

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 109.

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

Most readers will have observed that the late Miss Benyon's death, in the December number, should have been 1866 and not 1886, a printer's error.

Moreover it should have been stated that this particular charity does not pass under the control of the Parish Council until *it has been in existence* 40 years.

At a Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th December, at 7 p.m., at the Workmen's Club, at which 27 Parochial Electors, out of a total of 54, were present, Mr. Roake, Overseer, proposed, and Mr. Palmer, Overseer, seconded a resolution that the Rector of the Parish do take the Chair, this was unanimously carried.

Five nomination papers for Parish Councillors all validly filled in, were handed to, and numbered by the Chairman, who announced the names, viz.: Messrs. R. Benyon, G. Roake, Daniel Harris, Thomas Dixon, and Henry Horne.

After the lapse of the appointed interval of 15 minutes, during which no questions were put to the candidates who were present and no further nominations were made, the Chairman declared that the above five persons were duly elected as the first Parish Council for Englefield. The Meeting then terminated.

It may be mentioned that for the office of District Councillor only one nomination was sent in to the Overseers, viz.: that of the Rector, and that in due course the Relieving Officer (the Clerk to the Guardians), announced his election.

Mrs. Benyon has been kind enough to give the following 30 new books to the School Library, the numbers follow those in the Catalogue; the volumes about Nests, Eggs, Birds, and Mushrooms, are specially interesting.

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| 282. Villa of Claudius. | 298. Hope Allison. |
| 283. Charlie Trench. | 299. Crossing the Ferry. |
| 284. Noble Womanhood. | 300. Cruise of the "Esmeralda." |
| 285. The Two Clippers. | 301. Miss Bright's Guardian. |
| 286. Mrs. Heritage. | 302. Edible and Poisonous Mush- |
| 287. Master Molyneux. | rooms. |
| 288. The vast Abyss. | 303. Afterthought House. |
| 289. Ralph Clifford. | 304. Was it in vain? |
| 290. Mavis and Merlin. | 305. Only a lad. |
| 291. Their Father's Wrong. | 306. The Burglar's Accomplice. |
| 292. Troublesome Cousins. | 307. Midshipman Archie. |
| 293. Our Country's Birds. | 308. One step astray. |
| 294. The Cook and the Captive. | 309. Father Goldsworthy's Will. |
| 295. Miss Coventry's Maid. | 310. As between Man and Man. |
| 296. Nests and Eggs. | 311. A Life's Eclipse. |
| 297. A Heart of Gold. | |

At Committee Meetings of the Workmen's Club lately held various interesting matters have been discussed and disposed of. A challenge from Burghfield Club to play a tournament of Games was accepted, arrangements being left to a sub-committee of Messrs. Robinson, Claydon, and Wheeler.

On the arrival of the Billiard Table, which is ready to come as soon as the room is sufficiently dry, it will be occupied by the half-hour for which period of time a charge of twopence payable in advance will be made.

Additional daily papers were ordered to meet increased demands, viz. : a second *Daily Graphic* and a *Daily Chronicle*.

From January, 1895, the *Strand Magazine* and the *English Illustrated Magazine* will be taken in monthly.

Christmas numbers of the *Illustrated London News*, *Graphic*, and *Queen* were ordered to be bought.

The Rev. J. T. Fox and Mr. Vaughan were elected members of the Club.

At the 'President's Dance' on January 3rd all members of the Club are allowed to come free, and each member is allowed to bring a lady friend free, the name of the lady to be written on a card to be had from the Caretaker.

Moreover on the occasion of all *other* Club dances, members may come free, and any member may bring a lady friend for whom he must obtain a ticket, price 3d.

On all dance nights, billiards and bagatelle cannot be played, but any other of the usual games can be played in the Billiard room.

Two new pictures were ordered to be framed, and a new notice board for 'sports' to be purchased.

From amongst the members of the Workmen's Club has been formed a Troupe of Minstrels who, by very kind permission, are giving an Entertainment in the Long Gallery on Thursday Evening, January 10th, at 7 o'clock. The price of admission is for school children, one penny, for grown-up persons, 2d., and a certain number of reserved seats, 3d., but tickets (required only for the reserved seats) must be bought at the School or Club at latest the day before the Entertainment.

This is the Balance Sheet of the Clothing Club, but for Mr. McIlroy's liberality we should be in debt, our balance in hand has never been so small, we hope Mr. McIlroy's shop will continue to be well patronized.

1894.	RECEIPTS.						£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	6	11	
R. Benyon, Esq.	5	0	0	
Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0	
Miss Benyon	1	0	0	
Deposits	43	6	6	
Discount	0	16	0	
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						£52	9	5	

1894.	PAYMENTS.						£	s.	d.
Repaid in Cash	1	4	2	
McIlroy	32	0	11	
Corderoy	8	11	8	
Selwood	6	3	0	
Burberry	2	16	0	
Kedge	1	13	0	
Balance in hand	0	0	8	
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						£52	9	5	

We laid to rest on December 20th the body of Ernest Buckland, aged 23; brought up in our School, an old Choir boy, Confirmed in our Church, a Ringer, apprenticed at the Yard, he seemed always identified with the Church and Village; a long illness, the result of a bicycle accident, patiently borne, caused his early death. R.I.P.

Our S.P.G. collections on the 3rd Sunday in Advent amounted to £63 3s. 6d., the contents of the Missionary Boxes, as under, to £14 5s. 10d.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Miss Benyon	6	16	3	Mrs. Palmer	0	6	11
The Bothey	0	4	5	Mrs. Robinson	0	5	0
Mrs. Butler	2	12	1	Mrs. Russell	0	4	6
Mrs. Claydon	0	4	6	Mrs. J. Thame	0	6	5
Mrs. Coombes	0	6	11	Mrs. Wardwell... ..	0	6	7
Hilda Harris	0	4	4	Miss Webb	0	4	6
Mrs. Hobart	1	6	3	Miss Wells	0	4	11
Mrs. J. Martin	0	10	6	Under 4/-	0	1	9

We shall be very glad to give out new boxes.

We give notice that the President has fixed the Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club for Monday, January 14th, at 7 p.m., in the Long Gallery.

On Thursday, January 17th, an invitation is given by Mr. and Mrs. Benyon to Tea and a Christmas Tree to all our children. Admission will be by ticket for there is a sad possibility that some few from neglect, irregular attendance, or other misdeeds will have to be excluded.

Notice has been received from Mr. Tremenheere that the School will be examined on Wednesday, January 30th, the Religious examination will we hope take place the following day, after which comes a fortnight's holiday.

It will be remembered that the Offertory for the Churchyard Cross amounted to £131 10s. 3d. Messrs. Wheeler have been paid £110 for the Cross, and Mr. Harris £16 14s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 16s. 1d.,

which has been handed to Mr. Benyon towards the expense of making a new Gate to the West entrance of the Churchyard ; Mr. Benyon kindly gives the oak, and will pay Messrs. Wheeler the amount of their bill for making the Gate over and above the £4 16s. 1d. Mr. Harris has sent a sketch for the Gate.

New silver Vesper Lights for the Altar have been given to our Church by Mrs. Benyon.

We have received for publication the following minutes of the first meeting of our Parish Council.

PARISH OF ENGLEFIELD.

First Meeting of Council held at Englefield House on Monday Evening, December 17th, pursuant to notice.

Present—Mr. Benyon, G. S. Roake, D. Harris, H. Horne, T. Dixon.

The Declaration accepting office was signed by all the Councillors.

Proposed by Mr. Benyon, seconded by T. Dixon, "That G. S. Roake be Temporary Chairman." Carried.

Proposed by D. Harris, seconded by H. Horne, "That Mr. Benyon be Chairman of the Council." Carried.

Proposed by H. Horne, seconded by D. Harris, "That G. S. Roake be Vice-Chairman." Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Benyon, seconded by T. Dixon, "That G. S. Roake be Clerk to the Council." Carried.

Proposed by D. Harris, seconded by H. Horne, "That R. Benyon, Esq., Rev. A. L. C. Heigham, and Mr. G. S. Roake be appointed Trustees of the Apprentice Fund."

The Accounts of the Apprentice Fund were examined and Authority given to the Trustees to invest any Surplus Income (until such time as it might be required) in the Reading Savings' Bank.

The Clerk submitted a List of Parishioners to receive the "Pottinger's Bread Charity" on St. Thomas' Day, which was approved.

The Clerk was instructed to procure a Chest for the safe keeping of the Parish Documents, &c., the same to be in his custody.

Proposed by Mr. Benyon, seconded by D. Harris, "That Mr. Roake act as Treasurer to the Council."

A Precept issued to the Overseers for the sum of Three Pounds to meet the expenses of the Council was signed.

The Post Office authorities have kindly granted us the great boon of a sub-office in our Village ; they have not yet decided

where it is to be, of course the decision rests with them, but either the Club or the Village Shop would seem the most suitable.

The School Children's half-penny dinners have not yet begun, the boiling apparatus was out of order, and when repaired the weather remained so mild that hot soup in a hot dinner kitchen seemed both unwelcome and unnecessary. Should the weather become cold the dinners can at once commence.

The Choir, numbering 8 men and 16 boys, were entertained at Tea at Englefield House on December 27th, when Mrs. Benyon distributed prizes for regular attendance, and the Rector made his usual annual statement.

We copy the following Word Puzzle from "the Bloxhamist."

A old woman on bent,
 Put on her and away she went,
 She said to on her way,
 How shall I manage to to-day.

In each space (. . . .) a word of four letters is wanted, and although of course the *words* are all different, the *same four letters* must be used in each case.

This number begins the tenth year of the "Local Sheet," we hear no complaints, subscribers do not fall off, but we seldom receive any 'copy,' even a question to answer would be now and again an encouragement. The Editor's box is in his front door, where communications can be dropped in without a stamp.

Our Collections on Christmas Day for the Oxford Diocesan Missionary Candidates' Association amounted to £59 2s. 9d.; the reverent Services call for no special remark, nor the large number of Communicants; we are used to both and we thank God.

Up to this date our Registers for the closing year shew that there have been 8 Baptisms, 4 Burials, and no Marriage, indeed the last marriage took place in June, 1892.

LIVE EVIL LIME VILE
 VEIL

The opening of the Club on Wednesday afternoons for the use of Women has not proved numerically successful; 7, 5, 3, exclusive of babies are not encouraging numbers and prove that the Women of our Village are too busy or happy at home to care to come out once a week, but 'boxing day' was not a likely one on which many would leave home. The experiment, kindly meant on the part of the Club Committee, will probably die a natural death with the old year, to be revived in the well-established Lent Working Party in the Long Gallery.

We apologise for such a long 'Local Sheet,' but think it well to add a few words about treats, teas, outings and such like.

It is always recognised that some annual holiday is a fitting reward for voluntary work, even when that work is done for 'God and the Church' and not with any view to a recompense. The summer outing therefore should be confined to the Men and Boys of the Choir now numbering 24, a quite sufficiently large party, who also have a Tea and prizes at Christmas. The Ringers, also a voluntary body, do have their day with the Ringing Guild, as well as an autumn Tea and Ringing in this Deanery. For other little voluntary duties in Church which occur but seldom we must ask that nothing should be expected but an hour or two at the Parsonage on the Sunday afternoon on which the duty is performed.

Numbers are getting rather unwieldy, and we must not ask or expect that more should be done or given that what is above specified.

For much willing, hearty, voluntary work done in Church, Belfry, School, and Club, the Rector desires most earnestly to thank his many dear and kind friends in Englefield, both young and old.

BURIAL.

+ "Grant him eternal rest, O Lord." +

December 20th.—Ernest Mark Buckland, aged 23 years.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

December 27th, 1894.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 110.

FEBRUARY, 1895.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held in the Long Gallery, on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 7 p.m., the President in the chair, and about 24 Members were present.

The following Report and Balance Sheet were read and allowed.

WORKMEN'S CLUB, ENGLEFIELD.

REPORT FOR 1894.

A perusal of the Balance Sheet shews the financial success and a glance at the list of Members shews the numerical success of the Workmen's Club during the past year. There are several events which deserve record: foremost is the fine addition to the Club of the billiard room for which the President is begged to accept very hearty thanks; the table partly provided from the Club's savings and partly the President's gift is ordered and will be in use shortly: bye-laws have been framed concerning its use and will be submitted to the meeting.

The four annual Club Dances have proved a successful pleasure and amusement and have been enjoyed by our members and friends with complete decorum and entire absence of excess; it is proposed that for the future members should come free, but a payment be made for the lady-friend, except on occasion of the President's dance, when no such payment will be required.

The numerous and successful Smoking Concerts have afforded much amusement, and been well patronised and well conducted.

The annual tournament of games has maintained its level of interest and a friendly challenge from Burghfield has been a pleasant novelty.

The opening of the Club on Sunday evenings, from after Church until 9.30 has evidently met a want, from 5 to nearly 20 members being present.

The Committee offered the use of the Club to women one afternoon each week, but this does not seem to have met a want, and it is useless to continue the offer.

1222 books have been lent out from the Library during the year, and it is proposed to purchase some new books.

The President^r is heartily thanked for illustrated and other papers and for premises rent free, which latter gift allows the Club a good margin of balance in hand, some of which will be spent in books, in a large wall map of the World, and in a writing table with cupboards for the convenience of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Although not quite within the province of the Committee, they cannot refrain from expressing thanks to the President for the two street lamps, one of which at least adds considerably to the comfortable entrance and exit to and from the Club.

As regards refreshments, it is proposed to discontinue making our own ginger beer, thereby saving much trouble and time.

As regards beer we have settled down into a fairly regular consumption of Allsopp's Burton and Dymore Brown's Pale Ale, which appear on the whole to give satisfaction.

Two other kinds of biscuits and a further variety of cigars and tobacco have been introduced and seem to be appreciated.

(Signed) A. E. ROBINSON,

January, 1895.

Hon. Sec.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1894.						
RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Interest on £25 for 1893 and 1894	...	...	...	1	10	0
Bible Class Sunday Fire	...	...	...	0	4	4
Library Subscriptions...	...	...	...	1	3	3
Newspapers sold	...	...	...	1	8	5
Tournament Entries	...	...	...	0	14	5
Two oil casks sold	...	...	...	0	5	4
Members Payments	..	...	...	23	10	11
Catalogues sold	...	...	...	1	6	2
Donations for various purposes from A.L.C.H.	11	4	0
Refreshments sold	93	19	8
Balance from last year	22	16	9
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				£158	3	3
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PAYMENTS.						£	s.	d.
Coal and Coke (4 tons in stock)	9	15	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oil	3	19	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Newspapers	6	1	0
Caretaker's Salary	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Books and Repairing	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	2
Tournament Prizes, 1893 and 1894	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	4
Timber-yard Account, Whitewashing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	6
Printing Library Catalogues	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	6
Musicians for Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Postage and Carriage	...	...	...	...	...	0	17	11
Purchase of Refreshments	...	...	...	...	...	69	11	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baize, 6/7 $\frac{1}{2}$; Filter, 2/6; Corks, 2/-; Glasses, 3/-	...	...	...	...	...	0	14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Washstand, Paper-box, Inkstand, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Four glass Spirit Casks	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	0
Insurance, 6/9; Picture Frames, 9/-	...	...	...	...	...	0	15	9
24 Packs Playing Cards, Cribbage Boards, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	2
12 Mugs, 6/-; Drawing Pins, &c., 2/-	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
Balance in hand	...	...	...	...	...	28	5	9
						<u>£158</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

DETAILS OF REFRESHMENTS.

PURCHASE.						£	s.	d.
Beer	...	...	...	...	...	36	9	9
Tobacco and Cigars	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	3
Whisky, Irish	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	0
Whisky, Scotch	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	0
Brandy	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6
Gin	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	0
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mineral Waters, Sugar, Syrup, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	8	12	0
						<u>£69</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

SALE.						£	s.	d.
Beer	...	...	...	...	...	48	17	10
Tobacco and Cigars	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	7
Whisky, Irish and Scotch	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	2
Brandy	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	9
Gin	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	2
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mineral Waters, Squash, Syrups, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	7
Rum	...	...	...	...	...	0	19	2
						<u>93</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Gross Profit	...	...	...	...	...	24	8	0
Deduct difference in value of Stock	...	...	...	...	...	5	11	3
Nett Profit	...	...	...	...	...	<u>£18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

	£	s.	d.
Value of Stock, December, 1893 ...	15	11	6
Value of Stock, December, 1894 ...	10	0	3
Difference	£5	11	3

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Receipts for year	41	4	10
Ordinary Payments for year	46	12	7½

2478 glasses of Squash sold. 1696 bottles of Mineral Waters sold.

It was then resolved to spend £10 in the purchase of books, about £3 in a library table, and £4 or £5 in a map of the world and of the county of Berks. Also that 2d. per half-hour be charged for the use of the billiard table, to be paid in advance, a numbered ticket to be given, and the Members to use the table in consecutive order.

It was also resolved that "Punch," "Fun," and "Judy," after lying a week on the Club tables be given to the Union House. Mr. W. Smyth retired from the Committee, who are now formed as follows :—

	R. BENYON, Esq., <i>ex-officio</i> .	
	THE RECTOR, "	
	THE CARETAKER "	
Mr. Wm. Barefoot.	|	Mr. G. Roake.
„ C. Cox.	|	„ T. Seward.
„ D. Harris.	|	„ H. Shakleford.
„ T. Harris.	|	„ J. Tegg.
„ W. Horne.	|	„ W. Vince.
„ G. Johnson.	|	„ H. Wheeler.
	Mr. A. E. Robinson, <i>Hon. Sec.</i>	
	The Rector, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>	

The Life-boat Box was then, as usual, passed round, and on being opened was found to contain £1 0s. 6d.

The President complimented the Minstrels on their late entertainment, and offered the use of the Long Gallery for Easter Tuesday, April 16th, for another performance. Several Members paid their subscription for the year, and after a vote of thanks to Mr. Benyon, the meeting closed.

The names of 103 Ordinary Members were on the Club list last year, in addition to about 12 Honorary Members.

The next Club Dance will be on Monday, Feb. 25th, Members free. Tickets for the lady-friends to be had from the Caretaker, price 3d. each.

Confirmation days: Feb. 20th, 1887; Feb. 9th, 1890; Feb. 26th, 1893. "*Stir up the gift that is in you.*" "*Run the race that is set before you.*"

After the School Examination on January 30th and 31st, there will be holidays until Monday, Feb. 18th, and on the following Saturday, the 23rd, the Cookery Lessons will recommence.

The Penny Bank Account for the past year stands as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Deposits in 1894	20	4	11
Paid into Savings Bank or to depositors ...	15	9	6
Interest (added by Mr. Benyon)	1	12	11
Balance now in hand on the 1895 P.B. Cards	14	16	11

much of which amount will shortly be placed to the account of the various depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank. The number of depositors during 1894 was 83, now reduced to 63 by various accounts closed or paid off.

Correct answers to the Word Puzzle were received from Wm. Horne and Douglas Harris; the words of course were—Vile—Evil—Veil—Levi—Live.

It is proposed that four Church History Lectures be given in the Long Gallery during Lent at 7 p.m. on the following four Thursdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. We can announce the subjects next month.

On Thursday, January 10th, our Minstrels gave a capital Entertainment in the Long Gallery, there was a large audience who evidently appreciated the performance, the whole of which reflected much credit, both on those who originated the idea and those who took part in carrying it out.

A copy of the following Prayers suggested for mid-day use, and printed on a card will be gladly given to anyone of our readers who will use it; boys and girls in their play time between school, men in their dinner hour, women when the dinner is cleared away and before settling down to their afternoon work, some of each of these persons may be moved to use the Prayers, they will find the use of them much to their own comfort: the Prayers are for ourselves, our Parish, and the whole world, concluding of course with the Lord's Prayer.

MID-DAY PRAYERS.



"In the evening and morning, and at noonday, will I pray."

PSALM lv, 17.

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

BEHOLD, O Lord, amid the busy cares and many occupations of the day, I lift up my soul unto Thee. Thou, Lord, art good and gracious and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. I desire to thank Thee for Thy watchful care, and humbly implore Thy blessing upon all that I undertake and do. Pardon the sins and negligences of the time already past, and may Thy grace and mercy keep me from all evil through the hours yet to come; through JESUS Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSED Saviour, who as at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this Parish all things needful for its spiritual welfare. Bless the Clergy and their work, strengthen the faithful, relieve the sick, turn and soften the wicked, rouse the careless, support the weak, and bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church; to the honour and glory of Thy Blessed Son, JESUS Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, &c.

As Lent does not begin until the last day but one in February, we make no mention of Lent Services, the Working Party in the Long Gallery, or give any details of Special Lectures.

We have to announce a Village Concert in the Long Gallery for Thursday, February 21st, with a very attractive programme, the receipts are kindly promised to our Cricket Club.

The Christmas Tree was a great success. When was it otherwise? When everyone wishes either to give or receive pleasure, the result is not left in uncertainty.

The Needlework Prizes and the Swimming Prizes were an additional satisfaction and pleasure.

When a very sudden death happens, we are always glad to know that the person who was called away was aware of the precarious state of his health, and thus it was with Mr. T. T. Ginn's who died at Englefield, on Monday, Jan. 7th; he had come as usual to tune the organ; he had missed a train at Paddington, appeared much exhausted on his arrival, and died almost immediately in the Caretaker's cottage at the Club, where he usually stayed the night. He has been known to the Editor for many years, he built an organ for his Church in Suffolk, enlarged our 'Jubilee' organ here, and was foreman at the erection of a large organ at Newport Pagnell, when the Editor was Vicar. Mr. Ginn's work was always good, he was an active energetic man, who never left a job incomplete, and took infinite pains both in tuning and in the careful adjustment of every part of the complicated machinery of an organ. We miss him as we miss an old reliable friend, who uniformly did well what he undertook and spared himself no trouble. R.I.P.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,
READING,

January 28th, 1895.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 111.

MARCH, 1895.

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

The Diocesan Inspector in Religious Knowledge visited our School on January 31st, and a few days afterwards sent the following report:

"The School has passed a highly creditable examination in Religious Subjects.

"The answering in each class was intelligent and a good knowledge was shewn of the several subjects presented. The composition of the higher Standards was good. The papers, almost without exception, shewed an accurate knowledge which was well expressed.

"The written work in the Lower Standards was accurate and neat. The Tone of the School is very satisfactory."

Diocesan Prize—Annie Claydor

Commended — { Tracey Wyatt, John Harris,
Fanny Horne, Gertrude Wyatt,
William Lamperd.

„ William Martin, Nelly Cox, Hilda Harris.

„ { Edward Buckland, Harry Vince,
Rose Bates, Harry Newman, Alice Day.

„ { Amy Neville, Charles Fuller,
Florence Neville, William Yarlett,
Alfred Day.

(Signed) CHARLES E. ADAMS,
Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

Mrs. Benyon has kindly presented two water bottles, two table bells, and some Match-holders for use in the Workmen's Club, and the Committee desire to offer their thanks for the useful presents.

The following attractive programme for the Cookery lessons, which all Girls in and above Standard IV. are obliged to attend on Saturday mornings commencing February 23rd, has been sent by Miss Beech. We print it to induce mothers to allow the girls to try and reproduce this cooking at home :

- 1.—Toad-in-the-hole. London Buns. Boiled Carrots.
- 2.—Egyptian Soup. Cottage Cake. Ginger Pudding and Sauce.
- 3.—Beef-steak Pudding. Stuffed Haddock.
- 4.—Treacle Tart. Rice and Cheese, Boiled Cauliflower.
- 5.—Cottage Pie. Boiled Potatoes. Bread Pudding.
- 6.—Irish Stew. Beef-steak Pie. Cornflower Mould.
- 7.—Brown Bread. Fried Fish.
- 8.—Invalid Cookery: Beef Tea. Lemonade. Linseed Tea. Cup of Arrowroot. Invalid's Fish. Gruel.
- 9.—Potato Soup. Mince Pies. Boiled Cabbage.
- 10.—Boiled Mutton and Broth. Parsley Sauce. Jam Puffs.

When our Post Office is opened it is proposed to sell a few articles of common everyday use, in the room which is now being built as a post office, the Club Committee have formed themselves into an Association and have provided the necessary funds for carrying on a little business; it is a very small venture, not intended to interfere with any local trade, but it is thought that if there be a profit in selling, it is a pity that so much of it should go out of the Village into the hands or pockets of those very numerous traders whose carts are perpetually coming through our Village. Why should not the men of Englefield benefit instead of Reading tradesmen? whatever profits there are will be fairly divided. We do not wish to undersell anyone, and the whole little undertaking is not set on foot with the idea of making much gain, but to give men an interest in trade, in home efforts, and in the desire to help ourselves; the Committee ask the Village to support them in an effort which they think will be for the benefit of all. It is needless to say there can be no book-debts, everything will be sold for ready-money across the counter. A trade card is printed of which the following is a copy :

Englefield Workmen's Club Supply Association.



Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals supplied.
 Weekly Papers delivered free in the Village.
 All kinds of Stationery at reasonable prices.
 Licensed to sell Tobacco and Cigars.
 Lamp Oils, Lamps, Wicks, and Glasses.
 Ginger Beer, Lemonade, Soda Water, Squash, &c.
 Tea. Biscuits. Wholesome Sweets. Garden Seeds.



Postmaster & Shop Manager, JAMES CLAYDON,
Post Office, Englefield, Reading.
 (Secretary, A. E. Robinson).

Fifty-seven new books are about to be added to the Library, the names of these books, numbered and in alphabetical order, printed on gummed paper, can be had from the Caretaker price $\frac{1}{2}$ d. each. Anyone in the Village whether a member of the Club or not can buy a list of these new books; members who possess Catalogues will find it an advantage to do so, and by cutting out and sticking in can bring their Catalogues up to date with a small amount of trouble. Copies may be bought from the Caretaker at the Club.

Mr. Wells' Church History Lectures will take place in the Long Gallery, on Thursday Evenings, March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, at 7 o'clock. The first two Lectures will be on "The Church in Wales, Disestablishment, Disendowment, is it fair?" the last two will be on the History of the Prayer Book. The Lectures will be illustrated, and all the Village are cordially invited.

We are hastening this number of the "local sheet" that it may be in your hands before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and announce to you the Services; two Sermons each Sunday should be sufficient for the spiritual digestion, and we do not propose any more until Holy Week, but on Wednesday Evenings in Lent, including Ash Wednesday, Evensong will be at 7 o'clock, and on Sunday Evenings we shall have a special collection of "Lent Savings" for the poor of London. Thus we cover two of the great Christian duties, namely Prayer and Almsgiving, and as regards the third, Abstinence, let each resolve to deny himself in those things which he specially likes: it is not wise to despise little, quiet, unknown, unobserved, acts of abstinence or self-denial, they do by the Grace of God give us great control over ourselves, our unruly tempers, lusts and appetites, and as these are the things which are the greatest hindrance in our spiritual life, no means of gaining control should be lightly set aside. Two leaflets about Lent accompany this "local sheet," and we invite their earnest consideration at your hands.

The following has been sent to us for publication by Mrs. Benyon:

"Time is passing quickly, I think we older ones must feel especially more and more that Lent is given to us not only to look into ourselves, but to help in ever so small a way those more suffering and less well off than ourselves, and so it is that we look forward to our Working Party which we hope to begin at 2.30 on Tuesday, the 5th of March, in the Long Gallery, when all willing workers will be welcome, and to continue on every Tuesday through Lent. With our Rector's approval, we propose this year to work for Home Missions, and for the Universities Mission to Central Africa.

Perhaps we may best describe the objects of Home Missions by saying that the aims are—1st, to send Clergy to work amongst the enormous populations of our great towns in England; 2nd, to supply the Clergy of the smaller towns with such a staff of Assistant Clergy as may enable them to take efficient care of the souls committed to them; 3rd, to send the Gospel message with the means of Grace amongst the scattered populations of large agricultural Parishes.

Some of us may not have heard much of the Mission to Central Africa, so in a very few words I will just mention that the idea of the Mission was first started by that good man, Dr. Livingstone, the great traveller, in 1857, and undertaken in 1859 by Robert Gray, Bishop of Capetown, to try and do away and relieve the horrors and cruelties of the slave trade, and to bring the light of the Gospel to those who were in darkness. This work has gone steadily on in spite of hardships and sickness, holy good men and women following one after the other until the present time; only last year Bishop Smythies after much labour and suffering was taken to his rest. Although not Martyrs in the sense of bloodshed and murder, these good people have laid down their lives for their Lord's sake, and equally of them may we say 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.' In these thirty-five years, from total heathenism we hear of 2000 baptised Christians, and the work is steadily increasing.

I think all will be interested to know that Peter Sims (who was here at a Harvest Home three or four years ago) the son of a native chief, and who was then preparing for Holy Orders, is now an ordained Priest in the Church of Christ, and is working amongst his heathen countrymen, and striving to bring them to a knowledge of the truth.

About twenty persons already, have and use a copy of the Mid-Day Prayers; the season of Lent would be a very good opportunity for beginning the habit of Mid-Day Prayer, a copy can be had by asking for it at the Parsonage at any hour of the day.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

February 20th, 1895.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

N^o. 112.

APRIL, 1895.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

The proceeds of the Concert in the Long Gallery amounted to £4 17s. 4d., kindly given to the Cricket Club, which was greatly in want of funds, the balance in hand at the last audit being elevenpence.

We are asked to give notice that a Sale of the School Children's Needlework will take place on Wednesday in Easter week, in the Housekeeper's room at Englefield House, at 3 o'clock punctually. Those who desire to buy articles made by their own children must take care to be punctual or the garments may be sold. Some other articles will be on sale in addition to those made in the School.

The Billiard Table has come and is in full use. The first game of "50 up" was played on March 5th by the Secretary and the Caretaker. So far as we know, the Club now has everything that can be desired to make it attractive, and to afford every amusement and recreation; and when the Library is more conveniently housed in its new shelves, the attractions will surely be complete.

The Cribbage Tournament between the Mortimer Club and our own has been a pleasant variety, and though we were not victorious either at home or at Mortimer, the enjoyment was none the less.

The following is the Report of the School, lately received :—
MIXED SCHOOL.—"Arithmetic has picked up considerably since last year, but is still only fair in the standards above the second. Reading and Writing are very satisfactory generally, but Spelling is weak in the fourth standard. Recitation is very nicely said, and the Class Subjects have been well taught. General intelligence has been fairly well developed. Drill and Singing are good, and the discipline is very creditable."

INFANTS' CLASS.—“The Infants are most kindly and attractively managed. Their Reading and Arithmetic are pretty good, and their Writing excellent. The Object Lessons and Varied Occupations are well conducted, and the Needlework very neatly executed. Recitation is very good. Special praise is due to the care with which the children have been taught to speak clearly and correctly.”

The Registers must be tested by the Managers at least once a quarter, at irregular intervals, as required by paragraph 6 of appendix 2, of the Instructions to Inspectors. Attention is directed to Article 85 (d) of the Code.

The Balance Sheet of the School Accounts for the past year has been exposed to public view, as ordered, for 14 days, but as usual we give a copy here.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Government Grant	98	14	0
Fee Grant	54	12	6
Voluntary Contributions	106	1	6
Drawing Grant	5	15	6
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	265	3	6

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	200	0	0
Cookery Teacher	5	18	4
Books and Stationery	14	16	9
Fuel, Lights, and Cleaning	11	1	4
Repairs to Furniture and Buildings	8	0	5
Rent, Rates, and Insurance	15	10	0
Other Expenses	9	16	8
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	265	3	6

The School attendance has lately been very irregular owing to colds and mild attacks of influenza, and we feel it the more as the number of children on the books has not been so low for several years, only 97 at the present time.

A good many have left since the holidays, not very wise removals in all cases, but we have no power to interfere, and some parents seem scarcely to value education as they ought. It really seems as if children left school just at the very time when thought and intelligence and the power of mental applica-

tion were beginning to dawn within them, and then for girls there is nothing else. Boys have some further small opportunities in Evening Classes. John Harris has been taken on as a Candidate with a view to becoming a Pupil Teacher and eventually a Schoolmaster; a useful, good, and honourable career thus opens before him, to which we hope and believe he will in every way respond. John Bond is at Easter to fill a vacancy in the Wheelwright's Shop, a good opening which he too in every way deserves, and to which we feel sure he will try his best to do justice. Walter Cox has also been taken on at the Yard, William Fowler has found work at Mayridge Farm, John Shepherd at Lambden's Farm, and Frank Sessions at Hurdle Making. All these boys were 13, and in one case a year older, so that here we can find no reasonable fault with their removal, but you cannot take five boys of that age from a class, however various their tempers and attainments, without feeling their loss, and we are sorry to lose them from the Day School, but hope to see them, if all be well, at Evening Classes and at Sunday Bible Class. The text of a Sermon you lately heard occurs to us, "Jacob went on his way and the Angels of God met him." May it be true of all who go their ways out of our School.

As regards the Girls, Rosa Wyatt, over 14 carries with her the good character which accompanied William and Annie; she has joined the latter in her situation. Rose Tigwell, over 13, has also left, as well as Florence Allen, Martha Davis, and Kate Pusey, who can only write 12 and a very few months after their names, and whom we are therefore specially sorry to lose; another year at School would have been a great advantage. To do "a little work at home" may be useful, but at times we have observed it means idleness and the Village Street. So of Boys, it used to be said, "they must go to work at 10 years old or they won't get used to it;" thank God that lie is pretty well worn out, it had, alas! more to do with the greed of Farmers, and not seldom of Parents also, than the good of the children. Twelve years old is better than 10, but another year to make "the baker's dozen" would be better still.

We send you some further reading for Holy Week and Easter: when Easter falls late as it does this year and persons are busy in their gardens, it requires some extra resolution to attend a seven o'clock evening Service, but we hope many will do so at whatever cost, especially on the Wednesday, Thurs-

day, and Good Friday evenings. The Services will be as follows :—

Monday	{ Mattins, 11.30. Evensong, 4.30. Special Service, 7 p.m.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Good Friday	{ Mattins, &c., 11. Service of our Lord's Passion 2 to 3. Evensong, 7.
Easter Eve	
Easter Day	
	{ Holy Communion, 7.30 and 8.30. Mattins and Holy Communion, 11. Evensong, 6.

The Service on the Thursday Evening will be a special preparation for our Easter Communion.

The hour's service, from 2 to 3, on Good Friday, was valued by many last year, and we hope for an increased number of worshippers this year.

Let us all remember and prepare for our Easter Communion, the old Catechism is the best guide.

Have we Repentance ?
 Faith ?
 Gratitude ?
 Love ?

A carefully spent Holy Week will be a great help to our preparation.

A general meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Thursday, 28th February, present the Rector (in the Chair) and 12 Members of the Club. The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and signed. Thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for £4 17s. 4d., the proceeds of the late Concert.

The following officers were then elected for the season :—

Captain : Mr. A. E. Robinson.
 Sub-Captain : Mr. G. Tizard.
 Hon. Treas. : Rev. A. Heigham.
 Hon. Sec. : Mr. J. G. Taylor.
 Committee : Messrs. Buckland, Eborne, D. Horne, Johnson, Roake, Wheeler, and Claydon (*ex. off.*)

The Secretary was instructed to arrange matches with the Biscuit Factory, Royal Seed Establishment, Theale, Tidmarsh, Mortimer, Wasing, Woolhampton College, Reading Minster, and Burghfield.

It was decided again to give an "average" bat on the same conditions as before, and Mr. Roake kindly offered half-a-guinea as a "bowling" prize, the Committee to elect the recipient at the end of the season.

Mr. J. Claydon was again appointed to erect tent and make ground arrangements on the same terms as last year. A letter was read concerning the formation of a Berks County Cricket Club, and Messrs. Robinson and Taylor were appointed to attend, if possible, a meeting in Reading on March 12.

BAPTISMS.

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

Feb. 24.—Ernest Godfrey, son of Jesse and Martha Neville.

„ Arthur Henry, son of George and Emily Jane Fisher.

A. L. C. H.

Parsonage, Englefield, Reading,

25th March, 1895,

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 113.

MAY, 1895.

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

The Sale of Needlework on Wednesday in Easter week realised £4 6s. 1d., which has been kindly given for School or other purposes. Part of it has provided a table for Kindergarten use in the Infants' School, and part a shelf in the Boys' Porch for storing coal scuttles, &c., during the summer.

The Club Minstrels gave a second Entertainment in the Long Gallery on Easter Tuesday, which was well attended and gave much amusement. It was not musically quite on a level with the previous one, but a variety of engagements and difficulties about practices fully accounted for a little unsteadiness.

The fourth and last Club Dance of the season took place on Easter Monday, and, as usual, gave satisfaction to those of our members who dance and their friends. But it is a matter of regret that comparatively few of our members can dance.

We are glad to report well of all our influenza patients, both young and old. Out of 100 children on the School registers, 98 were present on April 4th, and since that time the attendance has continued good.

The usual Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the Vestry Room of the Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 15th. Those present were the Rector (in the chair), and Messrs. Coombes, Roake, and Palmer.

The notice convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Churchwardens' accounts for the past year were examined and allowed, and a Penny Voluntary Rate for current expenses was recommended to be collected.

It was resolved that thanks be given to Mr. Benyon for his gift, to pay the organist and blower.

Mr. Benyon was re-appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Roake was unanimously re-appointed Parish Churchwarden.

Mr. Todd and Mr. Coombs were also unanimously re-appointed Sidesmen.

STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1895.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Rate at 1d. Collected	...	...	...	10	16	5
Church Collections	...	...	...	38	4	3
Donation, R. Benyon, Esq., for Organist and Blower ..	...	...	...	21	0	0
Balance from last year...	...	...	...	17	2	7½
				£87	3	3½

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Fire Insurance, 1894 and 1895	...	...	...	6	5	0
Visitation Fees	...	...	...	0	14	6
Washing Surplices	...	...	...	1	2	6
Altar Bread and Wine	...	...	...	0	16	6
Bell Ringers' Expenses to Chipping Norton	...	...	...	1	13	0
Repairing Vestry Clock and Bell Rope	...	...	...	0	13	0
Sexton's Salary	...	...	...	4	0	0
" " Bell Ringing	...	...	...	1	0	0
Church Cleaning	...	...	...	3	5	0
Organist £20, Blower £1	...	...	...	21	0	0
Various Repairs (Timber Yard account)	...	...	...	2	11	9
Gas £5, Coke £6	...	...	...	11	0	0
Mowing Churchyard, &c.	...	...	...	1	14	0
				55	15	3
Balance carried forward	...	...	...	31	8	0½
				£87	3	3½

The Cricket Matches for the season, which are already arranged, are as follows :—

DATE.	OPPONENTS.	GROUND.
May 4	Married v. Single	Home.
„ 11	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Home.
„ 18	Yattendon C.C.	Yattendon.
„ 25	Theale C.C.	Home.
June 1	Burghfield C.C.	Burghfield.
„ 8	Wasing C.C.	Home.
„ 15	Tidmarsh C.C.	Home.
„ 22	Mortimer C.C.	Mortimer.
„ 29	Thatcham C.C.	Home.
July 3	Royal Seed Establishment C.C.	Reading.
„ 6	Yattendon C.C.	Home.
„ 13	Wasing C.C.	Wasing.
„ 20	Royal Seed Establishment C.C.	Home.
„ 27	Theale C.C.	Theale.
Aug. 3	Thatcham C.C.	Thatcham.
„ 10	Burghfield C.C.	Home.
„ 17	Mortimer C.C.	Home.
„ 24	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Reading.
Sept. 7	Married v. Single	Home.

We wish our Club all reasonable success.

The Boys commenced Cricket on Saturday in Easter week, April 20th.

Our Easter Services were all that is bright and hearty. The Church had, as usual, many beautiful flowers on the High and the Side Altar, on the Font, and elsewhere. The windows were filled with daffodils and primroses.

The following were the winners in last winter's Club Tournament of Games :—

Whist	...	Messrs. T. Harris and Dene.
Double Cribbage	...	Messrs. Wheeler and T. Harris.
Single	„	Mr. G. Taylor.
Don	...	Mr. Young.
Dominoes	...	Mr. Dene.
Draughts	...	Mr. D. M. Davies.
Bagatelle :—		
Cannon	...	Mr. Parsons.
Cannon and Holes	...	Mr. G. Taylor.
All Balls Up	...	Mr. Johnson.

CHURCH OFFERTORY ACCOUNT FROM EASTER, 1894,
TO EASTER, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand Easter, 1894	... ..	3	15	9
Offertories for Various Purposes	... ..	228	8	0½
" on 3rd Sunday in the Month	... ..	28	11	4
" for Sick and Needy	... ..	42	7	4
Lent Savings	... ..	22	11	4½
Donation from R. Benyon, Esq.	.. ..	50	0	0
		£375 13 10		
PAYMENTS.				
		£	s.	d.
Offertories for various purposes :				
Church Expenses	... ..	38	3	7½
O. D. Spiritual Help Society	.. ..	34	4	5
Royal Berks Hospital	... ..	33	13	9
S. P. G.	... ..	63	3	6
O. D. Missionary Candidates' Association	.. ..	59	2	9
		228 8 0½		
Offertories on 3rd Sundays in month :				
Diocesan Inspector	... ..	2	0	0
Central African Mission	... ..	5	0	0
Corean Mission	... ..	5	0	0
Waifs and Strays Society	... ..	5	0	0
Waterside Mission	... ..	5	0	0
S. P. C. K.	... ..	6	11	4
		28 11 4		
Lent Savings :				
East London Church Fund	... ..	11	11	0
London Poor	... ..	11	0	4½
		22 11 4½		
Donation placed in Bank	... ..	50 0 0		
Sick and Needy	... ..	30 12 2		
Balance in hand	... ..	15 10 11		
		£375 13 10		

The annual Parish Meeting was held in the Long Gallery at Englefield House on Monday evening, April 1st. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Benyon, the chair was occupied by Mr. G. S. Roake, Clerk of the Works on the Englefield estate. The Chairman produced the books of the Parish Charities, with the balance-sheets of the past year, and explained the origin of the Englefield Apprentice Fund, established in 1731, which

consists of £650 in consols and $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, the whole producing yearly £24 17s. 4d. The receipts for the past year were—balance in hand £148 11s 4d., income as above £24 17s. 4d., interest on deposit of £100 in Reading Savings' Bank £2 10s. 3d., total £175 18s. 11d., expenditure apprenticing three boys £65, balance in bank £110 18s. 11d., making, with the amount on deposit in Savings' Bank, the sum of £210 18s. 11d. available for the purpose of apprenticing. The account of Pottinger's Charity was as follows:—Receipts £2, which was expended in bread distributed to 37 persons on St. Thomas' Day. The accounts were considered by the meeting to be very satisfactory, and after several questions had been put and answered, the meeting closed.

BAPTISMS.

"Take this child and nurse it for Me."

- March 31.—Frederick George, son of David and Mary Ann Horne, of Englefield.
 ,, 31.—Joseph, son of George and Mary Neighbour, of Lone Barn.

MARRIAGE.

"They two are one."

- April 13.—George John Fisher, of Tidmarsh, and Edith Jane Elliott, of Englefield.

Southsea,
 23rd April, 1895.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 114.

JUNE, 1895.

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

Mrs. Benyon has forwarded the following for insertion—

"In consequence of my being laid up with illness, I fear this little notice may scarcely arrive in time for the June 'Local Sheet,' but I am sure that our kind workers at the Lenten Work Party will be glad to hear that in spite of much illness and influenza during Lent, 270 garments were finished and sent off.

240 were sent to S. Saviour's Priory, Hackney Road, N.E., namely—

- 39 scarfs
- 44 serge petticoats
- 24 bed gowns
- 43 chemises
- 28 vests
- 45 flannel petticoats
- 17 ditto ditto, small size.

The Mother of the Priory of Sisters has sent the following acknowledgment:—

Dear Madam, I do not know how to thank you enough for the beautiful parcel of work and useful garments you have so kindly sent. They will be the greatest possible help, and we are most grateful. Please thank the kind workers.

Gratefully yours,
Mother of S. S. P.

30 African Garments were sent to the Universities' Mission in Central Africa, and in reply, the Rev. Duncan Travers, the Secretary, says—Dear Mrs. Benyon, it is very kind indeed of your work party to provide us with these garments. Will you kindly send the girls' dresses to be marked for Magila, and the Kisibans for Masasi.

Yours faithfully,

DUNCAN TRAVERS.

Mr. Benyon kindly proposes a day's outing for the Choir, and it is intended to go to Weymouth on Wednesday, June 26th, starting from Pangbourne about 7 a.m., and no doubt returning home in the small hours of the next morning.

The following are the complete Bye-Laws for the use of the Billiard Table in the Club as arranged by the Committee:—

1.—The charge for the use of the Table is 2d. for half-an-hour to be paid when the ticket is given.

2.—The table cannot be used by the same players for more than one consecutive half-hour, if other members require it.

3.—The table cannot be engaged for a fresh game later than 20 minutes before the hour for closing the Club.

4.—The charge for the use of the Table, at such hours as the Club is not usually open (see number 8 of the General Rules), is 6d. per hour.

5.—Members must not smoke over the Table, if this Rule is neglected in spite of warning, a fine of 3d. will be enforced.

6.—The engagements of the Table (hour and name) must be entered on the slate.

The Perambulation of the Parish took place on the Wednesday, Rogation Day. In most respects it was the same as last year, except that on this occasion no banners were carried, and the walk was a little shortened by going no further than *this* end of Corporation field, and also by going across the fields to Chalk Pit by the Village Pound, instead of down the street and round by the road. Everything was carefully and reverently done, and those who took part in the service seemed to enter into the spirit of it.

First as Treble and then as a Bass voice, Thomas Harris has been a member of our Church Choir for many years, and we miss him very much, but young men will leave us, and rightly so, in order to better themselves, and he carries with him many good wishes for success wherever he may be. Edward Lewis also has been a useful member of the Choir as a Tenor for 3 years, a longer time than we had any reason to expect, the nature of his occupation did not allow him to be so regular in attendance as others, but all the same, we miss him, and our good wishes follow him.

Eighteen children have lately joined the Juvenile Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society; no one signs the pledge without the consent of their parents, and the pledge signed is not a life long vow, only a promise "to abstain from all intoxicating drinks so long as I retain this card of Membership." If the promise is broken from any cause (except a doctor's order), if the member determines no longer to be a total abstainer, the card should be returned to the Rector; it is distinctly wrong to break the pledge and yet not to return the Card of Membership. It seems strange that anyone who has signed the pledge at 8, 9, or 10 years of age, and has been in perfectly good health until they are 15 or 16, should deliberately run into the dangers which accompany the use of intoxicating drinks; and it is to be hoped that no juvenile member on reaching that rather dangerous time of life—16 years of age—will lightly and without sufficient reason give up their Card and begin the use of beer or spirits, when up to that time they have not in any way felt the need of either.

Some of the following are really no longer 'juveniles,' but as they still keep their pledge, we include their names in the present complete list.

Kate Cox
 Hester Allen
 Lois Allen
 James Claydon, junr.
 Annie Claydon
 Fanny Horne
 Florence Allen
 William Allen
 Walter Cox
 John Harris
 Emily Cox
 Agnes Cox
 Gertrude Hopgood
 Nellie Cox
 Sydney Allen
 Hubert Cox
 Thomas Thame
 Robert Allen
 Kate Tigwell
 Rose Tigwell
 Harriet Shepherd
 John Shepherd

John Vince
 Charles Claydon
 Stephen Claydon
 William Lamperd
 Tracy Wyatt
 Alfred Thame
 Edward Buckland
 Frederick Newman
 Charles Fuller
 Alfred Horne
 Harry Newman
 Harry Vince
 Albert Edmunds
 Fred. Shakleford
 Owen Wyatt
 Hilda Harris
 Kate Edmunds
 Gertrude Wyatt
 Sarah Shepherd
 Louisa Fowler
 Alice Vince

On Whit Monday, June 3rd, Mr. Benyon bids us say that he invites to tea in the Long Gallery, at 5 o'clock, all the Members of the Elder and Juvenile Branches of the Royal Berks Friendly Society, who belong to the Englefield Agency, the invitation is also extended to all Englefield Women who belong to Dr. Cox's Medical Club.

The following have been admitted to the School since January—

Arthur Smyth
 Albert Shepherd
 George Shakleford
 Wilfrid Dyer

Florence Hodsden (temporary)
 Frederick Smithers
 Agnes Smithers
 Lilly Horne

There are now 102 children on the registers, 64 in the standards, and 38 infants.

The Swimming Bath opened on Thursday, May 9th. The names of 33 boys are on the list, many of whom are making a good start with their swimming lessons. From about the 13th to the 23rd of May, the weather was so unusually cold that bathing had to be quite given up.

The Annual Meeting of the Football Club was held on Monday Evening, 27th May, when about 10 members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read the following report—

Gentlemen,

The past season has been a somewhat disappointing one. A long list of fixtures was arranged, including no less than 24 matches, but of these it was only possible to play 13, owing chiefly to the prolonged frost. The play, on the other hand, has shewn great improvement, and 7 of the matches were won, the others being lost. The total number of goals scored for the Club was 44, and against 31. The complete list of matches which were actually played, is as follows :—

<i>Team.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	
	<i>For.</i>	<i>Agst.</i>
Broad St. United F.C.	Won 11	— 0
Tilehurst Harriers' F.C.	Won 7	— 4
„ „ (Return)	Won 4	— 1
Pangbourne Star F.C.	Lost 3	— 4
Kendrick O. B. (2nd) F.C.	Won 5	— 1
Y.M.C.A. F.C.	Lost 0	— 2
Woolhampton College F.C.	Lost 2	— 3
„ „ (Return)	Lost 1	— 3
Newbury S. Mary's F.C.	Lost 0	— 6
„ „ (Return)	Won 2	— 1
Minster (2nd) F.C.	Lost 1	— 5
Burghfield	Won 2	— 0
„ (Return)	Won 6	— 1
	—	—
Total	44	31

(Signed) A. E. ROBINSON.

The Treasurer's Account, as follows, was examined and allowed.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand	0	9	11½
Rev. A. Heigham	0	10	6
34 Members' Subscriptions	1	14	0
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				£2	14	5½
				<hr/>		
PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Gunn & Moore's account	1	8	9
Golder's account	0	4	9
Extra Bladder	0	2	6
Telegrams, Postage, &c....	0	6	10
Claydon for Repairs	0	1	11
Balance in Hand, 27/5/95	0	9	8½
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				£2	14	5½
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Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Benyon for the use of the ground, to Mr. Roake, to the Captain, Secretary, and others, for much kindness, trouble taken, and time given.

BAPTISM.

"Take this child and nurse it for Me."

May 26th.—Margaret, daughter of William and Hester Allen,
of Englefield.

BURIAL.

"Grant him eternal rest, O Lord."

May 10th.—Charles Horne, aged 84, from the Union House,
late of Englefield.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,

READING,

May 28th, 1895.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 115.

JULY, 1895.

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

The name of Alfred Allen was accidentally omitted from the list of Total Abstainers belonging to C.E.T.S. The name of Arthur Horne should also be added to the list.

Some of the Treble voices in the Choir show signs of breaking, so the following six have been admitted as probationers to fill up gaps as vacancies occur :—

Stephen Claydon.

Alfred Horne.

Jesse Neville.

Fred. Shackelford.

Fred Smithers.

Thomas Thame.

We greatly need another Bass and another Tenor, will no one offer their services? full members of the Church, who can usually attend two Sunday services, and one weekly practice are necessary conditions.

About 90 members of the Englefield agency of the B.F.S. met for tea in the Long Gallery on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at 5 o'clock. The tea was well served by Mr. Sherval. During pipes and ginger-beer, the Rector proposed the Squire's health with thanks for the entertainment, also success to the B.F.S. which founded in 1872 now numbers 1550 members, and has invested funds of £10,900, quite enough and more than enough for safety, according to the report of the actuaries, Messrs. Neison and Schooling. It was remarked that "old age pensions" are in the air, but that it would seem unwise to expect any large government scheme, or the liberality of an employment who cannot be expected to provide pensions all round in addition to paying heavy Poor Rates; far better and safer for members to provide their own pension. The tables of the B.F.S. shew that the expense of so doing is slight, it is necessary to compare the difference between :—

1. Sick Pay for life.
2. Sick Pay until 70, and a pension for the rest of life.

A boy of 15 insures for sick pay (six shillings a week), for life, this costs him $9\frac{1}{2}$ d. a month, but if he insures for sick pay up to 70 years old, and a pension of 3/- a week for the remainder of his life, it would cost him 11d. a month.

The difference is only $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. a month. In the case of a man entering the B.F.S. at 30, and insuring for 10/- sick pay for life, it would cost him 1/10 a month, but to insure for 10/- sick pay up to 70, and a pension of 5/- weekly for the rest of his life would cost 2/3 a month, a difference of only 5d. a month.

If 35 years old at entering the club the difference would be 7d. a month.

It was also pointed out that girls ceasing to belong to the Juvenile Branch at 14 years old, should become Deposit Members using the club as a Savings Bank, they can withdraw their money at any time, and interest at Savings Bank rate is allowed upon it.

Take an example:—A girl has got £1 in the Savings Bank, she puts it into the B.F.S. saying she wishes to be a Deposit Member taking 5/- a week sick pay (*i.e.*) 10d. a day, for this benefit she has to contribute regularly 10d. a month, and in time of sickness two-thirds of her sick pay comes from the club funds one-third from her own monies, (*i.e.*) of every week's pay of 5/- in sickness, the club provides 3s. 4d., her own funds provide 1s. 8d. Suppose a month's sickness came at the end of a year, her money in the Club would be her own £1 and her twelve months payments, making in all £1 10s., her sick pay for a month would be £1, of which sum the club finds 13s. 4d., her own funds 6s. 8d., so that her balance at the year's end would be £1 3s. 4d., and about 6d. interest, of course the Medical man has also to be paid. This is worth the consideration of girls.

To our regret Mr. Phillips is giving up being agent, but Mr. Roake has kindly undertaken to act in his place, an arrangement which will probably meet the convenience of Members in a very satisfactory manner.

The Cricket season goes on with varying fortune, a game won by 4 runs at Yattendon was balanced by one lost at Burghfield by similar number of runs. Ackerman's bowling in the Wasing match was too much for some, but brought into notice Bedford's steady and careful defence, the Theale match was drawn by no means in favour of our opponents.

It should be remembered that the tent is for the use of Members only, it is easy to become a Member, one-and-six does it, but unless that subscription is paid no one has a right to the use of the tent or of the Club bats, &c.

Boys also as a matter of good manners, should not crowd round the tent or use the seats which are brought for the use of those who are playing and other members of the Club.

The following letter has been received from the Education Department:—

REV. SIR,

My Lords have sanctioned on the special recommendation of Her Majesty's Inspector, the omission of the annual Inspection of your School, due in January, 1896. Your attention is directed to Act 84 (b) of the code.

I have the honour to be

Rev. Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. W. KEKEWICH.

Act 84 (b) of the Code is as follows:—"The Inspector's annual visit to a School may, with the sanction of the Department, be omitted. In such case the Inspector will pay as a rule, during the School year two visits which will usually be without notice." The above letter shows a confidence both in the teachers and the children, which we are sure will not prove misplaced.

Mr. Kenney who is acting pro. tem. as organizing School Visitor for the Diocese, examined our School on Wednesday, June 12, and has since sent the following report which we print in full, in order to stir up the children to mend the faults which are pointed out.

Oxford Diocesan Board of Education.

Report on visit to Englefield C. of E. School, June 12, 1895.

“This is a splendidly equipped School, and is capable of becoming one of the best in the Diocese.

The discipline and tone are good, and the work at the end of four and a half months of the School year is in an advanced state.

The weakest parts of the work are:—1. The writing of the upper Standards particularly Standard III. There is evidence of a good deal of carelessness on the part of the children in this respect, and there is an absence of that uniformity which distinguishes the writing of the lower Standards. I would suggest the use of double lines for Standard III.

2. Spelling is a little weak in Standard III.

3. Geography is only fair in Standard IV., V., and VI.

4. Reading of Standard I. falls below that of the rest of the School.

5. Arithmetic of Standard IV., is a little inaccurate. There is much room for improvement in the figuring and in the arrangement of the sums on paper.

The Infants' Class is very well taught. The five-year-olds shew a little weakness in Reading.”

THOS. M. KENNEY,

Organizing Visitor,

Pro. tem.

We do not do much now in the way of Botany, but are glad to record that the Great Butterfly Orchis, and the Spotted Palmate Orchis, have lately been brought, but from Yattendon, not our own village.

1337 dinners were provided in the Dinner Kitchen during the Winter, the average number of children per day being 30. A half-penny is paid by each child for the dinner but the balance sheet given below shews that the cost is more than a penny.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash for Dinners	3	10	5½
Balance paid by Mr. Benyon ...	4	13	8½
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	£8	4	2
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PAYMENTS.

Meat	2	19	6
Bread and Flour	1	5	7½
Cook's Wages	1	13	4
Sugar, Sago, Rice, Pepper, &c.	2	5	8½
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	£8	4	2
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The Choir outing at Weymouth was a great success, the weather was beautiful, the bay a dead calm, the water delightful for bathing, the trip to Portland and the Chesil Beach refreshing and full of interest; a good dinner and tea were enjoyed in Cooke's spacious Restaurant; the return journey began at 7 p.m. All desire to thank Mr. Benyon for a very pleasant day.

WEYMOUTH,

June 26th, 1895.

A. L. C. H.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 116.

AUGUST, 1895.

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

On Monday, July 15th, the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers held their Annual Festival at Wokingham. Our Englefield Ringers were present, and one of them has been good enough to furnish us with a few facts concerning the festival. The day's proceedings opened with a choral and very reverent service in the Parish Church of All Saints' at 11.15 a.m. A simple, practical, and very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Blagden, from the words, "Whatsoever ye do, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus." He referred to the splendid work which the guild had done in teaching men that bell-ringing was a distinctly religious work, which Ringers had realized and must realize more and more was a work to be done "In the Name of the Lord Jesus." He bade the members of each belfry in the guild to ever bear in mind that they played a very important part in the spiritual welfare of the parish in which they lived, by being members of a staff of Church Workers whose object should be *to win souls to Christ*. As they strove so ably and scientifically to make the bells ring out "Sweet Harmony," so he urged them to act in harmony in the belfry, and to let no jarring discord in their relations one with another take away from the value of their work in God's sight. Whatever they did let them do it "In the Name of the Lord Jesus;" and let them give to God the *best* of that they possess on earth, that He might hereafter give of His in heaven.

Immediately after the service the Annual Business Meeting was held in the Town Hall. It was then arranged that Bletchley should be visited for the festival next year. Bletchley, the important railway junction, is almost at the extreme north of Bucks., not far from Newport Pagnell, so our Ringers may look forward to a long railway journey next year.

At the dinner which was held in a large marquee, above two hundred members of the guild were present. Canon Brown (of S. Paul's, Wokingham,) very kindly provided tea in the National Schools. Our five ringers, who were present, spoke most highly of the generous kindness of our Wokingham neighbours, and ask us in the *Local Sheet* to convey to the Squire and the Rector their heartiest thanks for a very pleasant day.

A letter from the Rector, dated July 16th, tells us that things are going well with him at Harrogate. He says, "The waters (exceptionally nasty to the taste) have done me much good; and I am looking forward to some bracing air on the Yorkshire coast, after having lost 2-lbs. weight in a week." A flying visit to Theale, on Wednesday, July 24th, has however altered his plans, and the Southern coast (Southsea) will take the place of the Yorkshire coast.

He will return to Englefield [D.V.] for Sunday, August 11th.

We quote from his letter—"I send you my best wishes for a nice August *Local Sheet*, and beg to propose a puzzle (not original) to those who are taught drawing:—The following forms a *word*—Three quarters of a cross, a circle, two semi-circles on a perpendicular, a triangle on two legs, two semi-circles, and a circle.

We fear the majority of us went to school when drawing wasn't thought much of, and we were content with a useful knowledge of the three R's, so we add something original to suit our own capacity. "Join two semi-circles to two circles in such a way as to produce two straight lines."

Our younger readers, at all events, will note with delight that the School Holidays commence on Friday, August 2nd. We think not a few parents will be asking before long, "When do they end?"—so, looking far ahead, we add that School recommences on Monday, September 9th.

Thursday, August 15th, is the day fixed for the Guild Festival. There will be service in Church at 4 o'clock, shortened evensong followed by the Guild Office and an address, when all members we hope will be present. The Annual Meeting and Tea will be held, by kind invitation, at

Englefield House, when, as on previous occasions, we are sure a very delightful afternoon and evening will be spent. We are asked to say that for all who reside in Englefield this notice must be accepted as their invitation.

The Harvest Thanksgiving has been fixed for Sunday, September 1st, and the following *Thursday*, September 5th.

We would remind the Parish that on the Harvest Festival *Sunday* there will be celebration of the Holy Communion (just as on the great festivals) at 7.30, 8.30 and 11 a.m. (choral).

The Harvest Home Day is Thursday (not Tuesday as last year), and on this day the usual services will be held, and the arrangements (by the kind permission and invitation of Mr. Benyon) will be as in past years.

The Church we trust will be as bountifully and beautifully decorated as on former festivals. We ask that all gifts of flowers, fruit, and vegetables may be sent to the Church on the morning of Saturday, August 31st, by 9 o'clock.

Some of our less favored neighbours paid us a visit on Thursday, July 18th, and a delightful change they found it from the slums of Reading. The Sisters of Bethany working in the Silver Street Mission connected with St. Giles' Church, had received a very generous invitation from Mrs. Benyon to bring the members of their Mothers' Class and Girls' Sewing Class for an afternoon's outing.

Their faces declared their wonder and enjoyment. Mothers, girls, and babies seemed everywhere. The Squire gave them a hearty word of greeting and welcome as they passed under his window to explore the beauties of the gardens and conservatories. We think their delight and astonishment culminated as they gazed at oranges *actually growing* and the well-known geranium positively grown into a huge *tree*.

After a bountiful tea, the whole party trooped to Church for evensong at 6.30 p.m. The Church was well-nigh filled, and the reverence and heartiness shewn was very marked.

At 7 o'clock in a damping shower of rain they drove back in the brakes which had been generously supplied to bring them from Reading. We think many of them will be counting the days to July, 1896, as Mr. Benyon had told them that [D.V.] he should be delighted to see them in the same way next year.

We feel sure everyone in the parish would wish to express in their *Local Sheet* a word of thankfulness that Mrs. Benyon has recovered from her serious illness, and that she and Mr. Benyon are in health and strength once more among them.

BAPTISM.

"Take this Child and nurse it for me."

June 30th—Albert Edward, son of Henry James and Julia Horne, of Englefield.

The following official notice will be interesting:—"The Fire Brigade on Friday, July 5th, had a tough and long job at Mr. Waring's, near Lambden's Farm, three large hay ricks being on fire. The call was received at 11.53 a.m. The nearest water was at Mrs. Butler's pond, 1560 feet of hose had to be used to get the water on to the burning ricks, and after working about 16 hours the pond was emptied, and the Brigade returned home at 4.30 Saturday morning. About 70 tons of good and bad hay was saved. The value of the three ricks was £800."

Our Cricket correspondent has kindly contributed the following:—Since our last issue six cricket matches have been played, of which three have been lost, two won, and one drawn. Those lost were against Tidmarsh, Mortimer, R.B.S.E., those won against Yattendon and Wasing, that drawn against Thatcham. Whilst R.B.S.E. scratched against us on July 3rd. The Tidmarsh match was lost through the fine batting of Mr. Walker, who scored 102 not out, the Mortimer match could have been won had we not been too conscientious in the selection of our team, and the R.B.S.E. match was a thoroughly well-fought game, resulting in a narrow defeat by 4 runs. The best scores during the month have been made by W. Lambden 50, (against Yattendon), A. E. Robinson 55, and H. Smith 35, (against Wasing). G. Taylor continues to bowl in most consistent form, and with seven wickets for 30 odd runs against R.B.S.E. contributed not a little to the closeness of the contest.

J. T. F.

ENGLEFIELD,

St. James's Day, 25th July, 1895.

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 117.

SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

A Meeting of the Football Club was held on Monday evening, 12th August, when Officers for the ensuing season were elected and arrangements made for matches.

The Officers are as follows :

President.—R. Benyon, Esq.

Captain.—Mr. G. Taylor.

Sub-Captain.—Mr. D. Fisher.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. A. E. Robinson.

Hon. Treasurer.—Rev. A. L. C. Heigham.

Committee.—Messrs. T. Cox, C. Eborne, C. Fisher, G. Johnson, A. Lamperd and E. Mobsby.

Referee.—Mr. J. Claydon.

It was determined, if possible, to arrange two matches with each of the following clubs: Woolhampton, Newbury Athletic, Burghfield, Tilehurst Harriers, Kendrick School Old Boys, Minster (2nd), Thatcham, and Caversham Star. There was some conversation as to whether or no members desiring to play in the forthcoming match should put their names on the "Sports" notice board, and it was thought best to continue that arrangement, on the understanding that the Captain selects his team and may insert on the notice board the name of any member whom he has reason to believe would play if asked for that particular occasion. The first match of the season not to take place before Saturday, September 21st. It was mentioned that although the cricket season does not end until September 7th, Married v. Single, and that the goal posts are not erected before that date, yet that practice with the football can be previously carried on, players being very careful to keep the football off the cricket level.

The Puzzle was found out by a good many children, the letters of the word "Tobacco" answering the description; but Mr. Fox's puzzle remains to some a puzzler still. We hope that

some scholar will (a cross and a right angle, supply the word), his school fellows and send us the solution.

The Workmen's Club has provided itself with two large wall maps, one of the World on Mercator's Projection, the other of the County of Berks; a large map of Europe has also been presented to the Club. It is well nigh impossible intelligently to read the foreign news in the daily papers unless reference is made to a map. Take for example the troubles, disputes, difficulties, as well as more peaceful prospects connected with such places as the following: Chitral, Corea, The Congo Free State, The Niger, Japan, Bulgaria, the railway to Uganda, the Revolt in Cuba against the Spaniards, the Massacre of Missionaries at Ku Cheng, the Turkish Atrocities in Armenia, Samoa, and Madagascar, and see what interest it adds to be able to put one's finger on the spot in the map of the world.

Members of the Guild are requested, if they have not already done so, to see that the following alterations are made in the list of Members in their Guild Manual.

Change Edith G. Benyon into Edith G. Hoare.

Change Elsie Nunn into Elsie Kimbell.

Take off the following names—

Solomon Allen	|	Annie Ballard	|	Kate Barlow
Ellen Barham	|	Agnes Pearce	|	Edith Howell

Add the following names—

Amelia Vaughan. Fanny Smithers. Mary Barham.

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held on Thursday, August 15th. Service was at 4 o'clock, the rest of the day until about 10 was spent at Englefield House, enjoying the accustomed kind hospitality and the amusements provided; about 75 members were present.

We have been adding up the Sunday School and Church Attendance Marks from August, 1894, to August, 1895. The total marks to be gained are 20 for Morning Sunday School and 20 for Evening Service, which for 50 Sundays give a yearly total of 2000 marks.

The following eleven Boys are considered worthy of a prize :

William Lamperd	} 1900	Robert Allen ...	1825
Tracey Wyatt ...		William Martin...	1800
Charles Claydon	} 1890	Herbert Cox ...	1795
John Vince ...		Hubert Cox ...	1760
Harry Newman ...	1870	Alfred Allen ...	1725
Alfred Buckland ...		1705	

Amongst the Girls the results are as follows :

Isabella Lamperd ...	1875	Agnes Cox... ..	1780
Annie Claydon ...	1810	Nellie Cox... ..	} 1760
Emily Horne ...	1800	Gertrude Wyatt }	

All other Boys and Girls fell below 1700. To allow a margin of 300 marks seems reasonable, it permits a child to be absent, from illness or other causes, a little over seven Sundays in the year, and yet with this large allowance only eleven Boys and six Girls can claim a prize. We must draw the serious attention of parents to the poor attendance of their children at Sunday Evening Service, there are of course cases where a boy or girl may stay at home to allow the parents to come to Church, but even thus the attendance of a good many children cannot be considered satisfactory.

The year's attendances at the Sunday Morning Bible Class for 50 Sundays works out as follows :

George Coombes ...	} 48	Maurice Cox... ..	44
Jos. Lamperd ...		Arthur Cox	} 43
Alfred Cox ...	} 46	Alfred Harris	
Douglas Harris ...		John Thame... ..	

A very good record and deserving the recognition which it will receive.

We all regret that Mr. Benyon's serious illness obliges any thought of holding a Week-day Harvest Festival, with Cottage Garden Show, and the usual festivities and pleasurable enjoyments, to be given up for this occasion ; there will of course be a Sunday Thanksgiving for the Harvest, but it is thought well to defer this until the last Sunday in September, an appropriate day as it happens also to be the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

The Prayers of the Congregation are being asked in Church for Mr. Benyon, and we all earnestly hope that by God's goodness his vigorous constitution will enable him to pull through what at his time of life has been and still is a most serious attack of illness

Edward Horne, one of our Ringers, has left us to join the Metropolitan Police, in which his past steady conduct, to say nothing of his muscular development, ought to ensure his becoming a useful member.

One or two lads have offered to learn to ring to supply his place, but as a working-man remarked of them, "they don't even know yet how to behave in Church, what will they be in the belfry?"—we are not disposed to accept their services.

The careless bad behaviour of some lads in our Church during service is nothing short of a shame and a scandal, we are not again alluding to the mischievous destruction of books and hassocks, but we allude to the whispering, giggling, irreverent want of kneeling, and entire carelessness which marks the conduct of some, to the annoyance of those who wish to worship, and to their own grievous injury. Any kind of true religion dies out of the heart of a lad who thus wilfully despises God, God's Service, and His Holy House.

The voices of John Bond and Samuel Newman have "broken," and therefore they are obliged to leave the Choir. Alfred Cox and Maurice Cox are learning to sing Alto, a part the want of which is much felt in most country choirs, if they will persevere they will be of much use to us. From amongst the Probationers we must now select some to fill the vacancies.

The Children seem enjoying their holidays, the Swimming Bath has never before been so well patronised during the holidays. William Wyatt who was home for his holidays was very useful in kindly superintending and giving swimming lessons.

School re-opens on Monday, September 9th.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,
READING.

A.L.C.H.

26th August, 1895.

G. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 118.

OCTOBER, 1895.

Price with "Banner of Faith," ONE PENNY.

A General Cricket Club Meeting was held on Thursday evening, 19th September, when the following Report and Balance Sheet were presented.

CRICKET REPORT, SEASON 1895.

Out of 18 matches arranged at beginning of season, 16 have been played with the result that six were won, seven lost, and three drawn. The other two games were scratched by Burghfield C.C. and Royal Seed Establishment, owing to their inability to get a team. The total aggregate of runs for the season is 1620 for the loss of 181 wickets, while our opponents have scored 1434 runs for 170 wickets.

The list of matches with their results is as follows :

Biscuit Factory C.C.	played at home	lost by 10
"	"	away won by 12
Yattendon	"	away won by 4
"	"	home won by 118
Theale	"	home drawn
"	"	away lost by 60
Burghfield	"	away lost by 4
Wasing	"	home lost by 19
"	"	away won by 69
Tidmarsh	"	home lost by 85
"	"	away won by 15
Mortimer	"	away lost by inngs. & 62
"	"	homewon by 7 wkts. & 61
Thatcham	"	home drawn
"	"	away drawn
Royal Seed Establishment	"	home lost by 4

There has been a good fight for batting honours between W. Lamden and A. E. Robinson, but Lamden has won the prize bat, by scoring one run more than Robinson in best seven innings.

The best batting averages for the whole season are :

W. Lamden ...	200	runs for	13	innings,	average	15.3
A. E. Robinson	229	"	15	"	"	15.2
H. Smith ...	130	"	9	"	"	14.4
W. Holloway...	130	"	11	"	"	11.8
J. Coombes ...	47	"	5	"	"	9.4
G. C. Rudd ...	48	"	6	"	"	8
H. Shackelford	84	"	12	"	"	7
D. Horne ...	31	"	6	"	"	5.1

For the average bat given for best seven innings :

W. Lamden ...	188	runs,	average	26.8
A. E. Robinson	187	"	"	26.7
H. Smith ...	129	"	"	18.4
W. Holloway...	118	"	"	16.8
H. Shackelford	78	"	"	11.1
J. G. Taylor ...	52	"	"	7.4
W. Smyth ...	38	"	"	5.4

In bowling J. G. Taylor has done a great deal of work with an excellent record. Taking into consideration the number of overs bowled by him and low average per wicket, it was decided by the Committee that he should receive Mr. Roake's bowling prize.

The bowling averages are as follows :

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average per wicket
J. G. Taylor ...	237.3	61	442	60	7.3
A. E. Robinson	55.1	10	172	16	10.7
J. Coombes ...	37	9	73	10	7.3
W. Smyth ...	12	3	23	8	2.8
G. C. Rudd ...	10.3	1	29	4	7.2
E. Holloway ...	23.2	3	61	4	15.2
F. Bedford ...	33.4	10	67	4	16.7
H. Shackelford	12	2	41	2	20.5

The Members heartily appreciate the kindness of the Squire in allowing us the use of the ground, which has been kept in such capital condition by the attention of J. Claydon, that it is admired by all visiting teams.

(Signed), J. G. TAYLOR,

HON. SEC.

BALANCE SHEET—SEASON, 1895.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
October, 1894	Balance in hand			11
January, 1895	R. Benyon, Esq.	2	0	0
„	Mrs. Benyon	1	0	0
„	Rev. A. Heigham		10	0
„	Mrs. Butler, Rev. J. T. Fox, Mr. Todd, each 5s.		15	0
„	Mr. Roake for Bowling Prize		10	6
„	Mr. Bird, 2s. 6d. Mr. Walker, 2s. 6d.		5	0
February	Concert at Englefield House	4	17	4
August	Donation, Mrs. Benyon for Brake	1	0	0
September	Thirty-three Subscriptions at 1s. 6d....	2	9	6
„	Two Caps and 11 Badges sold		8	4
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		£13	16	7

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
	W. Lamden for "Average Bat"	1	0	0
	J. G. Taylor for Bowling Prize		10	6
	Erecting Tent, &c., 2s. 6d. each time	1	5	0
	Umpire's expenses, 16s. 6d. ; ditto Scorer's, 4s.	1	0	6
	Six dozen "E. C. C." Badges	1	16	0
	Gunn and Moores' Account	3	10	9
	Notice Boards, 3s. ; Mowing Grass, 10s.		13	0
	Hire of Brake		17	0
	Deficiency for Brake Account during Season		9	6
	Postage, 7s. 5d. ; Repairs, 6s. 7d.		14	0
	Balance in hand (20th September, 1895)	2	0	4
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		£13	16	7

(Signed), ARTHUR L. C. HEIGHAM,

HON. TREASURER.

The Batting and Bowling Prizes were then presented, and a Smoking Concert pleasantly finished the evening.

Here are the results of the Bathing Season, given in the order of School Standards ; if a kind friend gives some prizes this year they will be given one for each standard and one for the Infants. We place John Harris, Candidate Pupil Teacher, first, because although no longer a scholar he has been useful and helpful with the swimming and deserves a reward.

	C. P. T.			<i>Henry Vince</i> ...	91
<i>John Harris</i> ...	...	64		<i>Edward Buckland</i> ...	76
	St. VI. (3).			<i>Herbert Cox</i> ...	65
<i>John Vince</i> ...	...	96		<i>Percy Thame</i> ...	61
<i>Tracey Wyatt</i> ...	...	60		St. II. (7).	
<i>Edward Wheeler</i> ...	...	54		<i>Hubert Cox</i> ...	107
	St. V. (2).			<i>Stephen Claydon</i> ...	94
Tom Smith, C. ...	...	42		<i>Thomas Thame</i> ...	62
W. Lamperd ...	...	28		Fred Shackelford ...	51
	St. IV. (11).			Edward Fowler ...	43
<i>C. Claydon</i> ...	...	101		St. I. (9).	
<i>Robert Allen</i> ...	...	92		Albert Cox, C. ...	78
<i>Sydney Allen</i> ...	...	83		Charles Fuller, C. ...	60
<i>Fred Newman</i> ...	...	83		Albert Edmunds, C. ...	50
<i>Alfred Buckland</i> ...	...	60		Owen Wyatt ...	25
<i>Alfred Thame</i> ...	...	41		Egbert Cox ...	6
Fred Smithers ...	...	28		INFANTS.	
Jesse Neville ...	...	18		<i>Louis Vince</i> ...	41
William Martin...	...	3		Alfred Day ...	25
	St. III. (6).			Gilbert Allen ...	15
<i>Alfred Horne</i> ...	...	92		Hubert Thame ...	8

All whose names are printed in italics can swim, though it is a trifle doubtful if Herbert Cox deserves the distinction, all with C after their names can swim with the aid of corks. The figure in brackets after each Standard represents the number of boys in School in that Standard.

The results are very satisfactory and more than half of the Boys in the upper Standards can swim, as well as three in Standard 2, which Standard also contains the boy who has bathed the greatest number of times. It is also a fact to remember that four Infants come to bathe, one of whom can already swim. Upwards of 1800 baths have been taken, the temperature of the water varying between 72° on May 9th, and 63° on September 18th.

Out of 38 Boys in Standards i. to vi. 29 have come to bathe, and 17 can swim.

Mr. Spikes and Mr. Millard, two assistant Inspectors gave us a "surprise visit" on Thursday, September 19th, spending the whole morning in the School, from 9 to 12, their hints are always valuable, their criticisms always useful, and the visit is

(as it is intended to be), helpful alike to Managers and Teachers ; no systems are perfect, any more than the individuals who carry them out and we are none of us above criticism, and when kindly given is bound to be useful.

The following four boys, Stephen Claydon, Alfred Horne, Jesse Neville and Fred. Shackleford have been admitted to the Choir and Fred. Newman, after a long absence arising from an accident which caused him the loss of an eye, has been re-admitted. Robert Allen's services have been dispensed with, he has not cleared himself from a suspicion of untruthfulness, a suspicion which was as nearly a certainty as any human thing can be.

It is not perhaps unnatural, but it is far from just or reasonable that Parents should almost invariably take the part of their children against the Clergyman or the Teacher. The child is never wrong, the Teacher or the Pastor is ever in fault. Such instances are not unknown amongst ourselves ; a child is punished for some offence, an angry mother comes to the School or runs to the Policeman. A child lies and is punished and the Parents immediately make all manner of contradictory statements to prove that what was to a moral certainty a falsehood was not contrary to the truth.

On Saturday, September 28th, Mrs. Benyon gave the usual prizes for the "Best Cultivated Garden" which were awarded as follows :—

BEST CULTIVATED GARDEN.

Mechanics.			Labourers.		
1.	John Abery	...	1.	William Cox	} equal.
2.	George Allen	} equal.		Daniel Elliott	
	James Claydon		2.	Henry Martin	...
3.	George Dell.	...	3.	James Martin	...

In the case of equality the full prize was kindly given to each. It has never occurred before in the memory of the "Oldest Inhabitant" that an equality has arisen in awarding this prize.

The following children also on the same day received from Mrs. Benyon's hand a money prize for regular attendance at School, during the year 1894.

The School was open 447 times, the attendances made are opposite each name, the liberal allowance of 20 attendances, representing a fortnight's absence from School has been given.

Harry Vince	...	447	Alfred Buckland	...	442
Agnes Cox	...	"	Tracey Wyatt	...	"
Isabella Lamperd	...	"	Fred Fisher	...	"
Fred Shakleford	...	446	Edward Fowler	...	441
Edward Buckland	...	"	Alfred Thame	...	"
George Neville	...	"	Tom Smith	...	440
William Lamperd	...	"	John Bond	...	"
Emily Horne	...	"	Herbert Cox	...	439
Alice Vince	...	"	Walter Cox	...	438
Hubert Cox	...	445	Percy Thame	...	437
Alfred Horne	...	"	Robert Allen	...	"
Jesse Neville	...	"	Florence Neville	...	"
John Vince	...	"	Kate Edmunds	...	435
Nellie Cox	...	"	Gertrude Wyatt	...	434
Thomas Thame	...	444	Edith Harris	...	433
Sydney Allen	...	"	Ella Hayes	...	432
Frank Shakleford	...	"	Charles Claydon	...	431
Fanny Horne	...	"	William Martin	...	430
Amy Neville	...	"	Bessie Martin	...	"
Albert Cox	...	443	Alfred Allen	...	428

BOYS' CRICKET CLUB.

RECEIPTS.

				£	s.	d.
September, 1894	Balance in hand	1	3	9
October	Boys' Fines	1	9	
August, 1895	Discount off Bill	1	3	
"	Mrs. Benyon	2	0	0
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				£3	6	9

		PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
September, 1894	Two Football bladders	5	0	
October	Two " " "	5	0	
November	Mending Footballs and Bat	1	6	
December	Two playground Footballs	...	...	4	0	
August, 1895	Two Footballs, 8s. 6d.	17	0	
" "	One Bat, 6s. od., One Ball, 4s. od.	10	0	
" "	Balance in hand	1	4	3
				<hr/>		
				£3	6	9
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There is plenty of material in hand for this Winter's Football, and for another Summer's Cricket. It must be remembered that the Cricket rules hold good for Football, and that no boy below Standard IV., may take out either the Cricket things or the Football. It should also be remembered that the goal-posts are not put there for the purpose of being climbed up by mischievous little boys.

The congregating and loitering about at "Appleton's" corner and near the Church of some lads before and after Service on Sundays, has called for some interference on the part of the Churchwardens, it was quickly becoming a nuisance, and the harm was all the greater when, instead of coming to Church some of these lads remained playing about outside.

We have no wish "to tar everybody with the same brush," and whilst we thus appear to find fault with all the lads, we wish to state that whilst there are some who certainly deserve the "tarring," there are others who have not the slightest wish to annoy, and who would never think of turning away from church, and who need no threats or strong remonstrances to abstain from doing harm or setting a bad example.

We hope to begin the Evening Classes on Monday, October 7th, the programme is the same as that in use last winter, as also are the days and hours.

	7 to 7.30.	7.30 to 8.	8 to 9.
Monday ...	Writing and Composition.	Reading.	Boot Mending.
Tuesday ...	Arithmetic.	Drawing.	Recreation.
Wednesday	Dictation or Composition.	Vocal Music, Tonic Sol-fa.	Recreation.

The charge is 2d. a week, which will be returned to *those who have attended regularly throughout the winter*, after deducting 1d. for each absence, and 1d. for each occasion of coming after the register is closed, and *it closes precisely at 7 o'clock.*

Anyone who wishes is welcome to come in for the Vocal Music if *they come punctually at 7.30*, free of charge.

We ought further to mention that the average daily number of bathers was 17, the highest number any one day being 30.

We had intended to say a little about the Confirmation which may naturally be expected to take place here next February, but our "local sheet" is already over full. Classes will soon begin and we hope that all persons above 13 years of age who have not been confirmed will seriously think about attending the classes.

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8 to 9.	7.30 to 8.	7 to 8.30.	
Music	Reading	Wills and Compositions	Monday
Instruction	Classical	Lyrics	Tuesday
Recitation	Vocal Music	Canon of Mass	Wednesday

S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 119.

NOVEMBER, 1895.

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

Our Evening School has made a good start as far as numbers are concerned, 14 names are entered, and we hope that pleasant as well as useful evenings will be spent. It is surprising how soon the power of expressing one's thoughts on paper becomes weakened by want of practice, asked, by way of an exercise in composition, to write about "Savings Banks," or the letters "M.P.," "V.R." "O.H.M.S.," or a letter asking to be apprenticed to any trade, not many of the 14 made a very successful effort, but all this will improve with practice.

A Club dance is arranged for Thursday, November 14th. The Club has had a pleasant Tournament of Games with the members of the Burghfield Club, in which the latter were successful both here and at the return Tournament at Burghfield. The Mortimer Club has sent a challenge which has been accepted for October 30th at Mortimer, when the return games will be arranged for.

The Clothing Club closes on Monday, October 28th, the tickets will be given out on the following Monday, November 4th, when depositors must name the tradesmen they wish to employ, Corderoy of Theale, Selwood of Pangbourne, or any well-known Reading tradesmen; McIlroy is the decided favourite, and from all we hear deservedly so. Fresh deposits will not be received until Monday, December 2nd at the usual hour and place.

We thankfully record that the measles which appeared in the School has not thus far spread beyond three families, those at the entrance lodges and at Mr. Dyer's at Mayridge, but we

are very sorry to record the death of one of our little ones in the Infants' School, Arthur Allen; he was at School on Friday, and died the following Tuesday from inflammation of the lungs. R.I.P.

We have not for some years past had so few children on the School Registers as at present, we have lost or are about to lose by removal from the parish or other causes, 4 Thame's, 3 Shepherd's, 2 Fullers, 5 Edmond's, 3 Jethro Cox's; and thus far only one new child, Emily Morland, has come to supply the place of the above 17. The numbers remaining on the registers are, in the Standards, 58; in the Infants' Class, 26; total, 84.

The words of the accompanying Prayer are familiar to many, it has been our custom to use them publicly in Church, and to invite you to use them privately on behalf of those who are going to be confirmed. Once, twice or even more frequently in each week from now until the time of the Confirmation, we beg you to add this to your daily prayers.

It is proposed to hold the Confirmation Classes in Church on Mondays, commencing November 4th, at half-past 4, for all females, and at 7 p.m. the same evening for all males. The number of candidates is not sufficiently large to make it necessary to have more than these two classes.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of our agency of the Berks Friendly Society was held on 18th September, the quarter's accounts were examined and found correct, there were no new proposals for admission, but several members applied for an alteration in their policy to allow of an increase of pay during sickness.

The half-yearly Collections for Church expenses on Sunday, October 13th, amounted to £10 15s. 5d., which has been handed over to the Churchwardens.

Ⓔ ALMIGHTY and Eternal GOD, Who by the laying on of the hands of the Apostles didst fill Thy servants with the graces of Thy Holy Spirit, look mercifully we beseech Thee, upon all who are to be Confirmed, open their eyes that they may see clearly, soften their hearts that they may feel deeply, Thy goodness and Thy love. Help them, O Lord, so to prepare themselves that they may be fit temples for the in-dwelling of the Holy Ghost. Increase, O Lord, their faith and diligence, that they may gladly receive, and firmly hold, all that truth which Thou hast charged Thy Church to deliver to them: guard them in the great fight, preserve them in the true faith, and keep them in a holy life, so that, finally, with the rest of Thy Holy Church, they may come to Thine everlasting kingdom: through JESUS Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

It is proposed to begin the Dinner Kitchen on Monday, November 11th, the dinner is at the usual price of one half-penny, but as there is a good deal of trouble in finding out the correct number of those who are going to dine each day, and as bread and jam or bread and butter are not very nice a day old, and too much is liable to get cut for children who hold up their hands in School to shew that they are going to dine and yet do not come to dine, the dinner will be paid for in School, each child receiving a 'token' in return for the half-penny, which 'token' will admit to the dinner, and none but those who have the cardboard or metal 'token' will be admitted.

We are glad to hear of little crops of apples maturing on the trees planted in the cottage gardens two years ago, by some oversight a few cottages were omitted in the distribution of the trees, if the occupiers of those cottages will kindly send me word the error shall be remedied this autumn, but as the trees must be ordered altogether, notice must be sent to me within a week after receiving this 'local sheet,' when the order for the trees will be sent, and no further omissions can be rectified.

Colds and bad throats have been rather common in the Village lately, and many children have been kept from School in consequence, and we hear of one case of influenza (now convalescent); the collecting of acorns has a good deal to answer for in the way of colds, the grass is very wet, and wet boots and feet from 'early morn to dewy eve,' and indeed the morn is more 'dewy' than the eve, are not conducive to health especially in the autumn.

BAPTISM.

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

October 27th.—George Henry, son of James and Clara Claydon, of Englefield.

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S. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 120.

DECEMBER, 1895.

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

Mrs. Benyon proposes coming to Englefield on Monday, December 23rd, to distribute the Swimming and Needlework Prizes, and to give the Christmas Gifts to which the village has long been accustomed. The children are to be at the House on the day above named at 12 o'clock, the other persons at a quarter past 12.

All the Members of the Choir are invited to a high tea at the House on Monday, December 30th, when the usual prizes are to be distributed. All will regret the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon for the second time from our Christmas gathering. We are glad that on this occasion it is not illness, but prudence which keeps them in London. Some must be prepared to lose their prize, bad marks mount up very quickly, and the Choir Register is a sad tell-tale and forgets nothing.

The Christmas Club Dance, for which the Squire kindly provides music and refreshments, is fixed for Thursday, January 2nd, and will, we hope, prove as pleasant as on former occasions. It may be again mentioned that no persons are admitted to these dances except Members of the Club, and that each Member may introduce a lady friend on purchase of a ticket, price 3d., on which it is compulsory that the name of the lady be written.

The Annual Meeting of the Workmen's Club is arranged for Monday, January 6th, at 8 p.m., in the Club Room. Some modification of the Rules is proposed, to which attention is drawn by a notice in the Club Room.

The Committee Meeting previous to the Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, January 3rd, at 8.30 p.m.

Please take notice that our yearly collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts will be made on Sunday, December 15th, and that on some day during that week it is requested that Missionary boxes be sent in to the Parsonage. Also our collections on Christmas Day will as usual be given to the Oxford Diocesan Missionary Candidates Association.

No alteration is proposed in the Services on Christmas Day, which will (D.V.) be as follows:—

- 7.30 Holy Communion.
- 8.30 Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 Mattins and Holy Communion (choral).
- 3.30 Evensong and Carols.

It has been our custom to have a Preparation Service for our Christmas Communion some few days previously. This year we propose to have a short Preparation Service immediately after Evening Service on Sunday, December 22nd. Those who do not desire to remain to it can leave the Church whilst the words of the Vesper Hymn, "Lord, keep us safe this night," are being sung; but we hope that all communicants will stay for the 10 minutes of prayer and self-examination, which is all we propose.

As no School Examination is coming on in January we can look forward to some real Christmas holidays, commencing on Friday Afternoon, December 20th, and lasting until January 6th, when school will re-commence at 9 a.m. We are looking forward in December to the Drawing Examination, as well as to a visit from the Rector of Theale to give our children an examination in religious knowledge, but the dates of these two events are not yet fixed.

N.B.—The Clothing Club re-opens for deposits on Monday, December 2nd, at 12, in the School. Those who anticipate

interest on their money must commence their deposits without delay, and make them regularly.

Mortimer Club visit ours on Thursday, December 5th, to play a tournament of games.

We have had applications for 15 apple trees. They have not yet been ordered, so that we can still add to the list, and also shall be glad to replace any that have died.

Our List of Confirmation Candidates is larger than was expected, but not too large for the two classes which are held on Mondays.

The following are the names in alphabetical order, and for all of them we still earnestly ask your prayers :—

Alfred Allen.
 William Allen.
 John Bond.
 George Clinch.
 George Coombes.
 Maurice Cox.
 Walter Cox.
 James Cullum.
 Albert Day.
 William Fowler.
 William Groves.
 John Harris.
 Ernest Josey.
 Henry Morland.
 Samuel Newman.
 Frederick Sessions.
 Frank Sessions.
 John Vince.
 Harry Wallace.
 Edward Wheeler.

Florence Allen.
 Annie Claydon.
 Agnes Cox.
 Gertrude Cox.
 Martha Davis.
 Ellen Elliott.
 Rose Elliott.
 Louisa Fowler.
 Ella Hayes.
 Esther Horne.
 Fanny Horne.
~~Isabella L.~~
 Annie Neighbour.
 Ellen Norris.
 Agnes Smithers.

The Dinner Kitchen is in full swing, and the "ticket system" answers well, and saves much trouble to all concerned.

The Parish Council and the Trustees have voted £20 each for the apprenticeship of Joe Lamperd and Alfred Cox. The former to a blacksmith at Tidmarsh, the latter to one at

Theale. We hope that by their diligence and by becoming good workmen these lads will afford evidence of the wise choice which has been made in electing them beneficiaries of the Englefield Apprentice Fund.

We are very glad to welcome two men into the Choir who can sing bass, Charles Fisher and Fred. Howard, who will both be of much use to us. The Choir will then consist of two basses, two tenors, an alto and eight boys on each side, though, by way of encouraging each other, the two altos sit together. This number quite fills the Choir seats, and is a good balance as regards the four parts.

The musical part of our services is always bright and hearty, and (quite as important) congregational. The only thing that at times disturb us is that Choir boys have a tendency to sing indepently of organ and men, as they are often told, Choir boys should sing as much with their ears as with their mouths.

We have never been accustomed to make the "Local Sheet" an opportunity for preaching, but at the close of the year, with Christmas at hand and a new year coming on, we may go as far as to wish you a happy Christmas and God's blessing in 1896. We can wish you nothing better than to be good Churchmen, good citizens, true and just in all your dealings towards "Cæsar" and towards God, leading "quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty."

True and Just,
Quiet and Peaceable.

Let those be amongst our mottoes for the new year, and if we aim at them, by the blessing of God, we shall attain somewhat of them.

A. L. C. H.

PARSONAGE, ENGLEFIELD,
READING,
26th November, 1895.