



The following is the Balance Sheet of the Clothing Club :—

							RECEIPTS.		
							£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	4	8
R. Benyon, Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mrs. Benyon	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Miss Benyon	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Deposits	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	14	10
Discount	...	...	...	...	...	...			

Total

							PAYMENTS.		
							£	s.	d.
Club Register and Account Book	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	3
Mc'Ilroy	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	8	0
Cordery	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	16	9
Heelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	9
Burberry	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	3
Selwood	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	3
Cash returned	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	10
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	...	...			

Total

N.B.—The Clothing Club Balance Sheet is to be printed in its unfinished condition.

It will be seen that we have more than spent our income, and that last year's balance has been nearly absorbed by the interest paid this year, which led us to say in last month's "Local Sheet" that the amount of interest added must another year be limited, but it is needless yet to make any arrangement.

The number of depositors is already 46, and there are a few more who we hope will yet join.

The Choir are again kindly invited to Englefield House to Tea on Wednesday Evening, the 30th December, at 5.30.

We again hear rumours of a little present being made to those of them who have been most regular throughout the year and have lost fewest marks by negligence, absence, or other faults, but the look of our Choir Register leads us to fear that there will be some disappointments.

We have still two vacancies in the Choir to fill up to complete the full number of 20 boys, Walter Cox is to be one, the other is not yet decided on.

We are asked to announce that there will be a Sale of the children's needlework and of other useful articles of clothing in the Dinner Kitchen, on Saturday, January 2nd, at 2 o'clock. The articles are sold at the price of the material, and those who come early, it goes without saying, will have the best choice.

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On Monday, January 11th, the Workmen's Club propose having a Soiree in the Club Room, with dancing and singing at intervals, from 7 to 11 o'clock, members may bring a lady friend, admission, each person, threepence; some refreshments will be provided at a small cost. Notice to this effect can be seen posted up in the Club Room. An enjoyable evening is hoped for and expected.

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We are also bidden to make another announcement, namely:—That all our School Children are invited to Englefield House to "Tea and Conjurer," on Tuesday, January 19th, their Parents may come in to see the conjuring after Tea if they so desire. The hour for Tea is 5 o'clock, and for the Conjurer, about 6.30.

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The unfinished condition of the Balance Sheet of the Clothing Club arises from some depositors not yet having bought their goods from Mc'Iloy, we sent him a cheque for his money asking the usual slight discount for cash, and an answer came that the right quantity of goods had not yet been bought: we beg that those who have not yet purchased their goods will kindly do so without any further delay. The tickets were issued more than seven weeks ago.

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Pottinger's Bread Charity was given, according to his instructions, to the poor of this Parish, on Monday, December 21st, being S. Thomas's Day, 53 gallons of bread were given, the price of the bread being one shilling a gallon, the income of the Charity is £2 a year, the balance of thirteen shillings was paid from the Church Offertory Account. The quantity of bread given varies with the number of children in each family at home and unemployed.

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We have been again consulting the Parish Registers, and find that the next entry after the one mentioned in our last number concerning the Rectors of this Parish, is that a "Mr. Francis Drake, Curate of this Parish, was buried May 24th, 1741." Probably Curate is here used in its proper sense of one who has the care of the Parish, namely, the Rector, in which case three Messrs. Drake were Rectors successively of this Parish from 1656 to 1741. There then occurs a gap, for the next Rector whose name we find mentioned is the Rev. Thomas Knapp, who died July 6th, 1817, having been Rector, as recorded on his monumental slab for 47 years: he was therefore instituted to the Rectory in 1770, but there seems no means of discovering who was Rector between 1741 and 1770, the year of Mr. Knapp's institution. We now come to more modern times about which there is neither doubt nor difficulty, the Rev. E. Berens succeeded Mr. Knapp, who was succeeded by Mr. Eyre, and followed by the Rev. A. Clutterbuck, and then followed your late lamented Rector, Mr. Travers.

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Mention of the Registers leads us to record that during the year now closing there have been 12 baptisms, 7 burials, and no marriages.

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We are sorry to announce that Mr. Colyer failed to satisfy the Examiners of the Bishop of Oxford and that his Ordination is delayed.

We hear also that Mr. Rumsey's Ordination is postponed until next Trinity Sunday.

The examination in this Diocese is said to be the most severe of any, so that Mr. Colyer, who left the University of Oxford some eight years ago, and has since been employed in engineering, may be excused for having forgotten somewhat of Latin, Greek, and Church History, and such other subjects as are required for an Examination for Holy Orders.

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We have had a pleasant letter from Harry Fletcher, from Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, on the further side of India, he gives a nice account of his journey and sight of Gibraltar, Naples, Port Said, the Canal, the Red Sea, etc., by now he is doubtless in Australia and well at work, he is not the sort of lad to let the grass grow under his feet, and very wisely refused to take more than a few pounds with him, for very fear of not getting himself to work whilst the money lasted.

He mentions that there was a Clergyman on board and that they had Service on Sundays, and also says that some members of the Salvation Army were on board as second-class passengers and invaded the third-class deck to hold Services against the wish of the passengers, but an appeal to the Captain of the ship soon stopped that, he adds that if these same persons saw anyone playing a friendly game of cards they tried to stop it. This, he adds, was an annoyance to us, who were mostly Church of England people.

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The President has fixed Monday Evening, the 18th of January, at 7 p.m., in the Long Gallery as the time and place for the Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club: no doubt as heretofore there will be a good muster of members.

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We hear that a Primrose League Meeting of this Habitation is fixed for Wednesday, February 10th, and a Village Concert for the following Tuesday the 16th. Further notice will be given next month.

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A distribution of coals from the late Miss Benyon's Charity of four hundredweight to each cottage is about to be made, the recipients are those who receive the Bread Charity, but in the case of coals it is not the person who receives it, but the house. We mention this to prevent any misunderstanding.

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Our Christmas-Day Services were, as usual, well attended, bright and hearty, the carols after Evensong were particularly well sung, and indeed all the musical part of the Services was nicely and reverently rendered. The number of Communicants was about as last year, some recent changes in the village have deprived us of a good many. The Church was beautifully decorated with the choicest of flowers, and in great taste, and the new super frontal on the Altar must have caught the eyes of many, it is a most beautiful piece of work.

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A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,

READING,

*26th December, 1891.*





Some alterations were then made in the Rules of the Club, and it was ordered that some fresh copies of the Rules be printed. It was also agreed to spend £8 in new books for the Library, and to give Mrs. Claydon a gratuity of £1 for trouble in making the ginger-beer, &c.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing twelvemonth: Messrs. D. Harris, W. Horne, W. Manning, G. Johnson, W. Vince, H. Wheeler, T. Seward, H. Aspinall, W. Smythe, H. Shakleford, C. Cox, J. Middleton; Mr. A. E. Robinson was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and the Rector the Treasurer.

It may be mentioned that according to the amended rules the Caretaker as well as the President and the Rector of Englefield are *ex-officio* Members of the Committee.

It was agreed to have the larger Bagatelle board re-covered and to buy three new balls.

Mr. Bligh and Mr. Clarke were elected Honorary Members.

After the usual votes of thanks the "Lifeboat Box" was passed round and it was found to contain the sum of £1 11s. 6d.

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No mention could be made in the above Report of the pleasant dance held at the Club on January 11th, for it occurred *this* year and the Report was for last year, but it must be recorded how agreeable an evening was spent, 102 tickets of admission were sold but only about 75 persons were present, an abundance of light refreshments were kindly sent from Englefield House, and from seven to half-past eleven, dancing was kept up, with now and again an interval for a song or some refreshment. The evening was in every way a successful one, and if all be well, may we hope be repeated another season.

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We remind you of the Village Concert to be held in the Long Gallery on Tuesday, the 16th. Ticket can be bought on the previous Saturday and Monday at the School House, price 6d. or 2d. The proceeds will again be given to the Cricket Club.

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The Annual Meeting of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society, was held in the Schoolroom, on Thursday evening, January 21st, at eight o'clock.

Mr. A. Clarke was appointed a Member of the Committee.

It was resolved that a donation of 30/- be sent to the Central Management Committee, representing a payment of half the Honorary Subscriptions for two years past.

The quarter's accounts of both branches of the Society were examined and found correct.

All the Members' pass books were examined for the past year and found correct: but 9 pass books had not been received and could not therefore be examined.

The Committee and the Representative were continued in their office for the ensuing year.

No other business was transacted.

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The number of Members in our Agency is 24 Assurance, 14 Deposit, and 27 Juvenile; we wish that the number of these last would largely increase, it is bad economy to delay joining the Club as each year the premium to be paid increases.

In this time of great sickness the advantage of belonging to a Benefit as well as a Medical Club is evident to all.

More women also should join Dr. Cox's Medical Club.

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We beg those whom it may concern to remember February 20th, 1887, and February 9th, 1890, the dates of the two Confirmations which took place in our Church during the last six years.

If all be well in the Autumn we shall begin Classes for preparation for the Confirmation, which will doubtless be held here, or in a neighbouring Church, in the Spring of 1893. There ought to be a large number of persons of various ages who desire to offer themselves as Candidates for what is a holy, Apostolic, and grace-giving ordinance.

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We are glad to say that the number of Depositors in our School Penny Bank is at the present time 74, and the interest added by Mr. Benyon, at the rate of one penny for every complete shilling deposited during the year, amounts during the past year to £1 9s. 3d. Some of these Depositors have left the School but continue to make payments.

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The tea and conjuring were great successes, and the crackers went off well, eight or nine children were absent through illness, but Mrs. Benyon kindly remembered them and each of them had a little present sent them.

Mrs. Benyon also gave away the Needlework prizes, as follows :

- Standard 1. Needlework—Florence Abery, Gertrude Wyatt.  
Knitting—Emily Winchcombe.
  - Standard 2. Needlework—Rose Allen, Cicely Adlum.  
Knitting—Hannah Shepherd.
  - Standard 3. Needlework—Annie Abery, Martha Davis.  
Knitting—Fanny Horne.
  - Standard 4. Needlework—Kate Cox, Gertrude Hopgood.  
Knitting—Gertrude Cox.
  - Standard 5. Needlework—Rose Wyatt, Mabel Manning.  
Knitting—Edith Martin.
  - Standard 6. Needlework—Edith Manning, Louisa Wheeler.  
Knitting—Lizzie Coombes.
  - Standard 7. Needlework—Edith Bond.
  - Infants' Class 1. Needlework—Alice Vince, Edward Buckland.  
Knitting—Rose Allen.
  - Class 2. Needlework—Rose Bates, Hubert Lawrence.  
Knitting—George Lawrence.
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Since the Club Meeting a donation of £8 has been made for new books to meet the same sum to be spent from the funds of the Club, these sums together will provide 80 or more books, bought second-hand from Mudie, which will replenish the well-worn supply of books on our shelves. A well-supplied Library is no less needful than a well-ordered Club.

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The Primrose League meeting is at the Long Gallery on Wednesday, February 10th ; a magic lantern will be used to illustrate the remarks of the speakers.

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We are glad to announce that both Boys and Girls in our School have gained the "excellent" grant for Drawing, this grant is 2/- a head, and will at least pay the expenses of paper, pencils, india-rubber, &c. If useful for nothing else, and we think it is, drawing at least gives a nice variety to the ordinary routine of daily work.

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As we are going to press the Government Examination is about to take place (Thursday, January 28th), after which the School breaks up for a fortnight's holiday.

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#### MARRIAGE.

December 28th, 1891—Leonard Poffley, of St. Giles', Reading, to Elizabeth Manning, of this Parish.

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#### BURIAL.

+ M. F. P. +

January 14th.—Thomas Horne, of Englefield, aged 78.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,  
READING,

*26th January 1892.*

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

## LOCAL SHEET.

No. 75.

MARCH, 1892.

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

We regret that, by an oversight, an error crept into the Balance Sheet of the Workmen's Club, as given in last month's "Local Sheet." Two lines were accidentally left out, namely, repairing stove, £1 2s. 11d.; and ginger beer bottles, corks and string, 8s. 3d.; the balance in hand, therefore, is £14 9s. 1½d. less these two sums, namely, £13 7s. 10½d., as announced at the annual meeting. It seems scarcely worth while to print the entire balance sheet again in consequence of these two errors, as the correct balance sheet is entered in the minute book of the club.

We are very sorry, but mistakes will sometimes occur, however much care is bestowed on the matter in hand.

William Wyatt gained a place in the 2nd Class at the Examination of Pupil Teachers in Religious Knowledge held last December. There were two placed in the 1st Class, and two in the 3rd Class, and five in the 2nd, of whom William was one. This is not bad for a beginning, but we shall hope to see him in the 1st class in future years.

The work required is not slight. This year's is as follows: The history of Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah, Josiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, and the proper Psalms for Whitsun-day; the Gospel according to S. John, and Acts 18 to 28; all the Catechism, and the Services for Ordination and the Visitation of the Sick.

School re-commenced on Monday, Feb. 15th. Since our last record the following children have been admitted to school:—Egbert Cox, Lillie Cook, William Lawrence, Elizabeth Martin, Louis Vince, William Eyles, Alfred Day, Jesse Povey, Cobon Povey, Beatrice Fowler, Thomas Thame, Percy Thame, Lizzie Thame, Sabina Smith, Tom Smith, Alice Smith, and George Yarlett. A few have left or are about to leave since the holidays, the number on the books being now 119.

The balance sheet was, according to law, put up in a public place (above the letter box) for 14 days, but it had not been



Lord Beaconsfield's Novels (11 volumes).

- Kingston My First Voyage, Saved from the Sea, Young Rajah, In the Wilds of Florida, South Sea Whaler.
- Mrs. Gaskell North and South, Cranford, Mary Barton.
- Miss Thackeray Village on the Cliff, Old Kensington, Miss Angel.
- C. Bronte Jane Eyre, Shirley, Life of Charlotte Bronte, Tenant of Wildfell Hall.
- W. Melville Black but Comely, Good for Nothing, The Interpreter, Roy's Wife.
- Mayne Reid Ocean Waifs, White Squaw, Bush Boys, Odd People, Young Voyagers.
- Smedley Lewis Arundel, H. Coverdale's Courtship, Colville Family.
- Miss Yonge Young Stepmother, The Three Brides, Armourer's Prentice, Stray Pearls, Nuttie's Father.
- A. Trollope Orley Farm, He knew he was right, Can you forgive her? The Eustace Diamonds, Phineas Finn, Claverings.
- Mark Twain Life on the Mississippi, Yankee at the Court of King Arthur.
- Mrs. Molesworth Herr Baby, Grandmother Dear, Tapestry Room, A Christmas Child, Rosy, Two Little Waifs, Rectory Children, Christmas Tree Land, Little Miss Peggy, "Us," "Carrots," Tell me a Story, Cuckoo Clock.

Also Wonders of Architecture, Wonders of Water, Wonders of Strength and Skill.

These books represent a good year's work for the most diligent.

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With this number are enclosed two leaflets about Lent, Good Friday and Easter, which we ask you to read carefully. All of us know something about these Holy Seasons, and each year we ought to try and profit more by them, more true repentance, more prayer, more diligence in our work. As we have not yet obtained the help of a Curate it is impossible to undertake any more services than those we already have. Cannot some try to come to the daily services, especially the afternoon service, more frequently? There is so much blessing in prayer, and Lent is a time for more earnest prayer; it is also a good thing

to get into the habit of coming to Church when there is no sermon, but only prayer. We have no right to despise sermons, the only instruction which some persons get ; but we ought not, on the other hand, to despise opportunities of prayer, and we repeat that Lent is a time for special prayer.

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The Concert on Feb. 16th, in the long Gallery, was financially successful, and realised £5 11s. 5d. for the funds of the Cricket Club, but this sum includes a donation of £1 added afterwards.

The performance itself seemed to give satisfaction to the audience, who encoed the Overture to "Cinderella," Mr. Robinson's song, Mr. Blagrove's solo on the concertina, and the Toy Symphony, as well as "Funiculi, Funicula."

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The following very satisfactory report on the School has been received from the Education Department :—

MIXED SCHOOL.—"The children are in very good discipline, and their elementary attainments in general do credit to the School ; but in some classes there is room for improvement in the enunciation of reading and recitation. History is well treated in the first class, in the lower standards it is perhaps somewhat too superficial. Oral Geography is good, but Mapping should improve. Needlework, Drill, and Singing are very satisfactory."

INFANTS' CLASS.—"The Infants are bright, intelligent, and very happily managed. Their instruction has been carried out most successfully."

The above report tells of good hearty work on the part of both Teachers and Scholars, and we congratulate all concerned on the result of their labours : it should also be remembered that the report from the Science and Art Department on the Drawing both of boys and girls was "excellent."

The Grant obtained (to be carried to next year's account) is £99 8s. 6d., last year it was £90 6s. 6d., and the previous year £82 12s. 6d., so the financial result is also satisfactory. Moreover there will be the Drawing Grant of a little over £6 to add to the first named sum, so that for the first time in the history of the school the grant will have exceeded £100. In the last twenty years the grant has varied from £51 upwards, but has never exceeded £90 more than three times. The average grant for the past twenty years has been just over £71, so that the various Education Codes with their stricter requirements have not financially hurt the school—if more results have been demanded the grant has increased.

We are daily expecting to hear of the visit of the Inspector in Religious Knowledge, and from him also we hope and anticipate a favourable account of the school in that which is by far the most important matter.

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We are asked to remind you of the Lent Working Party, which it is proposed to hold in the Long Gallery on Tuesdays in Lent from two till half-past four, commencing on Tuesday, March 8th. The clothes will be given to the Newfoundland Mission, and we earnestly hope many willing fingers will be found to come regularly week after week and take their part in the useful work; those who are unable to come can have work given them at home to be done.

The time devoted to the work must be regarded as an offering made to God, an act of self-denial, acceptable to Him if done from a good motive, and if a prayer for Missions is added to the time given and the work done, why so much the better.

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In place of the seven o'clock service on Wednesday Evenings in Lent, to which we have been accustomed for some years past, it is proposed to have in the Long Gallery a course of four Lectures on the History of the Church in England, on Monday Evenings, commencing Monday, March 14th. The lectures are illustrated by views in a magic lantern, but the lectures themselves are not of a character which we usually associate with a magic lantern, but deeply interesting and instructive, and may be regarded as not at all an unworthy substitute for a sermon in church; all church persons must naturally desire to know something of the history and work of the church in their own land, and we answer for it that if you attend the four lectures you will never regard the time as wasted, nor regret having attended them. There are only four lectures, and the first cannot be until March 14th, as the Lecturer is engaged elsewhere; they will commence at seven o'clock and last about an hour.

Some notices of the lectures will be put about the village and at Theale, as they are open to all who wish to come.

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The Examination of the Night School is fixed for Tuesday, March 15th, at seven o'clock; there are only nine lads who

attended a sufficient number of times to be examined, we give their names in order they may know that their presence is required at the school on that evening—they need not fear the examination, it is conducted by myself and another manager, the answers to the sums and the exercises in writing are sent to London next morning, and it will only occupy an hour; it is Mr. Benyon's order that all those whose name are here given should be present on the occasion; the school-pence which these nine paid during the winter will be returned to them the same evening. The grant made to the school if these nine pass a successful examination will be about sufficient to pay the expense of gas and coals, and to pay for the instruction in boot mending.

The names are F. Cox, W. Sessions, W. Horne, F. Vince, Ernest Cox, M. Allen, G. Duckett, F. Day, W. Thame.

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### BAPTISMS.

*"Take this child and nurse it for ME."*

February 28th.—Sydney Arthur, son of Alfred and Annie Eyles, of Englefield.

„ „ Horace George, son of Henry and Hannah Shackleford, of Englefield.

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A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,

READING,

29th February 1892.

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 76.

APRIL, 1892.

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

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A General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Workmen's Club, on Tuesday evening, March 1st, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season :

*Captain*—L. E. Bligh, Esq.      *Sub-Captain*—Mr. W. Smythe.

*Committee*—

Messrs. D. Horne, G. Johnson, H. Shackelford, L. Harris,  
H. Wheeler, J. Claydon.

*Secretary*—Mr. Robinson.      *Treasurer*—Rev. A. Heigham.

It was resolved that a bat be presented at the end of the season to the player being, a member of the Club, who made the best 7 innings ; also that 2/6 be paid for putting up and taking down the tent, etc. ; also that some wicket-keeper's gloves, and some batting gloves and other necessary "kit" be bought ; also, after some discussion, that a member of the Cricket Club, but who has now left the village, may become a member by election on payment of an annual subscription of 3/- ; also that thanks be offered to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for kindly allowing the proceeds of the Concert in the Long Gallery to be given to the funds of the Cricket Club ; the challenges to be sent and matches to be played were also agreed upon. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting separated.

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The Cookery Lessons are arranged to commence the first Saturday after Easter at the usual place and hour, we give the names of the girls who have the privilege of attending them, and as before, we hope there will be a regular attendance and no excuses made. There has been some reason to find fault lately with the irregularity of attendance in the day school, a thing altogether unheard of in Englefield school, the weather

has been some excuse and so has the Influenza, but there has evidently been a want of effort on the part of some parents to keep the attendance of their children up to the usual high standard to which we are accustomed. The Attendance Officer's visits have, until recently, been quite formal, and it would be a disgrace to us all if we did not maintain our high character. Every penny, or nearly so, of our grant depends on the "average attendance" and if *this* becomes irregular we suffer for it at the year's end, and what is far more important, the children suffer too.

Names for Cooking Lessons:—Lizzie Coombes, Edith Manning, Louisa Wheeler, Mabel Manning, Edith Martin, Rosa Wyatt, Esther Horne, Sabina Smith, Lois Allen, Kate Cox, Gertrude Cox, Martha Day, Emily Groves, Gertrude Hopgood, Lizzie Thame, Annie Abery, Florence Allen, Annie Claydon, Martha Davis, Fanny Horne.

The Dinner Kitchen closed on Monday, March 7th, it had been open 77 times, the average number of Dinners each day being  $36\frac{1}{2}$ , the total number of Dinners was 2,816; we began with a daily average of more than 50 but lately it had sunk as low as 25, and on Monday, March 7th, began with only 15, so the dinners promptly came to an end.

The Balance Sheet stands as follows—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Cash for Dinners ...	7	17 11½	Jam, Rice, Sugar, Sago,		
Balance paid by Mr. Benyon	3	9 4½	Bread, Flour, etc. ...	7	10 4
			Cook's Wages ... ..	3	17 0
	£11	7 4		£11	7 4

Mr. Benyon also provides Milk, Suet, and Necks of Mutton at a cost of about £7, so that it will be seen that the dinner which is sold for a half-penny really costs three half-pence,

We ask you to take notice that the Easter Vestry for the election of Churchwardens and other business, is fixed for Easter Monday, at 7 o'clock in the evening, an hour when any one so disposed, is able to come; all householders, whose names are on the Rate book, have the right to attend, and we hope that a good many will do so. The meeting will be opened in the Vestry and immediately adjourned to the Long Gallery.

The Games Tournament at the Workmen's Club is finished and the following are the prize winners :—

*Whist*—Messrs. Duckett and Doust.

*Cribbage*—Mr. H. Wheeler.

*Don*—Mr. H. Garratt.

*Draughts*—Mr. J. Stones.

*Chess*—

*Dominoes*—Mr. W. Smythe.

*Bagatelle*. 

{	<i>Cannon</i>
	<i>Cannon and Holes</i>
	<i>All Balls up</i>

 } Mr. J. Claydon.

There was some very good play, £1 16s. 9d. was equally distributed in prizes, which winners spend in the purchase of any article they please. It will probably be desirable another year to make a rule that no winner can receive more than one prize in games wherein only two persons play at one time, and that no prize shall be given for any game unless there are 6 or more entries.

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There will be no Special Services in Holy Week until Wednesday evening, but on that day, the following day and on Good-Friday, there will be a short service at 7 p.m. There will of course, also be a Service on Good Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and from half-past 2 until 3, (the hour at which our Lord died), the Penitential Psalms and some Prayers will be said in Church.

On Easter Day there will be celebrations at 7-30, 8-30 and at the 11 o'clock service, and the service on the previous Thursday evening will be a special preparation service for our Easter Communion. The Prayer Book says, "And note, that every Parishioner shall communicate, at the least, three times in the year, of which Easter is to be one."

We trust there will be a large number in the parish who will obey this rule of their Church.

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The Lady Day Vestry was held on the 25th of March, for the election of Overseers and Surveyor of the highways. Messrs. Jenkin Davies and Alfred Clarke were elected to the former, and Mr. Thomas Hand to the latter office. No other business was transacted.

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Our school play-ground has been enriched with two see-saws which are in constant use during play hours; the swings too, are about to be hung with chains instead of ropes, these latter getting worn up and frayed so constantly.

We are asked to give notice that another Sale of the Needlework done by the children in our school, and some other garments, will be held on Wednesday, April 20th, at 3 o'clock punctually, in the Housekeeper's room at Englefield House. The Articles comprise Children's Pocket Handkerchiefs, Dusters, Pillow-cases, Aprons, Pinafores, Men's and Boys' Shirts, Children's Frocks, Petticoats, Boys' Suits, Stockings, Socks, etc., etc.

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The question of the re-adjustment of the appropriated seats in our church is in contemplation; it is felt that too large a number of seats are appropriated, and these all in the best part of the church. It is impossible that every one can sit in front, but it would seem equitable that a whole block of seats from east to west should be free and unappropriated, and also that no person should have, appropriated to his use, seats which he does not, or cannot constantly and regularly occupy. For example, if a seat holds four persons but is seldom occupied by more than two, it follows that two good seats in the best part of the church stand empty very frequently, whilst at the farther end of the church seats are well filled, but are not in such a nice position for taking a hearty and earnest part in the service. Mr. Benyon has at once determined to set an example in the matter, and to rail off 3 seats at the end of his long bench, which 3 seats will then be appropriated to the Rectory; other changes are proposed—in all cases a curtailment of the number of seats appropriated, and we feel confident that all who are concerned will prove themselves ready and anxious to do what seems for the general good, following the example set by the Squire. It is also very desirable that one Churchwarden should sit further down the church, than hitherto has been the custom, and be ready to execute the duties of his office whenever occasion requires; amongst other duties he has to seat parishioners and strangers, if necessary, to maintain order, and he is ordered by the Canons occasionally to leave the church during service and see that no loiterers are outside.

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#### BAPTISMS.

*"Take this child and nurse it for ME."*

March 27th.—Albert Stanley, son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Thame, of Englefield.

A. L. C. H.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,  
READING,

28th March, 1892.

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

## LOCAL SHEET.

No. 77.

MAY, 1892.

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

The boys began to play Cricket on April 7th, two days after the men had their first practice, the warm weather encouraging this early start, we draw attention to the rules which govern the Boys' Club, namely that the Cricket things can be used on all school days between 12 and 1, but must be brought home at the latter hour, also they can be used after 4, but on Thursdays and Fridays must be brought home at 5.30. On Saturdays the Cricket things can be used both morning and afternoon, and lastly it is not allowable to play when the grass is wet.

The following matches have been arranged for the Mens' Club.

May 7th.—Bradfield ... ..	..	To be played at Englefield.
„ 21st.—Beaconsfield ... ..	..	„ „ „
June 4th.—Grazeley ... ..	..	„ „ „
„ 11th.—Yattendon ... ..	..	„ „ Yattendon.
„ 18th.—Biscuit Factory ... ..	..	„ „ Englefield.
„ 25th.—Wasing ... ..	..	„ „ „
July 2nd.—Woolhampton College	..	„ „ „
„ 9th.—Wasing ... ..	..	„ „ Wasing.
„ 16th.—Woolhampton College	..	„ „ Woolhampton.
„ 23rd.—Bradfield ... ..	..	„ „ Bradfield.
„ 30th.—Yattendon ... ..	..	„ „ Englefield.
Aug. 6th.—Beaconsfield ... ..	..	„ „ Reading.
„ 13th.—Biscuit Factory ... ..	..	„ „ „
„ 20th.—Grazeley ... ..	..	„ „ Grazeley.
„ 27th.—Royal Seed Establishment	..	„ „ Englefield.

We wish our club fine weather, pleasant matches, and good success.

It is proposed to open the Swimming Bath for the season on Saturday, May 7th, weather and all else permitting, as hitherto, the bath will no doubt be well patronised, and many boys we hope will both learn to swim and perfect themselves in that useful accomplishment. For elder lads and good swimmers there is water at the Dairies and at Pen Lock; as regards the Dairies, Mr. Hand has promised to keep a head of water on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, when, if no mischief is done and those who go, keep to the road and do not wander about the woods and fields, our lads will have

liberty to bathe, but it is expected that those who go should wear bathing drawers, a pair can be lent for the season on application at the Club. Mr. Todd has promised to have some overhanging bushes cut away from the pool at the Pen Lock so that the whole pool will be available for a very enjoyable plunge.

Church Offertory Account, from Easter, 1891, to Easter, 1892 :—

RECEIPTS.					£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	...	...	...	...	10	16	11½
Collected for the Poor	...	...	...	...	27	7	6½
Collected for Special Objects	...	...	...	...	167	19	5
					£206	3	11

EXPENDITURE.					£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...	...	24	12	10½
Oxford Diocesan Spiritual Help Society	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Royal Berks Hospital	...	...	...	...	19	3	6
Missionary Candidates' Association	...	...	...	...	33	10	0
Gospel Propagation Society	...	...	...	...	27	19	5
Sick and Needy	...	...	...	...	17	12	2½
Sunday School Prizes	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Special Offertory on 3rd Sunday in each month, as follows—							
Diocesan Inspection	...	...	...	2	0	0	
Central African Mission	...	...	...	5	0	0	
Christian Knowledge Society	...	...	...	5	0	0	
Mission to Corea	...	...	...	5	0	0	
Waterside Mission	...	...	...	5	0	0	
National Society	...	...	...	2	11	8	
					24 11 8		
Lent Savings, as follows—							
East London Church Fund	...	...	...	10	0	0	
Kilburn Sisters	...	...	...	8	2	0	
					18 2 0		
Balance in hand for the Poor	...	...	..	...	19	12	3
					£206	3	11

There is also a balance in Blandy's Bank of £43 17s. 5d. belonging to the offertory fund, to which has now been added £15, making the total in the Bank £58 17s. 5d., and carrying on a balance to next year's account of £4 12s. 3d.

As is well known there has been a large amount of sickness during last year, but the nourishing food given from Englefield House has been so large that the demand upon the offertory fund has been scarcely so much as usual, but no doubt at some time or another the money in the Bank will be found useful.

The results of the labours of the Working party during Lent have been most successful, as shewn by the number of garments completed, if from one cause or another the workers were not quite as numerous as in some years their diligence has more than made up the deficiency, the garments completed number 292 and they have been already sent to the Newfoundland Mission and the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission.

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In our Penny Bank at the present time there are 77 depositors, of whom 51 have an account opened at the Post Office Savings Bank, this is very fairly satisfactory, but some more regularity in making deposits is to be desired.

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It is pleasant to find that our congregation seem settling down in their places in Church under the new arrangement, possibly some few do not feel themselves yet quite at home, but we think this feeling will soon pass off and certainly the majority of the worshippers have reason to be satisfied with the change that has been made. The seats at the back are now comparatively empty and those in the best position are well filled, this is as it ought to be. The congregation on Sunday Evening, April 10th, numbered exactly 200, and there was plenty of room at the back for more persons had they been present, we do greatly hope that the new arrangement will tend to increase the number of those who attend Church, and there is plenty of room for improvement in this respect.

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A Return of the population of our village was received from the Census Office a few days ago, with enquiries as to its correctness, whereby it appears that we number 341 souls in 70 houses, as nearly as possible amounting to the well known average of 5 to a house; as a fact since the Return was made the number of houses has become 66, including 2 that are being built and of course slight variations have occurred in the population. At the Census in 1881 the population of Englefield was 389.

Town life seems to have increasing attractions for our young men and maidens: gas, pavement, society, amusements, lectures, opportunities of improvement draw many and perhaps no wonder, but it seems a pity that country life should so entirely lose its charm for so many; we have our drawbacks but we have our enjoyments also. Whether some of the schemes proposed by the Government will effect any alteration remains to be seen. It is hoped that allotments and small holdings will do something towards it, others profess to think that Parish Councils and a hand in the management of Parochial affairs will act as an attraction to remain in the country.

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At a Vestry Meeting held in the Vestry room of the Parish Church, and by adjournment at Englefield House, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1892, at 7 o'clock in the evening, present, the Rector in the Chair, R. Benyon, Esq., and Messrs. Todd, Coombes, Hand, and W. Vince. The Churchwardens accounts (see below) for the past year were examined and allowed, and a voluntary rate of 1d. in the £ was recommended for current expenses. Mr. Benyon was re-appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Alfred Clarke was appointed Parish Churchwarden, Mr. Todd and Mr. Coombes were appointed Sidesmen. Attention was drawn to the condition of the bell ropes and necessary repairs were ordered to be done. Thanks were given to Mr. Benyon for paying the Organist's salary of £20 (and the Organ Blower's £1) for the past year.

The accounts of the Parish Charities (Pottinger's Bread, Miss Benyon's Coal, and the Apprentice Fund) were examined and allowed. The balance in hand of the Apprentice Fund amounts to £215, of which £200 was ordered to be invested at the discretion of the Bankers; it was mentioned that the Trustees of this Fund (the Rector and Churchwardens) have agreed to pay to William Wyatt, a pupil teacher at the Englefield Schools, the sum of £30, providing he enter a Training College for School Masters at the completion of his apprenticeship.

Statement of the Churchwardens accounts for the year ending Easter, 1892.—

#### RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Rate at 2d. in the £ ... ..	21	0	10
Collections for Church Expenses ... ..	24	12	11
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	£45	13	9

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

1891.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Churchwardens at Easter, 1891 ...	1	2	2
Visitation Fees ... ..	0	14	6
Wine ... ..	0	17	6
Church Cleaning ... ..	3	5	0
Sexton (including chiming and attending to the fire) ...	5	0	0
Rate Receipt Book, 4/-, Tapers, 1/9 ... ..	0	5	9
Washing Surplices ... ..	1	18	2
Insurance of Nave, Organ, &c. (1 years premium) ...	3	2	6
Mowing and Cleaning Churchyard and Paths ... ..	1	14	0
Gas Stove for Vestry and Fixing ... ..	2	18	3
Alterations to Church Seats ... ..	2	3	10
Gas £5, Coke £6 ... ..	11	0	0
Various Small Repairs and Expenses ... ..	0	11	8
Balance carried to next year's Account ... ..	11	0	5
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	£45	13	9

Tracey Wyatt and George Home were admitted to the choir on Palm Sunday, and will in time be useful as we are sure they will be well conducted boys.

We greatly missed Maurice Allen, confined to bed with a sharp attack of Influenza, on Easter day, but in other respects our Easter Services were all that we could wish or desire. The number of Communicants was slightly in excess of last year, there were 63 at 7.30, 28 at 8.30, and 30 at the Mid-day Celebration, giving a total of 121. The Church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of Arums, Narcissus and other white flowers, whilst in the windows were devices made of Primroses and Daffodils which the children had gathered and brought as their offering.

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### BURIALS.

R. I. P.

April 12th.—Cuthbert White, aged 30 years.

BATH,

A. L. C. H.

*22nd April, 1892.*

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 78.

JUNE, 1892.

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

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The Rev. C. E. Adams, the Diocesan Inspector, examined our School in religious knowledge on Thursday, May 5th, and has since sent the following report which will be read with interest.

"The School has passed a successful examination. The answering in each Class was intelligent, and exhibited a good knowledge of the several subjects. The papers of the higher Standards were almost without exception well done and showed good powers of expression. The written work of the lower Standards was on the whole good, though inaccuracies and bad spelling marred some of the papers and slates. The repetition of Catechism was very correct. I hope the higher Standards may another year get up some Prayer Book Service for examination."

*Diocesan Prize*—Rose Wyatt.

*Commended*—John Coombes, John Thame, Alfred Cox, James Claydon, Fred Dixon, Annie Claydon, Nellie Cox, William Lamperd, Tracy Wyatt, Minnie Fisher, Charles Claydon, Maggie Eyles, Hilda Harris, Ted Buckland, Nellie Eyles, Alice Vince, Harry Vince.

As regards the mention of the Prayer Book we may mention that the children in the upper Standards are taught generally in it and not kept to one special service; it is tedious both to teachers and scholars to be kept to one service. The Inspector would have found the children able to answer questions in most of the services in general use.

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We have had an interesting letter from Harry Fletcher, from which we give extracts. He has not been letting the grass grow under his feet; no one thought he would. He says "I got work first on a timber station at 7/- a day, with a rise to 7/6 at the end of a month. Having saved a few pounds I went into partnership with a friend, who has been out here eight

years, and we have entered on a farm of 100 acres, on which we must reside and fence it and build a homestead and clear the timber and scrub off the land. We have about four acres cleared and dug, and fruit trees planted and some potatoes. All the vegetables we can get fetch high prices in Perth, and this month—until the steamer came in and brought potatoes from South Australia—there was not a potato to be had in this colony.

He goes on to say that there seems little energy and a great capacity for spending money amongst many colonists, but he hopes to keep away from the drinking and gambling, of which there is so much on all sides. He ends by sending kind remembrances to old friends of the Cricket and Football Clubs."

His address is "Serpentine, Perth, Western Australia," and the postage for letters under half an ounce is 2½d.

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It is with much regret that we record the death of one of our younger Choir boys, George Horne, from brain fever after only a few days' illness, he was admitted to the Choir so lately as Palm Sunday, he was always a good quiet boy who tried so far as we know to do what was right and certainly was not amongst those at School who give trouble; the Choir boys attended his funeral and sang some Hymns, indeed the greater number of his School companions were present at his graveside, many of them brought wreaths, crosses, and flowers as tributes of regard for their little school-fellow; his body lies besides his aunt's (Matilda Horne) whom many of us remember.

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Saxifrage, Corn Salad, Sanicle, and Ivy leaved Speedwell are amongst the flowers already found this season. We beg all those who take walks to keep their eyes open and to bring us any flower to which they cannot readily put a name, we particularly wish to find the following—Soapwort, Biting Stonecrop, Broad-leaved Garlic, Red Bartsia, Water Violet, Frogbit, Common Gromwell, Henbane, Tansy, Sundew, Nipplewort.

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Thirty boys have begun bathing, amongst whom are several beginners who will we hope persevere and go a long way towards swimming this season. The river at the Dairies was found too cold on Saturday, May 14th, but the water in the Swimming bath has been up to 64 degrees already.

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We beg to make it known that Mr. Benyon invites to tea in the Long Gallery, on Whit-Monday, at five o'clock, the Members of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society, both the Juvenile and the older Members. After tea will follow, we hope, some songs, music, and the fragrant weed with a stroll on the terraces, weather permitting.

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Some good words about Whitsuntide are enclosed with this "Local Sheet," to which we draw your attention and ask you to read.

Our Services on Whit-Sunday will be as follows :

Holy Communion	... 7, 8, and 11 o'clock.
Morning Service	... 11 o'clock.
Evening Service	... 6 ..

There will also be on the Friday previous to Whit-Sunday a short Service of Preparation for Holy Communion in Church at 8 p.m.

We beg all these who are confirmed earnestly to prepare themselves for their Communion on the great Festival of the Holy Spirit.

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Theale Church is closed for four Sundays, and no doubt some from that Parish will attend the Services in our Church ; we bid them welcome in your name to such seats as you are able to spare. It would be well for our own people to come in good time, so that those seats which are likely to be unoccupied will be evident in good time before the commencement of the Services.

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Our Day School Boys played the Theale Day School Boys a Cricket match last week, and we won by a large number of runs on the first innings, it is only fair to say that the Theale Boys have not the good fortune to possess a cricket ground, and to add that they played a losing game with much spirit and good temper, and persevered in both up to quite the end.

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Ascension Day was ushered in with rather a feeble ring of five bells at a quarter before seven. The Services at seven and eight were better attended than last year which we thankfully record, and at eleven there was the usual large congregation

added to by some grown-up persons and a large number of children from Theale, with the help of 50 chairs placed in the Church in case of need we accommodated 297 persons.

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BAPTISM.

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

April 24th.—Albert George, son of George and Emily Jane Fisher of Englefield.

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+ BURIAL. +

*"Is it well with the Child? It is well."*—11 Kings iv., 26.

May 11th.—George Horne, aged 9 years, of Englefield.

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A.L.C.H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

May 26th, 1892.

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

## LOCAL SHEET.

No. 79.

JULY, 1892.

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

Fifty members of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society sat down to tea in the Long Gallery on Whit-Monday, at five o'clock, at Mr. Benyon's invitation, and enjoyed themselves there and in the gardens for several hours.

The Society now numbers 1405 members, and the invested funds amount to £8852, a satisfactory growth and financial position after an existence of only 20 years.

The subject of old age pensions was alluded to and it was pointed out that an annual payment of 4/10 from 25 years old onwards would secure a pension of 5/- weekly at the age of 70, it seems a good many years to look forward to, but the premiums paid would not amount to the sum of one year's pension, as a fact 4/10 a year in 45 years amounts only to £10 17s. 6d., whereas *one* year's pension would be £13, the investment cannot be said to be other than a good one.

The folly of entering Public-house Clubs was also spoken of, as they have no security, their assets are never valued, and if they were the utter unsoundness of all of such clubs would dissuade even the most thoughtless from joining them; such clubs are constantly breaking up and leaving their unfortunate Members without any assistance or redress as age and infirmities are creeping on.

The Berks Friendly is as perfectly sound and secure as a Society can be, it has its valuations every five years and is pronounced to be in a flourishing condition.

On the authority of a speech of Mr. Chamberlain's in the House of Commons it appears that some of the larger Benefit Societies, though dealing in vast sums of money, are not so secure that they could be made available for old age pensions without great improvement in their organization and management.

In our Agency we have 42 Senior and 26 Junior Members, the number of children should really be larger, and we again urge Parents to do their duty by their children and enter them into the Club without delay, with free education, cheap food and cheap clothes, and we may add, very moderate rents, there should be no difficulty in keeping the small payments regularly paid, with how much benefit to the child it is almost impossible to say, the self-denial on the part of the Parents would be well rewarded.

Mr. Robinson at the School, our Agent, will give every information about the Society to Parents or Children. There have been some long doctor's bills lately in the Village which might well have been avoided had the Parents been properly careful, to enter themselves and their children into at least a Medical Club

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Both on Whit and Trinity Sundays our Church was very tastefully decorated, and the Services were of their usual bright and hearty character, on the former day the number of Communicants was slightly in excess of last year, at the three Celebrations there were just upon 90.

We omitted to notice last month that the Celebrations on Ascension Day were at the side-Altar, a convenient arrangement when there are only a very few Communicants, those who are in Church seem more united in their act of worship and able more readily to join in the responses

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The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued the following Prayer for use in Church from now until the General Election, it may well be used also in private.

It will be observed that it is founded on the Prayer for Parliament.

"Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially that at this time all electors, remembering their vote to be a trust from Thee, may faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the great Council of the Nation, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions, that all things may be so ordered and settled that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Meditation of Jesus Christ, our most Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen."

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Mr. Benyon again kindly proposes a day in London for our Choir, Ringers, and Servers, the day itself is not yet fixed, but will probably be towards the end of July. This year it is proposed to spend an hour or two at the Zoological Gardens, thence to "Venice," and afterwards (weather permitting) take a steamboat on the River. Last year it will be remembered the wet morning prevented our going to the Zoo, and we turned into the British Museum instead, and saw many curious and wonderful things. We will hope for a fine day this year.

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To the list of Flowers brought in this season we are glad to add, Solomon's Seal, Rough Hawk-bit, Yellow Iris, Great Wild Valerian, Guelder Rose, Spindle Tree, Chamomile, Birthwort, Deadly Nightshade, Water Violet, Swine's Cress, Henbane, and Dogwood.

We have already prepared a list of 40 persons who will we hope come forward and offer themselves, if they have not already done so, for Confirmation, a subject which cannot now be too much in the minds of all those who are of a fit age to be Confirmed next Spring; there are of course several months before we begin the special classes of preparation, but we beg you to think about it a good deal.

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The Church does not name any special age for Confirmation. We have always thought that anyone of ordinary intelligence, who is 13 or about to become 13 years old, may very rightly offer themselves, and we hope Parents will not shrink from allowing their children of that age to be Confirmed. Confirmation is a Sacrament with an outward part and an inward grace, and those who are 13 are quite able to understand the nature of the gift, the need of careful preparation, and as the Prayer Book says of "discreet age."

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The following children have lately been admitted to School—Edith Buckland, Arthur Horne, Sydney Cox, Leonard Cox, and Leonard Shepherd, there are now 81 standard and 32 infant children in the School.

Mr. Benyon is proposing a Boys Porch at the west end of the School between the 2 windows, the present entrance will then be for Girls and Infants only, this will necessitate a few other alterations which will shortly be visible, and will be very great improvements.

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After all Theale Church has not been closed and we have had no occasion for the chairs which were placed in our Church, but a good number of persons from Theale have attended our Services, indeed what has struck us is not so much the number of strangers as the fewness of our own people; there are alas! too many amongst ourselves who are too often sadly absent from their Church, even one Sunday's absence begins a habit of irregularity which if not carefully guarded against settles into a constant neglect, every Father and Mother in a household should remember S. Paul's words "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is," and lay to heart the serious responsibility of setting a bad example of neglecting public worship to their children.

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Although we have spoken above of Mr. Benyon's kind intention of giving a day out to the Choir and Ringers, we must remind some of the Boys that some uncertainty still exists as to whether 2 or 3 of them will be able to enjoy it; there is a sad tale of marks taken off against some of their names, and it is very well known and understood that a certain deficiency

in the number will exclude the boy from sharing in the day's pleasure, full notice has been given of this; we shall be as sorry as they will be if any one is excluded, but it is quite possible, although we are unable as yet to speak with certainty as the marks are not yet added up.

It is rather a new experience to find a Choir boy losing a large number of good marks, and though it does not sound a very kind thing to say the reason is not far to seek, and it is this, we have had so few ~~men~~ that we have filled up our Choir without quite sufficient care as to the character of those we have admitted, and there are alas, some whose conduct, and steadiness, and behaviour, and reverence, we are not so well able to trust as we could wish; they will no doubt improve and turn out after a while good boys, but at present their whole character and conduct leaves much to be desired. We do not seem able to trust them, and if they do not join us in our day in London this year, they quite understand the reason, and we hope another year will find them of the party, improved in all ways.

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Half this year's course of Cookery lessons are over, the other ten lessons will be given in September onwards, all the children except one have been regular. May we point out to Mothers that many or most of these children are quite able to stay at home on Sunday morning and attend to the cooking of the dinner whilst the mother is at Church, and this is what ought to be done. Sunday School is not nearly so important for the child as is the mother's going at times to Morning Service, and child and mother might very fairly take in turns to go to Church in the morning.

The children can prepare and cook vegetables, and with the instruction of their mothers could do everything else that was necessary to have dinner ready by one o'clock, indeed the mother would be home from Church quite in time to see to much of the dinner herself. It is one of those matters in which it is entirely true "that where there is a will there is a way."

We have indeed had the happiness of knowing some fathers who have neither been unwilling or ashamed to stay at home in the morning, (not idly and for no purpose) but to see to the dinner themselves, and so set the wife free to go to Church herself. We should like to see and know a good many more such.

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#### MARRIAGE.

*"They twain shall be one flesh."*

June 4.—Thomas Baker, of S. Paul's, New Swindon, and  
Mary Ann Elliott, of Englefield.

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A.L.C.H.

# S. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 80.

AUGUST, 1892.

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

The Choir greatly enjoyed their outing in London, on Wednesday, July 20th, they were joined by the Servers and the Ringers, as well as the Organist, and together formed a party of 29, the omnibus was not quite so large as usual, and was quite full with 14 inside and 15 out, exclusive of the driver, the "Zoo" was first visited and a very pleasant and instructive hour-and-a-half was spent there, dinner was at "Venice," and then came the pleasure of the entertainment, wonderfully pretty, the gondolas, a battle of flowers, and Salviati's glass blowing, as good and popular an entertainment as could well be imagined, time did not allow our going by boat up, or rather, down the river to Wapping, where tea was ordered, so we drove there in our 'bus, and from thence to Paddington in time for the 9 o'clock train to Reading, where two of the Squire's carriages conveyed the party home by 11, and Appleton's corner, to say nothing of the neighbourhood, was awakened by the midnight shouts of the safely-returned party, who thus expressed their thanks to Mr. Benyon for the pleasant day his kindness had afforded them. We ought not to omit notice of the good breakfast we carried with us, which was eaten between Slough and London.

It was a great disappointment to all that 4 boys were not invited to be of the party from causes which are well known, but which are quite preventible, such a thing will not we hope ever happen again.

Holidays, outings, and days of pleasure are intended to stir us up to fresh efforts and a more diligent discharge of duty, let us lay this to heart and strive to act accordingly.

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The Annual Meeting of the Guild is to take place by kind invitation at Englefield House, on Monday, August 1st, there will be short Evensong and the Office of the Guild at 4 o'clock, in Church, followed by tea in the Long Gallery, and then other pleasant amusements until 10 o'clock.

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We have also to announce that the Harvest Thanksgiving is proposed for Thursday, September 1st, the Harvest may or may not be finished by that date, but from unavoidable reasons the date has to be fixed, so far as we know the programme is the same as in former years, Service at 11, Dinner for Englefield men who work for the Squire, with Garden Prizes for those who are fortunate enough to win them, then races and various games, followed by Tea for Women and Children, the usual tickets will be sent to those who are invited.

We draw attention to the fact that the winner of a prize for the best cultivated garden or for the best collection of vegetables cannot take any other prizes in the same year, a rule which has sometimes been overlooked, also that those who compete for the prizes for the best bunch of wild flowers must arrange their flowers on the previous afternoon in the presence of someone who will be appointed for the purpose.

Also we have to make the announcement that Mr. Benyon has determined this year to give some money prizes for good attendance at School, for no other reason than that the Free Education Act did not come into force until nine months of last year were passed, and therefore the prizes will again remunerate the Parents for the expense, though of course the prizes will not be as large as in former years.

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Our Harvest Festival really begins on the previous Sunday, August 28th, your gifts of the fruits and flowers of the earth are asked to be sent to the Church on Saturday, the 27th, and no

doubt they will be as liberal as heretofore, the Church will then be decorated with them and they will be dedicated as an offering to the Giver of all good things.

The Services on Sunday, the 28th, will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and chorally at the 11 o'clock Service, Evensong as usual at 6.

We earnestly beg all Communicants to prepare themselves to receive the Blessed Sacrament on that day with care and diligence, it is a sort of half-way house for those who do not communicate more than four times in the year, a half-way between Whitsuntide and Christmas, and we much hope it will not be neglected by any.

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The School breaks up for five weeks' holiday on Friday, the 29th July, a poor time for boots and clothes, but none the less a necessary time both for Teachers and Children, and we wish them all a pleasant time of refreshment, health, and enjoyment.

There will be no Sunday School on the four Sundays in August, but the children are marked in Church both at the Morning and Evening Services.

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The new porch to the Club is allowed on all sides to be a great improvement, it has been suggested that it would be both useful and ornamental if "Workmen's Club" was written on a board over the new entrance gate; certainly the Club must provide themselves a lamp over their porch, or the entrance may be difficult to find on dark nights.

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In addition to what is said above about the Garden Prizes, it should be remembered that the winner of any prize for two years in succession is not allowed to receive the same prize a third year.

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Also it is surely needless to add that all fruit or vegetables shown must have been grown in the garden of the person who exhibits.

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PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,  
READING,  
*July 27th, 1892.*

A.L.C.H.

# S. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 81.

SEPTEMBER, 1892.

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

The Guild held its annual service at 4 p.m. on Monday, August 1st, and afterwards enjoyed a pleasant evening, by kind invitation at Englefield House. Five new members joined the Guild which now numbers 83 persons, 22 males and 61 females; this is not a right proportion, and we wish that many more males would come forward and join it. The temptations of life cluster thickly around us all, but the life of men and lads seems peculiarly to need the safeguard and help of a Rule of Life such as that which the Guild offers.

It is encouraging to find that a large number of those who leave Englefield still continue to belong to the Guild, and we were glad to see that some of them were able to be present at the annual meeting. The coming Confirmation will, we hope, be the means of adding largely to our numbers; though it cannot be too often repeated that members who do not faithfully strive to keep the Rule of Life are a source of weakness, not of strength.

We print the rules below in order that those who are to be Confirmed, and many others also may read and reflect on them.

### RULES OF THE GUILD.

- 1.—To say my Prayers twice daily, and the Prayer of the Guild once a day.
  - 2.—To receive Holy Communion regularly, carefully preparing myself for it, and to remain to the Choral Celebration at least once a month.
  - 3.—To attend Church *twice* each Sunday (if possible).
  - 4.—To be very reverent in Church, and always to kneel throughout the Prayers.
  - 5.—To read one of the daily Lessons or some portion of the Bible every day.
  - 6.—To keep from bad companions and bad places; to be very careful about intoxicating drinks. If a *total abstainer*, to keep my pledge carefully.
  - 7.—To try and keep myself pure in my words, my thoughts, and my whole life.
  - 8.—To read these Rules once a week, and to attend the Guild meetings as regularly as possible.
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It seems quick work to breakfast at home at the usual hour and to dine in Brussels at 8 o'clock, but this we succeeded in doing on Tuesday, August 2nd. We have twice crossed the Bay of Biscay, and on neither occasion were we more heavily rolled about than in crossing the 'silver streak' from Dover to Calais on the above date; the roll itself is not unpleasant, but proved too much for many of our fellow passengers. The railway journey through Belgium is only attractive by reason of the good and careful cultivation; the whole country is like a garden; harvest was well begun, and men, women, and children were alike busy on their land, in some cases the women were mowing the wheat with scythes; only once, and that on the following day in Germany was there seen a reaping-machine, and once only a steam-thresher, the proprietor wanting his money was threshing the wheat on the field. The large open fields strike the travellers' notice, indeed in many parts the railways have no hedge or fence on either side, if sheep or cattle are pasturing, they are kept off the track by the shepherd and his dogs, and very usually a mother or child leads the cow or bullock to pasture with a rope round the horns.

Leaving Brussels near midnight the German frontier was crossed as it began to dawn, and towards six the towers of Cologne Cathedral came into view; the well-known and always lovely views of the Rhine wanted only a little more sunshine to make them perfect. At Coblenz the railway crossed the River Moselle, and further on at Mayence it crossed the Rhine, and following the valley of the River Maine reached Frankfort, where a branch line brought us to Homburg, 600 feet above sea-level, by mid-day; the latter part of the journey was very leisurely performed, the train stopping at most way-side stations, but the pace gave opportunity of observing the flowers which grow profusely, the side of the track was at times blue with the well-known succory, at another time large patches of rest-harrow, wild mignonette, wild thyme, blue hyacinth, ragwort, and what appeared to be spikes of the great purple loose-strife reminded one of home, and gave brightness to the scene.

The number of English and French travellers oblige the German railway companies to put up notices in three languages, and the curious translations are at times amusing, one stating that any person pulling the alarm cord without sufficient reason would render himself liable to *judicial pursuits*, meaning to be prosecuted by law. It is noticeable that the thirsty traveller is provided by the railway company with water, 'Trinkwasser'

being written up at many stations, just as we have drinking fountains in the streets of towns. The waters of Homburgh like those at Bath were known to the Romans, who occupied this country in very early days, foundations of old Roman buildings, coins, etc. have been found in the neighbourhood of the springs. The earliest documents mentioning the waters date from the year A.D. 773.

One of the springs (from which we are now drinking) has the peculiarity of being intermittent, it wells up from the earth for fifty minutes, and then ceases to flow for three minutes, and so on day after day, and year after year.

The waters are chiefly drunk in the morning before breakfast, two, three, or more glasses, according to the doctor's orders, and warm or cold according to the digestive power. A fine band of 40 performers plays daily at the Springs from seven to half-past eight, when hundreds of persons walk, talk, and drink their allotted portions.

There are plenty of pretty walks in the neighbourhood, and there is also a good club (to which all visitors are obliged by law to subscribe) which provides newspapers, concerts, theatrical performances, illuminations, and everything to make the visitors' stay cheerful and pleasant.

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Some fresh regulations concerning Evening Schools have lately been issued by the Education Department; that one which most affects us is that no scholar can be presented in any subject who has not been under instruction in that subject less than 20 hours during the season, hence as our Evening School is only open 45 evenings, and one hour given to work each evening, it is clear that we must have a very regular attendance, and that we shall not be able to present any Scholar in more than two subjects. If the subjects are for example, Arithmetic and Drawing, half an hour must be spent each evening in each of these subjects; no reading or writing will be possible, and the same remark applies to whatever subjects are selected, there can be only two subjects, and they must be persevered in for 20 hours each. And then what is to become of our boot-mending? It must either be given up, or on one evening in the week we must give up to it the hour from eight to nine, and this will of course be the reasonable and right thing to do; but boys do not always like what is reasonable and right if it interferes with their amusements, we hope that what is useful will prevail over what is agreeable.

We mention the matter now in order that our Evening Scholars may think and talk it over.

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The Cookery Lessons for all Girls in standards four to seven will re-commence on Saturday, September 10th, at the usual hour of 10 a.m., and we earnestly hope that no excuses will prevail with mothers to withhold their girls from profiting by this useful course of lessons ; even if the former part of the course has not been attended, we beg that all who are eligible will attend the remaining 10 lessons on as many consecutive Saturdays, commencing as we repeat on Saturday, September 10th.

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HOMBURG,

*August 18th, 1892.*

A.L.C.H.

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

## LOCAL SHEET.

No. 82.

OCTOBER, 1892.

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

The Harvest Festival took place on Sunday, August 28th, the festivities on the following Thursday. The heads of 54 families sent offerings of vegetables, fruit, or flowers to the Church, which were afterwards sent to the Hospital, the collections for the same institution amounted to over £22, the Services and the decorations were as usual, but a very wet morning on the Sunday caused a large decrease in the number of Communicants.

We do not give any detailed account of the proceedings, but confine ourselves to naming the prize-winners in the Garden Show and for School attendance.

### Best Cultivated Garden—

#### *Mechanics.*

Henry Horne  
David Horne  
William Wyatt

#### *Labourers.*

George Fisher  
Thomas Thame  
Thomas Dixon

### Best Collection of Vegetables—

#### *Mechanics.*

Daniel Harris  
John Abery  
Henry Shakleford

#### *Labourers.*

James Claydon  
William Cox  
Thomas Thame

### Best 12 Onions—

1. Edward Horne      2. Edward Lamperd      3. Alfred Bowley

### Best half-peck of Beans—

1. David Elliott      2. James Winchcombe      3. James Cox

### Best 12 Carrots—

1. James Cox      2. Edward Lamperd      3. Edward Horne

### Best 24 Potatoes—

1. William Day      2. Henry Groves      3. James Martin

### Best 4 Heads of Cabbage—

1. Henry Bates      2. Edward Lamperd      3. Edward Horne

### Best 12 Parsnips—

1. Henry Martin      2. Edward Lamperd      3. James Martin

### Best 12 Turnips—

1. James Martin      2. James Cox      3. Edward Lamperd

Best Collection of Garden Herbs—

James Martin

Best Bunch of Flowers—

1. William Allen      2. William Day      3. William Vince

Best Collection of Wild Flowers open to Boys and Girls attending Day School—

James Claydon      William Wyatt      Fred Dixon      Walter Cox  
Douglas Harris

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PRIZES.

431 (maximum)	420	410
James Claydon	Emily Groves	William Fowler
Fred Dixon	Gertrude Hopgood	Robert Allen
Fanny Horne	Walter Cox	Alfred Buckland
Tracey Wyatt	Fred Manning	William Lamperd
Hubert Cox	John Vince	Isabella Lamperd
Charles Claydon	Florence Allen	Florence Abery
Harry Vince	Annie Claydon	Gertrude Wyatt
Alice Vince	Fred Sessions	Edith Buckland
Agnes Cox	Alfred Thame	Albert Cox
430	Arthur Manning	Nellie Eyles
John Harris	Sidney Allen	Emily Horne
Gertrude Cox	Nellie Cox	400
Fred Newman	Louisa Fowler	Lizzie Coombes
420	Alfred Horne	Edith Manning
John Coombes	Herbert Cox	Rose Wyatt
Douglas Harris	Edward Fowler	William Allen
George Coombes	Alice Day	Samuel Newman
Arthur Cox	410	Annie Abery
John Thame	Alfred Cox	Martha Davis
Mabel Manning	Emily Horne	William Martin
Edith Martin	Maurice Cox	Hilda Harris
John Bond	Martha Day	Maggie Eyles

Some new features in the Sports were a very good Tug-of-War, some Long Jumps, and a race of about a quarter of a mile, quite far enough after such a good dinner as all had partaken of.

BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

The following is the statement of accounts for the past year :

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Discount of Bill	... ..	0	0	6
Mrs. Benyon	... ..	2	0	0
For lost Bat	... ..	0	4	0
		£2	4	6

PAYMENTS.					£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer ..	...	...	...	...	0	0	3
Football ... ..	...	...	...	...	0	6	0
Two Football Bladders	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Repairing 2 Bats	...	...	...	...	0	3	0
Four Bats and 2 Balls	...	...	...	...	1	8	6
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	0	1	2
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					£2	4	6
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The annual meeting of the Englefield Cricket Club was held in the Workmen's Club, on Tuesday, September 20th, with Mr. Bligh in the chair, and about 12 members present. In the Treasurer's absence the Secretary read the financial statement given below and the following report. Thanks were given to Mr. Claydon for his diligent attention to the ground during the past season, and 8/7 was voted to him unanimously, leaving a balance in hand of exactly £6.

RECEIPTS.					£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	1	19	2
Mr. Benyon	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Mr. Bligh	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Rev. A. Heigham	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mrs. Butler	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Mr. Todd	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
Twenty-seven Members at 1/6	...	...	...	...	2	0	6
Proceeds of Concert	...	...	...	...	5	11	5
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					£13	11	1
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PAYMENTS.					£	s.	d.
Cricket Materials	...	...	...	...	3	4	3
Claydon 30/-, Scorer 3/9, Umpire 4/-	...	...	...	...	1	17	9
Watering 3/6, Rope 3/-, Mending 5/-, Postage 5/3	...	...	...	...	0	16	9
Brake	...	...	...	...	1	4	0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	6	8	7
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					£13	11	1
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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ENGLEFIELD C.C.

Gentlemen,

The past season has been a happy one for the Club, and there is every reason to believe that, taken generally, the play has considerably improved. The season opened and concluded (as usual) with the annual matches between the Married and

Single members of the Club. In addition to these, 16 other matches were arranged to be played, of which 3 were scratched; 1 could not be played owing to the weather; 4 were won; 7 lost, and 1 drawn. Those won were against Wasing, Beaconsfield C.C. and Woolhampton College (2). Those lost were against Bradfield (2), Biscuit Factory, Grazeley (2), Wasing, and the Rev. Angel-Smith's eleven. That drawn was the second match with the Biscuit Factory. As stated before, the play has shown improvement, and nowhere is this more noticeable than in the batting: for whereas last year the average bat was won with an average of 13 runs, this year there are 5 players whose averages exceed that number. The names of the batsmen who have the best averages (reckoning as for the bat) are—Mr. Bligh, 22 runs; A. E. Robinson, 20; C. J. Sturgeon, 19; L. Harris, 18; J. Worley, 14; and C. F. Povey, 10. Mr. Bligh therefore wins the bat with an average of 22 runs. The bowling has been chiefly shared by Mr. Bligh, J. Worley, C. F. Povey, and W. Smith. As in previous years, the weak spot in the play of the team has been in the fielding, and it is through this cause, and this alone, that several matches which were only lost by narrow margins were lost at all. Excellent and welcome assistance was rendered to the Club in all the concluding matches by Mr. P. Selby, and it is hoped by all that he will again be with us, and in as good form with bat and ball next season. It would be an incomplete report were the cricket ground itself to go unmentioned, for it is certainly in much better condition than in former years, thanks to our esteemed and energetic Captain, whose attentions to it with the handy assistance of Mr. Claydon, have produced such good wickets. It is a well-known fact that the members heartily appreciate the kindness of the Squire in so kindly continuing to allow the use of the ground, for without it (and it is the admiration of all foreign teams) the Club would cease to exist.

(Signed) A. E. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.

The beautiful new Banner of the Good Shepherd presented to our Church by Mrs. Butler was dedicated a few Sundays ago, it was executed by Baker, of Wigmore Street, and is quite perfect in its harmony of colour; the face which is painted is all that could be desired.

In the list of Garden Prizes given above we omitted to point out that Edward Lamperd received in error a prize for the 12 best Turnips, having received the same prize for the 2 previous

years, also William Day in error received a prize for the best bunch of flowers, having also received a similar prize for the 2 previous years. The Rule is distinct that no one can receive a prize for the same exhibit for more than 2 years in succession.

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We propose commencing the Evening School on Monday, October the 17th, the same hours and evenings as last year, namely Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from 7 to 9, on Monday evenings the hour from 8 to 9 will be given to boot mending, on the other evenings that hour will be given to various amusements. We think that arithmetic and drawing will be two useful subjects with some writing in addition; reading may well be left to take care of itself. The Evening School is under Government Inspection quite as much as the Day School, and those who attend it must be prepared to work fairly well and quiet, or else they must be prepared to be dismissed. The payment will be twopence a week as usual. The register will be closed at 5 minutes past 7 each evening, and work will be continued until 5 minutes past 8, a full hour is necessary in order to satisfy Government requirements.

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It is a little too early yet to arrange the Classes for Confirmation, but we hope they will commence sometime towards the end of October, due notice will be given in Church, and convenient hours will as far as possible be arranged for all. We have the names of 22 males and 19 females who ought to wish to be Confirmed, and we hope that with few or no exceptions, they will come forward and attend the classes and prepare themselves for the great Gift; the new start and the more earnest Christian life which should follow. There is no such great time in the life of a Village as the time of a confirmation; it is a call to all; an awakening of those who sleep; a rousing of the careless; a time for girding on afresh the Christian armour; a time when a great sense of the responsibility of life should and will make itself felt; a time when the Spirit of God works greatly in the hearts of all who will listen. May it indeed be such a time with us.

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Parsonage, Englefield, Reading.

*S. Michael's Day, 1892.*

A.L.C.H.

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

## LOCAL SHEET.

No. 83.

NOVEMBER, 1892.

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

Some of the marks were made so very indistinctly that we are unable to say whether the Swimming Bath was opened for 550 or for 620 bathers, you can ascertain the supposed number of times by adding together the figures against each boy's name, taking the lower number and remembering that the Bath was opened on 73 occasions during the past summer, we find that  $7\frac{1}{2}$  boys bathed each time, the greatest number at any one time being 16 and the least 2; the temperature varied from 66 to 62 degrees.

We give the names and number of times :—

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Alfred Cox... .. 55</li> <li>* Douglas Harris ... 49</li> <li>* Fred. Dixon ... 48</li> <li>* Fred. Manning ... 34</li> <li>* James Claydon ... 30</li> <li>Arthur Manning ... 30</li> <li>* George Coombes ... 29</li> <li>Walter Cox ... 28</li> <li>* Maurice Cox ... 24</li> <li>Tracey Wyatt ... 23</li> <li>Alfred Allen ... 22</li> <li>* Arthur Cox ... 22</li> <li>Alfred Thame ... 21</li> <li>Sydney Allen ... 20</li> <li>* John Coombes ... 14</li> <li>William Fowler ... 19</li> <li>Harry Wallace ... 19</li> <li>Robert Allen ... 18</li> <li>Hubert Cox ... 14</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Bond... .. 14</li> <li>Edward Wheeler ... 13</li> <li>Fred. Cooper ... 11</li> <li>John Harris ... 10</li> <li>Alfred Harris ... 9</li> <li>Alfred Buckland ... 8</li> <li>Tom Smith ... 7</li> <li>Charles Claydon ... 7</li> <li>Edward Buckland ... 7</li> <li>* Fred. Vince ... 7</li> <li>* William Wyatt ... 7</li> <li>* John Thame ... 5</li> <li>John Vince... .. 5</li> <li>Thomas Thame ... 5</li> <li>John Shepherd ... 5</li> <li>William Allen ... 4</li> <li>Frank Sessions ... 2</li> <li>William Thame ... 2</li> </ul>
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A mark is placed against the 12 boys who can swim.

The number of boys is satisfactory, but we think that many of them might bathe more often without doing themselves otherwise than good. We wish it were possible to arrange for a hot bath once a week throughout the winter, in which every one might not so much swim as give himself a good soaping all over to the health and comfort of his body, but it would cost a great deal too much to heat the Bath even if, as might well be the case, an entrance fee were charged.

With much regret we have parted with our two Assistant Mistresses, Miss Fillingham and Miss Hide; we understand they are both about to be married, and we wish them every happiness. They are certainly not only a loss to us, but to the teaching profession, for two more competent, kind, patient and painstaking teachers it would be difficult to find.

However changes will take place, and we heartily welcome Miss B. and Miss G. Matthews to supply the vacant places; they come to us highly recommended, and we hope they will make as long a stay with us as did their predecessors.

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The Evening School has commenced with eight scholars, a good many more might come if they were so disposed, and we are sure they could not spend their time more profitably. In the race of life education counts for much, and those who have it not are apt to get pushed back, whilst those better educated take the best places.

Mr. Coombes and Mr. G. Johnson kindly go in at eight o'clock to relieve Mr. Robinson and help amuse the boys for an hour.

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The classes for Confirmation began on Wednesday, October 26th, and are held in Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 4.30 and on Saturday evening at the Parsonage at 7 o'clock.

Thus far the following have given in their names, the four columns representing those who attend on the above-named days:—

Alfred Cox.	Edith Bond.	Mrs. Shakleford.	Henry Shakleford.
Harry Abrey.	Sarah Davis.	Mrs. T. Thame.	Fred. Vince.
Arthur Cox.	Hester Allen.	Mary Groves.	Albert Day.
Frank Russell.	Kate Cox.	Harriet Box.	Joe Lamperd.
Douglas Harris.	Edith Manning.	Charlotte Turner.	George Wallace.
Alfred Harris.	Edith Martin.	Annie Ballard.	Edward Cottrell.
John Thame.	Lizzie Coombes.		Archer Dixon.
James Claydon.	Gertrude Hopgood.		
	Emily Groves.		
	Lizzie Thame.		
	Lois Allen.		

No more names can now be added. We greatly hope to be able to arrange for a Confirmation more frequently than once in three years, and any who are now omitted may look forward confidently to have to wait not more than one year before another opportunity occurs of being Confirmed.

Accompanying this "local sheet" you find the prayer which you are expecting to receive, and which we again beg you to use constantly and earnestly on behalf of all those who are to be Confirmed, both in this village and in the County of Berks, next spring.

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The President has kindly consented to the expressed wish of many members of the Workmen's Club, and allows a little dance to be held in the Club-room three or four times in the year; already one has been held, dancing began soon after 7 and was kept up until 10, when as usual the Club closed. Those who were there said they had spent a very pleasant evening; 65 tickets were sold at 3d. each, which more than covered the following expenses, viz., Music 10s., Attendance 2s. 6d., leaving a balance of 3s. 9d. to be carried to the general funds of the Club; but it must be mentioned that our friend Mr. Cosburn kindly printed the tickets of admission without charge.

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No deposits in the Clothing Club will be received after Monday, October 31st, the books are then made up, interest added, and tickets on the tradesmen will be given out on the following Monday, viz., Monday, November 7th, at the usual hour of 12, in the Workmen's Club. The Clothing Club remains closed during the whole of November, and deposits will not be taken again until Monday, December 5th.\*

We remind you that the interest to be added this year is 3d. in the shilling up to one pound, no interest is given beyond five shillings.

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We leave to the depositors to select their tradesmen, either from Reading, Theale or Pangbourne. It would be difficult to go further afield.

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Our half-yearly collections for Church Expenses on October 16th amounted to £10 3s. 10d.

We have all of us to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clarke for a present to the Church of a very handsome lantern to hang in the porch. We have long wanted one and wished for one, but the opportunity of buying one had not till just now arisen when money was in hand for the purpose, and now the money can be applied to something else which the Church may require, but to say the truth we have almost everything that can be desired.

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BAPTISMS.

*“ Take this child and nurse it for Me.”*

Aug. 9th.—Walter Bernard, son of Walter Alfred and Paulina  
Martin Hill, of Bradfield College.

Oct. 4th.—Anthony Edward Foulis, son of Anthony Henry  
and Julia Wingfield, of Ampthill Park.

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A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD, READING,  
*October 27th, 1892.*

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 84.

DECEMBER, 1892.

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

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This number completes the seventh year of our "Local Sheets." We are glad to say that there is no falling off in the number of subscribers, nor can we say that there is generally much difficulty in filling the sheet with our local news, of no interest outside our village but of some importance to ourselves; we bid our readers all the good wishes of the Season, may it be to us a holy as well as a happy season.

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As Christmas Day this year falls on a Sunday, there are no alterations in the usual services except that there will be three Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at 7, 8, and 11. Evening Service, which will consist of Evensong and Carols, will be at the accustomed hour at 6 o'clock.

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We propose a service of preparation for Holy Communion on the previous Friday, December 23rd, at 7 in the evening, to which all communicants are very earnestly invited.

The enclosed paper headed "Advent. Are you ready?" should give a serious turn to your thoughts at this season, and if carefully read and thought over will be in itself a help towards a preparation for your Christmas Communion. We hope that no Communicants will keep away from the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Day, but will really face the question, "Are you ready?" and prepare themselves in body and soul for that Holy Feast.

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We have had notice from the Bishop fixing the Confirmation for Sunday, the 26th February. In the list given last month of those to be Confirmed we ask you to take off the name of Mary Groves, who has gone to service, but will we hope be Confirmed at an early opportunity, and to add the name of Louisa Wheeler.

We hope that the prayer sent last month is in constant use by many ; use it weekly in church, but it should be said privately as well, adding also the names of the Candidates.

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We shall be glad to have sent in to the Parsonage some time in Christmas week the Missionary boxes, in order that their contents may be sent to London before the end of the year.

There are only sixteen boxes out in the village, we could wish there were sixty, one in each house that every family might feel itself taking part in the great work of spreading the knowledge of our Lord throughout the world.

Our annual collections for S.P.G. will be made on the second Sunday in Advent, December 11th, and on Christmas Day our alms will be as usual given to the Diocesan Missionary Candidates' Association, which helps to train men for mission work.

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The Clothing Club will re-open on Monday, December 5th, at the Workmen's Club, at noon. Deposits of any amount are received, but interest is not added beyond threepence in the shilling beyond twenty shillings, in other words no higher interest than five shillings is given.

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As the last day of this year falls on a Saturday, there will not be any service that evening, beyond the ordinary Evensong at 4 o'clock. We shall hope to begin the new year with a Celebration of Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service.

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Christmas Parties. We have to give notice that the dance at the club is fixed for Thursday, the 29th of December ; Mr. Benyon kindly wishes it to be of the same character as that held last Christmas, which was none the less enjoyable that it cost the club nothing.

Also the choir and servers are invited to tea at Englefield House on Saturday Evening, December 31st, at 5 o'clock.

Also on Thursday, January 5th, there is to be a Children's Christmas Tree in the Long Gallery, so we must all try to be good or we shall not be invited.

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A Village Concert is proposed some time in January; the first practice takes place on Saturday, December 17th, further notice will be given to those whose attendance is required.

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The following books are missing from the Library of the Workmen's Club, whoever has them is requested to return them without delay—Nos. 88, 364, 732, 734.

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Mrs. Benyon has kindly given the following books to the School Library:—

A Life's Labour  
Cicely's Mistake  
Another Man's Burden  
Imogen, or Only Eighteen  
Adventures of Denis  
Moor and Moss  
Lottie Levison  
Gilbert's First Voyage  
Born to Command  
The Golden Buckle  
Unsettled for Life  
Max, Fritz, and Hob  
The Cross Roads

Not one of Us  
• Kate, the Pride of the Parish  
A Promising Boy  
Here and Elsewhere  
A Small Legacy  
St. Dunstan's Fair  
Robbie Chivers  
A Nest of Royalists  
Seven Times in the Fire  
Broken Lights  
Uncle Towser  
Heroes of the Goodwin Sands  
Half Brothers

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Harry Wallace should have had a star against his name as one of those who is able to swim, this brings the number of boys who are able to swim up to 13.

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No notice has yet reached us of the Drawing Examination which will take place some day in December, but on Thursday, December 1st, we are to have a visit from the Organising Visitor of the Diocese, who will hold an examination, find fault if he sees occasion, make suggestions for the improvement of ways and methods if he thinks fit, and altogether act the part of a candid friend—not always a grateful task, but we welcome

his visit, and do not feel ourselves at all above being found fault with. Such visits have been found very much to improve the work, discipline, and organisation of Schools.

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In connection with school matters we may mention the comfort of a separate entrance for the boys which the new porch gives us ; the play grounds are now separate and distinct,

as well as the outside offices ; there is a pump in each yard, and the boys will have, as the girls already have, a washing basin with towels provided for their use—oftentimes very necessary—this time of year it is not unusual to see high-water mark under the chin of a boy where the sponge or the towel has not done its proper and cleansing work ; and even if the face has been attended to, hands are often somewhat black, or a fall in the playground has made them unfit to handle books or paper until they have been washed.

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We desire to record with regret the loss of Alfred Lamperd and Maurice Allen from the Choir, their voices were of no further use, perhaps after a while, like Tom Harris, their voices will return in the form of bass or tenor. Alfred Lamperd has become one of our ringers in the place of James Abrey, a good useful ringer who has left the village, or rather North Street, where he resided.

We have admitted as probationers to the choir, with the promise of admission as vacancies occur, if found worthy, and at any rate we shall try and squeeze some of them in by Easter, the following five boys :—William Lamperd, Fred. Newman, Alfred Thame, Fred. Sessions, George Neville.

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It is some time since we recorded the changes that have taken place in the village, they have been rather numerous ; Mrs. Gold did not long live with her daughter after leaving, we should mention also that Swadling, although no longer a resident, but who was for many years the parish clerk, has passed to his rest ; Mrs. Trinder has gone to live with a married daughter in London with a pension from the Squire, and will we hope long continue to enjoy it. Lamperd and Newman have moved

into the new cottages at Wimbledon, for the former at all events a great improvement—the cottages are amongst the best in the village. Neville has succeeded Wood as third keeper at Parker's Corner, Bowley has succeeded Lawrence at one of the Agency cottages, Paradine and James Allen have left, the place of the former is not yet filled, Neighbour has become shepherd at Chalk Pit in Allen's place, Miss Wells, an old name in Englefield, lives in the house lately occupied by Duckett, and Chamberlain, gardener to Mr. Bligh, lives in Mrs. Trinder's house. Amongst lesser changes Aspinall has left his place as clerk at the Timber Yard and been succeeded by Sydney Cambridge, Charles Sturgeon has also left. Possibly there may have been other changes, not any so far as we remember, which are worth recording.

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A. L. C. H.

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