

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Once more we have to wish all our readers a very Happy New Year.

The past year has not been specially eventful in anyway, but during it all things have gone on their usual quiet course, and we may look back over it with hearts full of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings sent to us.

Let us enter on the New Year coming up to us, in a spirit of gratitude for the mercy of the past, it will best help us to a life of trustfulness in Him and love one towards another in the days which are to come.

THE SCHOOLS.

It is proposed to open the School on Thursday, January 5th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in order that the parents of children attending may be able to see specimens of the work (penmanship, &c., &c.), which has been done during the past year.

The Schools will re-open for work on Monday, January 9th.

THE CHURCHYARD.

We should wish to remind Parishioners with reference to the Parish Churchyard, that while fresh flowers are at all times welcome when placed upon the graves, memorials of a more permanent character should not be placed there without permission of the Rector, whose duty it is to see that they are suitable to their surroundings.

DANIEL HARRIS.

Since our last issue we have had to chronicle the loss of one of the most valued members of our Choir in Daniel Harris. An old inhabitant of the parish, thoroughly respected and honoured among his neighbours, we have specially to speak of him as one of the most regular and efficient members of our Choir, rarely absent from Church or practice, setting an example of painstaking attention to his duties which all may try to emulate. He passed away from us on Sunday, November 27th, after a short but violent attack of illness, and was laid to rest in the old Churchyard he knew and loved so well, on November 30th.

THE CHOIR.

Mr. Maurice Allen has become a member of the Choir.

S.P.G.

We had our annual sermons and Meeting on behalf of the Foreign Missions of the Church, on the 4th and 5th of the past month.

On the whole we may look upon the contribution made generally by the Parish toward them as showing a satisfactory interest in the work of the Church in the possessions of our Country beyond the seas.

The Rev. C. J. Machin who came as the Society's spokesman, drew a very happy picture of the Canadian Provinces, and it is satisfactory to find that the work of the Church of England in those portions of North America seems so far to have prospered, while a glance at the map which he produced would suffice to show that in the opening up of the immense districts as yet unoccupied, there is still a great deal to be done.

The Rector has still a few boxes in hand which he would be glad to place with anyone who may wish to give help to the Society in this most useful way.

The collections for the year 1898 are as follows :

	£	s.	d.
Boxes	8	3	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
In Church	9	12	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Subscription Rev. H. S. Young	1	1	0
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	£18	17	0
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WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The past month has been a busy one at our Club. On Wednesday, December 7th, the members held their second dance of the season, about 50 were present. A programme of eighteen dances was got through. Mr. V. Rivers presiding at the piano. An excellent floor had been prepared and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, ending at 11 p.m.

The second of the inter-Club games took place in the Club Room on Thursday, December 15th, the opposing forces being the members of the Burghfield Club. After a very close and interesting contest the deciding game fell to the champions of our opponents, who were thus winners by 7 games to 6.

The third tournament took place with Mortimer on the 12th, when we were again defeated by the same margin of 7 to 6 games.

A Smoking Concert was held on December 14th. Mr. J. M. Young was in the Chair, and Mr. M. Allen was Vice-chairman. Mr. A. E. Robinson very kindly gave his services most ably at the piano, and a very good number enjoyed a pleasant evening.

REGISTER OF BURIALS.

October 29th.—Sarah Wattam, 68 years.

November 30th.—David James Richard Harris, 53 years.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

The Feast of the Circumcision	M.,	72.	170.	317.	108.
	E.,	70.	74.	165.	
First Sunday after Epiphany	M.,	76.	79.	219.	
	E.,	193.	77.	220.	
Second Sunday after Epiphany	M.,	276.	248.	197.	
	E.,	265.	290.	198.	
Third Sunday after Epiphany	M.,	178 i.	185.	287.	
	E.,	172.	190.	82.	
Septuagesima	M.,	83.	163.	167.	
	E.,	297.	281.	164.	

OFFERTORY FOR THE QUARTER.

				£	s.	d.
General purposes	...	...	...	10	16	1
Church Expenses	...	...	...	6	17	6
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts	9	12	2
Oxford Diocesan Missionary Candidates' Association	4	8	9
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				£31	14	6
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Benyon's Christmas Tree and Treat for the School Children was held in the Long Gallery, on Thursday, Jan. 5th. The hour of gathering, and before that time, an eager throng of little ones were waiting at the doors ready to press in when the moment arrived.

There was a delightful tea with thin bread and butter and jam, and cakes and buns of various shapes and richness, but it did not last long. Somewhere about one hundred young people were soon at work upon it, and it disappeared.

After it was over we had a few moments quiet while the tables were cleared away, and the seats placed for the grand entertainment of the Christmas tree, which was on the dais at the upper end of the room and at this time shrouded by a curtain.

All were soon in their places and then the veil was removed and disclosed the tree in all the glory of its many twinkling lights and gilded ornaments.

Then we had some exhibitions of the results of our infants' class teaching in a little spoken dialogue, and a very pretty fan drill.

After that was over there came a capital dumb-bell drill by the boys which struck us as a particularly useful exercise.

Lastly came the prizes, School prizes to begin with, for good conduct, and it was very satisfactory to find how many children had achieved the requisite number to entitle them to receive them, and when all this was over, Mrs. Benyon's presents—dolls, crackers, books, toys of all sorts and sizes, to suit the various capacities of young people ranging from three upwards.

Everyone of them seemed to have plenty to carry away.

We testified our gratitude to the Squire and Mrs. Benyon by no end of cheering which was certainly most hearty, and then all was over only too soon, and we went home.

ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday, January 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Benyon entertained the Parish with some Theatricals. Two pieces were performed and the following Programme was gone through :

PART I.

"Freezing a Mother-in-Law." The character of "Mr. Watmuff" was filled by Mr. Basil Young. "Mr. Ferdinand Swift" Mr. Hugh Young. "Walter Litterland" Mr. W. Holbech. "Mrs. Watmuff" Miss Benyon. "Emily her daughter" Miss Young.

Then came an interval in which the Hon. W. Fiennes gave a couple of songs. And PART II, consisted of the good old Romance of "Box and Cox," the part of "John Box" being taken by Col. Holbech ; that of "James Cox" by the Hon. R. Talbot ; while Miss Wyld made a delightful "Mr. Bouncer."

Everyone, we believe, thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were kept most happily amused for the whole time the entertainment lasted. Plenty of laughter and plenty of applause testified to the appreciation of the acting. And we may chronicle one more unquestionably successful Christmas gathering. Adding our thanks to the Squire and Mrs. Benyon for their kindness and the trouble taken by them for our pleasure.

CHOIR DINNER.

As usual at Christmas tide, the Choir dined with the Rector.

The gathering took place at the Rectory on Tuesday, January 3rd, when the party re-inforced by Mr. Roake the Parish-Churchwarden, and Messrs. Coombes and Palmer, Sidesmen, sat down to an old-fashioned Christmas dinner at 7 p.m.

After it had been done justice to by all concerned, an adjournment was made to the Drawing Room, and our worthy Organist Mr. Robinson took possession of the piano, and we enjoyed some capital songs and choruses, in which those of our friends who did not belong to the Choir, quite took their share. An hour soon passed away in this pleasant manner, and about ten o'clock we separated with one more of these happy gatherings to look back upon.

CHURCH DEFENCE INSTITUTION.

The Rev. Chas. A. Wells will give a course of Lectures on "The Prayer Book" in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, on Mondays, February 20th and 27th, and March 6th and 13th, at 7 p.m.

THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual Christmas Dance, which proved very successful, took place on Wednesday, January 4th. Dancing commenced at 7.30 and was kept up merrily till 12.30, when a pleasant evening concluded with singing the National Anthem and cheers for the Squire (who very kindly defrayed expenses). The band (which gave every satisfaction) was supplied by Mr. Walker, of Reading, and the programme consisted of 24 dances. The caretaker (Mr. J. Claydon), prepared a good floor, and tastefully decorated the room. About 100 were present and the flags were lent by Mr. Harrison, of Theale (who is an honorary member of the Club). The Sub-Committee (Messrs. J. Tegg, R. Moore, and J. Geo. Taylor) made all the arrangements and efficiently carried out the duties of M.C.'s.

THE TOURNAMENTS.

It is generally said that "Fortune favours the Brave." If this is always true the Members of our Workmen's Club would appear to be sadly lacking in that quality, judging from the results of the season's inter-club Games Tournaments.

Four have already been played and of these only one resulted in a success—and that was won by only one point.

The contests have however always provided, as they were to do, some pleasant social gatherings.

The House Tournaments are drawing to a close. Two members have already asserted their right to be recognised as Champions in their respective games, and in the course of a few weeks the whole list will be ready for publication.

HYMNS.

Sexagesima	M.,	190.	320.	317.	108.
	E.,	274.	225.	281.	
Quinquagesima	M.,	197.	210.	291.	
... ..	E.,	269.	265.	290.	
First Sunday in Lent	M.,	284.	92.	89.	
	E.,	84.	252.	94.	
Second Sunday in Lent	M.,	254.	88.	198.	
	E.,	90.	87.	263.	



Lent, 1899.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH.

We do not need now-a-days to be told that Lent is the forty days of Fasting which Christian people have been in the habit of keeping as a time of religious thought and prayer; to be spent in abstaining from the common pleasures of the world, going without some of them at least, and trying to train our minds to see what our sins and faults in God's sight may be, so that we may repent of them and seek His pardon.

If anyone asks why we have forty days he may see reasons in Hymn 89, where we are reminded of the holy men of the old time such as Moses, Elijah, and Daniel, who fasted forty days and nights.

Above all we may remember our Lord Himself passed such a time in the wilderness.

So it stands as one of the seasons of the Church, six or seven weeks in all, and we are taught in this way how good it is for us to try and be more thoughtful and careful about our ways, and so get ready to find real pleasure and comfort to our souls and strengthening of our hope of the better world to come, when at Easter we come to make our Communion.

There are to be some extra services which we should try and attend, that we may be helped by joining in prayer with others, and by the hearing God's word preached to us.

Let us try—each one according to our own special needs—to get some good out of this Lent, entering upon it with a humble and hearty desire to learn something more of God and of His Will and Way. As the Psalm teaches us let us say for ourselves “I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning *me*.”

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m.

Mattins and Commination at 11 a.m.

Evensong at 4 p.m.

Litany and Sermon at 7 p.m.

There will be a service on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., with a Sermon.

The Preachers will be :

On February 22nd.—Rev. J. B. MARSH, Chalvey.

„ March 1st.—Rev. J. T. FOX, Watlington.

„ „ 8th.—Rev. G. J. TURNER, S. Sebastian's,
Wokingham.

„ „ 15th.—Rev. H. B. YOUNG, S. Paul's, Knights-
bridge.

„ „ 22nd.—Rev. J. L. STARLING, Mortimer West End.

On Thursday mornings after the first Sunday in Lent there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30.

On Tuesdays, February 21st and 28th, and March 7th and 14th, there will be Lectures in the Long Gallery, on “The Prayer Book, by the Rev. C. A. WELLS, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Benyon will have her working party for Foreign Missions on Thursday at 2.30 in the Long Gallery, as in past years.

IN HOLY WEEK

There will be service with a Sermon each evening at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Mattins, Litany, and Sermon, at 11 a.m.

Special Service at 2 p.m.

Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion 7.30, 8.30, and at midday.

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THE CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese came to us on Sunday, February 12th, for the Holy Rite of Confirmation.

The Service was held at 3 p.m.

The Choir received His Lordship at the Church Door on his arrival and conducted him to his seat in the Sanctuary.

The Bishop gave us a very earnest and impressive address—on the Gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed in Confirmation—and on the manner in which we, as the children of God from the time of our Baptism, should try to profit by the grace thus given to us.

The names of those confirmed are as follows :

George Neighbour, William Lamperd, Alfred Thame, Tracey George Wyatt, Alfred George Buckland, Edward Warman Buckland, Hubert Sessions, William Henry Martin, Alfred Coxe, George Albert Neville, Robert Charles Allen, Sidney Aretas Allen, Hubert Coxe, Jesse Neville, Charles William Claydon. Girls—Ada Reid, Alice Maud Golding, Ellen Elizabeth Randall, Alice Jenkins, Ellen Mildred Murray, Emily Winchcombe, Gertrude Wyatt, Mary Hughes, Hilda Harris, Edith Harris, Frances Irene Young.

THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual Meeting was held on February 2nd.

The Squire took the chair and was supported by the Rector and about 40 Members. The Annual Report showed the Club to be in a prosperous state, 136 Members being on

the books for the past year. The library has been well used, over 1000 books having been issued, and there are now 1,205 books on the shelves. The Balance Sheet showed a balance in hand of over £70. The election of Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and 10 Committee-men took place and the following now form the Committee:— President — J. Herbert Benyon, Esq., the Rector, and Messrs. Roake, Taylor, Moore, Chas. Cox, Vince, Robinson, Bucknell, Long, Johnson, A. Lamperd, F. Cox, and C. Fisher. Hon. Secretary—J. Tegg; Hon. Treasurer—W. Palmer; Auditors—Messrs. Coombes and Harrison. The Lifeboat was handed round, opened, and found to contain £1 2s. 10½d., which has been duly forwarded to the National Lifeboat Institution. A hearty vote of thanks to the President and past officers of the Club closed the Meeting.

The last of the season's Dances was held on Tuesday, February 14th, and was like its predecessors most enjoyable. Dancing commenced at seven o'clock and was kept up with great zest until a programme of 18 dances had been exhausted. The floor was in good condition and the arrangements were carried out by the sub-committee, who also acted as M.C.'s. The Dances this season have been well patronized and thoroughly enjoyed. For the first time the "Dance Balance Sheet" for the season shews a substantial balance to the Club.

The last of our inter-Club Games Tournaments took place on Monday evening, February 6th, when a small party of our members visited Burghfield, to play the return match with the Workmen's Club of that village. Our members were able to hold their own on this occasion and reversed the result of the first meeting, winning by the same majority of one point. Our members were most hospitably entertained by their Hosts, for which a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by our Hon. Secretary Mr. J. Tegg, and responded to by Mr. Claydon of Burghfield, with many kind remarks on our former contests and hopes to our future meetings.

Although the season has not been quite as successful as last year, our members may congratulate themselves on winning the first and last match of the series, two others being lost by one point each, altogether six matches have been played, two were won and four lost.

CHURCH DEFENCE SOCIETY.

Mr. Wells one of the Lecturers of this Society came to us, and gave the first of a series of four lectures on Monday, February 20th, at 7 p.m., with lime-light illustrations.

Mr. Benyon briefly introduced the Lecturer.

The subject was the Book of Common Prayer and Mr. Wells began at the beginning, and showed that in the whole history of God's dealing with mankind it had been His will to systematize and regulate the prayers and devotions of His people.

The elaborate and careful system of sacrifice, prayer and ritual which was given to the Chosen people in the Old Testament was a sufficient proof for us that such ways of worship were in accord with His will, as they certainly tend to give dignity to the united devotions of the congregation, and prevent them from being regulated by the chances of the ability of a particular minister or the peculiar feelings or interests which may sway or influence his mind.

Mr. Wells also reminded us that Our Lord taught His own disciples to use the simple and beautiful form of the Lord's Prayer, which holds a prominent place in all our forms of public devotions. He also traced for us the beginning of the Liturgy of Our Church, mentioning the names and giving us some account of ancient forms of services which in the old time were in use in the Church in different parts of the world. The great service in them all being the Service of the Holy Communion.

All this was very beautifully illustrated with the lantern slides and we passed a very pleasant hour in the Long

Gallery, and then went home looking forward to more next time.

There are two lectures in this month, on Mondays, March 6th and 13th, at 7 p.m.

CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Workmen's Club Room on Tuesday Evening, February 21st.

The Rector in the absence of the President being in the Chair.

The business was merely of a routine character and consisted in the election of Officers for the year.

Mr. Benyon as usual is President of the Club. The Rector was elected Treasurer; Mr. J. G. Taylor, Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. E. Robinson, Captain; Messrs. Lamperd, Vice-Captain; Smith, Smythe, Fulford, B. Young, and Clayden were elected for the Committee.

The Treasurer reported that the debt owing by the Club at the end of the last season had been kindly paid off by the President, and that they would therefore commence the season with a clear balance sheet.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Third Sunday in Lent	M.,	87.	315.	322.	108.
	E.,	251.	287.	198.	
Fourth Sunday in Lent	M.,	183.	286.	254.	
	E.,	274.	91.	90.	
Fifth Sunday in Lent	M.,	96.	263.	250.	
	E.,	269.	88.	248.	
Palm Sunday	M.,	98.	106.	184.	
	E.,	99.	110.	27.	

HOLY WEEK.

On each evening there will be a Metrical Litany and Sermon at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Mattins, Litany, and Ante-Communion Service with a Sermon at 11 a.m.

Special Service from 2 till 3 p.m.

Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY.

Holy Communion 7.30, 8.30, and at midday.

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EASTER DAY SERVICES.

There will be Celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7.30 and 8.30, and also at mid-day.

The Collections, which were given to Home Missions last year, will this year be given to the Foreign Mission work of the Church, and the Rev. Duncan Travers of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, will preach on its behalf at the Evening Service.

The Rector is leaving home by medical advice for two months holiday after Easter. The Rev. J. Haworth Milne will reside in the Rectory as *locum tenens* during his absence, and the services of the Church will be carried on as usual.

The very interesting course of Lectures in Church History given by Mr. Wells in the Long Gallery has come to an end. We give a short summary of the contents of the last three.

LECTURE II began with a slight sketch of the lives of Alfred the Great and Dunstan; the latter introduced Benedictine Monks into England, became the first Abbot of Glastonbury, and tried to raise the lives of the Clergy to a higher level. Besides encouraging them to study he made them each learn a trade, he himself worked in iron and wood. He became Archbishop of Canterbury and died in 988. An interesting slide was a copy of the Lord's Prayer in Anglo-Saxon. It was not until the time of Henry

III. that any documents were written in English. From the time of the Norman Conquest the services of the Church were always in Latin. The Lecturer then explained that the word "*Use*" means a service in certain dioceses and does not necessarily refer to the musical setting of a service. In 1085 an unhappy incident occurred :—Thurstan, Abbot of Glastonbury, introduced the Norman method of singing the Psalms ; the Monks rebelled against his authority and a great disturbance was made. In consequence of this the Bishop of Salisbury revised the Service Books ; hence the "*Sarum Use*" became a model for the South of England and prevailed also in some parts of the continent. The chief books of prayer existing at this time were :—

1.—*The Missal* containing the Service of Holy Communion in four parts—The Gradual, Gospel, Epistle and Sacramentary.

2.—*The Manual* (to be carried in the hand) consisting of the Baptismal, Burial and Marriage Services, &c.

3.—*The Pontifical* used by the Bishops.

4.—*The Breviary* containing the Services of the Canonical Hours, Matins, Nocturns, Lauds, Terce, Sext, Nones, Vespers and Compline.

The Horn Books were for the use of the less educated people. Then followed a short review of the work and dissolution of the Monasteries, the part played by Wyclif in the History of the Church and the importance of the introduction of Printing into England by Caxton.

IN LECTURE III we heard an account of the work of some of the Reformers and Translators of the Bible. The authorised version appeared in 1535 and five years later Cranmer issued what is known as the "*Great Bible*." In 1544 the Litany was translated into English. And three years later in 1547, the first English Prayer Book of Edward VI. was drawn up, largely from the old services of the Sarum

use. From the Mattins and Evensong of Sarum were taken The Lord's Prayer. The Versicles Gloria, Venite Psalms, the Lessons from the Old Testament, and the Te Deum and Magnificat. While from another service in the Sarum book called Lauds, Lessons were taken from the New Testament and the Benedictus and Nunc Dimittis, and from the Service of Prime came the Creed, Kyrie, the Lord's Prayer and the Collects.

The Second Prayer Book of Edward VI came out in 1547, but was hardly used at all.

Finally, in 1661, the Prayer Book was again revised, and now as we have it for our own use it may be said that three-fifths are taken from the Holy Scriptures, and by far the larger part of the Prayers contained in it consists of Collects, &c., framed for the use of the Church more than 200 years ago.

LECTURE 4.—Consisted almost entirely of an account of the Black Letter Saints whose names are to be found in the Kalendar of the Prayer Book, but for whom no Collects, Epistles, and Gospels are set for use. The Lecturer gave a very interesting account of many of these holy men, who, in various ways stood up for the faith of Christ against evil of many kinds in the days in which they lived, and were benefactors to mankind in their generation.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

EASTER DAY	...	...	M.,	135.	316.	312.	128.
			E.,	134.	136.	137.	
First Sunday after Easter			M.,	135.	140.	136.	
			E.,	134.	132.	137.	
Second Sunday after Easter			M.,	197.	261.	239.	
			E.,	232.	224.	28.	
Third Sunday after Easter			M.,	219.	270.	297.	
			E.,	306.	220.	31.	
Fourth Sunday after Easter			M.,	301.	190.	177.	
			E.,	202.	178 ii.	24.	

REGISTER FOR THE QUARTER.

BAPTISMS.

Alice Winifred Bates.
Alfred James Freemantle.
Bertha Ellen Mason.

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[Communicated by Mrs. Benyon].

OUR LENT WORKING PARTY.

In consequence of illness in the Parish our Lent Work Party had to be postponed a week ; so we were only able to work on five Thursdays, but in spite of that we managed to finish 217 garments for Home Mission and 29 for the African Mission, making a good total of 246 garments. We have sent parcels to St. Saviour's, Haggerston, and Rochester Ladies' Association for the poor in South London, and to the Deaconesses' Home, Mildmay Park, and the African garments are going to be sent this week to Kilimani.

On opening the Missionary box it was satisfactory to find £1 14s. 2½d., this sum I have sent to Miss Herring of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, and have asked her to put it in the fund they are collecting for the schooling of a child, and so we hope saving that child from heathenism. I have received grateful thanks from her, and from those who received the garments, which they asked me to convey to the contributors and kind workers.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

Owing to the departure from the village of Mr. J. G. Taylor, the Hon. Sec., Mr. Robinson, the Captain, has consented to act as Secretary *pro. tem.* The list of matches for the season is as follows :—

May 6	Bucklebury Fireside C.C.	Home
„ 13	Goring C.C.	Home
„ 20	Aldermaston C.C.	Away
„ 27	Christ Church C.C. (Reading)	Home
June 3	Whitchurch C.C.	Away
„ 10	Mortimer C.C.	Home
„ 17	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Home
„ 24	Tilehurst C.C.	Away
July 1	Mortimer C.C.	Away
„ 8	Padworth C.C.	Home
„ 15	Goring C.C.	Away
„ 22	Swallowfield C.C.	Away
„ 29	Whitchurch C.C.	Home
Aug. 5	Silchester C.C.	Away
„ 12	Biscuit Factory C.C.	Away
„ 19	Aldermaston C.C.	Home
„ 26	Swallowfield C.C.	Home
Sept. 2	Tilehurst C.C.	Home
„ 9	Silchester C.C.	Home

PRIMROSE LEAGUE. A very successful meeting of the Englefield Habitation was held in the Long Gallery, on Thursday evening, April 20th. The principal business was to elect officers for the ensuing year, and, without exception, all, from Mr. Benyon as Ruling Councillor, and Mrs. Benyon as Dame President, downwards, were re-elected. Mr. Robert Mowbray, who was announced to speak, was unfortunately unable to be present. An excellent entertainment provided by Mr. Ben Lawes and his company then followed, and the evening closed with hearty votes of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon and cheers for the family, followed by the National Anthem.

THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Home Club Games Tournaments were brought to a conclusion in a fitting manner on Wednesday, April 5th, when the prizes were presented to the successful competitors at a Smoking Concert arranged for that purpose.

The President occupied the chair during the evening, Mr. G. Johnson the popular Tournament Secretary filling the Vice-Chair, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The President presented the prizes and the following were the prize winners :—

- Whist—Messrs. T. Harris and A. Lamperd.
 Double Cribbage—Messrs. W. Sly and T. Harris.
 Single Cribbage—Mr. J. G. Taylor.
 Don—Mr. E. Cottrell.
 Dominoes—Mr. C. F. Bray.
 Draughts—Mr. L. Plumb.
 Bagatelle (Cannon).—Mr. R. Mountford.
 „ (Cannon and Holes).—Mr. J. G. Taylor.
 La. Bagatelle.—Mr. W. Carpenter.
 Billiard Handicap.—Mr. F. C. Bray.
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During the past month the Club Rooms have been thoroughly renovated in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting. The walls have been coloured, relieved by a stencilled border under the wall plate and over the dado. The woodwork has been cleaned and varnished and we think members will agree that the money has been well spent. The following books have been added to the Library.

- 1121—Eight Hundred Leagues on the Amazon.
 1201—Strand Magazine, Vol. XIII.
 1202— „ „ Vol. XIV.
 1203— „ „ Vol. XV.
 1204— „ „ Vol. XVI.
 1205—English Illustrated Magazine, Vol. XVI.
 1206— „ „ „ Vol. XVII.
 1207—Navy and Army, Vol. III.
 1208— „ „ Vol. IV.
 1209—English Illustrated Magazine, Vol. XVIII.
 1210— „ „ „ Vol. XIX.
 1211—Sir Francis Englefield, of Englefield, by A. H. Harrison.

EASTERTIDE.

Our Church looked very beautiful on Easter Day, its decorations made up chiefly with a wealth of Japanese and Arum lilies and a profusion of other white flowers of various kinds on Altar, Pulpit and Windows. Everywhere reminded us of the brightness which should mark the Festivals of Holy Church; and if our thoughts were led deeper than the surface to the symbolism which belongs to those things which were before our eyes—they reminded us of the life from the dead which is brought to us in the Resurrection of our Lord.

We had a new plan this year and gave our collections throughout the day to the Universities Mission to Central Africa. No one who looks at the newspapers can be ignorant of the great attention which is being directed to that Continent at the present or of the interest which it is likely to attract in the future. And it seems a good thing, while the Statesmen and Ministers of the Queen's Government are settling how best to act as regards our interests in the country, that the Church should do what she is able to make the people Christians.

The Rev. Duncan Travers, the Secretary of the Mission came and helped in the day's services and at Evensong gave us a most interesting and inspiring Sermon on the work of its Mission.

We think those who have been working for this Mission in making garments for the poor black people, must have been glad to be told so much of the way in which the Mission is carried on. Perhaps some at least may be glad to hear more another day.

We had about the same number of Communicants as last year. Should there not have been some more?

H.S.Y.

 EASTER VESTRY.

This was held as usual on Easter Monday. The Rector in the chair. Messrs. Benyon, Roake, Palmer, Coombes, Robinson and Vince were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the Church Wardens' Accounts were passed.

A twopenny Church Rate was agreed to, on the proposition of Mr. Benyon.

Mr. Benyon was appointed Rector's Churchwarden, and Mr. Roake was re-elected Parish Churchwarden for the year. Messrs. Todd, Coombes, Palmer and Dyer were elected Sidesmen.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Benyon for defraying the necessary salary of Organist and Blower, and the meeting adjourned.

H.S.Y.

THE SCHOOL.

We are glad to say that H.M.'s Inspector has once more given a very satisfactory report of our School. Saying that— "The mixed School is being conducted with great care and intelligence and is doing work of very high merit." And of the Infants' Class he says that "the Infants are brightly taught and are making good progress generally."

It is very much to be regretted that it was necessary to keep the School closed so long on account of so many children being ill with Measles. There will be no more than sufficient time to allow for the opening of the School as often as the Education Department requires, when the usual holidays in harvest time are taken into consideration.

H.S.Y.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Fifth Sunday after Easter	M.,	225.	316.	312.	108.
	E.,	197.	172.	231.	
Ascension Day	M.,	150.			
	E.,	147.	144.	301.	
Sunday after Ascension Day	M.,	147.	299.	149.	
	E.,	150.	302.	23.	
Whit-sunday	M.,	154.	316.	312.	108.
	E.,	156.	207.	210.	
Trinity Sunday	M.,	160.	163.	281.	
	E.,	161.	166.	22.	

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LOCAL SHEET.

No. 162.

JUNE, 1899.

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

This has been a somewhat uneventful month in the Parish. There was so much information contained in last month's number of the Local Sheet that there appears but little to record at the present time.

The Rector proposes coming home on May 30th or 31st, and it is the sincere hope of all his friends and Parishioners that he may return having derived very much benefit from his short holiday.

The Services of the Church have been conducted after the usual plan by the Rev. J. H. Milne, who has had charge of the Parish during the Rector's absence. In taking leave of the Parish, Mr. Milne begs to thank the parishioners for all their consideration and kindness, and to assure them that he will always retain a pleasant recollection of his short visit to Englefield.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

The first three matches on the Club Card have been played, and have proved interesting and enjoyable, although two have been lost. The 1st, against Bucklebury Fireside, was played on May 6th, at Englefield, and resulted in a win for the home team by 58 runs; the scores being 114 and 56. The most successful on our side were W. Leaver, Senr. (46); A. E. Robinson (15); O. Hopley (14); and G. Rudd (10).

On the following Saturday, Goring C.C. visited us, and won by 41 runs, the scores being 100 and 59. Our most successful batsman was A. Lamperd (13).

On Saturday, May 20th, we visited Aldermaston and played the local club in the park there. We were again defeated, but were decidedly unlucky. The scores were 101 and 77. Our best scores were made by A. Todd (25); W. Leaver, Junr. (17); and W. Leaver, Senr. (10). Up to the present 9 bowlers have been tried in the various matches, of whom O. Hopley has proved the most successful.

MARRIAGE.

April 29th.— Frederick James Cox to Ada Mary Pink, both of Englefield.

BAPTISM.

April 30th. — Catherine Edith, daughter of Harry and Margaret Smith.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

First Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	289.	165.	228.
	E.,	226.	268.	27.
Second Sunday after Trinity	M.,	217.	196.	225.
	E.,	164.	413.	439.
Third Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	248.	282.	251.
	E.,	447.	235.	24.
Fourth Sunday after Trinity	M.,	265.	244.	193.
	E.,	172.	221.	179.

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LOCAL SHEET.

No. 163.

JULY, 1899.

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TREATS.

June has been a season of Excursions from Englefield. Early in the month our Choir men and Organist went for their annual days "outing" to London.

The weather was distinctly favourable and it is always satisfactory, if it is possible to get these holidays over while the Spring foliage is at its best. This year everything worked out well, and all Members appear to have enjoyed a very pleasant and entertaining day among the various sights and scenes which they found to visit.

Later on, the Ringers followed their example, and went for their holiday to the Crystal Palace. There is hardly a better place in England for an expedition. The Building itself with its various entertainments and the Gardens with their flowers and fountains, making a most interesting sight. After enjoying the sights which were to be seen there, the party returned to London and finished their day with the big wheel and other delights of Earl's Court.

THE SCHOOL.

The Diocesan Inspector paid us his annual visit to examine the children in Religious Knowledge on Thursday, June 15th. We subjoin his report which speaks for itself. Parents and Teachers, Children and Managers are alike to be congratulated on the result.

"The School has passed a most satisfactory examination, and taking the Standard from the Upper Division, V.G. the highest mark for religious education is awarded to it."

“Discipline, attention, and reverence of manner are conspicuous throughout the School, the repetition was accurately said, and the answering generally intelligent.”

“In the Infants' Class the following are commended : Ida Rampton, Laura Allen, David Horne, May Ford, Annie Ford, Bertha Winchcombe, Ernest Neville.”

“Standards I., III.—A large class, in which the majority answered well. The constant writing of answers is recommended. George Stocker, Ada Fowler, Edith Bates, Gilbert Allen, Arthur Worth, Alfred Day, Ethel Horne, Lily Horne, were among the best.”

“Upper Division.—In this small class, all but one or two children showed much knowledge, especially of the Old Testament and of the Service for Holy Communion. The written answers were most of them good and original. The work of this class to which the children rise in turn, stamps the religious education of the School as excellent. The teachers are to be congratulated on the result of the Examination. The Diocesan Prize was awarded to M. Gertrude Wyatt ; Highly commended—Stephen Clayden, Edith Buckland, Harry Vince, Emily Horne.”

THE CRICKET CLUB.

Since our last issue, five matches have been played, and unfortunately, all have been lost. The team seems to be under a spell of bad luck as far as winning matches is concerned ; from which we feel sure it will soon recover. We have the great satisfaction of knowing that no outside help has been called in, that the younger members get plenty of encouragement, and that all the games have been thoroughly well contested and enjoyable. The victorious teams were : Aldermaston, Christ Church (Reading), Whitchurch, Mortimer, and Biscuit Factory C.C.'s.

BAPTISMS.

April 30th.—Catherine Edith, daughter of Harry and Margaret Smith.

June 3rd.—Gideon John, son of Gideon and Annie Elliott.

June 5th.—Albert John, son of James and Jane Bucknell.

MARRIAGE.

April 29th.—Frederick James Cox and Ada Mary Pink.

BURIAL.

May 23rd.—Arthur Welch, aged 62.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	261.	322.	324.	107.
	E.,	193.	172.	21.	
Sixth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	290.	260.	237.	
	E.,	273.	254.	298.	
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	M.,	247.	301.	240.	
	E.,	269.	238.	197.	
Eighth Sunday after Trinity	M.,	268.	242.	225.	
	E.,	197.	165.	24.	
Ninth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	276.	188.	217.	
	E.,	218.	184.	236.	

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LOCAL SHEET.

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AUGUST, 1899.

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THE SCHOOL.

Our School will be closed for the usual Harvest Holidays during the month, re-opening we hope, again for work on Monday, September the 4th.

The chief event during the past month is the success of two of our boys in gaining County Council Scholarships to continue their education at Higher Grade Schools.

Stephen Clayden, the son of the popular Custodian of our village Club, has gained one, which gives admission to the Newbury Grammar School, and Arthur Horne, the son of Mr. Henry Horne of Chalk Pit, has obtained a day Scholarship at the Kendrick Schools at Reading.

This result is most satisfactory in a small village School, as it shows unmistakably the thoroughly good and efficient teaching our children receive, and their readiness and capacity to take advantage of the opportunities placed within their reach.

We have to congratulate all concerned in this success, managers, teachers, parents, and children equally, and trust that as these last have now fresh chances of getting on in life opened before them, they will find this the first step in an honourable and industrious career.

THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

It seems early days to think of this, but if all goes well it is proposed to hold our Annual Festival, as usual, about the first week in September, probably Wednesday the 6th will be the day, and the Collection as usual will go to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

The spell of ill-luck which was mentioned in our June number, has at last been broken, and two matches have since been won in consecutive weeks, viz. : those against Padworth and Goring. The matches played during last month, were against Tilehurst, Padworth, Goring, and Swallowfield. The latter should properly be styled Swallowfield and District with Barker (the chief county professional). We don't reasonably expect to win such matches as the latter, because we don't wish to go outside our Club for players, or to pay for professional assistance. The best individual performance this month, was a dashing innings of 45 made by O. Hopley against Goring.

 OXFORD DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL HELP SOCIETY.

Our offertory on the first Sunday in August will, as usual, be given this year to the above, as being the Diocesan Society on behalf of which the Bishop of Oxford has this year issued his Annual Pastoral Letter.

Its object is to assist the Clergy of populous parishes in providing the necessary Assistant Curates for their Churches.

 HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	221.	317.	320.	107.
	E.,	279.	245.	21.	
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	M.,	248.	178 i.	280.	
	E.,	193.	260.	163.	
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	M.,	161.	290.	281.	
	E.,	199.	164.	228.	
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	M.,	297.	286.	240.	
	E.,	202.	238.	276.	

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LOCAL SHEET.

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SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

The Harvest Thanksgiving will be held (D.V.), about the same time as usual, and Wednesday, September 6th, is the date which has been fixed.

There will be the usual service in the morning at the Church, when a Sermon will be preached by the Rev. Robert Crawley, Rector of North Ockenden, in Essex, and a collection will be made for the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

The other arrangements for the day will be, we understand, the same as last year.

S. MARK'S GUILD.

The attendance at the meetings of our Guild have decreased so much, and some of its rules seem so little noticed by the great majority of those whose names appear on the list of members, that it has been thought well to hold no meeting for the present month, and it may ultimately be found desirable to modify in some way the present condition of things as regard it by some little alterations of the various purposes, &c., which are specified.

ENGLEFIELD v. MORTIMER.

BOYS' CRICKET MATCH.

On Thursday, August 3rd, our Boys' Club played a match with a Mortimer Team brought over by the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, and a very enjoyable afternoon's cricket was the result ending satisfactorily we may say in a victory for Englefield, who were throughout the stronger and better side.

It will be seen that the Bucklands and Charley Clayden distinguished themselves in the first innings, and the score made by C. Clayden and G. Young in the second enabled them very soon to declare it closed, and put the other side in, in the hope of getting them out before time was up, and so clearing up the match in a satisfactory manner, and this they were just able to do, the last wicket falling on the stroke of the clock.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

The five matches which have been played since our last issue have been against Whitchurch, Silchester, the Biscuit Factory, Padworth, and Aldermaston Cricket Clubs. The result being in each case we regret to say a defeat. The closest game was with Silchester where 8 runs only was the difference. The match with Padworth was a whole day affair, commencing at 11.30 a.m. and drawing stumps at 6.30. The team were most kindly treated by the leading officials of the Padworth Club, who entertained them with luncheon and tea as well as other considerate kindnesses.

The highest batting scores of the month have been made by A. T. Todd, who scored 26 against the Biscuit Factory and 25 against Aldermaston.

MRS. AGNES WARDSWELL.

A person once well known in the Parish has been taken from us during the month now passed away. For a long time the infirmities of declining years have incapacitated her from work and kept her to a great extent a prisoner in her room ; but many will remember and look back with gratitude to her kindly and thoughtful labours among the sick and suffering, and grieve for the loss they have sustained.

Her last illness was only of short duration, scarcely a week before her death she was able to go out in the Bath chair, and enjoy the fresh air and brightness of the summer

weather, then an attack of bronchitis seized her, and though it never seemed to assume a really acute form, her strength was not sufficient to battle successfully against its progress, and she died quietly on the morning of the 13th of August. Her work was done in this world, and we trust her to the keeping of Our Father in Heaven, waiting for the Day of the Resurrection, when those who sleep in Jesus shall God bring with Him.

The usual Monthly Service for the Administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 3.30, instead of on the first Sunday in the month as usual.

THE SCHOOL.

We may remind parents and Scholars that the School re-opens for work on Monday, September 4th.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	210.	320.	315.	107.
	E.,	439.	197.	23.	
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	382.	298.	179.	
	E.,	381.	290.	21.	
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	274.	184.	191.	
	E.,	196.	232.	20.	
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	M.,	291.	248.	279.	
	E.,	265.	299.	223	

We append the score of the Mortimer Boys' Cricket Match:—

ENGLEFIELD.

1st Innings.	Runs.	2nd Innings.	Runs.
E. Buckland b. Shackleford ...	4	c. Blincoe b. Mackenzie ...	7
C. Clayden c. Ruddock b. Mackenzie	16	not out ...	41
G. Young b. Shackleford...	0	not out ...	31
A. Buckland b. Mackenzie ...	4		
S. Allen c. Mackenzie b. Shackleford	0		
Herbert Cox c. J. Love b. Shackleford	14		
H. Vince c. J. Love b. Skey ...	1	{ Innings } { Closed }	
W. Martin b. Shackleford ...	0		
S. Clayden (not out) ...	2		
L. Vince b. Skey ...	4		
Extras ...	8	Extras ..	2
	Totals 53		81

MORTIMER.

1st Innings.	Runs.	2nd Innings.	Runs.
J. Blincoe b. Young ...	0	c. Cox by Young ..	8
F. Skey b. A. Buckland ...	3	c. C. Clayden b. A. Buckland ...	5
W. Shackleford b. A. Buckland...	9	c. E. Buckland b. Young ...	7
J. Mackenzie b. A. Buckland ...	0	b. E. Buckland ...	9
C. Ruddock c. A. Buckland b. C. Clayden	9	b. A. Buckland ...	0
F. Raggett b. A. Buckland ...	4	c. and b. A. Buckland	0
A. Aubrey c. Cox b. A. Buckland	1	b. E. Buckland ...	0
F. Illman c. Cox b. A. Buckland	0	b. E. Buckland ...	2
J. Love (not out) ...	0	run out ...	2
F. Lovelock b. A. Buckland ...	0	c. and b. E. Buckland	9
E. Illman c. and b. A. Buckland	0	not out ...	0
Extras ...	2	Extras ...	6
	Totals 81		48

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OCTOBER, 1899.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

Once more we have had our Harvest Home at Englefield in the good old fashion.

The day commenced with service in the Church which was carried out as usual, with the exception that we had no Anthem this year, and speaking for ourselves we prefer to hear the men's voices joining in the hymns throughout the Church, to the more elaborate music which the Anthems afford. Then we had a very bright and appropriate sermon from the Rev. Robert Crawley, Rector of North Ockenden in Essex, where some of the Squire's property in that county is situated; the collection for the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading amounted to over £54, which added to the offertory at the Sunday Services made a total of £56 0s. 6d.

Service over, a visit was paid to the Tent where the Garden Show was laid out, and we think we may say that when the dry season is taken into consideration this may be regarded as having been very satisfactory. The number of Exhibitors, not including Children, was about 30. Then there was the dinner in the good old English fashion, plenty of Beef and Plum Pudding.

When this was done with, the Squire proposed the health of the Queen, and the Rector then gave the toast of the day, the Squire and Mrs. Benyon, which was received with the enthusiasm it deserved, and the hearty three times three told, how thoroughly the kindness and generosity which mark their interest for the people, is appreciated in the parish.

The Squire in returning thanks, remarked that he had nothing to tell them, as he had last year, about old age pensions or such like matters. But in another direction he mentioned the gratification which he felt at the success of two of the Scholars in the Village School, who had gained Scholarships under the scheme of higher Education put forward by the County Council, and pointed out that now this had been done, there was the opportunity of this superior Education open to boys and girls alike.

Alluding to the Show he mentioned that some slight irregularities as to dates of entry had been overlooked this year, but that this could not be done on future occasions. He concluded by proposing the health of the Rector of the Parish, and also of the Rev. Robert Crawley, thanking the latter for having come so far to preach to them on the present occasion.

After suitable replies from these, the party adjourned to the Park, where a very happy and successful afternoon was spent under the immediate superintendence of the Squire and Mrs. Benyon. There were all kind of races and Athletic Sports for men, women and children, ending with the Tug-of-War in which the Timber Yard was once more successful.

A novel feature of the day, we must not forget to mention, and this was the good old entertainment of Punch and Judy, two exhibitions of which were given on the Terrace in the course of the afternoon and afforded its usual inexhaustible amusement to all sorts and ages of people. There were also some Cocoa Nut Shies and something like 200 of these "foreign fruits" were distributed in the course of the day.

The Church was as usual beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit, and we have to thank a large number of the parishioners for the gifts kindly sent to be forwarded to the Hospital from the produce of their gardens. We append a list of names :—

J. Clayden, A. Harris, W. Cox, J. Cox, I. Cox, J. Thame, F. Cooper, W. Fowler, W. Sessions, J. Hayes, J. Bond, J. Rose, A. Dyer, W. Wyatt, W. Smyth, G. Yarlett, W. Palmer,

H. Martin, W. Vince, T. Webb, D. Horne, Mrs. Davis, D. Brill, G. Dell, T. Dixon, C. Fisher, G. Allen, G. Wilder, C. Cox, D. Elliott, G. Freeman, H. Groves, A. Rampton, H. Horne, J. Martin, J. Norris, E. Morland, G. S. Roake, J. Tegg, E. Lamperd, W. Pocock and J. Coombes.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

On Harvest Home night the Committee arranged the usual "Smoker," as a wind up to the days festivities. Mr. Ben Lawes and a party of professionals were engaged, and with our own local talent in good form, a very successful concert was the result.

Mr. Robinson opened the concert in his usual style by singing "Maid of Malabar" and the following also contributed:—Messrs. F. Cox, G. Johnson, Port, Sweetzer, Gardner, Lawes, M. Allen, Phelan, S. Clayden, Standidge, etc. Mr. C. Fisher made a capital chairman. There was a full house, including a good number of familiar faces we should like to welcome as *members* instead of only *visitors*. The last concert or dance is always the best, but our worthy Caretaker declares this the most successful since the club was opened, and he *ought* to be a judge as he has been present at them *all*.

The arrangement for the winter include, a set of 4 dances (the 1st for October 18th), Smoking Concerts, Home and Out Tournament of Games, and last but not least a Billiard Handicap.

BATHING SEASON.

This has come to an end with the cooler weather, and we are glad to report on the whole a successful season. There have been nearly 1,200 attendances and the following boys have learned to swim:—Arthur Horne, George Stocker, Alfred Ford, Cecil Stocker, Henry Neville, Gilbert Allen, Charles Freeman and Alfred Neighbour.

The whole was carried on under the able care and superintendance of Mr. Clayden, who has once more kindly managed this very useful matter to the Parish.

CRICKET SEASON.

We hope to give some account of the concluding matches of the season in our next issue when we expect less demand upon our space.

QUARTERLY REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

July 2nd.—Mabel Rose Day.
 Aug. 6th.—Stephen John Laurence.
 Sept. 16th.—Mildred Mary Belton Harris.

BURIAL.

Aug. 15th.—Agnes Wardswell, aged 79 years.

HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	198.	316.	321.	107.
	E.,	240.	246.	172.	
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity...	M.,	297.	245.	217.	
	E.,	178ii.	283.	302.	
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	172.	221.	234.	
	E.,	290.	287.	24.	
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	M.,	183.	301.	284.	
	E.,	255.	236.	298.	
Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity	M.,	214.	217.	228.	
	E.,	300.	270.	28.	

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THE CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Dinner of the Club took place on Thursday, October 26th, with the President, J. H. Benyon, Esq., in the chair.

An excellent meal was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Claydon.

After this was finished, the Hon. Treasurer's report and balance sheet was produced, and the report of the Hon. Secretary was read. The Squire then proposed "Success to the Club," which was duly honoured, and then followed the toast of the evening, "The President," which was received with the hearty enthusiasm it deserved, other toasts followed, and the company then adjourned to the Club where the evening closed with a Smoking Concert.

The balance sheet of the Club shews, we are happy to say, a satisfactory condition; ends have nearly, though not quite met, a balance of 6s. 1d. having been cleared off by the Treasurer.

The prize bat, given for the best average, has this year been awarded to Mr. Hopley.

We append an account, with the score, of the Home Match which closed the season and has been sent to us very kindly for publication.

CRICKET MATCH.

"House and Gardens" v. "Timber Yard." This, the match of the season, took place on Saturday, September

23rd. As is the case in all very important events that are announced beforehand, much speculation was indulged in as the result, and no doubt Mr. G. Buckland and Mr. D. Horne, who were the respective Captains, had to answer many questions during the previous week as to the constitution of their teams. But the great day has come and gone, and the battle has been fought and won. There was tremendous interest, much shouting (many individuals were unable to speak next day through over indulgence in lung exercise) the veterans came out of the fray covered with glory (see scores below) everyone regretted the absence of Mr. Worth, catches were dropped in almost scientific way by members of the Cricket team, just to shew how easy it is when you know how, in fact, nothing that continual good humour on the part of all concerned, (coupled with considerate foresight and kindness on the part of Mrs. Benyon) could do to make an enjoyable holiday was lacking. During the afternoon an excellent tea, kindly provided by Mrs. Benyon, was partaken of, and after the match, Mr. Horne proposed and Mr. Buckland seconded a most hearty vote of thanks to the Squire (who was noticed on the ground during the afternoon) and Mrs. Benyon, and the company did not forget to give loud cheers for the whole family at Englefield House before dispersing. The score below tells its own tale as to the result.

SCORES.

HOUSE AND GARDENS.

								Runs.
A. E. Robinson	...	...	bd. Smyth	..	...	...	...	4
T. Harris	...	...	ct. Lamden	bd. Allen	...	...	...	22
A. Savage	...	...	bd. Hopley	...	...	...	...	17
G. Buckland	...	...	run out	...	...	...	...	20
C. Fulford	...	..	bd. Hopley	...	...	...	...	0
F. Shennan	...	...	bd. Hopley	...	...	...	...	2
G. Fisher	...	...	bd. Lamden	...	...	...	...	23
F. Shipman	...	...	run out	..	...	...	...	0
E. Turberville	...	...	ct. Allen	bd. Lamden	...	...	...	14
R. Long	...	...	not out	...	...	...	...	5
C. Cox	...	...	bd. Lamden	...	...	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	6

TIMBER YARD.

G. Coombes	...	...	bd. Savage	...	...	...	...	0
W. Leaver Junior	...	...	ct. Fisher	bd. Robinson	...	...	...	1
A. Allen	...	...	bd. Savage	...	...	...	...	1
W. Lamden	...	...	bd. Fulford	...	...	...	...	24
O. Hopley	...	...	"	"	...	...	...	31
W. Leaver senior	...	...	not out	...	...	...	...	16
W. Smyth	...	...	ct. Fulford	bd. Savage	..	...	...	17
D. Horne	...	...	bd. Robinson	...	...	...	...	0
C. Fisher	ct. Shipman	bd. Robinson	1
B. Webb	bd. Savage	2
F. Penny	not out	0
Extras	27
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 WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The first of our inter-club Games Tournaments took place in the Club Room, on Saturday, October 7th, the visitors being the members of St. Mary's Institute, Reading, whom we have now met for several years with varying success. Fortune was entirely on our side on this occasion, as we won the contest by 8 games to the visitors 5. The members of both teams were entertained to supper by the committee, the homely fair being prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Claydon whose catering was much appreciated. The President was present and helped us by winning his game. All arrangements were made by the tournament sub-committee, Messrs Bucknell, Claydon and Johnson.

The first Dance this season was held on Wednesday Evening, October 18th and was most successful. There were about 70 present and a good programme was gone through. Mr. V. Rivers, F.R.C.O., most ably presided at the piano. Messrs. Long, A. Lamperd, and R. J. Moore, the dance sub-committee, made all arrangements and successfully carried out the duties of M.C.'s. Mr. Claydon had prepared a splendid floor as usual. Arrangements have been made for the next dance to be held on the 15th November.

S.P.G.

The Annual Sermons on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts will be preached in the Parish Church, as usual, this year on the last Sunday in November, when a deputation will come from the Parent Society to preach on its behalf. All boxes should be sent to the Rectory not later than Saturday, November 25th.

 ST. MARK'S GUILD.

Many of the members of our Church Guild seem to have regretted that it was found necessary that it should be dissolved; and indeed it is desirable that some Society of the kind should exist in the Parish. It is therefore proposed to make a fresh beginning when the Holy Season of Advent comes round again. The rules will probably be somewhat altered from the old ones, but the general intention and ways of the new Society will be very much on the same lines as the former.

 HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	254.	315.	316.	107.
	E.,	370.	191.	28.	
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity...	M.,	193.	163.	256.	
	E.,	225.	201.	196.	
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity ...	M.,	184.	247.	197.	
	E.,	165.	236.	24.	
Sunday next before Advent ...	M.,	358.	217.	362.	
	E.,	363.	359.	220.	

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ADVENT.

The holy season of Advent has come round once more. It has its double call to us (1) As it bids us prepare ourselves to keep the Festival of Our Saviour's Birth. "When, for us Men and for our Salvation, He came down from Heaven." (2) As it reminds us that "He will come again to judge both the quick and the dead." On the one hand it reminds us of our need to pray for His help to strengthen us, and that we may be watchful against temptation and all the powers of evil in us and round us, that we may be victorious over all the power of the Enemy. And on the other, bids us to prepare to keep joyfully our Christmas Festival. When, as we seek the lowly Presence of Our Divine Redeemer which is given us in the Holy Sacrament of His Body and Blood, we may be strengthened and refreshed for our ways of life. And so serving Him with godly fear, be prepared at length for the Day when we shall appear before Him and behold Him with open face in His Everlasting Glory.

DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.

Just at the end of last month, though too late for insertion in the November Local Sheet, we had a great gathering of that portion of this Guild which is in the Bradfield Deanery, at Englefield. Some of the members arrived early in the afternoon and ringing began in the belfry soon after two o'clock. At 3.30 we had a special service for Members, which was well attended, and a very excellent sermon was preached on the object and work of the Guild by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of S. Lawrences, Reading,

on the text "Ye also shall bear witness," and we hope the eloquent and emphatic teaching given by him on this subject will not be lost upon his hearers. Those who take upon themselves the service of the Church of God ought to remember that their conduct in words and deeds should bear true witness to His Will and Way. After the service, a most excellent Entertainment was provided for us in the Long Gallery at Englefield House, by Mrs. Benyon's kindness. When this was over, some very hearty votes of thanks were proposed and passed to the various persons whose care and kindness had contributed to provide so pleasant a gathering for the Guild. These included the Squire and Mrs. Benyon, the Rural Dean, the Secretary (the Rev. A. Standidge), the Rector, Choir and Organist of Englefield, and, above all, to the Preacher for his most excellent Sermon. Ringing was afterwards resumed in the Belfry and carried on well into the evening.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

Since our last issue there has been two Inter-Club Tournaments, both with Burghfield Workmen's Club. The first was on October 25th, when a small but select party went over to Burghfield and, to their own and other people's surprise, gained a very substantial victory by winning 10 games to the opponents 3. They were very hospitably entertained and a very pleasant evening was spent. The return match was played at Englefield on Wednesday, November 22nd, when, after a severe contest, Burghfield proved victorious by 7 games to 6. As usual, supper was provided for the players of both teams and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the result was announced by Mr. Bucknell, Mr. Johnson sang "Soldiers of the Queen." Mr. Tegg recited "The Absent-Minded Beggar," and a collection was made on behalf of the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Families" Fund, the result being 10/- added to the Club Collecting Card. The National Anthem closed a pleasant evening.

DANCE.

The second dance of the season was held on Wednesday November 15th, there were about 50 present and dancing was kept up merrily till 11, when the programme of 16 dances came to an end. Mr. V. Rivers, F.R.C.O., ably presided at the piano. During the evening Mr. Johnson kindly sang "Tommy Atkins," after which we collected 11/4 for the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers and Sailors now doing "Tommy's" duty in South Africa. A very enjoyable evening closed with "God Save the Queen." Thanks of the members are due to the Sub-committees for their efforts on all these occasions and to Mr. and Mrs. Claydon for the able manner in which they carried out their many duties.

S.P.G.

The Annual Sermons on behalf of the Foreign Mission Work of the Church of England were preached on November 26th, by the Rev. T. G. Cree, on behalf of the work of this Society. The collections during the day amounted to £10 14s. 6d. We have to thank the Box holders very heartily for the good work they have done for the Society. Results being as follows: Miss Benyon, £2 3s. 10d.; Mrs. Hannington, 17s.; Mrs. Palmer, 8s.; Mrs. Thaine, 4s. 2d.; Miss Webb, 7s. 1d.; Mrs. Roake, 12s. 1d.; Mrs. J. Martin, 5s. 2d.; Hilda Harris, 1s. 11d.; Mrs. Robinson, 5s. 8d.; Mrs. Claydon, 4s. 9d.; Mrs. Coombes, 6s. 3d.; Miss Irene Young, 9s. 4d.; Mrs. Dyer, 4s. 6d.; The Bothey, 5s. 10d.; Total £6 18s. 1d., making—with sub £1 1s., Rev. H. S. Young—a total £18 13s. 6d., sent as the contribution of this Parish to the Society Fund.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Services will be the same as last year:

1st Celebration of Holy Communion	...	7.30 a.m.
2nd " "	...	8.30 a.m.
Matins and 3rd Celebration	... ..	11 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon	... ..	6 p.m.

The Offertory on Christmas Day will be given to the Diocesan Missionary Candidates' Association as in previous years.

MRS. BENYON'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

We are authorised to state that these will be distributed as usual on Thursday, December 21st, at 11 a.m.

The Children's Treat and Christmas Tree will be early in January, 1900, and due notice will be given of the date.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

Advent Sunday ...	...	M.,	51.	317.	316.	217.
		E.,	47.	288.	54.	
Second Sunday in Advent	...	M.,	51.	205.	48.	
		E.,	52.	226.	268.	
Third Sunday in Advent	...	M.,	51.	46.	236.	
		E.,	53.	222.	219.	
Fourth Sunday in Advent	...	M.,	51.	50.	206.	
		E.,	58.	62.	329.	
CHRISTMAS DAY ...	...	M.,	59.	317.	320.	315.
		E.,	Anthem.	359.	220.	
Sunday after Christmas	...	M.,	59.	60.	62.	
		E.,	Anthem	72.	24.	