

St. Mark's Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 193.

JANUARY, 1902.

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THE NEW YEAR.

We have finished the first year of the New Century, but there is not much for us to say about it. The great event, which we can chronicle with regard to it in Englefield, is that it has seen our Squire raised to the high position of the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, a position which as it is so distinguished in itself seems to throw a reflected ray over his surroundings here, but otherwise we may rejoice to say Englefield remains pretty much where it was a year ago.

When we turn a thought to the great world outside, there is one change which calls for remarks, and that is that our Country has suffered the loss of the Queen, who was so much beloved and who ruled so wisely and well over the Empire of Great Britain and her various dependencies and Colonies. Step by step, under her sway and the just administrations of her Ministers, there has grown up an Empire spread wider than the world has ever known before and stronger in its freedom and self dependence, and the union in heart and spirit of its various portions. Her place has been taken by her son, King Edward, who, we have seen now, for many years, learning the various conditions of the task awaiting him, and making a personal acquaintance with many of its various portions.

For ourselves, we hardly observe the change, everything goes on as formerly. There are small differences indeed of the newspaper accounts we read of state occasions and the doings of great or royal personages, but it may teach us how well organised is the system on which our country's affairs are managed, that there is so little for us to notice in the change which has come.

The year now opening will in due course see the formal Coronation of the King. We read in the newspapers it will take place in June, and there will be high Festivities in London, and Ceremonial worthy of the occasion. And, no doubt, elsewhere as well. But all this may well suggest the

thought that the New Year opening on us now, must be a time of great importance for our country, and that we should pray that God will over-rule and order all things for the good of our Sovereign and Country, and that true religion and the fear of God may make good progress, and grow strong throughout the Empire.

Well may we ask the question, how far these things have laid their hold more firmly upon our people in these last years which have passed away, and are likely to have their due influence on the future development of our national life.

MRS. BENYON'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Benyon's Christmas Tree for the Children of the School and Bible Classes was held on S. Thomas' Day. Although, earlier this year than usual, the weather was most seasonable, and all were glad when five o'clock arrived, and the cold out-door was exchange for the cheerful warmth of the Long Gallery.

The Evening's Entertainment began with an excellent Tea, to which everyone did ample justice.

After the tables had been made to disappear in the customary way and all were re-seated, the curtain was drawn up revealing the Tree in all its brilliance. While the fairy candles burnt away, the children, under the superintendence of Mr. Robinson and his assistants, gave a very pleasant entertainment, consisting of songs, musical drill, and more songs accompanied with various actions. These were most instructive. We were able to learn from the girls the many uses of an ordinary straw hat, while the infants taught how easy and simple a thing it is to stand on one's head.

A break was made in the middle of the Programme, while Miss Winifred Benyon and Miss Portia Young very prettily executed a sword dance. Finally the Entertainment closed with a song, written by Mr. Robinson himself for the occasion, entitled "School Work." Then followed, perhaps, the most popular business of the evening, the distribution of the Good Conduct Prizes and Christmas Presents. All had been most amply provided for, and many of the infants found their arms hardly big enough to hold the gifts that had been so bountifully bestowed upon them.

The hearty cheers for the Squire and Mrs. Benyon testified with the delight which the evening's amusement had given to the young people, and their gratitude for all the kindness and care which had been so actively at work on their behalf

The National Anthem was sung, and then the Christmas Treat, like all other good things "came to an end."

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Our Services were the same as usual on this great Festival. And when we had said so much, it will be as well, perhaps, to say no more. We have to sorrow over a considerable falling off in the number of those who came, accepting their Saviour's invitation to His Holy Feast, to offer their sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father for the great mercy of the Incarnation, the Birth of His Son in the world.

The Church looked well in its Christmas decorations, and we have to be once more grateful for some beautiful flowers.

S.P.G.

On Sunday, Dec. 15th, we had our annual visit from the deputation of the above Society, on behalf of the Foreign Missions of our Church. We had no meeting this year, and on the whole, we are rather sorry that we have missed it, but the Rev. Hugh A. Tudor, who came to us, preached us a most interesting sermon in the morning, while in the evening the claims of this branch of Christian Work on behalf of the Church, were again advocated by the Rev. A. J. Skinner. We do not think any one could have listened to the words of the former gentleman, who has now had a long experience of various portions of the Mission Field in Africa, without feeling stirred to consider more carefully the claim which these Missions have for us as Members of the Church—or realising how needful it is that one and all—each according to his ability should do something for the spread of the Kingdom of God in those distant portions of the world.

We have again to thank all contributors for their assistance, and especially the box holders, who do such valuable

work in their quiet perseverance for the increase of the funds of the Society.

The Collections of the various Services on Sunday, December 15th. amounted to £9 6s. 6d. The Boxes brought in £5 12s. 2d., making with a subscription of £1 1s. 0d., a total of £15 19s. 8d. Exactly 2d. more than the sum contributed last year.

THE WORKMAN'S CLUB.

The chief events which have taken place in connection with the Club during the past month, are a Tournament, a Smoking Concert and a Dance.

On Nov. 27th, a very enjoyable, but rather sparsely attended, Dance was held, Mr. R. Hopley and Mr. R. Long were the M.C's., and Mr. Rivers F.R.C.O. was an efficient accompanist.

Over 20 Members visited Mortimer on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, where they won an enjoyable Tournament by 11 points to 8.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, a capital Smoking Concert was held in the Club Room, the whole of the items on the Programme being given by local talent. Mr. A. E. Robinson was in the Chair, the Vice-Chair was occupied by Mr. B. Webb. Mr. F. Wiltshire, as usual, being and efficient accompanist.

Before these lines are in the hands of our readers the Annual Christmas Dance given by the Squire will have taken place, the date fixed being Dec. 27th.

We understand the furniture of the Club will be increased by the addition of a piano. An article which has been much needed.

HYMNS FOR JANUARY.

2nd Sunday after Christmas.	M., 179, 165, 219.
	E., 76, 79, 23.
1st Sunday after Epiphany	M., 184, 248, 290.
	E., 178i, 175, 25.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany.	M., 166, 232, 306.
	E., 82, 523, 31.
Septuagesima. 	M., 83, 168, 36.
	E., 172, 297, 477.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

We have to chronicle a most charming Entertainment given to the Parishioners by the Squire and Mrs. Benyon on the evening of Wednesday, January 29th.

It was divided into two parts. The first of which was partly made up of a duologue of Miss Benyon with Miss Wyld entitled "Imogen's New Cook," which was delightfully given, and created much amusement by the humourous rendering of the absurd mistakes of the two ladies in their address to each other.

A second duologue was called "Geese," in which the parts were taken by Miss Benyon and Miss Vernon, the latter lady taking the place of Miss Young, whose name was on the programme but was not able to appear.

The remainder of the programme was made up partly of Tableaux, some of merely a general character, while others were of a Patriotic type, the last depicting the four Countries, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Besides these we must not forget to mention a Waxwork display worked by Miss Wyld and Mr. Harry Benyon, in which the figures were filled by children taken from the Village School, who made an admirable representation of various advertisements, &c.

We had some capital songs from the Misses Waddington, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Dyer, and some very pretty dancing by Miss Winifred Benyon and Miss Potia Young, but nothing appeared to give more pleasure to the audience than Miss Esmè Mackenzie's performance on a Tin Whistle, while we think special thanks are due to Mrs. Mackenzie for a great deal of hard work on the piano as accompanist.

The whole Entertainment gave a most delightful evening's Entertainment to the Parish, and we all owe our best thanks to the Squire, Mrs. and Miss Benyon and their friends for their kindness in providing us with so much pleasure and enjoyment.

CHOIR SUPPER.

The Choir Supper took place at the Rectory on Thursday, Jan. 16th, and we were glad once more to welcome the gathering of the same familiar faces of the Choirmen, with Mr. Roake the Churchwarden, and Messrs. Palmer and Coombes as Sidesmen, and Mr. Robinson our Organist

Our meal was of the old fashioned Christmas sort with the traditional fare of roast beef and turkey, plum pudding and mince pies. When these had been duly discussed, and the usual speeches made and health drunk, we adjourned to the Drawing Room, there Mr. Robinson took possession of the piano, and first one song and then another passed rapidly the evening moments till we separated for our homes.

WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The Annual Dance given by the Squire took place on Dec. 27th, and was largely attended.

The Room wore a very animated look having been handsomely decorated by the Caretaker and a body of willing helpers. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until 1 a.m.

to the strains of Mr. Rivers' Band, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Messrs. Long, Hopley and Moore the attentive M.C.'s. made up the Sub-Committee responsible for the arrangements, which were in every way admirable.

On Wednesday evening, 15th inst., we received a visit from about 23 Members of the Mortimer Club, and an interested Tournament of Games was played, which resulted in a victory for the visitors by 11 to 10. A hearty vote of thanks to the "Home" team on behalf of their guests was proposed by Mr. Mosdell, Junr., and suitably responded to by Mr. Roake.

The piano which it was agreed to purchase for the use of the Club, has now been provided, and besides being in itself a handsome piece of furniture will prove a most valuable acquisition on all occasions when music is required. And we think if the School piano could give an opinion it would bear a grateful testimony to the relief which it has obtained.

LENT.

The Holy Season of Lent is rapidly approaching. There will be Special Services as usual, of which due notice will be given.

There will be Sermons by Special Preachers in the Church on Thursday evenings.

Mrs. Benyon proposes to have her Working parties on Thursday afternoons, beginning Feb. 13th, and has kindly asked us to make them known in this way.

THE CONFIRMATION.

We need hardly remind our readers that the Confirmation is to be held in our Church on Sunday, Feb. 16th. The Bishop will be staying at Englefield and the Service as at present advised will take place at 3.30 p.m.

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY.

Sexagesima	...	...	M., 407, 317, 322, 107.
			E., 290, 196, 38.
Quinquagesima	...	...	M., 34, 242, 298.
			E., 248, 290, 20.
Ash Wednesday	...		M., 193, 245, 279.
			E., 94, 254, 27.
1st Sunday in Lent	..		M., 84, 94, 245.
			A., 348, 157, 280.
			E., 92, 254, 21.
2nd Sunday in Lent	...		M., 87, 198, 286.
			E., 193, 490, 24.

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MARCH, 1902.

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THE SCHOOL.

We have received the following Report of H. M's Inspector:—

MIXED SCHOOL.—"The School is doing excellent work. The teaching is bright, careful, and intelligent, and the tone and order are very good. The desks used by the First Standard are too high."

INFANTS' CLASS.—"The Infants are very kindly managed and fairly well taught. The methods are generally good, but the class management is capable of improvement. The desks are too high."

THE CONFIRMATION.

Our Confirmation took place on Sunday, February 16th, the Lord Bishop of Oxford officiating.

The Bishop, who was the guest of the Squire and Mrs. Benyon at Englefield House, was celebrant at the Holy Eucharist at 8.30, and was also present and read the Lessons at the Morning and Evening Service.

The Confirmation itself was held at 3 p.m., there were 14 female and 15 male candidates presented from our own parish, and these were joined by 36 from Theale making a total of 65 in all.

The Service commenced with the singing of Hymn 348 and proceeded in the usual way. The Bishop giving a very plain, useful, and impressive address on the particular marks of the Christian Character, pointing out to those who should be confirmed the nature of the blessing now bestowed upon them, and exhorting them to endeavour to follow the examples of the servants of God, who had passed before them, in respect of the strength and patience they had shewn in doing what was right and their sweetness and sympathy in consideration for others as well as their firm trust and reliance upon God and His help and goodness. He concluded by a few emphatic words on the duty of attendance at Holy Communion.

The Hymn "Veui' Creator" or "Come Holy Ghost" was then sung, and the candidates presented singly to the Bishop by their respective Clergy, and the Service concluded after the singing the Hymn 280, with the Episcopal Benediction.

The following are the names of those who where Confirmed :—

Mr. Alfred Rubey, William Green, Herbert Cox, Alfred Ernest Horne, Henry George Vince, Stephen Clayden, George William Stocker, Cecil Stocker, Hugh Parsons, William George Yarlett, Alfred Ernest Day, Frederick Charles Fisher, Owen Robert Wyatt, Arthur Lewis Vince, Egbert Cox, Alfred Neighbour.

Mrs. Rose Eleanor Willcox, Alice Annie Worth, Alice Bertha Comley, Edith Mary Ledbury, Alice Vince, Rose Edith Bates, Annie Elizabeth Allen, Minnie Maria Oxenden, Amy Victoria Neville, Elizabeth Mary Martin, Edith Annie Buckland, Lillie Arthurema Werrall, Beatrice Fowler, Olive Portia Young.

EASTER DAY.

The Services for Easter Day will be the same as last year.

Holy Communion at 7.30 ; 8.30 a.m., and after Morning Prayer.

The Squire having returned thanks, next proposed the health of the Rector, making a playful allusion to his grandchild in Hong Kong, and then the health of the Preacher, Judges, &c., were duly honoured, and we adjourned to the Park.

Here a very enjoyable afternoon was spent under the personal superintendance of The Squire and Mrs. Benyon.

Races first of all for the children with their proper prizes, and then races for men. The whole culminating in a capital Tug-of-War, between the Timber Yard and the Estate, and another like contest between the married and unmarried women of the Parish, in the latter the unmarried were victorious and the Estate in the former vanquished their opponents.

Then once more we made our way to the Long Gallery to find an excellent Tea awaiting us, which was soon dispatched, and once more the parishioners made their way homewards or elsewhere as fancy suggested, meeting again in the evening to enjoy a very pleasant and amusing entertainment provided for them which lasted till 11 p.m., and was the conclusion of a singularly happy and successful day. The Squire and Mrs. Benyon both worked hard throughout for the amusement of their people, and the result was most thoroughly satisfactory on every hand.

We are sorry to say there was one slight accident in the afternoon, F. Fisher falling down some steps and spraining his ankle, but we are glad to learn it is not a very serious matter and we hope soon to see him as well as ever.

The following is a List of the Prizes :—

DIVISION I.

Labourers Class (not including garden labourers).

- Best Cultivated Garden—1 J. Abery, 2 G. Neighbour, 3 W. Cox.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Abery, 2 W. Cox, 3 E. Lamperd.
 Potato (kidney)—1 J. Norris, 2 J. Abery, 3 F. Holmes.
 Potatoes (round)—1 H. Groves, 2 G. Elliott, 3 J. Morris.
 Cabbage—1 H. Bates, 2 G. Rabbits, 3 W. Stocker.
 Onions—1 J. Abery, 2 W. Stocker, 3 E. Lamperd.

Runner Beans—1 J. Abery, 2 A. Rampton, 3 D. Brill.
 Carrots—1 A. Rampton, 2 E. Lamperd, 3 J. Martin
 Turnips—1 T. Huggins, 2, C. Fisher, 3 J. Martin.
 Parsnips—1 J. Abery, 2 J. Norris, 3 T. Huggins.
 Marrows—1 T. Huggins, 2 W. Cox, 3 J. Abery.

DIFISION II.—Mechanics.

Best Cultivated Garden—1 H. Horne, 2 J. Cross and Lawrence equal.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Potatoes (kidney)—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Potatoes (round)—1 D. Horne, 2 J. Lawrence.
 Cabbage—1 D. Horne, 2 H. Horne.
 Onions—1 D. Horne, 2 J. Lawrence.
 Runner Beans—1 J. Cross, 2 B. Webb.
 Carrots—1 W. Vince, 2 D. Horne.
 Turnips—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Parsnips—1 D. Horne, 2 W. Vince.
 Marrows—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.

DIVISION III.

Garden Labourers and Amateurs.

Best Cultivated Garden—1 C. Cox, 2 G. Allen.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Potatoes (kidney)—1 J. Cox, 2 H. Martin.
 Potatoes (round)—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Cabbage—1 E. G. Allen, 2 G. Allen.
 Onions—1 H. Martin, 2 C. Cox.
 Runner Beans—1 H. Martin, 2 C. Cox.
 Carrots—1 C. Cox, 2 J. Cox.
 Turnips—1 C. Cox, 2 J. Cox.
 Parsnips—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Marrows—1 T. Dixon, 2 J. Cox.

WILD FLOWERS.

For the most tastefully arranged nosegay of wild flowers, including at least twelve varieties. The nosegay to be made by the exhibitors themselves on the ground on the morning of the show. Open to children under 13 years—Boys : 1 A. T. Claydon, 2 Robert Bates, 3 George Day. Girls : 1 Laura Allen, 2 Ida Rampton and Alice Cox.

QUEEN WASPS.

For the greatest number of queen wasps collected between March 1st and July 26th, 1902. Open to children under 13 years—1 Claydon, 131, 2 Stocker, 123 ; 3 Cox, 111.

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THE SCHOOLS.

We shall all sympathise in our regrets over the closing of the Schools. This took place on March 10th, owing to the outbreak of Scarlet Fever in the School House on the Saturday previous.

It is of course one of those things which it is impossible to avoid. And it is curious that we understand the same trouble exists in the neighbouring parishes of Sulhampstead and Tylehurst at the present time.

It must of course exercise an unfortunate effect on the School work and the progress of the Scholars must to a certain extent be retarded, but at the same time we can only accept it as one of the troubles flesh is heir to, and make up our minds to go through with it patiently and cheerfully.

We are glad to know that the case in this Parish has proved only a slight one, and that so far there has been no spread of the complaint.

We understand that it is usual that Schools closed under existing regulations remain so for two months, but in any case due notice will be given of the re-opening.

SCHOOL FOR NEEDLEWORK.

Every one will welcome most heartily the Class for instruction and practice in Needlework, which has been set up at The Cottage by Mrs. Benyon for the benefit of the School children during the time they are shut out from their regular work. It will be carried on we believe as long as it is found necessary to close the School.

VACCINATION.

We fancy nearly every one has been re-vaccinated and the importance of the proceeding is one that can hardly be exaggerated at a time like the present when there are in the country so many threatenings of the terrible scourge of the Small Pox, while the cases which have occurred in different places show the possibility of its finding its way into localities where there might seem to be nothing to create a probability of its appearance.

The protective power of Vaccination was discovered rather more than a century ago by Dr. Jenner. And since it has been in use the mortality from the disease has decreased more than one-fourth, so that there has been a most marked and satisfactory diminution in the number of cases which have taken place. And it is calculated that these might be still further diminished if it were the general custom to be re-vaccinated at the age of 16, when in the majority of cases, the vaccination effected in infancy has lost its protective power.

In one of the German Kingdoms, re-vaccination has been made compulsory in the Military Service, with the result that in 13 years the number of cases which occurred was reduced from 619 to 94.

We believe that at the present time the same rule prevails in our own army.

HYMNS.

- 1st Sunday after Easter. M., 134, 136, 140.
 E., 135, 221, 306.
- 2nd Sunday after Easter. M., 197, 232, 248.
 E., 219, 230, 176.
- 3rd Sunday after Easter. M., 280, 225, 274.
 E., 217, 179, 19.
- 4th Sunday after Easter. M., 178ii, 207, 223.
 E., 172, 242, 21.

 REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

March 2nd.—York Barnet Stocker
 „ Mildred Ethel Allen.

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EASTER DAY.

Once again we have to put on record a note of the great Festival, and in spite of some drawbacks and difficulties, we are thankful to be able to say that everything connected with the Services at the Church passed off most happily.

We are very glad to be able to say that at our first Service we had a number of Communicants somewhat in excess of previous years. The rain had begun at 8.30, and it is possible this may have interfered to keep some two or three worshippers and communicants away, but a good many were present, and taking the three celebrations of the Holy Sacrament together, there were a goodly number of Communicants who came to fulfil the Church's rule.

The congregations both at the Morning and Evening Services were good, and the Choir mustered in strength and the singing was bright and hearty. Particularly we may congratulate ourselves on the successful rendering of the anthem. We had begun learning it before losing Mr. Robinson's services, but thanks to the care and energy of different members of the Choir and the good will and good spirit of the whole body, it was worked up and very well performed. We had our old friend the Rev. A. J. Skinner, from Reading, to help in the services, and we hope and believe our Easter, so far as Church Services went, was a happy and successful day in our Parish, we were very sorry not to have Mr. Robinson at the organ, but Mr. Rivers made a most satisfactory substitute.

The Offertories during the day amounted to £10 5s. 9d. and were given to the Home Missions of the Church.

We are very glad to make note of the kind gift of some new white Book Markers for the Bible in the Parish Church, which were presented as an Easter Offering by Mrs. Benyon.

We have received from Mrs. Benyon the following notice of her Lent working party:—"I am very glad to report that 247 articles of Clothing were made at the Lent working party. Garments have been sent to Hackney, De Beauvoir Town, Miss Drummond's Mission, N. London, and South London. I have received very grateful letters from each of these places, they all say the Garments are so good and useful, and ask that their thanks may be conveyed to all the workers. The ten Foreign Frocks were sent to Mbweni and the seven Kisibaus to Nyassa."

THE EASTEK VESTRY.

The Easter Vestry took place on Easter Monday at 10 a.m. There were present the Rector, J. H. Benyon, Esq., Messrs Roake, Palmer, Coombes and Vince. Churchwardens and Sidesmen were re-appointed as before. The Churchwarden's Accounts were produced and passed.

A Voluntary Rate of 1d. in the £ was made for the Church Expenses.

THE PARISH MEETING.

This took place on Easter Tuesday, at 7 p.m., J. H. Benyon, Esq., in the chair. Messrs. Roake, Coombes, Palmer, Bucknell, Rubey, David Horne and Dixon and the Rector were present. The Parish Accounts were produced and passed and the meeting adjourned.

We regret that we have to chronicle a parting with an old servant of the Church and Parish in the person of Mr. Vince, who has been for a good many years Verger and Sexton at the Parish Church, and we believe there will be very general feeling of regret that he has thought well to resign these offices, which he has discharged with general satisfaction to all concerned. He will still continue foreman of the Ringers His place as Sexton and Verger being taken by Mr. Roone.

THE SCHOOLS.

The long blank in the School work is we are thankful to say at last drawing to its close and we trust we may be able to re-open on Monday, May 5th, and doing so we may take the opportunity of expressing our thankfulness this period has on the whole passed away with so little incident.

And we must also take the opportunity of saying how much indebted the parish has been to the kind thoughtfulness and energy of Mrs. Benyon in establishing the working class for the girls which has been most thoroughly appreciated by the parents and has fulfilled a most useful part in the instruction of the children.

ASCENSION DAY.

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Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 8 p.m.

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Sunday after Ascension Day	M., 301, 232, 236. E., 222, 240, 302.
Whit-Sunday	M., 154, 320, 316. 107. E., 156, 207, 213.
Trinity Sunday	M., 160, 354, 166. E., 161, 165, 511.

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ASCENSION DAY.

We had the same services this year as have become usual in this Church on Ascension Day.

It was very delightful to see the Church full of men at the Morning Service, and the music was heartily rendered and joined in by Choir and Congregation.

There was nothing connected with the Festival which calls for special notice. The Congregations were, on the whole, much the same as last year.

It was, perhaps, a little disappointing not to see a larger number of Communicants at the early Services, but there must always be certain difficulties in this matter, and we can only hope that as time passes and the whole meaning of the Festival is better appreciated, more will be found who will wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

WHITSUN-TIDE.

Closely following on the Ascension-tide Festival came Whit-Sunday. But here again there was nothing specially to notice as regards the Church Services, &c. We had the same number of Celebrations of the Holy Communion as last year, and the other Services were the same as before. Everything on the whole went off in a satisfactory manner.

CORONATION DAY.

It is we believe generally known in the Parish that in accordance with the decision come to at the Parish Meeting at Easter, there will be no Celebration of His Majesty's Coronation, or rejoicing on account of it, until Mr. and Mrs. Benyon return from London, and we shall therefore have no festivities on the actual date June 26th.

It is however ordered that a special Service which has been sent to the Clergy shall be held in the Churches throughout the Kingdom on that day.

The Service itself, contains a formal announcement of the King's reign, to be delivered by the Minister with all due solemnity, and is issued by the King's command.

It seems therefore desirable to hold this Service on the day itself, and it has been arranged that it shall take place at 8.30 a.m., in order that as many as possible may have the opportunity of attending.

The Service itself consists of a shortened form of the Litany and the Service of the Holy Communion, specially arranged for this occasion, and we think the general fitness of this will be recognised, when it is considered that this forms the most real and impressive Form of Intercession which we have in the Church.

We hope to have the Service musically rendered as on the Great Festivals, and also it should be understood that there is no reason why any who may not wish to communicate on this particular occasion should not be present and join in the prayers and intercessions offered on this solemn occasion for Their Majesties.

The Service is that which has been authorised by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church, and is in nearly all points the same as that which will be used in the Actual Coronation of the King and Queen.

HYMNS FOR THE MONTH.

1st Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 199, 193, 322, 107. E., 287, 163, 31.
2nd Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 265, 281, 184. E., 161, 198, 545.
3rd Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 225, 242, 298. E., 191, 164, 20.
4th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 220, 297, 178ii. E., 291, 260, 24.
5th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 416, 446, 435. E., 439, 432, 230.

 CRICKET.

Our season commenced on Saturday, May 10th, with a match in the Park against our old opponents, Bucklebury Fireside C.C. We had a good representative team in the field, and the same could be said for Bucklebury. A most enjoyable game ended in victory for the visitors, mainly owing to the excellent batting of the Brothers Millsom and E. Ackerman, who seems as young and full of cricket as ever. Our top scorers were B. A. Young (11), and H. Archer (10). The rapid downfall of the visitors' wickets after the departure of the 1st 3 men was due to the excellent bowling of Messrs. Young and Coombes, who bowled so well as to take 5 wkts. for 20 runs and 2 wkts for 5 runs respectively.

Our second match, played on Saturday, May 24th, against the Biscuit Factory B. team, resulted in a more decisive defeat than the 1st. Playing on our own ground, and batting first, the whole team was disposed of for the small total of 19, chiefly owing to the fine bowling of Phillips. Our opponents responded with 79, leaving us 60 runs behind. H. Archer, 4 wkts. for 20 and A. Beasley, 3 for 15, were our most successful bowlers. The above record does not show a favourable start, but knowing what Cricket is, and its reputation for surprises, no doubt the team will manage to preserve its equilibrium for many a match yet.

We append a list of the Matches now arranged during the season :—

CRICKET FIXTURES.

Date.		Opponents.	Ground.
June	7.	Mortimer	Away.
"	14.	Mortimer West End	At Home.
"	21.	Goring	Away.
"	28.	Burghfield	At Home.
July	5.	Biscuit Factory	Away.
"	12.	St. Bartholomew's	At Home.
"	19.	Whitchurch	Away.
"	26.	St. Bartholomew's	Away.
Aug.	2.	Bucklebury Fireside	Away.
"	9.	Goring	At Home.
"	16.	Mortimer	At Home.
"	23.	Mortimer West End	Away.
"	30.	Burghfield	Away.

"DAWN OF DAY."

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 199.

JULY, 1902.

[Price with "Dawn of Day" ONE PENNY.]

All of us at this time are sorrowing together over the illness of our Gracious King.

It came upon us last week quite unexpectedly in the very serious character which it had developed, and the operation, which His Majesty was called upon to undergo, was danger which, it may be supposed, few would have anticipated, outside the most intimate circle of His family and Advisers.

It has come upon us as a nation as a visitation from God which has reached in some degree almost every home throughout the Kingdom, and cast a shadow where every one had been looking forward to a time of rejoicing and happiness in the festivity natural and proper to the Coronation of the Ruler over our Country.

In a few hours the whole condition of our life was changed from one of pleasurable anticipation, to one of acute anxiety and trouble.

So far we are thankful to know, all seems to be going on well. And there is good reason to believe we may look forward to the King's speedy recovery.

For our part, let us pray earnestly that it may be God's Will to spare our Sovereign to us, and that he may yet live long to reign over this nation, and may we learn also to look up and realize more than men sometimes do, how The Divine Hand rules and over-rules the ways of this world, and that before Him—Kings and Nations all must bow.

PEACE.

One thing, which has come to us under the mercy of God, we may look back upon in the past month with profound thankfulness, and that is the blessing of Peace.

It was made known to us at the beginning of the month and in common with most other Parishes, we were able to make use of the second Sunday, June 8th, as a special day of praise and thanksgiving.

The particular act of praise, which we used were the Psalm CVI., which we sung at the close of the Morning Service, and the Te Deum which was sung at the end of the Evening Service in a like manner.

Every one high and low, far and near throughout the country must have rejoiced together as the good news spread and we knew that the long years of bloodshed and sorrow had ceased, and we might look forward to a time, when the different peoples and nationalities who live in that which is now the South African portion of the King's dominions, may settle down one with another in brotherly unity and become one great and powerful nation, like the other well-established Colonial possessions which own his sway.

CRICKET.

Since our last issue, the Cricket Club has played 5 matches, but the spell of ill luck which was then recorded has been broken. Whitchurch C.C. visited us on May 31st, when we suffered our 3rd consecutive defeat of the season, being beaten by 44 runs ; the scores being 97 and 53.

The following week we visited Mortimer, and after an afternoon's alternate cricket and shower-dodging, won our 1st victory by 17 runs. The next week, Mortimer West C.C. visited us and returned defeated by no less than 83 runs. On Saturday, June 21st, a visit was paid to Goring, where the home Club was defeated by 28 runs, and on the eve of going to press we learn that the result of the match, played in the Park against Burghfield C.C. was won by Englefield by 77

runs, mainly owing to the excellent batting of H. Archer 27 and G. Coombes, 26 runs. The highest individual scores for our team have been made by C. White, 44, 21, 20 not out and 14; A. Savage 21; O. A. Hopley 14; G. Coombes 26 and 12; H. Archer 27; A. Allen 10 not out; C. Claydon and A. Beasley 10 each. The best bowling performance is the excellent feat which H. Archer performed at Goring, when he took 6 wickets for 6 runs.

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BAPTISMS.

March 2nd.	York Barnet Stocker.
" "	Mildred Ethel Allen.
" 30th.	Noah William Culley.
May 4th.	Edith Emma King.
June 1st.	Edith Alexandra Arthurina Nevill.

BURIAL.

June 17th.—Reginald Roome, 1 Year.

HYMNS FOR JULY.

6th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 219, 317, 321, 324. E., 179, 188, 19.
7th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 164, 290, 248. E., 245, 273, 27.
8th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 281, 240, 207. E., 274, 172, 20.
9th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 265, 175, 196. E., 184, 282, 31.

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LOCAL SHEET.

No. 200.

AUGUST, 1902.

[Price with "Dawn of Day" ONE PENNY.]

THE CHOIR.

The Adult Members of the Choir with Mr. Robinson, and the organ blower, and accompanied by the bell-ringers, enjoyed their Annual Excursion on Monday, July 21st. Starting from Appleton's Corner at 5 a.m., they were driven to the S.W. Station at Reading.

Here they joined the Excursion organised by St. Mary's Parish in that Town and proceeded to Portsmouth.

When they had arrived there, they spent the morning in visits to H.M.S. Victory and H.M.S. Hero, as examples of the ancient and modern style of battleship, and in a walk through the dockyard.

Returning to the Town, they dined together at the Central Hotel, and the party split up, some taking a trip over to the Isle of Wight, while others spent the afternoon in the Naval Exhibition, and others again made their way to the Southsea Pier, where the Band of the Royal Marine Artillery played.

All re-assembled again for tea, which was had at the Speedwell Restaurant, and after a short stroll in the Town, the time came for an adjournment to the Railway Station.

Everything went smoothly and comfortably throughout the return journey to Reading, where the brakes were once more ready to meet the party and Englefield was happily reached by 11 p.m.

The verdict that the day had been most enjoyable, and the excursion a great success, was unanimous and hearty thanks were given to the Squire, and all other kind friends who had provided so successful an outing for their benefit.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

We have received the subjoined report of the doings of our Cricket Club in the past month :—

Since our last issue, 4 matches have been played, our opponents being Biscuit Factory C.C. (B) team, S. Bartholomew's C.C. (twice) and Whitchurch C.C. The first match was drawn, very much in our favour, as, after getting our opponents out for 108 runs, we had 102 recorded for 2 wickets; E. West being not out 56, and H. Archer not out 32. The match against Whitchurch C.C. was remarkable for its exciting finish. When our last batsmen, E. Cox, of the Juniors C.C. went in to join C. Claydon, we had only 67 runs to our credit, and the match was regarded undoubtedly as lost. But so well did both play that they were not parted until 95 runs had been registered, giving us a most unexpected victory by 11 runs. Of the two matches against S. Bartholomew's C.C., perhaps it would be wise to say little, for after defeating them on our own ground in the easiest style, we allowed them to pay us back in our own coin a fortnight after. The highest individual scores this month are, besides those already mentioned :—

- C. White 52 and 15.
- A. Lamperd 26 and 13.
- A. Beasley 20.
- O. Hopley 18 and 16.
- C. Claydon 14 not out, and 11.
- A. Ruby 10 not out.
- G. Coombes 10.
- E. Cox 12.

THE SCHOOLS.

On Thursday, July 3rd, our School was visited by the Rev. G. E. J. Milner, the Bishop's Inspector in religious knowledge. We are glad to find that on the whole he appears well satisfied with the condition of the children.

The following is the copy of his Report :—

ENGLEFIELD SCHOOL.

July 3rd, 1902.

Report.

“Considering that the work has been carried on under difficulties, owing to illness, the children did very well.”

“The Infants said their repetition very nicely, and the Baptismal Covenant has been very well explained in this class.”

“In the Middle and Upper Divisions a very creditable knowledge was shown in the Bible and Prayer Book subjects.”

“That the children should have done so well, in spite of the interruption of their work shews that the teaching which they have received has been very thorough. The tone and order are admirable.”

Diocesan Prize—Elsie Smythe.

Highly Commended—Lily Wherrell, George Parsons,
David Stocker.

Commended.

E. Bates, H. Fisher, A. Vince, A. Worth, W. Rampton, T.
Ruby, H. Willcox, L. Allen, W. Robinson, A. Horne,
G. Claydon.

HYMNS FOR AUGUST.

10th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 209, 317, 321, 324. E., 248, 197, 302.
11th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 161, 290, 298. E., 223, 238, 17.
12th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 245, 284, 257. E., 247, 265, 291.
13th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 267, 260, 219. E., 304, 217, 19.
14th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 269, 232. E., 285, 169, 21.

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LOCAL SHEET.

No. 201.

SEPTEMBER, 1902.

Price with "Dawn of Day" ONE PENNY.

We regret very much that so far we are in no position to make any announcement as to the date and other arrangements in respect of Services, &c., of Harvest Thanksgiving. The inclement weather which has prevailed throughout the Summer months has caused the harvest to be unusually late and prolonged, and we are still waiting for a more established progress before anything can be settled.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

Four matches have been played during the past month, of which three were won and one drawn; a record of which the team may be justly proud. The scoring has also been much higher than usual, and the play all round can rightly be said to have improved; a result which might have been expected from a combination which is, with few exceptions, the same every week. The first match was against Bucklebury Fireside C.C. (return) at Bucklebury, when the scores were Englefield 104, Bucklebury 34. Four of our players reached double figures, viz: A. Savage 17, G. Coombes 16, A. Allen 11 and A. Beasley 11.

On the following Saturday, Goring visited us for their return match and prolific scoring was the order of the day. Englefield batted first and scored 186, mainly owing to the efforts of G. Young 85, and H. Archer 44; whilst on the Goring men taking their innings, 67 runs were scored for the loss of only one wicket—a very even draw.

The 3rd match was against Mortimer C.C. (return) who visited us, and returned defeated a second time by 118 runs to 87. A. Lamperd distinguished himself on this occasion by scoring 57.

The last match to record, and the last but one on the list, was played against Mortimer West End C.C. on their ground, when we were successful a second time by 133 to 20. Our scoring was very consistent on this occasion, Davidson 32, G. Coombes 30, A. Savage 15, H. Archer 13, A. Beasley 14, and O. Hopley 11, all reaching double figures. The best bowling, as shown by the analysis, was also performed on this occasion, H. Archer taking 4 wickets for 8 runs, and O. Hopley 6 for 12. With one more match on the card, and probably a game in which social enjoyment amongst members, whether in the regular team or not, will be the ruling factor, the season will come to an end.

We omitted in our last month's issue to mention the burial of the Widow of the late Rev. Francis J. Eyre, who was formerly Rector of this Parish, which took place here during July. There was a very large gathering of members of the family present, and the funeral travelled here from Tunbridge Wells in Kent where the decaeaed lady died.

THE CHOIR BOYS' TREAT.

On Wednesday, the 27th of August, the Annual Treat to the Choir Boys took place. Much speculation had been indulged in for weeks beforehand by the lads as to which seaside place they would visit, but "Its no use counting chickens etc." The seaside was not chosen at all; because, owing to the kindness and forethought of Mr. Roake, who volunteered to escort the party as "guide philosopher and friend," arrangements were made to visit the Royal Borough of Windsor. Accordingly, on the eventful morning, 18 boys accompanied by Messrs. Roake and Robinson, with Mr. Claydon as an unofficial member of the party, were driven from the Timber Yard to Theale Station, where they entrained for Windsor by what is known as the 8.0 o'clock train. After an uneventful journey, the whole party arrived

safely at their destination at about 10.0 a.m. Then the serious business of enjoyment began. Walking straight to the castle, fortune smiled directly, for simultaneously with the appearance of the sun the Band began to play, and the boys were in time to witness the full ceremony of changing the guard to the music of the Drums, Fifes and Bagpipes of the Scots Guards. After a walk round the castle buildings, in which the services of the aforesaid guide etc., were invaluable; 11.0 o'clock came, and admission was obtained into the castle to view the State Apartments. The wonderful and gorgeous sights they saw, the genial courtesy and forethought to the boys, exhibited by the kind old gentleman who acted as cicerone, and the excellent behaviour of the lads throughout, are things long to be remembered with pleasure. The ascent of the round tower, with its numerous and winding steps was the next event on the programme. The feelings of the boys after the long ascent can well be described in the words of one of them as he watched the wonderful view from the top:—"My legs keep going up now, and they feel as if they won't stop climbing." A view of the interior of the Albert Memorial Chapel followed after descending the tower, but the projected inspection of the interior of S. George's Chapel was not possible, owing to its being closed for cleaning operations. Dinner was then adjourned to at Tull's Restaurant, opposite to the castle. The afternoon's programme was a drive through the Long Walk where all dismounted to view the Copper Horse, and on to Virginia Water. Here all dismounted for the lovely walk by the Lake; and rejoined the brake at the well-known Wheatsheaf Hotel. Here there was a wait for about half-an-hour, owing to a sharp shower. Weather being favourable, the party once more mounted, and were again sight seeing. Not a road, building or—I was going to say tree and stone—was passed, but what Mr. Roake could describe it, his description including history and full details. It isn't unlikely that the driver, who was used to giving information en route, picked up a scrap or two of knowledge that would come in useful. Through the Long Walk once more and back to the Restaurant, where a hearty tea at 6.0 p.m. followed, and then a short speech by Mr. Roake, informing all and sundry that they might now go shopping, with an addition to their

spending money, which was then and there distributed. Back to the station at 8.0, an enjoyable though extremely noisy train ride to Reading, followed by a nosier one in Duckett's brakes to Englefield, which was reached by 10.15, closed an eventful day. The considerable local knowledge displayed by Mr. Roake doubled the pleasure of sightseeing; the excellent behaviour and implicit obedience of the boys re-doubled it. No efforts were spared for the success of the expedition by those responsible for it, and it is a great pleasure to find such efforts so sensibly appreciated by those for whom they are made. That the Rector and his churchwardens are gratefully thanked goes without saying, and we can specially hope that the boys themselves, by their behaviour in Church, and attention to their duties as choristers, will do all they can to deserve well of them.

HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER.

15th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 240, 193, 322, 316. E., 215, 274, 228.
16th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 232, 242, 354. E., 214, 236, 353.
17th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 436, 282, 355. E., 217, 221, 179.
18th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 254, 270, 287. E., 617, 422, 223.

THE SCHOOL.

We may remind our readers that School re-opens on Monday, September 8th.

"DAWN OF DAY."

St. Mark's, Englefield.

LOCAL SHEET.

No. 202.

OCTOBER, 1902.

[Price with "Dawn of Day" ONE PENNY.]

Once more we have kept Our Harvest Home. It came later to us than usual this year. Owing to the inclement season the harvest operations were not finished till some weeks after the usual time.

But this year also brought with it a special interest, as being the year of the Coronation of His Majesty, and in honour of that circumstance, we had some extra festivity, especially in the fact that the women as well as the men were invited to the usual dinner, while the men also were entertained at the Tea.

Proceedings began as usual with the Service in the Church, which was on the customary lines. The Choir entering the Church in procession singing the 382nd Hymn. The whole Service with its special psalms and lessons was heartily rendered and was followed by an excellent Sermon from the Rev. Canon Trotter, Rector of Whitchurch, who drew a lesson from the Harvest, teaching us the need of patient, persevering effort in the performance of religious duties, and urging his hearers to continue quietly following out the principles of the Christian truth which they might learn.

The collection made at the end of the Service amounted to £56 9s. 0d.

The following is a list of those who sent offerings of fruit or flowers or vegetables for the Church :—

A. Harris	W. Cox	J. Cross
H. Horne	G. Neighbour	G. S. Roake
E. Lamperd	D. Elliott	A. Roome
J. Claydon	J. Cox	J. Ruby
B. Webb	H. Groves	J. Smith
H. Martin	G. Parsons	J. Bond
F. Holmes	J. Martin	J. Hayes
W. Palmer	J. Norris	A. Dyer
T. Cox	J. Abery	R. Wheller
C. Cox	W. Allen	J. Thame
C. Fisher	D. Brill	Mrs. Winchcombe
G. Fisher	Mrs. Dell	Miss Webb
T. Dixon	W. Vince	W. Smyth
S. Willcox	G. Wyatt	F. W. Pocock
A. E. Robinson	J. Lawrence	W. Yarlett
D. Horne	A. Rampton	F. Reid

We then adjourned at once, some to the Long Gallery and some to a Tent placed outside. The Squire presiding in his usual place in the one, while Mrs. Benyon was at the head of affairs in the other.

When the Meal was finished, we had first of all The Health of H.M. Majesty King Edward the VII., proposed by the Squire, who alluded to the disappointment connected with the date of the Coronation and the subsequent illness and suffering through which the King had passed, and the wonderful recovery which had come about. Then the Rector rose to propose the toast of the day, the health of The Squire and Mrs. Benyon. He alluded, in doing so, to the eventful year through which they were passing, which had restored peace and brought the Coronation with it, he also alluded to the harvest, which though late did not seem to have suffered so much from the inclement season as we might have feared. He alluded to the constant care and interest taken in the parish by Mrs. Benyon, particularly in the last year during the closing of the School, and the many labours of the Squire in the County. The toast it need hardly be said was received with great enthusiasm and the honours it deserved.

The Squire having returned thanks, next proposed the health of the Rector, making a playful allusion to his grandchild in Hong Kong, and then the health of the Preacher, Judges, &c., were duly honoured, and we adjourned to the Park.

Here a very enjoyable afternoon was spent under the personal superintendance of The Squire and Mrs. Benyon.

Races first of all for the children with their proper prizes, and then races for men. The whole culminating in a capital Tug-of-War, between the Timber Yard and the Estate, and another like contest between the married and unmarried women of the Parish, in the latter the unmarried were victorious and the Estate in the former vanquished their opponents.

Then once more we made our way to the Long Gallery to find an excellent Tea awaiting us, which was soon dispatched, and once more the parishioners made their way homewards or elsewhere as fancy suggested, meeting again in the evening to enjoy a very pleasant and amusing entertainment provided for them which lasted till 11 p.m., and was the conclusion of a singularly happy and successful day. The Squire and Mrs. Benyon both worked hard throughout for the amusement of their people, and the result was most thoroughly satisfactory on every hand.

We are sorry to say there was one slight accident in the afternoon, F. Fisher falling down some steps and spraining his ankle, but we are glad to learn it is not a very serious matter and we hope soon to see him as well as ever.

The following is a List of the Prizes :—

DIVISION I.

Labourers Class (not including garden labourers).

- Best Cultivated Garden—1 J. Abery, 2 G. Neighbour, 3 W. Cox.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Abery, 2 W. Cox, 3 E. Lamperd.
 Potato (kidney)—1 J. Norris, 2 J. Abery, 3 F. Holmes.
 Potatoes (round)—1 H. Groves, 2 G. Elliott, 3 J. Morris.
 Cabbage—1 H. Bates, 2 G. Rabbits, 3 W. Stocker.
 Onions—1 J. Abery, 2 W. Stocker, 3 E. Lamperd.

Runner Beans—1 J. Abery, 2 A. Rampton, 3 D. Brill.
 Carrots—1 A. Rampton, 2 E. Lamperd, 3 J. Martin
 Turnips—1 T. Huggins, 2, C. Fisher, 3 J. Martin.
 Parsnips—1 J. Abery, 2 J. Norris, 3 T. Huggins.
 Marrows—1 T. Huggins, 2 W. Cox, 3 J. Abery.

DIFISION II.—Mechanics.

Best Cultivated Garden—1 H. Horne, 2 J. Cross and Lawrence equal.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Potatoes (kidney)—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Potatoes (round)—1 D. Horne, 2 J. Lawrence.
 Cabbage—1 D. Horne, 2 H. Horne.
 Onions—1 D. Horne, 2 J. Lawrence.
 Runner Beans—1 J. Cross, 2 B. Webb.
 Carrots—1 W. Vince, 2 D. Horne.
 Turnips—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.
 Parsnips—1 D. Horne, 2 W. Vince.
 Marrows—1 J. Lawrence, 2 H. Horne.

DIVISION III.

Garden Labourers and Amateurs.

Best Cultivated Garden—1 C. Cox, 2 G. Allen.
 Best Collection of Vegetables—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Potatoes (kidney)—1 J. Cox, 2 H. Martin.
 Potatoes (round)—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Cabbage—1 E. G. Allen, 2 G. Allen.
 Onions—1 H. Martin, 2 C. Cox.
 Runner Beans—1 H. Martin, 2 C. Cox.
 Carrots—1 C. Cox, 2 J. Cox.
 Turnips—1 C. Cox, 2 J. Cox.
 Parsnips—1 J. Cox, 2 C. Cox.
 Marrows—1 T. Dixon, 2 J. Cox.

WILD FLOWERS.

For the most tastefully arranged nosegay of wild flowers, including at least twelve varieties. The nosegay to be made by the exhibitors themselves on the ground on the morning of the show. Open to children under 13 years—Boys: 1 A. T. Claydon, 2 Robert Bates, 3 George Day. Girls: 1 Laura Allen, 2 Ida Rampton and Alice Cox.

QUEEN WASPS.

For the greatest number of queen wasps collected between March 1st and July 26th, 1902. Open to children under 13 years—1 Claydon, 131, 2 Stocker, 123; 3 Cox, 111.

COOKED POTATOES.

For the best dish of cooked potatoes, any sort. Open to wives of persons occupying cottages numbered in Englefield.—1 Miss Dixon, 2 Mrs. W. Cox, 3 Mrs. Webb.

THE WORKMEN'S CLUB.

The evening of the Harvest Home was celebrated here by a Smoking Concert, which we understand was of a very pleasant description and highly successful.

We have not however received any report of the proceedings, which, we believe, were altogether of a social and sociable character.

In addition to the other Parochial Prizes, Mrs. Benyon also gave Prizes for the Needlework done at the School.

The following were the successful competitors :—

STANDARD	V.	May Winchcombe and Alice Cox.
„	IV.	Lily Horne.
„	III.	Agnes Bune.
„	II.	Laura Allen and Bertha Winchcombe.
„	I.	Edith Bucknell.

HYMNS FOR OCTOBER.

19th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 245, 320, 316, 108. E., 248, 254, 286.
20th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 235, 267, 386. E., 202, 268, 197.
21st Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 322, 234, 287. E., 219, 228, 274.
22nd Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 355, 298, 221. E., 251, 301, 172.

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NOVEMBER, 1902.

Price with "Dawn of Day" ONE PENNY.

CRICKET CLUB.

We had our general meeting of the Cricket Club on Friday evening, October 17th, with the Squire in the chair.

Our Secretary, Mr. Lamperd, we are glad to say, was able to give a very satisfactory account of the work of the Club during the season. Matches had been played out and at home, in most of which Englefield had been successful.

The batting prize was gained by Mr. Archer, who had obtained an average of 22.1 runs; and the bowling prize was allotted to Mr. Beasley.

The Rector produced the balance sheet, and this on the whole may be regarded as satisfactory, though the whole of the funds at the disposal of the Club had been spent, and we regret that no balance was in hand with the close of the year.

The names of J. Herbert Benyon, Esq., Mrs. Benyon, Mr. Roake, Mr. Rubey, Mr. Bucknell, and the Rector appeared as honorary members and subscribers, while there were 24 playing members, with £1 16s. as the amount of their subscriptions.

The heaviest item of expenditure consisted of Mr. Roberts' bill for brakes, amounting to £6 16s., but this was met in great part by members' payments, which shewed in the account as £4 2s. 6d. The other important bill was that of Messrs. Gunn and Moore for the usual annual supply of material for the Club.

At the close of the proceedings the Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Squire for the use of the ground, and this was seconded by Mr. Savage (captain); and Mr. Robinson then proposed a vote of thanks to the various officials, &c., for their services during the year.

The Squire, in returning thanks, made allusion to the success of the Boys' Club matches during the summer, and congratulated the Club on the good work which they had done, and the successful recipient of the prize bat which was presented by him, as Chairman and President of the Club, to Mr. Archer.

The proceedings then terminated.

THE CLUB.

On October 15th a representative body of members, to the number of 14, visited Mortimer Club and played the members thereof a tournament of games. After a pleasant evening, the result was in our favour by 9 games to 8. The thanks of our members were suitably expressed by the Hon. Sec., to which the Rev. A. G. P. Baines replied.

The first "Dance" of the season took place on Wednesday evening, October 22nd, and was most successful. An excellent company was present, and everything was carried out with a spirit and "go," which demonstrated clearly that all meant to enjoy themselves. We were very pleased to see Mr. Robinson at the piano. The arrangements, which could not have been bettered, were in the excellent hands of Messrs. O. A. Hopley, T. G. Reid and A. Savage.

HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER.

23rd Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 545, 317, 322, 193. E., 439, 228, 30.
24th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 172, 197, 306. E., 191, 540, 24.
25th Sunday after Trinity	...	M., 232, 213, 297. E., 304, 290, 21.
Sunday next before Advent	...	M., 228, 236, 248. E., 516, 250, 31.
Advent Sunday	M., 51, 317, 322, 107. E., 52, 50, 403.

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DECEMBER, 1902.

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ADVENT.

Once more this Holy Season has come round to us, reminding of the approach of the great Festival of The Birth of Our Saviour, and also with its note of warning that He will come again at the end of the world to judge both the quick and the dead.

We should try to mark it, and to gain some profit from its teaching and influence upon our hearts and thoughts.

It has never been the custom in the Church to look upon these weeks which lead up to Christmas, as calling upon us for the same regular observance as Lent, but at the same time they should be marked as a period for some special thoughtfulness as regards our life toward God. Perhaps the best precept which we could find put shortly for us in the Bible with regard to it, would be the words of S. Peter—
"Be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer."

A little more time than usual given to quiet thought on holy things, some little study of our Bible, taking for example, the Sunday lessons, the Epistles and Gospels for the week. Some special prayer for the Church, saying daily the Collect for the 16th Sunday after Trinity or that appointed for the Feast of S. Simon and S. Jude.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We shall be visited on Sunday, Dec. 14th, as usual at this time of the year by a deputation from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The Rev. G. H. Tovey, whose work on behalf of the Society lies in the Colony of British Columbia.

We may remind those who kindly take an interest in the Society's Work and have collecting boxes, that they should be sent in to the Rectory before that date in order that amounts may be made up for the closing year.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

There will, as usual, on this great Festival of the Year, be three Celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m. as on Sunday.

THE CLUB.

A very successful Smoking Concert was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5th, and was much enjoyed. Mr. Ruby was in the Chair; Mr. Webb the Vice-Chair, and Mr. Robinson accompanied. The usual vote of thanks were passed.

A number of our members visited Burghfield Club on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th, where they met the members thereof in a Tournament of games, in which they were successful by 11 points to 8. With very hospitable entertainment and hearty good feeling, a pleasant evening was spent.

The Second "Dance" of the season was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19th, and was very successful. Mr. Reid was an efficient M.C. and Mr. Robinson, as before, was at the piano.

HYMNS FOR DECEMBER.

2nd Sunday in Advent ...	...	M., 47, 48, 217,
Dec. 7th.		E., 52, 288, 214.
3rd Sunday in Advent ...	...	M., 358, 362, 220.
		E., 355, 300, 48.
4th Sunday in Advent ...	...	M., 53, 269, 274.
		E., 245, 222, 31.
Christmas Day ...	...	M., 482, 316, 320, 190.
		E., 60, 58, 23.
1st Sunday after Christmas ...	...	M., 69, 73, 305.
		E., 60, 289, 436.