

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 97.

JANUARY, 1894.

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

We are sorry to have to add at the date of writing this (December 6th) the name of another little child, Cecil Povey, to those who have already been taken from us, which makes the fourth death amongst our school children. Also at this date scarlatina has broken out in two other families, Bates and Neighbour, thus far all are going on well; later in the month we hope, please God, to be able to give a better report of the health of the village.

Christmas Day has come and gone, and we are glad to be able to report no further illness in the village, so that it seems as nearly certain as is possible that the school will re-open on Wednesday, January 3rd, at the usual hour of 9 a.m. Any children who are not yet to come will receive due notice to that effect.

The school was closed on October 12th, so that it is within ten days of having been closed for three months.

Illness has not spared Grosvenor Square, and it is a disappointment to all that the Squire and his Family are detained in London probably until towards the end of January, but we are glad to report all going on well.

This delay in returning to Englefield causes the necessary announcement that there can be no Concert during this winter, it would be impossible to prepare it before Lent. Also it is thought best to postpone until another autumn or winter the Children's Concert which was proposed to be given in Easter week, it would be rather a hurry to prepare it, and after three months enforced holiday the children will have plenty to do in picking up back work without having their minds full of a Concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Benyon wish it to be announced that the Christmas party which they always give to the School Children is proposed to be held in Easter week, by which time, it is hoped, all children will be perfectly restored to health and able to enjoy it.

The Christmas Club dance was held on Thursday evening, December 28th, from 7 to 11.30 ; about sixty were present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Robinson, the Bride and Bridegroom, were cordially received with a hearty cheer, and after "God Save the Queen," the same sounds greeted the mention of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon's name, who had kindly sent refreshments from Grosvenor Square, and also provided the musicians.

The Clothing Club bills for 1893 are now all paid, and it will be seen from the balance sheet given below that there are still a few shillings in hand.

1893.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Jan.—	Balance in hand	0	18	3
Dec.—	R. Benyon, Esq.	5	0	0
„	Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
„	Miss Benyon	1	0	0
„	Deposits of 48 Members	42	15	0
„	Discount of Bills	0	15	2
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		£52	8	5

1893.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Dec.—	Leavey & Box	1	8	6
„	McIlroy	29	8	11
„	Corduroy	9	0	5
„	Langston	1	10	0
„	Heelas	1	9	0
„	Kedge	1	11	0
„	Selwood	4	0	5
„	Repaid in Cash	3	10	9
„	100 Club Cards	0	2	6
„	Balance in hand	0	6	11
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		£52	8	5

Mrs. Benyon has been good enough to give the following nineteen books to the school library :—

Gold in Cariboo	By Lantern Light
Under False Colours	Plucky Jim
Westward with Columbus	The Fairhope Venture
Merhardoc	Field and Street
Jennifer's Fortune	Fritz and his Friends
With the Sea Kings	What came between
A Jacobite Exile	The Blakes of Culveridge
S. Bartholomew's Eve	From the Bush to the Breakers
Sail Ho !	Household Troops
Children of the Mountains	

Miss Beech, Miss Asquith's successor in the Cookery Lessons, will commence her course here on Saturday, February 3rd; those children who have to attend will receive due notice at school.

The Government Inspection is fixed for Wednesday, January 31st, at 9.30; but it is not proposed this year to have any special Religious Examination, the interruption to the work, owing to the outbreak of illness and the closing of the school, would render such an examination unsatisfactory, indeed the Education Department will no doubt make a large allowance for a report which will certainly have to speak of much unfinished work.

Pottinger's Bread Charity was duly distributed on S. Thomas' Day; there were thirty-nine recipients, the amount given being sixty-one and a half gallons of bread.

The Milk Cart began on December 6th, not a bad day for it, being S. Nicholas' Day, the Patron Saint of Children (as well as of Sailors), for our Children need to remember and be grateful for what is a special boon to them. We repeat, "Change ready" and "No waiting," are the mottoes to make the cart a permanency.

A distribution of Soup has been taking place throughout December twice a week at the Dinner Kitchen, it was thought that after so much illness some nourishing food would do the late invalids good, and it appears to have been greatly appreciated.

The Choir Tea in the Long Gallery, instead of the Dining Room, and without our kind Host and Hostess, was naturally rather a tame affair—but nothing had been forgotten, Prizes, Christmas Cards, Crackers, &c., had been duly sent, and were distributed. Four boys, we spare them the reproach of mentioning their names, had failed to reach the standard required to receive Mr. Benyon's annual money-present.

A Choir is most necessary and useful, and we have much to thank both our men and boys for, but irreverent boys are a downright curse, and it is careless irreverence towards holy places and holy things which are the greatest trials we have to contend with. A holy habit of quiet reverence laid in childhood, and helped, as it may be, by being a member of a

Church Choir, will stick to a lad through life and be to him an untold blessing—the other side of the picture must cause much satisfaction to the devil.

We had refreshing and helpful services on Christmas Day, with a large number of Communicants, and everything reverent, quiet, orderly, and (it is saying but little) the best we could offer to Him whom we desire to love and honour. We wish to thank those who, at some inconvenience, decorated very tastefully the Church on Sunday afternoon, the 24th.

In the School Log-book we find an entry that in 1881 the School was closed from January 19th to February 14th, because of an outbreak of measles. On that occasion one little child at "Common Hill" died.

This number commences the ninth year of our "Local Sheet;" it continues to be well patronised, seventy-seven persons in the village take it in, and besides a large number are sent to Englefield House. Mr. Robinson kindly helps us every month in the distribution of the "Local Sheet" through the school children. Twenty-one of the seventy-seven, as well as all Englefield House, pay for the year in advance, thereby saving us much trouble in the collection of pennies.

We wish all our readers health, happiness, and peace in the newly-opening year.

Our statement of accounts of the Penny Bank for the past year has been made up, and is very unsatisfactory, shewing how little self-control and resolution are exhibited in the control of the weekly income by a large number of Englefield Parents. The money saved by "Free Education" was to be put into the Bank just as regularly as week by week the "School-pence" were paid, thus in 1882 the Penny Bank deposits for the year were £28 8s. 3d., and though this fell far short of the amount received for School-pence, it was not on the whole unsatisfactory. This year the amount deposited has only reached £17 8s. 1d., and of the seventy-seven depositors only fifty-three are children attending school at the present time.

The Clothing Club deposits have not increased, so the money has not gone in *that* way; in many cases alas! it has been put into the general weekly income and done nobody any good. Moreover the number of Women and Children in Medical Clubs, or the Berks Friendly, or other Clubs, is sadly below what it ought to be, so the money is not spent in *that* way.

The amount of illness is no excuse, because if there has been much illness there has been much temporary assistance given, and indeed widespread as the Measles has been, very many cases required but a little extra care and warmth, and no doctor was called in. Coal has been dear, but only temporarily and an extra kind gift covered that loss. It is to be feared that the Beer Shop and the Tobacco Shop could best tell us where much of the money which ought to be invested for the children's benefit has gone to.

At the risk of a "double number" of the "Local Sheet" we give here a list of School Children who are Depositors in the Penny Bank, of those who belong to the Berks Friendly, and of those who belong to both, very much to their credit.

Those with a * against their name belong to both.

PENNY BANK DEPOSITORS.

Allen, William	Horne, Fanny
* ,, Robert	Hayes, Ella
* Abrey, Annie	Harris, Hilda
* Abrey, Florence	Hopgood, Gertrude
* Bond, John	Harris, John
Bates, Rosa	,, Edith
* Claydon, James	Horne, Arthur
* ,, Charles	Martin, William
* ,, Annie	,, Edith
,, Stephen	Russell, Frank
* Coombes, George	Shakleford, Fred
Cox, Gertrude	Smythe, Elsie
,, Nelly	* Vince, John
,, Herbert	* ,, Harry
,, Agnes	* ,, Arthur
,, Hubert	Winchcombe, Emily
,, Walter	Wheeler, Louisa
Day, Alice	,, Edward
,, Alfred	,, Elizabeth
* Dixon, Fred	,, May
Davis, Martha	* Wyatt, Rose
Eyles, Nellie	* ,, Tracey
* Fuller, Charles (but no deposits for 12 months)	* ,, Gertrude
* Groves, William	,, Owen

The following belong to the Berks Friendly only :

Fuller, Annie	|	Thame, Alfred
Shepherd, John		,, Thomas
,, Sarah		,, Percy
,, Harriet		Tigwell, Kate
,, Leonard		,, Rosa

Here we have a list of 58 children, where are the other 58? for the total number of children in School is about 116. Some can easily be accounted for, but for the larger number we much hope parents in the opening year will begin to do their duty better.

Our Parish Church Registers for the past year shew that there have been 14 Baptisms, 4 Burials, and no Marriages.

BAPTISM.

“ Take this child and nurse it for Me.”

Dec. 31.—William George, son of William and Mary Ann Cox,
of Englefield.

The Parsonage, Englefield, Reading,
31st December, 1893.

A.L.C.H.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

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The names of Lois and Florence Allen were accidentally omitted last month in the list of those who are Depositors in the Penny Bank. We shall hope to issue a more satisfactory supplementary list next month.

The Christmas Choir Tea was held, in the regretted absence of the Squire and his family, in the Long Gallery, on Saturday, Dec. 30th. The Rector made his annual statement on the work of the Choir during the past year, and, besides the prizes in money which had been sent by Mr. Benyon, distributed much praise and some little blame. The numbers placed after the names in the following list show the marks lost during the year, but it will be observed that the names of four boys do not appear:—

Fred Dixen 0	|	Maurice Cox 8
John Bord 0		Samuel Newman 8
Geo. Coombes 5		Alfred Cox 13
Tracey Wyatt 5		Walter Cox 15
John Harris 5		Fred Newman 15
Wm. Lamperd 8		

Oranges, crackers, Christmas cards, and the money prizes had all been sent from Grosvenor Square; nothing was forgotten, and a very pleasant two hours was spent.

We are looking out for some probationers for the Choir, whose only duty would, as yet, be to attend the two weekly practices, and probably be admitted into the Choir after Midsummer; we have our eyes on such boys as the two Bucklands, William Martin, Robert Allen, Hubert Sessions, and Charles Claydon, from amongst whom we may hope to make a selection. We want good boys quite as much as good voices.

Here is a list of those who are kind enough to hold a Missionary Box, and the contents when emptied at Christmas :

Benyon, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	£9	10	6
Bligh, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	1
Butler, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	8
The Bothey	...	...	...	...	...	0	6	2
Claydon, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	4
Coombes, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	1
Hand, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	0	5	2
Hobart, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
Martin, Mrs. J.	...	...	...	...	...	0	9	5
Robinson, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	0	4	4
Russell, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	0	7	0
Thame, Mrs. J.	0	7	6
Wardwell, Mrs.	0	7	1
Webb, Miss	0	6	9
Wells, Miss	0	6	2
Wyatt, Miss	0	4	0

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Mrs. Clarke's box, containing 1s. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., was sent to us too late to be included in the year's amount forwarded to the S.P.G.

Let no one pass by the anniversary of their Confirmation without special prayer for the continued grace and guidance of God, and without making a solemn act of re-dedication of themselves to Him. Such Hymns as 259 and 271 should be prayerfully said on the day.

“ O JESUS, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end.”

and

“ Thy Life was given for me,”

1887. February 20th.—49 confirmed.

1890. February 9th.—38 „

1893. February 26th.—30 „

Each day was a Sunday. So far as we know, only two of these 117 (James and John Rhind) have passed into the unseen world; but of the remainder, about 30 have left the village, some of whom are quite lost to sight. We can only hope, wherever they may be, they are striving to live up to their Christian calling, and will remember the day of their Confirmation, as year by year it comes round.

We had much hoped to have arranged for a Confirmation before Easter, but the outbreak of illness has effectually prevented classes being brought together.

The attendance in the Infants' School is still very small—about 18 out of 38 is a poor figure: but we are far from blaming parents in being careful; indeed, considering how liable young children are to develop whooping-cough or other lung mischief after measles, we would impress the need of great care during the winter and spring.

Miss Beech begins the Cookery Lessons here on Saturday, February 3rd, at the usual place and hour.

Lent begins on the 7th of February, Ash Wednesday, on which day the services will be at 11 and 7: there are, amongst others, three notable duties which should be in our mind during this Holy Season, viz., Prayer, Almsgiving, and Fasting. It is to be hoped that the daily services will be more used by those who have the opportunity of attending them; a good many could, if they wished, come sometimes to the usual Evensong at 4.30. On Wednesdays in Lent we propose Evensong at 7, instead of at 4.30, in order to give a larger number of persons an opportunity of being present. There will be no sermon, only the usual Evensong, at which we hope many will be devoutly moved to attend.

As regards Almsgiving, we shall have our usual Lent savings collected every Sunday evening, the money to be given to the London poor and to the Waifs and Strays Society.

As regards Fasting, this must in many cases take the form of self-denial in eating and drinking. Children, old persons, and working men have always been exempted from fasting, but no one is or can possibly be exempted from using self-denial in meat or drink or spending money during the Holy Season of Lent. Let each of us make a Rule of Prayer, Almsgiving, and Fasting, and by the Grace of God keep it.

Some Church History Lectures in the Long Gallery are again arranged for during Lent, to take place on Thursday, February 15th, and the three following Thursdays. Part of the Lenten Rule might well be to make a point of attending these Lectures, so as to learn more about the Holy Catholic Church, of which we are all members.

Mrs. Benyon also reminds you in the following notice of the Lent Working Party, and here again let it be part of the Lent Rule to attend at the Long Gallery every Tuesday, and, if possible, to remain to Evensong on the way home.

“Lent will soon be with us again, and we are naturally thinking of our Working Party. For some little time past we have worked for Newfoundland, that cold country so far off, and for our soldiers and sailors going into foreign parts. This year, with our Rector’s approval, we have decided to work for Madagascar, and for the great work that is going on at St.

Saviour's, Haggerston, in North London, where some good Sisters are giving up their lives and days to work amongst the very poor, and to whom every garment is most acceptable. I think most of us remember the very interesting account of the Missionary work now going on in Madagascar, which we heard last July from the Dean of St. Paul's and his son, the Rev. F. Gregory, who with his wife are working now as missionaries in Madagascar, a large island about the size of France, off the east coast of Africa, with a very hot climate.

"The Malagasy, or inhabitants of Madagascar, were Idolaters or Heathen until the year 1820, when the Gospel was first preached to them. The Mission work was prospering, when, as is so often the case, the power of the Evil One apparently seemed to prevail for a time. Persecutions began in the reign of Queen Ranavalona, and for twenty-five years native Christians were persecuted, many being cruelly put to death. But, as of old, 'the Martyrs' blood was the seed of the Church,' and when, at the Queen's death in 1861, religious liberty was proclaimed, the converts had increased, and there were found to be 21,000 professing Christians. In 1869 all the idols were destroyed by order of the Government.

"We hope to have our first Working Party, as usual, the first Tuesday in Lent, February 13th, at half-past two, in the Long Gallery."

BURIALS.

"Grant them eternal rest, O Lord!"

Jan. 19.—Rose Emily Newman, aged 10 months, of Englefield.

Jan. 24.—James Farmer Winchcombe, aged 35 years, of Englefield.

A.L.C.H.

The Parsonage, Englefield, Reading,

January 27th, 1894.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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MARCH, 1894.

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The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club was held in the Long Gallery on Tuesday, Jan. 30th, at 7 p.m. The President was in the chair, and in addition to the Secretary and Treasurer there were about 30 members present.

The minutes of the last General Meeting having been read and signed, the Report and Balance Sheet given below were read and accepted. It was resolved that a sum not exceeding £10 be spent in the purchase of books, and that the Club Room be whitewashed, &c., and paid for from the Club Funds.

The following officers were elected for the year 1894 :—

R. Benyon, Esq., President.	}	<i>Ex-Officio.</i>
The Rector.		
The Caretaker.		

Messrs. Chas. Cox,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
Dan. Harris,		
Thos. Harris,		
David Horne,		
George Johnson,		
Jos. Middleton,		
Thos. Seward,		
Hy. Shackleford,		
Walter Smyth,		
Jos. Tegg,		
William Vince,		
Hy. Wheeler,		

A. E. Robinson, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Rector, *Treasurer.*

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1893.

The Club has maintained a numerical and pecuniary position during the past year fully equal to any previous record.

The total number of Members has been 119, which is 18 more than last year, and larger than in any previous year except the year of the "fire."

The gross receipts amount to £129 os. 4d., and the expenditure to £106 3s. 7½d., leaving a balance in hand of £22 16s. 8½d., of which £11 12s. 7d. was brought forward from last year.

Some Resolutions will be proposed concerning the disposal of the balance.

The Dances which last year were spoken of as an experiment may this year be pronounced a success, everything has been well arranged and perfectly orderly, and it is observed with pleasure that owing to some instruction that has been given in dancing, more of the younger Members are able to join in it; the Committee are alive to the danger of young Members, who are unable to dance, spending the evening in little else than paying frequent visits to the Refreshment room, and they desire to minimize the danger as far as possible.

The Library has continued to be well used, 1260 books having been taken out during the year. Many more books are still required.

The Committee desire again to thank the President for premises rent free, for picture and other papers, and for many acts of kindness.

The amount received for Refreshments is in excess of last year, but is accounted for by the increased number of Members. The average spent in Refreshments last year was 13s. 9d. per Member in the year, the average this year is 13s. 11d., a sum which is a little less than 3½d. per week.

The Committee will gladly attend to any suggestions made for the increased usefulness of the Club, the continued prosperity of which they desire in every way to forward.

(Signed) A. E. ROBINSON,

January, 1894.

Hon. Sec.

WORKMEN'S CLUB, ENGLEFIELD.

Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1893.

PURCHASE AND PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Coal and Coke	...	3	6	7
Oil	...	3	9	11
Newspapers	...	5	14	9
Expenses of Dances	...	0	18	5
Gratuity to Mrs. Claydon for 1892	...	0	15	0
Caretaker's Salary	...	6	0	0
Books	...	11	9	6
Tea and Coffee Urn	...	2	3	6
Paper and Repairing Books	...	0	8	5
Tournament Prizes	...	1	0	0
Twelve Glasses	...	0	1	6
Insurance	...	0	6	9
Lamp	...	1	1	9
Corks and String	...	0	2	9
Postage and Carriage	...	0	2	8
Sugar, &c., for Ginger Beer and Squash	...	5	12	9½
Whisky, Irish	...	5	2	0
Whisky, Scotch	...	4	16	0
Rum	...	3	8	0
Gin	...	3	12	0
Brandy	...	2	6	0
Biscuits	...	1	9	4
Tobacco and Cigars	...	9	12	0
Beer	...	33	4	0
Balance in hand	...	22	16	8½
		£129	0	4

SALE AND RECEIPTS.						£	s.	d.
Interest on £25	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	0
Dance Tickets	...	...	...	...	...	2	17	0
Bible Class Sunday Fire, 2 years...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	8
Proceeds of Concert	...	...	...	...	...	5	16	8
Library Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	9
Newspapers sold	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	8
Tournament Entries	...	...	...	...	...	0	11	11
Tournament Prize money returned	...	...	...	...	...	0	3	6
Oil Cask sold	...	...	...	...	...	0	2	0
Members' Payments	...	...	...	...	...	20	11	10
Refreshments Sold	...	...	...	...	...	82	5	11
Tea, &c., sold at Dances	...	...	...	...	...	0	16	10
Balance from last year	...	...	...	...	...	11	12	7
						£129	0	4

It was remarked that 1,086 bottles of ginger beer, and 3,113 glasses of squash had been sold during the year, and that the total profits on the refreshments sold amounted to £13 3s. 9½d., the value of stock-in-hand being £15, as against £10 last year.

The "Lifeboat Box" was sent round, and its contents, 13/4, duly forwarded to the Secretary.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the President.

The Smoking Concert in the Club on the previous evening was remarkable not only for some excellent singing and a thoroughly harmonious evening, but also for the presentation by the Members of the Club of a clock to the Secretary (Mr. A. E. Robinson) on the occasion of his marriage.

The Second Club Dance of the season took place on Wednesday, Jan. 31st, from 7 till 10. About 40 were present. The Committee had provided sandwiches for sale at ½d. each, cost price, and 100 were sold. It was felt desirable to provide sandwiches in consequence of the hours of the dance preventing Members having their ordinary supper at home. The result appears to have been successful and appreciated.

At the date of writing this, the report on the School has not been received, only the following result as regards Standard IV, who alone are examined in all the three "R.'s." Even allowing for the three months' compulsory closing of the School, the result is somewhat below our hopes, but there is no just room this year for any adverse criticism on the few "passes."

Name.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.
John Vince ...	—	—	o
Walter Cox ...	—	o	—
William Groves ...	—	o	o
Tracey Wyatt ...	—	—	—
Alfred Allen ...	—	—	—
John Shepherd ...	o	o	o
Florence Allen ...	—	—	—
Isabella Lamperd ...	—	—	o
Nelly Cox ...	—	—	o
Agnes Cox ...	—	o	o
Ella Hayes ...	—	—	o
Rose Tigwell ...	...	o	o
Harriet Shepherd ...	—	—	o
Edward Wheeler ...	—	—	o
Annie Claydon ...	—	—	—
John Harris ...	—	—	—

The last 3 named were presented for Certificate of Proficiency in Standard 5.
o means failure.

Alfred Thame should have been named as one of those who belong both to the B.F.S. and the P.B.

The following have also become Members or Depositors since January:—

B. F. S.	P. B.
Frank Sessions.	Alice Vince.
Hubert Sessions.	Lewis Vince.
Elizabeth Martin.	Albert Eyles.
Alfred Horne.	Annie Fuller.
Stephen Claydon.	Tom Smith.

Also Walter Cox, and Florence Allen belong to both.

We still cry "More, more."

A general meeting of the members of the Cricket Club was held in the Workmen's Club on February 19th, at 8 p.m. There were present the Rector (in the chair), and upwards of thirty members. The minutes of the last General Meeting having been read and signed, the following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—

Captain—Mr. A. E. Robinson.
Sub-Captain—Mr. D. Horne.
Hon. Secretary—Mr. A. E. Robinson.
Hon. Treasurer—The Rector.
Committee—

Messrs. G. Johnson, H. Wheeler, G. Roake, C. Eborne,
G. Buckland, and G. Taylor.

It was resolved that the caretaker of the Workmen's Club, if he be the person appointed to put up the tent and make the ordinary arrangements on the ground on "match" days, should be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee. Mr. J. Claydon, the caretaker of the Club, was duly appointed on the same terms as last year.

It was decided, if possible, to arrange matches with the following clubs :—

Royal Seed Establishment, 1.
Minster Cricket Club, 2.
Wasing, 2.
Woolhampton, 2.
Theale, 2.
Mortimer, 2.
Tidmarsh, 2.
Woodley, 1 (to be played at home).
Biscuit Factory, 2.

It was also resolved to present an "average" bat at the end of the season, on the same conditions as last year. Some new "kit" was ordered to be purchased.

During Holy Week, there will be service, with a short address, every evening, at 7 o'clock, which we hope will be as well attended as has been our Evensongs on Wednesdays during Lent.

On Good Friday, in addition to the morning service at 11, there will be a portion of the Three Hours' Service of Our Lord's Agony, from 2 to 3, at which we hope to see a large number of persons.

On Easter Day we propose Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7-30, 8-30, and at the 11 o'clock service.

Call to mind your Catechism, "What is required before we come to It?" and the answer in four words, Repentance, Faith, Gratitude, and Love.

We have not often to report truants from school, but the hounds being in the village proved too much for John Bond and William Fowler, who "played away" all one afternoon. John Bond was duly whipped. William Fowler, who got very wet, had a sharp attack of influenza, which perhaps is chastisement enough, and gave him time for a little quiet thought.

We are sorry to report that the boy William Thame has lost another good situation, and we fear has also lost something which is far more important.

To commemorate the outbreak of illness last year which caused the school to be closed for three months, to commemorate the memory of some called to their rest, as well as our thankfulness to God for many merciful recoveries and spared lives, it is proposed to erect a Churchyard Cross, and special collections will be made at both services in church on Sunday, March 4th, for the purpose. After approval, the design and inscription will be placed in the Workmen's Club for general inspection. It is hoped that young and old alike will contribute to the collections on Sunday, March 4th.

The supply of good apple trees in the cottage gardens of the village is falling short from age or decay. Some money for the supply of young trees has been placed at our disposal, and anyone desiring a gift of trees must quickly, for the season is getting on, put down his name on a list at the Workmen's Club,

The School Report has not been received in time for insertion in this number.

On Thursday in Easter week, March 29th, Mr. and Mrs. Benyon are good enough to invite all attending our Day and Sunday Schools to tea and a conjurer in the Long Gallery.

BAPTISMS.

"Take this Child and nurse it for Me."

- Jan. 28th.—George Henry, son of William and Harriet Day, of Englefield.
" " Edith Annie, daughter of Walter William and Emily Elizabeth Smyth, of Englefield.
Feb. 25th.—Reginald Osbert, son of William Henry and Emily Jane Barefoot, of Englefield.
" " Ruth Jane, daughter of Henry and Annie Bates, of Englefield.
" " Henry Alfred, son of Henry and Annie Shepherd, of Englefield.
" " Rose Annie, daughter of Annie and William Fowler, of Mayridge.

A.L.C.H.

The Parsonage, Englefield, Reading,
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St. Mark's, Englefield.

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APRIL, 1894.

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The following is the Report on our School received from the Education Department:—

MIXED SCHOOL: "Considering that the School has been closed for 12 out of the last 15 weeks, its efficiency has been satisfactorily maintained. With the exception of the Geography of the Third Standard, the Class subjects need no allowance to be pronounced good, and Recitation also is creditable. The elementary work, however, has suffered, especially the Spelling of the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Standards, and the Arithmetic of the Fourth Standard and upwards.

"The children are in very good discipline generally, but the habit of whispering answers in Class still prevails to some extent."

INFANTS' CLASS: "The Infants are in good order and have on the whole been very satisfactorily taught, but Reading needs attention."

"H.M. Inspector reports that the recess of the main room is insufficiently warmed. This must receive attention at once."—Article 85 (a) of the Code.

"It is desirable that the doors should be made to open outwards; and the Girls' and Infants' offices should be improved. I am to enquire what are the exact measurements of the main room, as the returns on Form IX. do not agree with those in the records of the Department."

The Balance Sheet has already been on the Church door for a fortnight, but as usual we print it in our 'Local Sheet.'

RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
Government Grant...	...	...	...	...	...	96	4	0
Fee Grant ...	...	...	...	...	...	52	5	10
Voluntary Contributions	...	...	...	...	...	104	6	9
Evening School Pence	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Drawing Grant ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	6
						£260	0	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Principal Teacher	120	0	0
Assistants	80	0	0
Pupil Teacher	9	5	0
Cookery Teacher	5	5	0
Books and Stationery	16	4	5
Fuel, Lights, and Cleaning	9	11	8
Rent... ..	15	0	0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	0	10	0
Evening School Pence returned	1	0	0
Organising Visitor... ..	1	0	0
Postage and Small Payments	2	4	2
	£260 0 3		

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You are requested to take notice that there will be a Sale of the School Children's Needlework in the Housekeeper's Home at Englefield House, on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock punctually.

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The Collections made in Church on Sunday, March 4th, for the Churchyard Cross, amounted to £131 10s. 2½d. Mr. Harris sent two drawings, both of which were very appropriate, but that on the left-hand side of the paper was more generally approved, and has been selected as the design for the Cross.

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124 Standard apple trees, of good useful kinds, have been distributed amongst about 44 gardens in the village; we hope they will live and flourish, and some years hence produce a good crop of useful fruit, and there is no fruit for village gardens so useful and lasting as apples.

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A Guild Meeting was held in Church on Palm Sunday at 3.30: about 72 members were present. Four new members were admitted. Members are requested to add these names to their list:—

Ellen Jones.

Eliza Anne Robinson.

Florence Hallett.

Harry House.

Also to remove the name of Mary Hard, and change Elsie Nunn, now married, into Elsie Kimbell.

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The following books have lately been added to the Library of the Workmen's Club, bringing the total of books up to 898.

A Bag of Farthings	The Gaverocks (Baring-Gould)
The Desert Ship	Red Spider
Chinese Nights' Entertainments	Readiani " (C. Reade)
The Squatter's Home	Autobiography of a Thief "
The Lost Trader	The Jilt "
Wreck of the Golden Fleece	Cloister and Hearth "
A Hit and a Miss	Stories of Men and Animals "
Black, White, and Grey	The Uttermost Farthing
The Land of the Golden Plume	Another Man's Burden
Winning his Freedom	By Lantern-light
Yussuf the Guide	Penance of John Logan (Black)
Prisoner among Pirates	Strange Adventures of a Phaeton "
True under Trial	" " Houseboat "
Through the Sikh War	A Daughter of Heth "
Building Construction, 2 vols	The Beautiful Wretch "
Plumbing	Olive, by " John Halifax "
House Painting	Nothing New "
Carpentry and Joinery	Miss Tommy "
The Book of the Horse	A Life for a Life "
A Mannerless Monkey	Romantic Tales "
The Brahman's Plot	Adam Grainger (Mrs. H. Wood)
Walter Trelawney	Johnny Ludlow, vol. iv. "
Two Black Birds	" " " v. "
Log of a Sky Pilot	French Revolution (Carlyle)
Treasures in the Marshes	Sutton's Culture of Vegetables and
Life on the Congo	Flowers
A Little Handful	Cleopatra (Rider Haggard)
Dogged Jack	Allan Quatermain "
The Boys at Penrohn	Colonel Quaritch "
The Lost Treasure of Trevlyn	Beatrice "
Schoolmaster and his Son	Eric Brighteyes "
Half-hours in the Far North	" She "
" " Wide West	The Witch's Head "
" " Far East	Dawn "
Alton Locke (Kingsley)	Nada, the Lily "
The Hermits "	Mr. Meeson's Will "
Hypatia "	Allan's Wife "
The Heroes "	The World's Desire "
Arminell (Baring-Gould)	Cetywayo "
Richard Cable "	

CHURCH OFFERTORY ACCOUNT, FROM EASTER, 1893,
TO EASTER, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from last year	11	16	3
Offertories for Sick and Needy	39	12	0
" on 3rd Sunday in each month	23	12	10
Collected for various purposes	355	15	6
Lent Savings	21	2	10
	£451 19 5		

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Expended on Sick and Needy	47	12	6
Offertory on 3rd Sunday in each month :—			
Diocesan Inspection	2	0	0
Central African Mission	5	0	0
Corean Mission	5	0	0
S.P.C.K.	5	0	0
Waterside Mission	3	0	0
National Society	3	12	10
	23 12 10		
Collected for various purposes :—			
Church Expenses... ..	22	5	2
Madagascar Mission	11	18	4
O. D. Church Building Society.. ...	57	9	8
Reading Hospital	17	18	1
S.P.G.	57	7	0
O. D. Missionary Candidates' Association	57	7	0
Churchyard Cross (in Blandy's Bank) ...	131	10	3
	355 15 6		
Lent Savings :—			
East London Church Fund	11	0	0
London Poor	10	2	10
	21 2 10		
Balance in hand	3	15	9
	£451 19 5		

At a Vestry Meeting of this Parish held January 25th, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That the Vestry of the Parish of Englefield, being the Local Authority for the said Parish, hereby consent to the application by the Tilehurst, Pangbourne, and District Water Company, Limited, to the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Waterworks Facilities Act, 1870, for a Provisional Order, enabling such Company to construct and maintain Waterworks, and to supply Water in (*inter alia*) part of the Parish of Englefield, as described in the same Order."

It was understood that the Provisional Order would confer no power to purchase and take lands, easements, or other rights compulsorily, or otherwise than by mutual agreement in the usual way.

The above resolution was passed in consideration of a letter (filed in the Parish Minute Book) received from Mr. Toomer, the Solicitor to the Company, in which the Company undertakes on application of this Parish, within 21 years, to apply for an order to supply the *whole Parish* with water on the same terms as if the whole Parish were now included in the Order.

The result of our Wednesday Evensong at 7 p.m. during Lent surpassed our most sanguine anticipations. The congregation numbering respectively 91, 98, 95, 82, 92, and about a similar number the first four evenings in Holy Week, with a considerable increase on Good Friday evening, and some falling off on Easter Eve, when there was a full Choral Service at 7 p.m.

Easter Day began as usual with Celebrations at 7.30 and 8.30, and Choral at 11. The Church looked very beautiful, and the Services were very helpful and reverent.

The Collections for Church Expenses amounted to above £20.

We are glad to report the names of a good number of children who have joined the Berks Friendly Society during the last month :—

George Neville
Jesse Neville
Amy Neville
William Fowler
Louisa Fowler
Edward Fowler
Beatrice Fowler
Ada Fowler
Rosa Bates

Edith Bates
Emily Winchcombe
May Winchcombe
George Neighbour
Alfred Neighbour
Hilda Harris
Herbert Cox
Hubert Cox

Also the following have become Depositors in our Penny Bank :—

Emily Horne
Ethel Horne
Elizabeth Martin
Annie Fuller

Alfred Horne
Frank Sessions
Hubert Sessions

We shall be glad to be told if any names are omitted from this or previous lists, or from the list hanging up in the School.

The Easter Vestry was held by adjournment, at Englefield House, on Easter Monday, 26th March, at 10 a.m.

The Churchwardens' Accounts 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. Roake was elected Parish Churchwarden.

Mr. Todd and Mr. Coombs were re-elected Sidesmen, Mr. Roake and Mr. Palmer were nominated as Overseers, and Mr. Palmer was also appointed Surveyor of Highways for the ensuing year.

Thanks were given to Mr. Benyon for kindly paying the Organist's Salary.

It was resolved that it be referred to the Rector and Churchwardens to provide a light at the Churchyard Gate.

The accounts of the Parish Charities were examined, and the Trustees of the Apprentice Fund desires to place on record, that they do not consider themselves legally justified in spending the money of the Apprentice Fund for any other purpose than for providing Premiums to Apprentice Boys.

Churchwardens' Accounts for the year, ending Easter, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Rate at 1d.	10	16	1
Donations from R. Benyon, Esq.	25	17	2
Church Collections	22	5	2
Balance from last year	17	12	11
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	£76	11	4

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Visitation Fees	0	18	0
Washing Surplices	1	10	10
Church Cleaning	3	5	0
W. Vince (Ringing, Fires, &c.)	5	0	0
Organist and Blower	21	0	0
Temporary Organist	3	4	0
Repairs to Bells (iron work)	3	17	6
Banns of Marriage Book	0	5	0
Altar Bread and Wine	0	11	0
Mowing and Cleaning Churchyard	0	17	0
Gas, £5; Coke, £6	11	0	0
Repairs to Bells, Roofs, &c.	8	0	4½
Balance in hand	17	2	7½
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	£76	11	4

Parsonage, Englefield, Reading,
26th March, 1894.

A.L.C.H.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 101.

MAY, 1894.

[Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY

A Meeting of the Football Club was held on Tuesday Evening, April 10th, in the Workmen's Club (by permission) when the following Report and Balance Sheet were received and allowed :

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ENGLEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB.

GENTLEMEN,

When the Club was re-started at the commencement of the season, it was proposed to play only a limited number of matches. But when it was found that the Club assumed larger proportions than was anticipated, and that there was a strong playing element in it, as many matches were arranged as possible. Altogether, fifteen matches have been played, of which six have been won and nine lost. As usual, when playing certain village teams, we have found, instead of a bona fide home team, a combination of the best players in their vicinity, which have made the odds greater against us. The result is, however, highly creditable. There are many promising players in the Club outside the team, and there is every prospect of a very successful future before the club. Perhaps it will be of interest to know that 46 goals have been scored against us and 40 for us. It is a source of pleasure to note that, as regards the financial affairs of the Club, there is a balance, if small, on the right side.

The President is to be heartily thanked for his kindness in allowing the use of the ground and there is every reason to believe that he will renew such kindness.

A. E. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.

1893.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Sept. Balance in hand	0	2	9
Rev. A. Heigham	0	10	0
30 Members at 1/-	1	10	0
		£2	3	3

1893.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Oct. Two Footballs	1	1	0
Bladders	0	5	0
Sashes, 3/7½; Repairs, 1/2	0	4	9½
Postage	0	2	6
Balance in hand	0	9	11½
		£2	3	3

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Benyon for the use of the ground, to Mr. Roake, to the Captain, Secretary, and others, for various acts of kindness, trouble taken, or time given.

The following is the complete list of matches played and the results :—

Englefield v. Sulhamstead	...	lost	...	8 goals to 0
„ „ Woolhampton College	„	„	...	5 „ 1
„ „ Y.M.C.A.	...	„	...	4 „ 1
„ „ Wokefield Park	...	won	...	10 „ 0
„ „ Theale	..	lost	...	2 „ 1
„ „ Broad Street United	won	...	5 „ 4	
„ „ Mortimer United	...	lost	...	4 „ 0
„ „ Broad Street United	„	„	...	3 „ 2
„ „ Wokefield Park	...	won	...	3 „ 1
„ „ Sulhamstead...	...	lost	...	4 „ 0
„ „ Woolhampton College	won	...	5 „ 1	
„ „ Heckfield United	..	lost	...	3 „ 0
„ „ Y.M.C.A.	...	won	...	5 „ 2
„ „ Heckfield United	...	lost	...	5 „ 1
„ „ Mortimer United	...	won	...	6 „ 0

showing 40 goals kicked for and 46 against Englefield.

The following were the thirty members of the Club :—

Mr. Seward	Mr. Eborne
„ Shakleford	„ F. Cox
„ Lewis	„ M. Allen
„ E. Allen	„ P. Chamberlain
„ Norris	„ Cambridge
„ Mobsby	„ Williams
„ C. Fisher	„ F. Day
„ G. Johnson	„ Talbot
„ J. Claydon	„ Smyth
„ Dobson	„ D. Fisher
„ Tegg	„ A. Lamperd
„ Lewington	„ G. Taylor
„ John Coombes	„ R. Davies
„ A. E. Robinson	„ T. Cox
„ Dene	„ G. Duckett

We have received from a correspondent the following interesting account of the Club Tournaments :—

THE CLUB TOURNAMENTS.

There are two institutions in connection with our Village Club which may be said to rival each other in popularity, the “Dances” and the “Tournaments.” The latter, however, is the older institution, and belongs distinctly to the inner life of the Club, as none excepting members can take part in or have any connection with them. They consist of a series of games, organised by the Committee, and so arranged that they shall last throughout the winter months. Any game which is likely to attract a sufficient number of entries is put down on the list, and a prize, or prizes, offered to the winner or winners. The funds for the prizes are provided for by the entrance fees, which consist of one penny per game per member, to which is added a donation from the funds of the Club. The games which were played throughout the past winter were whist, double and single cribbage, don, draughts, dominoes, cannon, cannon and holes, and “All balls up,” the three latter being games of bagatelle.

When the time stated for the making of entries has expired, partners or opponents, as the case may be, are drawn for by lot, the "drawing" taking place under the superintendence of the "Tournaments" Secretary, Mr. G. Johnson. A stated time is set for the round to be finished and the games may then begin. Members are, of course, eager to find out who is to be their partner or their opponent, and much speculation and joking takes place as to the ultimate results of the round. When each round is finished, the winners are drawn against each other, and this system is carried on until the final round is reached, when the winners are made known. There is always a peculiar attraction in a "tournament" game to non-playing members, which draws them to look on; whereas, if it were known that the game was simply an ordinary hand, no notice would be taken. It may be mentioned that in a tournament game an "outside" player is generally appointed to score and decide any doubtful point. It is quite common, during the winter months, to see a game going on, with a separate individual scoring, and to hear a new comer enquire "Is that a tournament game?" Should the answer be in the affirmative, the succeeding remark is generally "Oh! I must have a look!" or "How does the game stand?" and forthwith the said gentleman joins the band of lookers on, and becomes fully interested in the game. Should the players be well-known for their skill at a particular game, there is usually a larger knot of spectators, and, consequently, increased interest. It is this proof of the pleasure derived from them which justifies the Committee's action in annually continuing and encouraging these games. Of course with such a variety and number of games, incidents both curious and interesting frequently occur. Two years ago a young and freshly-joined member of the Club, who was still a night school pupil, entered for the "whist." Although he had only just learnt the theory of the game, with such practice as was possible during the time night school was open for recreation, he and his partner won their rounds throughout the tournament and finished winners. This speaks well for the way in which Mr. Coombes expounds the game, even if allowance be made for a certain amount of "luck."

During the tournaments just completed, a very curious game was witnessed. The Rector and Mr. Johnson were playing Messrs. Harrison and Eborne in the second round of the whist tournament. So phenomenal were the "hands" held by the first-named pair that they won three games consecutively in fifteen minutes. Messrs. Harrison and Eborne had evidently offended Dame Fortune that evening. But though the Rector and his partner had such excellent "luck" on this occasion, their final game, which they eventually won, was about the best "finish" in a card game throughout the series. After they and their opponents (Messrs. Seward and Claydon) had each won two games, the score, when the last "hand" was played, stood at 9 "all." The lady, above-mentioned, however, spared them one more smile, and they arose from the table winners. In this game the spectators enjoyed the proceedings as much as the players. Very close finishes were also witnessed in the "finals" of double-cribbage, single cribbage, and cannon, in each of which the losers, though defeated, were far from being disgraced. The list of winners is:—Whist, Rev. A. L. C. Heigham and G. Johnson; double cribbage, Messrs. Bint and Eborne; single crib., J. Claydon; don, J. Dene; draughts, C. Eborne; dominoes, P. Chamberlain; cannon, A. E. Robinson; cannon and holes, C. Eborne; and "All balls up," A. E. Robinson. The tournament season was concluded (rather later than usual) by the distribution of prizes at the smoking concert, held on Monday evening, April 23rd.

The Children's "Christmas" treat took place in the Long Gallery on Thursday, March 29th. Tea at 5.30, followed by a conjuror and ventriloquist. It was a very pleasant evening for all the guests, and finally Mrs. Benyon gave away the needlework prizes, according to the following list:—

NEEDLEWORK.

STANDARD 7. Rose Wyatt.	STANDARD 3. Annie Neighbour.
STANDARD 6. Gertrude Hopgood.	STANDARD 2. Edith Harris.
STANDARD 5. Fanny Horne.	STANDARD 1. Alice Day.
STANDARD 4. Nellie Cox.	

KNITTING.

STANDARD 7. Edith Marton.	STANDARD 3. Gertrude Wyatt.
STANDARD 6. Gertrude Cox.	STANDARD 2. Hilda Harris.
STANDARD 5. Annie Alrey.	STANDARD 1. Sarah Shepherd.
STANDARD 4. Ella Hayes.	

INFANTS' NEEDLEWORK.

Amy Neville.

KNITTING.

Owen Wyatt.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR MARKING.

Rose Wyatt.

Mrs. Benyon sends the following report, shewing the results of the Lent Working Party.

"Lent is passed, Easter has arrived, and with it the end of our working parties. I am sure all our kind workers will rejoice to hear that we are sending away 300 garments—252 to Haggerston and 48 to Madagascar. The dresses for Madagascar have required special work and we hardly ventured to hope so many would have been finished, but active fingers in the Long Gallery and at home have finished in time.

I think all will be interested to hear the following letter from "The Sister," St. Saviour's, Haggerston:—"Your two delightful packing cases have just arrived and no time shall be lost in telling you of their safety and thanking you most heartily for this very valuable supply of garments. We hope that you will convey our heartfelt thanks to all who have shared in the work and tell them what an immense help the result of their labours will be to our poor Haggerston people."

The Rev. Francis and Mrs. Gregory are still abroad before returning to Madagascar, but we hope to send the cool garments to them on their return, and we are sure they will be much appreciated."

Mr. Benyon invites all Members of our Agency of the Berks Friendly Society, and all our women who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club to tea on Whit-Monday in the Long Gallery at 5.30.

Women who belong to Dr. Cox's Club must personally apply for their tea ticket at the School on the previous Monday, May 7th, at 12 o'clock.

The following are the cricket matches for the coming season as at present arranged:—

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Ground.</i>
May 5	Married v. Single	Home.
" 12	Biscuit Factory	Home.
" 19	Theale	Home.
" 26	Tidmarsh	Tidmarsh.
June 2	Mortimer	Mortimer.
" 9	Reading Minster	Home.
" 23	Wasing	Wasing.
July 7	Tidmarsh	Home.
" 14	Theale	Theale.
" 28	Biscuit Factory	Reading.
Aug. 4	Wasing	Home.
" 11	Reading Minster	Reading.
" 25	Royal Seed Establishment	Home.
Sept. 1	Mortimer	Home.
" 8	Married v. Single	Home.

The Sale of the Children's Needlework realised £3 7s. 9d. which Mrs. Benyon has kindly handed over to be spent for the comfort and convenience of the School Children.

CHURCH SERVICES.

"Come, for all things are now ready."

ASCENSION DAY ...	Holy Communion, 7 and 8. Matins, &c., 11. Evensong, 8.
WHITSUN DAY ...	Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30 and 11. Other Services as usual. Holy Communion, 8.30.
TRINITY SUNDAY	Holy Communion, 8.30. Other Services as usual.
FRIDAY, MAY 11th.	Preparation Service for Holy Communion at Whitsuntide, at 8 p.m.

A.L.C.H.

THE PARSONAGE,
ENGLEFIELD, READING.
26th April, 1894.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 102.

JUNE, 1894.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY

102 Members of the Englefield Agency of the Berks Friendly Society were invited by Mr. Benyon to tea on Whit Monday at 5.30, of whom 82 were present, distance or other engagements accounting of the absence of 20. The women who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club, about 14 in number, were also invited, and with the Committee formed a party of 100 persons.

The Rector made a statement concerning the Society, now numbering 1520 Members, with invested funds of £10,076. The advantages of the Deposit Branch of the Society for Female Members were pointed out and fully explained.

Mr. Robinson who has resigned the Agency from a multiplicity of other duties has been succeeded in it by Mr. Phillips.

The hearty cheering at the mention of the Squire's name might possibly, with a strong west wind, have been heard in Grosvenor Square.

Mrs. Benyon has presented to the Workmen's Club the following 12 books—

Little Lord Fauntleroy
Newfoundland to Cochin China
The Broken Vow
The Valley of Baca
The Cricket Club
Joan and Jerry

Hurly Burly
Little Saint Elizabeth
Friday's Child
Madge Hardwicke
Kingsworth
Not quite a Heroine

The first named book created quite a sensation when it appeared, and should be read by everyone.

The books in the Library now number 922.

At a Committee Meeting of the Club on May 21st, Mr. Roake was elected a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the departure from the Village of Mr. James Middleton.

It was resolved that an estimate for printing a Catalogue of the Library be obtained.

At a General Meeting of the Cricket Club held on the same evening it was resolved (with the President's consent) to enlarge Rule I. by the addition of the words "or Members of the Workmen's Club in Englefield." The Rule now reads as follows: "That the object of the Club shall be to provide healthy recreation for persons residing or regularly employed in, or Members of the Workmen's Club in Englefield." The President has given his consent.

By way of making some use of the Ascension-day holiday, our boys played a Cricket Match between themselves with the following result, the equalness of the match was much spoilt by a boy who having promised to play selfishly stayed away for no reason whatever except apparently to make himself disagreeable.

FRANK SESSIONS' SIDE.

F. Sessions bowled Vince	0
Walter Cox bowled Neighbour	1
Sydney Allen bowled Vince	0
John Bond caught A. Thame	33
W. Fowler bowled Vince	3
G. Neville bowled Vince	2
T. Wyatt bowled Vince	2
W. Lamperd run out	0
W. Martin bowled Vince	0
T. Thame bowled Vince	1
C. Claydon bowled Vince... ..	4
H. Vince not out	0
Byes, &c.	3
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	49
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J. VINCE'S SIDE.

J. Vince bowled Bond	6
J. Harris bowled Sessions... ..	1
A. Allen bowled Bond	0
A. Buckland bowled Sessions	3
A. Thame bowled Bond	0
E. Buckland bowled Sessions	0
G. Neighbour bowled Bond	1
T. Smith bowled Neighbour	0
F. Newman bowled Sessions	4
R. Allen bowled Sessions	5
W. Groves bowled Bond	0
Herbert Cox not out	5
Hubert Cox bowled Sessions	0
Byes, &c.	17
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	42
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But if the truth must be told, the above 42 runs were got in two innings, but some imperfections in the scoring render a more accurate return impossible.

We send you a copy of the School Time Table. Any Parent may have a copy of a Time Table in use in the School in which their children are instructed by applying in writing to the Teacher stating that they desire to make a copy, we save you this trouble and wish to interest you in your children's daily work.

The number of weekly lessons in each subject in each Class is given in the following analysis; it is satisfactory that we are able to give our children such a good general education, not merely confined to the three R's and some needlework.

The analysis shews the work of the Boys and Girls together: on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons the Girls do Needlework only, the Boys occupying the time in special Geography, Maps, and elementary work. Girls in and above Standard 4 have the pleasure of cookery lessons on Saturday mornings.

Analysis of Time Table shewing the weekly number of lessons.

	Class 1. St. iv.—vii.	Class 2. St. iii.	Class 3. St. ii.	Class 4. St. i.
Religious Instruction	5	5	5	5
Arithmetic	5	5	7	6
Reading	5	3	4	5
Writing {	Dictation	3	4	3
	Copy Books	1	2	2
	Composition	2	—	—
Transcription	—	2	—	—
History	2	2	2	2
Poetry	1	1	1	1
Geography	2	2	2	2
Drawing	2	2	2	2
Singing	2	2	2	2
Object Lessons	2	2	2	2

We were not singular in reviving a Perambulation of the Parish on one of the Rogation Days this year, the Bishop of St. Alban's not only advises his Clergy to do so, but himself took part in such a service. With Processional Cross and Banners, the Clergy and Choir left our Church at 9.30, and

singing Psalms, Hymns, and the Prayer Book Litany, according to a printed order of Service which was distributed throughout the Village, proceeded to Mayridge, the Timber Yard, Chalk Pit Farm, and so back to Church by Wimbledon. A large number of Parishioners took part in the Service, following the Procession for a greater or less distance or being gathered together at the various halting places. Everything was most reverent and orderly, and the distinct idea of "Rogation" that is "asking" from God blessings on our homes and fields and gardens and crops must have made itself very distinctly and generally felt.

Ascension Day and Whitsun-tide Services were all that we could wish or desire, and our Church was, as usual, carefully and beautifully decorated.

BAPTISM.

"Take this child and nurse it for ME."

April 29th.—Florence May, daughter of Frederick and Mary Edmunds, of Englefield.

BURIAL.

"Grant her eternal rest, O Lord."

May 24th.—Fanny Travers, widow of Rev. C. H. Travers, formerly Rector of Englefield.

A.L.C.H.

THE PARSONAGE,
ENGLEFIELD, READING.
28th May, 1894.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 103.

JULY, 1894.

[Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY

Our Church was visited by the Rural Dean on Friday, June 1st, and in company with the Rector and the Parish Churchwarden he carefully examined the fabric, fittings, plate, ornaments of the Church, and the condition of the Churchyard. It will readily be believed that there was no occasion for any fault-finding.

A new Bier has been presented to the Parish, much more handy and comely than the old one: the Bier itself lifts off the wheels and can be carried into Church whilst the wheels remain outside, this does away with the need of "trestles" which are always a trouble and often a source of danger. The old Bier has been given to the Parish of Aldermaston.

Acting under advice and the wish of our Teachers a cupboard with glass doors to act as a "Museum" has been put in the School. Parents and children are alike requested to send or bring any curiosities, animal, vegetable, or mineral found in the neighbourhood, or the products of home or foreign lands. Coins, weapons, boots, clothing, nothing will come amiss, and will form interesting topics for the two weekly "Object Lessons" which form part of the regular School course.

New Surplices and Cassocks for our Choir have kindly been given by Mrs. Benyon, the former are already in use, and the latter of a beautiful and bright violet colour will probably be in use before this announcement is read by you. Some few of the best of the old Cassocks and Surplices are being sent to Totternhoe, the remainder to the "Sisters of the Church" in London, who make them up into useful gifts for poor Mission Churches.

Mrs. Benyon has also given our Choir, Ringers, &c., a blue cap with a badge marked S.M.E. It is understood that when anyone leaves the Choir or Belfry the badge is to be returned to the Rector, the cap may be retained by the owner. The badge, a small shield in red and gold, has rather a military look, not inappropriate for soldiers of the Great Army, and what is more important easily distinguishable from our Cricket cap.

We make the happy announcement that the School holidays will begin on Friday, August 3rd. We might make further announcements about August, to wit a Meeting of the Guild on August 16th, and a proposed day at Portsmouth for the Choir on August 27th, but even to think of these things as yet, seems to make the summer all too short, so we leave any details until the August "Local Sheet" appears.

We copy the following from "The School Guardian," the hint may be worth following, anyhow we should like a good specimen of a wasp's nest in the "Museum."

"A rather novel plan has (says *The Daily News*) been adopted by the inhabitants of the village of Beenham, near Reading, to prevent a repetition of the wasp plague of 1893. A subscription list was opened in the village for waging war with the wasps, and a sum of £4 5s. was raised. The local schoolmaster then announced to his scholars that one penny would be paid for every queen wasp brought to him during the month of April. The result was the destruction of 668 of these insects at a cost of £2 15s. 8d. In May the price was lowered to one halfpenny per wasp, and the 614 destroyed therefore only cost £1 5s. 7d. The small balance of the fund was given to children who brought wasps' nests, and who, in earning their scanty reward, probably suffered some discomfort."

All will hear with much satisfaction and thankfulness that Mr. Benyon is on the high road to being restored to his usual health and strength after being confined to his bedroom for three weeks.

The proof copy of the Library Catalogue of the Workmen's Club has been received, corrected, and returned to the Printer, so that before long copies will be available for purchase. It will cost £5 4s. 0d., towards which expense a donation of £2 has been made, copies will be sold at 2d. each (about one-third of their cost), but members can pay cost price if they please, anyway it is hoped that every member will purchase a copy for his own use and guidance.

We have received the following for publication :

A meeting was held on Thursday, 14th inst., in the Timber Yard Office, for the formation of the Englefield Fire Brigade. Mr. Roake laid before the meeting the proposed rules together with the duties, which were thought suitable and were approved. Drill nights were fixed for Thursday, fortnightly in summer, and monthly in winter. Clean up, Tuesday nights, weekly.

The following appointments were made, subject to Mr. Benyon's approval.

Chief Officer—	Mr. G. S. Roake.
1st	„ „ I. Tegg.
2nd	„ „ W. Palmer.
Engineer	„ „ A. Harris.
Firemen	„ „ W. Barefoot.
	„ „ H. Horne.
	„ „ C. Fisher.
	„ „ G. Taylor.
	„ „ H. Shackleford.
	„ „ G. Tizard.
	„ „ W. Vince.
	„ „ D. Horne.
Coachman	„ „ W. Cox.
Messenger	„ „ Maurice Cox.
	„ „ Douglas Harris.

The first Drill (at which every member attended) took place on the 21st inst, with the "Manual" Engine, which has been re-modelled.

The Editor is sure that his readers will wish him "bon voyage" and a safe return from Homburg after a few weeks' absence to take the waters, and perhaps see a little scenery on the Moselle and the Meuse on the way home. To breakfast in Englefield, lunch at Calais, dine at Brussels, and after a night in the train breakfast early at Cologne, and then be at Homburg in good time for lunch does not make the journey seem a very long one or the distance very great. If anyone needs or wishes to write let it be remembered that the postage is $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., and the address Hotel Vierjahreszeiten, Homburg, v.d.h. In plain English "Hotel Four Seasons, Homburg on the Heights.

If there be any further local news Mr. Fox will kindly add it before sending this to the printer.

THE PARSONAGE,
ENGLEFIELD, READING.

24th June, 1894.

A.L.C.H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 104.

AUGUST, 1894.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers had their Annual Festival on Monday, July 16th, at Chipping Norton. Our Ringers are of course Members of the Guild and were present. From the facts very kindly contributed by one of them, we learn that, notwithstanding a somewhat showery day, an instructive and very pleasant holiday was spent. Where is Chipping Norton? Shall we confess that we too had to ask the question?

The crow flying from Reading to Oxford might explain, by saying, "When you reach Oxford keep straight on, and go just as far again."

No wonder then our Ringers, who left Appleton's corner at 8.30 a.m. did not reach Chipping Norton till 12.20 p.m., when they found themselves at the extreme north-west of Oxfordshire, in sight of the neighbouring counties of Gloucestershire and Warwickshire. Divine Service was immediately held in the Parish Church, when the Guild was addressed by the Rev. Canon Bowers, Diocesan Missioner of Gloucester and Bristol.

The Business Meeting of the Guild took place at 1.30 p.m. The ordinary business was transacted, and Wokingham was chosen for the 1895 Festival. Dinner was served in the Town Hall, when about 150 Members sat down.

Our Englefield Ringers left Chipping Norton 4.5 p.m., breaking their journey at Oxford, where two hours were delightfully spent; Pangbourne was reached about 9.30, and home soon afterwards.

The Ringers ask us, through the Local Sheet, to convey to Mr. Benyon and the Rector, their heartiest thanks for a very pleasant day.

We have to announce that the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Guild will be held, by kind invitation, at Englefield House, on Thursday, August 16th. The arrangements will be the same as last year. We cannot do better than quote from last year's announcement in the Local Sheet :

“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.”

Is there any need to remind the Members of the Choir that there is a delightful day in prospect towards the end of the month?

We know boys have short memories, and lest any Choir Boy should not know (!), or should have forgotten (!!), we remind them that Monday, August 27th, has been chosen for a day at the sea-side, and that the most interesting town of Portsmouth has been settled on.

The Harvest Thanksgiving has been fixed for Sunday, September 2nd, and the following Tuesday, September 4th.

We would remind the Parish that on the Harvest Festival *Sunday* there will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion (just as on the great Festivals), at 7.30, 8.30, and 11 (choral). The truly thankful heart will find in the offering and partaking of the Blessed Sacrament their best “Harvest Thanksgiving.” One name by which the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood is known is *The Holy Eucharist*, or “The giving of Thanks.” It is the one great Thanksgiving, the Special Thank-offering of His Church. “We, Thy humble servants, entirely desire Thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving” (see the Prayer of Oblation immediately after the Communion.)

On the Harvest-Home Day (Tuesday), the Services will be as usual, and the arrangements of the day, (by the kind permission and invitation of Mr. Benyon), will be as in past years.

Many in the Parish will remember that the South Berks District Union of the English Church Union held their Annual Festival at Englefield last year, when there was solemn Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our Parish Church. We were present last month at this year’s Festival held at S. Stephen’s Church, Clewer.

We mention this, because at the business meeting held in the Sisters' Schools, as we listened to the minutes of the last meeting being read, we heard unqualified words of praise and thanks to the Englefield Choir, for the very reverent and carefully rendered service which they offered, when the great Christian Sacrifice was pleaded at the Englefield Altar during the Festival last year.

The Parish has learnt with much thankfulness of the continued improvement in the health of Mr. Benyon, and that the sea-side change to Eastbourne has been of much benefit to him.

We hear on all sides the joyful congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon on the happy announcement which reached the Parish last week, and the heartiest good wishes to Miss Benyon for her true happiness in her approaching marriage.

We are sure that the whole Parish would bid us in their Local Sheet thus make known their thoughts and wishes.

The Rector, we hear, has not found distant climes and foreign countries more agreeable than Old England. He has been at Dover some time, and soon after this reaches you will again be in your midst. He will be with you (D.V.) on Sunday, August 5th.

We have employed the editorial shears and paste-brush to chronicle *the* great Cricket Match of the season. We congratulate Mr. Robinson on his excellent score, and the first half of his merry men on their "good form."

We ask you not to look at "the tail."

The following is the account taken from the local paper:—

ENGLEFIELD *beat* ALDERMASTON.

This match was played at Englefield on Saturday last, and resulted in a decisive win for Englefield by 150 runs. Aldermaston batted first, but with the exception of Mount who scored 13, made no stand against the bowling of Robinson and Taylor, and were all out in half-an-hour for 31. The Englefield innings was remarkable, the first five wickets yielded 179 runs, and the

last five only two, thanks to the effective bowling of Mount, who took them in the last 12 minutes of the game. The chief scorers for Englefield were Robinson (77) and Lamden (37). These two were batting for some two hours, and their partnership, which yielded 110 runs, gave their opponents a lot of leather hunting. Buckland (19), Coombe (17), and Horne (8), also batted well, but the rest as before-mentioned, finished sensationally. Score :—

ALDERMASTON.

Dr. Whitcombe, b Robinson	...	...	...	...	2
W. A. Mount (capt.), b Taylor	...	...	...	...	13
T. Latham, c Lamperd, b Robinson	...	...	...	...	0
E. Hill, c Taylor, b. Robinson	...	...	...	...	7
F. Jacobs, b. Robinson	...	...	...	...	3
C. King, b. Robinson	...	...	...	...	0
W. Weaver, c Lamden, b Taylor	...	...	...	...	1
T. Paice, c Harris, b Robinson	2
F. Manders, b Taylor	0
A. E. Scutt, c Harris, b Taylor	1
G. Freeman, not out	1
Byes	1
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					31
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ENGLEFIELD.

D. Horne, b Mount	8
J. Coombes, c Mount, b Jacobs	17
G. Buckland, c Weaver, b King	19
A. E. Robinson (capt.), b Mount	...	...	...	...	77
W. Lamden, b Mount	...	...	...	...	37
A. Lamperd, not out	...	...	...	..	4
W. Smythe, hit wkt, b Mount	...	...	...	...	0
T. Harris, b Mount	0
G. Tizard, lbw, b Mount	0
G. Taylor, b Mount	0
H. Shackelford, b Mount	0
Extras	19
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					181
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We have also received, for insertion in the Local Sheet, the following account and score-sheet of the School Cricket Match. Our young scorer should learn to describe "how out" more

fully. Shall we be insulting our promising young cricketers by saying 'you *bowl* (pronounced bōl) with a cricket *ball* (pronounced bawl)?' No more '*balled out*' either for the ear or for the eye!

ENGLEFIELD SCHOOL *v.* THEALE SCHOOL.

This Match was played in Englefield Park on Wednesday Evening, June 27th. After some delay in starting, caused by the strong objection of the Theale boys against James Claydon, who, they said, was too big, the rival captains tossed, and Englefield won. Batting first, they compiled a total of 63, the chief scorers being J. Vince, 14; J. Claydon, 12, not out; F. Sessions, 9; and J. Bond and E. Buckland, 7 each.

On Theale boys batting, they were unable to play against the bowling of John Vince, who bowled 8 wickets for no runs. The total of the innings was 7. Following their innings they managed to get 17, thus leaving Englefield boys the winners by an innings and 39 runs. It should, however, be remembered, that our boys are much better circumstanced as regards cricket, than the Theale boys. Mr. Rudd and Mr. Robinson were the umpires, and the behaviour of the lads of both teams, coupled with their enjoyment of and interest in the game, was excellent.

The spectators, who were mostly Members of the E.C.C. were so pleased with the performance of John Vince, that a collection was made to buy him a cap: this with a belt, was presented to him in School by the Master.

ENGLEFIELD.

J. Bond, run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	7
J. Vince, c ...	...	...	...	...	...	14
F. Sessions, b ...	...	...	...	...	...	9
J. Shepherd, run out ...	...	...	...	...	...	0
A. Buckland, c ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
C. Claydon, c ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
A. Thame, b	1
J. Claydon, not out	12
J. Harris, b	0
T. Wyatt, b	3
E. Buckland, run out	7
Extras	7
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						63
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THEALE.

FIRST INNINGS.				SECOND INNINGS.			
R. Henwood, b	0	b	2
J. Pitman, b	0	b	1
E. Beesley, run out...	2	b	1
W. King, b	...	...	0	c	...	...	0
B. Barefoot, b	...	...	0	c	..	...	0
E. Goswell, b	...	...	0	run out	...	...	2
E. Ballard, b	...	...	1	b	...	...	0
W. Fidler, b...	0	b	0
V. Rivers, b...	0	b	1
A. Gregory, not out...	0	b	0
T. Beesley, b	0	not out	3
Extras	4	Extras	7
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			7				17
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The School Holidays begin on Friday, August 3rd. The School will re-open on Monday, September 10th.

J. T. F.

READING,

July 26th, 1894.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 105.

SEPTEMBER, 1894.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

We remind all competitors, that all articles for exhibition at the Cottage Garden Show, on Tuesday, September 4th, must be brought to the Tent before 9 o'clock that morning. Also the Winner of *any prize* for two years in succession may not compete for the prize a third year, but he may exhibit, and it is hoped that many will do so, otherwise the Show may be a poor one, and it may be found necessary to put in force a very common rule, that no prize will be awarded unless there are a certain number of competitors. It will be remembered what a small number of persons competed last year for the "best collection of vegetables." Also, let it be remembered that the Winners of the prizes for the "best cultivated garden," or the "best collection of vegetables," may receive in that year no other prize except for Garden Herbs, or Bunch of Flowers.

The Church will as usual be decorated on Saturday, September 1st, and we ask you to send your offerings of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, to the Church that morning by 9 o'clock.

The Annual Guild Service, on August 16th, was attended by about 85 members, who afterwards enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening at Englefield House. We request members to remove the names of Solomon Allen, and Ellen Barham, and to insert the following: John T. Fox, Edward Lewis, Edward Mobsby, Letitia Palmer, Kate Barlow, Edith Howell, and Mary Loder. There are at the present time 112 members of the Guild, many of whom are no longer in the Village, but we hear from or see most of them from time to time.

The only Guild member whose address we do not know and of whom we should be very glad to hear, is Fred Griffin: any information about him would be welcome.

The Vicar of Totternhoe writes : " and now I have to thank you most heartily on behalf of the whole Parish as well as myself, for your generous and most acceptable gift ; both the Surplices and Cassocks seem as good as new, and we shall now find all our needs supplied for a very long time to come ; it would complete our pleasure if you could only see them in use, . . . , , "

The above refers to our old Choir garments, the best of which were sent to Totternhoe ; the Vicar's letter emphasizes the fact how difficult it is for poor country Parishes to supply themselves with all that is needful and seemly for Divine Service ; even our cast off Choir garments are reckoned " as good as new," in places where very limited funds do not permit of Choir boys and men having a Cassock of any kind to wear.

A pair of Silver Candlesticks have taken the place of the brass ones on our High Altar, they bear the inscription—" In memory of M.A.E.H.," sufficient identification for the present, but the words may possibly puzzle future generations in Englefield long after the remembrance of the present Rector and inhabitants has passed away.

School recommences on Monday, September 10th, desks and benches have been re-varnished, a new and larger stove has been put into the Infants' room, which has been made more cheerful by washing off a coat of white paint from the windows : the stove in the larger room has been placed in a more central position, and it is in contemplation to keep the fire alight by night as well as day in cold weather ; owing to the difficulty of getting the fires lighted quite early the temperature of the rooms has often been not above 40° at 9 a.m., far too cold for children or their teachers ; there seems no simpler remedy than to make the first up over night and (we have tested the possibility) find it alight next morning.

The paving of the giant's stride has been or is about to be re-laid. Also a covered shed has been provided for the Boys' use, and when the club billiard room is built, its south wall will form the back of a covered shed for the girls.

Mr. Benyon kindly gave the Choir, Ringers, Servers, &c., a day out on Monday, 27th August; they availed themselves of an Oddfellows' Excursion to Portsmouth, two busses conveyed the party of 32 to Reading by 6.15 and Portsmouth was reached at 8.40, breakfast in the train was very welcome, they first visited Mr. W. H. Smith's beautiful Church at Portsea, which had, sad to relate, on the previous evening been subjected to a gross act of sacrilege, some wicked person entering through a window had set fire to the High Altar, and turning on the gas had desired to wreck the Church, the Altar frontal, the work of the late Mr. Smith's daughters was totally destroyed. At 10 the party were conducted over the Dockyard, then followed tram to Southsea, for some a bathe, for others a stroll or rest upon the beach, whilst one or two venturesome ones were photographed but it was a little doubted whether their own mothers would recognize them. Dinner at the "Cairo Restaurant" was good and abundant, but the attendance was scarcely up to date, however the 2 o'clock boat to Ryde was caught, the sea was smooth and the trip enjoyable. The party returned to the Restaurant in good time for Tea at 6 and the return home was begun at 7.30, at the end of a long pleasant day for which all desired heartily to thank Mr. Benyon.

From this date Daily Evensong will be at 6 until further notice, and the Choir practices on Thursdays and Fridays at 7 instead of 7.30.

The Choir party ought to have numbered 34, but two boys were unable to come. John Harris was suffering from neuralgia, and Fred. Newman hurt his eye on the previous Saturday in cutting wood.

The weather has been very trying for harvest work, an inch of rain which represents 100 tons of water to the acre, fell on Friday and Saturday the 25th and 26th August, but the crops are very abundant and we must hope for some fine weather to gather them in, but harvest will not nearly be completed in Englefield by Tuesday, September 4th, the date of our Harvest Thanksgiving. The grass and root crops are also most abundant, not only are the water meadows at Chalk Pit Farm waiting for

propitious weather to be mown a second time, but we hear of grass crops in other parts of the Parish which can be similarly treated. On the score of abundance we have much this year for which to be thankful.

A.L.C.H.

ENGLEFIELD, READING,
28th August, 1894.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 106.

OCTOBER, 1894.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

At a Committee Meeting of the Workmen's Club held September 17th, it was decided to keep two kinds of beer of which Messrs. Dymore Brown's should be one. Complaints were made of the ginger beer, and it was resolved to purchase some in addition to having 'home-made.'

It was resolved that the Club Room be opened on Sundays after Evening Service until 9.30.

It was resolved that on October 2nd, in connexion with some festivities in the village to celebrate Miss Benyon's marriage, that a sum of £1 be spent (to meet a donation of £1), to provide professional assistance at a Smoking Concert in the evening.

It was resolved that the next Club Dance be on Thursday, October 25th, and that Messrs. Johnson, Seward, Robinson, Tegg, and T. Harris be a Sub-Committee to make arrangements.

It was resolved that the Tournament of Games be again held this winter, and that the prizes (which are not to be given in money) shall be publicly distributed.

It was resolved that in future the Smoking Concerts, which are held at intervals during the winter, be arranged by a Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Roake, Tegg, Taylor, Robinson, and Johnson.

It was resolved that ginger ale, soda water, and some temperance winter drinks be introduced into the Club.

The "Daily Graphic," "Standard," and "Daily Telegraph" were sold for 1/6 a quarter, to be taken away the morning after the date of publication.

Some new arrangements have been made concerning the Sunday School and Bible Classes.

A Bible Class for Boys who have been confirmed, and for those who have left the Day School is held every Sunday at 10.15 a.m. in the Workmen's Club.

A Bible Class for Girls who have been confirmed and for those who have left the Day School, is held every Sunday at 10.15 a.m., in the Infants' Class Room.

The remainder of the Sunday Scholars do not meet in School until 10.30, when the Teachers hear and explain Collect and Hymn, but there is no Bible Reading and children must bring their own Prayer and Hymn Book.

The Choir Boys are let out at 10.40, the others arrive in Church at five minutes before 11.

In the evening the Sunday School Scholars are marked in Church.

The School Library is now opened on Mondays at 12 o'clock, and the Clothing Club Depositors for the future make their payments in the School on the same day and at the same hour, namely Monday at noon.

On the occasion of Miss Benyon's marriage, though not on the day itself but on the following Tuesday, October 2nd, Mr. Benyon proposes to entertain at dinner in the Long Gallery at half-past one all persons and their wives who work for him in Englefield, Ufton, Theale, and Bradfield, also all the Englefield Day and Sunday Scholars, except those who are in the Infants' Day School. The whole day will be given as a holiday to those who work for him, and of course it will also be a whole School holiday.

After dinner a Band will play on the terraces, where weather permitting, some will enjoy a pipe, or to sit about, or a country dance. Towards 5 o'clock the party will break up.

On the previous afternoon Mrs. Benyon will visit the Infants' School, for what purpose may be imagined, but it is impracticable to invite to dinner the Infant School children, some of whom are not very ready in handling a knife and fork.

All Englefield children and other Englefield persons, as far as possible, will dine in the tent outside the Long Gallery.

In presenting a pair of Silver Altar Vases, bearing the inscription "To the glory of God and in memory of September, 27th, 1894." Miss Benyon writes that she "hopes they will be accepted as a small offering to the Church from one who has worshipped there all her life, and who will carry away to her new home an everlasting remembrance of her old home and her Parish Church." She says she will like to feel that she has left behind "some little offering for the Altar before which she has so often knelt."

A Meeting to arrange football matters for the coming season was held in the Workman's Club, on Thursday Evening, August 30th, when the following officers were appointed:—

Captain: Mr. G. J. Taylor.

Vice-Captain: Mr. Dan Fisher.

Hon. Sec.: Mr. A. E. Robinson.

Treasurer: Rev. A. Heigham.

Committee: Messrs. T. Cox, C. Fisher, T. Harris, G. Johnson, A. Lamperd, and E. Mobsby.

Referee: Mr. J. Clayden.

It was resolved that the expenses of the Referee be no charge on the Club funds, but be subscribed for at one penny each match by the team who are playing.

It was resolved to challenge certain Clubs, and that a minute book should be purchased.

The last of the "foreign" Cricket Matches of the season deserves a record, it was on the home ground and against Mortimer who brought in addition to a well-known umpire, an eleven amongst which was Sergeant Bedding of the 49th Regimental Depôt and several other good players in no ways connected with Mortimer, so that at first sight it seemed as though we were greatly outmatched. We won the toss, and the Sergeant bowled three of our men for five runs, a sorry commencement, but J. Todd made a fine innings of 29, and

Whittaker in addition to his own nine stole a good many byes in very clever fashion, no other double figure was made, but by dint of hard work and good running the respectable total of 66 was scored.

The Mortimer innings began as disastrously as ours, for the loss of three wickets have had but six runs, Sergeant Bedding was missed at a hard catch the first ball, and eventually made ten runs when the total stood at 20 for six wickets, the remaining four men were disposed of for four runs so that the match was won by Englefield by 42 runs.

ENGLEFIELD C.C.

W. Lambden, b. Bedding	...	...	...	...	2
J. Coombes, b. Bedding	...	...	...	...	1
J. Todd, run out	...	...	...	...	29
R. Todd, b. Bedding	...	...	...	...	0
A. E. Robinson, c. Bedding, b. James	...	...	...	...	6
W. Whittaker, c. Lovell, b. James	...	...	...	...	9
G. Taylor, b. Love	...	...	...	...	3
G. Tizard, c. Rose, b. Bedding	...	...	...	...	6
Mr. Murdoch, b. James	0
T. Harris, b. James	0
D. Horne, not out	0
Byes, 8, leg byes 1, no ball 1	10
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					66
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MORTIMER C.C.

A. Love, run out	3
A. Lovell, b. Whittaker	1
W. Brown, c. Tizard, b. Whittaker	0
Sergeant Bedding, b. Taylor	...	...	...	...	10
H. Thomas, b. Whittaker	...	...	...	...	3
J. Rose, b. Whittaker	...	...	...	...	3
F. Lovell, b. Whittaker	...	...	...	...	0
W. Mosdell, c. Whittaker, b. Taylor	2
W. Raggett, c. Harris, b. Whittaker	2
E. Gray, not out	0
F. James, b. Whittaker	0
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We propose commencing Evening School, on Monday, October 15th, with the following Time Table :

	7 to 7.30.	7.30 to 8.	8 to 9.
Monday ...	Writing and Composition	Reading (Life and Duties of a Citizen)	Boot Mending
Tuesday ...	Arithmetic	Drawing	Recreation
Wednesday	Dictation, Writing, or Composition	Vocal Music, Tonic Sol Fa System	Recreation

The charge is 2d. a week which will be returned at the end of the season, after deducting 1d. for every absence, and 1d. for every occasion of coming after the register is closed, and it is closed precisely at 7 o'clock.

As regards the Vocal Music we invite anyone who likes to come, free of charge, for that half-hour ; we should be glad to see many men come in, who although able to sing a little are not able to sing a separate part (Tenor or Bass) and to whom some technical instruction and voice training would be an advantage, and possibly fit them for the best service which we can render with our voices, namely to sing in a Church Choir.

As regards Boot-mending, old boots may be brought to be mended, leather for patches will be provided, leather to re-sole will be sold at cost price, but notice must be given as a stock is not kept. Refreshments will be sold at the usual price.

The keeping of the Harvest Festival, on Sunday, September 2nd, and on the following Tuesday was observed in our accustomed manner, large gifts of vegetables, &c., were offered by the Parishioners and were afterwards sent to the Hospital.

The Garden Prizes were distributed as follows :

BEST CULTIVATED GARDEN.

MECHANICS.	LABOURERS.
J. Hayes	C. Cox
D. Harris	J. Claydon
D. Horne	A. Eyles

BEST COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES.

MECHANICS.	LABOURERS.
D. Harris	J. CLAYDON
G. Allen	C. Cox
E. Lamperd	

ONIONS.	BEANS.	CARROTS.
W. Horne	W. Vince	W. Vince
J. Abery	D. Elliott	J. Abery
J. Cox	G. Neighbour	T. Dixon

POTATOES.	CABBAGE.	PARSNIPS.
D. Elliott	A. Bowley	J. Martin
H. Martin	T. Thame	T. Thame
T. Thame	C. Fisher	J. Cox

TURNIPS.	GARDEN HERBS.	BUNCH OF FLOWERS
C. Fisher	W. Cox	D. Horne
W. Day	E. Lamperd	D. Elliott
D. Elliott	D. Horne	H. Horne

WILD FLOWERS.

Annie Claydon	Rose Wyatt.
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The School attendance prizes (this year in money) were also given by Mrs. Benyon as follows ; the School was only open for 317 attendances in consequence of illness amongst the scholars.

317 ATTENDANCES.

Edward Buckland	Charles Claydon	Fred Newman
Alfred Buckland	Herbert Cox	Florence Allen
Hubert Cox	George Neville	

316 TO 310 ATTENDANCES.

Fred Dixon	Frank Shackelford	Edward Fowler
Alfred Thame	Emily Horne	Sydney Allen
Jesse Neville	Amy Neville	John Vince
William Lamperd	Alice Vince	Frank Sessions
Alfred Horne	Nelly Eyles	Nelly Cox
Stephen Claydon	Hilda Harris	Agnes Cox
Isabella Lamperd	Robert Allen	Frank Russell
Fred Shackelford	George Neighbour	Sam Newman
Sydney Cox	Albert Cox	Gertrude Cox
Leonard Cox	Harry Vince	Annie Abrey
Owen Wyatt	William Fowler	Annie Claydon

309 TO 300 ATTENDANCES.

Harry Newman	William Martin	George Coombes
Louis Vince	Tom Smith	John Harris
Louisa Fowler	Emily Winchcombe	Rose Wyatt
Rosa Bates	Walter Cox	Gertrude Hopgood
Alice Smith	William Groves	Martha Davis
Alfred Day	Tracey Wyatt	Fanny Horne
Hubert Sessions	John Shepherd	
Percy Thame	Harriet Shepherd	

A practice with the fire engine took place near the lake on Saturday, 29th September, and again on Saturday, 15th October, at the pond in the pleasure grounds. The hose reaches from the lake to the house a distance of 450 yards, and the jets of water were thrown thence from the terrace to a height well up to the upper storey of the house.

When the Dinner Kitchen re-opens probably on October 29th, it must be remembered that children who bring their own dinner to School must eat it under their shed or in the Dinner Kitchen. The School-rooms cannot be used during play hours, otherwise they do not get fresh and sweet and fit for the afternoon's work.

We go to press before September 27th, the day fixed for Miss Benyon's marriage in S. Mark's, North Audley Street, at 2 p.m., some of us hope to be present in the Church on the occasion, we ask all, whether present or absent, to pray that God's blessing may rest on the marriage of Edith G. Benyon and Alfred Hoare.

It is a private matter, but worth recording, that Miss Benyon has asked her mother to accompany her to an early Celebration of Holy Communion on that morning. Can such a day with its new life be so begun and fail of the Blessing of God? We think not.

A.L.C.H.

PARSONAGE,

ENGLEFIELD, READING,

21st September, 1894.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 107.

NOVEMBER, 1894.

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

A general Meeting of the Members of the Cricket Club was held on Tuesday, October 10th, with the Rector in the chair, and a good attendance of Members.

The Annual Report (a copy of which is given below) was read by the Hon. Sec., and unanimously ordered to be received and placed on the records of the Club.

The prize bat for best average in batting was then presented to Mr. A. E. Robinson, the Hon. Sec. and Captain of the Club, and the Chairman also presented a writing cabinet to Mr. W. Lamden, who stood second on the list of batting averages. This latter present was *not* from the funds of the Club. The following Balance Sheet was presented by the Treasurer, and shewed but a very trifling balance in hand. A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.

SEASON 1894.—RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	4	14	0
R. Benyon, Esq.	2	0	0
Mrs. Benyon	1	0	0
Rev. A. Heigham	0	10	0
Mrs. Butler, 5/-; Mr. Todd, 5/-	0	10	0
Thirty-six Subscriptions at 1/6	2	14	0
Thirty-four Cricket Caps sold	2	8	2
Rev. A. Heigham (donation)	1	0	0
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	£14	16	2
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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
"Average" Bat for 1893 and 1894	2	1	0
Gunn and Moore's bill	6	8	9
Erecting Tent	1	7	6
Umpire, 7/- ; Repairs, 5/3	0	12	3
New Crease Marker, 7/9 ; Postage, 7/-	0	14	9
Thirty-six Cricket Caps	2	11	0
Mowing Ground	1	0	0
Balance in hand	0	0	11
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	£14	16	2

ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,

The season now past has been a memorable one for many reasons. An excellent programme of matches was arranged at its commencement, and *all* have been played. Not only have they all been played, but, what is also very satisfactory, they have all been brought to a definite conclusion. The weather has, at times, interrupted, or postponed the game for an hour or so, but it has never interfered so much as to cause it to be left unfinished. Fifteen "home and home" matches were arranged, and of these nine were won and six lost. Our opponents have scored 1231 runs for 188 wickets, thus averaging 6.5 runs per wicket; whilst we have scored 1159 runs for 160 wickets, an average of 7.2 runs per wicket. Besides these, three matches have been played between the Married and Single Members of the Club, of which the former have won two, and the latter one.

The list of inter-club matches, with their results, is as follows:—

CLUB.	GROUND.	RESULT.
Biscuit Factory C.C. ...	Home ..	Won by 34 runs.
" " " " ...	Away ...	Lost by 3 wickets and 102 runs.
Theale C.C. ...	Home ...	Lost by 9 wickets.
" " " " ...	Away ...	Won by 26 runs.
Tidmarsh C.C. ...	Away ...	Won by 18 runs.
" " " " ...	Home ...	Won by 4 wickets and 77 runs.
Mortimer C.C. ...	Away ..	Lost by 5 runs.
" " " " ...	Home ...	Won by 42 runs.
Reading Minster C.C. ...	Home ...	Lost by 38 runs.
" " " " ...	Away ...	Won by 8 runs.
Bucklebury C.C. ...	Away ...	Won by an innings and 34 runs.
" " " " ...	Home ...	Won by 22 runs.
Wasing C.C. ...	Home .	Won by 150 runs.
" " " " ...	Away ...	Lost by 21 runs.
Royal Seed Estab. C.C.	Home ...	Lost by 67 runs.

It will be seen from the above, that no Club has beaten us twice, although we have had the satisfaction of serving out such treatment to others.

The play, which has contributed to these excellent results, has been marked by 'all-round' improvement, especially in what has formerly been the weakest point, viz.: 'fielding.' The bowling has been much above the standard of previous years, due, without doubt, to the same cause as the improved 'fielding'—the new blood which has been introduced into the team. And a strong current it is too, for there are no less than four new good 'all-round' men, and all regular players. Turning to the 'batting' department, the only word of regret must be expressed. There is a 'tail,' and at times it grows quite long; several members' averages having fallen much below expectation.

The team is, however, far from a bad one in this department. A glance at the totals will prove this. An average of 79 runs per innings cannot be said to be bad—rather otherwise.

The best bowling averages are as follows:—

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average Per Wkt.
G. Tizard	44·3	8	76	16	4·8
A. E. Robinson	40	6	115	20	5·7
W. S. Whittaker	108·3	32	196	33	5·9
G. Taylor	215·4	50	432	72	6
W. Smythe	27	3	69	11	6·2

The best batting averages for the whole season are:—

1. W. S. Whittaker	140 runs for 7 innings, average	20
2. J. Todd	60 ,, 4 ,,	15
3. W. Lamden	162 ,, 11 ,,	14·7
4. A. E. Robinson	199 ,, 15 ,,	13·2
5. G. Buckland	43 ,, 4 ,,	10·7
6. J. Coombes	94 ,, 16 ,,	5·8

For the 'prize' bat, which is given for the best seven completed innings, the best averages are:—

PRIZE 1. A. E. Robinson	176 runs.	Average 25·1
,, 2. W. Lamden	158 ,,	22·5
,, 3. W. S. Whittaker	140 ,,	20
,, 4. J. Coombes	79 ,,	11·2
,, 5. J. C. Todd	60 ,,	8·5
,, 6. D. Horne	56 ,,	8

The cricket ground has, as in previous years, been kindly placed at the disposal of the Club by the President. It is in as good condition as ever; and as long as it is used as carefully as it has been during the past season, there is reason to believe that so long will its use be granted to the Club. To have such a President as Mr. Benyon, is a source of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to every member, and his kindness to the Club esteemed at its true worth.

In conclusion, there has been 'all-round' improvement in the play, the team has played the game in its true spirit, and they have worked together in the happiest way. As a result, the season of 1894 has been both enjoyable and successful.

A. E. ROBINSON,

Hon. Sec.

We give the Balance Sheet of the Boys' Cricket Club:—

RECEIPTS.

					£	s.	d.
1893.	Balance in hand	...	...	...	0	7	11
	Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
	Discount off bill	0	1	0
1894.	Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
	Discount off bill	0	2	0
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					£4	10	11
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PAYMENTS.

					£	s.	d.
1893.							
Apr.	Two Footballs	0	14	6
	One Bat, 5/- ; One Ball, 4/6	0	9	6
Oct.	Repairs	0	2	2
1894.							
Sept.	Two Footballs	0	17	0
	Two Bats, 12/- ; Three Balls, 12/-	1	4	0
	Balance in hand	1	3	9
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					£4	10	11
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It must be remembered that no boy below Standard IV. is allowed to take out either the Cricket or Football things.

Mr. Webb kindly allowed the boys of our School to go into "Lorings' Meadow" and gather such walnuts as they could find off the grand old tree which stands there; one boy acknowledged to have had more than 100.

It is with shame we record that before the permission was given, some of the School boys had broken over a fence edged with barbed wire, and stolen some of the walnuts.

Now that the acorn season is at hand, we may again express the hope that fences, gates, and railings will not be injured. Moreover, it is not lawful but downright robbery to take Mr. Benyon's acorns and sell them to *any other person* than Mr. Benyon's gamekeepers who alone are authorised to buy them. We may also add that to trespass *without leave* all over the park and meadows in search of mushrooms can scarcely be justified.

2nd October, 1894, was as fine and pleasant an autumn day as could be desired, and the party (about 440) who dined in the Long Gallery and adjacent tent seemed greatly to enjoy themselves; health and happiness to the Bride and Bridegroom (Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hoare) was the toast and thought of the day; dancing, &c., on the terraces was kept up, till the afternoon was well advanced, then followed a Servants' Ball at the House and an Entertainment at the Club at which latter about 80 persons were present—a pleasant evening was spent, Mr. Young kindly taking the chair in the absence of many members at the Ball.

Miss Benyon sent a kind note of thanks to the Parishioners of Englefield, for their handsome wedding present of a pair of silver waiters.

Five boys have been admitted to the Choir, namely:—

William Martin	Alfred Buckland
Harry Vince	Edward Buckland
Robert Allen	

We hope they will in every way try to be good and useful boys. William Allen's voice is broken, and he has had to leave the Choir.

On this the 12th day of October, so lovely and mild is the weather, and the temperature of the water 59° that six boys had a swim in the bath, but towards the end of the month the bathing will, no doubt, be over, and we shall be able to add details of what has been accomplished.

Mrs. Benyon has given some Bibles for the use of the congregation in Church ; to follow with the eye is an additional help to hearing with the ear, and moreover fixes the attention.

All Clothing Club Cards must be sent in, and the last deposit for this season made, on Monday, October 29th ; on the following Monday, November 5th, the orders on the various tradesmen will be given out at the usual time and place.

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

The results of a very satisfactory bathing season are as follows: the weather remaining mild, bathing continued one day later than named above, in all 32 day School Boys have bathed from 1 to 91 times : of these 32 boys, 17 (whose names are printed in italics) can swim. The temperature of the water varied from 57° to 70°, the total number of baths taken was 770. This is the ninth year in which the swimming bath has been in use, and each year we seem to see and feel increasingly its usefulness and pleasure. Self reliance, courage, cleanliness are amongst the good results of a swimming bath : the rising generation of boys have reason to be grateful to Mr. Benyon for the gift of the bath, and speaking personally the time bestowed in giving lessons and general superintendence is not in any way felt to be wasted.

<i>Hubert Cox</i>	91	<i>John Harris</i>	33
<i>James Claydon</i>	88	<i>Alfred Buckland</i>	30
<i>Alfred Horne</i>	84	<i>Edward Wheeler</i>	30
<i>Harry Vince</i>	79	<i>William Fowler</i>	22
<i>Robert Allen</i>	65	<i>John Shepherd</i>	21
<i>Tracey Wyatt</i>	62	<i>Fred. Newman</i>	11
<i>John Vince</i>	59	<i>Tom Smith</i>	9
<i>Charles Claydon</i>	45	<i>Frank Sessions</i>	7
<i>Stephen Claydon</i>	44	<i>Owen Wyatt</i>	6
<i>Alfred Allen</i>	44	<i>John Bond</i>	4
<i>Percy Thame</i>	44	<i>Edward Fowler</i>	2
<i>Sydney Allen</i>	38	<i>George Neville</i>	2
<i>Edward Buckland</i>	36	<i>Jesse Neville</i>	2
<i>Walter Cox</i>	35	<i>Fred. Shackelford</i>	2
<i>Thomas Thame</i>	35	<i>Albert Cox</i>	2
<i>Alfred Thame</i>	33	<i>William Lamperd</i>	2

Wild strawberries were plentifully gathered in the Parish as lately as Sunday, October 21st. Who does not remember the brilliant colouring of the elms a little earlier than this time last year? This autumn the leaves are retaining their colour to the end and falling green.

If the work is sufficiently forward, and weather permitting, it is proposed to dedicate the Lych Gate and the Memorial Cross on Sunday Morning, November 5th. The Congregation are invited to follow the Choir out of Church and to stand on the grass on the ~~left~~ ^{Right} hand side as they go out—Hymn 225, "Brief life is here our portion," will be sung in procession; the Choir will go as far as the Lych Gate, where a dedication prayer will be said, they will then walk to and surround the Memorial Cross singing "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, &c.," when another prayer will be said; they will then return to the Church singing Hymn 140, "JESUS lives, &c.." and the Congregation will return after them and the usual service in Church will continue.

After much consideration it seems desirable to take no steps about a Confirmation until the usual time again comes round.

PARSONAGE,
ENGLEFIELD, READING,
24th October, 1894.

A. L. C. H.

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 108.

DECEMBER, 1894.

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

The dedication of the Lych Gate and Churchyard Cross took place on Sunday morning, November 4th, as previously announced. The following was the order of service used :

ORDER OF SERVICE AT DEDICATION OF LYCH GATE AND CHURCH-YARD CROSS.

Hymn 225 "Brief life, &c." (in procession from Church).

Prayer at Lych Gate.

O most Holy Lord God, in Whose Hands are life and death, we humbly dedicate to Thy Glory and set apart for holy uses this Lych Gate, and we pray Thee to accept that which we unworthily offer, and to bless the giver and his family : through JESUS Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant that we who pass under this Gate may be mindful of our death, and prepare ourselves to go down humbly to our graves, and we pray that the souls of those whose bodies rest here on their way to the tomb may find eternal rest with Thee : through JESUS Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Remember also, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants, especially our own relations and friends, who have departed before us and rest in the sleep of peace, we pray Thee to grant to them, and to all who sleep in Christ, refreshment, light, and peace : through the same JESUS Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

"*Nunc dimittis*" (in procession to the Church-yard Cross).

Prayer at Church-yard Cross.

We bless, O Lord, Thy Holy Name for all Thy mercies to us, we thank Thee that we are still spared whilst others have been called away, and unworthy though we be, we offer to Thee ourselves our bodies, souls and spirits to serve Thee better, and in Thanksgiving for Thy many mercies, we, the people of Englefield, offer for Thy Glory and the adornment of our Church-yard, this Cross, which here and now we dedicate and set apart from all common uses. Grant that as we pass by it our hearts may offer praises to Him Who hung upon the Cross for us and for our salvation, and we pray Thee to gather us under the feet of Thine elect when Thou wilt, and as Thou wilt, only without sin and shame, for His sake Who died and rose again for us, the same JESUS Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 140 "JESUS lives, &c." (on re-entering Church).

After paying all expenses connected with the Memorial Cross there remains a balance in hand which will go some way towards providing a new oak gate for the west entrance to the Churchyard, and this seems a satisfactory way of disposing of the balance. Mr. Harris has sent a drawing for the gate, and it will soon be put in hand.

We beg our friends, especially the younger ones, not to stand on the grass outside the Churchyard near the Lych Gate, it has rather been a custom to lounge upon the wall which is both unseemly and destroys the ivy; also some fresh turf has been laid at the west entrance to the Churchyard, and this will grow and look tidy if only it is not unnecessarily trodden on.

We want to begin again a band of Young Ringers, and shall be glad of volunteers who will begin, stick to it, and not be afraid of a rope. Any ordinarily skilful boy can learn to handle a bell in about six lessons, and to learn change ringing must be a pleasure to anyone gifted with intelligent interest in figures.

We have no vacancies in our present company of ringers, but in these days of change and movement we wish to have some competent ringers coming on.

We look to have some names given in, and hope to make a start at once.

We wish to remind you of our annual collections for S.P.G., on the third Sunday in Advent, December 16th, and of the Christmas-day collections, which will, as usual, be for the Oxford Diocesan Missionary Candidates' Association. Those who hold missionary boxes will please send them to the Parsonage during the week commencing December 16th.

THE LATE MISS BENYON'S CHARITY.

Extract from the will of Miss Frances Benyon, who died in London, January, 1886.

"I bequeath to the person who shall be Rector of Englefield at my death, the sum of £200 in trust, to distribute the same among *poor aged* persons of that parish at his discretion, not exceeding £20 in any year, until the whole thereof with any accruing interest thereon shall be exhausted."

For 12 years, that is until 1878, the interest of this £200, namely £6 a year, was expended in coal, but in 1878 the practice began of using some of the *principal* as well as the interest, and £20 a year was spent in coal; it is to be feared that the word *aged* began to be lost sight of, and *every cottage* occupied by labourers received a gift of coal, the list for 1885 contains 46 names, and the present Rector finding this system in force, and not making himself acquainted (as he ought to have done) with the terms of the will, has continued the practice.

From 1866 to 1878 the principal (£200) remained untouched, the interest was apparently sufficient to provide coal for the aged poor; from 1878 to 1888 the principal diminished to £110, and at the present time it is further reduced to £63 9s. 1d., which with interest on that amount (£1 18s. 0d.) makes a total available balance of £65 7s. 1d.

The terms of the will allow an *outside* amount of £20 to be expended in any one year, the Rector puts it to you whether it is right or even justifiable to continue spending the legacy quite so quickly. With bread at 8d. a gallon (and it ought to be less), with all kinds of food and clothing very cheap, is it well to run through the small remaining sum in the next three or four years? And further, is it legal? Is there any justification to continue giving coal to everyone, old or otherwise? As a matter of fact there are not six householders in Englefield who would like to be called "old." The present interest of £1 18s. 0d. would give these six—if there be six—five cwt. of coal each at Christmas.

It may be again mentioned that this charity having been in existence less than forty years, does not pass under the control of the Parish Council.

We are requested to announce Mr. and Mrs. Benyon's invitation to the Choir to their annual tea, on Thursday, 27th December.

Also, what is usually known as "the Squire's dance" has been fixed by him to take place at the Club, on Thursday, 3rd January, 1895.

We hope to enclose with this number of our "local sheet" some good reading for Advent. So far as we can at present see our Christmas-day Services will be as in previous years.

We hope, in January, to re-commence the Women's Monthly Bible Reading, on the third Sunday, at 3.30.

The subject of utilizing our Club for the benefit of women has been engaging the attention of our President. Put in the form of a question it comes to this, Would it be pleasant and agreeable to the women in our village to meet at the Club one afternoon in each week for a couple of hours, less or more as they desire, to read, to work, to talk, to drink tea and biscuits (one penny), or otherwise amuse themselves? Bring your own needlework, no one under 16 admitted, and say, Wednesday afternoon. Is it worth trying? Would it tend to friendliness? to that mixing one with another which rubs off edges and promotes kindly feelings and sympathies? Babies and children under three years old could accompany their mothers.

We need scarcely remind you of the Parish Meeting for the election of five Parish Councillors to be held on Tuesday, December 4th; it is much to be hoped that any contest may be avoided and that the proposed arrangement will be carried out, whereby Mr. Benyon, Mr. Roake, and one representative each from the Gardens, the Timber Yard, and the Farms, will form the first Parish Council.

It is proposed to commence the Children's Dinners on Monday, December 3rd. Each dinner costs a half-penny.

The deposits in the Clothing Club this year amounted to £43 6s. 6d., the interest added to was £9 2s. 3d. A balance sheet will be published next month.

Mr. Price, the Organizing Visitor, gave our School a thoroughly good, useful, and searching examination last month, the beneficial results should be evidenced next January at Mr. Tremenheere's visit.

The Tonic-Sol-Fa Class in connexion with the Evening School is doing some useful work and is being well patronised.

BAPTISM.

"Take this Child, and nurse it for Me."

October 28th.—Winifred May, daughter of Albert Edwin and Eliza Ann Robinson, School House, Englefield.

GRAND HOTEL,
DOVER.

22nd November, 1894.

A. L. C. H.