

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 52.

APRIL, 1890.

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

A General Meeting of the Members of the Cricket Club was held, by permission, in the Workmen's Club, on Monday Evening, 3rd March, present :—Messrs. Barnes (in the chair), Cosburn, D. Horne, L. Harris, A. Robinson, and about 16 other members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season :—

Captain—F. Cosburn

Sub-Captain—D. Horne

Hon. Secretary—A. E. Robinson

Committee—J. Battram

J. Claydon

G. Davis

L. Harris

A. Mayer

W. Smythe

It was resolved that

- 1.—R. Benyon, Esq., the President of the Club be respectfully approached concerning the levelling of the ground.
- 2.—That the practice nights be as last year.
- 3.—That a prize bat be given for the best average score during the ensuing season.
- 4.—That the following articles be bought :—
 - 1 pair wicket keeper's gloves
 - 1 pair leg guards
 - 6 balls
 - 3 bats

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for allowing the proceeds of the entertainment at Englefield House to be given to the Cricket Club, and also to Mr. Cosburn for his kindly offering to print the list of matches again this year. It was lastly resolved that the following Clubs be invited to play against the Englefield Club in friendly matches, viz. :—

Biscuit Factory, Reading.

Calcot Park.

Burghfield.

Abbey Wharf, Reading.

Woolhampton College.

Woolhampton Village.

Yattendon.

We hope to be able to have the Services throughout Holy Week similar to those which we have had in previous years, viz :
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Good Friday, 11 and 7.
Easter Eve, 11.30 and 5.
Easter Day, Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and 11 (Choral), and Evening Service at the usual hour of 6 o'clock.

We have reason to hope that in Easter Week Mr. Rumsey will return to his work quite restored in health.

Our own illness and absence from home has obliged us to engage the services of the Rev. T. Robinson for the whole of Lent ; we much regret to hear of several fresh cases of influenza, but we hope that all who are ill, will, by God's goodness, recover their health : what an anxious time it has been lately with a much valued life in Englefield is well known to all of us, but herein too there is cause for thankfulness in a good hope of recovery.

May God give us all a holy, happy, and peaceful Easter, and very grateful hearts for all His mercies.

BURIAL.

March 19th.—Lizzy Cox, aged 18 months, of Englefield.

BOURNEMOUTH,

26th March, 1890.

A.L.C.H.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 53.

MAY, 1890.

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We desire to place on record the following letter; one of the many tributes of affectionate regard to the late John James Battram: everything connected with his lamented death, and funeral, is so recently in our minds that it is unnecessary to say anything further.

"WORKMEN'S CLUB, ENGLEFIELD,

"16th April, 1890.

"DEAR SIR,

"At a Meeting of the Committee of the Workmen's Club, and of the Cricket and the Football Clubs, held last evening, it was unanimously resolved that, as Secretary, I should send to you, as head of the family, an earnest expression of our sincere sorrow at the loss of our friend, John James Battram, and our equally sincere expression of sympathy with yourself and the other members of your family under this great sorrow. To all of us who have had constant opportunities of intercourse with him for some years past, we feel that the loss of John Battram is not soon to be forgotten, or easily replaced, in every way in which we were connected with him, whether as friend, companion, fellow-servant (in one way or another) of our good Squire, serving on the same Committees, or Members of the same Clubs, we always have had occasion to respect and esteem your Brother; and if you have lost (as is the case) a good Brother, we may truthfully say we feel we have lost in him a good friend, a good companion, and the example of a good life.

"With renewed expressions of heartfelt sorrow and sympathy,

"Dear Sir (on behalf of the Committees),

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) A. E. ROBINSON,

"Hon. Sec."

The Lady-day Vestry Meeting was held on Wednesday, 26th March, when Mr. Rhind produced the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor for the past year. Mr. Rhind and Mr. Jenkin Davies were appointed Overseers for the ensuing year. Mr. Hand produced the accounts of the Highway Surveyor, which were examined. Mr. Hand was re-appointed Highway Surveyor for the ensuing year.

The Easter Monday Vestry Meeting was held on that day, when Mr. Benyon was re-appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Rhind was re-elected Parish Churchwarden. The Churchwardens produced their accounts for the past year (see

below), which were examined and allowed. A voluntary rate of 2d. in the £ was ordered to be collected for current expenses.

The accounts of the Parish Charities (viz.: Pottinger's Bread, Miss Benyon's Coal, and the Apprentice Fund) for the past year were examined and allowed. No other business came before the Meeting.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS FROM EASTER 1889,
TO EASTER 1890.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Voluntary Rate at 2d. ....	...	20	18	5
Church Collections ....	...	14	9	9
Mr. Benyon (for Organist and Blower) ...	...	21	0	0
Balance due to Churchwardens...	...	3	5	0
		£59		13 4

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance due to Churchwardens ...	...	9	3	5
Visitation Fees ...	...	0	14	6
Bread and Wine ...	...	0	17	0
Church Cleaning ...	...	3	5	0
Washing Surplices ...	...	2	0	6
W. Vince, Caretaker and Ringer ...	...	5	0	0
Two New Clergy Surplices ...	...	1	6	0
Mowing and Cleaning Churchyard and Paths ..	...	1	11	3
Coke, £6; Gas, £5 ...	...	11	0	0
Insurance ...	...	3	2	6
Small Expenses ...	...	0	13	2
Organist and Blower ...	...	21	0	0
		£59		13 4

The CHURCH OFFERTORY ACCOUNT for the past twelve months, from EASTER-DAY 1889, TO EASTER-EVE 1890, is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses (Two Collections) ...	14	9	9
Reading Hospital (Harvest Thanksgiving) ...	34	8	4
Gospel Propagation Society ...	20	0	6
Oxford Diocesan Board of Education ...	13	3	9
Oxford Diocesan Missionary Candidates Association ...	14	5	6
St. Andrew's Waterside Mission ...	7	7	0
London Poor, Dock Trucks ...	7	7	8½
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge ...	4	0	0
Additional Curates' Society ...	4	0	0
East London Church Fund ...	4	0	0
Central African Mission ...	5	0	0
Diocesan Inspection Fund ...	2	0	0
National Society ...	2	14	4
Offertories for Sick and Poor ...	25	0	5½
		£157 17 4	

Of the money collected for Sick and Poor, £16 10s. 4d. has been dispensed, leaving a balance in hand for the Poores' account this year of £8 10s. 1½d., which added to the balance over on last year's account of £4 15s. 2½d., gives a total balance for the past two years of £13 5s. 4d. It may seem strange that with so much illness more has not been expended, but so much brandy, wine, and nourishing food of all kinds have been given from Englefield House, that the charge upon the offertory fund has been considerably lessened. We hope that no real wants have been neglected, nor anyone overlooked, it seems almost impossible that such should have been the case. A balance in hand in case of need is always a satisfaction. Eight trained nurses have been in attendance on sick persons in our village during the past year.

We are thankful to say that our Holy Week Services were conducted with the usual regularity; we are glad to hear that the Rev. T. Robinson's sermons have been appreciated by the congregation, he was kindly ready to preach as often as was necessary, the congregations, during the week from easily accountable circumstances were not so large as usual, and that on Good Friday morning numbered only 195, which was 30 less than last year.

102 persons received the blessed Sacrament at the early Celebrations on Easter Day, and 29 at the late Celebration, making a total of 131, but for illness and absence the number would have reached 150; may all of us be drawn nearer and nearer to our Lord in heart and life; the day was a bright and a happy one in every way: it goes without saying that our Church was decked as a bride to greet her Lord, and much care was bestowed in making the musical parts of the services as worthy of the occasion as possible.

The Children's Dinner Kitchen closed on Thursday, April 3rd, having been open 26 weeks. The number of dinners provided has been 4920, giving a weekly average of 189, and a daily average of 37. A reference to the "Local Sheet" of May, 1889, will shew that this represents a large decrease in number, but there seems no reason to be dissatisfied with the result, though perhaps another year it might be well to close it sooner; we hear it said that after January, when the days begin to lengthen and afternoon school begins again at 2 instead of 1.30, there is plenty of time for children to go home to dinner, and a walk home does not represent the destruction of boots and clothes which takes place in our very rough playground,

where somehow the gravel *will* not bind, and the stones are large. Cash received for dinners has amounted to £11 2s. 11d., which has very nearly paid for bread, flour, butter, sugar, jam, rice, pepper, salt, and cleaning. Mr. Benyon has kindly supplied milk, necks and heads of mutton, suet, and gas, and the cooking has been part of Mrs. Newton's ordinary work. We have reckoned all these things at a fair price, and find that each dinner, for which a halfpenny is charged, practically costs a penny. Our thanks are due to Mrs. and Miss Benyon, Mrs. Rumsey, Mrs. Butler, and others who have kindly assisted at dinners.

We have received from the Captain for publication the following first year's report and balance sheet of the Englefield Football Club.

"To the Members of the Englefield Football Club.

"GENTLEMEN,

"The Club is to be congratulated on the results of its first season. Out of eleven matches played, six have been won, two drawn, and only three lost, which is an excellent result for any Club, and more so for ours, seeing that this is our first season. It is also a pleasure to think, whilst looking back on the past season, that it has been absolutely without accident, and there has been the best of good feeling shewn by our opponents in every match, thus rendering our play always of the most pleasant kind. It is a great pleasure also to reflect upon the kindness of our President in lending us our excellent ground, and the success of the past season has been the outcome of his kindness."

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.						£	s.	d.
Thirty Members' Subscriptions...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	0
Rev. A. Heigham	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
						£1	12	6

EXPENDITURE.						£	s.	d.
One Football Case	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	6
Four Bladders	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	6
Repairing the above	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	0
Stabling of Horse at Reading and Woolhampton	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
Tea to Woolhampton Boys	...	...	...	...	...	0	3	0
Telegram to Kendrick	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	9
Stamps, Stationery, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	9
						£1	12	6

WORKMEN'S CLUB.—The Committee desire to thank Miss Benyon for kindly making and presenting to the Club a new Catalogue of the Library Books. Fifty-one new books have lately been added, bringing the total number up to 439,

amongst the books added are a large number of the works of Mrs. Henry Wood, also books to complete the works of Thackeray, James, and Bulwer Lytton, five more volumes of Miss Yonge's works, two by Edna Lyall, two tales by Cobb, a History of Berkshire, an English Dictionary *for reference only*, and some other works. We should like to have a good map of Europe to hang in the Club-room, but the new books will have fairly well exhausted the balance in hand when the new library cupboard (a successful mixture of new and old) has been paid for.

The following Cricket Matches have been arranged for the season:—

	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Name of Club.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>
May	10.	Abbey Wharf C.C.	Englefield.
"	31.	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Reading.
June	7.	Beaconsfield C.C.	Englefield.
"	14.	Woodley C.C.	Woodley.
"	21.	Calcot Park C.C.	Calcot.
"	28.	Burghfield C.C.	Englefield.
July	12.	Yattendon C.C.	Yattendon.
"	19.	Yattendon C.C.	Englefield.
"	26.	Calcot Park C.C.	Englefield.
August	2.	Burghfield C.C.	Burghfield.
"	9.	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Englefield.
"	16.	Beaconsfield C.C.	Reading.
"	23.	Woodley C.C.	Englefield.
September	6.	Abbey Wharf C.C.	Reading.

We wish our Club good success. Mr. Benyon has been kind enough to order that our boys should have a piece of ground kept mown for their use: this ought to improve their play, and lead to some better bowling and smarter fielding.

At the monthly School Examination, the banner was won by Standard I., who hold it for the month of April, we are sorry Standard IV. did not succeed in keeping it. There are 109 names on the Registers at the present time, of whom 29 are "Infants" under seven years of age. Since the yearly examination we have lost James Coombes, Hugh Rhind, George Duckett, Edward Cottrell, Mabel Harris, Elizabeth Cooper, and Mary Fowler, and thus far, only three infants, William Fowler, Harry Vince, and Maggie Eyles, have been admitted this year.

We wish to record that Mrs. Ham, of "Wimbledon" entered her 97th year on the first of April, and still possesses wonderful powers of walking, and a voice which has none

of the quavering of old age; but of mind and memory there is little left.

The results of the "Tournament of Games" at the Workmen's Club have been sent to us, and are as follows:—

WHIST.—Messrs. A. Harrison and A. Birt.

CRIBBAGE—Mr. D. Horne.

DON.—Mr. T. Fisher.

DRAUGHTS.—Mr. D. M. Davies.

DOMINOES.—Mr. A. Tigwell.

BAGATELLE (Cannon).—Mr. J. Claydon.

„ (Cannon and Holes).—Mr. F. G. Barnes.

„ (All Balls up.)—Mr. W. Horne.

Spring flowers are blooming in profusion, the grass on each side of the carriage drive is brilliantly golden with lesser celandine or pilewort, no doubt there is plenty of colts' foot in the fields, we should like some brought to us, the former was a famous old remedy for eye complaints, and colts' foot lozenges are a constant remedy for coughs; it is remarkable how many of the early spring flowers are yellow, *e.g.*, daffodils or "Lent lilies," primroses, aconite, &c. We hope that the search for flowers and learning their names will be persevered in by some who began doing so last year.

Weather permitting we hope to open the swimming bath some time during the merry month of May, possibly the Saturday after Ascension Day. As before, towels and drawers are provided, we only want plenty of boys to instruct in swimming and to enjoy bathing. Saturday afternoons are so much taken up with cricket that for the sake of those who have lately left school, and yet wish to keep up their swimming, we should not object (if we were asked) to give an hour (from 6 to 7) at the bath one other day in the week.

BURIAL.



"Grant him eternal rest, O Lord."



April 17th.—John James Battram, aged 32, a valued and attached servant in the family of R. Benyon, Esq., of Englefield House.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,
READING,

ST. MARK'S DAY, 25th April, 1890.

A.I.C.H.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 54.

JUNE, 1890.

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Mrs. Benyon has sent the following communication for insertion in the "Local Sheet":—

"Owing to our serious visitation of Influenza this Spring, there has been unavoidable delay in both sending off the result of our Lenten Working Party, and in receiving the acknowledgment of the safe arrival; but we hear that the three large boxes have been received by Miss Robinson (one of the Secretaries to the Newfoundland Mission) with great thankfulness, and she writes—'How can we duly acknowledge such a bountiful contribution, we thank you and your friends very much indeed.'

"It was a great privation to myself that illness caused me to be absent from almost all the Working Parties, and I have heard from so many how much the Rector's words and readings were missed, illness also causing his absence: but notwithstanding we have sent up the greatest number of garments we have yet accomplished, 273 against 228 last year, so I think we have good encouragement for the future."

At a Vestry Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st May, Messrs. J. Coombes and T. Hand were chosen as representatives of the Lay Communicants of the Parish to vote for Lay Representatives of the Bradfield Deanery to be Members of the Oxford Diocesan Conference. This election takes place once in three years. No other business was transacted.

A Meeting to form the Guild was held in Church, on Sunday, April 27th, at 3.30, and attended by upwards of 70 persons; after explaining the Rules and the objects of the Guild the Rector invited those who were not at the present time willing to become members to leave the Church; 62 persons (including a few who have since joined), remained and become members: this is a most hopeful and happy commencement, going far beyond our expectations; our experience in past years leads us to feel sure that others will come in by degrees, and that of those who join very very few will ever say "I am sorry I joined," but many will say "It has been a great help to me in leading a good Christian life, and in keeping me regular in my religious duties, and in the use of my many privileges." "Let us walk by the same rule" motto, and in God is our trust to help us to persevere.

Standard I. have again won the Banner in the Monthly School Examination; well done Standard I.

It is suggested in the New Code that girls in and above Standard IV. should be allowed to bring to school garments from home which require mending or darning; we are now permitting our children to do so on Friday afternoons once a fortnight, but at present the permission has not been greatly used.

The playground has had a good coat of gravel, the large stones having first been removed; some diligent rolling after rain will now, we hope, keep the playground in better order. Base-ball has lately come into fashion, not at all a bad game.

Rosa Bates, Roderick Rhind, and John and Harriet Shepherd have lately been admitted to School. There are still several children in the Village over three years of age whom we are willing and anxious to receive without further delay.

Swimming began on Saturday, May 17th, temperature of the water was 65°, a few degrees above that of the air. Only nine boys have at present bathed, in June we hope that number will be multiplied by 3.

The Cricket Season has opened favourably for Englefield, the first two matches being won by the home team. The presence of the roller on the ground, for which the Club desire to thank Mr. Benyon, is a great convenience, the ground can now again be easily kept in order with little trouble and no expense; how the roller ever came to be taken away is one of those things "a feller can't understand." The tent, too, is a great comfort, and the Club are much indebted to Mr. Benyon for being allowed to use it for their Cricket Matches; it takes a very short time to erect it, and though perhaps the boys are disposed to make use of it too freely, it is very convenient for the Cricketers and members of the Club.

We ought to have mentioned last month, but it got "crowded out," that in addition to the balance of £13 5s. 4d. on the Offertory Account for the Sick and Needy, there is also a sum lying in Blandy's Bank belonging to that same acco

it accumulated in the year of Mr. Travers' death and in the first year in which we became Rector of the Parish; no doubt it will come in usefully some time or another, possibly to apprentice a boy who although not in this Parish really belongs to us, possibly in a time of some grievous sickness, we make no use of it for current expenses, and purposely omit to let it appear as a balance from year to year; it has a separate account in Blandy's Bank so that there can be no possibility of any mistake arising as to what the money is and where it comes from. The wants of the Sick and Needy should be supplied by the offertory from year to year without regard to any previous balances.

An O.B. is a well-known term for a boy who is not necessarily very old, but who has left school and gone into the world; and we were glad this Whitsuntide to see a good many Englefield O.B.'s and O.G.'s too, home for a holiday; it is always pleasant to see them home *for a little while*, and to hear that they are doing well in various situations in all parts of England.

Whit-Monday seems rather flat this year with no Berks Friendly entertainment, but it is not otherwise than a good thing to emphasize the fact that the entertainment was a free gift, and liable, as this year, to interruption; and that most Clubs if they want an entertainment on Whit-Monday have to provide it for themselves.

We always think our Church looks better on Whit-Sunday than on any other Festival, because *Red* is the colour for this Church season, and there is a warmth and richness about red which other colours seem to lack. There were Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and chorally at 11 o'clock, the number of Communicants being 98. The Services were very refreshing and helpful. The anthem, "Thine, O Lord, &c.," by Kent, was sung as a Quartet and Chorus. The evening Catechizing was on vows (in connexion with the Baptismal vow), a subject lately prominently brought before Church people. The establishment of Brotherhoods to aid and work amongst the Poor in populous places seems to be the way the Church can influence the people in those centres of population. It seems a little ridiculous to be afraid of the old word monk.

The Church will be closed for a few days during the first week in June for a thorough cleaning; it will save much trouble if the Congregation will take away their books, the walls and roof give off a great quantity of dust which not only spoils books, but it makes much work if every book has to pass through the hands of the cleaner. The Hymn Book being Church property need not be removed, they will be put together and covered over.

BAPTISMS.

"Children of God."

April 27th.—Eleanor May, daughter of Henry and Mary Anne Wheeler, of Englefield.

May 25th.—Gilbert, son of William and Mary Anne Cox, of Englefield.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,
READING,

A.L.C.H.

WHIT-MONDAY, 26th May, 1890.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 55.

JULY, 1890.

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The Church looks much better for the good cleaning and dusting it has had, it took the best part of four days, by a coincidence at the very time, we were reading in the First Lesson about Hezekiah's cleaning of the Temple which occupied eight days, and he too like ourselves ended at the Porch: "they sanctified the House of the Lord in eight days."

We have lost both Arthur and Ernest Buckland from our company of Ringers; Fred. Coombes has been appointed a ringer, and also a young company have set to work to master the difficulties of the science, and practise every Wednesday evening—at present with tied bells; the company consists of Mr. Robinson, Thomas Cox, Fred. Day, Harry Duckett, William Horne, Alfred Lamperd, and William Sessions. Thus far they promise well, and we hope they will stick to it.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers is this year to be held at Buckingham, a most inconvenient place to get at, so much so that few from this neighbourhood will be likely to attend it.

We are glad to report that Standard II. have wrested the Banner from Standard I. in the monthly examination, and it now hangs on the wall near their desks.

It is to be observed that the New Code which comes into force next August provides that girls above Standard IV. may be instructed for a certain number of school hours both in Cooking and Laundry work. It cannot be doubted but that health and comfort would be consulted and benefited if some practical skill in these important things could be gained by girls before leaving school: of course there are difficulties to be overcome, easily surmountable in towns and probably not insuperable even in villages. The Government makes a small grant for each girl who attends such classes, and the Chairman of the Reading School Board informs us that the Cookery Classes in Reading very nearly pay their way: the food cooked is very simple, such as might or should be found on the table of any mechanic or labourer.

The first of the "Botanical Walks" of the season took place on Saturday morning, June 21st, thirty-six different specimens of wild flowers of one kind or another were gathered, and we invite girls as well as boys to join in these walks every alternate Saturday morning.

It is proposed to hold a meeting of the members of the Guild in Church, on Sunday, 6th July, at 3.30, at which it is hoped all will be able to be present.

The Choir have been learning and are about to sing in Church the Versicles and Responses of the Litany; the music which is very simple and will be sung without any organ accompaniment, is that which is used on festival days at St. Paul's Cathedral. The congregation will be quite able to join in it, and we greatly hope they will do so with audible voice, the simple air (never more than four notes) is already known to many or quickly learnt, within the compass of any voice, and is more easily "kept going" than a monotone which gets flat and neglected.

The weather has been singularly unfavourable for bathing, and our Swimming Bath has been nearly deserted: when warmer weather really commences we hope many little boys as well as larger ones will begin, and discover for themselves how pleasant, refreshing, and invigorating is a plunge into cold water, which yet at a temperature usually of 65° can scarcely be said to be cold.

As we have passed the Longest day we are beginning already to think of Evening School; what shall we do? or rather what shall we attempt? Shall we hope that the Squire will again allow some help to be given in wood carving? Shall we devote an hour to freehand drawing, so very important and useful in many lines of life? Shall we have a singing class? May we not hope that some older lads and men who are poor scholars will have the pluck to come and better themselves in reading, writing, and arithmetic? We promise them a hearty welcome. We want to get these matters well talked of beforehand, and then, if all be well, start in good time, for a good winter's work, mixed with some recreation.

We are very glad to announce that two more boys have offered themselves as Servers; there is now a Server for each Sunday in the month, thus—

1st Sunday	...	...	...	...	...	Thomas Harris.
2nd	„	...	...	...	...	Frederick Griffin.
3rd	„	...	...	...	...	William Wyatt.
4th	„	...	...	...	...	Hugh Rhind.
5th	„	...	...	...	...	Bertie Tigwell.

If it were an honourable office for the boy Samuel “to open the doors of the House of the Lord,” it must needs be a far greater honour to serve Him in His own Blessed Sacrament, in His own Mysterious Presence, at His Altar: we do hope that all our boys, whether Servers or Choir Boys feel this, and do earnestly try to be reverent and devout: the first without the second is like dry bones without a spirit, reverence and prayer must go hand in hand, one helps the other: the more devout we are, the more reverent we become, and if we will try and be reverent the spirit of prayer will not long be wanting, the dry bones will live.

After considerable delay there are about to be given away some prizes in the Sunday School, and there will be some disappointments, for however regular the attendance no prize is given *unless the Collect is well said*. This is a matter in which parents ought to interest themselves, our plan is to select a Collect once a month, and have the same Collect said every Sunday in the month, and yet there are children who cannot say the Collect without mistake on any one of the Sundays! In order to gain full marks we require the Collect to be said *without any mistake* on every Sunday. Parents might interest themselves in seeing that the Collect is learnt, and should also remember how useful it is that the mind be stored with a certain amount of prayers ready for use as occasion needs; when a different Collect has to be learnt every week, one drives out the other, but one Collect a month is, we think, a more useful plan and within the power of any child. It must also be borne in mind that the children assemble in School at 5.30 on Sundays and are *marked* before going to Church, and that it is the duty of parents to see that their children come and be marked and go to Church, unless kept at home for any reasonable cause. It is an evil thing to bring up children in the habit of going to Church only once a Sunday; “train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,
READING.

A.L.C.H.

S. JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY, 24th June, 1890.

The following two pages appear to be from the October 1890 issue, the remainder of which has been lost.

STANDARD IV.

William Allen
Edward Cottrell
Douglas Harris
Joseph Lamperd
Eric Rhind
Frederick Vince

Jessie Allen
Lizzie Coombes
Sarah Davis
Edith Manning
Louisa Wheeler

There were nine other children in these standards, but unfortunately every one of them failed in Arithmetic, and thus lost their certificates.

We record with great satisfaction that a bell-cot has been erected over the Porch of the Boys' School, also that the door of the Girls' lobby has been brought forward, thus increasing the accommodation for the Girls' hats and cloaks, also by means of a galvanized iron roof there will be, we hope, a nice dry shed attached to the school of much use and comfort in wet weather.

We are not sure when any statement of the affairs of the "Boys' Cricket Club" was last published: it will be seen that Mrs. Benyon is the only subscriber; the Boys pay nothing, which is probably the reason why they are so careless about bats and balls, but at all events they have every opportunity of playing any number of good games both of Cricket and Football.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1888.—Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
1889.—Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
	£4 0 0		

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
1888 to August, 1890—			
Three Cricket Balls	0	13	0
Repairing Bat	0	3	0
Football and Bladders	0	15	0
Three Bladders	0	7	0
Two Bats and Three Balls	1	1	6
Two Balls... ..	0	10	0
Balance in hand, September, 1890	0	10	6
	£4 0 0		

We beg to express a hope that those children who attend the Cookery Lessons will be encouraged and allowed by their parents to cook the dishes at home for family use ; all the dishes are simple, inexpensive, and quite within the power of the children, and there is plenty of variety—amongst the latest dishes are :—

Sheeps' head broth Suet dumplings Scrap bread pudding White bread Gruel Stewed vegetable marrow	Lentil Soup Meat and Potato Pie Raisin Pudding Boiled Potatoes and Greens Light Pudding
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It will be little use their learning once a week to cook, unless they practice at home what they learnt.

Take notice that on Thursday, October 9th, at three o'clock, in the Dinner Kitchen all the useful articles of Clothing made by your Girls in our School during the year 1889 will be sold to any one in the village who chooses to come and buy. Everything will be sold at the cost price of the material: you will thus reap the benefit of your girls' work, and be able to buy many useful articles ready-made and well-made, at a price just sufficient to cover the original outlay of the material as bought at the shop. The articles must be paid for at the time of purchase.

The Swimming Bath opened this year on Saturday, May 17th, and closed on September 16th, the temperature of the bath varying from 60° to 69°. Thirty boys bathed the following number of times, and those who can swim have an asterisk prefixed to their name :—

*Fred. Dixon 46 *W. Wyatt... .. 35 *George Rhind 34 *John Coombes... .. 32 *Fred. Coombes 27 *Cameron Rhind } *Maurice Cox } 25 Arthur Cox } George Coombes 24 *J. Thame 22 F. Manning 19 F. Vince 17 Alfred Cox 14 *James Claydon... .. 12 *Douglas Harris 11	*Fred. Cox 9 *James Coombes } *Fred. Day } 8 John Vince 7 *Thomas Harris } John Harris } 6 *Hugh Rhind 5 *H. Duckett } *S. Cambridge } 3 T. Wyatt } Walter Cox } Alfred Thame... .. 2 *Frederick Griffin } F. Russell } 1 H. Hayward 0
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St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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The idea of the Day's Excursion for members of the Workmen's Club does not yet appear to have taken much hold of the members, only nine of whom have as yet become subscribers; possibly 2d. a week is too small a sum to pay, and members are intending to pay a lump sum of one or two shillings at a time. Out of a club of seventy or more members, it is hoped that at least one half will go in for the excursion; there must be many who have joined in such days and know how pleasant they are.

Mrs. Benyon has kindly presented two sets of Chessmen to the Club: it will be remembered that Chess is to be included in the Tournament of Games. Arrangements for the Tournament are in hand, and a list may be expected to be seen on the notice board shortly.

A book called "Kiungani; or, Story and History from Central Africa" has lately been given to the Library; and the School Library has been enriched by a most interesting book called "Twenty Years in Central Africa."

The Sale of useful Clothing on Thursday, October 9th, was successful, and appeared to give satisfaction, about £2 was taken, which together with another £1 since added and which represents the value of the unsold articles is to be spent in a manner which we think will undoubtedly be agreeable to the boys of our School.

The Reverend Wilmot Phillips who has for two years been a Curate at the Parish Church at Brighton is we hope, with the Bishop's consent, coming here next January as assistant Curate. He is a B.A. of Wadham College, Oxford, and was ordained two years ago; thus he has youth—as well as health and strength—in his favour, and will bring to bear upon his work here that freshness and buoyancy of spirits, which we who are older would desire, but alas! are unable to keep.

We are sure that you will receive him kindly, and accept his work amongst you in a right spirit, and with you we trust and pray that his work may bring forth much fruit.

It seems a fit time to print and circulate amongst you a Prayer for the Clergy and Parish, hoping that it may find a place in the family or daily prayers of many. The words of promise are very large, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." S. Matthew xviii. 19. Quite certainly more than two will be found to use the Prayer printed with this number of the "Local Sheet."

Mrs. Newton has left us, and no successor has been yet appointed, indeed it seems doubtful whether the work done is sufficient for the outlay: just at this time of the year there is of course the daily Children's Dinner, but apart from this the work of visiting amongst you is scarcely sufficient to provide healthy exercise for an average woman. If a successor is appointed we wish to find one who understands a little about nursing, or at least attending upon sick persons, and would be able and willing to help if necessary in the Night School as well as the Sunday School, and who would take charge—and this is specially a devout woman's work—take charge of the Altar and its furniture, and all that part of the Church which in one word is called the Sanctuary.

The Football season was to have begun on Saturday, October 25th, with a match of Englefield *versus* Woolhampton College, but the afternoon was so wet that the College did not turn up, and only eight of the home team.

Notice has arrived from the Science and Art Department at South Kensington that the first examination in Drawing of the Boys attending our Day School will take place some day in December. Occasionally Mr. Robinson sends home by his scholars the drawings they have done in school, some of these never reach home being torn up by the boys, who we presume, are ashamed of their work, but when the drawing does reach the eyes of the parents it is worth a glance to see how laborious it is to train the hand to copy. We saw such a tea-kettle being drawn the other day such as never was made by mortal tinsmith.

Nineteen are in attendance, more or less regular, at the Night School, geometry, drawing, and painting, together with the wood-carving are the favourite occupations, but we are obliged to insist in some cases, on a little of the three R's.

We omitted to mention just now that the Rev. T. Robinson, who was here during Lent, is again coming to assist during the two remaining months in this year. He will lodge at Mr. Coombes' house, and in case of sickness we beg you (during our absence) to send for him.

Before this number of the "Local Sheet" is in your hands the Clothing Club tickets will have been given out: the deposits this year amount to close upon £34, interest at

the rate of 25 per cent. is added, somewhat better than "Goschens." A balance sheet will appear next month. Deposits will commence to be received again on the first Monday in December, at the usual place and hour. No deposits are received during the month of November.

Hubert Lawrence, Henry and Elizabeth Hayward, Emily Iorne, Herbert and Alice Wood, and Harry Newman, have lately been admitted to the Infants' School, which now numbers 40 children. In the upper School there are 80 children.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,
READING,

27th October, 1890.

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St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 60.

DECEMBER, 1890.

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This number completes the fifth year of our "Local Sheet," and with it we send hearty greetings to our readers, and good wishes for Christmas. We have no reason to complain of want of readers; we order each month 100 copies of the "Banner of Faith" with the "Local Sheet," and it is but rarely that there are copies to spare. There is seldom much difficulty in finding sufficient local or rather parochial news to fill our sheet, and we welcome the monthly opportunity of saying a word or two on various matters of local interest, and of distributing, as becomes an Editor who is also Parish Priest, words of encouragement, praise, or blame as occasion requires.

The sixty numbers would form a little volume, useful for references, and interesting as a Parish record; any Bookseller in Reading would put them into a cloth binding for something under a shilling.

Just now we have to distribute blame, or rather a necessary caution: it is painful to allude to *any* conduct which is shameful and disgusting, but much more so when the honour of God and the reverence due to His Holy House is concerned; and yet, alas! His Holy Name is week by week blasphemed, and His Holy House dishonoured by the irreverent, careless, or worse behaviour of a *few* who go to Church. Only a *few*, thank God, but nothing spreads so quickly as irreverence—one boy misbehaving himself, eating, talking, or not kneeling, is quite enough to upset many others and to make them follow his bad example. Our warning is: don't sit near a boy whom you distrust, get away from him, he will make you as bad as himself; next, remember Him who said "My House is the

House of Prayer," and S. Paul's words, "What, have ye houses to eat and to drink in, or dispise ye the Church of God?" With so much to be thankful for in many of our boys, this increasing want of reverence has been to us a sad trial, it is so dishonouring to God, so hurtful to our own souls, it takes all the reality out of our prayers, makes us such hypocrites in God's sight. So surely as Sunday comes, so surely does this temptation come; it shews the value of our prayers, or the devil would not make himself so busy to try and spoil them.

Guild Rule, No. 4, is a help to many, because it keeps the danger ever before us, but Guild or no Guild, we do hope that those who need this warning will lay it earnestly to heart.

If parents set a good example in Church-going and kneeling, there would be much less danger of their children falling into bad ways.

On Friday, December 5th, at seven p.m., a meeting will be held in the Long Gallery, Mr. Benyon in the chair, to hear an address on Political matters, illustrated by a magic lantern, by Mr. Pettifer, from London. The Meeting is not confined to members of the Primrose League. In consequence of this meeting the general choir practice will be on the previous evening.

With this number of the "Local Sheet" is enclosed some reading specially suited for Advent. We do not propose any special Services for Advent, but after service each Sunday Evening there will be sung Litany No. 463. On Christmas Day there will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and the 11 o'clock service. Evensong, with Carols, will be at 3.30 p.m.

On the Friday Evening previous to Christmas Day, namely Friday, December 19th, at 7.30 p.m., there will be the accustomed Service of Preparation for Holy Communion in the Church.

Also on the last day of December, in Church at 7 p.m., we propose as heretofore a short service of farewell to the old year, and of bidding God-speed to the opening one.

On New-Year's Day, the Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30, the other Services will be at the usual winter hours of 11.30 and 4.30. We should like to look forward to the possibility of having a celebration on *all* Saints' days, but there is no use beginning this hastily, and without consulting our Communicants ; the rule of the Church, as laid down in our Prayer book, is that there should be no celebration unless there are two or three to communicate with the Priest, and we should first like to discover what prospect there would be of finding this number of persons who could value the privilege of a Saints' day communion.

Besides singing Carols on Christmas day, it is proposed to sing them after Evensong on the two following Sundays ; books of the words will be bought round by the Choir boys, and it is requested that the books be left in the seats.

On Saturday, January 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Benyon kindly invite all the Members of the Choir to tea at 6 o'clock, an invitation which is not likely to be refused : it includes the Servers and the Banner Bearer.

The Annual Collections for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts will be made in our church on Sunday, December 7th, on which day will also be said special Prayers of Intercession for Missions. Those who hold Missionary Boxes are requested to send them to the Parsonage some day between the 20th and 27th of December : we trust their contents will be larger than ever, with the spread of population, and the opening out Central Africa the need of both money and men grows from year to year.

We have said before and say again that there ought to be a Missionary Box in every house in the Village, and that the amount put in should be regular and liberal. One penny a week is four shillings a year, and many could and should afford at least as much as this for the great work of spreading the Gospel of Our Lord throughout the world. If there is no Box in a house the yearly offering, it is to be feared, sinks down to an offering of perhaps fourpence or sixpence *once* a year.

A.I.C.H.

EASTBOURNE,

20th November, 1890.

