

# St. Mark's, Englefield.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 181.

JANUARY, 1901. [Price with "Banner of Faith" ONE PENNY.]

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On Wednesday, December 5th, we had our Annual Meeting on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

The Long Gallery where our Meeting has hitherto been held was not available owing to the work in course of being done there, and it was therefore held in the Schools. Thanks to Mr. Roake everything was prepared for us and made most comfortable, the desks being cleared away and chairs placed ready for the audience.

As a deputation from the Society, we were favoured with a visit from the Rev. Cyril Wych from Grahamstown in South Africa.

In spite of a most miserably wet evening, some 50 people came together, and after a hymn and prayer, followed by a few introductory remarks from the Rector, we had the pleasure of listening to a most interesting address describing the life and work of the Society; clergy in South Africa, illustrated by anecdotes of personal and parochial life in the colony, which added not a little to the general interest of the story which Mr. Wych had to tell. It is difficult for us with our surroundings in this country to enter into the circumstances of a parish 25 miles square, as also to conceive the conditions of a line of railway with only one train in the course of 24 hours, but it is certain that any thought upon the subject will emphasize for us the need of the assistance the Society is able to give to the struggle of the Christian Church to obtain a good hold upon such country districts. Mr. Wych had also a great deal of very interesting information to give with regard to the Kaffir population. He shewed a variety of articles of bead work which in their natural condition forms the costume and ornaments of the natives,

and spoke hopefully of the work which is being done by slow degrees to bring them to the knowledge of the truth of the Christian Faith and the Will of God for the Redemption of mankind.

He suggested in connection with the Mission work of the Church as new reading for the initial letters of the Society's Name, viz :—S.P.G. S. should be taken to spell Study, that is read and take thought for the needs of the Mission Field of the Church. P. their learn to pray for the spread of the Gospel in foreign land. Lastly G. give to the work ; at the same, Mr. Wych suggested a new idea with regard to the Boxes, viz :—that they are like children they want feeding carefully and regularly.

The Meeting closed with a few words of thanks from the Rector to the Box Holders, to Mr. Wych for his address, and to Mr. Roake and his men for preparing the Room.

The Evening Hymn was sung and with a collect and the grace, we all once more separated to our homes.

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### THE SCHOOL.

Our School broke up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 20th, when the Rector and Mrs. Young came in the afternoon to hear some of the School singing and see some of the exercises which had been practised in the term. When these were finished the Rector addressed a few words to the children, chiefly in allusion to the close of the wonderful 19th century and the approach of the Christmas Festival.

On Friday, S. Thomas' Day, an exhibition of the work done by the children was opened in the School, and we are glad to be able to say that it reflects very high credit on all concerned.

Some of the drawings and designs shewn were particularly good, and while we must decline to hold up any names above others, those who visited the School and saw what has been done will readily agree that we have cause to be well satisfied with the success that has been achieved, and the intelligence shewn by more than one or two of the children.

Mr. Robinson deserves our hearty congratulations on this result.

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### CHRISTMAS TREE.

We have authority to announce that the Christmas Treat will be as usual, and will take place on January 8th. Tea will be at 5 p.m., and the Tree itself will be lit up at 6 p.m. The parents are invited to attend at 5.45.

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### THE PARISH NURSE.

We learn that shortly we may hope to have this very useful office once more filled. Mr. Benyon has been in correspondence on the subject and we believe a suitable person has been discovered.

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### THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Members visited the Burghfield Club on Wednesday, December 11th, and played the Annual Tournament of Games, winning by 11 to 4, after a very pleasant evening.

On Monday, December 17th, in response to repeated invitations, they visited the Fireside Club at Bucklebury. The games played were for the most part games not played at Englefield, but they made a good fight, and as an even number of games were lost and won, the result was a draw.

Mortimer is to be played at Mortimer on January 23rd. S. Mary's Institute at Englefield on January 12th. Burghfield on February 26th, and the date of the return match with the Bucklebury Fireside is still to be arranged.

A Smoking Concert is fixed for Tuesday, January 8th.

The Christmas Dance of which the Squire generously bears the burden, will be held on Wednesday, January 2nd. The Sub. Committee's arrangements are in a forward condition and they hope to have a good company present.

The following books have been added to the library :—

Joseph's Coat	This little World
Val Strange	Maker of Nations
Cap full of Nails	Money Spinner
Son of Hagar	Look before you leap
Sports and Pastimes	Executor
Ned in the Block House	In a Field Hospital
Ned in the Woods	My run home
The Lost Trail	Misunderstood
Flotsam	Treves
Torn Sail	Ralph Bolderwood

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### A NEW CENTURY.

In sending out our little paper, we should at this time in the ordinary way of things, be wishing all our readers a Happy New Year, but on this occasion we are a little embarrassed by the stress which we are all inclined to lay on the fact that we are passing out of the old 19th Century into a new division of the life of the world. The old Century is certainly well worth recalling, as in its progress it has brought so much that has told for the general comfort and happiness of mankind in the development of the powers of steam and electricity, and in the improvement of education.

It is not so easy to speak as to our religion in this country, in external matters indeed our Church services shew much that ought to make them brighter and more useful. They are more numerous and more carefully performed, and the spread of knowledge in music has helped to make them more cheerful than they were a century ago, but it is another question, and more important we must ask, if we wish to know whether in truth God is more loved and served and honoured. Perhaps it may be best to ask no more. How many seem now-a-days to live without God. How many neglect His worship and seem to forget Him altogether.

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### HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Epiphany.	... ..	M., 76, 315, 322, 107.	E., 79, 77, 219.
1st Sunday after Epiphany		M., 78, 219, 172.	E., 80, 178, (i). 24.
2nd "	"	M., 217, 545, 297.	E., 179, 196, 477.
3rd "	" ...	M., 180, 220, 81.	E., 82, 178, (iii). 21.

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### THE QUEEN.

We little thought when we sent out our last number, that its successor would find us mourning the loss of our good and illustrious Queen. There are few left among us to whom her reign is not a life long recollection ; and as we look back over the past, we are all able to recognize the great advance in various ways promoting the comfort and well-being of the Nation, that has been made in the last 64 years.

Now, in the passing of time, she has been taken away from us, and has entered on the reward of the long and laborious life in which she set herself so earnestly and conscientiously to fulfil the tasks of the high station to which she was so early called.

She has left behind her an example of devotion to duty, kindly consideration for others, and a life stamped deeply with a love of God.

Only very recently we may recall her having given up a visit to the Continent on account of the war in South Africa, and her journey to Dublin within the last year, is another instance of her steady unflinching answer to the call of duty, where the good or happiness of her people was concerned.

She has left to the care of her successors, and indeed to the whole nation, the maintenance of the great Empire which she has ruled, and it is our part to endeavour as each may have some measure of power to strengthen and develop the state and well being of our country, not only by our energy and application ; but also by a display of the same qualities that marked the life of our good Queen ; the desire for all that is good and righteous and consideration for the needs and advantage of one another.

May God grant her evermore perfect peace, awaiting the Resurrection and the Great Day, when He shall gather in His Own.

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### THE CHOIR DINNER.

The Choir met at the Rectory, on Thursday, January 10th, for the Annual Dinner, at which the Rector entertains them, together with the Parish Church-warden and Sidesmen of the Church. The hour was 7.30, and we are glad to say the whole of the members were able to be present. A good substantial meal of Christmas fare—Roast Beef and Turkey, Mince Pies, and Plum Pudding was heartily discussed.

When this was over we had the health of the Queen, and then a short speech from the Rector, alluding to the various topics of the past year, and thanking all the various officers of the Church, who were present, for the kind and efficient help so readily given and the care and attention to practice, which for the most part had characterised the work of the Choir during the year now closed. After drinking the customary toasts we adjourned to the drawing room, and our worthy Choir Master, Mr. Robinson, took possession of the piano and a very pleasant hour was spent with songs from various members of the party till 10 p.m. struck and we sang "God save the Queen" and separated.

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### THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Benyon's Christmas Tree for the School Children and Bible Classes of the Parish took place on Tuesday the 7th inst.

The weather was bitterly cold and the falling snow warned every one of the difficulty the little ones would have in making their way to the Long Gallery. But the difficulty was only recognised to be overcome, and by the Squire's kindness, waggons were provided to convey them to their entertainment.

We need say nothing about the Tea itself, save that it was as good as usual, and as soon as it was over, the tables were cleared away and the chairs turned to face the end of the room, where a curtain had hitherto hidden the bright and glittering tree which was now displayed to the expectant eyes of the children.

Then followed a short entertainment arranged by Mr. Robinson and his assistants, in which various children of all sizes took part. The infants little dialogues were very amusing, and the whole may be characterised as satisfactory, perhaps what pleased us most was the boys' drill.

Mrs. Benyon then spoke a few words of kindly interest in the Schools, and especially alluded to the Needlework, which appeared to be of somewhat unequal merit, that in the Upper Standards being scarcely as satisfactory as that in the lower divisions.

After this she presented the children's prizes for good conduct, and her own Christmas gifts each child receiving one, and we think all went away pleased and happy with a grateful memory to her and to the Squire for a very delightful evening.

That everything done for them was thoroughly appreciated by the young people, was we think demonstrated by the joyful voices and hearty cheers which made the big room echo again at the close of the proceedings in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Benyon.

Then we sang God Save the Queen and everyone was conveyed home as they had come.

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### THE SCHOOLS.

The Christmas Examination of the Scholars took place at the usual time, and the papers done by them were sent afterwards to the Rectory for inspection.

A very large number showed a most satisfactory amount of careful and well finished work.

A certain number of Certificates of Merit were awarded in each Standard, the following children being successful in obtaining them :—

## STANDARD VI.

Owen Wyatt  
 William Yarlett  
 Edith Buckland  
 Bessie Martin  
 G. Parsons

## STANDARD V.

Lily Werrell  
 Florence Neville  
 Fred C. Fisher

## STANDARD IV.

Alice Cox  
 Ethel Horne  
 Elsie Fisher  
 Lily Horne  
 William Tegg

## STANDARD III.

Henry Neville  
 Robert Bates

## STANDARD II.

Edwin Day  
 Nellie Fisher  
 Oscar Wyatt

## STANDARD I.

Harriett Starling  
 Winifred Robinson  
 Edwin Roufe

We have received the following letter from Sergeant Johnson which gives us an interesting account of his Christmas in South Africa :—

“On Christmas Eve, the picquets in the different posts arranged smoking concerts for themselves. No. 1 section being in a post by themselves on the banks of the Modder River, made themselves very comfortable round their camp fire. Our concert commencing at 7 p.m. and lasting till 11 p.m. Numbers of favourite old songs being sung reminding one forcibly of the many smoking concerts one had taken part in at Englefield. Captain Ewen and officers of the Volunteer Compy., visited the different parts during the evening, staying about an hour with No. 1. section.

Just before midnight a party of the 15th Volunteer Compy., formed a choir and sang carols and hymns at the Railway Station, the following being our programme :—

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.  
 Good King Wenceslas.  
 While Shepherds watched.  
 The First Nowell.  
 Oh, Come all ye faithful.  
 In Excelcio Gloria.  
 Christians Awake.

On Christmas Day which was spent somewhat quietly, we were regaled with a good old English Dinner of Roast Beef, potatoes, peas, and plum pudding. We also had presents of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and chocolate on Christmas night, we of the choir party assembled at the Railway Station and drove to three farm-houses in the

neighbourhood, the occupiers of which had subscribed to our Christmas Dinner Fund. We went through our programme at each house, at two places taking the occupants entirely by surprise. At each house the whole party was marched into the best rooms and regaled with refreshments and cigars. The farmers and their families and visitors seemed to lie with each other in showing their appreciation of our visit, with our message of peace and good-will. It was somewhat strange on such an errand, that it should be necessary for us to carry our rifles with the magazines fully charged. As these farms were amongst the hills and about four miles from camp, it was just possible that someone might wish to dispute our right of way.

On Thursday, the 27th, we had Athletic Sports, on this occasion I played in the Band.

Private Roberts and myself are in excellent health. The weather is very hot indeed." Dec. 29th, 1900.

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### THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

On Saturday, January 12th, a Tournament was played with S. Mary's Institute, Reading. The visitors brought a good team over and we had some keenly contested games. Mr. Benyon was present and took part in the tournament. The result was victory for the Club, we won 11 games against S. Mary's 10. At the close of the evening, the Rev. L. G. Brown expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality they had met with, and the Squire made a suitable reply.

On Tuesday, the 15th, a Smoking Concert was given in the Club. Messrs. Moore and Hopley were Chairman and Vice respectively, and Mr. Robinson with his usual kindness presided at the piano. A most pleasant and successful evening was passed, and the proceedings closed with the usual vote of thanks and the National Anthem.

## CHRISTMAS DANCE.

“The Englefield Club dances are always so enjoyable and so homely” said a lady visitor on January 2nd, on the occasion of what we call “the Squire’s dance.” What more need be said? Another record party were present taking the powers of our three hard-working M.C.’s to find floor space for all, Though an “extension” was kindly granted by the Committee, the time did not seem a bit too long, except perhaps to Mr. and Mrs. Claydon, to whom it meant a long busy day, but who worked cheerfully to supply the wants of their many clients.

Messrs. Hopley, Long and Moore, are to be congratulated on the series of dances they have arranged during the past year, and whoever “follows on” will have a good example in front of them.

Hearty cheers for the Squire and the National Anthem closed another jolly party.

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 HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Septuagesima	...	...	M., 83, 315, 322, 107.	E., 168, 533, 29.
Sexagesima	...	...	M., 215, 273, 230.	E., 240. 539, 21.
Quinquagesima	...	...	M., 210, 307, 543.	E., 228. 223, 24.
First Sunday in Lent	...	...	M., 84, 252, 263.	E., 92, 245, 198.

## LENT.

ENGLEFIELD RECTORY, 1901.

My dear People,

Once more I am allowed to remind you of the approach of the Holy Season of Lent, the weeks which the Church of Christ sets apart specially for thoughts upon our life as it stands in the sight of God, and for repentance, and prayer. Let us try to make some use of it.

In the first place, if we would wish to get some good for our souls, we must try to gain a real knowledge of ourselves, and how far we are really trying to serve God and do His Will.

Take, first our religious duties, our prayers, our Church going, Holy Communion and such like. And then what of our work, our behaviour one to another as friends and neighbours, and so on, as well as in our homes.

It is thus Lent calls on us to think over our ways and habits generally, how far we are trying to serve and to please God.

It sets God before us, and bids us to remember His love and care for us. And the life and work of Christ for men. And so it bids us to remember the redemption worked out for us in the Sacrifice of Christ and His Resurrection. And so should teach us to ask ourselves what we do in answer to so much goodness shown to us.

Let us try and do something this Lent at least to get some good for our souls.

Yours faithfully,

H. SAVILL YOUNG.

Evensong will be said daily at 4 p.m.

There will be a special service and sermon on Thursday Evenings, at 7 p.m.

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#### PREACHERS.

Feb. 28th. Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Vicar of Midgham.

Mar. 7th. Rev. J. B. Marsh, Curate of Slough.

„ 14th. Rev. H. B. Young, Curate of Holy Trinity,  
Sloane Street, S.W.

„ 21st. Rev. E. B. Mackay, Vicar of S. Leonards,  
Wallingford.

„ 28th. Rev. C. H. Gill, Vicar of Bucklebury.

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On Sunday, March 3rd, there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30, as well as at midday.

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### LENT.

The Holy Season has begun as usual and includes the whole of the present month. It is hoped that many will try to attend the special sermons which are to be preached on the week day evenings. And that as many as possible will try to form some rule for the religious observance of these weeks marked for us in the Prayer Book as our special period for thought upon holy things, and preparation for the Great Festival of Easter, which will come upon us at the beginning of April.

Let us at least try to be more regular and careful in our Church going and at the Holy Communion, as well as in our Prayers and Bible reading. Some of us also may find some acts of kindness to do for others during the Holy Season, which may be a labour of love done for Christ's sake.

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### THE SCHOOL.

Once more we are glad to say, our Schools have received a most satisfactory report from H.M. Inspector.

He says that the Mixed School continues to be conducted with much care and intelligence, and that generally very thorough instruction is attractively given, and excellent discipline is maintained.

The Infant Class is kindly managed and the progress of the elder children seems to be all that can be desired, though the younger portion appear to want some extra work.

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### THE LENT WORKING PARTY.

Mrs. Benyon has once more established this annual institution which is held on Thursday Afternoons in the Long Gallery.

## CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Workmen's Club, on February 19th. Present—J. H. Benyon, Esq. in the chair, the Rev. H. Savill Young, Treasurer, and about 6 members.

The Annual Report was read and adopted. The average bat was won by Mr. H. Smith, and the best bowling averages were A. Savage 24 wickets at 5-7 ; A. Lamperd 34 at 7-2 ; G. Hopley 30 at 7-3, and H. Archer 15 at 8-1.

The following Officers were elected for the year:—Captain, Mr. O. Hopley ; Vice-Captain, Mr. A. Savage ; Treasurer, Rev. H. Savill Young ; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Lamperd ; Committee, Messrs. Robinson, W. Smyth, F. Penny, H. Archer, Reid, F. Shennan and J. Claydon.

A satisfactory financial statement for the past year was produced, and adopted by the Meeting.

## WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, February 11th. The Squire presided and about 45 members were present. The Rector was unavoidably absent. The Annual report shows the club to be in a prosperous state, and the Balance sheet which was printed and circulated showed a balance in hand of £68 3s. 2½d. The following officers who retire annually were re-elected:—Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Palmer ; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Tegg ; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Coombes and Harrison. A ballot was taken to elect 4 committee men for 3 years, the following being elected:—Messrs. J. Bucknell, J. Cross, R. Long and W. Vince. As usual, the life-boat box was passed round, opened, and found to contain 14s. 1½d., which has been duly forwarded to the head office in London. The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

On Wednesday, February 13th, a small, but select, party journeyed to Mortimer to play the return Tournament of games, they were hospitably entertained and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, returning victorious by 12 games to 10.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.		EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand		93	2	2½		To Purchase of Refreshments... ..		202	5	3
„ Interest on Deposit in Post Office S.B.		1	0	2		„ Purchase of Newspapers ... ..		19	6	4½
„ Sale of Refreshments ...	256		7	2		„ Purchase of Coal, Coke and Wood		13	3	0
„ Sale of Newspapers	2	11	6			„ Purchase of Oil		10	3	5
„ Library Subscriptions	1	16	9			„ Renewals & Repairs		31	10	6
„ Members' Subscriptions... ..	28	3	11			„ Tournament Refreshments ... ..		1	10	0
„ Billiards ...	8	5	8			„ Tournament Prizes		2	16	0
„ Dances ...	6	11	1			„ Dances ... ..		6	13	1½
„ Tournament Entries	0	10	7			„ National Life-boat Institution ...		0	14	0
„ Life-boat Box	0	13	8¼			„ Insurance ...		0	4	0
„ Allowed for waste (J. D. Brown)	1	16	0			„ Smoking Concerts		3	13	4
„ Miscellaneous	2	1	5			„ Union Jack ...		0	18	0
						„ New Billiard Ball		0	8	9
						„ Bookbinding ...		0	9	0
						„ New Library Books		9	17	3
						„ Postages and Petty Cash ... ..		1	12	2½
						„ Cheque Books (2 years)		0	10	0
						„ Honorarium to Hon. Sec. ... ..		4	0	0
						„ Caretaker's Salary		20	0	0
						„ Due on Library Books		5	2	9
						„ Balance in hand		68	3	2½
		£403	0	2				£403	0	2

Examined this Sheet, the Books, and the Quarterly Balance Sheets, and found correct.

ALFRED ALLEN HARRISON, } Auditors.  
JAMES COOMBES, }

JAMES TEGG, Hon. Secretary.

February 5th, 1901.

On Monday, February 18th, the members of Burghfield club came over for the return Tournament. Luck was again with us for we won 14 games out of 16, though the majority of the games were very closely contested. Needless to say, a very pleasant evening was spent.

The remaining Tournament, with Bucklebury Fireside Club will probably be played at Englefield early in March.

The Home Tournaments are finished and the following are the winners :—Whist, Messrs. Palmer & Rudd ; Double Cribbage, Messrs. Worth & Hopley ; Single Crib, Mr. A. Lamperd ; Don, Mr. Bucknell ; Dominoes, Mr. A. Lamperd ; Draughts, Mr. Savage ; Bagatelle, Cannon, Mr. Beasley ; Cannon & Holes, Mr. A. Lamperd.

The prizes will be distributed at an early date.

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### THE DAY OF THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL.

Saturday, February 2nd, was observed here as we may suppose was the case throughout the country as a solemn and sorrowful day. The day of a Funeral ceremony must always bring home to us the loss which has fallen upon ourselves, it separates us from the departed who must go alone from us to God.

The particular day of the Queen's Funeral happened to be a Saint's Day, the Festival of the Purification as it is called in the Prayer Book ; and following the Prayer Book our first service was the usual celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 30 a.m. And this was very appropriate for the occasion, because as our readers will not need reminding, it is the particular service in regular use amongst us, in which the departed are made mention of in our prayers as in the Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church, etc. We are taught to say " We also bless Thy Holy Name, for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, etc." And so it seemed appropriate to make an especial memorial of Her Majesty by adding one of the Collects out of the Service for the Burial of the Dead.

At noon, the Special Service of the day took place. Our readers will know that two forms were issued of which either

might be used at the discretion of the local authority. The best of us seemed to be The Litany, followed by the Burial Service, and appropriate Hymns 165, 401, and 274.

An address on the Good Queen's Life was also given by the Rector, in which he pointed out the manner in which Her Death had touched the hearts of all her people near and far, and spoke especially of the manner in which all might find a lesson in her life as an example of a honest and self denying devotion to duty, seeking to carry out with all her powers the great tasks to which by her position she had been called.

A very large congregation met at this service and everything was done in a thoroughly reverent spirit. We hope it may be long remembered in the parish.

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#### HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

2nd Sunday in Lent.	M., 86, 320, 315, 107.	E., 91, 257, 274.
3rd Sunday in Lent.	M., 247, 94, 87.	E., 269, 88, 286.
4th Sunday in Lent.	M., 85, 217, 281.	E., 265, 272, 92.
5th Sunday in Lent.	M., 96, 200, 100.	E., 97, 109, 105.
6th Sunday in Lent.	M., 98, 108, 110.	E., 99, 106, 17.

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Evensong will be said daily through Lent at 4.30 p.m.

The Special services with sermons will be on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Preacher on March 7th—Rev. J. B. Marsh, Curate of Slough.

„ „ 14th—Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Vicar of Midgham.

„ „ 21st—Rev. E. B. Mackey, Vicar of S. Leonard's, Wallingford.

„ „ 28th—Rev. C. H. Gill, Vicar of Bucklebury.

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### THE HOLY WEEK.

The first week of this new month is Holy Week, the days in which we are taught to think upon Our Saviour's Death and Passion and prepare for the great Easter Festival.

Sunday, the last day of March, is the Palm Sunday, and recalls our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, named Maundy Thursday, brings back to our thoughts the Last Supper and the Institution of the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, and His command "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Good Friday raises before our minds the Scenes of the Trial, the Mockery, the Crucifixion, and the Burial of Jesus.

All leading Christian hearts solemnly to regard with deep thankfulness the love of God in our redemption, and to grieve over the pain and suffering of our Lord, and thus comes to us the Easter Festival.

It is the day on which Faithful Christian hearts love to commemorate the victory which our Divine Master has won for His people over the grave.

He has conquered the last enemy of man—that is death.

As we rejoice at Easter we realise that death has lost its power over us. In Christ all—we read—are made alive.

As on Good Friday we approach in awe and reverence the thought of the Cross of Jesus and the one great sacrifice He offered there for the sin of the world. So at Easter we come to rejoice over His Resurrection, and trust that as He is risen, so we may live with Him in the glory which is His to bestow upon His faithful followers.

And we are specially called to the Holy Sacrament to praise Him for His love and mercy, to receive Him to our own hearts, that we may find the truth of His promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

So let us prepare ourselves in all sorrow for sin in all love for our Redeemer, in all faith in His word to receive the Holy Communion He has bidden us.

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### MRS. BENYON'S ENTERTAINMENT.

We are asked to announce that the Entertainment that was postponed owing to the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, will take place on Tuesday Evening, April 9th, and commence at 7 p.m.

All the Tickets that were distributed in January, will be available for this occasion.

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### THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

On Friday, March 8th, the Fireside Club, Bucklebury, came over to play the return Tournament of Games. Mr. Benyon, the Rector and Mr. A. W. Sutton (President of the Fireside Club), were present. Both teams were well represented. A very pleasant evening was spent, resulting in favour of Englefield, by the long odds of 18 to 7.

The President distributed the Prizes won in the Home Tournaments on Monday, March 18th. The following were the winners:—Whist, Messrs. Palmer and Rudd; Double Crib, Messrs. Worth and Hopley; Single Crib, Mr. A. Lamperd; Don, Mr. James Bucknell; Dominoes, Mr. A. Lamperd; Draughts, Mr. Savage; Bagatelle, Mr. A. Beasley; Cannon and Holes, Mr. A. Lamperd. Mr. Savage is to be congratulated on his achievement, as it is the first time that the prize for Draughts has been won by a resident in Englefield.

The Auditors in their report both this year and 1900, advised the club to appoint more than one Trustee, in whose names the balance in the Post Office Savings Bank would be invested. To meet Post Office requirements a new rule had to be drafted, providing for the appointment of Trustees.

This was submitted to a General Meeting of the club members called for the purpose on March 18th and approved. A slight alteration was also made in the rule fixing the date of Annual Meeting. After the new rule was approved, the President, the Rector, and Mr. G. S. Roake, were appointed Trustees.

The last Dance of the season will be held on Thursday in Easter week, when the re-elected sub-committee hope to meet a good company of members and friends.

The following books have been added to the library :—

Helen's Babies.  
 Other People's Children.  
 Which shall it be? By Mrs. Alexander.  
 Strand Magazine, 1900.  
 English Illustrated Magazine, 1900.  
 History of Bray. By Kerry.  
 All the Year Round. By Dickens.  
 Drat the Boy. By Max O'Rell.  
 Odd People in Odd Places.  
 Things not generally known.  
 Brittany and its Byeways.  
 Pardon of Guingamp.  
 In the Ardennes.  
 Illustrated Travels, 4 vols.  
 Old and New London, 6 vols.  
 Great Industries of Great Britain, 3 vols  
 World of Wonders.  
 Cassell's Popular Educator, 4 vols.  
 Cassell's Technical Educator, 2 vols.

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### THE SCHOOL.

We are quite certain that our readers will be very interested to know that our children have won distinctions this year for which they, as well as all of us, should be proud. No less than three prizes in the Competitions carried on by the newspaper, "The Scholar's Own," have been won by our children this year, and when it is understood that this means each child is first or second among some

thousands of children all over the British Isles, some idea can be formed of the value of the honour gained. No less than 7,000 children sent in papers for one "Essay" competition. The successful children are E. Buckland (Prize in January for "Mistakes," O. R. Wyatt (Prize in February for "Ornamental Printing," illuminated text), and W. Yarlett (Prize in March for "Essay.") Several beautifully Illuminated Certificates of Honour have also been gained, and these are also the hall-mark of really excellent work.

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### HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

Good Friday	M., 108, 115, 121.	A., 109, 467,	E., 122, 107, 184
Easter Day	M., 134, 317, 316.	107	E., Anthem 140, 131.
1st Sunday after Easter	M., 134, 137, 133.	E., 135, 140, 499.	
2nd Sunday	„ M., 248, 302, 191.	E., 125, 197, 31.	
3rd Sunday	„ M., 35, 190, 356.	E., 545, 177, 19.	

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### EASTER.

The Holy Festival has been with us once again, and passed off, we believe quietly and happily without any special occurrence.

The Services were well attended at the Church and there was a small, very small, increase of Communicants as compared with last year. And the Evening Congregation also struck us as being larger than usual.

We trust that there may be some at least, who have found the Lent Services a help in building up the ways and thoughts of our Religion with them, and that this Holy Festival as the crown of the whole Season may stir some up to more earnest and thankful memories of their Saviour's work, to more true efforts to fulfil the ways and teachings of our Christian Faith and calling, and to become always more diligent worshippers of their Saviour and followers of His ways and teachings in the world.

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### ENTERTAINMENT.

We have to chronicle a very great success in the Entertainment provided in the long Gallery, at Englefield House for the Parish, on Easter Tuesday; it consisted of a number of Tableaux, representing scenes from Alice in Wonderland, Nursery Rhymes, and other Subjects, Patriotic, &c., and a very amusing Farce called "Chiselling." All were capitally put upon the stage and interspersed with Songs and Recitations. The whole furnished much hearty amusement to the audience, judging by the reception given to the various scenes and pieces, and also by what we have heard since from individuals. All were most thoroughly appreciated and every one went away with a feeling of gratitude to the Squire and Mrs. Benyon for their kind efforts made to provide the village with a most interesting and amusing entertainment.

On Wednesday Evening there was also, as we understand, a most successful gathering and Entertainment of the Primrose League, with a speech from Mr. Mount, M.P., our Member, but this was outside our functions.

We are quite sure that we are only expressing the general feeling of the whole village when we say how thoroughly grateful one and all are for the kindness shewn to them.

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### THE WORKING PARTY.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Benyon's Winter Working Party has had a most successful season and have turned out as many as 237 garments of various kinds, as well as some 30 dresses and kissaboes for Foreign Missions.

Some of these have been sent to The Sisters at the Priory, St. Saviour's, Haggerston, in London. Some to the Sale of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts at Reading. Some to Miss Duncombe at the Mildmay Home and some to Guy's Hospital.

It will be remembered that last year a parcel of garments made at these gatherings was sent to the Universities Mission in South Africa, and Mrs. Benyon received a letter of thanks from the Mission dated July 29th, 1900, acknowledging with very grateful thanks the receipt of it, it says:— "The large dresses, trimmed in the neck and sleeves delighted us," and goes on to describe the kind of garments which are most suitable for their purposes, laying stress upon the desirability of lightness, as every child has to wash her own clothes in cold water.

Speaking of one of the children, the writer says:—"We have just had a new waif rescued from slavery sent us, she begins to look younger already and will probably be years younger in a few months if all is well. The change in this way is very noticeable and wonderful very often."

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### WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Dance which took place on April 11th was to many a good finish up to the Easter Festivities, whilst to some it

was also a preparation for a yet bigger event to follow in the Long Gallery.

It made the last of the Series for 1900-01, and like its predecessors was an ungratified success. About 70 dancers were present and with a programme of 16 dances kept the energetic sub-committee busily employed.

Dancing commenced at 8 and was kept up with spirit till 12. As usual, shortly after midnight, a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Hopley, Long and Moore, our hardworking M.C.'s and Auld Lang Syne closed a very pleasant evening.

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### CHURCH FESTIVALS.

We must remind our readers of the Great Church Festivals of Ascension Day and Whit-Sunday which fall this year in May, we need not say much about the latter, it comes on the weekly Holy Day and most people are ready to join in the Sacred thoughts and commemorate the great truth of our Christian Faith which is associated with it.

But may we plead for a somewhat larger keeping and observance of Ascension Day. The Day itself must of course be a working day for most people in the Parish, but with a little self-denial and trouble we fancy more might attend the Holy Communion, or if it is not possible on the day itself, something more might be made of the following Sunday, when we still keep up the thoughts connected with The Festival in the Services of the Church.

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### HYMNS.

4th Sunday after Easter.	M., 136, 504, 214.	E., 232, 140, 178iii.
5th Sunday after Easter.	M., 143, 245, 175.	E., 248, 244, 27.
Ascension Day.	M., 147.	E., 147, 202, 149.
Sunday after Ascension Day.	M., 144, 150, 304.	E., 147, 202, 149.
Whitsun Day.	M., 154, 317, 316, 107.	E., 152, 156, 19.

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### ASCENSION DAY.

Services will (D.V.) be the same as last year. Holy Communion at 7 and 8; Morning Service at 11; and Evening Service at 8 p.m.

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### ASCENSION DAY.

We kept the Great Festival of our Lord's Ascension in the same way as last year, there were Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., in the hope that the double opportunity might make it convenient for as many as possible of those who might wish to attend. It is worth noting for those to whom the Prayer Book is some guide in these matters that it is there marked specially as a Day for Celebrating this Holy Service, as there is a Special Preface for Ascension Day as well as Easter or Christmas. Then at 11 a.m., we had the usual Morning Service with a Church full of men, and very grand it looked with its hale and hearty congregation, and the full choir and the bright singing of chants and hymns, all telling of what should be the true joy of Christian hearts, that love of the Redeemer which rejoices in the memory of His triumph and His return to the glory which He had with the Father before the world was made.

Then the day closed with the Evening Service at 8 p.m.

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It is well we should be reminded of this day, and the Ascension of our Saviour into Heaven. Canon Walsham How writes of it, "The day is at hand when once again the heavenly doors and everlasting gates will be lifted up for the King of Glory to come in. Aye, and the gates must open wide for the mighty train, for the next Ascension day will be indeed a glorious one. The King of Glory will go in, but with Him will follow all the whole blessed company of the Saints with everlasting joy upon their heads. Yea, thousands and tens of thousands of every nation and of every age—young men and maidens, old men and children, all who have lived and died in the Lord, all who have loved His appearing."

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## WHITSUNTIDE.

This great Festival passed off very quietly at the Church. There were three Celebrations of the Holy Communion of at 7.30, 8.30, and Mid-day, as in past years, and the other services were as usual.

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## THE CHOIR.

We are sorry to say that the time has come when we have to part with the services of Alfred Horne, Edward Fowler, and Louis Vince, incapacitated on account of age. Their places will be taken by Oscar Wyatt, W. Tegg, and Arthur Clayden.

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## BATHING PLACE.

Arrangements have been kindly made that the Bathing Place should be prepared for the use of the Choir Boys at the beginning of June. It will be opened for use under the superintendence of Mr. Clayden, on Monday, June 3rd, at 4.15 p.m, and will continue at the service of the Parish until further notice.

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## SERJEANT JOHNSON

We are sorry that the news reached us early in last month that Serjeant Johnson had been taken ill in South Africa and detained in Hospital just at the time when we hoped to have been looking for his return home. We thought that by this date we should have had something further and better to chronicle about it, but we regret to say nothing has come to hand up to the present, and we are still on the look out for an improved report.

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## CRICKET.

Our Season has commenced, and we have had two very pleasant matches. The first took place at Bucklebury, on Saturday, May 11th, when we played the Bucklebury Fire-side Team, the game resulting in an easy victory for the

home eleven by 91 runs. Bucklebury Fireside scored 139, Englefield 48. G. Coombes and C. White batted well for the losers and made 16 each.

On Saturday, May 18th, we were visited by Padworth Cricket Club. A very close game followed, ending in a win by the home team by 11 runs. Englefield making 85 and Padworth 74, in the first innings. C. White and O. Hopley did well for our side, making 23 runs and 14 respectively, and Archer also bowled well for the home team taking 5 wickets for 18 runs.

The Matches for the present month are :—

June 1st v. Aldermaston	...	played at home.
„ 8th v. Mortimer	...	played away.
„ 15th v. Goring	...	played at home.
„ 22nd v. Biscuit Factory	...	played away.
„ 29th v. Bucklebury Fireside		played at home.

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### SAINT DAYS.

Three are three Saint Days during the present month, S. Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr, June 11th. The Nativity of S. John the Baptist, June 24th. S. Peter, Apostle and Martyr, June 29th.

The Services will be as usual.

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### HYMNS FOR JUNE.

Trinity Sunday	...	M., 160, 164, 161.	E., 163, 166, 29.
1st Sunday after Trinity		M., 290, 265, 221.	E., 245, 222, 21.
2nd Sunday after Trinity		M., 193, 523, 516.	E., 230, 248, 228.
3rd Sunday after Trinity		M., 545, 291, 239.	E., 415, 435, 439.
4th Sunday after Trinity		M., 196, 416, 285.	E., 225, 236, 20.

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### THE SCHOOLS.

The following is a copy of the Report of the Diocesan Inspection in Religious Knowledge on our Englefield Schools, and in the result of the visit and inspection made by the Rev. S. C. F. Angel-Smith, on May 2nd in the present year.

#### REPORT—

"This School maintains its high Standard of Religious Education. The behaviour of the children is orderly and reverent. The Singing and Repetition good.

The Infants are carefully and kindly taught and answered nicely. Among the best are Edith Bucknell, Ernest Neville, George Clayden, Ethel Tegg, Walter Rampton, Walter Roome, and Maggie Allen.

In the Mixed Schools, Group II was a little disappointing, being somewhat lacking in general knowledge about names of Books in the Bible, &c., but the children are evidently kindly taught and the following showed most knowledge—Arthur Worth, Arthur Clayden, Edward Day, David Horne, Bertha Winchcombe, Laura Allen.

Group I. is quite the best class in the School, which is not always the case with the highest. The Old Testament was very well known and the questions in the Litany were thoroughly and intelligently answered. In teaching the Gospels the use of the list of Lessons is recommended. The portion of the Acts had been well learned.

The Diocesan Prize was gained by Owen Wyatt, Edith Buckland, Lily Horne, Elsie Smith, Lily Werrell, Lewis Vince and David Stocker are also to be highly commended."

## MR. TEGG.

We regret to have learned that we are very shortly to lose from Englefield a very valuable member of our Choir, as well as one who has taken a prominent part in many ways since he has been resident in the Parish. Particularly we may notice that for the last year he has been Hon. Secretary to the Workmen's Club, where he has discharged his duties always with success and to the general satisfaction of the members.

He is leaving, we understand, early in next month to undertake the office of Clerk of the Works on Sir W. Williams-Wynn's Estate at Wynnstay, and while every one will rejoice that he has gained a suitable situation, we are sure every one will be ready to regret the loss we have sustained. At this moment we can only wish him all success and prosperity in his new undertaking.

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THE CHOIR.

We understand that a Photograph has been taken of the Choir, men and boys placed together in their surplices, &c., at the West End of the Church.

Any members or parents of any of the members requiring copies should apply to Mr. Robinson at the School House, to whom the proofs will in the first instance be sent.

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We believe a Smoking Concert will be held at the Club on the evening of July the 3rd, to bid farewell to the departing Hon. Secretary and wish him success in his new sphere of labour. All particulars can be heard from the Caretaker, Mr. Clayden.

### THE CRICKET CLUB.

Since our last Report the Club has played four matches with the result that two have been won and two lost.

The wins were against Aldermaston at Englefield and Reading Biscuit Factory away from Home.

In the first the best scores were A. Lamperd 14 and A. Savage 10 runs, and in the latter W. H. Duckett made 45, O. Hopley 17, and A. Lamperd 11. H. Archer's bowling was also a great feature in these matches, taking 14 wickets in all for 32 runs.

The games lost were played with Mortimer on their ground and with Goring at home, in both of these we were badly beaten. O. Hopley alone making double figures in the Mortimer Match, where he scored 25 out of a total of 44.

The Fixtures for July are on the 6th against Whitchurch, on the 13th against Mortimer and on the 20th against Padworth, of these the second only is played at Englefield.

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### THE SCHOOL.

We have received the following list of the names of children in our School who have obtained prizes, &c., in the "Scholar's Own" Competition.

The School generally, we think, is to be congratulated on its success.

For Map Drawing.

Owen R. Wyatt, Englefield School, Reading.

The First Prize. For a collection of leaves of Trees.

Edith Buckland, Englefield School, Reading.

The Third Prize.

Owen R. Wyatt. A Certificate of Honour.

For an Essay on Gardening.

Certificates of Honour. George Parsons and Edith Buckland.

Honourable Mention. Wm. J. Tegg, Owen R. Wyatt, Florence B. Neville, Wm. J. Yarlett, Alfred Day and Lily Wherrell.

## HYMNS.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity	M., 219, 311, 316, 107.	E., 172, 518, 23.
Sixth „ „	M., 200, 300, 218,	E., 286, 197, 301.
Seventh „ „	M., 247, 202, 276.	E., 281, 229, 477.
Eighth „ „	M., 222, 178, 298.	E., 214, 265, 236.

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REGISTER FOR THE HALF-YEAR.

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BAPTISMS.

February 7th.—Frederick Butcher.  
 April 7th.—Reginald Roome.  
 June 2nd.—Louisa May Rabbits.

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MARRIAGES.

April 22nd.—Albert Edward Nason and Martha Dean.  
 June 12th.—Ernest Howell and Emily Roome.

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BURIALS.

February 25th.—James Spring Webb, aged 76 years.  
 March 16th.—Frederick Butcher, aged 4 weeks.  
 June 15th.—Emily Matilda Winchcombe, aged 17 years.

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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No. 188.

AUGUST, 1901.

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We are privileged to announce that the Squire has received from His Majesty the dignity of Lord Lieutenant for the County of Berkshire. One and all, will, we are sure wish to congratulate him most heartily on the auspicious event.

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### QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL FUND.

A collection on behalf of the Women of England's Contribution to the above Fund will shortly be made in the Parish, when every one will have the opportunity of making any offering which may be convenient however small to the general subscription.

The sum collected will be employed on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Nurses Association.

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### THE CHOIR & RINGERS' ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Squire's Annual Treat took place on Monday, July 15th, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. It had been arranged to visit Cowes, travelling by rail from Theale to Southampton, and taking the boat from the pier there across to the Island. The whole party, 38 in all, met at Theale Station at 8 a.m., and arrived, without any mishap, at Cowes between 11 and 12 o'clock. As dinner had been ordered for 1 o'clock, a quiet stroll along the beach was the general rule amongst the adult members of the party, whilst the boys, accompanied by Mr. Robinson, made their way to the bathing machines, and the majority indulged in a good swim. It was pleasant to notice that out of 15 boys who took to the water 13 swam well, and the other 2 were good improvers. At one o'clock the whole of the party assembled in the Town Hall, where

an excellent dinner had been provided by the caterer, Mrs. Leftwich, of the well-known Cowes' Restaurant. After dinner the party broke up into sections, the adults mostly setting out for drives to different parts of the Island, whilst the younger members swarmed into the nearest toy shops that they might have plenty of luggage to carry for the rest of the day, and also, no doubt, that they might give pleasure to less fortunate brothers and sisters at home ; but we have all been juveniles and know what it is to have the sensation caused by our money burning our pockets. Later on the whole of the younger element was to be found on the beach, some paddling, others minding their luggage, (of which there was now a quantity), others watching the yachts racing and the other sights of the sea-side. At 5 p.m. all met again in the Town Hall, where justice was done to a substantial meat tea. After which the returned journey commenced, and we reached Theale safely after a very comfortable railway trip, congratulating ourselves on a most successful outing, and glad to be saved the drive from Reading to Englefield. Very grateful also to the Squire's kindness in so generously providing such a pleasant expedition for the workers in this way connected with the Church.

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#### MR. TEGG.

We chronicle with regret the departure from Englefield of Mr. Tegg who has left us during the past month. As Foreman at the timber yard he would naturally have taken a position of some importance, while as Hon. Sec., to the Workmen's Club and a Member of the Fire Brigade, he had a special place in our institutions. We shall also miss him very greatly in the Choir of the Church of which he was a most useful and regular Member. He has gone as probably every one who reads this is aware, to be Foreman of works on the Estate of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn at Wynnstay, near Ruabon in Wales.

We have had a letter from him in which he asks to be allowed "through the medium of the Local Sheet to thank his many old friends in Englefield, for their kindness to him

on leaving the Parish, and so make up for any deficiencies in his words spoken to them on the occasion of the Smoking Concert, which took place at the time of his departure for the purpose of presenting to him a case of Mathematical Instruments as a token of their esteem and good wishes."

Judged by his own description of his present surroundings, his new home seems to be situated in very pleasant places, and we trust he may live for many happy years of increasing prosperity amongst them.

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### THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Committee Meeting was held on July 2nd, 1901. The Rector in the chair, Mr. Tegg announced his resignation of the office of Hon. Sec., on leaving the Parish and this was accepted on the proposal of Mr. Roake, seconded by Mr. Palmer. Mr. Cross was elected Hon. Sec., in his place on the proposal of Mr. Vince, seconded by Mr. D. Horne.

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On July 3rd, a very successful Smoking Concert was held in the Club Room and Mr. Tegg was presented with a Testimonial of esteem and good will from his friends in the Parish, with a hearty vote of thanks for his services in connection with the Club.

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### THE CRICKET CLUB.

Since our last report there have been four Matches played by the Club, two at home and two elsewhere.

The results being that in those at Englefield, in which our opponents were Bucklebury Fireside and Mortimer, we were defeated, while in one at Padworth and one at Whitchurch we were successful.

Some good batting has been shewn by Messrs. O. Hopley, A. Savage, A. E. Robinson, H. Archer, J. and G. Coombes, while A. Lamperd, H. Archer, O. Hopley and A. Beasley have all done good service in bowling.

The remaining matches for the Season are :—

- August 3rd—The Biscuit Factory at Englefield.  
 „ 10th—Aldermaston at Aldermaston.  
 „ 17th—Whitchurch at Englefield.  
 „ 24th—Goring at Goring.  
 „ 31st—Christ Church at Englefield.

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### WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Isabel Young with Mr. Marcus Slade will take place on Thursday, August 8th (D.V.) Amid all our natural rejoicing we cannot escape some feeling of regret that her new life will separate her so far from the many kind friends she has found in Englefield and its neighbourhood. Her future home will be in the English Colony of Hong Kong.

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### THE SCHOOL.

We have been very much troubled in respect of our Schools with the epidemic of whooping cough which broke out in the Parish at the end of June, and obliged us to close the School at the end of the first week in the past month. It has very fortunately only deprived us of two week's work out of the proper School Year, and technically it is arranged that the holidays should commence with July 22nd and close upon August 26th, so as to cause as little disturbance as possible to the usual course of work for the School.

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SEPTEMBER, 1901.

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The Harvest Home will take place, we understand, on Wednesday, September 4th. The Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Church at 11 a.m., when the Sermon will be preached by the Rev. G. Lovett Cameron, and the Collection will be given as usual to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

The arrangements for the Harvest Dinner and other entertainments will, we understand, be on the same lines, generally, as in other years.

### THE SCHOOLS.

An attempt was made on Monday, August 26th, to re-open the Schools, which it will be remembered, had to be closed in July on account of the prevailing epidemic of whooping cough. There were however only two-thirds of the children in attendance and it was therefore found necessary again to postpone the date to September 9th.

### THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

A very successful Supper and Smoking Concert was held in the Club on Tuesday, August 13th, as a welcome home to Serjeant Johnson on his return from South Africa. Private Roberts and Trooper Pusey being also invited to join the party.

The Rector was in the Chair and the usual toast list was gone through, including the Squire and Mrs. Benyon and the Guest of the evening.

The Room was tastefully decorated and a capital supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Clayden. The concert also which followed was a great success, many well-known gentlemen taking part in it.

The Secretary and Committee would wish to express their hearty thanks to the President for his excellent gift to them.

The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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### WEDDING.

One of the incidents of the month has been the marriage of Miss Young with Mr. Marcus W. Slade, which took place on Thursday, August 8th.

The Ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. T. Slade, Rector of Buckland in Surrey, the Bridegroom's Father, and the service was choral, Mr. Robinson, as usual, being at the Organ.

When all was over the happy pair took their departure for a short tour in the West of England.

A goodly number of the friends and relatives of both families assembled on the occasion, some coming by train from the neighbourhoods where our Rector and his family formerly lived, while many of the relatives of the Bridegroom availed themselves of the same opportunity to get to Englefield for the day.

Mr. Marcus Slade is a barrister and practises in the British Colony of Hong Kong, and we regret to say that the future home of the young people will be in that part of the world. We understand they will leave England for their distant home in September.

They as well as Mr. and Mrs. Young would wish to express their very heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses they have received on this occasion.

## CRICKET.

Our Club has played four matches during the past month and with varied success.

The first on August 3rd, was with the Biscuit Factory, which ended in our defeat on the first innings. The second August 10th, was against Aldermaston which we won. The third was played at Englefield on August 17th, against Whitchurch, in which we were again victorious on the first innings, and the last match was played at Goring on the 24th of August, when the home team was victorious against us.

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 HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

13th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 183, 315, 317. 107.	E., 175, 240. 287.
14th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 381, 388, 298.	E., 385, 197, 28.
15th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 214, 532, 255.	E., 215, 246, 219.
16th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 545, 232, 221.	E., 536, 217, 31.
S. Michael & All Angels.	M., 424, 235, 297.	E., 616, 299, 302.

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OCTOBER, 1901.

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### THE HARVEST HOME.

This Parish Festival took place on Wednesday, Sept. 4th.

The day's proceedings commenced as usual with the service in the Church at 11 a.m. The Church itself was beautifully decorated with flowers, and there were some very fine specimens of fruit and vegetables sent as Harvest Offerings by a great number of the Parishioners whose names will be found below.

A very excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron, Vicar of Stratfield, Mortimer, who alluded to the fact of his having occupied the same position at the Harvest Home of 1882. The usual collection was made after the sermon and amounted to £55 15s. 3d.

Then there was a move made to the Tent in the Park where the Show of Fruit and Vegetables was laid out. We saw some very good specimens of many sorts of vegetables, and the collections seemed to us especially fine, but we believe the verdict of the skilful in such things decided that taken as a whole the Show was hardly as fine as usual, which would be accounted for by the dry summer.

When this was done, there was a move to the Long Gallery, where the dinner was ready for us, good old English fare, Roast Meat, Plum Pudding, &c., and enjoyed by everyone.

Then the Squire proposed the health of His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

And the Rector followed him, calling on us to drink the toast of the day, the Squire's health, alluding to the fact that he had just been created Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berks.

The Squire returned thanks, alluding to the circumstances of the past harvest and other topics of interest to the Parish, after which he proposed the health of the Rector, alluding kindly to the recent marriage of his daughter, and lastly he proposed the toast of the Preacher, thanking the Rev. C. Lovett Cameron for coming to join us on the occasion.

Mrs. Benyon then kindly distributed the Prizes of the Show to the successful competitors, whose names will be found further on.

This brought the in-door portion of the Entertainment to an end, and we all went back to the Park, where the women and children were ready to meet us, and a very happy and pleasant afternoon was spent by young and old, under the indefatigable personal superintendence of the Squire and Mrs. Benyon.

There was the ever delightful Punch and Judy and the Band and races for the boys, and presents lavishly distributed among the girls. Races for the men and the time honoured Tug of War between Timber Yard and the rest of the Parish, and this year, as the first effort of women in the new century, the ladies were not to be denied, and there was a Tug of War between the Matrons and the Spinsters.

Then Tea followed for the ladies and so the day wove on in the bright sunshine and fresh autumn air, till we were all tired out and wandered home.

But at the house the amusements were not over to a late hour. There was a Concert in the Long Gallery under the management of Mr. Percy Kettley, followed by some dancing which kept the younger people merry for some time longer, and it was past midnight when all was finished.

Once more we have to chronicle the proceedings of a most successful day and to thank our good Squire and Mrs. Benyon for the kindness and personal trouble with which they worked to make everyone of their guests welcome and happy with the day's entertainment.

The following are the names of those who sent offerings to the Church :—

Messrs. Abery, G. Allen, W. Allen, Bates, Bond, Brill, Buckland, J. Cox, C. Cox, T. Cox, W. Cox, J. Clayden, Cross, Day, Dell, Dyer, Elliot, C. Fisher, G. Fisher, W. Fowler, H. Groves, J. Hayes, A. Harris, D. Horne, H. Horne, W. Knight, Lamperd, Laurence, Lewington, H. Malpas, H. Martin, J. Martin, G. Neighbour, J. Norris, Parsons, Pocock, Rampton, Roake, Reid, Robinson, Rubey, Smith, Smythe, Thame, Vince, Webb, Willcox, Wheeler, Yarlett, Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Winchcombe.

The Prize List was as follows :—

#### DIVISION I.

Labourers' Class (not including Gardeners' Labourers).

Best Cultivated Garden—1. J. Abery, 2. W. Cox, 3. E. Lamperd.

Best Collection of Vegetables—1. J. Abery, 2. W. F. Stocker, 3. W. Cox.

Kidney Potatoes—1. Norris, 2. J. Abery, 3. Groves.

Round ditto—1. Lamperd, 2. J. Abery, 3. Huggins.

Cabbage—1. J. Abery, 2. J. Martin, 3. Willcox.

Onions—1. J. Abery, 2. Brill, 3. Stocker.

Runner Beans—1. Brill, 2. J. Abery, 3. Lamperd.

Long Carrots—1. J. Abery, 2. Neighbour, 3. Lamperd.

Short ditto—1. Huggins, 2. J. Abery, 3. Lamperd.

Turnips—1. J. Abery.

Parsnips—1. J. Abery, 2. Elliott, 3. Norris.

Marrows—1. J. Thame, 2. Rampton, 3. J. Abery.

#### DIVISION II.

(Mechanics, Garden Labourers and Amateurs).

Best Cultivated Garden—1. C. Cox, 2. Cross, 3. H. Martin.

Best Collection of Vegetables—1. C. Cox, 2. J. Cox, 3. H. Martin.

Kidney Potatoes—1. C. Cox, 2. B. Webb, 3. H. Martin.

Round ditto—1. C. Cox, 2. H. Martin, 3. J. Cox.

Cabbage—1. H. Horne, 2. C. Cox, 3. J. Cross.

Onions—1. J. Cox, 2. C. Cox, 3. H. Martin.

Runner Beans—1. B. Webb, 2. H. Martin, 3. C. Cox.

Carrots, long—1. C. Cox, 2. D. Horne, 3. H. Horne,

Ditto, short—1. C. Cox, 2. J. Cox, 3. H. Horne.

Turnips—1. C. Cox, 2. H. Horne, 3. J. Cox.

Parsnips—1. H. Martin, 2. C. Cox, 3. H. Horne.

Marrows—1. H. Horne, 2. D. Horne, 3. C. Cox.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES.

Cooked Potatoes—1. Mrs. W. Cox, 2. Miss Dixon, 3. Mrs. Elliott.

Wild Flowers—Boys, 1. W. Rampton, 2. H. Neville, 3. G. Day.

Wild Flowers—Girls, 1. Alice Cox, 2. E. Bates, 3. Ada Fowler.

Queen Wasps—A. J. Claydon.

## THE CRICKET CLUB.

The event of the month has been the Annual Match between the Timber Yard and the House, Gardens and Stables. It will be noticed that Mr. Robinson figured in the latter team. The Timber Yard were victorious by 15 runs.

## TIMBER YARD.

1st INNINGS.		2nd INNINGS.	
D. Horne c Archer b Savage	1	c Harris b Savage	0
W. Smythe c Harris b Archer	1	c Robinson b Savage	1
A. Lamperd c Harris b Archer	7	c Harris b Archer	11
O. Hopley b Archer	0	b Savage	0
A. Allen run out	9	b Archer	1
J. Vince b Archer	7	c Savage b Archer	1
A. Rubey b Archer	6	b Archer	0
A. Buckland c Harris b Savage	10	not out	7
B. Webb b Archer	1	b Archer	6
S. Allen b Archer	1	b Archer	0
E. Cox not out	3	c Sherman b Savage	7
Extras	9	Extras	8
Total	54	Total	42

## HOUSE TEAM.

1st INNINGS.		2nd INNINGS.	
A. E. Robinson c Buckland b Hopley	4	c Lamperd b Hopley	0
T. Harris c Lamperd b Horne	1	b Buckland	3
A. Savage c Allen b Hopley	13	c Langford b Buckland	5
H. Archer c Vince b Hopley	9	b Buckland	0
G. Head c Rubey b Buckland	4	run out	3
F. Sherman, run out	1	not out	6
S. Smales b Hopley	0	b Hopley	0
H. Tidman b. Hopley	0	b Buckland	0
F. Reid c and b Hopley	0	b Hopley	13
A. Squires, run out	3	c Cox b Hopley	7
R. Long, not out	2	b Buckland	0
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total	40	Total	41

Umpires—Messrs. G. Buckland and R. Moore.

## HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

18th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 161, 317, 315. 107.	E., 250, 186.	20.
19th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 178(i), 184, 176.	E., 246, 290, 274.	
20th Sunday after Trinity.	M., 291, 270, 236.	E., 258, 248, 281.	
21st Sunday after Trinity.	M., 220, 276, 228.	E., 516, 229, 288.	

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## LOCAL SHEET.

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Mrs. Benyon has asked us to announce on her behalf that £2 in all was collected in the Parish for the Queen Victoria Memorial on account of the Jubilee Nursing Association Fund, and she wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the contributors who subscribed.

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### THE CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Workmen's Club, on Wednesday, October 23rd. J. H. Benyon, Esq., The President in the Chair. The Treasurer, The Rev. H. Savill Young and about 20 members being present.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and passed.

A Report of the season's doings by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Lamperd, was read and adopted, and the Balance Sheet was produced by the Hon. Treasurer.

The Prize Bat and the Bowling Prize, were then presented to their winners by the President, who also addressed a few kind words of congratulation to the Club, expatiating particularly on the importance of giving attention to bowling and fielding as very important points in the game which were too often neglected. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Squire was carried for presiding and the Meeting closed.

We append a copy of the Report and Balance Sheet.

The Report of the Englefield Cricket Club :—

"It is a pleasant duty to state that the affairs of the Club both on its financial and playing sides are in a very satisfactory condition. The funds of the Club are happily as shewn by the Treasurer in his financial statement in a satisfactory condition, and the balance of wins against us is

nil, as we have lost and won an equal number of matches, having none drawn. But when the matches won have been read, you will see from the Clubs defeated that our team has done itself great credit, and from the defeats that there is more praise due to our players than blame."

The list of Matches and there results are as follows :—

Bucklebury Fireside	played at home,	lost by 7 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 91 runs.
Padworth	"	" at home won by 11 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 20 runs.
Aldermaston	"	" at home ,, by 12 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 10 runs.
Mortimer	"	" at home lost by 46 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 89 runs.
Goring	"	" at home ,, by 51 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 156 runs.
Whitchurch	"	" at home won by 35 runs.
"	"	" away ,, by 43 runs.
Reading Biscuit,,	"	" at home lost by 11 runs.
"	"	" away won by 60 runs.

Making a total of 14 played, 7 won and 7 lost.

The Average Bat for the best seven first innings was won by A. Lamperd, with an average of 13·1 per innings, followed very closely by O. Hopley, with an average of 12·6. The next best being A. Savage 9·1 and G. Coombes 8·2.

We are also enabled this year partly owing to the generosity of Mr. H. Roberts of Theale, to give a bowling prize, this the Committee have unanimously awarded to Mr. H. Archer, whose average of 40 wickets for 6·5 per wicket, speaks of excellent bowling and hard work. Great praise is also due to Mr. A. Beasley for excellent work in the same department, as well as Messrs. O. Hopley and A. Savage. On the whole, the season may be looked on as the most successful for some years past, although the batting averages are the lowest yet recorded; but if the batting has been weak, the bowling and fielding have been much better, and it is to this we owe most of our success.

We have again much to our pleasure to thank Mr. Benyon for the use of the ground, and Mrs. Benyon for her gift of cocoa-nuts and their proceeds at the Harvest Home, which greatly helped our finances. And also to thank the Rector for his kindness in providing teas for visiting teams, and Mr. J. Claydon for preparing pitches, &c.

