland, who has been monitress at the School for the last three years, has, we are sorry to say, resigned her post owing to her success in the preliminary examination for the certificate. We would take this opportunity of wishing her every success in her future career.

HARVEST HOME.

No date has as yet (August 21st) been fixed.

We are sorry to hear in this distant—but beautiful—land of Switzerland (1) of the illness of the Squire (2) of fresh cases of scarlet fever. We trust that the village may ere long have a clean bill of health.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

14th Sunday after Trinity (September 1st)	...	M.,	211	246	242	322	324
		E.,	292	279	247	277	
15th " " (September 8th)	...	M.,	248	280	265	276	
		E.,	290	108	214	355	
16th " " (September 15th)	...	M.,	193	520	178	230	
		A.,	235	190	(Children's Hymn Book).		
		E.,	274	284	257	186	
17th " " (September 22nd)	...	M.,	3	(Pt. 2)	269	263	432
		E.,	270	261	256	391	
18th " " (September 29th)	...	M.,	161	335	271	219	
		E.,	26	299	223	550	

Recessional for month, 16.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

						£	s.	d.
August 4th (10th Sunday after Trinity)	—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...		15	11½
" 11th (11th " ")	—Sunday School	...	...	...	...	1	5	2
" 18th (12th " ")	—Magazine	...	...	...	...		5	6

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SAINTS' DAYS.

18th.—Festival of S. Luke.

28th.—Festival of S.S. Simon and Jude.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated on each of these days at 8.30 a.m. On S.S. Simon and Jude intercessions will be asked for the Delhi Mission.

CHOIR VESTRY.

On Sunday, 22nd September (17th Sunday after Trinity), in the presence of a large congregation, the New Vestry was dedicated to the service of Almighty God, by the Archdeacon of Berks. The Service was as follows:—*In the Vestry (all standing)*.—In the name, etc.—Collect: Prevent us, O Lord . . .—Lord's Prayer.—Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House; and the place where Thine honour dwelleth. *Therefore will I offer in His Dwelling an oblation with great gladness.* Hear the voice of my humble petition, when I cry unto Thee; when I hold up my hands towards the mercy seat of Thy holy Temple. *Give the Lord the honour due unto His Name; worship the Lord with holy worship.* Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints sing with joyfulness. *The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us: O prosper Thou our handiwork.*—*To be said by the Archdeacon:* Blessed Lord, who by Thy Holy Apostle S. Paul, hast taught us that, in Thy public worship, all things are to be done decently and in order, sanctify this Chamber of Thy House of prayer to the special use for which it is henceforth intended. *Amen.*—Grant that those, who shall here prepare themselves to bear a part in the offices of prayer and praise, may be filled with a sense of the honour Thou has put upon them, by accepting the Service of their tongues, and may worship Thee with reverence and Godly fear. *Amen.*—Grant that what they say or sing with their lips, they may believe in their hearts: and what they believe in their hearts, they may show forth in their lives. *Amen.*—THE ARCHDEACON DECLARES THE VESTRY OPEN.—Processional Hymn, No. 391: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."—Mattins, to 3rd Collect.—Hymn 299: "Come, let us join our cheerful songs."—State Prayers.—Hymn 544: "Praise the Lord, His glories show."—Sermon.—Hymn 308: "O Praise ye the Lord."—Blessing.

The Archdeacon took for his text, I Cor., xiv., 40, "Let all things be done decently and in order," and explained that the proper translation of the original should be "Let everything be done in a becoming and orderly manner." In the course of his interesting and practical sermon he suggested three ways in which all services offered to Almighty God should be conducted: (1) *with reverence*, especially making reference to the proper attitude of prayer, *i.e.*, kneeling on the knees as opposed to *lounging* (2) *with intelligence and heartiness*, *i.e.*, putting the mind and the heart into the service (3) *with unity*, *i.e.*, practising one faith, not each man his own views.

All those who have inspected the New Vestry have expressed great admiration for it,—it is certainly, as the Archdeacon said, "worthy of the Church,"—and has fulfilled our most sanguine expectations. The size of it is 17ft. 6in. by 15ft. 9in.; it is lined with pitch-pine with panelled ceiling, matchboarded throughout and varnished, the whole presenting a most pleasing appearance. In the middle of the room is a table, which is quite unique: the top and base are of solid oak, while the centre consists of the ancient Norman font, in which generations of parishioners have been baptized, and which was removed, we understand, some thirteen years ago to make place for the present font. The idea of making so good a use of this ancient piece of Church furniture originated with Mr. Roake, who has taken the greatest interest in the whole work. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for the supervision of the work, and those who worked under him for the care which they have bestowed upon this excellent addition to our much valued Church. We may mention that, with the exception of the flint work, all was done from the timber yard.

Our one matter of regret was that the Squire and Mrs. Benyon were not able to be present. The Rector, the choir—and I think I may add the parishioners—would like to thank the Squire most heartily for his splendid generosity in this matter. It is, indeed, a favoured parish that has for its squire one that not only is able but willing to put his hand in his pocket, where the needs of God's House are concerned.

THE SCHOOL.

The following Report, subsequent on H.M. Chief Inspector's visit on August 1st, is appended:—

"*Mixed*.—The general condition of the School continues very satisfactory. The children are in excellent discipline and take a keen interest in their lessons. The various subjects of instruction are well treated and the proficiency of the children is very creditable for the classes in which they are placed, the composition and drawing exercises being especially good. Classification, however, is low, and although this is partly accounted for by the sickness of both teachers and children during the past year, the rate of promotion from class to class appears to be unduly slow.

"*Infants*.—The children are bright and happy, and are very sensibly managed and taught. Progress in teaching number is too slow, but all the other lessons are very satisfactory. The children have in some cases been retained in the infant room too long. The removal of the gallery is again suggested. The long desks which are now disused should also be taken out of the room.

"*Mixed and Infants*.—The playground is rough. A part at least should be suitably surfaced for drill."

THE SQUIRE.

Much anxiety has been felt in the neighbourhood during the last few weeks by the illness of the Squire. We are glad to be able to say that, though much pulled down by his severe attack, he is now on the high road to recovery, and it is to be hoped that the bracing air of Eastbourne, whither he and Mrs. Benyon are gone, will have the desired result. We shall all look forward to his return home and to seeing him in his accustomed seat in Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

As will be generally known by now, it has been decided that there shall be no Harvest *Home* this year; there will, however, be a Harvest *Festival*—a service of thanksgiving for the ingathering of the plentiful, though somewhat late, garnering of the crops. This will be held in the Church on Sunday, October 20th, when we hope to have a special preacher. The alms will be given, as usual, to the Royal Berkshire Hospital. There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., when it is hoped many will seize the opportunity of returning thanks for the harvest which means so much to us all.

VESTMENTS.

In a recent number of the Magazine there appeared an article on the subject of the *Ornament's Rubric*. The Rector hopes shortly to fulfil his obligation in this matter by adopting the legal vesture at the early services. The vestments, which are made of fine linen, hand-worked by an old friend of his, do not suggest much difference from the ordinary surplice, but there will be the satisfaction, to those who care for such things, of knowing that the Prayer Book requirements are being attended to. The great objects of these special vestments is to emphasize and adorn the Holy Communion as the great special act of Christian worship "by which God is most honoured and man is most blest," compared with which all other services of the Church sink into insignificance. The Holy Communion was instituted by Christ Himself, and His followers have, therefore, from the earliest times, striven to honour it by wearing a distinctive dress which shall be used only at that service.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The following books have been added to the Library:—By the Gods beloved (Baroness Orczy). The Jungle (Sinclair). A Bid for Fortune (Boothby). The Diamond Ship (Pemberton). The Lost Leader (Oppenheim). The Parish Clerk (Ditchfield). The Truants (Mason). In King's Byways (Weyman). Clementina (Mason). White Fang (London). Modern Billiards (Roberts). Where Love Leads (Garvice). The Phantom Army (Pemberton). The Secret (Oppenheim). The Silver Skull (Crockett). Our Bird Friends (Kearton). Wild Nature Ways (Kearton). With Nature and a Camera (Kearton). South Africa and the Transvaal War, 6 vols. Harley Greenoak's Charge (Mitford). The White Hand and the Black (Mitford). Pro Patria (Pemberton). The Woman of Babylon (Hocking). The Philanderers (Mason). The Giant's Gate (Pemberton).

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

We have now started another season in the Third Division of the Reading Temperance League, where we hope to get in a better position in the league table than we did last year. Our first match was with Henley, where we had the pleasure of beating them on their own ground by one goal to none, on Saturday, September 14th. On Saturday, September 21st, we had Mortimer to visit us, when a good game was played, resulting in a win for Englefield by three goals to one. We should like to know "what the Mortimer butcher boy thought." One never knows, does one?

CRICKET CLUB.

Since our last report the weather has been most favourable for the summer pastime. On August 24th, S. Bartholomew's, Reading, paid us a return visit and suffered defeat by 46 runs. Score:—S. Bartholomew's, 79 (Dr. McClellan 10, Bryant 25 not out); Englefield 125 (W. H. Patterson 33, A. G. Herrington 19, E. Cox 19, A. Ruby 13 not out).

The return match with Whitechurch was the next on the programme; once more we had to acknowledge defeat at their hands. Score:—Englefield 55 (W. H. Patterson 29); Whitechurch 127 (R. Henwood 50, Rev. C. Littlehales 26).

On September 7th, Aldermaston paid us a visit, and we were fortunate enough (owing to the good bowling of E. West, who took 4 wickets for 7 runs, and A. G. Herrington, who secured 2 for 5) to win. Score:—Englefield 63 (H. A. Benyon 10, A. G. Herrington 18 not out, G. Coombes 17); Aldermaston 42 (H. Hawkins 17). In our second innings 62 runs were scored for 4 wickets (A. Lamperd 15 not out, G. Goombes 22).

A game was played on September 14th between the House and Gardens and the Timber Yard. We have no details at hand, but understand that the Timber Yard representatives were victorious.

The last match of the season was between Mr. H. A. Benyon's XI. and the Berkshire Schoolmasters, on September 21st. Some good cricket was shown by the "Ushers," who scored 157 (J. Lee 32, H. Clarke 25, C. Crowhurst 21, G. C. Rudd 21 not out). Mr. Benyon's team were not equal to the occasion, as they were got rid of for 52, of which A. G. Herrington made 10. In the second innings they scored 53 for 2 wickets, of which Mr. H. A. Benyon made 27 not out and Dr. Joy 17. Tea was provided for both teams by the kindness of Mrs. H. Benyon.

Next month we hope to give a resumé of the season's doings.

HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

19th Sunday after Trinity (October 6th) ...	...	M.,	211	183	186	312	318
		E.,	22	217	230	24	
20th " " (October 13th) ...	...	M.,	3	(Pt. 2)	514	546	166
		E.,	197	520	219	31	
21st " " (October 20th) ...	...	M.,	382	384	368	383	
	Harvest Festival	A.,	345	337	255	(Children's Hymn Bk.)	
		E.,	381	Anthem	369	386	
22nd " " (October 27th) ...	...	M.,	281	4	191	303	
		E.,	193	184	169	477	

Recessional for month, 11.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

						£	s.	d.
August	25th (13th Sunday after Trinity)	—Choir Fund	...	...	...	...	5	5
September	1st (14th " ")	—Church Expenses	...	...	...	11	11½	
"	8th (15th " ")	—Sunday School	...	...	...	4	8	
"	15th (16th " ")	—General Expenses	...	...	...	8	1	
"	21st (Festival of S. Matthew)	—Altar Fund	...	...	...	1	6	
"	22nd (17th Sunday after Trinity)	—Magazine	...	...	...	5	1	

FOREIGN MISSION INTERCESSION.

The Petition for the month of October is:—"That it may please THEE to bring our own countrymen to be one in the faith, that with one mouth we may proclaim THY truth."

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BAPTISM.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

October 20th—Cyril James, son of George Henry and Emily Caroline Eliza Northover.

SAINTS' DAYS.

November 1st (All Saints).—Litany 8.0 a.m., Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

„ 30th (S. Andrew).—Mattins 8.0 a.m., Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

On Friday, November 29th, being the Vigil of S. Andrew, there will be a Special Service of Intercession for Foreign Missions, as last year, at 7 p.m. On that day the usual Intercessory Service at 4.15 p.m. will not be held.

PASTORAL LETTER.

In accordance with the request of the Bishop of the Diocese, collections will be made on the Sunday next before Advent (November 24th) on behalf of the Diocesan Church Building Society. This Society was founded in the year 1847. Its objects are:—

- (1) To promote the Building, Enlargement, and Restoration of Churches and Chapels; also the Building of Parsonage Houses.
- (2) To make grants towards the erection of Mission Chapels which are temporary in their construction, but are intended to be replaced by permanent Churches.
- (3) To make grants towards the building of School Chapels, where the site is legally secured to the Incumbent and Churchwardens.

From the year 1847 to the end of 1906 the Society has made 659 Grants, amounting to £58,210. This gives an average of £2,910 for each triennial period; whereas, since the Pastoral Letter was last issued for this Society three years ago, the sum of £3,032 has been voted, shewing that the need for its work in the diocese tends to increase rather than diminish. The Society depends for its income mainly upon the Collections which are made in answer to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. It is earnestly hoped that a generous response will be made to this appeal.

CHURCH ORNAMENTS.

The Rector is in possession of a book called "Church Goods in Berkshire," sent to him by Mrs. Clutterbuck, widow of a former Rector. It contains inventories of furniture and ornaments remaining in certain of the Parish Churches of Berks in the last year of the reign of King Edward VI. Appended is the list of properties belonging to our Church:—

Englefylde, 2 Aug., 6 Edw. VI.

William Curtys and Richard Usevaull, Churchwardens,

One chalice of sylver and gylte and one pyx of sylver, ij copes one of purple velvett and one of grene damaske, 5 payer of vestmentes *viz.* one of Russett velvett, one of purple sylke, one of blew velvett, one blacke vestment, A frount And (A) Table for the highe Altar of Russet velvet and whyghte tynsell saten, one clothe for the Sacrament of purple sylke. An olde canapie of clothe of golde and crimsen velvett, iij cussheens *viz.* one of clothe of sylv^r. and velvet, one of Russet velvet and one of red velvet, one surplesse, iij Alter clothes, iij towelles and ij shetes, one corporasse kercheffe, and iij corporass cases *viz.* one of clothe of Golde and crimsen saten, one of clothe of sylver and crymsen saten and one of Russet velvet, iij litle candylstyckes of brase, ij crosses of brase and ij lampes of brase, iij belles comenlye cawled the great belles, A sanctus bell, A lyche bell, And A sacrynge bell, one holy water pote of brase, A payre of sensers, and A ship of brase (to hold the incense), And All the foresaid percells safely to be kepte and preserved, And the same and every parcell therof to be forthcoming at all tymes when it shalbe of them requyred.

The above inventory with its quaint spelling will be read with interest by parishioners. In spite of the order at the end, the present Rector has not been able to find the majority of the above—perhaps he will make a grand discovery one of these days!

TOY SERVICE.

It is hoped again this year to have a Toy Service—on 3rd Sunday in Advent (December 15th). It is suggested that, as the result will be sent to a very poor London parish, children's clothes as well as dolls' clothes would be most appreciated. Scrap books, also, are always enjoyed.

CONFIRMATION.

As the Bishop gave us a special Confirmation in our Church last year, he has arranged that we shall go to Tidmarsh for our next. This is fixed for March 5th.

THE SQUIRE.

It is with regret that we have to announce that the Squire has had a return of his illness. It was deemed advisable to move him up to London for a while; we shall look forward to hearing of his recovery and the return of the family to their country home.

By a reference to the collection at Harvest Festival it will be noticed that, though they could not be with us in person, Mr. and Mrs. Benyon did not forget the object of our alms.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

In spite of the lateness of the season and most unfavourable weather, our Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest was full of happiness. The day began with a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30, when the Vestments were worn for the first time; this was followed by another Celebration at 8.30. The number of communicants amounted to 49, which was far below expectations, but doubtless the weather was accountable for the absence of some of the less hardy. At 11 a.m. there was a fair congregation—and those who had braved the elements were privileged to listen to a most helpful and spiritual sermon by the Rev. E. R. Dowdeswell, who, in spite of physical infirmities, made the journey from Worcestershire on purpose. There was a Children's Service with Baptism at 2.30, and at 6 p.m. the Church was well filled for Evensong. This was a particularly bright and hearty service—the music being well rendered. *Barnby's* anthem "Oh Lord, how manifold" was sung by the choir, who showed that they had taken pains over the rehearsals. Before the first service and during the day the ringers rang peals. The collection, which was on behalf of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, amounted to £57 13s. 11d. The supply of flowers was of necessity somewhat limited, but those who were responsible for the decorations did their best with what they had. They consisted of Mrs. Skipwith, Miss Coombes and Nurse Boddon, assisted by Mr. Coombes and some of his staff. There was a very fair offering of fruit and vegetables, as well as bread, butter and eggs, all of which were sent to the Hospital. Among those who contributed were:—E. Allen, G. Neighbour, Mrs. Bates, W. Lewington, E. Lamperd, W. Palmer, J. Martin, A. Baker, D. Brill, T. Cox, A. Rampton, A. Harris, H. Groves, W. Cox, S. Willcox, F. Holmes, G. Elliott, H. Martin, F. James, Mrs. W. Horne, O. Hopley, W. Allen, C. Cox, H. Horne, T. Dixon, W. Vince, C. Fisher, G. Fisher, G. Allen, H. Malpas, J. Cox, A. Ruby, Mrs. Winchcombe, T. Harris, G. S. Roake, J. Claydon, Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Yarlett (bread), F. Pocock (bread), W. Abery, G. Parsons, F. Wells, J. Hayes, W. Smyth, C. Golding.

BATHING.

We are informed that though 841 dips have been taken during the season, that is 187 less than last year. Doubtless the cool summer has had a good deal to do with this falling off in numbers. The season opened on June 17th and closed on September 24th.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

Since the last report we have been away to play Caversham Road Institute, when we lost by 3—2 on September 28th. West Reading were our visitors on October 5th, when we won by 4—1. We visited our old friends at Mortimer on October 12th, when we made a draw of 3—3, which pleased the butcher boy. Phoenix were our visitors on October 19th, when we were defeated by 3—2.

YOUTHS' FOOTBALL CLUB.

A Meeting was held in the School on 3rd October, when the course of events was discussed. Arthur Worth was elected Captain for the season, and Gilbert Cox Vice-Captain. Members, on payment of a small sum, have been provided with dark and light blue striped shirts. On Saturday, October 12th, the first match was played *v. S. Luke's Juniors*. The visitors, who were a bigger and heavier lot than our boys, won by 4 goals to 3.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

23rd Sunday after Trinity (November 3rd)	...	M.,	221	428	235	556	319
		E.,	429	437	427	439	
24th " " (November 10th)	...	M.,	224	194	528	287	
		E.,	270	184	249	20	
25th " " (November 17th)	...	M.,	193	273	303	304	
		A.,	173	44	(Children's Hymn Book).		
		E.,	217	287	546	31	
Sunday next before Advent (November 24th)	...	M.,	197	520	514	367	
		E.,	292	288	219	28	

Recessional for month, 54.

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

						£	s.	d.
September 29th (Festival of S. Michael and All Angels)—Altar Fund...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	11
October 6th (19th Sunday after Trinity)—Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	15	11	
" 13th (20th " ")—Sunday School	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	
" 18th (Festival of S. Luke)—Altar Fund	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	
" 20th (21st Sunday after Trinity, Harvest Festival)—Royal Berkshire Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	57	13	11
" 27th (22nd " ")—General Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	

FOREIGN MISSION INTERCESSION.

The Petition for the month of November is:—"That God will inspire a wide spread and earnest observance of the day of intercession, and that He will grant an abundant response to the prayers of His Church."

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MARRIAGE.

"What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Nov. 2nd, Edmund Alexander Horne, Widower, of Cookham Dean, to Annie Georgina Pett, Widow.

SAINTS' DAYS IN DECEMBER.

Dec. 21st. S. Thomas.
,, 26th. S. Stephen.
,, 27th. S. John the Evangelist.
,, 28th. Holy Innocents.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated on each of these days, with the exception of the 26th (S. Stephen) at 8.15 a.m. There will also be a Celebration on the Thursdays in Advent at 8.15 a.m.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (18th, 20th and 21st) are Ember Days, and are appointed by the Church to be observed.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.
Mattins and Choral Eucharist, 11 a.m.
Evensong and Carols (with a short address) 6 p.m.

TOY SERVICE.

As announced in our last issue the Toy Service will be held on 3rd Sunday in Advent (December 15th). Children are asked to bring their toy or present wrapped in paper, with the name of the donor written clearly on the outside. The presents will be sent up, in time for Christmas, to the same poor parish in London to which they were sent last year.

S.P.G.

The Rector will be glad if those, who have boxes, will send them to the Rectory by the 10th December.

The Annual Sermon on behalf of the Society will be preached at the *Evening Service*, on Sunday, December 8th, by Reverend A. Logsdail, of Chota Nagpur, India. On the evening of the 9th, at 7 p.m., Mr. Logsdail will give a lecture, with magic lantern, in the Parish Room, Theale. We hope that the evening will be fine and that many will be there to represent Englefield.

BATH CHAIR.

Mrs. Benyon has kindly presented a chair for the use of parishioners who are disabled from walking. It is made of wicker and is consequently much lighter than the old chair. It can be borrowed on application at the Rectory, but must be returned there the same evening, except with special permission.

THE SCHOOL.

Owing to the limited number of children in the Infants' Department, the Education Committee have decided to provide a supplementary instead of an uncertificated teacher. This entails the loss of Miss Howlett, who has been here since March, 1906. Parents and children alike will regret her removal from Englefield; she leaves us at Christmas.

Mrs. Golding, too, who has been superintending the needlework of the School for some time, has sent in her resignation, owing to domestic duties.

The School Holidays are fixed by the Managers from Friday, 20th December, 1907, to Monday, 6th January, 1908.

HARVEST HOME CONCERT (Communicated).

The Harvest Home Concert took place on October 23rd, 1907, and through the kindness of the Squire, who defrayed the expenses, the Reading Sketch Company, under the supervision of Taylor Bros., were employed. The company present numbered 170, and they thoroughly enjoyed the concert. It was a most successful evening. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for their kindness, which was responded to with musical honours. The evening closed with "God save the King."

CRICKET CLUB (Communicated).

The past season has been a fairly successful one for the Club, the balance sheet shows a balance on the right side, while from the playing side the results show more wins than losses, 16 matches being played, with 8 won, 6 lost and 2 drawn. The average bat, given by the Club, has been won by Mr. L. E. Todd, his average for best 7 innings being 26 runs per innings. The bowling prize has been awarded to Mr. E. West, his analysis reading:—112 overs, 17 maidens, 357 runs, 40 wickets, with an average of 8.92 per wicket. The General Meeting has been fixed for Monday, December 16th, when the prizes will be presented.

FOOTBALL CLUB (Communicated).

Since the last report we have had South Reading for our visitors when we defeated them by 2—0 on Nov. 2nd. On Nov. 9th we visited Newbury and returned defeated by 3—1. We played Greyfriars' Albion on Nov. 16th at Reading, where we played with ten men and were defeated by 3—2.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

1st Sunday in Advent (December 1st)	M.,	403	49	321	318
	E.,	439	53	47	
2nd " " (December 8th)	M.,	363	634	359	
	A.,	311	317	(Children's Hymn Book).	
	E.,	362	255	271	
3rd " " (December 15th)	M.,	6	51	528	
	A.,	323	313	341	(Children's Hymn Bk.)
	E.,	50	530	355	
4th " " (December 22nd)	M.,	404	276	52	
	E.,	48	240	49	
Christmas Day (December 25th)	M.,	60	62	61	312 324
	E.,	59	62	482	Carols
Sunday after Christmas (December 29th) ...	M.,	179	165	178	329
	E.,	175	60	197	330 Carols

Baptismal Hymn, 281 (Children's Hymn Book).

OFFERTORIES.

	£	s.	d.
October 28th (Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude)—Altar Fund	...	...	1 8
November 1st (Festival of All Saints)—Altar Fund	...	...	3 7
" 3rd (23rd Sunday after Trinity)—Church Expenses	...	...	12 6½
" 10th (24th " ")—Sunday School	...	...	3 11
" 17th (25th " ")—Magazine	...	...	5 11
" 24th (Sunday next before Advent)—Pastoral Letter (Diocesan Church Building Society)	7	0	9½

FOREIGN MISSION INTERCESSION.

The Petition for the month of December is:—"To deliver India from the evils that spring from the degradation of womanhood, and from the system of caste."

GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

The Rector proposes to hold a class for girls of the age of 13 and upwards on Sunday afternoons, except when there is Children's Service. The class will commence on Advent Sunday, at 3 p.m., at the Rectory.