

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 85.

JANUARY, 1893.

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

All good wishes for the opening year to our readers.

Our Collections in Advent for the S.P.G. amounted to £64 9s., which has already been sent to the Society, the following Subscriptions and contents of Boxes are about to be sent.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Benyon	5	0	0
Miss Benyon	1	0	0
Rev. A. Heigham	3	3	0
BOXES:—			
Mrs. Wardwell	0	11	4
Miss Webb	0	8	5
Mrs. Coombes	0	9	11
Miss Benyon	9	5	1
Mrs. J. Martin	0	8	8½
Mrs. Butler	2	12	6
Mrs. Bligh	1	4	0
Mrs. Hobart	1	12	9
Mrs. Claydon	0	4	4
Mrs. Hand	0	12	3½
Mrs. J. Thame	0	7	9
Mrs. Russell	0	8	4
The Bothey	0	10	3½
Mrs. Clarke	0	6	3
Mrs. Cooke			

If any vacancy occurs after the name, it signifies that the box has not yet been received, the amount will be acknowledged next month. The total sum from the Boxes thus far amounts to £19 2s. 0d. a very goodly sum, which it is a great pleasure to us to forward to the Society. Only one new box has been asked for this year.

A reference to the Parish Registers shews that in the year now ending there have been six Baptisms, one Wedding, and three Burials in our Parish. This does not look as if we were an unhealthy Parish, or likely to decrease in numbers, indeed, except for the influenza, which mercifully seems to have gone; there has been no outbreak of serious illness amongst us for many years.

Amongst other statistics, we may mention there are 115 children in our School under regular instruction.

In our Sunday Bible Class there are 18 lads, all of whom are confirmed or about to be confirmed, and in the Sunday School there are 69 children, namely : 36 Boys and 33 Girls.

Tastes not only proverbially differ, but are subject to variations, thus we find that many more children attend the Dinner Kitchen on Thursday than on any other day, because that is the meat soup day, and on enquiry we find that soup two days a week would be agreeable, hence the bill of fare stands thus until further notice:—

Monday—Soup.

Tuesday—Rice Milk.

Wednesday—Suet Pudding.

Thursday—Soup.

Friday—Suet Pudding.

followed on all days by a slice of bread and butter or bread and jam.

Three missing books have found their way back to the Club, but No. 364, "Memorials of Captain Hedley Vickers" is still missing.

The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club will be held in the Long Gallery, on Monday Evening, January 9th, at 7 o'clock, when the Report for the year will be read, the Balance Sheet presented, and Officers for the ensuing year elected, and any other necessary business transacted. A full attendance of Members is invited.

The Government Examination of our School due in the month of January, is fixed for Thursday, February 2nd, and the Religious Examination will take place the following day, and then the School breaks up for its well-earned holiday.

Christmas in our Church was of its usual bright and happy character, no need again to speak of the Decorations or the Services, which were all that we could desire, the best was done and given to welcome the Birth of our Lord. An unfortunate accident to Mr. Hill prevented his helping in the Services, the Choral Celebration was sung without any flatness, shewing what the boys can do when they try, and the Carols at Evensong were well together and bright.

One hundred and two persons received the Blessed Sacrament at the three Celebrations.

Fourteen Pictures of the Stations of the Cross have lately been given to our Church, they represent the Passion of our Lord, from His condemnation by Pilate to the time when His Holy Body is about to be laid in the tomb, they are reverent in colour and form, and bring very plainly before the eye and the mind the various scenes of that great history, on our true realization of which so much depends.

Some of the scenes are not specially mentioned in the Bible, such as His meeting with His Mother, His falling three times under the Cross, and the legend of S. Veronica which, though only a legend conveys very beautiful teaching.

We are very glad to have these pictures in the Church, and hope that they may be found helpful in reminding those of us who look at them of the patient sufferings our Lord underwent "for us men and our salvation."

They are numbered from 1 to 14, and there is no difficulty in determining what scene each picture represents.

We are asked by the Secretary to print the following notice:—

A General Meeting of the Members of the Englefield Habitation of the Primrose League is to be held in the Long Gallery, on Wednesday, February 1st, when a Tea will be provided at 7-30 o'clock, after which the tables will be cleared away, and an address will be given by Mr. Anthony, delegate from the Grand Council, on "The Current Political Topics of the Day," after which an Entertainment will be given by the celebrated Troupe of Negro Minstrels, who will introduce many of their well-known comic and other songs.

After the Tea when the tables have been removed, Members of the Habitation will be at liberty to bring their friends with them for the Address and Entertainment.

Concerning the Christmas Tree on Thursday, January 5th, you are to take notice that Tea will be in the Long Gallery at 5 o'clock, for all those who receive a ticket for the same, the Tree itself will be at 6 o'clock, when Parents and other Parishioners may come if they desire.

Also the Village Concert is fixed for Monday, January 28rd, in the Long Gallery, doors open at 6.30, Concert to commence at 7. Admission to Reserved Seats, Sixpence, and to other seats, Twopence. The proceeds of the Concert are kindly allowed to be given to the Funds of the Workmen's Club. Tickets of admission to be obtained at the School, or at the Club during the week previous to the Concert.

The following is the Balance Sheet of the Clothing Club for the past year :—

RECEIPTS.

1892.						£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	9
R. Benyon, Esq.	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
Miss Benyon	1	0	0
Donation	0	10	0
Discount off Bill	0	12	0
Deposits	42	13	2
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						£52	10	11

PAYMENTS.

1892.						£	s.	d.
Club Cards	0	1	6
Repaid in Cash	3	7	6
McIlroy	24	0	0
Corderoy	8	11	7
Heelas	6	12	3
Selwood	4	7	10
Kedge	3	4	0
Burberry	1	8	0
Balance in hand	0	18	3
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						£52	10	11

A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD, READING,

December 27th, 1892.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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FEBRUARY, 1893.

Price, with "Banner
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The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club was held in the Long Gallery, with the President in the chair, on Monday Evening, January 9th, and with a good attendance of Members considering the roughness of the weather.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were taken as read and signed; the following Report and Balance Sheet were then read and allowed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Committee desire to commence the year's Report with grateful acknowledgments to the President for the increased accommodation, privacy and convenience afforded by the Porch and the other alterations.

The Club dances have been this year a new, and as far as the Committee can judge, a successful departure: it is felt that the Club should supersede the Public House, and, inasmuch as dancing (under certain regulations) is not forbidden in public houses, it seems not unreasonable to allow it, under careful supervision, in our Club. In the public house there is a risk of noise, bad company and excess of drink, dangers which the Committee hope to avoid in the social gatherings in the Club.

The Committee regret the falling off in the sale of Ginger Beer, the receipts showing a decrease of £1 18s. 1d., but on the other hand they are glad to find that there has not in consequence any increase in the sale of Beer and Spirits, but contrarywise a decrease of £5 7s. 5d. It may be mentioned that a new method of making the ginger beer has been adopted, which it is thought will be an improvement.

Over 1200 books have been taken out from the Library during the year, and it is proposed to spend some of the year's balance in purchasing new books.

The President has kindly continued the gift of the weekly Illustrated Papers, as well as the Club Premises rent free, for which a vote of thanks will be proposed.

An addition to the Caretaker's salary is also recommended.

There have been 101 Members of the Club during the year, the arrears of subscriptions at present being £1 3s. 10d.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to impress on all the Members the need of care to maintain the high character of the Club, and to continue it in its unbroken career of usefulness.

(Signed)

A. E. ROBINSON,

Hon. Sec.

ENGLEFIELD WORKMEN'S CLUB,

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1892.

						RECEIPTS.		
						£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	..	...	...	...	...	13	7	10½
Interest on £25 deposit	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0
Members' Payments	...	...	...	...	...	19	9	4
Library Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	6
Dance Tickets	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	0
Donation for Books (A.L.C.H.)	...	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Donation for Crockery (A.L.C.H.)	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Newspapers sold	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	4
Waste paper sold	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	10
Oil Cask sold	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
Tournament entries	...	...	...	...	...	0	9	8
Tea and Coffee sold at Dances	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	5
Sale of Beer	...	...	...	...	...	30	12	5
" Brandy	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	1
" Whiskey	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	0
" Rum	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	2
" Gin	...	...	...	...	...	3	14	2
" Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	9
" Cigars and Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	13	17	3½
" Ginger Beer (560 bottles)	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	8
" Squash (3040 glasses)	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	8
Error in Account	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	1

£11

						PAYMENTS.		
						£	s.	d.
Newspapers	...	...	...	...	...	5	17	0
Coal	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	10
Coke	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5
Oil	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	2
Beer Glasses	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	0
Re-covering Bagatelle Board (new balls & cue tips)	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	0
Re-printing Club Rules	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0
Lamp Chimnies	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Expenses at Dance	...	...	...	...	...	0	9	7
Insurance (2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	0	13	6
Caretaker's Salary	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Gratuity to Mrs. Claydon	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
New Books	...	...	...	...	...	15	7	3

PAYMENTS.— <i>continued.</i>					£	s.	d.
Repairs to Books	...	...	...	...	0	6	8
Tournament Prizes	...	...	...	...	1	9	8
Brass Tap	...	...	...	...	0	2	9
Playing Cards..	...	...	...	...	0	13	0
Crockery	...	...	...	...	1	14	9
Porch Lantern	...	...	...	...	0	5	6
Cloths and Broom	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
Newspaper Boys (Christmas Box)	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
Postage and Carriage	...	...	...	...	0	6	3
Purchase of Beer	...	...	...	...	28	12	0
„ Brandy	...	...	...	...	2	6	0
„ Whiskey	...	...	...	...	5	15	0
„ Rum	...	...	...	...	1	14	0
„ Gin	...	...	...	...	1	16	0
„ Biscuits	...	...	...	...	1	15	0
„ Cigars and Tobacco	...	...	...	...	12	11	4
„ Sugar, Acids, Ginger, &c.	...	...	...	...	4	17	0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	11	12	7
					<u>£119 9 3</u>		

The Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer were then appointed as follows :

R. BENYON, Esq., President	}	EX-Officio.
REV. THE RECTOR		
THE CARETAKER		

COMMITTEE.

D. Harris.
W. Horne
G. Johnson
W. Vince
H. Wheeler
T. Seward

W. Smythe
H. Shackleford
Chas. Fox
Jos. Middleton
Thos. Harris

Mr. A. E. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.
Rev. A HEIGHAM, Treasurer.

One place on the Committee was purposely left vacant. The following Resolutions were then proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried.

“That the sum of £8 be spent in the purchase of new books for the Library.”

“That a gratuity of 15s. be given to Mrs. Claydon for trouble in making ginger beer, &c., during the past year; and that the Caretaker's salary (to include all extra work) be raised to £6 a-year, from the 1st of January, 1893.’

“That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President for the use of the Club premises rent free, and for the gift of Illustrated Papers, as well as for his kindness in taking the chair.”

It was announced that the Committee had determined to give up the taking the “Daily News” and the “Berkshire Chronicle,” and instead to take the “Field” and a “Bradshaw’s Railway Guide.”

It was expressly understood that no political motive induced this change, but that the two papers given up were so little used.

The “Lifeboat Box” was, according to custom, passed round, and on being opened was found to contain £1 10s. 5d.

The following Members were elected : Messrs. P. Chamberlain, Maurice Allen, W. Horne, jun., Alfred Lamperd, and James Tegg.

Several Honorary Members paid their subscriptions for the year.

The Library now contains 740 books.

The Christmas Tree in the Long Gallery on Jan. 5th, was as pretty a sight as a child could desire, and reflected much credit on Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Seward who dressed and decked it ; and the presents which Mrs. Benyon kindly gave all round were excellent in every way, it was preceded by tea to which about 150 sat down. Mrs. Benyon also gave away Prizes for Needlework, Knitting, and Marking to the following children :

NEEDLEWORK.		KNITTING.	
Standard	vii. Lizzie Coombes.	Standard	vii. All good, best received prizes.
	„ Louisa Wheeler.		
„	vi. Edith Martin.	„	vi. All good, best received prizes.
	„ Rose Wyatt.	„	v. Gertrude Cox.
„	v. Gertrude Hopgood.		
	„ Esther Horne.	„	iv. Annie Abrey.
„	iv. Martha Davis.		
	„ Annie Claydon.	„	iii. Ella Hayes.
„	iii. Harriet Shepherd.		
	„ Isabella Lamperd.	„	ii. Louisa Fowler.
„	ii. Gertrude Wyatt.		
	{ „ Florence Abrey.	„	i. Alice Vince.
	{ „ Lizzie Wheeler.		
„	i. Edith Harris.		
	„ Hilda Harris.		

INFANTS.

NEEDLEWORK.

1st Class. Rose Bates.
 „ Percy Thame.
 2nd Class. Bessie Martin.
 „ Fred Shakleford.

KNITTING.

1st Class. Harry Vince.
 „ Sarah Shepherd.

Also, Martha Day received a Prize for good Marking, Rose Wyatt and Edith Martin excelled her, but had already received a prize for Needlework.

The Organist, Choir, Servers, Banner Bearers, Churchwardens and Sidesmen were entertained at Tea, by kind invitation, at Englefield House, on Saturday, Dec. 31st, when Mrs. Benyon gave prizes to those in the Choir who had been most regular in their attendance; unfortunately four boys fell short of receiving a prize, one of the four had also been excluded from the day's holiday in London in the summer, also one boy (who has now left the village) had been dismissed from the Choir, and three others, besides the one already mentioned, had not joined in the summer holiday: the past year had, therefore, been rather a painful one, although by far the larger number had done their work well, carefully, patiently, and above all, reverently. After tea some Carols were sung in the corridor, and after a further distribution of good things the company dispersed.

It is scarcely necessary again to remind you of the Confirmation to be held in our Church on Sunday Morning, Feb. 26th, it may be more necessary to call to your mind Feb. 9th, 1890, and Feb. 20th, 1887, the dates of the two previous Confirmations, when 38 and 49 persons were confirmed; on page 56 of the Book of Prayers in common use amongst you, there is a special prayer to be used, "On the Anniversary of your Confirmation," which no one should neglect to use. Of the 49 confirmed in 1887, no less than 25 have altogether left the village, and one has departed this life; and of the 38 confirmed in 1890, 13 have left; wherever they may be let us hope they remember their Christian vows, and are trying to lead good lives equally with those who as yet remain in our village.

Ash Wednesday this year is on Feb. 15th, no special *Services*, still less any special *Sermons* are proposed during Lent, the Church provides two daily *Services* and one weekly *Sermon*, the Bishop's authority adds a second weekly *Sermon*; spiritual as well as bodily digestion may be overtaxed, let there be a more diligent use of our present means of grace and instruction,

rather than a craving after something fresh. Evensong on Ash Wednesday will be at 7, and Matins will be at 11 o'clock, there will also be a celebration of Holy Communion that same morning at 8.

There are some illustrated Church History Lectures in the Long Gallery again proposed this Lent, commencing on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, and continued on the three following Thursdays (March 2, 9, 16), and to these we earnestly invite you: they will not teach you how to be better Christians, but they will help you to be more loyal-hearted Church people.

We have received the following communication:

“Mrs. Benyon is desirous to mention that the Working Party will take place as usual every Tuesday in Lent, in the Long Gallery, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at 2.30 punctually, when all workers will be welcomed. It had been intended this year to work for some other Mission, but owing to the terrible suffering and loss at Newfoundland, in consequence of the severe fire, it is considered desirable once more to send the result of our Lenten work to Newfoundland.”

Of course there will be Special Services during Holy Week, of which we shall hope to give notice next month.

The two tracts which accompany this number, give some useful advice to young and old alike about the keeping of Lent. The end and object of all the advice given is how to have a deeper sorrow for sin, a more earnest desire to be holy, and both these things are helped by prayer, self-denial, meditation and public worship.

Our School Penny Bank account for the past year stands as follows:

Number of Depositors	...	...	83
			£ s. d.
Deposited this year	...	...	28 8 3
Transferred to Post Office Savings Bank	...	...	33 6 0
Withdrawn	...	...	1 3 6
Interest added by Mr. Benyon to this year's deposits, being One Penny on every complete Shilling	...	...	2 2 5
Balance in hand, carried on to 1893 (exclusive of interest, £2 2s. 5d.)	...	...	9 13 0

The Annual Meeting of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society was held in the Long Gallery on Jan. 9th, 1893. The business was of the usual routine character, the

Committee and the Representative were continued in their offices, the quarter's accounts were examined and found correct, and as were also the pass books of 28 members which were sent in for the yearly examination. Eight Members had not sent in their books. The sum of £1 was voted to the General Management Fund.

We may mention that the subjects for the Church History Lectures on Thursday, Feb. 23, and the three following Thursdays are :

1. The Church in Wales, its early history.
2. The Church in Wales, its modern history.
3. What the Church has done for the Education of the People.
4. The Holy Bible, its structure and literary history.

As on a previous occasion the Lectures will be illustrated by
Lime-light Views.

The Entertainment of the usual varied and pleasant character, which took place in the Long Gallery, on Monday Evening, Jan. 23rd, produced the good sum of £5 16s. 8d for the funds of the Workmen's Club.

A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD, READING,

January 26th, 1893.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 87.

MARCH, 1893.

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

The Annual Examination of our School took place on Wednesday, January 25th, and the Religious Examination on the following day.

The following Reports have since been received :—

“Mixed School: The general tone of the School is pleasant, but there is some need of increased watchfulness against whispering during work. The elementary instruction is on the whole creditable, particularly in the first and second Standards, but arithmetic is moderate in the fifth Standard and upwards, the writing on paper shews a lack of style and the enunciation is indistinct. The class subjects are in the main good, but map-drawing must improve. The music tests were well satisfied, but the tone of the singing is thin.

“Infants' Class: The Infants are pleasantly managed and well taught, especially in arithmetic. A larger variety of manual occupations is desirable for the junior classes.

“W. J. Wyatt has passed fairly, but should attend to composition.

“The School maintains its good character, both as to teaching and discipline. In the higher standards the knowledge of the letter of Holy Scripture as well as its meaning is very satisfactory, and the same may be said of the Catechism. In the middle division the readiness of a few to answer emphasises the apparent contentedness of the many to remain silent. A little attention to the correct writing out of the Catechism would not be thrown away. The repetition of prayers and hymns by the Infants is particularly pleasing and their answers to simple questions in the Bible and Catechism are a credit to their Teacher.”

Mr. Powley awarded the Bishop's Prayer Book to Lizzie Coombes, he considered Fred. Dixon to be of equal merit, but as the former was the elder and certainly leaving School, he awarded the Prayer Book to her.

Immediately after the Examinations the School broke up for a fortnight's holiday.

As was to be expected several boys have left School, some with a good solid education having passed Standard VII., the highest Standard in an elementary School, others but poorly off for education having only just succeeded in passing Standard IV., a poor education indeed, the minimum which the bye-laws of this district allow; it is very much to be regretted that parents avail themselves of this bye-law, and do not keep their children at School until they have passed the VIth or VIIth Standard.

A large number of parents do so for which their children will be grateful to them in years to come; these are days in which a poor education is a great hindrance to a lad's getting on in life.

The Cookery Lessons will have begun before this paper is in your hands. We hope for a good attendance and that the really useful lessons will be put in practice at home, no day should go by without something being done by every girl in the way of housework or cookery, and tidiness in doing the work should be insisted on. It is quite surprising how black some little people look who lately have left School and are supposed to be useful at home; it almost seems as if they were unlearning the lessons learnt in the Dinner Kitchen.

Balance Sheet of the Englefield School, for the year ending December 31st, 1892.

RECEIPTS.						£	s.	d.
Grant from Education Department	...	...	...	...	...	103	0	6
Fee Grant	...	...	...	...	...	43	17	6
Voluntary Contributions	113	11	8
Pence of Evening Scholars	1	7	2
Drawing Grant	7	10	0
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						£269	6	10
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PAYMENTS.					£	s.	d.
Salaries of Teachers	214	4	4
Books and Stationery	19	1	4
Fuel, Light, and Cleaning	9	18	3
Rent	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Repairs	...	...	...	...	3	1	10
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	...	...	...	...	1	8	2
Cash returned to Evening Scholars	..	...	...	...	1	0	4
Organizing Master	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Other Expenses	...	...	...	...	4	12	7
					£269	6	10

The following books have now been added to the Library of the Workmen's Club.

- Kingston ... The Wanderers—The Young Llanero—Old Jack—
Twice Lost—Voyage Round the World.
- J. F. Cooper The Crater—Home as Found—The Chainbearer—
Heidenmauer.
- Grant ... Six Years Ago—Arthur Blane—Did She Love Him?—
Vere of Ours—Jane Seton—One of the Six Hundred
—Oliver Ellis.
- Ballantyne ... Dusty Diamonds—Giant of the North—Iron Horse—
Norseman in the West—Erling the Bold—Deep
Down—The Battery and the Boiler.
- W. Melville ... M or N—Satanella—Market Harborough—The Brookes
of Bridlemere—Rosine—Uncle John—Cerise—Sister
Louise—Tilbury Nogo.
- C. Reade ... Perilous Secret—Christie Johnstone—Griffith Gaunt.
- Wilkie Collins Antonina—Basil—Miss or Mrs. ?
- G. P. R. James A Whim and its Consequences—Margaret Graham.
- Besant ... The Ten Years' Tenant—The Seamy Side—The Monks
of Thelema.
- C. Lever ... Paul Gosslett's Confessions—Fortunes of Glencore—A
Day's Ride—Maurice Tiernay—Tales of the Trains
—Sir Jasper Carew—That Boy of Norcott's—A Rent
in a Cloud—The Course of True Love—Love Me
Little, Love Me Long—Tony Butler—Singleheart and
Doubleface—Nuts and Nutcrackers—Adventures of
Arthur O'Leary.
- Mrs. Gaskell... Wives and Daughters—Sylvia's Lovers—Lizzie Leigh—
Ruth.
- Mark Twain .. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—Adventures of Tom
Sawyer.
- Blackmore ... Christowell—Mary Anerley.
- Baring Gould John Herring—Court Royal—Mehalah.
- Ainsworth ... Old Court—The Leaguer of Latham—Myddleton
Pomfret.
- Mrs. Oliphant Salem Chapel.
- E. Chatrain ... The Alsatian Schoolmaster—Wild Huntsman—Man-
Wolf—Stories of the Rhine.
Also The New Antigone (Author unknown).

We omitted to state that at the Diocesan Examination of pupil teachers held last December W. J. Wyatt obtained a Second Class. The examination is entirely in Religious Knowledge. The Subjects in which he was examined were a large part of the two Books of Kings, Nehemiah, and Daniel, the Gospel according to St. John, and Acts xviii. to xxviii., all the Catechism, the Ordination Services, the Visitation of the Sick, and the proper Psalms for Whitsun-day.

The hounds met at Englefield House, on Monday, Feb. 20th, Mr. Bligh was good enough to ask, on the previous afternoon, that the School children should be let out of School at 11 o'clock on the Monday morning, but as no holiday had been asked for or given last year on a similar occasion, and as a notice that there would be no holiday, and a warning to truants, had been given on Sunday morning, it seemed best to the Managers not to disturb that arrangement, but all the same the children desire to thank Mr. Bligh.

A General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held by permission in the Workmen's Club, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd. The Rector (in the chair), and Mr. Bligh, and 22 other Members were present.

The following Officers for the ensuing year were elected. Captain, L. E. Bligh, Esq.; Sub-Captain, H. Shakleford; Hon. Sec., A. E. Robinson; Treasurer, Rev. A. Heigham; Committee, Messrs. G. Johnson, L. Harris, H. Wheeler, C. Eborne, D. Horne, and J. Claydon.

The Secretary was requested to arrange matches with the following Clubs, viz.—Wasing (2), Beaconsfield (1), Woolhampton (2), Bradfield (2), Biscuit Factory (2), Tidmarsh (2), Woodley (1), Suttons' (1), Mortimer (2), Borough Police (1).

It was proposed and unanimously carried that an "average" bat be again given, under the same conditions as last year. Also that 2/6 be paid each time to J. Claydon for putting up the tent, preparing the wicket etc. at each home match. A necessary supply of bats, balls, etc., was ordered to be bought.

We ask you to accept and read the enclosed leaflets about Holy Week and Easter; we have no strange preachers or other novelties to offer you, the only difference that is proposed is to have an hour's special service from 2 to 3 on Good Friday, it is the last hour of our Lord's Passion and should therefore be specially and reverently observed, and we shall be much surprised if a good number of devout persons in our village are not found willing and thankful to avail themselves of the opportunity of so spending that particular hour of that great day.

In Holy Week there will of course be, as usual, Service every evening, and on Easter Day we hope to have three celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 7.30, 8.30, and at the 11 o'clock Service. The preparation Service for our Easter Communion will be on the previous Thursday evening at 7.

The Bishop confirmed 30 persons—14 males and 16 females—belonging to Englefield in our Church, on the second Sunday in Lent, February 26th, at the 11 o'clock service. The solemn laying-on of hands was preceded by the singing of hymn 157—"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," and the Bishop's address was in such beautifully simple language that the youngest in Church could have understood it. Do you wish to be good, do you wish for the Gift to help you to be so? will you strengthen and refresh your soul in the Blessed Sacrament? not allowing yourself to be bullied or teased or talked out of it. These were the points he urged, and we earnestly hope that all who were listening were saying to themselves, "I do, I will." Mr. and Mrs. Benyon kindly gave to each Candidate a beautiful Bible, in which the squire had written the names.

We are asked to announce that a Sale of our School and other Work—useful garments of all kinds—will be held in the Housekeeper's Room at Englefield House, on Tuesday in Easter week, April 4th, at 3 o'clock precisely. Those who are punctual will have the best choice.

BAPTISMS.

"Take this child and nurse it for ME."

Jan. 29th.—Mary Anne, daughter of William and Mary J. Fowler,
of Englefield.

Feb. 21st.—J. Frederick, son of Lodovick E. and Marion L.
Bligh.

„ 26th.—Arthur George, son of Peter and Martha Chamber-
lain, of Englefield.

A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD, READING,

February 27th, 1893.

Yet the past Easter was in many ways a very happy one, 144 persons received the Blessed Sacrament on Easter Day, to "the strengthening and refreshing of their souls," and he must be singularly cold whose "heart did not burn within him" at the heartiness and warmth of our services, to say nothing of the beauty and dignity of the Church itself, with its lovely floral decorations, as well as its permanent wall-decorations, so gracefully carried out under the direction of Mr. E. S. Harris, architect, of Stony Stratford. Scarcely anything which has been done to the Church through Mr. Benyon's kindness during the last few years has been so evident and manifest an improvement, giving such a home-like feeling of warmth and colouring as these wall-decorations. The wealth of invention in Mr. Harris's facile pencil is remarkable, no pattern repeats itself, each seems singularly adapted for the place which it occupies. The new super-frontal for the side altar was designed by the same hand, and was worked by Mrs. Baker, of Wigmore Street, and will, as it deserves, be very generally admired: it was the gift of Mrs. Benyon, the Squire gave all the mural painting.

The Secretary sends us the following list of Cricket Matches arranged up to the present time.

DATE.	CLUB.	WHERE TO BE PLAYED.
May 20.—Bradfield	Home.
June 3.—Tidmarsh	Home.
„ 10.—Minster	Home.
„ 24.—Wasing	Home.
July 1.—Biscuit Factory...	Reading.
„ 8.—Bradfield	Bradfield.
„ 15.—Beaconsfield	Home.
„ 22.—Minster	Reading.
Aug. 5.—Wasing	Wasing.
„ 12.—Sutton's Seed Establishment	Home.
„ 26.—Tidmarsh	Tidmarsh.
Sep. 9.—Biscuit Factory	Home.

BAPTISM.

"Take this child and nurse it for Me."

26th March, 1893.—Oscar Fleming, son of George and Maria Wyatt, of Englefield.

TORQUAY,

7th April, 1893.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 89.

MAY, 1893.

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

We are a little late in announcing the winners of the Tournament of Games held in the Workmen's Club during last winter, they are as follows:—

WHIST	Rev. A. Heigham, Mr. A. Bint.
DOUBLE CRIBBAGE	Mr. Hallam, Mr. A. Bint.
SINGLE CRIBBAGE	Mr. G. Johnson.
DON	Mr. J. Winchcombe.
DOMINOES	Mr. W. Smythe.
DRAUGHTS	Mr. J. Stone.
BAGATELLE (Cannon)	Mr. J. Claydon.
BAGATELLE (Cannon and Holes)	Mr. J. Claydon.
BAGATELLE (All Balls up)	Mr. F. Broderick.

A very pleasant Club dance was held on Easter Monday, from seven until half-past ten, there were not quite so many members present as on the last occasion, but dancing was kept up with much spirit, and everyone seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves.

It seemed ungrateful of us not to mention in our last number that Miss Benyon made a kind present of half-a-crown to each of our choir boys by way of an "Easter egg," last Easter Day, but, to say the truth, the April number was prepared in rather a hurry, and during a holiday, when a feeling of not wishing to do much work takes possession of the editor, and it was forgotten to be named.

Four new boys who had been serving as probationers for several months were admitted to the Choir on Easter Day, their names are Alfred Thame, Fred. Newman, William Lamped and Frank Sessions, the whole number of boys now is 19,

our men, alas! only number four. Edward Cottrell has become organ-blower in the place of William Horne, who has resigned, by the way, let us mention that we hoped we had got past the scribbling of names in books and in other places in Church, occasion has again arisen to send a painter with a brush or to efface with a pencil names which ought never to have been placed where we find them. "What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in?" "This is none other than the House of God."

It should be recorded that may was gathered from may-bushes in the Park on the 23rd of April in this year, and that on S. Mark's day many of the bushes in the park were well covered with the white may in full blossom. The drought of 1893 will be long remembered, no rain has fallen since the second of March to this date (April 26th).

The swimming bath is being filled, and if this weather continues we shall hope to begin bathing on or before the first of May, a very usual date for opening out-of-door baths, but somewhat earlier than we are accustomed to. We beg parents to stir up their boys to come and be taught to swim, and to enjoy the healthful pleasure of our useful bath. Towels and drawers are provided, so that there is no expense of any kind, the younger a boy begins to bathe the better it is for him.

The search for wild flowers should also begin without delay, specimens new or old will be gladly welcomed, older boys should begin to teach the younger ones the names of the commoner wild flowers.

The boys have begun cricket, attention should be paid to the rules hung up in School.

The Sale of School needlework took place on Easter Monday, and realized the sum of £4 1s. 4d., which Mrs. Benyon kindly allows to be used for general school purposes, for the comfort and convenience of the children, it is proposed to spend some of the money in putting up some see-saws for the girls, and the boys also want one or two out-door benches.

Let none of us pass by without due thought the great Festivals, first of our Lord's Ascension, and then of the descent of the Holy Spirit on Whitsun Day.

On Ascension Day the Services will be as follows:—Holy Communion at 7 and 8; Mattins at 11; Evensong at 8.

On Whitsun Day there will be three Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.30, 8.30, and at the 11.0 o'clock Service, the usual evening Service at 6, but no Women's Bible Class on that day.

On the Friday before Whitsun Day, at 8 p.m., there will be a preparation Service for Holy Communion.

A meeting of the Guild was held two weeks before Easter, at which a good number of new members were admitted, a new list of members with the rules and various prayers is being printed in the form of a little book, and when received from the printer a copy will be given to each member of the Guild.

To the list of Cricket Matches given in last month's "local sheet," must be added a match with Theale, on September 2nd, to be played on the home ground.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society was held in the School on Wednesday Evening, April 26th—present, the Rector and Messrs. Clarke, Coombes, Vince, and the Agent; the quarter's accounts were examined and allowed, a member's pass-book which had not been sent in time for the last meeting was examined and found correct, the "rests" of the deposit members for the past year

were announced to be ninepence in the shilling, which means that for every shilling paid last year by deposit members ninepence has been placed to their own account.

The Committee regret that several members have left the Society through failure to pay their monthly payments, and beg to urge upon all, young and old, the great need of providing against sickness. The payments are very reasonable, the comfort and satisfaction are very great.

Only about 33 children are now members of the Juvenile Berks Friendly Society in our Village—there is no hesitation in saying that there ought to be double the number.

Mr. Benyon bids us invite the Members of our Agency of the Berks Friendly Society to tea on Whit-Monday, in the Long Gallery, at five o'clock, the invitation includes the members both of the elder and the juvenile branches. Also there are invited to join the party any women in the village who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club. The advantages of belonging to that club cannot be too much spoken of, it costs only fivepence a month, that is five shillings a year, and we make bold to say that there is not a woman in the village who ought not to be ready and wishful to belong to it, and moreover there is not one who cannot afford to make the small payment.

It appears that since July, 1892, the following 22 children have been admitted to our school :

Leonard Shepherd	John Wright
Kate Tigwell	Horace Cox
Annie Fuller	Hubert Thame
Frank Shackelford	Rose Chamberlain
Annie Neighbour	Cecil Povey
George Neighbour	Ethel Horne
Alfred Neighbour	Ada Fowler
George Neville	Gilbert Allen
Amy Neville	Alice Cox
Jesse Neville	Frederick Fisher
Annie Wright	Harriett Fisher

On the other hand we have lost since the Inspection in January the following children :

Douglas Harris
Fred. Cooper
Alfred Cox
John Thame
Harry Wallace
Arthur Cox

Harry Abrey
Fred. Manning
Arthur Manning
Lizzie Coombes
Martha Day

Of these we are glad to say that D. Harris, John Thame, and Arthur Cox have been found places in the timber yard, and Alfred Cox in the gardens, and we hope that the others will soon find some occupation if they have not already done so.

There are now in the school 116 children, namely 33 infants and 83 in the Standards.

In spite of the interruption to the Lenten work in consequence of influenza, it is with great satisfaction that Mrs. Benyon can announce to her kind workers that 243 garments were finished and sent off on Saturday in Holy Week, April 1st, 1893, and Mrs. Benyon has received the following letter from the Secretary to the St. Andrew's Waterside Mission (W. Evans Franks, Esq.): "We have received the case of the clothing which you kindly sent from your working party, the contents are most acceptable and valuable; please give best thanks to the kind friends who have sent through you such help for our work."

BAPTISMS.

"Take this child and nurse it for MR."

- April 30th.—Rose Emily, daughter of Henry and Sarah Jane Newman, Gamekeeper, of Englefield.
" " Bertha Rose, daughter of James and Mary Elizabeth Winchcombe, ~~Labourer~~ ^{Gardener}, of Englefield.
" " David James, son of David and Mary Anne Horne, Painter, of Englefield.
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PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

Sunday, 30th April, 1893.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 90.

JUNE, 1893.

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

The long drought (no rain having fallen in Englefield of any appreciable amount since March 2nd) ended in a thunder storm, with some refreshing rain, on Monday, May 15th. The rain which then fell was not enough to go far into the ground; but it should be remembered that plants suck in the rain through their leaves, and not only at the other end, viz., their roots. The reason why shelter is found under a tree from rain is, that a large quantity of it is absorbed at once by the leaves, and never reaches the ground.

Our Cricket Season opened on Saturday, May 13th, with a match of Married *versus* Single, in which the former were victorious by an innings and 25 runs. The match against Bradfield ended in a severe defeat (on the following Saturday), but when first-rate players, who have no connection with the Club, are brought to play against a village team, the result is not very uncertain.

On Whit Monday, by the kind invitation of Mr. Benyon, the members of the Senior and Juvenile Branches of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society sat down to a good tea in the Long Gallery, at five o'clock; afterwards, whilst pipes and ginger beer were being enjoyed, the Rector made a statement about the affairs of the Society in general, and of our Agency in particular; Mr. Robinson kindly further enlivened the meeting by some vocal and instrumental music. It appears that in the Berks Friendly Society there are 30 Agencies and 1,464 members, 11 of these being larger than ours (156 being the highest number in any one Agency) and 18 smaller, ours numbers 37 members. Of these only seven are householders in this village, 13 are elder or younger men and lads, the remaining 17 are outsiders. In sick pay our Agency stood third highest, owing to an outsider who is unfortunately

afflicted with blindness. In the Juvenile branch we have 32 members, 21 boys, 11 girls, but inasmuch as the number of boys on the school register is 65, it is not quite satisfactory that only 21 should belong to the Berks Friendly Society. The payment is so small, threepence a month for the doctor and a penny a month for death pay, that no one can fairly say that it is beyond their means to afford it, moreover, for children there is no entrance fee, nor any payment for the medical examination.

In connexion with this it should be stated that in our School Penny Bank there are only 26 boys who deposit, of whom 12 are also members of the Berks Friendly Society, so that out of our 65 boys at this moment at school, there are 30 who neither belong to the Berks Friendly Society or to the Penny Bank. We very earnestly beg parents to remember that now education is free, it seems their bounden duty to put their boys into one or the other, and of the two it would seem more prudent to provide against illness than to save a certain number of shillings.

A pleasant feature in our Whit Monday gathering was the presence of the women who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club, so far as we know their number in the village is only 14; it might well be twice that number, payments (fivepence a month) are received at the School, or the five shillings can be paid in one sum to Dr. Cox. Any juvenile member is at liberty to pay one penny a week at the School instead of the four pence in one sum each month.

Some unusual noise was heard in the belfry last week, accounted for by the clappers of the bells requiring new leathers, the iron clapper hangs on an iron ring in the crown of the bell, the leather prevents the undue noise when iron works on iron. Some other small matters had also to be attended to.

Alfred Lamperd has passed as a change-ringing member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers' Guild, and has received his certificate of membership. There are more than 1,100 members in the Guild. We are glad that a "P" has not to be placed against the name of any Englefield ringer, they are all fully qualified.

The river at the Dairies has been a beautiful sight, perfectly covered with one sheet of the white floating water buttercup, but this has quite prevented bathing, Mr. Palmer has kindly promised to have the weeds cut, and (so far as the meadows are not injured by too much moisture) to keep a head of water which will allow of bathing. But it must again be repeated that bathing is allowed on the one condition that there be no trespassing nor mischief done.

We copy the following notice from the *Reading Mercury*.

“ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.—The anniversary of the South Berks District Union this year will be held at Englefield, by kind permission of Mr. Benyon, on June the 27th, when Viscount Halifax, President of the English Church Union, will attend and speak. A luncheon will be provided in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, details of which will be advertised shortly.”

As the service in Church and the meeting must take place in the day, and not in the evening (for the convenience of those who come from a distance), it is sure that not many of our own people will be able to attend, but any who can do so will be very welcome.

Thirty-four boys have commenced bathing, but of these several have only been once, fear and the dislike of cold water have kept them away. Some are getting on well with their swimming, and the end of the season should see them able to swim the length of the bath.

Our Church was beautifully decorated by Mr. Coombes, both for Whitsun Day and Trinity Sunday, and our services were all that could be desired.

This week the bath is being emptied, and will not be full again and ready for use before Saturday, June 3rd, in the afternoon of which day, unless the cricket match is too absorbing, we shall hope to use it again.

The following are the 14 women who deserve honourable mention as belonging to Dr. Cox's Medical Club, if there be any others we shall be glad to give their names.

Mrs. Groves	Mrs. T. Cox
„ Claydon	„ J. Martin
„ Dixon	„ G. Fisher
„ Bond	„ Fuller
„ E. Horne	„ G. Allen
„ Winchcombe	„ J. Cox
„ H. Martin	„ Huggins

In many of these cases the children also belong to the Berks Friendly Society.

The girls' see-saw is fixed, and seems to give them much enjoyment, and some fixed seats have been placed in the boys' playground, so that those who through the summer bring their dinner have now somewhere to sit and eat it in comparative comfort, moreover, the pump is close at hand, which is also a convenience.

When the bells came to be examined last week, it was found that somewhat more than was anticipated required to be done, the frame in which they hang was found to be very loose indeed, so great had been the sway that some years ago an ignorant person had wedged the frame against the wall, than which a more dangerous thing, and likely to injure the whole masonry of the tower, cannot be imagined. Fortunately the tower is new and substantial, or a serious injury to the fabric might well have taken place.

Those who know the bells and the belfry, will be glad to hear that a very small operation has cured the treble of the trick of standing so deep at the hand stroke, and the second bell of not speaking truly at the hand stroke.

BAPTISM.

“Take this child and nurse it for Me.”

May 28th.—Arthur Thomas, son of James and Clara Claydon, of the Workmen's Club, Englefield.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,
READING,
Sunday, 28th May, 1893.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 91.

JULY, 1893.

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

As all the world knows, Prince George, Duke of York, the only surviving son of the Prince of Wales, is about to marry on Thursday, July 6th, his cousin, Princess Victoria Mary, commonly called Princess May, who is daughter of the Duke of Teck, whose wife was Princess Marv of Cambridge (a sister of the present Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and first cousin of the Queen). Many of those who are now young may probably live to see the Duke of York and his wife become King and Queen of England. It seems well, therefore, that the day of their marriage should in some way be impressed on the minds of our children, who are more especially interested in the event. Mr. Benyon has therefore determined that all young persons who are in any way under instruction in Englefield, whether on week-days or Sundays, should have a half-holiday and tea in the Long Gallery, on the day of the marriage.

Tea will be at 5 o'clock in the Long Gallery, and this notice must be accepted as an invitation. Mr. Benyon also proposes to give on that day a half-holiday to all persons residing in Englefield and employed in any way on the estate.

The Tickets for Tea will be given to the children at the close of school on the Thursday morning.

We have also to announce that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Guild will be held, by kind invitation, at Englefield House, on Thursday, July 13th. There will be Service in Church at 4 o'clock, at which it is hoped all members will be present, then will follow tea, and no doubt, as on previous occasions, a pleasant evening will be spent. For all who reside in Englefield this notice must be accepted as their invitation.

Some prizes are about to be given to the most regular attendants at our Sunday School; from unavoidable reasons

the prizes cannot be given as originally intended on the first Sunday in July, but there is no harm in mentioning the names of those who will eventually receive them, remembering that regular attendance, good behaviour, the knowledge of collect and hymn, as well as being present at Sunday Evening Service, all go towards gaining a prize. The highest marks have reached about 360, and the following four boys have gained over 340 :

Fred. Dixon
Tracey Wyatt

William Groves
William Lamperd

And the following six have made over 320 marks :

George Coombes
John Bond
John Harris

Fred. Newman
Frank. Sessions
Charles Claydon

Of the girls, the following thirteen gained over 340 marks :

Edith Bond
Edith Martin
Rose Wyatt
Lois Allen
Esther Horne
Emily Groves
Gertrude Cox

Fanny Horne
Florence Allen
Annie Claydon
Nellie Cox
Agnes Cox
Gertrude Wyatt

And these four over 320 marks :

Gertrude Hopgood
Lizzie Thame

Isabella Lamperd
Alice Vince

The marks of the Members of the Bible Class, some of whom are very regular in their attendance, have not yet been added up,

By universal consent the day at Teignmouth was voted a great success. It was satisfactory that no boy this year had forfeited by his own fault the pleasure of enjoying the outing which Mr. Benyon's liberality provides. To start from Englefield at 5 a.m. and not to reach it again until past 1 next morning was in itself an experience, but not so great as seeing, tasting, paddling, and bathing in the sea for the first time in one's life ! Pockets full of shells, seaweed, &c., found their way home, and the enjoyment of picking them up, scrambling over the rocks, was very great. All the food arrangements, which practically included four meals or bits of meals, were

quite satisfactory, and the "Devonshire cream" was another fresh experience. We are glad to say that no accidents of any kind occurred, except a broken mug!

We ask you to welcome the Rev. Arthur Monk-Smith, who is coming to reside amongst us as Assistant Curate. It was the Editor's wish to have remained at home until the School holidays commenced, and then to have taken a holiday, by which time Mr. Monk-Smith would, we hope, have felt at home in the parish, but some lameness having again shewn itself, a speedy resort to Homburg, for baths and waters, is strongly recommended by a London medical man, and he is generally the wisest, who, having put himself in the hands of a doctor, does as he is bid.

It is with great regret that we contemplate being absent both on July 6th and July 13th.

After a month's absence we hope, please God, once more to return restored to usual health. Meanwhile, in the event of any illness or other necessity arising in the Parish, we beg that Mr. Monk-Smith may be at once informed, and he will communicate with Mrs. Benyon if need require, for from the House, as we all know, come those creature comforts which are so useful and helpful in sickness.

We might further add that the Prayer-book orders are precise and run as follows: "When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish." From want of notice the Priest is sometimes almost the last instead of the first person to hear of illness.

All being well the School Holidays will commence on Friday, after Afternoon School, July 28th.

Talking of School matters reminds us to say that we hoped a place had been found at the Gardens for a boy to whom Mr. Coombs was willing to give a trial; but the boy was pleased to take a very impertinent and unwarrantable liberty—and has in consequence lost his chance (and very justly lost) of a good opening.

The Meeting of the English Church Union here on Tuesday, June 27th, will be so fully reported in the Reading newspapers

(five reporters were present) that it is unnecessary to say much about it, our Choir sung their part of the Holy Communion Office with much care and reverence, which brought forth much kind remark from many Clergy and others who were present, as well as a vote of thanks accorded to them at the meeting which followed.

BAPTISM.

"Take this child and nurse it for ME."

June 25th.—Amy Helen, daughter of George and Emily Fisher,
of Englefield.

ENGLEFIELD PARSONAGE,
READING,

A. L. C. H.

June 28th, 1893.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 92.

AUGUST, 1893.

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

The intelligence of some little difficulties connected more or less with the Cricket Club has reached Homburg, we allude to it for no other purpose than to say that it is always desirable as soon as possible to *forget* and to *remember*; to *forget* the cause of annoyance or disagreement, and to *remember* that in this world, even when each and all are only desirous of doing what they think to be their duty, a certain amount of 'give and take' is necessary, and a certain amount of friction almost unavoidable, moreover it is a mathematical law that the closer the bodies are in contact the greater is the friction. As a rule no one is altogether right, and no one altogether wrong, there are two sides to most matters, and it is satisfactory that Mr. Benyon is a good umpire, and acts fairly, as we all believe, to both sides.

My kind friends and parishioners will be glad to hear that the waters of Homburg are having their accustomed and salutary effect, and that the prospect of being at all laid up with any return of troubles in the foot has almost, if not entirely, disappeared.

It is pleasant to have heard how agreeably the afternoon and evening of July 6th, the Duke of York's Wedding Day, were spent at Englefield. Tea, games, medals, and a smoking concert are sufficient, given fine weather and a good appetite, to make such a day pass quickly and happily. The result of the cricket match, 15 a side, played in the afternoon, has not reached us.

The Annual Meeting of our Guild, deferred from this month, is now definitely fixed for Thursday, August 10th ; the arrangements mentioned in the July ' Local Sheet ' hold good, we hope that very few will be absent and that those who are able to come will make a point of being at Church at 4 o'clock. Anyone desiring to join the Guild can do so on that day, but notice must previously be given to me.

We have to give notice that it is proposed to have in Englefield a course of Six Lectures on Cottage Sick Nursing, to which the wives and daughters of labourers and artizans are admitted free, and are earnestly invited to attend. The first of the Lectures will be given on Tuesday, September 12th, in the Long Gallery, at 3.30, the lecture will last about an hour, and after tea, which will kindly be provided, the audience can return home. The subjects of the Lectures demonstrate at once their practical usefulness :—

1. THE SICK ROOM, its cleaning, warming, ventilating, etc. How to change sheets, etc., etc.
- 2 and 3. THE NURSE AND HER DUTIES, washing and feeding the patient, bed-sores and their prevention, poultices, fomentations, etc., etc.
4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES, how spread, precautions, disinfectants, etc., etc.
5. EMERGENCIES. Burns, scalds, bruises, stings, sprains, poisoning, etc., etc.
6. CHILDREN'S DISEASES AND NURSING. Food, fresh air, cleanliness, whooping cough, croup, choking, diarrhoea, etc., etc.

The Lectures will give an opportunity of getting some practical knowledge, of which we hope a large number of persons in Englefield will avail themselves.

The attendance marks of the lads at the Sunday Bible Class have now been added up with the following result :—

Archer Dixon	}	Maurice Allen	}
William Wyatt	}	Frederick Cox	}
Edward Cottrell			

For these five we shall hope to find a prize before long. The Bible Class will re-commence on the first Sunday in August.

We are glad to add the following four names to those who are now able to swim, Walter Cox, Alfred Allen, Tracey Wyatt, and Alfred Thame. William Fowler can also swim with the aid of the corks, and Robert Allen, Sydney Allen and Thomas Thame are very nearly in a like condition.

It is rather soon to begin thinking of the "Evening Continuation School," a somewhat less familiar term than "Night School," but meaning the same thing. There are two important changes which take place this year, viz.: there is for the future to be no separate examination of the scholars, neither is there to be any limit of age. Hitherto each scholar has had to undergo an examination which is, we repeat, now done away with, and hitherto no one above 21 years of age could be admitted, which useless restriction has now ceased to be in force. It would be a great satisfaction to have in our Evening Continuation School a class of men, certainly no fear of examination need now hold them back.

All being well our Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Wednesday, September 6th, when the usual and long established programme will, so far as we know, be carried out. Our practice of late years has been to make the Festival begin on the previous Sunday, a quiet day of Eucharist, Prayer and Praise, whereas on the day itself, with its entertainments, games, prizes and dancing, the mind is apt to be a little unsettled, moreover from a variety of circumstances a good number of persons are unable to be present at the service held on Wednesday, September 6th, and miss the opportunity of united thanksgiving.

On Sunday, September 3rd, we have three celebrations of the Holy Communion, at our usual hours, on the previous Friday evening we have the preparation service which we use four times in the year.

It may be well to recapitulate the two principal Rules of the Cottage Garden Show, held on the day of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

1. All productions must have been grown on land *occupied* and *cultivated* by the competitors or their families.
2. The winner of any prize for *two years in succession* shall not be eligible to receive the same prize a third year.

The different classes of exhibits for labourers and mechanics are too well known to need repetition. Men receiving wages, from any source, amounting to 15/- per week, are considered to be mechanics.

BURIAL.

“Grant him eternal rest, O Lord.”

July 15th.—William Wyatt, of Englefield, aged 65.

HOTEL FOUR SEASONS,
HOMBURG,

A.L.C.H.

July 19th, 1893.

G. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 93.

SEPTEMBER, 1893.

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

We have been looking through the prize book of the Cottage Garden Show for last year and the previous year, and it may be well to mention that the following persons who have been awarded prizes in two successive years are excluded this year from receiving a prize for a similar exhibit, or for the Best Cultivated Garden, or for the Best Collection of Vegetables. If they prove to be winners of a prize their names will be honourably mentioned, but they cannot receive a prize for the same thing for more than two years in succession. Nevertheless it is hoped that they will not abstain from exhibiting although unable to receive a prize for those things which are named below.

Best Cultivated Garden :—

William Wyatt (the late)

Best Collection of Vegetables :—

Henry Shackelford

James Claydon

Best Twenty-four Potatoes :—

Henry Groves

Best Twelve Parsnips :—

James Martin

Best Twelve Turnips :—

Edward Lamperd

Best Bunch of Flowers :—

William Day

Best Collection of Wild Flowers :—

James Claydon, Junr.

William Wyatt

Douglas Harris

Tickets for Dinner and Tea will be given out in the usual manner, but should anyone be accidently forgotten it is begged that notice may be sent to the Rector.

The Club will be kept open an hour later on the day.

The Rev. F. J. Ponsonby, Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, N.W., will preach on the day of the Harvest Festival: and we again remind you of the services on the previous Sunday which is included in the Festival.

The Annual Meeting of our Guild was held, by kind invitation, at Englefield House, on Thursday, August 10th. Seventy-nine members were present at the service in church at four o'clock, then followed tea and out of door amusements until dusk, when some views of Switzerland, Norway, and Egypt were shewn by the magic lantern, and after some further refreshment the members separated towards ten o'clock with many thanks to their kind entertainers, and the remembrance of a very pleasant annual festival. Three new members were admitted, bringing our total number up to 106, of whom a considerable number have now left the village but still continue members of the Guild.

The County Council of Berks offer twenty scholarships of the annual value of £25 each, tenable for two years to boys, between 11 and 13 years of age, attending any Elementary School in the County; those who gain the Scholarships are to go to some secondary school which provides sufficient and approved Technical Instruction. The object of these Scholarships is to see that no boy of ability is overlooked, or has not the chance of raising himself by his abilities to a better position than possibly he might otherwise be able to occupy. We mention the subject because we sent in one boy from our school who so far distinguished himself, that out of 130 who sat for the Scholarships throughout the County, he was one of the twenty-seven who was left in for the "final" examination,

but he did not succeed in becoming one of the twenty who gained a Scholarship; but John Harris has reason to be satisfied with his performance, and so have we.

We remind parents that the second half of the course of Cookery Lessons for girls attending school commences on Saturday morning, September 9th, at ten o'clock. This school is part of the ordinary school instruction and must not be neglected.

Also bear in mind that the course of Nursing Lectures for women commences on Tuesday, September 12th, in the Long Gallery at 3.30 o'clock.

Day School re-commences on Monday, September 4th, at nine a.m., and Sunday School on the previous day; but on that Sunday, namely September 3rd, there is no Bible Class, owing to their being two early Celebrations of Holy Communion.

Collections were made in our church on Sunday, August 20th, for the Diocesan Church Building Society, which helps in the restoration and repairing of old churches and in the building of new ones in the populous places of the Diocese, the sum of £57 9s. 8d. was collected. Mention should also be made of the interesting meeting held in July in Englefield House in connection with mission work in Madagascar, and on the following Sunday the Dean of St. Paul's and his Son, who works in Madagascar, preached in our church, and £11 18s. 4d. was collected to help his work.

Our school-rooms have been thoroughly cleaned and sweetened, ceiling and walls fresh coloured, all desks and seats re-varnished; only those who are daily and of necessity in the

school can fully appreciate the delight of a sweet-smelling clean room, which seems to give a freshness and brightness to the children, making school what it should be to them, a clean, happy, and bright place.

BAPTISM.

“ Take this child, and nurse it for ME.”

July 30th.—Laura May, daughter of William and Hester Allen,

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

A.L.C.H.

26th August, 1893.



S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 94.

OCTOBER, 1893.

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

We give as usual a list of those who won prizes at the Cottage Garden Show on the day of the Harvest Home, Wednesday, September 6th.

Best Cultivated Garden:—

Mechanics.
John Hayes,
Daniel Harris,
Henry Horne.
Labourers.
Thomas Dixon,
George Allen,
David Elliott.

Best Collection of Vegetables :—

Mechanics.
John Abery.
Labourers.
Thomas Thame,
William Cox.

Best 12 Onions :—

Edward Horne, James Martin, William Fuller.

Best $\frac{1}{2}$ -Peck of Beans :—

James Winchcombe, James Claydon, Edward Lamperd.

Best 12 Carrots :—

Edward Lamperd, Henry Newman, James Claydon.

Best 24 Potatoes :—

James Martin, Charles Cox, William Day.

Best 4 heads of Cabbages :—

Edward Lamperd, Henry Bates, Edward Horne.

Best 12 Parsnips :—

Edward Horne, Charles Cox.

Best 12 Turnips :—

Alfred Eyles, James Cox.

Best Collection of Garden Herbs :—

James Martin, William Cox.

Best Bunch of Flowers :—

David Horne, Henry Newman, Henry Horne.

Best Collection of Wild Flowers :—

Annie Claydon, William Allen, Fred. Dixon, Walter Cox,
Alfred Harris.

Mrs. Benyon kindly distributed the prizes. The only error we detect is that George Allen who in 1886 received a prize for the Best Cultivated Garden as a labourer, and in 1889 for the Best Collection of Vegetables as a mechanic, and for the Best Garden in 1891 as a mechanic, has again become a labourer in 1893 ; like some things which are neither fish, flesh, fowl, or good red herring we shall scarcely know where the Judges will place him next, but with a good garden and well managed he is sure to be found somewhere amongst the prize winners.

The day itself was as pleasant as ever, whether we consider the time spent in Church, Long Gallery or the Park. We are favoured with such a long account in the "Mercury" that it is needless to give further particulars, but it should be recorded that in the place of the usual prizes of money for regular school attendance which ceased when school pence ceased to be demanded, 62 books were kindly given to the undermentioned for their regular attendance, 432 was the largest number of attendances possible.

432—Tracey Wyatt, Nellie Cox.

431—Charles Claydon, Gertrude Wyatt, Alice Day.

430—James Claydon, Rose Wyatt, Fanny Horne, Isabella Lamperd.

420 to 429—Alfred Cox, Gertrude Cox, Emily Groves, Gertrude Hopgood, Maurice Cox, Samuel Newman, John Vince, Walter Cox, William Fowler, Fred. Newman, Frank Sessions, Agnes Cox, Alfred Buckland, Sydney Allen, William Lamperd, Alfred Thame, Thomas Thame, Edward Buckland, Albert Cox, Herbert Cox, Harry Vince, Edward Fowler, Emily Horne.

400 to 419—George Coombes, Douglas Harris, Arthur Cox, Harry Abrey, Harry Wallace, Fred. Dixon, John Harris, Sabina Smith, Martha Day, Annie Abery, Annie Claydon, William Groves, John Shepherd, Tom Smith, Ella Hayes, Harriet Shepherd, William Martin, Hubert Cox, Hubert Sessions, Alfred Horne, Emily Winchcombe, Louisa Fowler, Alice Vince, Nelly Eyles, Hilda Harris, Harry Newman, Owen Wyatt, Alfred Day, Maggie Eyles, Rosa Bates.

The "Obstacle Race" over which Mr. Bligh had spent much time and care was a new feature in the day's amusements and caused much fun at all events to the spectators, some good prizes ranging from 7s. 6d. downwards made up for the hard work which did not occupy much over three minutes. Mrs. Benyon also determined to have no scrambling for gingerbread, which at times got rather rough, but those who won prizes had some given them at the same time.

All being well another year it will probably be arranged that children under seven should have a prize without running for it, but those who are older should remember that a race is a good thing to test endurance, courage, quickness and good temper, and that no reward should be expected unless the race be won, or at least a good place in the race. To remember this may save disappointment and possibly tears.

The dry summer has greatly favoured the bathing and we have had the names of 36 boys on our list, many of whom as will be seen by the number after their names have bathed a large number of times. The boys who can swim are in italics and those who learnt to swim this year have in addition an asterisk before their names, whilst the word "corks" placed after the names of four others shows that they can swim with their aid. W. Wyatt was very useful in helping with the swimming lessons which were too numerous and frequent for one person to give alone.

<i>Fred. Dixon</i> 75	John Vince 16
<i>James Claydon</i> 74	Alfred Buckland 16
* <i>Tracey Wyatt</i> 65	Charles Claydon 10
Robert Allen 55 (corks)	Stephen Claydon 9
* <i>Alfred Allen</i> 53	Albert Cox 9
Thomas Thame 49 (corks)	Tom Smith 8
<i>Maurice Cox</i> 49	Edward Buckland 8
* <i>Sydney Allen</i> 44	John Shepherd 6
* <i>Hubert Cox</i> 44	William Groves 6
Percy Thame 42	Herbert Cox 5
<i>Alfred Thame</i> 41	Jesse Povey 5
<i>Walter Cox</i> 38	George Neville 3
<i>George Coombes</i> 34	Owen Wyatt 3
* <i>Edward Wheeler</i> 34	William Lamperd 3
Fred. Newman 32	Alfred Horne 2
John Harris 27 (corks)	Harry Vince 2
William Fowler 26 (corks)	William Martin 1
Sam Newman 20	Frank Sessions 1.

The bath was open about 80 times and there were altogether 837 bathers, the temperature of the water was at its lowest 60 and at its highest 74 degrees. It was opened for the season on May 2 and closed the first week in September. Some good diving was encouraged by a small shower of silver and copper which some friends were kind enough to throw into the bath. We shall soon have to think of some swimming races, and rewards for plucky little boys (say under 10 years of age) who come and learn to swim. Hubert Cox, the youngest of those who have learnt to swim this year, is only eight years old in December.

We have to ask the members of our Guild to remove from their list of members the names of William Manning, Rose Manning and Nelly Clarke. If it were not that rudeness and impertinence do so much harm to any one of us it would be amusing to relate the treatment we have received from W. Manning, a letter was sent him lately enclosing a copy of the new book of rules and enquiring if he and Rosa still wished to belong to the Guild also a stamped envelope was enclosed for reply, the book of rules was returned together with the letter we had sent him; this was rude but worse follows for a second note was sent him also enclosing a stamped envelope for reply asking that the Guild medals might be returned, this letter was also returned to us in the envelope but no medals were enclosed, they may have been lost or flung away, but none the less it is grossly impertinent to treat anyone in such a manner, we are reminded of the old proverb that "you cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." It is necessary to say that the proper and courteous method of leaving the Guild is to return the medal to the person from whom it was received.

School was reopened with a good attendance, but several children have left. Maurice Cox after his escapade at the Gardens has been taken on at the Timber Yard and will we hope prove himself a good and trustworthy lad; Emily Groves, Sabina Smith, Esther Horne, and Lizzie Thame are, we hope, helping at home and learning something of domestic work before going to service. Annie and John Wright have also left the village and therefore the school.

The following infants have been admitted to the school since last May—Edith Bates, Elsie Smythe, Albert Eyles, May Winchcombe, Eleanor Wheeler, and Florence Neville.

We are sorry to have lost Fred. Vince and James Claydon from the choir, the former has gone to a situation as page boy where his uncle is butler, the voice of the latter has suddenly and unexpectedly cracked, from a similar cause we lost Jack Thame a few month's ago, but he still sits in the choir being useful in many small matters on Sundays. Frank Sessions has also left after a very few months trial, he seems disposed to faint and get as people say "queer" in church. We must look out for some more boys as probationers, and we should gladly welcome some men in the choir who can read music and stick to their own part.

At a well attended meeting held in the club room on Monday, September 18th, it was decided to re-form the Football Club. The following were elected as officers:—President—R. Benyon, Esq. ; Captain, H. Shakleford ; Sub-Capt., Chas. Fisher.

Committee— P. Chamberlain, Claydon, Eborne, Johnson, Lewis Smythe. Hon. Sec., A. E. Robinson.

About 24 signified their intention of belonging to the club. It was determined to play Sulhamstead on October 7 at home, and return match on February 24, and that other matches should be arranged as the season advances.

There was some talk of not playing on the cricket level but, by permission, a little higher up, but nothing was decided. It was pointed out that in many large schools only one ground is available for the double purpose and that if another ground is chosen it will require some voluntary labour on the part of the members to put it in order.

A committee meeting of the Workmen's Club was held the same evening, when Mr. James Tegg was unanimately elected to fill the vacancy on the committee.

Messrs. W. Barefoot, Richard Davis, James Preston, Charles Norris, Henry Neighbour, and Thomas Thame were made members of the club.

The winter tournament of games was again arranged for, chess being added if there were six entries, also in the event of one of the four in a draw for whist not coming at the appointed time, his partner may claim to play "dummy" unless the game is postponed by mutual agreement. £1 was voted from the funds for prizes.

A social evening was arranged for Thursday, October 19th, on the same lines as in previous years, and a sub-committee, Messrs. Robinson, Johnson, Seward and T. Harris, was appointed to make all arrangements.

We propose beginning Evening School on Monday, October 9th, at 7 o'clock. We repeat that there is no examination, but we are liable to a visit at any time from the Inspector to see that the work is going on well and that the school is being properly conducted. We impress upon all who come that the attendance register closes at 5 minutes past 7 and that all should be in their places before that time; it is hoped that some grown men will avail themselves of this opportunity of continuing their education, but any boys who have left the day school and are at work will be welcomed. The payment is twopence a week, and after much consideration it is thought that the following is the best time table that can be arranged, it will be observed that it takes away an extra half hour from the time usually given to recreation, but "drawing" is so interesting and useful that it is hoped the sacrifice will be willingly made, as regards shoe mending no one need stay to learn it unless they like but they will not be able to stay in the school for recreation whilst it is going on.

TIME TABLE.

Hours.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
7.5 to 7.35	Writing and Composition.	Geography	Arithmetic
7.35 to 8.5	Life and Duties of a Citizen	Arithmetic	Life and Duties of a Citizen
8.5 to 8.35	Boot Mending and Making	Drawing	Recreation
8.35 to 9.5	Boot Mending and Making	Recreation.	Recreation.

BURIAL.

"Grant him eternal rest, O Lord."

Sept. 18th.—Jenkin Davies, of Wickcroft Farm, Englefield, aged 68 years.

A.L.C.H.

Parsonage, Englefield, READING.

22nd September, 1893.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

No. 95.

NOVEMBER, 1893.

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

A general meeting of the Cricket Club was held Saturday, September 30th, present the Rector in the Chair, Mr. Bligh, Mr. Robinson, the Hon. Sec., and ten other members.

The minutes of the last meeting having been signed, the Hon. Treasurer made his financial statement, after which the Hon. Sec. read the following Report:—

"Gentlemen. For many reasons the season now past has been a very prosperous one and of a highly pleasant character. True, the balance of "wins" in matches with other clubs is on the reverse side; but this fact, when considered with others relating to the season, is quite insignificant. Cricket has been played, as it should be, from love of the game; it has had every advantage that is to be derived from an excellent ground (for which again the kind President is to be heartily thanked), from a better attendance at practice, from courteous behaviour on both sides, coupled with good feeling, in matches with other clubs; from an increased roll of members, from a well-sustained interest amongst non-players and honorary members, and above all from an exceptionally favourable state of the weather. The matches played were against Bradfield 2, Tidmarsh 2, Wasing 2, Reading Minster 2, Reading Biscuit Factory 2, Sulhamstead 2, Royal Seed Establishment 1, Mortimer 1, Theale 1, of which two were won, namely the "returns" against Wasing and Sulhamstead, two were drawn, namely the "returns" against Minster and Biscuit Factory, whilst the rest were lost. For the "average" bat, calculated, as is well known, for the average of any player's best seven innings, the winner of last year, Mr. Bligh, has more decidedly than ever announced his right to the prize, with the handsome average of 38 runs per innings. The next best batsmen are T. Harris, 16; C. V. Povey, 14; A. E. Robinson, 13; J. Worley, 11; and H. Shakleford, 10.

In conclusion, the past season has been one in which the full purpose for which the club has been formed, has been carried out, namely to provide healthy recreation and good feeling amongst members."

(Signed), A. E. ROBINSON.

Mr. Bligh then announced that it was his intention not to take the bat, he therefore proposed and it was unanimously carried that T. Harris who stood next in merit should receive the same.

No other business was transacted.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1892	6	8	7
R. Benyon, Esq.	2	0	0
Mrs. Benyon	1	0	0
L. E. Bligh, Esq.	1	0	0
P. R. Selby, Esq.	0	10	6
Rev. A. Heigham	0	10	0
Mrs. Butler	0	5	0
Mr. Todd	0	5	0
29 Members at 1/6	2	3	6
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	£14	2	7

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mowing Ground, 1893	0	10	0
Mowing Ground, 1893	0	5	0
Cricket Materials	4	12	6
Putting up Tent, Umpire, etc.	2	4	7
Repairs 5/6, Scorer 2/6	0	8	0
Break 12/-, Horses 5/-	0	17	0
Postage 4/-, Watering 7/6	0	11	6
Balance in hand	4	14	0
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	£14	2	7

The Balance Sheet of the Boys' Cricket Club stands as follows:

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	1	9
Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
Discount off Bills	0	1	6
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	£2	3	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Repairs	0	6	10
Three New Bats	0	15	0
Three New Balls	0	13	6
Balance in hand	0	7	11
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	£2	3	3

The Boys' stock consists of five old bats, two sets of wickets, one old ball, and one very old football, but some new things have already been bought for their use, both for football and cricket.

The following books have just been given to the Workmen's Club by Mrs. Benyon.

"Lakes and Rivers,"	"Underground."
"Ponds and Ditches,"	"Our Insect Enemies,"
"Mountain and Moor,"	"The Story of our Museum."
"Lane and Field,"	"Perseverance under Difficulties
"In Touch with Nature,"	"Coral and Cocoa Nut."
"In search of Minerals,"	

The Books in the Library now number 830.

We might add that thus far this year they have been lent out at the rate of 100 a month, a fact that shews that the desire for good wholesome reading is not by any means decreasing, indeed quite otherwise.

Mrs. Benyon has sent the following for insertion :

"It is I am sure a matter of great regret to all of us women of Englefield that the course of six Lectures given by Miss Barrett on "Sick Nursing" have come to an end. I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of all those who were privileged to be present at these Lectures, when I say that we owe Miss Barrett our deepest thanks for the kind, courteous, and clear manner in which she gave her Lectures, and we must hope that our husbands and children and families will reap the benefit of her good advice.

It may be as well briefly to recall the various subjects of the Lectures.

- 1.—The Sick room, its arrangements, etc.
- 2.—The Nurse and her various duties.
- 3.—The Nurse and her duties at greater length.
- 4.—Infectious Diseases, how they spread, precautions and treatment.
- 5.—Emergencies, such as burns, scalds, poisoning and how to treat them.
- 6.—Children's diseases and how to nurse and feed them, measles and whooping cough.

The lecture on Measles has specially come home to us with the epidemic of measles from which we are now suffering, although mercifully of a mild type.

Miss Barrett expressed great satisfaction at the large and regular attendance, it was only unfortunate that measles and very wet weather reduced our numbers at the last Lecture from over 50 previously to over 30, but under these circumstances Miss Barrett did not even expect so many. If all is well we may hope later on that we may welcome Miss Barrett again amongst us for a second course of lectures on this most important and interesting subject "Nursing."

The Clothing Club closes for deposits on Monday, October 30th, and on the following Tuesday week, November 7th, at noon, in the Workmen's Club, the tickets on the tradesmen will be given out; as usual a tradesmen at Reading, Theale, or Pangbourne can be selected by the depositor.

All the Depositor's Cards must be brought to the Club on the last day of depositing, namely, the 30th.

The Clothing Club will re-open for deposits on the first Monday in December.

We regret to announce the approaching departure of Mr. Monk-Smith, who has accepted a cure of souls in the county of Durham, where our good wishes follow him. The difficulty of getting a Curate for a small parish is so great that it is in prospect to combine a Curate of this village with some work in Reading, where the Curate would live, coming over here for part of each Sunday and one day in the week. A little country work would be a pleasant change to a town clergyman.

With 36 children absent, and 4 others evidently sickening with Measles, it was thought best to close the School for 10 days in the hope that this would prevent any further spread of the disease, but when the children re-assembled on Monday, October 23rd, it was found that 7 fresh cases had occurred during the two previous days, it was thought better therefore to dismiss the children until Thursday, October 26th, when the School will have been closed for a fortnight and by which time it is hoped that all who are going to have measles will have already developed the disease: it is impossible to keep the

School closed until the Village is absolutely free from measles, or we might not be able to open it this side of Christmas. No child from an "infected" house will be admitted.

The Organizing Master whose visit was first fixed for October 16th, and postponed until the 24th, is scarcely likely now to pay us a visit this year; it is little use having him unless there is a good attendance, and after so much illness it is possible that some children may not be able to attend so regularly as usual.

Mr. Palmer is about ordering a milk-can, and it is hoped that before long the milk cart as it goes down the street, will every morning sell skim-milk to those who wish to buy. On all sides we hear, especially from the children, what a boon this will be, it is often a wet walk to Chalk Pit Farm, and in winter very often not a pleasant one. Whether the milk-cart arrangement will answer or continue depends upon several things which we proceed to mention.

It certainly will *not*, if the boy is kept waiting or "allured" away from his cart to take the milk to the door, or if the money is not ready, or if "change" is asked for, or if it is found that the quantity of milk asked for becomes much in excess of what has usually been consumed. The amount of milk to be disposed of is limited. At all events throughout the winter it is sufficient to buy milk once a day.

BAPTISM.

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

Sept. 24.—Ernest James, son of Thomas and Sarah Ann Thame, of Chalk Pit Cottages, Englefield.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

24th October, 1893.

A.L.C.H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 96.

DECEMBER, 1893.

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

Miss Benyon has sent us the following for insertion :

"The meeting of the Berks and Bucks Needlework Guild was held again this year at the Queen's Hotel, Reading, on Thursday, November 9th, when the work collected by the Vice-Presidents was exhibited. Thanks to her kind Associates, Miss Benyon was enabled to send 91 garments, which is an increase from last year and is the largest number sent by any Vice-President. All the garments are useful and well made. The number of garments collected by Mrs. Murdoch's Vice-Presidents amount to between six and seven hundred. As has been already stated, the aim of the Guild is to help the various charities, and some of the poor parishes in Berks and Bucks by distributing garments amongst them, which they would not otherwise receive."

Bear in mind that the Clothing Club re-opens for deposits on Monday, December 4th, at 12 o'clock, at the Workmen's Club. In order to obtain interest deposits must be regular and throughout the year.

Our annual collections for the S.P.G. will take place on Sunday, December 17th, and we request that Missionary Boxes may be sent to the Parsonage some time during that week.

On Christmas Day we propose Services similar to those which we have now been accustomed to for several years, namely:—

Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30.

Mattins and Holy Communion, 11.

Evensong and Carols, 3.30.

The collections on that day will be given to the Diocesan Missionary Candidates Association.

As the last day of the old year occurs on a Sunday, there is no occasion for any services other than the usual ones.

We have heard with much regret of the death of Harry Fletcher in Perth, Western Australia, on the first September last past, further particulars have not yet been received ; It does not appear that he was fortunate in his gardening work, one with whom he entered into partnership proved to be an undesirable person, and at the time of his death, Harry was engaged on some railway works in the neighbourhood of Perth.

Of William Thame, his master writes, "he has behaved so badly that at last I have been obliged to turn him out of the house." He was the fourth Englefield boy who has been in that same situation, his predecessor (Charles Groves) remaining for four years, so that it is tolerably clear that the fault lay not with the master but with the boy. Well, he has had his chance, a very good one, and missed it, so now he must do the best he can for himself, such a good opening is unlikely to occur again.

It should be recorded that green peas were gathered in an Englefield garden this year as late as the last week in October, and beans well into November ; also in another garden two good crops of potatoes were taken off the same ground. The newspapers stated that in a certain market garden in October, one-and-a-quarter tons of a second crop of strawberries were gathered in October.

But more to be remembered than these remarkable things in what has been a remarkable season, is the severe outbreak of measles from which our village has suffered. Surely, never again can anyone in Englefield think or speak lightly of measles, nor needlessly run their children into danger of catching it, nor expose others to risk by running in and out of infected houses.

The sympathy of the whole Parish is given to those families who have suffered the trial of having children ill, but above all to those who have been called upon to give up their dearly loved little ones into the hands of a loving Saviour ; and this has been the case, up to now, with three dear children of our school, two of them from one family, and some others have been very seriously ill. The disease has run on into scarlatina, and as yet, the village has by no means a clean bill of health.

The school was closed on October 12th, and still remains closed, and the time of re-opening is altogether uncertain, it is medically asserted that a clear fortnight should elapse between the last fresh case and the re-opening. We hope, please God, to be spared much more illness, and any further losses, but "our times are in His Hands." Let us use every care and take every precaution and leave the rest in wiser hands than ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Benyon kindly invite the choir and others who help in the Church Services to tea, on Saturday, December 30th at 5 o'clock. It is the occasion when the year's marks and attendances are added up, and the results announced, which we hope will this year not be found disappointing in many cases, but we anticipate some failures.

Also we have to announce that the club dance, for which the same kind friends provide some refreshments, is fixed by their desire for Thursday evening, December 28th. The Club Committee will make the usual arrangements, and later on the usual notices will be put up in the club-room.

Pottinger's Bread Charity will be distributed as usual on S. Thomas' Day, Thursday, December 21st, at the Village shop, at a quarter past nine in the morning, and we request the recipients of the Charity to be punctual.

It was in contemplation to have a distribution of the late Miss Benyon's Coal money this side of Christmas, but it is postponed because we hear that Mr. Benyon is at once kindly sending round a gift of coal, very acceptable, considering the price of coal, the number of our invalids, and the necessity of keeping them warm and comfortable both during illness and after it.

Whilst looking forwards to Christmas, let none of us forget Advent, concerning which holy season some good and useful thoughts are to be found in the tracts which accompany this local sheet. Hear what S. Augustine (Bishop of Hippo) said fourteen hundred years ago:—"Let no one search for the Last Day, when it is to be, but let us all watch by our good lives lest the Last Day of any one of us find us unprepared; and such as any one shall depart hence in his last day, such shall he be found in the Last Day of the world. Nothing then will assist thee that thou hast not done here. His own works will succour, or his own works will overwhelm every one."

BAPTISMS.

"Take this child and nurse it for Me."

- Oct. 29th.—Rhoda Daisy, daughter of Henry and Hannah
Maria Shakleford, of Englefield.
,, ,, Mary Keturah, daughter of William and Keturah
Vince, of Englefield.
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BURIALS.

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

- Nov. 1st.—Jesse Frederick Povey, aged 10 years (buried
at Bradfield).
,, 4th.—Margaret Annie Eyles, aged 7 years.
,, 14th.—William George Eyles, aged 6 years.
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GRAND HOTEL,
DOVER,
23rd November, 1893.

A.L.C.H.