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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1893.

MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—*First Sunday after Christmas.*
2nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Meeting of Bromley School Board, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
„ —Boswell's Circus, College Slip, Bromley.
3rd—Meeting of Bromley Local Board, Local Offices. 5.30 p.m.
„ —Bromley Congregational Mothers'¡Meeting New Years' Tree.
4th.—Annual Audit of Books and Accounts of Bromley School Board.
8th.—*First Sunday after Epiphany.*
9th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —"The Golden Chance," at the Grand Hall, Bromley, 7.45 p.m. (and the following days).
„ —West Kent Hunt Ball, "Crown Hotel," Sevenoaks.
10th.—Entertainment at Bromley Town Hall in aid of Waifs and Strays Society.
11th.—Bromley Cycling Club "Cinderella" Dance, "White Hart" Assembly Rooms, Bromley.
12th.—Señor Sarasate, the Spanish Violinist, at Public Hall, Beckenham, 8 p.m.
13th.—Lecture: "How I travelled 40,000 miles by Sea and Land, on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes," by Rev. W. J. Mayers, Bromley Grand Hall, 8 p.m.
15th.—*Second Sunday after Epiphany.*
16th— Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
17th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30. p.m.
18th.—Annual Ball of the A Troop of West Kent Yeomanry, Grand Hall, Bromley.
19th.—Subscription Dance at St. Luke's Institute to defray debt on building.
22nd.—*Third Sunday after Epiphany.*
23rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
29th.—*Septuagesima Sunday.*
30th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Meeting of Bromley School Board, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
31st—Meeting of Bromley Local Board, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on Nov. 29th, the Sanitary Inspecter presented a report as to the cost of erecting a house-refuse destructor, and the future disposal of house-refuse by that method.

Disposal of House Refuse.

The cost of a four-cell destructor with a chimney 140ft. high and fume cremator, would be about £2,000, this being large enough to treat the whole amount of refuse for some time to come. The present amount to be disposed of he estimated at 6,000 tons per annum, which would cost £397 11s. less £115 estimated assets for sale of clinkers, &c.; or about 11¼d per ton including 1d. for rates, taxes, insurance, &c. The average cost of the same at Bradford, Bury, Ealing, Heckmondwicke, Hull, Leeds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Salford, Southampton and Warring was 1s. 0¾d. per ton. If low heat were used, as at Chelsea, for generating steam, &c., the cost would be much lower—a scheme which the surveyor suggested was that of treating the road scrapings from flint roads, which he estimated would be remunerative. The cost per head of the population, taking it at 22,000, would be 3·00 8d. The Clerk submitted a return of the present cost of the collection of house refuse and disposal thereof. For 1890 it was £946; 1891, £1259; 1892, £1251. The further consideration of the matter has been adjourned.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of a memorial, presented by Mr. H. Podger as chairman of a recent meeting of ratepayers at the Town Hall, praying the Board to take the necessary steps for applying for a Charter of Incorporation for the town. The 494 signatures attached represented a rateable value of £8,000 out of a total of £165,000 for the whole town. In reply to Mr. Curtis, the Clerk said the signatures represented 494 out of a total of about 22,000 inhabitants. The memorial was referred to the Committee of the whole Board. At a meeting on Dec. 13th, a supplementary memorial was received. The Clerk said 108 additional signatures were attached, representing a rateable value of £2,597. That made a grand total of 602 signatures, representing a rateable value of £10,603 out of a total of £165,000 on 4,200 separate assessments.—Mr. Selby said he would move that a reply be sent to the effect that no special advantages could be secured by the incorporation of the town. He believed that it would be a bad thing for the town if it were incorporated. The Board had efficiently carried out its duties in the past, and, as there was no advantage to be gained, he did not think the settlement of the matter should be any longer delayed. The time was not yet ripe for it, and, besides that, they were in the Metropolitan area. Mr. Davis then drafted a resolution as follows:—"That, as it appears that the general body of ratepayers are not in favour of an application for a Charter of Incorporation for the town of Bromley, the Board do not feel justified in taking the steps advocated by the memorialists."—Mr. Selby accepted that as his resolution. Mr. Davis seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.

The proposed Incorporation.

At a meeting on Nov. 26th, the Clerk reported that he had been informed that railway contractors were encroaching on the public highway at Homesdale-road with the new work and he had seen the Engineer and the Surveyor to the Company, who said that they were only acting strictly in accordance with their statutory powers. Notice had been given to reinstate the highway. At the meeting on Dec. 13th, the Board directed that the Company be written to, and if necessary that Counsel's opinion be taken.

Alleged Encroachment.

At the meeting on Nov. 29th, a letter was received from the Local Government Board with reference to the Board's application for permission to borrow £3,650, for the provision of a depôt for road materials in Station-road, asking to be furnished with plans of the proposed depôt and siding, plans showing its position in the district, a copy of the Board's

Proposed Loan for a Depot.

resolution thereon, and a copy of the Electric Lighting Provisional Order. The letter also stated that if it was proposed to carry out Electric Lighting Works by means of borrowed money, plans of those also must be sent in for sanction. Mr. Davis said the Board could not give information which they themselves did not possess: they did not know where their Electric Lighting Station would be, or if even they would have one at all. The Clerk said he had forwarded such information as he had to the Local Government Board.

The S.E.R. Bill.

At the same meeting the Clerk said that in the Parliamentary notices deposited by the S.E.R. Company there appeared an application for powers to stop up the footpath from the Bromley Station-yard, round to the rear of the signal-box, and to authorise the making of a new path from the signal-box terminating in Shermans-road. The S.E.R. Company had diverted the path in question once before, but had had to drop the matter again. At the meeting on Dec. 13th, the Clerk was directed to ask the Company to furnish the Board with plans, and to state that at present the Board dissented from the scheme.

New Roadway wanted..

At the meeting on Nov. 29th, a memorial was received praying the Board to make a roadway from Palace-grove to Palace-road, where at present there is only a footway. Mr. Davis said he had been asked to support the memorial. He had been and inspected the place, and he thought all would agree that some means of connection should exist between the two roads mentioned other than as at present coming all the way back to Widmore-road and so round to Palace-road. Mr. Selby said it was a matter for serious consideration on account of the expense, but there was great reason in what the memorialists advanced. The Surveyor was instructed to report on the matter, and at the last meeting of the Board it was reported that the matter had been further adjourned.

Horticultural Scholarships.

At the meeting on Nov. 29th, a letter was read from the Bromley School Board stating that they had no children eligible for the vacant scholarships at Swanley Horticultural College.

New Disinfector.

At the same meeting Mr. Davis said that, with several other members of the Board, on the previous Saturday he visited the Board's stone-yard at Waldo-road and saw the new disinfector tested, and everything appeared to be very satisfactory.

Day School, Free Library and Technical Education.

At the same meeting Mr. Davis referred to a conference held a few days previously with several of the ratepayers with respect to the Board's Day School, and said that it would be remembered that no definite conclusion was arrived at. Since then, however, he had had several conversations with one of the principal memorialists, Mr. G. Loly, and between them they had arrived at a basis of an arrangement which he had reason to believe would be satisfactory to the Board, the memorialists and the public generally. The heads of that basis of arrangement were, briefly, that the school now known as the Science and Art School would be discontinued, and would cease to be carried on under public management on July 1st, 1893. The Science master would hold Science classes morning or evening, or both, making up the 15 hours per week required by the Science and Art Directory, which would be open to all students at a small fee. Science classes would also be held for industrial scholars who had passed the 5th Standard at any elementary school at a merely nominal fee; and the same applied to the classes held for manual instruction by the Local Board. The Board would erect two workshops for instructing students in the use of tools: one at Tweedy-road and one at Raglan-road. The Science classes held throughout the day would be open to everyone. The only other matter dealt with by the memorialists—and a very important matter it was—was in connection with the establishment of a Free Public Library. He thought he had succeeded in convincing those gentlemen who met them in conference that it was impossible to devote any room in the Science and Art School for the purposes of a Public Library, because the only room which could so be used was constantly in use in the evening—just when a reading room would be most in requisition—for the science classes, and was continually in use during the greater part of the months of April and May for science examinations, and it would be still more frequently in use in the future. It was also quite impossible to make use of the vacant land on the side of the building, for in the very near future that land would be wanted for an extension of the school which was even wanted at the present time. Therefore, they were unwilling to provide a Public Library so far as the School of Science and Art was concerned, and thought it desirable to wait a short time before taking any steps to provide a Public Library anywhere else, as in the course of a few months an arrangement might be discovered whereby the idea might be more practicable of execution with greater economy for the ratepayers. He would suggest that the matter of the Public Library stand over until after the New Year. While discussing the question of Technical Education, and kindred matters, he would like to make a suggestion as to the Committee. The Board had power to have the Committee differently constituted to what it now was, and it would be great assistance to the present Committee and would help them very materially to further the Technical Education movement if the Committee was re-constructed. Mr. Davis then suggested the names of Mr. Loly and Mr. Loton, of the Bromley School Board, and expressed a wish to find some other gentleman, not a member of any of the Boards, with a knowledge of the the subject and leisure to attend to the duties. At the meeting on December 13th, Messrs. Willett and Latter wrote that they were instructed to say that the heads of the arrangement for the continuance of the school of Science and Art as submitted, and as amplified in a recent speech by Mr. Davis, would be considered satisfactory by their clients. A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that before replying to inquiries which had been made with regard to the Science and Art School they wished to be furnished with all the particulars connected with the transfer. At the meeting of the Board on December 13th, a letter was read from Mr. J. H. Loton stating that in response to the Board's invitation he should be glad to join the Technical Education Committee. His time for such duties was limited but he would be glad to do what he could. A similar letter was also read from Mr. G. Loly, expressing his appreciation of the invite to join the Committee. He would be happy to give his services and do what he could to make the administration of the Act a success. At the meeting of the Board on December 20th, a letter was received from Mr. Harris, calling the Board's attention to the fact that it was reported that after July next the Board would discontinue the High School for Boys, and reminding them that a contract was entered into with himself in October last, and enquiring his position in the future. The letter was referred to Committee.

Factory and Workshops Act.

At the meeting of the Board on December 13th the Board directed that the necessary steps be taken to put into effect the Factory and Workshops Act, with regard to the list of out-workers.

Mr. E. S. Harris's objections.

At the meeting on December 13th, a letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E. S. Harris on the subject of his objections in 1891, to the allowance by the Auditor of £236 14s. 4d. The enclosure stated that the Board had considered the objections to that allowance by the Auditor charged by the Local Board on the accounts in respect of interest on loans. The auditor had stated his reasons for refusing to surcharge the Board, the chief being that there would be no loss to the rates, and that therefore the amount could stand in the ledger as "a balance due and recoverable." The Board had examined Mr. Harris' proofs, but could find nothing to show that there would be a loss to the rates, and therefore the Auditor's decision must stand.

Cookery Classes.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Clerk to the Bromley School Board, requesting the Board to open evening cookery classes at Shortlands, and at Raglan-road, and offering the use of that

Board's cookery class-rooms and utensils at a rent to cover actual costs incurred.

Electric Lighting.

At the same meeting the the Clerk reported that he had sent round to the frontagers on the line of circuit proposed for the electric lighting the circular the Board had approved, but the answers had been very few and far between and practically no guide to the Board. He asked if the Board would sanction the drawing up of a fresh lot of notices and sending them round with stamped envelopes for reply.—Mr. Davis: If the people take so little interest as not to reply in the first instance I don't think it is worth while wasting stamps on them. —The Clerk said that the Board had an Order, and unless steps were taken by July next their powers would run out.—Mr. Davis: We can sell it.—The Clerk: Yes, but we must sell it before July next.—The matter was referred to the Electric Lighting Committee.

Bromley Charitable Society.

At a meeting on December 20th, a deputation of five gentlemen—Mr. Howard Williams, Mr. John Williams, Mr. William Hicks, Mr. Frdk. W. Reynolds, and Mr. Thomas Langford—waited on the Board on behalf of the Bromley Charitable Society, to ask for the use of the Board's Depôt in Waldo-road for wood-chopping as a labour-test in view of relief being granted for the deserving poor during the present winter.—In reply to questions from the Board the members of the deputation said they were not prepared to cope with extremely bad weather or extreme distress, and in such a case they would withdraw and give place to the Bromley Board of Guardians.—The Board seemed inclined to take a favourable view of the application, but it was stated that they would be unable to give a definite decision until they had consulted the Bromley Board of Guardians, who had made a practice of using the Board's Depôt for much the same purpose.—The Board, in response to a request by letter, granted the New Bromley Committee of the same society, permission to meet at the Science and Art School as formerly, on the same terms as extended to the Town Committee.

South Hill Footbridge.

At the same meeting two letters were received from the engineer to the L.C. & D.R. Company, stating that the Company would make the footway connection with the South Hill Bridge if the Board would erect a lamp to light it, and also that the culvert in Aylesbury-road would be replaced with one adequate (15in.) to carry off the water. The Board expressed themselves very pleased with so satisfactory an arrangement, and the Clerk was directed to forward information as the footbridge to the Bromley School Board.

Bromley Burial Board.

At the Bromley Burial Board on December 20th, the Clerk read a letter from the Rev. P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's, Bromley, transmitting a memorial from the Churchwardens and himself in regard to the position of District A in the Burial Board's district. It was directed that the memorial be sent for Counsel to give an opinion upon it.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Technical Education.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on Dec. 5th, pursuant to notice Mr. Gedney moved "That the Clerk write to the Bromley Local Board asking them to open evening cookery classes at Shortlands and at Raglan-road for adults; that the School Board offer the use of their cookery class rooms and apparatus for this purpose at a rent to cover actual costs incurred." He said he had had a chat with the Chairman and the Clerk of the Bromley Local Board and the former, he was glad to say, gave the project his warmest approval. He believed that they were arriving at a better understanding with the Local Board and that it was for the good of the community at large that the two Boards should work hand in hand. While the Local Board found the money the School Board would find the channels for its distribution. Mr. Loly said it was with very great pleasure that he seconded Mr. Gedney's motion and he believed it was one which must commend itself to all the members of the Local Board. He felt that the advantages of Technical Education should, as far as possible, be open to women, and a man would be very selfish indeed if he would not favour the extension of that form of Technical Education to women.—The Chairman then remarked that he believed that if they would allow a small portion of the land in their possession the Local Board would build workshops which would be available for the Board's scholars in the day time and the adults in the evening. He thought better times were dawning.—Mr. Loton said he was glad to hear that the Local Board had taken a new departure in that matter. He for one would like to see evening classes established for the teaching of more than the present subjects taught, both for women as well as for men; that was his idea of the manner in which the Technical Education Grant should be applied, and up to the present the people for whose benefit that grant was intended had not been reached. After some further discussion the resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Salaries.

At the same meeting the School Management Committee reported that they had taken into consideration the reports from H. M's Inspector as to the Valley and Raglan-road schools, and they recommended that the various teachers' salaries be increased to the sums mentioned, which amounted in the aggregate to £83 per annum. The report was adopted.

Additional School Accommodation.

At the same meeting the Clerk read the following letter, from the Education Department on the question of additional school accommodation:—

Sir,—My Lords have received from H.M. Inspector the following report with reference to the need for additional School accommodation in the district of your Board:—"I have to call attention to the need for further accommodation for infants in the district of the Bromley School Board—with the exception of the Bromley Valley Infants' School, the infant schools of this district are all quite full, the Bromley National Infants' School having at the recent inspection 84 infants on its books in excess of its accommodation, though children had been refused admission for the preceding month." I am to request that this report may be brought before the next meeting of the Board, and that my Lords may be informed in due course what steps the Board are prepared to take in the matter. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, J. W. J. STEPHENSON.—The letter was referred to Committee, who at the meeting on Dec. 19th, recommended that the Clerk be instructed to reply in accordance with the facts ascertained from the last week's attendance returns.

Baglan Road.

At the meeting on Dec. 5th, a letter was received from Messrs. Milne and Waring, stating that in 1890 a piece of ground was sold by the Trustees of the Tredwell Estate to the Bromley School Board, and a covenant was then given by that Board that before Feb. 17th, 1891, they would make, to the satisfaction of the local authority, a road from Southlands-lane to Nelson-road. That covenant had not been carried out, but the adjoining property owners had to bear a share of the expense which the School Board had covenanted to pay. The letter went on to ask if Messrs. Milne and Waring had been misinformed. The Chairman said the Board did make the road, and to be sure that it was to the satisfaction of the local authority, the Local Board's surveyor, Mr. Cregeen, was entrusted with the work at a cost of £300, and they had since paid another £170. Some discussion ensued, and eventually the matter was referred to the Committee.

Diocesan Inspector Report.

At the meeting on Dec. 19th, the Clerk read most gratifying and commendatory reports from the Rev. E. M. Nunn, the Diocesan Inspector, on the result of the Scripture examinations in the various schools under the Board, in which, with regard to every school, it was stated that the written work was good, the answers were intelligently given, and tone and discipline were excellent. The Board expressed themselves highly satisfied.

Notice of Audit.

The Auditor wrote giving the Board notice that he had fixed January 4th for the annual audit of the Board's books and accounts.

The Vacancy.

At the same meeting Chairman said the filling of the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Hall had been discussed in Committee, and the names of two gentlemen had been submitted. One of those gentlemen found favour with the Committee, and as a result Mr. Loly and Miss Heppel were deputed to interview that gentleman, and he had consented to be nominated for the seat if it was the wish of the Board that he should do so. Mr. Loly said he had great pleasure in moving that Captain Richards be appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board. It would be in the recollection of the Members of the Board, he said, that in the Committee proceedings he had submitted an abstract resolution that the gentleman who was at the top of the poll of the rejected candidates at the last election should be elected to fill the vacancy. That proposal was rejected by a majority of the Board, and he was not prepared to move any resolution which he could not feel sure would be unanimously passed by the Board. Captain Richards, if elected, would come to the Board with a good knowledge of the work, and he hoped that it would be with the unanimous approval of the Board. They had interviewed Captain Richards, and had informed him that it was the unanimous wish of the Board that he should fill the seat, and he now hoped that he would not be placed in the false position of having represented to Capt. Richards what was not the case.—Miss Heppel, in seconding the motion, said she had had the advantage of knowing Capt. Richards for many years. He was a distinguished member of a distinguished profession, and for many years he had taken a great interest in educational matters. She believed he would be a source of strength and a great help to the Board.—Mr. Peill then moved, as an amendment, that the Rev. Woodhouse, who was at the head of the rejected candidates at the last election, be elected to fill the vacant seat. He knew that Mr. Woodhouse thoroughly understood "the education business," and it was no use asking him to vote for people he did not know. With the very small number of votes which excluded the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse from a seat on the Board at the last election, he was now entitled to be asked to fill Mr. Hall's seat—The Vicar was extremely sorry that Mr. Peill had seen fit to move his amendment. He himself had a sincere regard for Mr. Woodhouse, and under other circumstances would have been pleased to have had him with them on the Board, but he saw how the majority of the Board were opposed to it, and felt that it would be a painful thing for a member to come on to the Board without the unanimous approval of the members, or by a narrow majority.—Mr. Bragg and Mr. Loton supported the motion, and Mr. Peill's amendment found no seconder, and in the result Capt. Richards was declared elected by the Board.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

The Consecration Question.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on December 2nd, the Clerk read the following letter from the Home Office :—

Whitehall,
28th Nov., 1892.

[PRESSING.]

Sir,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to call your attention to the letter from this Department of the 28th ult. on the subject of the consecration of a part of the New Burial Ground for the Parish of St. Mary, Plaistow, and I am to acquaint you, for the information of the Burial Board of that Parish, that, after receiving the reply to that letter from the Board dated the 7th inst., the Secretary of State had been in hopes that the Board would, before this time, have informed him that the necessary steps had been taken in the matter.

The Secretary of State is obliged to inform the Board that, unless a satisfactory answer is received from them within a week from this date, he will be compelled to adopt legal measures to procure the enforcement of the law.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. LEIGH PEMBERTON.

The Clerk to the Burial Board,
Plaistow, Kent.

After a lengthy descussion of the letter, Mr. Deacon moved "that a reply be sent to the Home Office that as there is ample consecrated ground still available in the parish, there is no urgent need of consecration, but that the Board will consider the matter at an early date."—Mr. Thursfield contended that Mr. Deacon and the majority of the Board were posing as trying to save the ratepayers' pockets, whereas if they persistently defied the Home Office and the law a *mandamus* would be issued puting the ratepayers to more expense than they would otherwise have incurred.—Mr. Matthews said that if a *mandamus* did come down it could be complied with, and the expense would be no more than that for consecration, about £10 10s. The majority of the Board at the present time did not feel disposed to give way. He then seconded Mr. Deacon's resolution which was carried, Mr. Thursfield and the Vicar protesting. Subsequently the Board decided to delete the word "ample" from the resolution which it was thought would render it quite accurate. At the meeting on December 23rd, the following letter was read :—

Treasury,
17th Dec., 1892.

Sir,—The Secretary of State for the Home Department has transmitted to me the papers and correspondence in connection with the new burial ground provided by the Plaistow Burial Board, the site of which and the division of the same into consecrated and unconsecrated parts were approved by letter from the Home Office of the 18th Feb. And in view of the fact that the Board appear to have no intention of making the application for consecration, I am instructed to apply to the Court for a *mandamus* to enforce compliance with the law, but before doing so I am to enquire from the Board whether it is their intention at once to take the necessary steps for consecration or not. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

BERNARD THOMAS,
Assistant Solicitor.

J. W. Miles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Plaistow Burial Board.

After some discussion Mr. Deacon moved:—

"That a reply be sent to the Solicitor of the Treasury, that the majority of the Board being of opinion that much the larger portion of the ratepayers are anxious to postpone consecration of the cemetery, feel they cannot vote in favour of its being immediately carried out. They have, therefore, determined to at once place their resignations in the hands of the Churchwardens."

He then went on to say that the majority of the Board would feel ashamed to be a party to the transaction in any form, and now that matters had come to a crisis it would afford the ratepayers the best opportunity of seeing how half-a-dozen or so of individuals in connection with St. Mary's, were trying to get on behalf of the Vicar of Plaistow the control of the larger portion of a new cemetery which had been provided and would have to be maintained out of the ratepayers' money. And also, if they could have got it, they were prepared to take a considerable income from the profits of the cemetery. The majority of the Board had fought against it and would still fight against it and strive by their actions to impress upon the public mind that the transaction was such as no gentlemen of the Church of England should have been a party to.—Mr. Matthews seconded the resolution, and in so doing said that the line of action which the majority of the Board were taking had been decided upon after very careful consideration, not only among themselves but with the gentlemen who had been associated with them in a desire to see justice done. Several alternatives had been before them, but they had come to the conclusion, rightly or wrongly time would prove, that that was a matter, whether they succeeded in that individual case or not, which would come before the public generally; and that it was necessary, in the interest of every ratepayer in the Kingdom, that every possible opportunity should be given to the people to thoroughly grasp the subject.

They did not want the people necessarily to see their side of the question—they might be quite wrong—but they did want the matter discussed from all points of view. Unquestionably the law said it should be consecrated. They felt they could not vote in favour of it, and so they had thought it proper to resign. What would be the result they could not say; the future must decide. That would be the first case of the kind which had come before the Court in the present Ministry, and it would be watched by a very large body of people all over the country to see on which side the Ministry would jump, and according to the result would be determined the action taken in many parts of the country.—Some further discussion followed in which the oft-repeated arguments were reiterated, and ultimately the resolution was put and carried, Mr. Matthews remarking that their resignations would be in the hands of the Churchwardens the next morning.

Finance.

At the same meeting it was reported that the Board had a balance in hand of £579 8s. 4d., of which £486 14s. 10d. was on Capital Account, and £92 13s. 6d. on Revenue Account. About £435 more would be required from Capital Account in respect of contracts, and another £150 would be required for planting.

VOLUNTEER PRIZE GIVING.

On Dec. 21st., the Drill Hall, East-street, Bromley, was well filled with the wives and friends of our citizen-soldiery, on the occasion of the distribution by Mrs. A. C. Norman of the prizes won during the past year. Major Latter in opening the proceedings read a letter from Colonel Bristow, the Colonel Commandant, expressing regret at his inability to be present, then proceeded, as is his wont on such occasions, to give a short review of the year's work. The shooting, he said, had been most satisfactory in every way. There was a very great improvement in the figure of merit of the two companies for this year, and that was of vast importance. In 1891 the figures were: E Company 174·34, F Company 170·33; for 1892 the figures were: E Company 189·52 (the highest in the Battalion), F Company, 173·8. In 1891 the marksmen were 8 in E Company and 9 in F Company; this year the figures were 15 in E Company and 9 in F Company. That great improvement in the shooting was probably due to three causes. First the men had taken the hint he gave them last year, that it only wanted one more effort to be at the top of the tree, and they had got to the top of the tree. Secondly because of the great interest which Lieut. Hitchins, himself a good shot, took in the musketry of the detachment, and thirdly and lastly because of the new rule they had adopted last year with reference to the detachment prizes—that every man who went in for the detachment prizes must go in as far as he could for the Government prizes or he would not be eligible. All would agree that a man who took prizes should as a preliminary do all he he could to satisfy the Government requisitions as to firing. That, too, had its effect on the figure of merit, by compelling men to attend and fire as far as they could go. They had also to congratulate themselves on the winning of the badges for the best company in the Battalion. That had been done by E Company and he was very proud of the fact, and hoped that the badges would remain in Bromley for many years to come. The two best shots were Sergeant H. J. Davis, with 187 points, E Company, and Sergt. Towell with 185 points in F Company. With regard to general efficiency he must say he had no fault to find with the men in the detachment at the present time. But their numbers had been largely decreasing: five or six years ago they had numbered 177 and now they only had 136. He had been taking the matter greatly to heart of late, and had come to the conclusion that it was caused by the counter-attractions that they had a difficulty in getting recruits. As in some measure to counteract outside attractions he had been able to make arrangements with the Drill Hall Company, to take effect after Christmas, whereby the members of the Detachment would have a room at the back of the hall permanently for a recreation room, and also a room for the sergeants. He proposed also, as was done at head-quarters, to start a men's club, with a small canteen and billiard table, and he had every hope, that in the future they would be able to make such arrangements, as to enable the men to treat the corps as a social club. Major Latter then alluded to the financial position of the Detachment, which he said was not so satisfactory as it might be, and he proposed shortly to make an appeal to their friends in the neighbourhood for some help. In the old days they had a good subscription list, but from deaths and removals it had dwindled down by quite £80. In conclusion, Major Latter urged the need of more men and foreshadowed an entrance fee of 5s. after next year, and he thanked the Bromley Tradesmen for their kindness in giving prizes this year in as liberal a spirit, if not even more so, than last year. (Applause). Mrs. A. C. Norman then distributed the prizes and decorations.

PRESENTATION TO MR. R. RITHERDON.

On Monday, the 19th ult., at the Cannon Street Hotel, Mr. Robert Ritherdon who for five years has officiated as honorary secretary of the Bromley Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, was presented with a public testimonial by "a few of his friends and neighbours" in recognition of his services to the public in that capacity. Col. Bevington presided, and among those present were Mr. E. T. Pellet, Mr. R. A McAndrew and Mr. Walker Miles.—Col. Bevington in opening the proceedings said that they were assembled on a very auspicious occasion: it was the winding up of the business in connection with the preservation of West Wickham Common which had been brought to a successful conclusion, thanks to the City Corporation, who had taken it over. They had met that day especially to present a public testimonial to Mr. Robert Ritherdon, the honorary secretary to the Bromley Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, to whose efforts that successful termination was mainly due. He was glad to say they had been successful in raising about £50, by subscriptions restricted to two guineas, and with that sum they had purchased what all agreed to be a handsome clock. On behalf of the presentation committee he had much pleasure in presenting to Mr. Ritherton the clock which was now before them. —Mr. R. Ritherdon, in acknowledging the presentation said he could only thank them most heartily for the handsome presentation they had made him and say that he would prize it beyond value. The Society was in a stronger position now than it had ever been, and he hoped interest in its work would not be allowed to die out. Mr. Ritherdon then went on to say he should like a period of rest, and suggested that some other gentleman should be found to undertake the work of the Society for the ensuing year, after which he would be pleased to get into harness again. There was still a great deal to do, one matter of importance being the third pond at Keston, which he believed could be restored. Mr. Ritherdon again thanked all the subscribers to the testimonial fund and in conclusion presented Mr. E. T. Pellett with a gold signet ring in recognition of his services in introducing the petition to the Court of Common Council.—Mr. Pellett briefly replied, and votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the Cannon Street Hotel Company for the free use of the room terminated the proceedings.—The clock with which Mr. Ritherdon was presented was made by Messrs. Bendon & Co., of Edey-place, Charterhouse-street. It stands nearly eight feet high, the pedestal and case being of polished oak, beautifully mounted in brass, and it chimes the quarters on five gongs and eight bells. A plate on the front bears the inscription:—"Presented to Robert Ritherdon, Esq., Dec. 19th, 1892, by a few of his friends and neighbours in recognition of his valuable services in securing West Wickham Common as an open space to the public for ever."

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Bromley Musical Society, whose concerts are always looked forward to with keen interest, provided on the 20th ult., a programme whose only fault was that it was somewhat ambitious, considering the number of available members of the Society. In a growing and thickly populated neighbourhood like that of Bromley, it might fairly be expected that a society which exists for the study and practice of really high class music and which affords to its members such efficient training as that of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, would be sufficiently well supported in all branches to ensure adequate strength and balance of parts for the performance of any work that might be chosen. As a matter of fact, however, whether owing to the somewhat rigid exclusiveness of its constitution, or to some other cause, not only are the instrumentalists in relatively greater force than the choir, but in the constitution of the latter a similar want of balance is noticeable, the sopranos and contraltos being decidedly weak as compared with the tenors and basses. Indeed the number of lady members appears to have diminished rather than increased. The result of this, at last month's concert, was that in the performance of *Hubert Parry's* "Blest pair of Sirens," much of which is written in eight parts, requiring of course a large number of voices for its efficient rendering, while the instrumental portion is very heavily scored, a great want of strength was noticeable in the choir, and although Mr. Thomas did his best to moderate the force of the orchestra it was at times impossible to distinguish all the parts. This was the more to be regretted as the work is one of the very finest written by any English composer, displaying as it does the highest science, while each part is melodically interesting, and all unite to form a most harmonious whole. The other two items in the first part (both selected from the works of Mendelssohn) were the grand overture to "Athalie," which was excellently performed by the band, though the effect was somewhat marred by the non-arrival of the bass trombone; and his well-known setting of the 42nd. Psalm. In the latter the most noticeable numbers were the opening chorus "As the hart pants," rendered with admirable expression; the soprano solo "My Soul thirsteth for God," sung by Miss Amy Sargent, who displayed much artistic ability; the quintette sustained by Miss Sargent and Messrs. W. Fell, S. Nash, B. H. Latter, and R. B. Aitken; and the final chorus "Why, my soul, art thou so vexed?" which contains a long and trying accompanied fugue, in which the result of the careful study and training for which the Society is noted were fully displayed. Part II. embraced a miscellaneous selection of less important works. It opened with Mackenzie's "Benedictus," which was originally written as a violin solo with piano accompaniment, but has been arranged by the composer for orchestra, the melody being given to the whole of the first and second violins. This piece was repeated in compliance with a hearty encore. The orchestra was also heard to the greatest advantage in Ambroise Thomas' sparkling overture to "Raymond" which they rendered with the utmost verve and precision. Miss Amy Sargent sang "The Swallow's Song" by *Goring Thomas*, and *F. Clay's* "She wandered down the mountain side," for the latter of which she was deservedly encored. Mr. William Fell, who has a light and pleasing tenor voice, gave "In years to come" by *K. Conroy*; and an opportunity was afforded of contrasting the ultra modern school as represented by *Eaton Faning's* part song "Moonlight," with the old Madrigal composers, represented by *Beale's* "Come let us join," both given by the choir, the latter especially, with excellent effect.

"FORTISSIMO."

NEW MUSIC.

From Messrs. Phillips & Page we have received several new compositions of merit. "The Child's Vigil" by *Frank Moir*, is a charmingly pathetic little ballad, the music of which is quite worthy of the composer's reputation. Another well written and musicianly song is "Oh give me all Thy heart," by *Frances Allitsen*, a writer whose compositions give great promise for the future. "The Lass for a Sailor," by *J. W. Elliott*, will be welcomed by basses and baritones who are fond of a good Sailor song. The announcement on the title page that it is sung by Mr. Santley will be sufficient recommendation. The young folks are also well catered for in a book of "Pretty Songs and Nursery Rhymes" of which the music is written by *Leigh Kingsmil*. Several illustrations add also to the attractiveness of the book. Among the instrumental pieces received we may notice a highly effective and brilliant "Polish Dance," (No 2) for piano solo by *Czynski*, and a graceful Romance in F for violin and piano which may be recommended to violinists of moderate ability. "Carillonette" by *S. Hammond* is a tuneful and easy sketch for piano. Among the dance music, which is sure to be in great request during the festive season, attention may be called to the "Killiecrankie" Schottische; the "Knockabout" Polka; and the fashionable "Serpentine" Dance, all written by that prolific composer, *Fabian Rose*. Messrs. Phillips and Page's Dance Album No. 4, may also be recommended as containing a variety of "Up to date" dance music.

THE MISS TULLOCHS AT BROMLEY.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 15th, the talented Miss Tullochs gave their celebrated poetical and musical recital at the Drill Hall, Bromley, before a fashionable but appreciative audience, the event having been looked forward to with no small degree of interest on account of the reputation those highly-gifted young ladies have secured for themselves not only at the Princes Hall and the Steinway Hall in London, but also in the best and most culture-loving of our large provincial towns. The programme was a lengthy one and when we say that it contained no less than eight songs for one vocalist, with four recitations and three duologues, not to mention instrumental duets and solos, it will at once appear that the artistes had not spared themselves in the matter of hard work to give the public a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Part I, opened with an instrumental duette "Coralie" by Miss Ada Tulloch (guitar) and Miss Beryl Tulloch (mandoline). To the first part of the programme Miss Edith Tulloch contributed five songs. The first two, "The Poet's Song" and "The Throstle," were from the pen of the late Poet Laureate, to settings by Parry and Cellier respectively, and Miss EdithTulloch's rich soprano voice and perfect articulation combined to render them peculiarly charming. Miss Dora contributed three recitations for which too much can scarcely be said. She possesses a sweet voice which, heard in enunciation of Tennyson's gems of poetry, and coupled with an easy grace of manner and sympathy of tone, *sans* all extravagances of pose or gesture, could not fail to charm all who heard her. After a very brief interval, Part II. opened with a duologue, Scene iii, Act iv. of Shakespeare's "King John," the *rôle* of *Hubert* being taken by Miss Dora Tulloch and that of *Prince Arthur* by little Miss Olive, who we are informed is but eight years of age and a pupil of her sister Dora. The girls were attired in velvet hose and tunics in keeping with the characters of the piece, and a more pathetic scene could scarce have been witnessed, or plea heard, than that of the delicate, fair-haired, velvet-clad child pleading that his eyes might be spared. After several more items Miss Edith Tulloch sang "Flower of my soul" (*Denza*) to which Miss Beryl played a mandoline obbligato, and this closed an entertainment at once unique, high-class, and refined.

On Tuesday, December 13th, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson with Colonel Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., and Miss Akers visited the Bromley Union Workhouse. The visit was entirely unexpected, but on being shown over the entire premises by the Master, Mr. Gregory, and the Matron, Mrs. Grimsey, everything was found thoroughly cleanly and in good order, and the distinguished visitors expressed themselves much pleased with all the arrangements for the care of the indigent inmates of "the House."

ORDINATION AT BROMLEY.

On Sunday morning the 8th ult, his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury held an ordination service of priests and deacons at the Bromley Parish Church. Before the appointed hour for the commencement of the service the sacred building was quite full, every vacant seat being thrown open free to the general public at a quarter to eleven. The Archbishop, with his chaplains, the Rev. L. White-Thomson and the Rev. France Hayhurst, with Archdeacon Smith, the Rev. Canon Hutchinson and the Rev. Canon Joy, Vicar of Benenden, met the candidates who had assembled at Drs. Ilott and Beeby's surgery and then passed round to the west door of the Church, where they were met by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, the Rev. Canon Murray, Rural Dean, and the Rev. F. Haslam, and the choir, when they proceeded to the chancel "The Church's one Foundation" being sung as a processional. After the opening offices the Rev. Canon Joy preached a special sermon from the words "Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth," Judges xvi., 6.—Mr. R. F. Bevan read the Gospel for the day, that being the customary privilege extended to the candidate who passes the best examination. Archdeacon Smith and the Rev. Canon Hutchinson presented the candidates, after which the office for the Ordination of Priests and Deacons was proceeded with to its close.—The following is a list of the names of the candidates :—

DEACONS.—H. Herbert Arkell, B.A., Jesus College, Oxford, licensed to Lydd; H. W. Bates, theological associate of King's College, London, to St. Paul, Sheerness; Raymond F. Bevan, B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, to All Saints, Belvedere; Theodore P. Brocklehurst, B.A., Queen's College, Cambridge, to Christ Church, Folkestone; Richard A. Edgell, M.A., University College, Oxford, a master at Westminster School; W. Rashleigh, B.A., Brasenose College, Oxford, a master at Tonbridge School; Herbert F. Smith, B.A., Pembroke College, Cambridge, licensed to Pluckley; John A. Thomas, B.A., Jesus College, Oxford, to Ash-next-Sandwich; Stuart A. Townley, B.A., St. Mary Hall, Oxford, to St. Paul, Maidstone.

PRIESTS.—Mountford Benbow, B.A., Lincoln College, Oxford; Gerald R. Brooks, B.A., Clare College, Cambridge; F. J. Dyson, B.A., Trinity College, Oxford; Humphrey G. Roberts, M.A., Jesus College, Cambridge; F. T. Terrell, B.A., Queen's College, Cambridge; H. C. Wace, B.A., New College, Oxford; B. G. C. Whittington theological associate of King's College, London.

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.—The annual meeting for the distribution of the prizes and the reception of the report on the year's work in connection with the Bromley High School for Girls, took place at the school premises, Elmfield-road, Bromley, on Dec. 2nd, Mr. R. G. Tatton, a member of the Council of the Girls' High School Company, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Lecky, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, the Rev. W. Hodgson, Captain Richards, Mr. I. Davis, Mr. McKewan, and others.—After a song, "John Peel," by the scholars, Miss Heppel, the head mistress, read the annual report. The Chairman then gave an address and a miscellaneous programme of music and recitations was excellantly rendered by the pupils. The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Lecky, who was subsequently accorded a warm vote of thanks.

PRIZE DAY AT QUERNMORE HOUSE SCHOOL.—The annual distribution of prizes won by the scholars attending Quernmore House School, Bromley, took place on the 21st ult., in the presence of a very large number of parents and friends of the children. At the commencement of the proceedings, Mr. Loly remarked that the examinations had not been made by some outside person, but amongst themselves; and, although perhaps the result might not mean an entirely unprejudiced opinion, he thought that in some respects it was the better way, as the papers after being carefully gone over by themselves were handed back to the scholars and the faults gone over with them. One of their boys, K. V. Trubshaw, was about to leave them, as he was going to attend Epsom College, he only hoped that his career there would be as unblemished as it had been with them. He left them not only as captain of the cricket eleven, much of the success of that eleven having been due to both his captaincy and also to his individual play, but he also left them as captain of the school—a position which had not been won without a great deal of hard work. The boys had wished to give him some little souvenir of the occasion, and had allowed their tutors to join them. He should therefore ask Mr. Wolley to present Mr. K. V. Trubshaw with a beautiful set of books, in addition to his other prizes. The Rev H.F. Wolley, rising to distribute the prizes, made a few remarks bearing on the value of school education in general, and that of Quernmore School in particular, in the formation and development of moral and religious character. Speaking of the approaching festive season, he urged them (the boys) not to be selfish, but to study to practice a spirt of unselfishness to those who were worse off than themselves. He then distributed the prizes. At the close of the distribution a short vocal and instrumental programme was given by members of the school.—Mr. Loly then announced that one of their tutors, Mr. Russell, was leaving them to engage in another profession and the boys together with themselves had wished to give him a souvenir.—R. F. C. Hillman and R. W. Hodges, on behalf of the boys, then presented Mr. Russell with a handsome set of books.—Mr. Russell briefly acknowledged the gift, and expressed his regret at leaving.—The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Mr. Wolley and the various performers, and three hearty cheers for the schools and tutors.

PRIZE DAY AT BROMLEY PARK SCHOOL.—On Dec. 20th a large number of relatives and friends of present and past boys came together for the annual distribution of prizes at the above school, and the chair was taken by the Rev. W. Hodgson, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow. The proceedings were opened by the Head Master, Mr. H. C. Bond, M.A., who in a short speech welcomed those who had kindly come to encourage the boys by their presence. Mr. Bond then read the details of an exceedingly satisfactory report which had been written by the examiners of the different classes, and referred to the progress and development of the school, which was shown by the establishment of new departments, such as the Navy Class and the Junior Preparatory Class, while the success of the scholars was marked by the high places taken by H. Milner at Tonbridge and L. G. Brock at Dulwich, the latter of whom had obtained the Form Prize at the end of this term, which was his first. The Rev. W. Hodgson then presented the prizes. Mr. Hodgson then addressed a few kindly words to the boys, congratulating the winners of prizes and encouraging those who were not successful this time to make more strenuous efforts in the future. The School choir, who were under the able direction of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, then gave a few carols appropriate to the season, and a short programme of music and recitations admirably rendered followed by a marionette entertainment brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

Nov.

24th—Lecture at Bromley Wesleyan Chapel by Rev. J. S. Simon on "Mysterious stone Monuments."

,, —Annual Industrial Exhibition, at Bromley Parish Room, by Bromley Band of Hope and Mercy.

25th—Bromley Cricket Club Annual Dinner, at "Bell" Hotel; Mr. A. C. Norman, presiding.

,, —Twelfth Annual Meeting of Bromley Missionary Association (Home and Foreign), at Bromley Parish Room, Mr. M. H. Hodder, in the chair.

26th—New Disinfector of Bromley Local Board tested in presence of members of the Local Board.

30th—Bromley Cycling Club Smoking Concert, and Distribution of Prizes by Mr. Adams.

,, —Diuner to celebrate the election of Mr. H. W. Forster as M.P., for the Sevenoaks division, at Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, Sir John F. Lennard, presiding.

Dec.

2nd—Distribution of Prizes at the Bromley High School for Girls by Mrs. Lecky.

6th—Meeting of Owners and Ratepayers of Beckenham, at Public Hall, when it was determined not to proceed with the movement for the incorporation of the town.

,, —Meeting of the Plaistow Branch of the Church of England Working Men's Society, when an address was delivered by Mr. C. Powell, secretary of parent Society on "How to get Working men to attend Church."

,, —Annual Tea and Entertainment of Bromley Co-operative Society in the Drill Hall. Address by Mr. Sutherland.

7th—Annual Meeting of Bromley Branch Wesleyan Foreign Missions at Wesleyan Chapel, Mr. C. Bell presiding.

9th—Conference at Cudham of ratepayers to decide as to route of new water mains.

13th—Sacred Concert at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.

15th—The Misses Tulloch gave their Musical and Poetical Recital to a large audience at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

16th—A Billiard Match took place at "The Greyhound," Bromley, between Harry Coles, champion of the Midlands, and J. Lloyd, champion of Wales.

18th—The Archbishop of Canterbury held an Ordination of priests and deacons at Bromley Parish Church.

19th—The annual audit of the books and accounts of the Bromley Local Board took place when objections to several items in the accounts were raised by Messrs. F. Peill, E. S. Harris and H. Podger.

,, —Capt. Richards R.N., was appointed a member of the Bromley School Board in the place of Mr. J. H. Hall, resigned.

,, —Mr. R. Ritherdon was presented with a testimonial at the Cannon-street Hotel.

,, —Twenty-second Anniversary of Ancient Order of Foresters, Court, "Pride of Masons Hill," at Bromley Co-operative Hall, when a presentation was made to Dr. Chatterton.

20th—Bromley Musical Society's first concert of the season

21st—Annual Presentation of Prizes to Bromley Volunteer Battalion, by Mrs. A. C. Norman.

,, —Distribution of Prizes to students of Swanley Horticultural College by Sir J. F. Lennard, Bart.

,, —Annual entertainment and prize giving at Hayes National Schools.

23rd—Presentation to Ex-detective Sergeant Snellgrove, and Ex-sergeant Alcock, at Bromley Police station.

,, —Messrs. Deacon, Matthews and Amos resigned their seats upon the Plaistow Burial Board.

28th—Annual meeting of Bromley Lads' Institute, Dr. Beeby presiding.

29th—Children's Christmas Entertainment under auspices of Bromley Conservative Club, at Town Hall.

30th—Tea and Christmas Tree to patients and friends at Bromley Cottage Hospital.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The Technical Education Committee of the Bromley Local Board, announce that they are arranging to commence early in the New Year in various parts of the district classes in the following subjects :—French, dressmaking, cooking, and instruction in the use of tools. Further particulars are to be announced shortly.

THE RAINFALL.—Will one of our readers who register the readings of a rain gauge, kindly favour us with a note as to the amount of the rain-fall each month? The record will be published in our columns month by month. The Editor will be glad to hear from anyone willing to render this service.

STRONG'S BROMLEY DIRECTORY. — Strong's Bromley Directory for 1893 is now published, and will be found a somewhat thicker book than last year, which is partly due to its containing 38 more pages, and also to its being printed on better paper and being more strongly bound. The well-known red cover is retained, and "Bromley Directory 1893," printed in bold letters in gold on the back, facilitates its immediate identification in the book shelves. As formerly the book contains a Street Directory and Private and Commercial Directory, to Bromley, Bickley, Beckenham, Shortlands and Chislehurst, and a Private and Commercial Directory, to Chelsfield, Cudham, Downe, Farnborough, Foots Cray, Grove Park, Hayes, Keston, Knockholt, North Cray, Orpington, St. Mary Cray, St. Paul's Cray and West Wickham. It will be seen, therefore, that the information conveyed is such as is contained in no other directory in existence, except Kelly's, when as it has to be purchased in the Directory of the whole county it costs twenty or thirty times as much as Strong's Directory, of which the price is One Shilling, and with map Eighteen-pence. The Directory can be obtained of the Publishers, 14, Market Square, at Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son's, Railway Bookstalls, and of most Booksellers and Newsagents.

FLAGS FOR BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.—The flags belonging to the Bromley Parish Church having by long usage and stress of weather become sadly dilapidated, Mr. D. Grinsted, one of the churchwardens, inaugurated a movement which has resulted in the purchase from the amounts subscribed by the tradesmen of the town, of two new flags which were presented to the Vicar on Sunday, the 18th ult. The new flags, which are each 21ft. in length, are the St. George's Ensign and the Red Ensign.

AT the Bromley High School for Girls on Tuesday the 13th ult., a Sale of Work was held in aid of the Fund for providing Children's Dinners in connection with the very poor parish of St. Stephen's, Poplar, London, E., the rector of which, the Rev. Robert J. Elliott, was present during the afternoon. A sum of £21 17s. was realized by the sale.

1892: A RETROSPECT.

Another lap has been scored off in the race with Old Father Time, and the untraversed course of another year lies before us. Before, however, we commit ourselves to its uncertainty, it may be well to cursorily review our past—a process which, though otherwise painful and humiliating, cannot fail to be of benefit if it deepen our sense of how little we have done and how much yet remains to be accomplished. In describing the birth of the year now dead and gone, we may perhaps repeat the words addressed to our readers in our notes on "The Past Month" in the February issue of this journal: "The year opened with a return of the influenza epidemic, and there are but few households, from the throne to the humblest cottage, which have not been visited with sickness or sorrow. The cutting short of a life so full of hope and promise as that of the young Duke of Clarence was a blow which caused a painful shock, both to the Royal Family and the nation by its suddenness and tragedy." Through the first two months of the year the scourge raged widespread over the country, though towards the end of February there was a marked decline in its severity and also in the number of fresh cases. In the course of the summer and early autumn, while the Metropolis and our great seaport towns were agitated by a fear of the cholera scourge which was devastating the Continent, Bromley and the surrounding districts were heavily visited by another epidemic malady in the shape of scarlet fever, which was already prevalent in London But few deaths resulted, but the Infectious Hospital at Skym Corner was taxed beyond its capacity for accommodation, the roll of inmates going up from the normal number of 32 to 65, and once even to 72. However, good we may hope has resulted from even such an ill wind as a cholera scare and a scarlet fever epidemic. On the recommendation of the Medical Officers of Health house-to-house inspections and other special sanitary precautions have been taken to guard against an outbreak of cholera, while, owing to a case of scarlet fever having been set up, as was supposed, from a returned patient's clothing, attention was directed to the mode of disinfection obtaining, and, in the result, the Bromley Local Board purchased and erected a new super-heated steam disinfecting apparatus at a cost of £336.

Quite the most important of the public events in Bromley—both in itself and in the matters which arose out of it—was the adoption by the ratepayers in May of the Public Libraries Acts. The ostensible object of the movement for the adoption of the acts was to enable the Local Board to accept from the Bromley School of Science and Art a transfer of the Science and Art Buildings and apparatus, a property which had cost nearly £7000. Some doubt has since arisen as to whether it was necessary to put the Public Libraries Acts in force to attain the end in view, but be that as it may the movement was principally supported and without doubt carried to its successful issue by those who were more or less indifferent to the promotion of Science and Art teaching but desired to see a Free Library started in the town. In the course of the autumn, some four months after the poll of the parish, it was discovered that the Local Board who, so far as could be seen, had taken no steps to start a Free Library had matured a scheme—which was in fact already in operation—for carrying on a boy's day school in connection with the Science and Art Schools, without having given the ratepayers any intimation of their intentions. Considerable indignation was felt and an agitation was at once commenced by the leading private schoolmasters who were supported by an influential body of general ratepaying public, to get this scheme withdrawn. The agitation was at length successful and it was announced that the day school would be discontinued in July next, and at the same time it was promised that greater efforts would be made in the direction of technical teaching. The starting of the Free Library was postponed till after the commencement of the New Year. The question of the disposal of the dead in Bromley has demanded much consideration. At Plaistow the acquisition of a cemetery has led to a fierce controversy as to the legal consecration of the portion set apart for consecration, and the matter is still unsettled. Two portions of the district, parts of St. John's and Bromley parishes respectively, have found themselves without burial rights in the parishes to which they belong, while the authorities in St. Luke's parish have been informed that they cannot indefinitely be allowed the common use of Bromley Common churchyard as the ground is rapidly being filled up. The parish is therefore considering the advisability of obtaining a cemetery for itself.

A matter of great importance to the towns in which it originated has been the movement to obtain Charters of Incorporation for Beckenham and Bromley. In the former town the Local Board took the initiative but a majority of the ratepayers have been found at a public meeting to be at present opposed to incorporation and in Bromley although the Local Board has been petitioned to apply for a Charter, the signatures to the petition only represented £10,000 rateable value out of a total of £165,000, and the Board has consequently declined to take action.

Electric Lighting and several other scarcely less important matters are in *statu quo*, while two matters which are coming to the front relate to the disposal of house-refuse and the provision of more school accommodation.

A matter that is a subject for sincere congratulation of the town and the Local Board has been the completion of the widening of the lower end of the Bromley High-street. Further improvements are in contemplation but have been postponed for the present.

In the middle of the year—on July 11th—the Western or Sevenoaks Division of Kent played its part in the great drama of the General Election. Two candidates were before the electors: Mr. H. W. Forster, of The Hall, Catford, in the Conservative interest, and Mr. T. Johnston, J.P., of Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, in the Liberal interest. Great excitement prevailed, though the general conduct of the populace was exemplary. In the result Mr. Forster was declared "our member" by 6036 votes, against Mr. Johnston's 3908. The year also witnessed the triennial County Council elections, but at present very little interest is taken in county government, and in almost every instance the retiring member was re-elected. The record of crime for the year has been comparatively light if we may except the sad and very serious attack by a lunatic on two young girls—Miss Philbrick and Miss Wood—at Town Court, in August last. Trade generally has been unusually depressed, although work has been fairly plentiful, and we are thankful to say is likely to continue so, owing to the absorption of many of the unskilled labourers in the work of widening the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway between Shortlands and Bickley Stations. Another railway event was the opening of the alternative route to the City *via* Shortlands and Catford, on July 1st.

In the month of November the district was honoured by a visit from the Lord Mayor (Alderman Stuart Knill) and the Sheriffs of the City of London on the occasion of the dedication of West Wickham Common to the public use for ever.

With these general remarks on the past year, we now proceed to chronicle the principal events in due chronological order.

Obituary.

We have as in former years to lament the death of several well-known inhabitants of the district, but happily the list is not so long as usual.

Mr. Jabez Wood, Bromley, who died on January 10th, in his 76th year. Mr. Wood had been for 47 years Clerk at the Bromley Parish Church and had only retired from the post some six months prior to his death.

Mr. Michael Moore, of Maybank, Albemarle-road, Beckenham, on January 16th, aged 74. Mr. Moore was stationmaster at Beckenham Junction Station from the year 1858 until 1873, when he retired. For 19 consecutive years he acted as churchwarden of Beckenham.

Mr. Henry Dinham Chard, of "The Knoll," Ravensbourne-road, Bromley, died on April 10th, in his 74th year. Mr. Chard will be long remembered in connection with the co-operative movement which he originated both in Bromley and Penge.

Mr. W. P. Griffiths, late of Bromley House, died at Brighton, on May 12th, in his 71st year. Mr. Griffiths was for many years well known and much respected as a local preacher in connection with the Wesleyan body first in Bromley and latterly in Brighton.

Mr. Cecil Victor Shadbolt, of Bromley, who had attained a world-wide renown as a balloonist and was more than locally well-known as a photographer and

Sunday school teacher, died on July 9th at the early age of 33, from the effects of a balloon accident at the Crystal Palace.

On December 20th the death occurred in London of Mrs. Ellen Thornthwaite Broom, widow of the late Dr. Herbert Broom, a great authority on the Common Law of England, who for many years resided at The Priory, Orpington.

Mr. Moses Line, the well-known grocer and provision merchant of Chislehurst, died on May 24th, at the age of 64.

On the 24th October Mr. Amos Borer, butcher of Bromley, succumbed to a long and painful illness at the early age of 44.

A much lamented loss to Bromley was that of Miss Georgiana Strutt who died on August 17th, aged 65. Miss Strutt was well known and much beloved in the town especially in connection with her work among the police and postmen.

JANUARY.

This, the opening month of the year, was marked by the ravages of the influenza epidemic which, while directly responsible for but few fatalities, accelerated the deaths of several of the aged, and the ailing and weakly, not to speak of the unusual distress caused by the prostation of the bread-winners of the family. Many fixtures had to be postponed from the same cause. —On Sunday, January 10th, the newly-added South Transept to St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, was used for the first time for Divine service.—Among the annual meetings held were the third annual meeting of the Bromley Naturalists' Society, Mr. Gainsford Bruce—now Mr. Justice Bruce—presiding; the third annual meeting of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society; and the annual general meeting of the Bromley Wesleyan Home Missions, Mr. F. W. Nelson Lloyd presiding; while on the 29th the annual meeting of the Bromley Liberal Association and of the Bromley Conservative Club took place.—On the 13th the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse delivered a lecture at Farwig Wesleyan Mission on "Hugh Latimer"; on the 18th Mr. E. Hodder delivered a lecture at the Congregational Church, Bromley, in aid of the funds of the Western Kent Sunday School Union, entitled "Boys and Boyhood"; on the 26th Dr. A. A. Fison delivered the first of a course of lectures under the auspices of the Bromley Association for the Extension of University Teaching on "Electricity and its Modern Applications"; and on the 27th Professor Cheshire gave the first of a course of technical lectures, on "Plant life and growth," in connection with the Bromley Science and Art School.—On the 29th and 30th, *The Ticket-of-Leave Man* was played by the "Strolling Players," "Old Stagers," and others, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the funds of the Bromley Cricket Club.

FEBRUARY.

The first of the month was marked by a large gathering at the Bromley Baptist Chapel for the "Recognition" of the Rev. J. F. Shearer, as pastor; on the 3rd an anniversary meeting was held at the Bromley Congregational Church to commemorate the completion of the 10 years ministry by the Rev. R. H. Lovell.—The late Mr. C. V. Shadbolt delivered two lectures during the month: one on the 1st on "The English Lake District," at the Gravel-road Mission Room, and the other on the 12th at Widmore Wesleyan Chapel on "Wanderings in and around Jerusalem."—On the 4th Mr. W. H. Bosanquet gave a supper to the members of St. Mary's Working Men's Club; on the 5th Miss Jeannie Kirby gave a concert at the Drill Hall, in aid of the Shortlands Organ Fund; on the 5th, too, Mr. Gainsford Bruce entertained the members of the Bromley Naturalists' Society at his residence, Yewhurst, South Hill.—On the 6th, Mr. T. Johnston, Liberal candidate for the Division, received a deputation from the Bromley Temperance Society; on the 7th Memorial Services were held at the Bromley Congregational and Baptist Churches in connection with the death of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.—Of annual fixtures there was no lack. On the 5th the annual meeting took place of the members of the Bromley Literary Institute; on the 10th of the Bromley Wesleyan Sunday Schools; on the 11th of the subscribers of the Bromley Cottage Hospital; on the 15th of the "Orphan's Friend" Lodge of Juvenile Oddfellows; on the 22nd of the Bromley Branch C.E.T.S.; and on the 24th of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. On the 25th of the month the annual meeting of the Phillips' Memorial Hospital and the half-yearly meeting of the Bromley Gas Company were held.—On the 16th at the Sessions House, Maidstone, Sir John F. Lennard, Bart., J.P., was presented by his brother magistrates with his portrait painted in oils.—On the 19th the Plaistow ratepayers at a vestry meeting sanctioned the borrowing of the money for the new Plaistow cemetery. —On the 24th the Bishop of Dover held a confirmation at St. George's, Bickley; the same evening a meeting was held at the Bromley Grand Hall on behalf of the movement for the preservation of West Wickham Common, at which Mr. Shaw-Lefevre M.P., and Miss Octavia Hill spoke.

MARCH.

On the 3rd of this month the County Council Election took place but no very great enthusiasm was evoked thereby. In Bromley the only contest was in the North Ward, for which Mr. Edward Packe was pitted by the Conservatives against Mr. C.W. Gedney, and the result was that Mr. Packe was returned with a majority of 251.—Of pleasure gatherings the month boasted three worthy of note: an invitation concert by the Bromley Musical Society on the 5th, the Yeomany Drag Hunt Ball on the 9th, and the Police Minstrel Entertainment, in aid of police charities, on the 16th.—On the 8th Mr. R. G. Mullen was presented by the cabmen of the L. C. and D. R. Station with a whip in gratitude for his services in securing the shelter for them.—On the ninth of the month the twentieth annual meeting of the Bromley Drill Hall Company took place; on the same date, too, the annual meeting of the Bromley Bowling Club was held, and these were followed on the 18th by the annual meeting of the Bromley Cycling Club.—On the 13th the new Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph, Freelands, Bromley, was opened by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark; and on the 17th a meeting of the Bromley Vestry was held to sanction the erection of the reredos and matters connected therewith; on the same day at a meeting of the St. John's Bromley Vestry it was determined to form a Burial Board for that part of the parish which is known as District A, but the Board was subsequently found to be irregular.—On the 22nd a well attended meeting to advocate "Sunday Closing" was held in the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom under the auspices of the Bromley Temperance Society. —On the 30th Mr. Campbell Bannerman, M.P., addressed a Liberal meeting at Chislehurst; on the same day, too, the annual meeting of the Bromley and Beckenham District Mutual Benefit Building Society was held.—On the 31st the Bishop of Dover held a Confirmation at Bromley Parish Church.--Among the lectures of the month was an interesting one by Captain E. C. Hore at the Bromley Congregational schoolroom on Travels in Central Africa.

APRIL.

On the first of this month the Bromley Parish Vestry was held for the nomination of Overseers and on the 4th they were confirmed by the Bromley Bench of Magistrates.—The chief event of interest during the month was the Bromley Local Board Election. There were five candidates for four seats, of whom two were fresh aspirants for local honours. The contest resulted in the three old members, Messrs. Scott, Loftus, and Curtis, being returned with Mr. J. J. Miles heading the poll as the new member. Mr. Henry Podger was the rejected candidate.—On Sunday, the 10th, a man named Charles John Knight, of Bromley, was accidentally shot by his companion, a man named Martin, allowing his gun to drop from his pocket to the floor at the "Alma Arms," Hayes. Knight lingered ten days but ultimately died from lockjaw.—On the 8th of the month a serious fire occurred on Hayes Common whereby a great deal of the heath, gorse, and underwood was destroyed.—In the third week of the month the usual Easter Vestries took place, and on the 23rd an eight days' mission was commenced by Messrs. Fullerton and Smith at the Bromley Congregational Chapel.—On the 27th Haydn's "Creation" was performed at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, and on the next day St. Luke's Institute was opened with a grand concert; on the 29th the annual meeting of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League took place, and on the 30th the

Bromley Bands of Hope held a May Day Festival at the Bromley Drill Hall; on the same day the Earl of Stanhope laid the foundation stone of the new church of St. Andrews at Orpington.

MAY.

On the first of the month the Masons Hill Band of Mercy held a May Day Festival at Aylesbury-road Schools. On the 7th the grand May Day Carnival at St. Mary Cray took place, and was as usual an imposing display.—Of concerts there were three of special note. The first being the closing one of the season by the Bromley Musical Society on the 3rd, one by the Shortlands Choral Society on the 11th, and one by the members of the Beckenham School of Music on the 17th. A Festal Choral Service was also held at the Bromley Congregational Church on the 18th in aid of the Shortlands Mission.—On the 9th Mrs. Annie Besant lectured at the Bromley Grand Hall on "Theosophy, the basis of Religions"; and on the next day Dr. G. André commenced a week's course of lectures on Hypnotism in the same building.—On the 11th the annual dinner in connection with the Bromley Philanthropic Society took place at the "Duke's Head," Bromley; and the Beckwith Family gave Aquatic performances at the Grand Hall Swimming Baths.—On the 14th the result of the poll taken as to the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts in Bromley was announced to be: 1298 for, 457 against; the Acts were therefore adopted.—On the 20th, the prizes won the previous year were distributed to the scholars of the Bromley Board Schools.—On the 28th the annual Saturday Parade of the Bromley Trade and Friendly Societies in aid of the various hospitals took place.—On the 30th Mr. H. J. Deacon was elected a member of the Plaistow Burial Board in the room of Mr. L. Nutsey who had left the district.

JUNE.

On the 5th of this month, the first sports of the season—the Third Annual Race Meeting and Athletic Sports of the Bromley Cycling Club—took place on the Bromley Cricket Club Ground.—The chief feature of the month was the most successful Bazaar opened by the Earl of Aberdeen in the cloisters and grounds of Bromley College on June 15th, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.—The annual Excursions also commenced at this time. On the 13th, St. Luke's Sunday Schools went to Dover and on the next day the Bromley Parish Church Choir journeyed to Tunbridge. On the 29th, the Farwig Wesleyan Sunday Scholars had their annual excursion to Sandgate.—On the 19th, a Cyclists' Church Parade took place to St. Luke's Church.—On the 28th, the inmates of the Bromley Union Workhouse were taken for their annual treat to Sir John Lubbock's seat, High Elms.—On the 23rd, the West Kent Choral Union Festival Service was held at St. George's Church, Bickley, and on the 29th the Annual Festival of the Bromley Branch of the Girls Friendly Society was held in St. Luke's Parish.—This month is to be remembered too, we regret to say, by two lamentable occurrences. On the 5th, a butcher boy at Widmore, killed in a quarrel, a man named Houlgate, who had previously struck him. On the 29th, Mr. C. V. Shadbolt met with injuries at the Crystal Palace owing to the bursting of a balloon in which he was making an ascent, which ultimately caused his death. Several weddings took place this month, among them being those of Mr. F. G. Jackson and Miss Baddeley, Mr. J. A. Stoneham and Miss F. A. Lloyd, Capt. Martindale and Miss Constance Charlesworth, and Mr. H. Engelhardt and Miss A. Sleigh.

JULY.

On July 1st the Shortlands and Nunhead branch line was opened for traffic.—The chief event of the month was the General Election. The polling took place on the 11th for the Sevenoaks Divison of Kent, and was conducted, notwithstanding the unusual enthusiasm and energy displayed by both parties, with good feeling throughout In the result the figures were: H. W. Forster, Conservative, 6036; T. Johnston, Liberal, 3908 In the Dartford Division, the polling for which took place on the 7th, the result was Sir W. Hart Dyke, Conservative, 5294; J. Lyon, Liberal, 4722.—On the 13th the remains of the late Mr. C. V. Shadbolt were interred in the Norwood Cemetery, and the same evening a memorial sermon was preached at the Congregational Church by the Rev. R. H. Lovell.—Of Athletic Sport gatherings there were five during the month: Beckenham Cricket Club Sports on the 9th; the Annual Fête of the Bromley Conservative Club on the 20th; Hayes Village Sports on the 21st; the "Star of Keston" Lodge of Oddfellows' Sports at Keston on the 23rd, and the annual Cricket Match and Sports of the Bromley Police at Sevenoaks on the 29th.—Two Flower Shows were held during the month: the fifteenth Annual Show of the Bromley Common and District Cottagers' Society on the 20th, and the first Annual Summer Show of the Beckenham Horticultural Society on the 27th.—On the 23rd His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury presided at a meeting at "The Rookery," Bromley Common, in aid of the Missions to the Assyrian Christians; and on the 24th the Bishop of Dover held a confirmation at St. Mary's Shortlands. The new reredos at Bromley Parish Church was opened on Sunday the 31st.—Several Excursions took place: on the 2nd the Bromley Naturalist Society visited Kew Gardens; on the 8th the Bromley Church Sunday School went to Ramsgate; on the 23rd the Bromley Naturalists' Society went to Sevenoaks, and on the 27th the Plaistow School Children had their annual treat in Sundridge Park.—On the 19th of the month Mr. Gainsford Bruce, of Yewhurst, South Hill Park Bromley, was made a Judge of the High Court.—On the 6th Monsignor Goddard who had resigned his post as priest in charge of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chislehurst, on account of continued ill-health, was presented with an illuminated address by his late parishioners.

AUGUST.

This month may be said to have been the height of the excursion season. On the 9th, the members of Christ Church, Bromley, Sunday School went to the Crystal Palace; on the 15th, the choir of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, went to Ramsgate; on the 17th, the members of the Bromley Baptist Church Sunday School went to Littlehampton; on the 22nd, the Juvenile Foresters, Court "Robin Hood," went to the Crystal Palace and the Band of the Bromley Volunteers went to Hampton Court; and on the 23rd and 24th, there was an excursion of Oddfellows to Ramsgate and Brighton respectively.—On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th, a Fancy Fair and Illuminated Fête was held at Effingham Lodge, St. Mary Cray, in aid of the building fund of St. Andrew's Church, Orpington. On the 3rd, Miss Hilda Wood and Miss Edith Philbrick, of Bickley, were shot and otherwise assaulted near Town Court, by a lunatic named Manktlow, who had been entrusted with an old carbine to scare birds.—On the 4th, too, the St. Mary Cray and Orpington Annual Flower and Poultry Show was held.—During the month, the local Volunteers were busy. On the 6th they had a Shooting Match against the 1st V. B. Essex Regiment. On the 10th, the Tradesmen's Prizes were shot for by the Detachment, and on the 14th they attended a Church Parade at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common. On the 18th, the second Field Firing Competition was commenced.—On the 13th, Mr. and Mrs. German Reed gave their popular entertainment at the Grand Hall, Bromley, and on the same day the 6th Anniversary of the Bromley Corps of the Salvation Army was commenced.—On the 17th the Downe Cottagers' Flower Show took place.—On the 25th, the half-yearly meeting of the Bromley Gas Company was held.—The Bromley Bricklayers having been taken into the area of the London District of the Operative Bricklayers' Society, struck for a ½d. per hour increase of wages, with a reduction of half-an-hour in the day's labour. On the 27th, a largely attended meeting of workingmen was held at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, when it was decided to form a Trades Council for the town and district.

SEPTEMBER.

On the 3rd of this month the annual cricket match, Eleven of Kent v. Twenty-two of Bromley and District was played on the Widmore ground.—On the 4th the Rev. G. Charter preached his inaugural sermon at the Bromley Wesleyan Chapel.—On the 5th the annual Brewster Sessions took place at Bromley, but there were few applications for new licenses, and no opposition to those already existing.—The bricklayers' strike ended on the 10th after some five weeks' duration, by the masters conceding the demands of the men.—The Revising Barrister's Court was held on the 12th, when the proceedings were very tame.—The anniversary of

the Farwig Wesleyan Mission took place on the 11th, when Mr. W. J. Gibbs was recipient of a Gladstone bag, a writing cabinet, and a Bible from the members of the Mission "as a token of their affection."—On the 15th, Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper effected the sale at high prices of valuable property in Bromley known as the "Goldsmith Estate." The sale was the largest of property in the heart of the town that has taken place for many years.—On the 17th the Bromley Lawn Tennis Club and Plaistow Cricket Club amalgamated sports took place, and were favoured with fine weather. The Chislehurst Cottagers' Show was also held on the same day.—During this month an epidemic of scarlet fever taxed the accommodation of the Infectious Hospital at Skymn Corner to the utmost, the number of patients going up from 32 to 65.—On the 24th the German Reed Company paid their return visit to Bromley, and on the 28th the Beckenham Annual Town Dinner took place.

OCTOBER.

On the 4th of this month the opening lecture of the winter course of University Extension Lectures at Bromley on the Literature of the XVIII. Century was delivered in the Town Hall by Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh.—The Plaistow C.C. held their annual meeting on the 7th, and the Bromley Lawn Tennis Club and the Bromley Cricket Club held theirs respectively on the 27th and 28th.—On the 14th the Rev. Hugh Rodger was ordained the Pastor of Gravel-road Baptist Chapel, Bromley Common.—Sir Charles and Lady Hallé gave a violin recital at the Public Hall, Beckenham; on the 15th, a ten days mission was commenced at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, by the Rev. Guildford Sprigg.—"Science as a guide to the practical Horticulturist" was the title of a series of Technical Education ectures commenced by Professor Cheshire at the Bromley Science and Art School on the 17th.—On the 19th the annual sports of the Bromley A Troop of West Kent Yeomanry took place, on the racecourse, Bromley Common.—On the 25th at the National Liberal Club, Mr. T. Johnston, J.P., the late Liberal candidate for the Sevenoaks Division, was presented with a handsome silver jardiniere and an illuminated address by his supporters in the Division.—On the 26th, a meeting was held at the "White Hart," Bromley, to consider the question of applying for a Charter of Incorporation for the town of Bromley, and was adjourned.—Three anniversary services took place during the month. The Bromley Common Iron Room Mission on the 11th, the Bromley Strict Baptists on the 18th, and the Bromley Baptist Church on the 23rd.—During the early part of this month, too, the work of widening the L. C. & D. R., from Shortlands Junction to Bickley was commenced.—On the 27th, a preliminary meeting to consider the advisability of obtaining a Burial Ground for the parish of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was held at St. Luke's Institute.

NOVEMBER.

On the first of this month the annual Convention in connection with Christ Church, Bromley Park, took place.—On the 2nd a Conference took place at Beckenham, between the members of the Local Board and representative ratepayers on the question of incorporation.—On the same date the Romany Dramatic Club gave the first of two performances at the Bromley Grand Hall, in aid of the funds of the Bickley Park Cricket Club.—On the 2nd also a meeting was held at the Farwig Wesleyan Mission to bid farewell to Miss Moxam, previous to her departure to the Cape as a Missionary.—On the 4th Cannon Holland commenced a course of lectures in Bromley on Church History, in connection with the Church Reading Society.—On the 8th, Mr. Stuart Cumberland and Miss Phyllis Bentley, gave their thought reading and magnetic entertainment at the Grand Hall, and on the 9th, Miss Cusack "the Nun of Kenmare" lectured at the Children's Church Bromley, on "Why I left the Church of Rome."—On the 6th, too, an adjourned meeting of ratepayers was held at the Bromley Town Hall to consider the question of incorporation and with the result a resolution was passed requesting the local Board to apply for a Charter. The Bromley Chrysanthemum Society's Annual Show was also held on that and the following day at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—The event of the month was the visit of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with the Members of the Coal, Corn and Finance Committee of the Corporation of the City of London, to take over and dedicate West Wickham Common to the public use. The towns of Bromley and Beckenham were profusely decorated, and each presented addresses of welcome to the "City Fathers."—The Beckenham School of Music gave an excellent concert at the Public Hall on the 16th, and Messrs. F. Lewis Thomas and B. H. Latter gave their usual annual concert at the Bromley Drill Hall the following evening.—On the 23rd his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury held a Confirmation at St. Mary's, Plaistow; on the following day an adjourned meeting was held at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, to further consider the question of burials for that parish, but no action was taken.—On the 24th the Rev. J. S. Simon delivered a highly interesting lecture at the Bromley Wesleyan Chapel on "Mysterious Stone Monuments."—The Bromley Cricket Club had their annual dinner at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on the 25th, Mr. A. C. Norman presiding.

DECEMBER.

On the 6th of this month the ratepayers in Vestry assembled at Beckenham negatived a proposal to apply for a Charter of Incorporation for that town by about three to two.—On the 18th his Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury held an Ordination Service at Bromley Parish Church, when nine deacons and seven priests were ordained.—On the 15th the Misses Tulloch gave their popular poetical and musical recital at the Bromley Drill Hall.—Several presentations took place during the month. On the 19th, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Mr. Robert Ritherdon, who for five years has been the energetic hon. sec. of the Bromley Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, was presented with a handsome grandfather chime clock, subscribed for in the neighbourhood, in recognition of his services in securing West Wickham Common as an open space for ever.—On the 20th, Dr. W. Chatterton, the Medical Officer of the "Pride of Mason's Hill," Court of A. O. F., was presented by the Court with an illuminated address in recognition of "the courtesy, kindness, and untiring zeal" shown to the members of the Court during his eight years of office. And on the 23rd, Sergts. J. Snellgrove and E. Alcock were presented with a marble clock and silver teapot respectively, as a mark of respect by their late comrades of the Bromley Police Force.—On the 20th the Bromley Musical Society gave an excellent concert at the Bromley Drill Hall, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas conducting.—On the 21st Mrs. A. C. Norman presented the Tradesmen's and Detachment Prizes won by the Bromley Volunteers during the past year.—The annual audit of the books and accounts of the Bromley Local Board took place on the 19th, when a number of objections to various items were made by Messrs. E. S. Harris, F. Peill, and H. Podger, but the Auditor reserved his decision in each case.—Christmas passed off with a revival of trade and bright weather. Special Services were held at most of the Churches in the district, and on Boxing Day various seasonable entertainments took place.—Watch Night Services proclaimed a valediction to the old year.

A BUILDER OF CHURCHES.

One frequently hears of people of wealth, whose riches have been used in the erection of many churches and for other good objects. Seldom do we hear those mentioned whose labour has been used with like results. It is true there is a difference between the two classes, the one having devoted his substance to the promotion of good works of his own free will, and the other having worked with his hands for his livelihood. Both services however are alike necessary, for the money of the philanthopist will be powerless without the labour of the labourer. We have been favoured by a correspondent with some particulars of the life of a Bromley brickmaker, which are of general interest as relating to the building of the numerous churches in the district which have been erected during the last 60 years.

Mr. James Warren, the brickmaker referred to, came to Bromley in 1832, when he was about 15 years old, and went to work in Homesdale Brickfield. He

relates that there were then only three places of worship in Bromley, the old Parish Church where there was service morning afternoon and evening; the Wesleyan Chapel in the High Street, where there was service in the morning and evening; the Congregational in Mr. Isard's yard, Market Square, which now acts as Mr. Gore's forge. There there was also service morning and evening. The following churches and other buildings have been erected since 1835, and James Warren has "had a hand" in them as he expresses it Some of the bricks for all of them have come from the Homesdale or Widmore brickfield; Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common, built, 1840-41.—St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, built 1863.—St. George's Church, Bickley, built 1864.—St. John's Church, Park Road, New Bromley, built 1879-80.—National School, Masons' Hill, built 1870; used as a chapel-of-ease to the old Parish Church until St Mark's Church was built.—Bromley Parish Church, enlarged 1881.—Widmore Wesleyan Church, built 1888.—St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, built 1887-90.—Christ Church, Highland Road, built 1886.—The Bromley Congregational Chapel, Widmore Road, built 1835, pulled down about 1879 and re-built.—The Baptist Chapel, Park Road Bromley, built 1864-65.—Wesleyan Chapel High Street, built 1875.—Widmore Wesleyan Chapel, built 1885.—Bromley Cemetery Chapels, built 1877.—The Drill Hall, built 1872.—The Town Hall, built 1863.

SWANLEY HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRIZES.

On the 19th and 20th ult., the students at the Swanley Horticultural College were in the throes of an examination and on the 21st there was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen in the lecture hall of the College, when Sir J. Lennard, Bart, J.P., the Chairman to the Council presented the prizes and certificates to the students. Mr. I. C. Johnson presided, there were also present, in addition to Sir John Lennard, Professor Cheshire, F.L.S., Alderman Arnold, Chairman of the Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council; Alderman Halsey, vice-chairman of the Surrey County Council; Mr. T. F. Plowman, secretary of the Bath and West England Society; Mr. Geo. Gibbons, treasurer of the Bath and West England Society; Mr. A. H. Bond, managing director of the College, and many others —The Chairman in opening the proceedings, said he had been associated with the Institution since its commencement, but he still looked upon it as being in its infancy and looked hopefully forward to the time when it should arrive at maturity and when it should be of greater usefulness than at any time during the past. It had for its object the welfare of humanity, but no good was ever attained without some trouble, and they at the College had had their share of hard work, of trouble and of anxiety. However, they went cheerfully on, conscious that they were assisting to make firmer the foundations of national prosperity. Horticulture and agriculture were the staples of the country, for even the great manufacturers must eat something, and horticulture and agriculture would be vastly increased in importance as science was applied to the practice of them. Referring to the work of the College he said 19 students had gained situations through the knowledge and experience they had gained in the institution. Ten had gone to the Colonies, having been specially trained at the College for colonial life, and six had joined their parents and were employed on farms in different ways, 16 had started on business on their own account and 14 had obtained diplomas. He was glad to say his own two sons had been among these who had gained the diplomas, and one of them had obtained certificates from the Royal Agricultural Society of Great Britain. —Sir John Farnaby Lennard then distributed the prizes, remarking that that was the first time he had visited the College in his official capacity as Chairman of the Kent County Council, owing to his multifarious duties. He referred briefly to the great advantages of Technical Education and to the fact that England was behind many of her neighbours in that respect. For some reason or other he said, the Government of this country had not thought it desirable to further that form of education until quite recently and the result was that young England found itself having to compete with the youth of Germany, France, and Belgium who had all been trained in the highest grades of technical skill. He considered that the Government grants which had been made during recent years would have been much better employed in furthering Technical Education than in the reduction of taxation as they had been in one or two counties in England. —Professor Cheshire having given a highly interesting scientific discourse, votes of thanks closed the formal and business part of the proceedings, after which the party adjourned to the coffee and refreshment rooms and later on Mr. Norman Bath gave an excellent violin recital.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE BROMLEY VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of the "Bromley Record."

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make through your valuable columns the following appeal on behalf of the Local Volunteer Detachment, whose Head-quarters are at Bromley. It is now universally admitted that upon the "Volunteer Movement" the security of the Country from invasion depends. The Bromley Detachment, cut off as it is from its Regimental Head-quarters at Blackheath, must supply Local Head-quarters which shall be covenient to the men and attractive to recruits. This it is impossible to do entirely out of the Capitation Grant that can be earned by the comparatively small number of men in the Detachment, without considerable assistance from Local Subscribers. This assistance has alway been given by the residents at Bromley, Beckenham and Chislehurst, but owing to deaths and removals from the neighbourhood, the subscription list has become reduced from £153 in 1880, to £76 in 1891. At the same time the number of men in the Detachment has decreased from 177 in 1888, to 136 on 1st November, 1892, and it is found increasingly difficult to obtain good recruits. It is therefore felt that an effort must be made to make Volunteering in Bromley more attractive and popular, and to bring the men more together. Up to the present time the Detachment has only had the use of the Drill Hall twice a week with the exception of the Sergeant's House, Orderly Room, and Armoury, and in former years this has sufficed to maintain efficiency and numbers, but owing to the great increase of late years in the Men's Clubs, Gymnasiums, and other evening attractions in the neighbourhood, it is becoming more and more evident that in order to keep the Detachment together and keep up the numbers it is now necessary that some Permanent Head Quarter Club Room should be instituted, as has been found necessary and very beneficial at the Battalion Head-quarters, at Blackheath, and by most other Volunteer Regiments. The Detachment Committee have accordingly made a new arrangement with the Drill Hall Company, under which the Hall at the back of the Drill Hall will be available permanently for a Men's Recreation Room, and another Room is also provided for the Sergeants. It is proposed to arrange in the Men's Recreation Room, a Billiard Table and Gymnastic Apparatus. The arrangement will entail a considerable outlay, in the first instance in alterations and purchase of Billiard Table, &c., and an increased annual expenditure of at least £50. Under these circumstances I wish to appeal to the residents in the neighbourhood for assistance in the shape, preferably, of an annual subscription, or of a donation towards the expense now being incurred. The Volunteer financial year commences on the 1st

April, in each year. Subscriptions, therefore, sent now will be credited for the year 1st April 1893, to 31st March, 1894.—I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
EDWARD LATTER, Major,
Captain Commanding Bromley Detachment
31st Dec., 1892. 2nd V.B. Royal West Kent Regt.

WEST WICKHAM COMMON.
PROPOSED BYE-LAWS.

Below we give a few extracts from the draft Bye-laws which the Corporation of London will on January 15th apply to the First Commissioner of Works for his allowance of. Some of them appear vexatious and open to objection. A complete copy of the proposed Bye-laws lies at the office of this journal (14, Market-square, Bromley), and can be inspected by those interested during office hours.

Bye-laws made by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the city of London, in pursuance of the Corporation of London (Open Spaces) Act 1878, for the regulation of the use of West Wickham Common.

1. In these bye-laws "West Wickham Common" means the open waste lands situate in the parish of West Wickham, in the county of Kent, containing 25 acres or thereabouts, conveyed to the Coporation by Indenture dated the 28th day of October, 1892, made between Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., and Henry Arthur Hallam Farnaby Lennard of the first part, the Right Honourable Arthur Fitzgerald, Baron Kinnaird, Samuel Bourne Bevington, George Buchanan and Gustave Mellin of the second part, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London of the third part. And the Coporation means the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London.

II. The doing or attempting to do all or any of the following Acts on West Wickham Common is prohibited, and shall be deemed to be an offence against the Corporation of London (Open Spaces) Act, 1878. Sec. 11 of 41 and 42 Vict., chap. 127.

6. Drawing or driving any waggon, cart, carriage, van, bicycle, or other wheeled instrument or vehicle on, through or across the turf, woods, copses, shrubberies or footpaths of West Wickham Common.

11. Erecting or placing upon any part of West Wickham Common any photographic apparatus, posts, rails, fences, clothes-lines, poles, sticks, tents, booth-stands, shooting-galleries, roundabouts, swings, or any building or erections whatever, either for permanent or temporary purposes, but this bye-law shall not be construed to interfere with amateur photography, provided the previous licence in writing of the Corporation be obtained.

15. Exercising or riding on horses, asses or other animals, on or over the footpaths or any other portion of West Wickham Common.

18. Delivering any public speech, lecture, sermon or address of any kind.

IV. Any person infringing any of these bye-laws is for every such offence liable to a penalty not exceeeing £10, and in case of a continous offence to a penalty not exceeding £5 for each day during which the offence shall be continued.

2. Every person so authorised to dig for gravel shall fill up the hole as the work proceeds, and leave an even and level surface to the surrounding land, and shall also conform to the conditions imposed by Sec. 55 of the Highway Act, (5 and 6 W. iv. c. 50) so far as the same are applicable.

THE BICKLEY OUTRAGE.—At the Kent Autumn Assizes, on the 12th ult., before Mr. Justice Hawkins, *Leonard Manktlow*, was to have been placed on his trial on the charge of feloniously wounding Edith Philbrick, aged 14, and Charlotte Hilda Wood, aged 16, with intent to murder them, in a wheatfield at Blackbrook Farm, Bickley, on August 3rd. Manktlow, on being placed in the dock, behaved in a most remarkable manner, mechanically moving his head about and feeling with his hands his neck and face. He did not appear to notice anything or anybody, and when the indictments were read over by the Clerk of the court he neither took any notice or gave any sign that he understood their purport. Mr. H. F. Dickens, Q.C., with whom was Mr. Low, instructed by Mr. Frayling, of the Treasury, appeared to prosecute; and Manktlow was represented by Mr. Warburton, instructed by Mr. St. Bernard Wilson. Mr. Dickens addressing his Lordship said he and his friend Mr. Warburton had agreed that prisoner was not in a position to plead and therefore he asked that the jury might be sworn to consider the question of prisoner's mental state and give their verdict thereon. The request having been complied with, Mr. Dickens called Francis Gilbert, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., medical officer at Holloway Prison, and Charles Edward Hoare, M.D., Maidstone, who both certified that prisoner was in their belief of unsound mind, and they stated that he had had several epileptic fits while in prison.—The Jury returned a verdict that by reason of his insanity prisoner was unable to plead, and his Lordship ordered prisoner to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure, and stated that the indictment would stand and the recognisances be generally enlarged.—Mr. Warburton, addressing his Lordship, said he thought it would be evident to the Court that prisoner was suffering from the disease at the time the offence was committed. Prisoner appeared to have been related to insane people, and he, Mr. Warburton, thought that at the time of the occurrence that his Lordship would agree that prisoner's actions were not those of a man responsible for his actions.—Mr. Justice Hawkins said it was a very sad case. It was a great pity that prisoner's condition should not have been discovered before the occurrence, as steps would have been taken to place him under proper control.—Maktlow has since been removed to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD AUDIT.—The annual audit of the books and accounts of the Bromley Local Board for the year ending Lady-day, 1892, took place at the Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, on the 19th ult, by Mr. Boggis-Rolfe, the assistant auditor for the South Eastern District. When the proceedings opened at eleven o'clock there were present: Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen (Clerk to the Board), Mr. F. Norman (Ass. Clerk), Mr. G. Stone (Rate Collector), and Mr. F. Peill, Mr. E. S. Harris, Mr. H. Podger, Mr. Hurst, and Mr. Barron.—In reply to a question from the auditor Mr. Peill, Mr. Harris and Mr. Podger stated that they had objections to offer to certain items of expenditure set forth in the Board's accounts, but they had not reduced the terms of their objections to writing. The principal objections related to the proposal to enlarge the Bromley Cemetery, and the re-payment of improvement instalments. The Auditor withheld his decisions promising to give them in writing.

THE Annual Audit of the Books and accounts of the Bromley School Board, has been fixed for Jan. 4th.

YEOMANRY BALL.—The annual ball of the "A" Troop of the West Kent (Queen's Own) Yeomanry will take place on January 18th, at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Applications for tickets should be made to the Secretary, Mr. George Pyrke, High-street, Bromley, Kent, or to any member of the A Troop. Tickets, ladies 7s. 6d., gentlemen 10s. 6d.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The annual meeting of the Bromley Branch of the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society was held on the 7th, ult., in the Wesleyan Chapel, Bromley, when there was a fairly good attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Charles Bell, who was supported by the Rev. W. Goudie, returned missionary from Tiruvallur, Madras, the Rev. George Charter Messrs. J. How, hon. sec., Bromley Branch, J. Gibbs, F. W. Poulter, H. Avis, and P. Henwood. —After the opening prayer by the Pastor, Mr. J. How read the annual report which showed that the work was in a flourishing condition, and that there had been an increase both in funds and membership during the past year.—The chairman then gave a short address, in the course of which he said that the audience that night was no criterion of the interest taken by that congregation in Foreign Missions. Subsequently the Rev. W. Goudie, and others spoke and a collection was taken on behalf of the funds of the Society.

BECKENHAM.

STUDENTS' CONCERT.—The Beckenham School of Music held its first students' concert of the season at the Public Hall on the 13th ult. The programme which was a lengthy one, comprised trio for three violins, with pianoforte accompaniment (*Geminiani*), in three movements by the Misses de la Condamine, Carr, and Davis (pupils of Mr. Henry Tolhurst); pianoforte solo, Impromptu in A flat (Op. 90, No. 4 *(Schubert)*, Miss S. E. Barlow (pupil of Mr. Alfred Izard); violoncello solo, Romance sans paroles *(Mendelssohn)*, Miss Maud Branston (pupil of Mr. P. Burnett); song, "Still as the night" *(Bohm)*, Miss M. C. Harrison (pupil of Mr. Frederic King); serenade and finale from chamber trio for piano, violin, and 'cello, Op. 26 *(Sterndale Bennett)*, Miss Julie Moncel (pupil of Mr. Ernest Fowles), Mr. E. Hopkinson and Mr. P. Burnett; song, "Angels guard thee" *(Goddard)*, Miss Evelyn Wilkie (pupil of Mr. Frederick King); violin solo, Andante and Rondo from concerto No. 8 *(De Beriot)*, Mr. Harry Dean; pianoforte duets, Irish dances, op. 26, Nos. 2 and 3, Miss Worters and Miss Spink (pupils of Mr. Ridley Prentice); song. "Nobil signor"—Les Huguenots *(Meyerbeer)*, Miss M. C. Harrison; andante and allegro from quartet in G minor, for pianoforte, violin, viola, and violoncello *(Mozart)*, Miss Ethel Watson (pupil of Mr. Ernest Fowles, Mr. E. Hopkinson and Mr. P. Burnett; song, "Angels ever bright and fair" *(Handel)*, Miss Evelyn Wilkie (pupil of Mr. King); pianoforte solo, Valse impromptu, Op. 2 *(N. Wilm)*, Miss Davidson (pupil of Mr. Izard); violin solos, *a*, "Legende," *b*, "Mazurka" *(Wieniawski)* Miss E. M. Jenkins (pupil of Mr. G. H. Wilby); trio. "Queen of the Night" *(Henry Smart)*, Miss Evelyn Wilkie and Miss M. C. Harrison (pupils of Mr. King), and Mr. Frederic King. The performances were all very well received.

GRAND CONCERT.—Residents in Beckenham are fortunate in being afforded frequent opportunities of listening to really good music. One of these opportunities occurred on the 10th ult., at the Public Hall, when the principal artistes in an excellent programme were Miss Marguerite MacIntyre and Master Jean Gerardy, the celebrated boy violoncellist.

WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.—At a meeting of the Beckenham Local Board on the 12th ult., the Clerk reported the sanction of the Local Government Board for a loan of £215 for the purpose of making a contribution towards the construction of a footbridge over the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, and sanction to loans amounting to £4,637 for road improvements in Hayne-road, Sultan-street, Church-road, and widening of Wickham-road; also the extension of loans by £800 for the Penge and Bromley-road widening. The Chairman pointed out that as the Board would not meet again for some time, it would be as well if the tenders were advertised for, and the work proceeded with at once. The Clerk said the Surveyor was already at work on the necessary specifications, and the advertisements would be inserted forthwith.

THE PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF BECKENHAM.—A largely-attended public meeting of owners and ratepayers, convened by the Chairman of the Local Board pursuant to a requisition, was held at the Public Hall on the 6th ult., for the purpose of considering the advisability of applying for a Charter constituting the Parish of Beckenham a Municipal Borough. The chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Broxholm, chairman of the Local Board, supported by Mr. F. Stevens, the clerk to the Board. Among those present on the platform were Rev. H. Arnott, Rector of Beckenham, Mr. Lendon, Mr. R. Stevens, J.P., and Messrs. F. P. Alliston, Mr. Levens, Mr. T. W. Thornton, J. Douglas, C. H. Hayes, T. C. Cole. The Clerk stated that the signatures to the requisition were: Fredk. P. Alliston, 28, Copers Coperoad, rateable value £120; Henry Arnott, Rectory, £699; Chas. T. Cole, Kingshall-road, £44; William H. Lendon, Holmleigh, £112; Alfred J. Baker, Foxgroveroad, £248; Tom William Thornton, 42, High-street, £92; S. Whitfield Daukes, Vicarage, Lennard-road, £88; W. J. Lavington, Newlands-park, £80; T. Sissons, £57 5s.; R. Turle, £72; C. H. Hayes, £200; T, W Jones, £79; E. Lovely, £40; D. Price, £32. Mr. W. Lendon moved a resolution to the effect that the town should be canvassed to ascertain the feeling of the inhabitants on the subject. This was seconded by Mr. Douglas, and opposed in a vigorous speech by the rector, who explained the fact of his being one of the signatories to the requisition by saying that he wanted the question settled. Among the subsequent speakers for the resolution were the Rev. T. Sissons and Mr. F. P. Alliston, against it being Dr. Eyre and Messrs. Levens and Phillips. In the result the resolution was lost by something like three to two.

BECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB.

The half-yearly general meeting took place at The Club on Nov. 29th, Mr. F. C. Chater presiding.—The hon. treasurer, Dr. Randell, read his statement of accounts for the past season, showing a balance to carry forward of over £200.—Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., was elected a vice-president of the club, and all retiring officers were elected. Messrs. A. J. Baker and L. Hinton being chosen to serve on the committee to fill the vacancies arising through the resignation of Messrs. J. E. Radcliffe and A. B. Stewart. Dr. R. M. H. Randell and Mr. Arthur Pearce were re-elected respectively hon. treasurer and hon. secretary. Mr. Pearce was elected a life member of the club, in consideration of his services as hon. treasurer for eleven years.—Resolutions were passed altering the rules with reference to the payment of subscriptions, the general effect of which is that the subscription for members residing beyond two miles of the ground will in future be £1 1s. per annum, with no entrance fee, the present radius limit being five miles; the abolition of the entrance fee in the case of members who, although residing within two miles, join under twenty-one years of age; and an alteration in the lawn tennis rules, by which *all* ladies, who may hereafter join as lady subscribers are to pay £1 1s. per annum.—A resolution was passed expressing the approval of the meeting of a scheme which had been submitted to the committee, for removing and re-erecting the present cricket pavilion on a more convenient site, with substantial additions and improvements.—The hon. secretary stated that the county committee had declined to play a match on the ground next year, but that the committee had arranged for a cricket week to be held in the month of July.

CHISLEHURST.

SAD SUICIDE.—An inquest was held at the Mission Hall, Mill Place, Chislehurst, by Mr. Coroner Carrttar, on the 10th ult., on the body of John Thomas Oldridge, a coachman, aged 61 years, in the service of Mr. Charrington, of Mayfield, Chislehurst, with whom he had been for 30 years. Evidence was given by deceased's son, also a coachman, to the effect that deceased had been suffering from a sprained ankle for some six months, and being of a very anxious temperament, he seemed afraid that he would lose his place. Witness found his father in a sitting posture on the floor with a rope round his neck. He did not cut him down, because he was frightened, but went and called the gardener, who cut the rope. After medical and other evidence had been given, Mr. Charrington stated that he had no intention of discharging deceased, who was a most conscientious servant. The jury returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity.

CUDHAM.

THE VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY.—On Friday the 9th ult., an adjourned meeting was held at the "Fox and Hounds" public-house, Cudham, to further consider the additional guarantee required by the Kent Water Company with regard to the extension of their mains. Mr. T. Filmer was unanimously voted to the chair, and among those present were Mr. R. G. Mullen (Clerk to the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority), Mr. Morris (Engineer to the West Kent Water Company), and Messrs. C. Harris, C. W. Gedney, C. Smithers, J. Cowlard, R. Cowlard, —. Blake, —. Tremaine, H. Burkin, J. D. Thomson, W. Blake, — Pring, —. Wallis, Hallam, J. Wood, —. Astley, W. Westbrook, —. Dougall, —. Blundell, —. Piggott, J. Holwood, C. Webster and others.—Mr. R. G. Mullen, in opening the proceedings, reminded those present of what had been done at a previous meeting, when the scheme submitted by the Rural Sanitary Authority was amended, and the line of route for the laying of the pipes altered, certain lengths being taken away as they were considered unnecessary. He also reminded them further that he was then instructed to interview the Water Company and submit these proposals, and then come before them at an adjourned meeting — which that meeting now was. He was sorry to say Mr. Dickson, the secretary to the Company, was unable to attend, but Mr. Morris, the Company's engineer, was present, and he had no doubt that his information would be sufficient for their purpose. He would probably have to explain to them first of all that an additional amount of expenditure would be involved by adopting the line of route suggested, and that there might be some difficulties of supply in regard to levels and so on, but it would be for the meeting to consider whether, notwithstanding those difficulties they would pursue the scheme. On behalf of the Rural Sanitary Authority, he was there prepared to answer any question, and he thought Mr. Morris would do the same on behalf of the Water Company.—Mr. Morris then produced plans of the line of route proposed to be taken for the extension of the mains and additions, and said that the Company had considered the proposal already before them, and they found that the difference in cost in carrying out all that was suggested would be £217 as compared with £196.—Mr. Smithers said that as ratepayers they were desirous of having the pipes laid down so that there would be a possibilty of everyone getting a supply. It would be necessary to go from Biggin Hill to Jail corner that being along the main road on the side of which stood several houses.—After some discussion as to the best line and route, Mr. Thomson proposed that the mains be carried down the main-road.—Mr. Dougal seconded the proposition, and it was agreed to.—A discussion then followed upon the question of laying the pipes along Buckhurst lane in which there are eight houses, and it was proposed to extend the mains to Park Cottage which would embrace seven of the eight houses in the lane.—Mr. Mullen said as a Sanitary Officer he would like to see a good supply of water for every house, but it was for the ratepayers to say if they would sanction the additional expenditure of £5 which the extension of supply to that cottage would entail.—Ultimately it was pointed out that a pipe could be run across private land to that particular cottage.—Mr. Mullen then suggested that he should see the Company and make arrangements for those who were outside the line of extension to be allowed to draw water from stand pipes fixed at suitable places, and the proceeds from which source of supply to be placed to the credit of the ratepayers as a set-off against the additional guarantee required.—This was considered an eminently practical suggestion and at once agreed to.—Referring to the financial position, Mr. Mullen said he did not think the additions to the scheme would add more than 1½d. to the rate he had previously stated. He suggested that the meeting should adjourn, and that at a future meeting on that day fortnight he should lay the figures of the expenditure in detail before them.—This was agreed to, and the meeting adjourned.

HAYES.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual school entertainment and distribution of prizes won during the past year in connection with Hayes National School took place on the 21st ult., under most favourable auspices. The upper portion of the schoolroom was turned into a stage, upon which the children were gathered, while one corner was appropriated by a huge imitation iceberg covered with "frost," for use in connection with the "Snow Queen," upon which a very powerful lime-light lantern shone, with a very pleasing effect. A very excellent programme was provided, special features being a violin solo by Clement Plant, which was performed with great skill; a part song by the children, "Come, buy my flowers," the children carrying flowers; a song "Village Minstrels are we," in which the children blew through combs; a scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," and a short play, "The Snow Queen." The costumes for this were well got up, and the children all took their parts with great precision. Particular mention should be made of the "Snow Queen," Eleanor Pettit, who was dressed in white robes with a long mantle of wadding, and wore a crown, in front of which was a star, the centre view of which was a small electric light, which showed to great advantage. At the conclusion of the programme the master, Mr. W. Plant, distributed the prizes for good conduct and attendance.

FARNBOROUGH.

MARRIAGE OF MISS ADA LATTER.

On Saturday, November 26th, in the church of St. Giles', Farnborough, the marriage was solemnised of the Rev. Frederick Fremlin Key, curate of S. George's, Tufnell Park, N., and Miss Ada Letter, eldest daughter of the late Mr. H. J. Latter, of Goddendene, Farnborough. The interior of the church was prettily decorated with flowers, foliage, and pot plants, by Mrs. Blackwell, the Misses Key, and a large committee of villagers, among whom the bride, who had been one of the most diligent district visitors, was a great favourite. The church was crowded on the occasion, numbers of those present being from Bromley, Chislehurst, Orpington, Green Street Green, and the surrounding villages. The Rev. F. J. Kelly, Vicar, conducted the service, which was choral, assisted by the Rev. P. H. Percy, the bride being given away by her brother, Mr. C. N. Latter, Mr. W. H. Key acting as best man. The bride wore a handsome dress of grey velvet. After leaving the church the Misses Latter held a reception at Goddendene. The presents were costly and numerous, and included a highly-prized cake basket and salad bowl, subscribed for by the inhabitants of the village of the village of Farnborough. In the evening the Misses Latter entertained some 90 of the villagers to tea, and in the course of the proceedings a letter was read from Mrs. Key, thanking the villagers for their handsome present, and expressing her regret that this was the only means by which, at present, she could convey her gratitude for their kindness.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

BROMLEY PALACE.

Bromley Palace, the manor-house of Bromley, is an estate of venerable antiquity, and its history has been closely associated for many centuries with that of the town, close by which it is situated. The manor was given to the Bishop of Rochester as early as the eighth century, and it has been remarked by a well-known typographical writer (Mr. Edward Walford), that few estates in England can boast of having the same owners in A.D. 840 and 1840. During the time of the early Plantagenet Kings it frequently changed hands, and about the middle of the seventeenth century it passed out of the possessions pertaining to the Diocese of Rochester. However, in the year 1660 Charles II. restored it again to its lawful owner the Bishop of Rochester, and it remained church property until 1845 when it was purchassed by Mr. Child, the father of the present lord of the manor of Bromley.

Bromley Palace could hardly have been for so many years the occasional residence of the Bishops of Rochester without being the scene of many events more or less interesting and important in the history of England. Some are recorded, others have doubtless been forgotten.

It is probable that a residence of some sort has existed here from the earliest date of its possession by the Bishopric of Rochester. Hasted records his opinion that a mansion or palace was built here by Bishop Gundulph soon after the year 1080, and that it was but a mean and inconvenient habitation. By the year 1184 it had become so ruinous that Bishop Gilbert de Glanvill found it necessary to rebuild it. During the present century some remains of masonry, consisting of some rude masses of flint, chalk, and mortar as hard as stone, were found north of the present house. This appears to have been part of the masonry supporting the ancient draw-bridge, and between that spot and the existing house, numerous remains of foundation-walls were found, the lower portions of which were constructed of blocks of chalk. It is not quite certain to what date these works belonged. It is extremely probable that they marked the site of the original palace, if they were not indeed portions of it. It is supposed that the first house and gardens did not cover a larger space than two acres, and were surrounded by a moat.

Various bishops, from time to time, made additions and improvements to Bromley Palace. Bishop Sprat pulled down and rebuilt the chapel, Bishop Atterbury made some expensive additions to the place, and Bishop Wilcocks made some important improvements to the gardens and grounds. In the year 1774, however, the house was found to be much dilapidated, and Dr. John Thomas, the newly appointed Bishopof Rochester, pulled the whole of the place down and built the present palace, which bears the date 1775, and the arms of the bishop quartered with those of his see. Of the house which was completed in the year 1776, and which still exists, we have a representation in the accompanying illustration which has been reproduced from an excellent photograph by Mr. R. V. Harman.

The house which immediately preceded it is figured in a remarkably interesting copper-plate engraving, dated 1756, and published in Hasted's folio History of Kent. The buildings were irregular, but picturesque, and partially enclosed by the old moat.

This old house is historically interesting as having been the scene of the strange and malignant plot against Bishop Sprat. The details of the plot are matters of well-known history, and too lengthy for insertion in this place. They were minutely related by the Bishop himself in a little volume published in 1692. Incidentally Sprat mentions the fact that when he was arrested on suspicion of high treason he "was walking in the Orchard at *Bromley*, meditating on something I design'd to Preach the next Day." This orchard was probably a portion of those ornamental grounds with regularly-planted trees and shrubs shown in Hasted's engraving.



Sprat's successor, Atterbury, appears to have spent much of his time at Bromley, where he doubtless found amusement and recreation in his gardens, for in a letter, in 1718, to Mathew Prior he wrote:—"My peaches and nectarines hung on the trees for you till they rotted." In another letter, addressed to the poet Pope he wrote:—"I never part from this place (Bromley) but with regret, though I generally keep here what Mr. Cowley calls *the worst* of company in the world—my own" Lord Macaulay states that Pope, "was a frequent guest at the episcopal palace, among the elms of Bromley, without suspecting that his host was carrying on a treasonable correspondence with the exiled house of Stuart."

The grave matters alluded to by the eminent historian were brought home to the bishop, who was imprisoned in the tower of London, and afterwards banished from the kingdom. He died an exile at Paris in 1731, but his body was brought to England and buried in Westminster Abbey in the same year.

At the present time the grounds of Bromley Palace are tastefully laid out, and among the many fine trees is one which may justly be considered a curiosity. This is an enormous Portugal laurel tree, said to be one of the largest in the kingdom.

Another noteworthy feature in the grounds is St. Blaze's Well, a medicinal spring whose virtues appear to have been discovered at an early date. In various accounts the well has been called both the Bishop's Well, and St. Blaze's Well, and the two names have apparently lead to the idea that these were two separate wells. In Hone's *Table Book*, however, a writer considers this idea "wholly conjectural." The probability is that both names have been applied to the same spring.

The tradition is that this well anciently had an oratory attached to it, dedicated to St. Blasius, which was much frequented by the faithful. At the Reformation the spring became neglected, and its site was forgotton until September 1754, when the Rev. Mr. Harwood, domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester detected the mineral spring by means of its "yellow ochrey sediment." Thomas Reynolds, Surgeon, published an account of the waters in 1756, and mentions that "it is very probable that this spring has been formerly frequented; for in digging about it, there were found the remains of steps leading down to it made of oak plank, which appeared as if they had laid under ground a great many years." After this discovery the public were admitted to partake of the waters with such success that many were "remarkably relieved from various infirmities and diseases, which were not only afflicting but dangerous." The water is stated to have been richer in mineral contents than the water of Tunbridge Wells.

Rev. J. E. Newell, for many years vicar of Bromley, wrote some lines on this ancient well which picture, in colours by no means improbable, some of the scenes which may have occurred here.

"Erst to thy fount the baron went;
The sandal'd pilgrim bent
Before thy sacred shrine.
The warrior bowed his plumed head,
His hasty prayer the friar said,
And many a gay and gallant knight,
And many a gentle lady bright
Implored thy aid divine.
Where are they now? The warrior's tread,
The orison the sick man said,
The lover's vows to lady fair,
The palmer's reverential prayer
The poet's lay, the minstrel's shell,
Are silent—all are gone!
Hangs o'er they desecrated well
One rugged thorn alone."

Births.

BOOSEY.—On the 8th Dec., at Knighton, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of C. T. Boosey, of a son.

FREER.—On the 14th Dec., at Cudham, Kent, the wife of the Revd. Nigel Freer, of a son.

GRIPPER.—On the 26th November, at The Nest, West Wickham, Kent, the wife of Ernest Jasper Gripper, of a daughter.

HENDRIKS.—On the 25th November, at 42, Bromley-common, Kent, the wife of Philip Hendriks, of a son.

MAW.—On the 19th ult., at Coningsby, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of George Maw, of a daughter.

SNELL.—On the 15th ult., at Athelney, Chislehurst, the wife of F. Alford Snell, of a son.

Marriages.

CHRISTOPHERSON—COOPER.—On the 22nd December, at St. George's, Bickley, by the Rev. the Master of University College, Oxford, assisted by the Rev. R. Wood, vicar, and the Rev. J. C. Leeke, rector of Kidbrook, Blackheath, and Rural Dean, Percy Christopherson, fifth surviving son of Derman Christopherson, of Kidbrook, to Minnie Whitaker, eldest daughter of John Whitaker Cooper of Bickley.

KEY—LATTER.—On the 27th November, at St. Giles's, Farnborough, Kent, by the Rev. F. J. Kelly, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. P. H. Percy, the Rev. Frederick Fremlin Key, of Tufnell-park, eldest son of A. W. Key, of Orpington, to Ada, eldest daughter of the late H. J. Latter, of Farnborough. No cards.

RHODES-COOPER.—On the 23rd November, at Christ Church, Lancaster-gate, by the Rev. M. R. Nelligan, M.A., Otto Henry, second son of Arthur Charles Rhodes, of Warren House, Chislehurst, Kent, to Mary, second daughter of the late Rous John Cooper, formerly of Blythburgh Lodge, Suffolk.

Deaths.

BROOM.—On the 20th ult., at 12, Essex-villas, Kensington, Ellen Thornthwaite, widow of the late Herbert Broom, LL. D., of the Priory, Orpington, Kent.

HAMBLETON.—On the 20th December, at 16, East-street, Bromley, Eliza Hambleton, widow of the late John Hambleton, aged 74. rp 154

LARKE.—On the 22nd December, Fanny Maude Larke, aged 26, the beloved wife of Ernest O. Larke, of Bracken Bank, Bromley-hill, Kent.

OLIVER.—On the 12th December, at Sunrise House, Hereford, Julia Helen, the beloved wife of Richard Oliver, and youngest daughter of the late Charles Essex, of Oxford-street, aged 48. rp 156

PALMER.—On the 27th December, at Elmstead Court, Chislehurst, Kent, William Palmer, aged 68.

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MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st—Vestry Meeting at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Burial Question, 8.30 p.m.
,, —Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's Sale of "Jewell House Estate" and other properties, The Mart, E.C., 2 p.m.
,, —Bromley Local Board Adjourned Audit, Local Offices, 11 a.m.
,, —Missionary Meeting, Bromley Town Hall, Mr. Justice Bruce presiding, 8 p.m.
2nd—Amateur Theatricals, St. John's, Bromley, Parish Room, 8 p.m.
3rd—Sir Charles and Lady Hallé's Musical Recital, Grand Hall, Bromley, 8 p.m.
5th—*Sexagesima Sunday.*
,, —Confirmation St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, 3 p.m.
6th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
7th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.
,, —Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's Sale of Shops and Freehold Land, in Bromley High-street, "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, 7 p.m.
8th—Druid's Ball, Bromley Town Hall.
9th—Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper's Sale of Roses, Drill Hall, Bromley, 2 p.m.
,, —Annual Meeting of Subscribers to Bromley Cottage Hospital, West-street Parish Room, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
12th—*Quinquagesima Sunday.*
13th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
,, —Pantomime, "Sleeping Beauty," Grand Hall, Bromley, 7.45 p.m.
,, —St. Luke's Choral Society's Ballad Concert, St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.
14th—*Shrove Tuesday.*
15th—*Ash Wednesday.*
16th—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
19th—*First Sunday in Lent.*
,, —United Gospel Temperance Mission commences at Bromley Drill Hall, continued until 25th.
20th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
17th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30. p.m.
26th—*Second Sunday in Lent.*
27th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have, as is usual, been held during the month. At the first meeting on Jan. 10th the Board, on the recommendation of the Highway Committee, decided to present a petition against the South Eastern Railway Company's Bill, with reference to the proposed closing of the footpath alongside the South Eastern Railway to Plaistow by the South Eastern Railway Company.

A Threatened Footpath.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Local Government Board, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Board, enclosing as requested, a copy of the deed of transfer of the Bromley School of Science and Art. In answer to a question asked by the Board many weeks ago, the letter stated that the accounts of the Committee of Management would be liable to audit by the District Auditor as part of the Local Board's accounts, no prescribed form of accounts having been set apart for such expenditure. With regard to the appointment of a treasurer to the Committee, other than the treasurer to the Board, the Local Government Board did not think there was any need of so doing. The letter was referred to Committee.

The Science and Art School.

At the same meeting a letter was received from Mr. W. H. Dodgson, of Hayesford, who wrote thanking the Board for the steps they had taken to have a nuisance abated on Mr. Harris's farm close to his premises and at the same time requesting the Board to keep a sharp eye on the matter for the future.—A letter was then read from Mr. G. Harris, farmer, of Hayesford, complaining of a nuisance arising from a manure pit in Mr. Dodgson's cowyard, from which he stated, an overflow pipe from a cesspool drained into the ditch running parallel with the path, creating a nuisance for which he (Mr. Harris) was blamed. The Sanitary Inspector said he had seen Mr. Dodgson and requested him to remove the manure, of which there was an accumulation of several loads in the pit. In reply to Mr. Selby, the Sanitary Inspector said there was an overflow-pipe from a cesspool draining into the ditch by the side of the public path. On the motion of Mr. Davis, the Inspector was instructed to report fully on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee, who, at the meeting on Jan. 24th, reported that they had considered the Inspector's report and recommended that a notice be served on Mr. Dodgson to abate the nuisance.

Rival Nuisances.

At the meeting on Jan. 10th, a letter was received from the Bromley School Board stating that the proposed enlargement of the culvert under the railway at Aylesbury-road to 15 in. would not be adequate to carry off the water, and a pipe of 2ft. diameter was absolutely necessary.—The Surveyor said the culvert if enlarged as proposed, would, he thought, be adequate for the work. Further than that, however, its size could not be increased; even with this enlargement the top of the pipe was close to the rails, and special provision had to be made for it, and the culvert could not be dipped or it would alter the water level. At the meeting on Jan. 24th a further letter was read from the School Board asking the Board to again communicate with the L. C. & D. R. Company, as nothing less than a 24in. pipe would be large enough to prevent flooding. Mr. Davis said he believed that at the last meeting the Surveyor assured them that the present enlargement would suffice. The Surveyor said the pipe now being enlarged was that taking the overflow from a pond in the parish of Beckenham, and inasmuch as he had ascertained it to be competent to carry off a rainfall of six inches in 24 hours for the district it drained, he was certain that it was adequate for all purposes. The Clerk was directed to reply in those terms.

The Culvert at Aylesbury Road.

At the meeting on Jan 10th, Mr. George Gore Epps, of the Oxford Restaurant, London-road, Bromley,

The License of Bromley Grand Hall.

wrote applying for a license for the performance of stage plays in the Grand Hall, Bromley, for the ensuing twelve-months. The Clerk said Mr. W. Morton's lease had run out and his license had also expired. Mr. Epps had become the lessee of the Hall and now applied for the license. He had prepared the form of license if the Board were disposed to grant it. On the motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Loftus, the Board granted Mr. Epps' application.

Hope Park Surface Water Drainage.

At the same meeting of the Board, tenders were opened for the carrying out of Hope Park Surface Water Drainage as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Woodhams, Fry and Fry ...	525	10	8
Mowlem and Co.	490	0	0
T. Lansbury	541	1	7

The Surveyor's estimate was £635.—On the motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Selby, the tender of Messrs. Mowlem and Co., was accepted.

Fusion of Railways.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Board's Parliamentary agent, and asked for instructions in connection with the proposed fusion of the L. C. & D. and S. E. Railways. Would the Board oppose the matter, and if so what steps would they desire to take? Mr. Curtis said the Board should be represented in opposition in some way, for it seemed to him that the notices were worded to please the shareholders, and that the travelling public would not be benefited in any way, but rather the reverse. From what he gathered the S. E. R. Company seemed to want a working arrangement, while the L. C. & D. R. went for amalgamation. He feared that the travelling public would not get more trains, which was what was wanted. That was one point to be watched. Mr. Selby thought the amalgamation would not be a bad thing for the public. The Clerk said several points arose in connection with the matter, and on his suggestion it was referred to a Committee of the whole Board.

Purchase of Land in Station-road.

At the same meeting of the Board, on the motion of Mr. Selby, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, the official seal of the Board was affixed to the agreement with Mr. Smallman for the purchase of land in Station-road.

The Loan for a Depôt.

At the meeting of the Board on Jan. 24th, a letter was received from the Local Government Board stating, with regard to the Board's application to borrow £3175 for the purchase of a site for a depôt, that a public inquiry would be held as soon as the other duties of the inspector would permit of him so doing, and the date of the same would be duly advised.—Mr. Davis asked if what had been done was purely provisional? The Clerk said it was subject to the consent of the Local Government Board to the raising of the loan, and if the agreement was not confirmed within three months from the date of such consent it would become null and void.

Mr. Podger and the Board.

At the same meeting the Clerk read a long letter from Mr. Henry Podger, of 156, Homesdale-road, Bromley Common, on the subject of the recent memorial as the incorporation. stating that he was surprised the Board had not instituted a poll of the parish and rating the Board in no very gentle language.

Scarlet Fever Spreading.

At the meeting on Jan. 24th, the Drainage and Sanitary Committee reported that the Sanitary Inspector had reported that 16 cases of scarlet fever had occurred since their last meeting, 13 of which had been removed to the Infectious Hospital Hospital. The Medical Officer of Health reporting on the matter said: "Gentlemen, on reference to the register you will see that scarlet fever is spreading rapidly in the district. The chief places affected are Waldo-road, Masons Hill, and the Brewery-road, but the cases are hardly numerous enough in any locality to warrant our closing the schools at present. The total number is swelled by multiple cases in families, the members having been exposed to the infection at or about the same time. In some of the cases unfortunately there is reason to suppose that infection was again imported into families by the return of one of the family from the Infectious Hospital, but Dr. Shannon informs me that the strictest care is exercised in the discharge of patients, and we know too well that occasional cases of this kind would occur however careful the supervision."

Insanitary Parish Cottages.

The Sanitary Inspector also reported that he had inspected the Parish Cottages, Oakley Road, and found that they were in an insanitary state, there being only two w.c.'s for the six houses, and both were in a filthy condition. There was only sufficient air-space in the sleeping rooms for one adult and one child, whereas in some of the houses there were four or five inmates, which was overcrowding. The Committee recommended that notices be served on the owners of the Parish Cottages to put them in a proper state of repair, and provide adequate w.c. accommodation, and the Board adopted the recommendation of Committee.

The Gas.

At the same meeting Mr. H. Selby in moving the adoption of the report of the Highways and Buildings Committe said that there had been a pretty general complaint of the poorness of the light given by the public gas for several months past and he thought, perhaps, it was a question as to whether the Gas Company should be approached in the matter. Mr. J. Scott, Jun., who seconded the adoption of the report, said he could bear out all that Mr. Selby had said to the very fullest extent. Of late it had been impossible for any one in the neighbourhood to see properly after dark, and from Bickley and that district the complaint was universal. He thought the Gas Company should know the state of the feeling of the parish, and as a public body he thought they should supply a better light than they did at present. Mr. Woodward said he had noticed the bad light, too. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Gas Company calling their attention to the state of the light.

Technical Education.

At the meeting on Jan. 24th, the Technical Education Committee reported that at their last meeting a letter was read from the Bromley School Board stating that the consideration of the question of the proposed erection by the Local Board of a workshop at that Board's Raglan-road school had been referred back to the School Management Committee, and the Committee had instructed the Clerk to write asking the Local Board if they would be willing (1) to pay a small rent for the use of the ground for the proposed workshop, (2) to maintain the building, and (3) to remove the building when called upon to do so. It was also resolved that lectures on nursing should be commenced on Feb. 13, and that the fee should be 5s. the term, a few desirable persons, recommended by the Clergy, to be admitted free. It was also recommended that the Vicar be asked for the use of the Parish Room. Mr. Davis, in moving the adoption of the report, said the date and time of the nursing lectures might perhaps have to be altered. The report was adopted.

Much Wanted.

At the same meeting the Clerk said he had written various property owners as to the sale of property on the site of the desired carriage-way between Shermans-road and Palace-road. He then read a reply from Mr. W. Nettlefold stating that a co-executor would be consulted and the result communicated. Mr. Ranger would be willing to sell his property to the Board, but Mr. Sladen wrote that he held that piece of property conjointly with another piece in Horsley-road on lease, for a term of 999 years dating from 1864, although unattractive the property was a good-paying one and brought in £80 a year nett, and unless the Board could pay a sum equivalent to such income he would prefer to keep it. The letters were referred to Committee.

Electric Lighting.

At the same meeting, replies from frontagers along the line of circuit in Schedule 1 in the Board's Electric Lighting scheme were referred to the Electric Lighting Committee.

Condition of Raglan-road.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Bromley School Board calling attention to the state of Raglan-road and its approaches from Nelson-road and other roads, and stating that the teachers complained that the children were kept away from school by

reason of getting wet in the standing water in the roads. Mr. Selby said the condition of the road was bad in the extreme. There was no likelihood of any other building springing up on the other side of the road, and therefore, as the frontagers, the burden fell upon the School Board and St. Luke's Church Authorities. The letter was referred to Committee.

Disposal of House Refuse.

At the same meeting Mr. Harrod, of Hayes Street Farm, wrote that seeing that the Board had a difficulty in getting rid of their house-refuse, he would provide them with a free shoot in Hayes-lane. Mr. Davis said the Board had no desire to burden another parish with its refuse, and the Clerk said the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority would object if the Board did do so. The Clerk was directed to reply accordingly.

Bad Sanitation.

At the same meeting Mr. J. R. Martley, of 17, Havelock-road, Bromley Common, wrote calling the Board's attention to the drains at his and the three adjoining houses. He stated that the drains had been blocked for six weeks and the sewage matter was 2 in. deep in the cupboard under the stairs, and that only a day or two previous he had taken out 30 pailsful. He also complained that the Inspector of Nuisances, although apprised of the fact, had not been to inspect the place. The Sanitary Inspector said that on Jan. 17th he served a notice on the owner to abate the nuisance, and the time allowed by the notice did not expire until the following day.

Bromley Burial Board.

At the meeting of the Bromley Burial Board on Jan. 24th, the General Purposes Committee reported that they had considered the communication from the Rev. P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's, with regard to District A's claim of right of burial in the Bromley Cemetery and a similar application from the Vicar and Churchwardens of Bromley with respect to that portion of Tweedy-road without a burial ground, with Counsel's opinion on both, and they recommended that the matter be referred to the Burial Board that evening to take it into further consideration. — Mr. Davis then read a portion of Counsel's opinion with regard to St. John's District A, in which it was stated that if the district formed part of the ecclesiastical district of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, for which the Bromley Local Board was constituted a Burial Board, Counsel was of opinion that it remained part of the district of such Burial Board, and is entitled to the use of its burial ground, for the alteration of the ecclesiastical district did not affect the boundaries of the district of the burial board. Otherwise he did not see any ground on which the district could claim a right of burial in the burial ground of the Bromley Burial Board. Counsel was also of opinion that the Bromley Local Board could not recover rates from an area outside their district, though they might permit interments of bodies for such area on payment of extra charges. With regard to Tweedy-road the opinion stated Counsel could "see nothing, however, in the facts stated to show that inhabitants of the district have any right of burial in the burial ground of Bromley Burial Board which was formed for a district comprising only the ecclesiastical district of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, and St. George's, Bickley. Mr. Davis then said the question of the Board now was should they admit interments for those districts at extra charges, or whether, recognising that they had no means of enforcing the rates over these districts, they would proceed to seek powers to extend their area. Those were the only two possible solutions to the difficulty. He would suggest that a reply be sent to the applicants stating that the Board could not see its way to take interments from their districts, and that the matter would require further consideration. Perhaps at some future time he might be able to move a resolution on the subject. This course was agreed to, and the Clerk was directed to reply accordingly.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month and at the first meeting on Jan. 2nd.,

The New Member.

Captain Richards, R.N., took his seat for the first time as a new member in the room of Mr. J. H. Hall, resigned.

At the same meeting the Clerk then read the following report of H. M's. Inspector on the examination of Aylesbury-road School. "The elementary work of the second standard is good. That of the first and third standards is very fairly satisfactory, with the exception of reading in the former and spelling in the latter. Above this the boys read well, but spelling, composition, and arithmetic are very poor. In all the oral work, including mental arithmetic, very creditable intelligence has been shown, and as I gather from this that the classification is not faulty, I cannot quite understand the breakdown in the paper work. Elementary science and geography have been taught with really good results. The sol-fa-ing of Division II. is good; some attention to time is required in Division IV.—The grants earned were as follows:—The average attendance was 184, and on that the school had earned the lower principal grant of 12s. 6d., the lower discipline grant of 1s., the higher singing grant of 1s., the higher class subject grant for geography 2s., and elementary science 2s., making a total of 18s. 6d. per head, or £170 4s. for the whole school, the same as the Valley School. The Fee Grant payable on 184 at 10s per head was £92, of which £61 10s. had been received, leaving a balance of £30 10s., to which must be added the amount due to the Board on the re-calculation of last year's grants of £8 4s., and that, after deducting the amount stopped by the Department on account of a pupil teacher, named Wilkins, not having passed the Queen's Scholarship examination, would bring the total of the grant up to £97 9s.—The Clerk said the average attendance had, during the year, gone up from 164 to 184.—The report was referred to a Committee, to sit on the rising of the Board, to discuss it in relation to the increases to the teachers' salaries, and at the meeting on Jan. 16th, the Board on the recommendation, decided to increase the salary of Mr. F. Lewis, the head master, by £5 per annum.

Aylesbury Road School Report.

Workshops for Instruction in the Use of Tools.

At the meeting on Jan. 2nd, the School Management Committee recommended that sanction be given to the proposal by the Bromley Local Board to erect workshops for instruction in the use of tools if the Board would allow the use of their ground for the purpose, subject to the details of the scheme being satisfactory to the Board, and that plans of the same were submitted in due course. The report was adopted and at the meeting on Jan. 16th the same Committee reported among other things that they had considered the plans and specifications submitted by the Local Board and recommended the same for approval. Mr. Loly moved the adoption of the report and Mr. Loton seconded it but Mr. Peill moved as an amendment that it be referred back to Committee for further consideration and with a view of the matter ultimately coming before a full Board. Mr. Cooke seconded and a lengthy discussion followed, in which most of the members took part and it being contended against the adoption of the report that a written undertaking should be entered into with the Local Board, and that the matter should not be allowed to rest on mere verbal communications as at present. In the result the amendment to refer the matter back was unanimously carried. At an extraordinary meeting on Jan. 23rd, the School Management Committee recommended that the plans and specifications of the workshops for instruction in the use of tools, which the Local Board proposed to erect at the Boards Raglan-road School playground be approved, the Local Board being willing to pay a small rent for the use of the ground, to maintain the building, and remove it at six months' notice if called upon to do so. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Attendance Officer.

At the meeting on Jan. 2nd, a letter was read from Mr. J. L. Vann—whom the Board appointed some time ago to the post of School Attendance Officer to take up his duties on Jan. 9th—stating that he had just been under an operation in hospital, and was still an out-patient there, and asking the Board to allow him until Jan. 16th before taking up his duties.—On the motion of Mr. Loly, seconded by Mr. Loton, the Board gave the required permission, it being understood that Mr. J. Rogers would continue to discharge the duties until that date. At the meet

ing on Jan. 16th, Mr. Vann again wrote and enclosed a certificate from Dr. Matthews stating that Mr. Vann was suffering from an abscess following an operation, and would be able to attend to his duties in about a fortnight. Mr. Vann also asked that the Board would extend their consideration to him, and keep his berth open until he could take up the duties.—The letter was referred to the Committee to discuss the whole question on the following Monday, and on the motion of Mr. Bragg seconded by Mr. Cooke, Mr. J. Rogers was appointed to carry out the duties for a further fortnight. At an extraordinary meeting on January 23rd, the Board on the recommendation of the School Management Committee appointed Mr. Vann as Assistant Teacher at Raglan-road School, and the Clerk was directed to issue an advertisement for a School Attendance Officer at a salary of £78 a year.

At a meeting on Jan. 2nd, in reply to a request from the School Board for a grant from the funds of the Technical Education Grant to purchase a lantern for the evening classes, a letter was received from the Bromley Local Board stating that the Technical Education Committee had considered the request, and had resolved to recommend the Board to purchase one first-class optical lantern, to remain the property of the Board, the School Board having the use of it when required. The Committee would also recommend the Board to defray all such expenses in connection with the classes as could properly be defrayed out of the funds for Technical Education. The Chairman said the letter did not say so, but it also meant that the Local Board would contract for the slides for use in the lantern.

A Lantern for Technical Classes.

At the same meeting a letter was then read from the Bromley Local Board transmitting copies of letters received from the engineer with reference to the suggested connection with Aylesbury-road of the South Hill footbridge which the L. C. & D. R. Company had promised to carry out, and also with regard to the culvert in Aylesbury-road in which the Company proposed to replace a 12in. pipe by one 15in. Mr. Loly expressed himself most satisfied with the securing of the desired connection with the footbridge and said that in view of the Board increasing its school accommodation the footbridge would be most valuable. Mr. Peill said that the Company's attention should be drawn to the fact that the enlargement of the culvert would not be sufficient, as already the 15in. pipe would have an 18in. and a 12in. pipe discharging into it.—The Clerk was directed to write to the Local Board in those terms, and at the meeting on January 16th, a letter was received from the Bromley Local Board, stating that the culvert at Aylesbury-road when altered as proposed would be adequate to the needs, and that it was impossible to put in a larger pipe. — Mr. Peill suggested that the Board should put themselves in direct communication with the L.C. & D.R. Company, stating that in the event of their property being flooded and damaged in the future as in the past owing to the blocking back of the water in the culvert they would be held responsible.—Mr. Loly thought the Local Board would be responsible.—Mr. Peill said the Local Board would not be responsible.—Ultimately it was decided to ask the Local Board to again write to the L.C. & D.R. Company on the matter.

Aylesbury Road Footbridge Connection.

At the meeting on Jan. 16th, on the recommendation of the School Management Committee the Board accepted the tender of Mr. Stephen Harbar of £3 14s. 4d. each for "giant strides" for the playgrounds of the Board's schools.

Giant Strides.

At the same meeting, Mr. Whitebrow, one of the teachers at Raglan-road School, having been absent from his school since Christmas without leave, wrote stating that he had obtained a more advantageous position, which it would be "self-stultification" not to have accepted, and he asked that the Board would let him find a substitute for a month instead of paying forfeit for not giving notice. —After some discussion Mr. Cooke proposed "that the Board request Mr. Whitebrow to pay one month's salary in lieu of proper notice."—Mr. Bragg seconded and the motion was carried.—Mr. Loton suggested that if Mr. Whitebrow was under the Educational Department the Board might notify them of his conduct.—Mr. Loly said he begged that they would leave the man alone. He was prepared to pay forfeit. —The Clerk was directed to issue an advertisement for a teacher to take Mr. Whitebrow's place at Raglan-road School.

Teacher to pay Forfeit.

At the same meeting the Clerk then read a letter from Mr. Frederick Lowis, head-master at Aylesbury-road School, stating that Messrs. G. Gill & Sons, educational publishers, had offered to give four per cent of their profits to teachers' orphan or benevolent funds if they would apply for them. In the case of School Boards where the teachers order through a requisition list the consent of the School Board was necessary, and as he was the local secretary for this neighbourhood he asked that they would kindly give their sanction to the scheme, adding that they would incur no responsibility or damage whatever. Teachers now raised between £7000 or £8000 a year for giving annuities to aged teachers or supporting their orphans in orphanages or in the homes of their relatives and this magnificent offer of Messrs. Gill & Sons would come as a welcome aid.—The letter was, on the suggestion of the Chairman, referred to Committee for consideration and report.

For Teachers' Orphans.

At the same meeting the tender of Messrs. Wake & Dean, of £39 19s. 6d., was accepted for various items of school furniture for the seven schools.

School Furniture.

At the same meeting of the Board the Clerk reported that the annual audit of the Board's books and accounts had taken place and everything had been found correct.

Annual Audit.

At the same meeting a letter was read from the Local Board stating that arrangements had been completed for the holding of cookery classes in the town on Wednesdays and Fridays, and asking the Board for the use of rooms and apparatus as agreed upon.—The Clerk was directed to reply giving the requisite permission.

Cookery Classes.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD ELECTION.

Three members of the Plaistow Burial Board—Messrs. H. W. Amos, H. J. Deacon, and M. C. Matthews—having resigned at the end of December in consequence of the receipt of a threat from the Home Office that a *mandamus* would be issued to compel the Board to obtain Consecration of the New Cemetery, and there being, therefore, no quorum, no meetings have taken place during the month. The fresh election created considerable interest, as feeling for Consecration on the one hand, and Dedication on the other, ran to some height. Mr. H. J. Deacon and Mr. C. Matthews again offered themselves for re-election, but Mr. H. W. Amos, for personal motives, declined to stand again, and Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., was selected by the Dedicationists to run for his seat. The Consecrationists found three candidates in the persons of Messrs. Phené Neal, Edgar T. Pellett, and Pridham Wippell. The first movement in the election campaign was on the evening of January 9th, when these latter gentlemen held a meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, under the presidency of Major C. Satterthwaite. This meeting although convened by ticket was very largely attended by persons belonging to the other party. Messrs. Neal, Pellett, and Wippell addressed the meeting, and Mr. Deacon was allowed to say a few words on the other side, and then an inconclusive vote was taken. The formal Vestry Meeting to elect the members to the Board was held at St. Mary's Schools, Plaistow, on Friday evening January 13th, and was the largest Vestry assembled in Plaistow within memory, the room being filled to overflowing. Mr. W. H. Bosanquet was voted to the chair, and the six candidates submitted themselves for heckling, and subsequently addressed the meeting in an order fixed by that gentleman. The meeting lasted from half-past eight until half-past ten o'clock, and at that hour the vote was taken, and

showed 180 supporters of Messrs. Deacon, Matthews and White, and 102 for the other candidates. A poll was then demanded on behalf of the defeated candidates, and was held the following Wednesday, January 18th. Mr. Walter H. Bosanquet acted as returning officer, and Mr. George Stone and his assistant, Mr. Potter, were the poll clerks, the parish having, as it were, been divided into wards. Mr. Hubbard acted as scrutineer for Mr. Deacon and his colleagues, and Mr. T. Marsh for Messrs. Neal, Pellett and Wippell. The voting was open and on what is known as the occupation franchise: that is to say every person occupying a house rated at less than £50 had one vote, over £50 two votes, and so on, six votes in all being the maximum. The candidates with their agents were early astir, and an energetic final canvas was prosecuted by both parties. After the poll had closed, the Returning Officer counted the votes, and declared the result of the polling to be:

Deacon 330.	Neal 364.
Matthews 330.	Pellett 364.
Whyte 330.	Wippell 366.

He then declared Messrs. Neal, Pellett and Wippell to be duly elected. This announcement was received with mingled cheers, and hisses, and groans, but as soon as order was restored, Mr. Bosanquet went on to add that he had made the following analysis of the voting for the information of the ratepayers:

Deacon Matthews Whyte	294 voters.	Neal Pellett Wippell	252 voters.

This gave rise to further expression of feeling, Mr. Wippell then proposed a vote of thanks to the Returning Officer. Calls for "Deacon, Deacon," were then made, and amid a hearty round of cheering Mr. Deacon stood up to second the vote. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to second the proposition, and he would like to add his own testimony with regard to the efficiency with which Mr. Bosanquet had done his duty that day. He had remained in the room the whole of the day at great personal inconvenience, and they as ratepayers were very much indebted to him. He would not attempt to deal with the vote which had been declared. They had on their part fought the battle in the cause which they believed to be a noble one, and although they had lost locally he felt sure they had done good work. (Applause.) The vote was then unanimously accorded, and the meeting dispersed.

NEW MUSIC.

The 3rd Set of 12 Songs, by Frederic H. Cowen, which we have received from Mr. J. Williams, contains some of the composer's happiest inspirations, and could be taken as models of what songs should be. When all are so good it seems almost invidious to call attention to any special numbers in the set, but we must mention No. 3 "Cradle Song" a most charming melody, the words of which are by Barry Cornwall; No. 5 "Lonely" one of the most touching and pathetic songs that have ever been written; and Nos. 9 and 11, "The Land of Violets," and "A Birthday," both as bright and sparkling as the former is melancholy. "May" and "Three Seasons," two four part songs by *Ed. Sachs* (same publisher) may be recommended to choirs, both are well written for the voices and would be effective when sung unaccompanied. The "Andante in F" for organ by *Frank Scinford* (same publisher) is a melodious composition and will afford organists ample scope for the display of the various stops of the instruments. It is only of moderate difficulty. "Isaudula" by *F. H. Bridger* (London Music Publishing Stores), a grand march for pianoforte, is written in a taking and popular style. "Kingston Town" by *W. C. Leecy* (same publisher) is a graceful and simple song with a tuneful waltz refrain. "Crossing the Bar" by *Alice Burton* (Bath & Co). This is one of the most beautiful and sympathetic settings of the late Laureate's words we have seen, it will certainly enhance the composer's reputation which already is more than local. Among other compositions by the same composer, we may mention "O let the solid ground," and "Harken O Children of Men" (Chapell & Co). "Do the next thing," and "Are all the sweet days o'er?" (R. Cocks & Co). The January number of the "Lute" (Patey & Willis) contains an anthem "Give Sentence with me, O God," composed by *F. Lewis Thomas*. The opening movement is well written, the Allegro which commences at the words "O send out Thy light" being especially effective; this is followed by a melodious solo for treble or tenor, with a somewhat florid accompaniment. The last movement, which is very short, contains some characteristic and startling harmonic progressions. Any of the above pieces may be obtained from Messrs. H. Morley & Co. Aberdeen buildings, Bromley.

BROMLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS AND TEMPERANCE.

At a meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians, on December 30th, in response to an appeal from the British Medical Association in favour of legislation for dealing with habitual inebriates, it was resolved to join in the suggested petition to Parliament and ordered that such a petition be prepared. The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Local Government Board as to the consumption and cost per head of alcoholic liquors, in workhouses. The letter stated that a Parliamentary return has recently been issued which gives particulars as to the consumption and cost of spirits, wine, and malt liquors in workhouses in England and Wales during the year 1891, and the daily average number of inmates in each workhouse during that year. The Board had caused to be prepared a statement showing the average expenditure per head of inmates on spirits, wine, and malt liquors in the Poor-law establishments in each union county, and also similar particulars as to 20 large unions in different parts of England and Wales; and they desired to bring under the special attention of the guardians the great difference of expenditure in respect of the same. The return shows that Kent stands sixth highest in the list of counties in the average expenditure on indoor paupers per head, with an average of seven shillings and five pence. The expenditure of the Bromley Union is, however, far in excess of that, being one guinea per head. Mr. Gedney averred that unions so differed in character that the figures were no guide. For instance their's was an old men's union and old women's union, their inmates generally having had stimulants all their lives were bound to continue to take them, whereas at Croydon they were nearly all able-bodied inmates.—The Clerk was instructed to reply to the Local Government Board and point this out.

TRANSFER OF LICENSES.—At the Bromley Petty Sessions, on January 2nd, before Messrs. S. P. Low (in the chair), J. Batten, R. Stevens, and Lieut.-Col. Colvill; with Mr. Edward Latter (Deputy Clerk). The Bench heard applications for, and granted the following transfers of licenses:—"Two Doves," Oakley-road, Bromley Common, from George Timbers to Ellen Timbers, widow; "White Horse," Chislehurst, from William Wells to Edward Seldon; "Rising Sun," Orpington, from William Thomas Kitley to Joseph Everist; "Coach and Horses," Orpington, from Elizabeth Conbeer to William Friend Pearce: "Black Horse," Biggin Hill, Cudham, from George Whiting to Mary Whiting, widow.—Grocers' licenses: from Edward Kennett, High-street, Bromley, to William Latham; from Edwin Goldsmith, Trinity-road, Beckenham, to William Randall.—On Jan. 16th, a license held in respect of the "Black Boy," St. Mary Cray, by Mr. William Sharp, was transferred to Mr. Edward Butler.—On Jan. 23rd, the Bench granted a temporary transfer of the license held by Mrs. Timbers, in respect of the "Two Doves," Oakley-road, Bromley Common, to Mr. John Thomas Dobell.

THE DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S AT BROMLEY.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., there was a very full attendance at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, when the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Paul's preached a special sermon, in aid of St. Mary's, Plaistow, Schools, on the subject of "Religious Education." Dean Gregory based his remarks on the parable of the Sower, which he expounded very fully, dwelling on the higher level of education given by our Saviour in the gospel Dispensation than that given to the ancients under the Old Testament dispensation. He dwelt upon the very many different kinds of ground, with the different receptions, that the "seed" or the "word of God" fell upon, and he said that though in the parable of the Sower Christ told His apostles for the first time something of the Divine power and grace and what it designed to do for their and their church's benefit he warned them that men would not be prepared to receive it, and that therefore they must speak to them by parable and analogy. It was not too much to say that what influence that seed had upon us depended very much upon the manner in which we had been educated from our earliest childhood and very much on the way our parents guides, and teachers, had brought us to regard it from our baptism. If we were instructed rightly we should look upon Baptism as a spiritual ingrafting and then we must bear good fruit; but if they had looked upon it as a mere external show and form which it is desirable to go through with to fill up the register, or some other earthly reason, then they had lost sight of what they were responsible for. But it mattered not whether we realized the responsibility or not, it was there, and on the Great Day we should have to reckon with Him, who had done so much for us, why we had neglected it. Did not that then attach great responsibility to parents — more than they realized—as to what their children turned out in after life? How often we heard of parents complaining that the child had not proved so virtuous as he or she ought to have been, or that he or she had failed in their filial duty, and ill-returned the blessings and benefits bestowed upon them, and yet how often, too, had the child more right to complain of the parent for; for the most part the child was what the parent had made him If they looked back on their past lives they would see that they were very much indebted to their parents and teachers for what they had done for them by reason of what they had taught them as little children. He spoke as an old man who could well remember the influences which effected his own early youth, and that had influenced his whole life. And so he was satisfied it was with everyone of us. They might have learned to feel fuller and better all that Christ had done for them, but the moral and religious influence of those by whom they were educated had helped to form their character, and would influence their after lives. The rest lay with ourselves. Think of the vast multitudes of the poorer classes of people who never attended any place of worship, never said any prayers, never realized in any way what they were in the world, and therefore their children's only hope was that they might have better instruction in the schools. That was one of the great reasons why they prized the voluntary schools where distinctly religious teaching was given; that was one reason why they regretted that certain schools, where they taught secular subjects very ably and well, but which from circumstances over which they had no control felt themselves prohibited from giving that distinctly religious teaching. No religious teaching was any good that was not definite. The temptation to wrong was definite and it required something equally definite to resist it. It was of vast importance to have the children well and carefully brought up for too often the influences of home operated against the influences of school, and therefore, not infrequently, their schools brought forth no good fruit at all. Still their schools must do what they could, and the more careless parents were the more need for the schools to be definite and distinct in their teaching. Their schools in that parish, for which he had to plead that day, were especially designed to train children for Eternity as well as Time, and to form their character while equipping the mind with stores of knowledge. It was most desirable to make those schools as efficient as possible that the children might be there taught to make the best use of the powers God had given them. He hoped they would provide such funds as were necessary to make the alterations required by the Educational Department to raise the schools to a higher standard of efficiency, and they must remember that there was nothing by which they could do more for their Country or their Church, the parents or the children. than by training the children up in the way of Truth and Holiness, and so fitting them to become honourable citizens here on earth and hereafter Glorified Saints with the Most High.

BROMLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the members of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society was held in the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on January 12th. Mr. Lyne was unanimously voted to the chair, and there was a good attendance of members, including Mr. P. Chase Parr (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Weeks, and Messrs Heath, McArthur, Wheadon, Jordan, Filkins, Barham, Brister, C. Payne, Blackburn, Lee, Manning, McLeod. Neighbour, Stent, Startup, Hopgood, with Mr. C. E. Marks (secretary). The Secretary read the annual report, which, after alluding to the annual show, stated that the balance sheet showed that they were still in need of the earnest support of all who were interested in the cultivation of Autumn flowers. The Committee made an appeal to every member to do what he could in this direction —On the motion of Mr. Filkins, seconded by Mr. Stent, the report was adopted.—The hon treasurer then presented the balance-sheet, which showed a small balance in hand. This, he said, was more satisfactory than last year, when they did not make both ends meet. He expressed regret that the gate money was gradually on the decrease, and urged that to alter this efforts must be made to get a larger show with increased competition.—The balance-sheet was passed.—On the motion of Mr. Filkins, seconded by Mr. Blackburn a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the subscribers, and to the retiring president and vice-presidents for their past services. The election of Officers and the Committee was next proceeded with and on the motion of Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Stent, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., was unanimously re-elected President for the ensuing year and the following were re-elected vice-presidents:—Sir John F. Lennard, Bart., Messrs J. W. Bennett, G A. Drevar, E. A. Hambro, J. Hopkins, G. W. F. Loftus, R. G. Mullen, J. Scott, E. Packe, Dillwyn Parrish, J. H. Taylor, T. W. P. Johnston, and Martin R. Smith—with the addition of Messrs. Scott, sen., G. Charlesworth, H. F. Tiarks, W. Wythes, Whittington, A. C. Norman, R. Collier. and Captain Torrens. Mr. Chase Parr was unanimously re-elected, hon. treasurer, and Mr. C. E. Marks, secretary. On the motion of Mr. Filkins, seconded

by Mr. Blackburn, it was unanimously resolved to abolish the radius limit so that in future it would be an entirely open society to gentlemen, amateurs, gardeners, and others.

BROMLEY NATURALISTS' SOCIETY.

The fourth annual meeting of the Bromley Naturalists' Society took place at the Society's Rooms, the Institute, Widmore-road, on the 11th ult., Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce presiding over a fair attendance of members. Mr. H. Mellon, the hon. sec., presented the annual report which stated that the roll, which has steadily increased year by year, now numbers 112 members, notwithstanding some resignations necessitated by removals from the neighbourhood. The question of increasing the annual subscription having been raised, a special general meeting was held on the 12th December, and a circular was forwarded, prior to the meeting, to each member, who was asked to state to what extent, if any, the subscription should be increased The replies showed that the majority of the members was in favour of a half-guinea subscription, and the special meeting gave effect to this opinion by making the necessary alteration in rule 7. The Committee believe that the alteration will be the means of extending the influence and usefulness of the society, and, from the many expressions of opinion subsequently received they confidently believe that those members who did not vote for the half-guinea subscription will nevertheless cheerfully accept the wishes of the majority. The Treasurer's statement, shows a credit balance of £3 17s. 6d. As, however, there are some outstanding subscriptions, which without doubt, will hereafter be paid, but which are not included in the statement, the actual financial condition of the Society is therefore better than that indicated. The Museum is enriched by a handsome Insect Cabinet, containing a fine collection of British Coleoptera of nearly 4,000 Specimens, and of British Lepidoptera of nearly 2,400 Specimens. This was purchased from a Special Fund raised by the Members, which the President kindly headed with £5. The Committee, in the name of the Society, tender their thanks to the President and to several other Members for their support of the Fund, and for their valuable donations to the Museum and Library. The Library contains 58 volumes, but although strengthened by some new books still needs support, and the Committee would be very glad to receive any works either as gifts or on loan. The Insurance, with the Sun Fire Office for £100, which has been renewed, protects "Printed Books in Trust." This year finer weather favoured the excursions which were better attended and productive of much useful interest. Kew Gardens, Sevenoaks Common, St. Paul's Cray Common, Lullingstone and Eynsford were amongst the places visited. The Committee are glad to report an increased attendance at the Society's Ordinary Meetings. The Papers were prepared with great care, were frequently illustrated by Drawings, Diagrams, and Exhibits, and were much appreciated. The Committee, being of opinion that it might be difficult to secure a sufficient number of fresh Exhibits, decided not to hold an Exhibition this year, but they hope to be able to hold one during the ensuing year. During the year a Special Committee was appointed for the purpose of drawing up Lists of the Flora and Fauna of the neighbourhood. Satisfactory progress has already been made.—The President subsequently addressed the meeting and the officers for the year were elected.

BROMLEY HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL. — The Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital and Dispensary for Bromley and District, of which Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., is president, is a most unostentatious but eminently useful institution, as is easily seen by the fact that during 1892, 72 patients were treated within its walls, 1,252 visits were paid to patients at their own homes and 1,664 attendances at the Dispensary were registered In all probability it was the knowledge of this fact which occasioned such a crowded house at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when a grand musical entertaiment under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman Stuart Knill), was given in aid of the funds of the institution. A long and varied programme had been arranged and a bevy of talented artistes engaged for its performance. The entertainment was opened with a madrigal "Come let us join the Roundelay" (*Beale*) by the Unity vocal quartette: Mr. Munro Davison, Mr. J. H. Müllerhausen, Mr. W. H. Wheeler, and Mr. W. Sycklemore, which was well rendered and then Miss Rose Alba sang "Dreams of the Past" (*A. Rossiter*) with a sweetness and expression that was greatly appreciated and loudly applauded. Mr. Ernest Aylmer (of the Royal English Opera) then played a violin solo: "Mazourka" (*Larzzeki*), his skilful manipulation being finely marked and much appreciated. "Out on the Deep" (*Löhr*), a song by Mr. Alexander Tucker found general favour and received its due mead of acknowledgment. The next item on the programme was a performance on the silver handbells, by Mr. R. B. Hopkins, Royal Campanologist, followed by a humourous song by Mr. Fred Cozens "Ladies in Parliament" (*Selwyn*), which was encored and Mr. Cozens responded with "The Baby not the Bicycle" and with that Part I was concluded. After a brief interval the second part was opened with the part song: "The Image of the Rose" (*Reichard*) by the Unity vocal quartette, Mr. J. H. Müllerhausen sustaining the solo. This was a very excellent performance and much applauded. Miss Rose Alba then gave an exquisite and faultless rendering of the difficult valse arietta "The Lark Song" (*Gounod*), for which she was recalled. Mr. Ernest Aylmer also contributed another excellent violin solo: "Legende" (*Wieniawski*), and he, too, was recalled. Mr. Alexander Tucker followed with the humorous song "Admiral Tom" (*Hastings*), and in response to a persistent encore he gave another humourous ditty "Fa la la." Mr. R. B. Hopkins then gave a solo "Love's Golden Dream" on the silver bells in his former inimitable style, and in response to an encore he gave the "The Lost Chord." For both efforts he was loudly applauded. After a pleasing rendering of the vocal duet "Love and War" (*Cooke*) by Mr. J. H. Müllerhausen and Mr. Alexander Tucker, Miss Jeanie Rankin sang "The Three Fishers" (*Hullah*) with sympathetic and graceful expression, for which she secured a recall. Mr. Fred Cozens came next with his humourous song "Matrimonial Differences" (*Harraden*), and, after he had satisfied an encore that would brook no denial, the entertainment was brought to a close by a vocal quartette with two items (a) "The Three Chafers" (*Trühn*) and (b) "The National Anthem." To those who had interested themselves in promoting the entertainment the eminently successful result of their labours could not fail to bring satisfaction and those who assisted only in the audience had the double satisfaction of knowing not only that they had expended their money for a good object, but that they had had good money's worth.

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THE PAST MONTH.

The milder weather which has succeeded the severe frost of the early part of the month has brought a return of that obscure disease, Influenza. It had been anticipated that in accordance with precedent our country would this winter have been free of the scourge with which it has been afflicted during the last two years, though it was feared that the malady would only, as it were, make room for the still more dreaded Asiatic Cholera, which is even now appearing spasmodically upon the continent. There is still reason to fear that unless every precaution is adopted the cholera may in the summer get a footing upon our shores. It is therefore satisfactory to note that the local sanitary authorities are still pursuing measures and calling upon owners to repair or pull down habitations likely to prove favourable to the propagation of disease germs. That there is still room for their efforts was evidenced at the last meeting of the Bromley Local Board, when it was stated that in a block of cottages—which, to make matters worse, belonged to a parish—there was only sufficient air-space in each sleeping room for one adult and one child while several of them were occupied by four or five inmates, and that in addition to this there were only two w.c.'s for the whole six houses.

Mr. W. S. Simmons, who has for years been waging war against the assessment of the Cray district under the West Kent Main Sewerage Acts, has at length had the satisfaction of seeing his contention—in its legal aspect at any rate—completely upheld by the Local Government Board. Mr. Simmons' struggle has been with the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority, who, though they have not the spending of the money themselves, are the rating authority for sewerage purposes. The ground of contention has been the system of assessing the rate, Mr. Simmons maintaining that the basis should be the degree of benefit which every parish receives from the joint sewer, while the practice of the Board has been to make the parishes pay in proportion to their rateable value. Hitherto the Sanitary Authority have affected to treat Mr. Simmons' arguments with a certain want of respect. Having now been proved to be in the wrong, they will be well advised if they think seriously before trying to cover their mistake with a Provisional Order.

There are doubtless some advantages in the practice so largely adopted in this district of appointing the same clerk to a large number of different Public Boards. But few of the local authorities are of sufficient importance to engage the whole time and attention of its clerk, and by the engagement of gentlemen who devote themselves entirely to this class of work, it may be reasonably supposed that the services of clerks thoroughly conversant with their duties are obtained. It is also from time to time a convenience for an authority to be intimately acquainted with the doings of a neighbouring authority, as is the case when the office of clerk to two Boards i filled by one and the same individual. There are, however, considerable inconveniences attending a plurality of offices, as was illustrated at a recent meeting of the Beckenham School Board, when a member drew attention to three alleged cases of the spreading of scarlet fever by children who were returned as cured from the Infectious Hospital, and proposed to pass a resolution censuring the Hospital Authority. The Clerk to the School Board chances to be the Clerk to the Hospital Board, and his position, therefore, was somewhat awkward. There seems no reason why now that some of the localities have so increased in importance, they should not possess a clerk to themselves, and it is probable that the District Councils Bill, when it becomes law, will, by consolidating many of the smaller authorities, remove the possibility of the recurrence of similar difficulties.

Two lamentable accidents on the line have occurred within the last month, by which the lives of two men in their prime have been lost to their families and the community. The deaths were the more regrettable as they were due to nothing but the men's own carelessness. In each case the men were railway employés' and therefore necessarily acquainted with "the rule of the road." Both men, in defiance of this rule and common sense, chose to walk upon the line with their back to the approach of danger, and fell victims to their own rashness.

DIARY FOR JANUARY.

Dec.
29th—Dinner at West Street Iron Room, in connection with Bromley District Liberal Association, in honour of Mr. Gladstone's birthday.
30th—Banquet at Lullingstone Castle to celebrate coming of age of Mr. Percyvall Hart-Dyke.
,, —Vestry meeting at Chislehurst, when a site on the Common for new fire engine house was approved.
31st—Inquest at Cudham on man named George Parker, found dead in a cowhouse, after a fight at the "Black Horse," on Boxing Day.

Jan.
2nd—Bromley Primitive Methodists' "New Year's Effort" Bazaar, on behalf of Debt fund.
,, —Dramatic Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley: "Nine points of the Law," and "Old Gooseberry."
3rd—New Years Tree and Entertainment to Women's Class and Mothers' Meeting in connection with Bromley Congregational Church.
,, —Application at Croydon County Court in action: Beckenham Local Board *v.* Lewisham Board of Works. Hearing adjourned for two months.
,, —Messrs. Arthur Hinton and Norman Alston's second Evening Concert, at Beckenham Public Hall.
,, —Performance by Albemarle Dramatic Club, at Beckenham Public Hall "Still waters run deep," and "The Steeple-chase."
4th—Beckenham Conservative Club Smoking Concert.
,, —Beckenham Abstainers' Union "Social Evening," at Public Hall. Performance by Brixton Trinity Band of Hope Union.
,, —Annual Audit of Bromley School Board books and accounts.
5th—Musical Entertainment at St. John's Parish Room, Bromley, in aid of St. John's Church Improvement Fund.
6th—Twelfth Night Fête for Children, at Beckenham Public Hall. Proceeds for "Ministering Children's League."
,, —Lecture at Widmore Wesleyan Chapel by Mr. Manger, on a "Trip to Jericho."
,, —Entertainment to the inmates of Bromley Union Workhouse arranged by the Matron and Mr. R. L. Gore.
9th—Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, for Sunday School Fund arranged by Mrs. Green.
,, —Meeting at Bromley Drill Hall, to approve the candidature of Messrs. Neal, Pellett, and Wippell, for the Plaistow Burial Board.
,, —Concert at Village Hall, Orpington, in aid of building fund of St. Mary Cray Library.
10th—Concert at Bromley Town Hall, in aid of the funds of the Waifs and Strays Society.
11th—Annual meeting of the Bromley Naturalists' Society, at Literary Institute, Mr. Justice Bruce, presiding.
12th—Recital by Senor Sarasate at Beckenham Public Hall.
,, —Annual Meeting of Bromley District Chrysanthemum Society.
,, —Inquest at Beckenham Public Offices on Alexander Mackay accidentally killed at Shortlands Station.
13th—Vestry meeting of the ratepayers of St. Mary's Parish, Plaistow, to elect three members for the Plaistow Burial Board, when Messrs. Deacon, Matthews, and Whyte, were returned, but a poll was demanded.
,, —Lecture by Rev. W. J. Mayers at Bromley Grand Hall, on "How I travelled 40,000 miles on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Home."
,, —Meeting at Bromley Lodge in connection with the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League, when a lecture was given by Mr. Wallis on "Free Trade and Protection."
14th—Chess Match at Beckenham Public Hall, between Mr. Blackburne, blindfolded, and seven local players.
16th—Annual Meeting of Bromley Common Temperance Society at Baptist Church, Gravel Road.
,, —Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, by the "Blackbird Minstrel Troupe."
16th—Evening Parochial party at Widmore National Schools, given by the vicar.
17th—Soirée of Bromley Temperance Society at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.
,, —Annual Christmas Entertainment at the Phillips Memorial Hospital, Bromley.
18th—Annual Ball of A Troop of West Kent Yeomanry at Bromley Grand Hall.
,, —Election of three members of Plaistow Burial Board, when Messrs. Neal, Pellett and Wippell were returned.
19th—Mr. Harry Furniss' gave his illustrated lecture "The Humours of Parliament" at the Beckenham Public Hall.
,, —Evening Concert at Bromley Grand Hall, in aid of the funds of the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital.
,, —Presentation of an illuminated address and a cheque for £152 to Ex-inspector Bonney, at the "Black Horse," Sidcup.
20th—Opening Technical Education Lecture, at Village Hall, Chislehurst, on "Health at Home," by by Mr. T. M. Legge, M.A., M.B.
,, —Annual Meeting and Tea of the Beckenham Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at the Public Hall.
21st—Seventeenth Annual Meeting of Bromley Association of Teachers at the Valley Board Schools, Bromley.
,, —Football Match—Cray Wanderers v. Bromley, played at St. Mary Cray, and won by Cray Wanderers by seven goals to two.
22nd—Sermon at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow by the Dean of St. Paul's on behalf of the National Schools Fund.
23rd—Concert at Bromley Common National Schools on behalf of Village Hall Fund.
,, —Commencement of Technical Education Cookery Classes, at Bromley.
24th—Commencement of Technical Education French Classes, at Bromley Science and Art School.
,, —Gymnastic Display at Widmore National Schools, by the Widmore Gymnasium Club.
,, —Opening lecture of the Session of the Bromley University Extension Association, Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh on "The Renaissance in England and Italy."
,, —Opening lecture of the session of the Beckenham branch University Extension Association, Prof. W. Hall Griffin, B.A., on "Robert Browning in Italy."
25th—Inquest on Stephen Wiles, killed on the L. C. & D. Railway, at Bromley.
,, —Evening Concert at Bromley Baptist Schoolroom.

OBITUARY.

We much regret to have to record the death of another Bromley resident, Mr. Thomas Adams Phillips, of South Hill House, who died on Saturday morning last, January 28th, after only four days illness. Mr. Phillips attended at his office as usual on Monday, January 23rd, and started to go there on Tuesday, but called to see his medical adviser (Dr. Playfair) before leaving for town, who told him to return home at once. This was the last time he was out and from Tuesday evening he hovered between life and death until he passed calmly away on Saturday morning from inflammation of the lungs. Mr. Phillips was well known in Bromley by his earnest exertions in many good works. As secretary of the Bromley Charitable Society he was a fellow worker with those who seek to relieve the bodily wants of their poorer townsmen; while as conductor of the St. Mark's Men's Bible Class and the Masons Hill Children's Service he sought to make known to others the spiritual happiness he had early experienced. Before coming to Bromley nine or ten years ago he was a hard working Sunday school teacher for some twenty-five years under the late Rev. Daniel Wilson, vicar of Islington, and only in the February number of the Church Sunday School Magazine just issued, but which we believe he never saw, we find the following in an article entitled "What the Institute has done for Church Sunday Schools." "In London, Islington has the honour of being the first Sunday School Association which was connected with the Church of England Sunday School Institute and it was founded in 1857.

The idea originated with Mr. T. Adams Phillips, who was then a member of the Committee of the Islington Branch of the Church of England Young Men's Society." Besides these good works, he was a member of several of the committees of the local charities such as the Cottage Hospital, the Parochial Schools, &c., and his loss will be much felt by all his fellow workers, to whom he had endeared himself by his amiability and constant readiness to lend a helping hand whenever he could Sad as it is to lose such men from among us, it is pleasant to hear the universal testimony borne to his sterling character and worth. Of the private life it is not within our province to say much, but we may say that his greatest happiness was found in his own family circle, where he was a loving husband, a fond but wise father and steadfast friend. Mr. Phillips was senior partner in the firm of solicitors, Messrs. Reyroux, Phillips and Golding, of Cannon-street. The funeral is to take place on Friday next and the first part of the service will be at the parish church. Sympathetic references to the death of Mr. Phillips were made both at the Parish Church by the Vicar and at St. Mark's by the Rev. F. Haslam and by the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, on Sunday, January 29th, and at a C.E.T.S. meeting on the following evening, Mr. W. Hicks also made sad allusion to the loss the parish had sustained.

DEATH OF MISS M. C. ILOTT.—The funeral of Miss Mary Catherine Ilott, of "Beechfield," Widmore-road, Bromley, who died on the 4th ult., took place on the 7th ult. The funeral *cortège* left the late residence of deceased. the house of her brother Mr. J. W. Ilott, shortly before three o'clock, and consisted of a funeral car and four carriages, and proceeded to the Bromley Parish Churchyard, where the last rites were solemnized by the vicar, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, The mourners were Mr. J.W. Ilott, Dr.H.J. Ilott. Mrs. Ilott, and the Misses Ilott, with several relatives. A number of beautiful wreaths by which the coffin was completely covered, were sent by many sorrowing relatives and friends. The coffin as of polished oak, with brass fittings, and bore the inscription "Mary Catherine Ilott, died 4th January, 1893, aged 75 years."

DEATH OF MR. HENRY DOUGLAS.—The funeral of the late Mr. Henry Douglas, of Hayes-lane, Masons-hill, Bromley, who died quite suddenly on the 9th ult., took place in the pretty little churchyard of Hayes, on the 13th ult. The chief mourners were the widow and daughters of the deceased, who were accompanied by a large number of relatives; while among the local friends of the family were Mr. Kent, Mr. Dodgson, and Dr. Chatterton. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. G. Clowes, rector of Hayes, assisted by the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common. A large number of beautiful wreaths were sent, and bore witness to the affection and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held.—With the sanction of the family of the deceased gentleman, an appeal has been made to the congregation of St. Luke's Church to carve the pulpit of that church in his memory.

DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL CONYBEARE.—We regret to announce the death of Major-General F. Conybeare, of Heronden, Shortlands, (fifth son of the late Very Rev. W. D. Conybeare, Dean of Landaff), who joined the Bombay Artillery in 1844 and retired as a colonel in 1872, being at the same time granted the rank of major-general. He died at Shortlands on the 31st Dec., aged 67.

A grand bazaar is announced to be held at the Bromley Drill Hall on March 14th and two following days on behalf of the new Sunday Schools in connection with the Bromley Wesleyan Church. The old schools have for some time been found inadequate to accommodate the children attending the schools.

VISIT OF SIR CHARLES AND LADY HALLE.—We call attention to the forthcoming visit of Sir Charles and Lady Hallé (Madame Norman Neruda) on Friday next, February 3rd, to Bromley Grand Hall. This is, we believe, the first time either of these distinguished musicians have given the inhabitants of Bromley and the neighboourhood an opportunity of attending one of their famous pianoforte and violin recitals at their own doors. Tickets may be obtained at the usual places, and further particulars may be learnt from our advertising pages.

UNITED GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MISSION.—Arrangements have been made for holding an United Gospel Temperance Mission at the Bromley Drill Hall during the week Feb. 19th to Feb. 25th inclusive. Most of the local Temperance organisations are represented upon the Council by which the mission is promoted. The Council has secured the services, as chief missioner, of Mr. John G. Woolley, barrister-at-law, of Minnesota, U. S. A., who is fully accredited by such well-known Christian workers as Lady Henry Somerset, Miss Frances E. Willard, Mr. D. L. Moody, and Dr. T. Pierson. Mr. Woolley has been most successsul in missions he has conducted both in America and England. The chairman of the Council is Mr. William Green, Moorlands, Bickley, the treasurer, Mr. William Hicks, of Plaistow Hall, and hon. sec. Mr. T. C. Coombes of 14, Hope Park.

BROMLEY SERVANTS' HOME.—A very successful evening concert was given on the 27th ult. at the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom on behalf of the Servants' Home, Ebberlee House, West-street, which we believe was formerly known as the Working Girls' Club. The programme was an excellent one and among the soloists were Miss Katie Thomas (of R.A.M.) a double prize winner at the National Eisteddfod, Miss Florence Croucher, Mr. Robert Bradbury, Miss Emily Durbridge (harp), Mr. Norman Bath (violin), and Miss Lena Comyns (piano). The room was well filled by an appreciative audience. We understand that a substantial sum was realised for the funds of this deserving institution.

PAROCHIAL PARTY AT WIDMORE.—On the 16th ult., at the kind invitation of the Vicar of Bickley, the Rev. R. Wood, and Mrs. Wood, some 200 of the Widmore folk attended an evening party at the National Schools, Tylney-road. At seven o'clock the company sat down to a most appetizing tea, after which the guests gathered in rather increased numbers in the large Infant School, where a most interesting and amusing programme was gone through. Messrs. C. and P. Wood gave a song in character "Jarge's Jubilee" (Corney Grain), which was applauded to the echo; Miss Mabel Reaney contributed an excellent violin solo, "Un soira Postici Tarantella" (Papini); Miss Cape also gave a song "When the heart is young," responding to an enthusiastic encore with "Fettered." The chief feature of the evening, however, was the performance of an original piece, entitled "The Misletoe's Advice," in which the characters were taken by Mr. C. F. Wood, Mr. P. Wood, Miss D. Wood, Miss H. Wood, Miss M. Wood and Miss F. Wood. The make-up and the play were exceedingly clever, and the performance reflected the greatest credit both upon the authoress and those who took part. Altogether the whole evening was of a most enjoyable character, and at the conclusion of the programme hearty cheers were given for the Vicar, Mrs. Wood and family. The Vicar, in acknowledging the demonstration, said his one regret was that they did not see more of each other.

COOKERY CLASSES.—The Bromley Local Board have arranged for a course of twelve lessons in cookery, to be given at the Valley Schools, on Monday evenings, at half-past seven o'clock—commenced on January 23rd; and, also, at the Raglan-road Schools, on Wednesday evenings, at the same hour—commenced January 25th. The fee for the whole course is one shilling

FRENCH CLASSES.—The Bromley Local Board have arranged for Mons. F. Goujon, B. ès Sc., to hold French classes at the School of Science and Art, Tweedy-road, on Tuesday and Friday evenings—commenced January 24th. Fee for the term of 12 weeks 5s., special fee of 2s. and 6d. for pupils of elementary schools.

and in addition to most of the principal tradesmen of Bromley, there were several members of the other troops. The band, which was that of the regiment, was all that could be desired and the floor the same.

MR. JUSTICE GAINSFORD BRUCE ON FREE LIBRARIES.—There was a large attendance on the 16th ult., at the premises of the Holborn Public Free Library, 10, John-street, Bedford-row, upon the occasion of the formal opening of the institution by Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce.—Mr. Solomon Jacobs, the chairman of the local library commissioners, presided, and, in detailing the history of the establishment of the library, stated that the building was purchased for £2,100, and to meet this and the expenses of alteration, lighting, &c., £3,000 was borrowed from the Local Government Board. The repayment of this sum was spread over a period of 30 years. Four hundred and seventy pounds had been expended in purchasing 3,461 books, and 847 volumes had been presented, so that there was a total of 4,308 books in stock.—Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce, who was warmly received, said that he had great pleasure in opening the library. It might be said, of course, that literature was now very cheap, and was in the reach of almost all—that some of the very best literature in our language, a play of our greatest poet, could be purchased for less than the price of half a pint of beer, so that if a man would, he could get for a very small sum of money a great deal of our best literature to read at home. It was not always right, however, to consider what a man might do if he had the will, and sometimes it was wiser to persuade a man to do what he would not otherwise think of doing or have the energy to do. There were plenty of people in the world persuading men to do what they were not likely to do of themselves unless they were helped. In such an institution as that temptations were certainly put in men's way to come in and read literature. It might be said that reading was not necessarily education, and that a man might read and not be very much the better for it. No doubt a great part of education was that a man should well use the knowledge he had. The American poet said, "I have got a middling tight grip of the handful of things I know," and the man who had a middling tight grip of a handful of things was probably a more useful man than one who could not use the things he knew. It was not the man who was best armed who fought the best, but the man who knew how to use the weapons; and the man who knew a little and knew how to use it, was better than the man who knew a great deal but could not use it. Of course there were good books and bad books, but the same might be said of almost everything. No doubt there was literature some of which was degrading, and some of a base and abominable character, and no man's time could be worse spent than in reading a bad book and poisoning the mind; but, on the other hand, the great bulk of literature was healthful, and it would be unwise to say to a man that he should never eat food because some was unwholesome and poisonous. He declared the library open. (Cheers.) The Chairman presented Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce with a copy of the catalogue of the library, and his lordship promised to contribute some books.

A VILLAGE HALL FOR BROMLEY COMMON.—A grand evening concert was given in the National School-room, connected with Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common, on the 23rd ult, in aid of the fund for the provision of a Village Hall for Bromley Common, the need of which was again demonstrated by the overcrowded audience which assembled. A capital programme had been arranged, and was successfully gone through, the humourous element considerably predominating. A plantation song "De ole Banjo" (*Gatty*), by Mr. C. Wood and a chorus, opened the proceedings. Miss Buchanan contributed two songs, "Kathleen Mavourneen," and "The Island of Dreams" (*Stephen Adams*), for both of which efforts she received an ovation. Mr. R. Norman gave two pianoforte solos, "La Charme" (*Le Thière*), and "Bourrée" (*Cotsford Dick*), in excellent style, and the same gentleman also played a number of accompaniments during the evening. Mr. Percy Wood gave two baritone solos, "Down among the Dead Men," and "Drink to me only with thine eyes." for the last-named of which he received an encore. Mr. Archibald Norman gave an excellent recitation, "A flight of memory," and also, in response to a most emphatic encore, gave "On the Beach." Miss Norman also gave two recitations, the first being "The story of a Splendid Silence" (*Nesbit*), and the second, "The Alarm," for both of which she received a well-deserved round of applause. Another lady artiste was Mrs. Taylor, who came to the front with two songs, "Sleep, my Love, Sleep" (*Sullivan*), and the ever-popular "Love's old sweet Song." Mr. C. Wood gave a comic song, "Umbrella Courtship," for which he received a most emphatic encore, responding with a recitation "A Hindoo Legend"; The "Vicar of Bray" was sung by Mr. Taylor. Three comic songs all from the pen of the well-known artiste *Albert Chevalier*, "The Coster's Serenade," "Wot Cher," more popularly known as "Knocked 'em in the Old Kent Road," and "The future Mrs. 'Awkins," were sung by Mr. Edelmann, for each of which he received an encore, and responded to the two last named by "The nasty way he sez it," and "I should like to be a soldier" respectively. Before the singing of the last song, the Vicar, Rev F. W. Haines, said that for a long time they had thought of getting a larger and more commodious place in which to hold similar and other meetings in. The present school building had been a nice enough structure in its day, but it had become antiquated, and they greatly felt the need of more comfortable accommodation. This thought had been running in their minds for some time, but he felt that it was going to be put through now. On behalf of the Committee—which did not yet exist, but which would be formed in the near future—he thanked those present for the help rendered by their presence.—A subscription list has been formed, towards the fund, which, up to the date of the concert, amounted to £11—the proceeds of a "Rummage Sale," held about a fortnight ago.

BROMLEY COMMON PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The annual Tea and Sale of Work, held in the School room, on Monday, Jan 2nd, the proceeds of which went towards the renovation of the premises, and also towards extinction of the debt were very successful. During the year £50 had been by other means paid off the principal. In connection with this effort, unstinted praise is especially due to Mesdames Morley, Bloomfield, and Santer, who for some months have worked hard in collecting money and materials, and also in making articles and selling the same at the weekly sewing meetings. The principal stall at the sale was presided over by Mesdames Santer, Bloomfield, and Morley, and realized £20; the fruit and refreshment stall, Messrs. Morley and Bartholomew, produced £1 5s.; fishing pool, Messrs. Higham, Lenaway, and Freeman, £3 16s, 6d.; bran tub, Mr. and Mrs. Herrett, £1 15s.; fine art and curiosity shop, Messrs. Brown and Bloomfield, 12s. 6d.; the social teas brought in £11 10s., the collecting books £9 12s. 6d., New Year's teas £3 4s., the

donations and collections amounted to £3 0s. 6d. A lecture by the Rev. G. B. Gleghorn added £1. The total proceeds being £55 16s. or £7 10s. more than last year United efforts are about to be put forth for the erection of a new chapel, from designs by Mr. J. Weir, F.R.I.B.A., Victoria-street, S.W.

Widmore Gymnasium Club.—The member of the Widmore Gymnasium Club gave their annual gymnastic exhibition at the School-room, on the 24th ult., a very good attendance being present. Mr. Unwin, of London, the instructor to the Club, conducted the various exercises, and Mr. Day presided at the piano during several of the movements. Prior to the performance of the last exercise (the maze), the Rev. G. S. Reaney made a few remarks relative to the work of the Club. The gymnasium, he said, which met in the room twice weekly, on Tuesdays for instruction, and on Fridays for practice, was practically confined to residents in Widmore. They had quite recently been affiliated with the Physical Recreation Society, and had been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Unwin, who came from London in order to instruct the boys, and the perfection to which he had brought them had been manifest that evening. They had all seen how that a number of the performers that evening had done very well indeed, and bid fair to become very good athletes. The proceeds of that evening's entertainment would go towards a fund for providing medals to be awarded at a competition to be held shortly after Easter. He then spoke of one of the gymnasts, a little lad of not more than nine or ten years, who had won a medal at the last competition, and went on to speak of the beneficial results which were attained by the regular use of the gymnasium, adding that it only required pluck and regular attendance to make them all good athletes.

The "Degree of Benefit" Question.—At a meeting of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board the Clerk then read the following letter from the Local Government Board on a matter which has for so long been agitated by Mr. W. S. Simmons:—Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to the appeal of Mr. W. S. Simmons against the allowance of the District Auditor of the sum of £2,506 charged in the accounts of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Bromley Union, for the half-year ended at Michaelmas 1889, in respect of payments made by them in compliance with a precept of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board. The Board observe that the Main Sewerage Board are unwilling to act on the suggestion made by the Board as to the appointment of a referee under section 80 of the West Kent Main Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 1879, to determine the degree in which the districts of the several Constituent Authorities is or will be benefited by the execution and maintenance of the sewers of the Main Sewerage Board. It appears that the Main Sewerage Board desire to continue to apportion the contributions amongst the constituent authorities according to rateable value. The Board direct me to point out that as the West Kent Main Sewerage Acts now stand the contributions must be apportioned according to the degree in which the constituent authorities benefit by the works. It seems to the Board that the matter cannot be left in its present state and that if the Main Sewerage Board desire to continue the present mode of apportionment they should apply for a provisional order under section 303 of the Public Health Act, which is rendered applicable by article 7 of the provisional order of 1886, to alter the Acts so as to legally authorise the rating and contributions according to the rateable value of the district. I am, therefore, to request that the matter may again be brought before the Main Sewerage Board and that the Board may be informed of the result.—I am, &c. (signed),

S. A. Provis,
Assistant Secretary.

23rd December, 1892.

The Committee recommended that the necessary steps be taken to apply for a Provisional Order.

Cycling Club Cinderella Dance.—On the 11th ult., at the "White Hart," Assembly Rooms, the Bromley Cycling Club gave a most successful Cinderella Dance. The room was prettily decorated with the colours of the Club and two bicycles were placed on the stage as emblematical of the club. About 50 ladies and gentlemen were present and Mr. Walter Hopton proved a most efficient M.C., in piloting them through the intricacies of the dances to the strains of Mr. G. Bradbury's band. Mr. T. Green was the secretary of the Dance Committee and to him is due the success of the venture which will, we learn, place a small balance to the credit of the club.

Musical Graduates Banquet.—The second annual banquet of graduates in music of the university of Durham took place at the Criterion Restaurant, London, on Thursday evening, January 12th, when the chair was occupied by Dr. Armes, organist of Durham Cathedral, and the vice-chair by the organist of Bromley Parish Church. Mr. Burritt Lane proposed the toast of the examiners in the faculty of music, which was responded to by Dr. Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey; and the health of Mr. Burritt Lane was afterwards drunk, on the proposal of Sir John Stainer, with thanks for his services as hon. secretary in organising the gathering. There was a large attendance of graduates, many of whom had travelled long distances to be present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Waifs and Strays Society.—A grand evening concert was given in the Town Hall, Bromley, on the 10th ult., in aid of the "Waifs and Strays" Society, and there was a very large and fashionable audience. The performers included Master Ranson, of the Chapel Royal, whose exquisite voice has so often delighted the Bromley audiences, and who sang "Cherry Ripe," *Horn*, and afterwards took part with Master Kenneth Swan in the duett "I know a bank," being re called each time. Master Willie Scott, a talented young pianist of nine or ten years of age, also took a very prominent part in the programme. His first effort was a solo "Album Leaf," (Nos. 1 and 2,) *Kirchner*, and the second another solo "La Caprice," *Sterndale Bennett*; for both of which he was encored, to which he responded with a piece from memory. Master Scott also took part in a pianoforte duet with Master Kenneth Swan, "Tannhäuser March," *Wagner*, and shared the work of accompanist with Miss Stringer. Mr. Coleby sang two songs "Thoughts and Tears," *Hope Temple*, and "On the banks of Loch Lomond," *Lawson*, in excellent style, being loudly applauded; and Mrs. Chatterton gave a splendid exposition of the song "The Gift," *Behrend*. Mrs. Chambers, whose elocutional powers are so well-known and appreciated in the neighbourhood, gave two recitations, "Poor Robin," and "Lady Teazel," receiving for the latter an encore, to which she responded with "The Inventor's Wife." Miss Hilda Swan also gave *Mark Twain's* humorous recitation 'Whitewashing the Fence,' for which she received an ovation. The other items on the programme were a trio (violins and piano) "Golden Sonata," *Purcell*, by Mr. Bath, Miss A. Swan and Miss Stringer; a violin solo

"Rhapsodie Hongroise," (encored) by Mr. Norman Bath, and a piano solo "Polka de la Reine," *Raff*, by Miss Stringer. Ten pounds was handed to the Society as the result of the entertainment.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOME.—On the 13th ult. there was a very large assembly at the Grand Hall, Bromley, to hear a lecture by the Rev. W. J. Mayers, entitled: "How I travelled 40,000 miles on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Home." Mr. Theodore Howard occupied the chair, and after a hymn had been sung and a prayer offered by Mr. M. H. Hodder, made a few introductory remarks. He had known Dr. Barnardo, he said, 30 years ago—long before he had known that it was his "call" to rescue the waifs and strays of London. He had watched the movement every step of the way until his work had come to be what it was to-day. When they came to think of the number of children who had passed through Dr. Barnardo's hands, they thanked God for the wonderful work, but they must not forget that at the same time there were thousands upon thousands starving—body and soul—for the want of such a he ping hand. Mr. Howard then concluded by introducing the lecturer to the audience.—The Rev. W. J. Mayers, after a few preliminary remarks, said that he knew many persons in Bromley not only took a deep interest in Dr. Barnardo's work, but had shown and manifested that interest in a very practical manner. He thought he was right in saying that Bromley was one of the first places to show sympathy with the movement and give substantial help, and as the population had multiplied so had their gifts multiplied also. That night he wanted them to surpass themselves if that were possible. (Laughter.) He wanted them to show their continued sympathy with the work for the work's sake, for the Master's sake, and for the little children's sakes. (Applause.) They now numbered some 5000 all told which he thought was the largest family of the kind in any one institution in the world. Daily, nightly,—almost hourly—they were receiving children, and funds were ever needed. He had collected some £10,000 for the Homes during his travels in the Colonies but it was now all spent and more must be found if the work could proceed. Mr. Mayers then gave a dissolving view lecture on his tour through Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, relating many incidents in connection with his work and giving views of the principal places of note.—The lecture was also much enlivened by some music by six boys, from the Homes, who gave excellent performances on the hand bells, and xylophones. —A charge of one shilling was made for admission to the Hall and a collection was taken prior to the breaking up of the meeting and we learn that after all liabilities were discharged, a sum of about £24 remains for the benefit of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

SWANLEY HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE.—At a meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority, on the 6th ult., Sir John Lennard in the chair, the Clerk reported that he had advertised the vacancy for a pupil at the College for the district but had received no nominations.—The Chairman said he should like to say a few words in favour of the College. There were some who thought the institution was of no use, but this was a great mistake. Alderman Chambers had said that before he was appointed a member of the committee of the school he had so regarded it, but since being on the committee he had entirely reversed his opinion, and he was now one of its best supporters. Some had spoken adversely of the College because the young men who went there were obliged to carry the coals necessary in the work and such like; and as to this he might say that it was of no use young men going there and expecting to be waited on in every little matter. They must do as Alderman Chambers told them at the recent prize distribution, "take the rough with the smooth" and if they did that there was every opportunity for them to become good gardeners. Members of the Authority could with perfect confidence recommend the institution to any young man whom they knew as desirous of being a gardener. Major Craven, who was connected with the Board of Agriculture, was anxious to make the College the centre of horticulture, as distinct from agricultural instruction in the country, and such a result would be a very excellent thing for Kent.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BROMLEY WORKHOUSE.—On Friday, January 6th, an entertainment arranged by Mrs. Grimsey, the Matron of the Workhouse, and Mr. R. L. Gore was given to the inmates of the Bromley Union Workhouse at Locksbottom, and proved a most successful affair, the proceedings lasting from seven o'clock until eleven. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion. A lengthy programme of pianoforte solos, songs, recitations and reading was admirably rendered by Mr. R. L. Gore, the Misses Gore, Dr. Shannon, Mr. T. Green, Miss Nellie Grimsey, Miss Gedney, Mr. Charles Green, Mrs. Green, Mr. Holding, and others. Between each item on the programme a dance was indulged in to the evident delight of old and young alike. A capital miscellaneous entertainment was also gone through by the officers of the institution in fancy dress and proved most amusing, the gentlemen being robed in ladies' attire and *vice versa*. Tobacco and refreshments were given to the male inmates, and oranges and apples to the children, and for the latter Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dickins also brought some sweets. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

WEST KENT YEOMANRY BALL.—On the 18th ult., there was a brilliant assembly at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on the occasion of the Annual Ball of the "A" troop of the West Kent Yeomanry. The hall was most tastefully decorated under the supervision of Mr. G. Pyrke, and by the aid of a plentitude of bunting, and mirrors placed at intervals, with lounges and settees, the room was made quite a *grande salon*. On the rails of the gallery the arms of the troop were grouped, each group, of which there were five, being surmounted by a busby. On either side of the stage, but on the floor of the hall, were the dressing rooms with equipments all complete, and the stage itself was converted into a supper room and by dint of having three long tables and a horseshoe table at the end, the party of fully 200 were all seated to supper at one and the same time. This part of the arrangements, too, was excellent and the supper-room with its lights, the shimmer of glass and silver and the gay chatter of those at supper produced an effect almost unique in the history of the hall. Capt. Hills was "in command"

COMING OF AGE OF MR. PERCYVALL HART-DYKE.—On December 30th, the coming of age of Mr. Percyvall Hart-Dyke, son of Sir William Hart-Dyke, M.P., was celebrated by the tenantry on the estate, together with several of Sir William's personal friends, at Lullingstone Castle. A banquet was provided by Sir William and Lady Emily Dyke; about a hundred guests were present. Sir William Hart-Dyke presided, and was supported by the Earl of Sandwich, Mr. Percyvall Hart-Dyke—the hero of the feast—Messrs. R. B. Berens, Russell, Fitch-Kemp, Quallett, A. T. Waring, W. Jackson and William May. Among the other guests were Messrs. H. B. Howard, E. B. Hadley (Sussex), J. Wood, T. Wood, G. Harlow, F. Goodyear, N. T. H. Wood, H. Wood, D. and G. Langlans Redman, W. Vinson, junr., I. Bath W. and J. Bowen, W. Cook, W. and J. Everist E. Hodsoll, S. W. Gibson, J. Hutton, J. H.

Munn, E. D. Till, T. Aldsworth, A. P. Waring, E. Vinson, Clifton, Clements, Odd, Vaughan, Simmonds, Smith, Townend, Floreman, Crowhurst, Lee. The first presentation of the evening to Mr. P. Dyke was made by Mr. H. Goodyear, on behalf of the tenants, of 25 volumes of the Encylopædia Brittannica, handsomely bound in leather, with the Dyke monogram on each volume. Then the hon. secretary (Mr. H. N. Wood), in a few suitable remarks, presented and read the illuminated address. This was executed in very handsome design, and was massively bound in an oak frame. Mr. P. Hart-Dyke, in thanking the tenants for their magnificent present said their interests would always be close to his heart. "The Health and Prosperity of the Tenants on the Lullingstone Estate," proposed by Sir William Hart-Dyke, was responded to by Mr. G. Harlow. Mr. John Wood proposed "The Health of Sir William Hart-Dyke," and Mr. E. Vinson "The Health of Lady Emily Dyke." The latter, referred to the absence of Lady Emily who had been called away to Cairo that very morning by the serious illness of her brother Colonel Montagu. Sir William Hart-Dyke proposed "The Health of his Friends," coupled with the name of Mr. Fitch-Kemp, who made a capital speech in reply, referring in feeling terms to the distressed state of agriculture. "The Hunt" was proposed from the chair, and was responded to by Mr. J. Russell.

THE RENAISSANCE IN ENGLAND AND ITALY.

At the West-street Parish Room, on the 24th ult, Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, B.A., delivered the first of a series of ten lectures, under the the auspices of the Bromley Association for the Extension of University Teaching, on "The Renaissances in England and Italy." There was a very fair attendance, principally ladies.—Mr. Horsburgh said that to adequately consider the Renaissance itself, it would be necessary to first have some knowledge of how it was that we had such a revival. The very word implied a previous existence, and to find an exemplar they must look back, say a thousand years, to the previous state of civilization under the Roman Emperors. Those two periods were separated by a yawning chasm of years, on the one side of which they had the magnificent civilised system and splendour of the Romans, and on the other the Renaissance. First of all, how was it that a system of civilization apparently so perfect as that of the Romans could ever have given way to blank darkness. There they saw concentration stretched almost to breaking point. Almost its chief feature was its great centralization. The whole of the strings of Government of the then known civilized world were centred in Rome, and if they saw the danger in the future, that if Rome should fall then every vestige of civilization must be swept away with it, there was reason for supposing that it could not be allowed to endure permanently as a civilized system. But after all they would see that the overthrow of the Roman Nation was not that step towards blank and chaotic darkness which many thought it. Gradually languages, a step towards yet higher civilization, were evolved, and thus that period of darkness was a most useful period. One of the chief agencies they had to consider was feudalism. It was a product of the age, and a system which would have been impossible in any age unless it had been to a considerable extent in harmony with the age that produced it. It was in harmony with the best and the worst sides of the age. It was in harmony with the worst because it cultivated the military spirit which had taken possession of men, and distinctly marked out each class, and it was in harmony with the better side because it was a system for the protection of the weak But feudalism also tended to a reactionary spirit, and it had a disintegrating influence, and at the time when the great object lesson of the times was the formation of nations, feudalism stepped in to check it. In England, fortunately, we were saved by the vigourous policy of William the Conqueror, who after making himself master would not tolerate the same state of things in England which had been so fortuitous for him in France, and he made the vassals swear allegiance first of all to himself. To this it was that we owed our becoming a nation, as we understood the word, two or three centuries before France. Henry II. introduced an amendment, in the form of scutage, a system by means of which a knight instead of rendering personal services to the king would discharge his obligations by payment of a sum of money. That was the great nail in the coffin of feudalism, and in the 14th century we began to see wage paid labour, instead of as formerly either with protection or a residence. Thus in England the disintegrating influence had been used towards the making of perfect progress, while in France it had been used to make it impossible. But long after the active side of feudalism passed away, Chivalry was born of the military spirit and in so much as it tended to foster and encourage that it was tending towards reaction, but at the same time it was the highest standard of honour, it taught unswerving adherence to plighted faith even to an enemy, and tempered the lawlessness, dissoluteness, and brute force of the time. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of a system like that in a time when men in general paid little regard to the finer virtues, and women were held to be the drudges of men. Mr. Horsburgh next turned his attention towards the Crusades which he said worked marvels for good in the shape of forcing men to take a wider view of the world and did away with that narrowness and ignorance which were the curse of the world. They also opened up new avenues for trade and commerce. At the same time they by reason of their militiary spirit tended to re-action. A man as soon as he became a Crusader became full of smug satisfaction with himself. He belonged solely to the Church and every tie of nationality or society was sundered. Eastern Europe, too, was terrorised by the periodical visits of hordes of men with their camp followers, who carried pillage and devastation wherever they went to find the necessaries for themselves. When they left home they pledged their lands and property to the Church and thus as many never returned to redeem their pledges the Church grew enormously rich and powerful. Thus the Crusades were an agency working towards progress and at the same time towards re-action, but in striking a balance it would be found that they were more detrimental than beneficial to the age of progress. At that time the Universities at Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Padua, and Bologna came into existence and that existence was an argument that men were beginning to crave for some higher stimulant than mere arms and warfare could supply. Students flocked to them in great numbers and at Oxford it was stated that there were no less than 30,000 students, but seeing that the whole number of students at that University now only number 2000, the lecturer thought those figures might be set aside altogether as impossible. At that time education was far more extended than it was at the present day—or at least until quite recently—but the studies at the Universities were of the most unsatisfactory character. They were a sort of intellectual gymnastics, and very far from satisfying the intellectual appetite of man-

kind. What was called scholastic philosophy filled up the greater part of the time, with the exception of a small amount of rhetoric, and disputation, with geometry and the theory of music. The bulk of the education was purely of unsubstantial and abstract subjects; nothing to make towards progress, and altogether barren of results. At that time the Church was the sole depositary of knowledge, and it used it to trade on the ignorance and superstition of the people. Instead of harmonising and bringing all sorts and conditions of men together, it acted in the direct opposite. There were serious distinctions in the Church itself—great dignitaries and humble toilers. She was bound down with formulæ and dogma, and the beauty of practical and personal piety was almost lost sight of altogether. As a result various sects arose and dissension grew and spread, and the Church proved an agent towards reaction. But as the Church was th depositary of nearly all knowledge the clergy collected and preserved ancient M.S.S. to many of which we were indebted for our classical literature of to-day. They also taught a substitute for religion which had some restraining effect on the lawlessness and dissoluteness of the times, and the Church it was, too, which provided the right of sanctuary. The Church, too, produced that skilled hand in statecraft Landfranc, and that example of spiritual intrepidity, Anselm.

BECKENHAM.

BECKENHAM LOCAL BOARD V. LEWISHAM BOARD OF WORKS.—At the Croydon County Court, on the 3rd ult., an application in the above case was made by the Lewisham Board for an adjournment of the case for three months on the ground that an important witness was ill. An adjournment until the 24th of Jan. was granted, and the Lewisham Board were ordered to "discover" all documents since 1880. At the adjourned hearing of the action on the 24th ult., the Lewisham Board gave an undertaking to stop all means of overflow from the sewer, and the case was adjourned till March 21st to give the defendants an opportunity of carrying out their promise.

TWELFTH NIGHT FETE.—A very successful entertainment was held in the Beckenham Public Hall, on the 6th ult., and was participated in by as many children as the Hall would hold. All the children appeared in either fancy dress or evening dress, and shortly after assembling there was a grand procession of the various characters. After tea, Father Christmas introduced many of the different characters in some very appropriate verses. The scheme was set on foot by the Rev. C. V. P. Day, and Dr. and Miss Randall, and the proceeds were given to the Ministering Children's League. The statement of accounts shows a profit of £23 10s. after all expenses are paid.

THE RAINFALL.—The following is the return of the rainfall for the year 1892 as registered by a Beckenham resident:—January ·53 inches, February 1·52, March 1·41, April 1·29, May 1·45, June 2·66, July 1·82, August 3·52, September 1·94, October 4·13, November 2·30, December 1·30: total 23·87. The average for 16 years is 25·34 inches.

KELSEY MANOR ESTATE.—A new road which was commenced some years ago will shortly be completed over the Kelsey Manor Estate from Beckenham Village into the road leading to West Wickham. A new and pretty building site will thus be opened up.

SPREADING SCARLET FEVER.—At a meeting of the Beckenham School Board on the 26th ult., 21 cases of scarlet fever among the children were reported, and three cases were mentioned in which the fever had been spread by children discharged as cured from the Fever Hospital at Skym Corner. A resolution on the subject was passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the Joint Hospital Board.

MR. BLACKBURNE IN BECKENHAM.—Mr. Blackburne, the famous English chess-player, visited Beckenham on the 14th ult., where at the Public Hall he engaged in seven different games at the same time time with seven local players, and was moreover blindfolded. Not more than about forty members of the public put in an appearance. The local players were Messrs. Percy Carr, H. E. Tudor, Starr-Best, Milburn, Secretan, Attenborough and Boot. Out of the seven games the blindfolded player won three games, drew three, and lost one. As one of the results of the match it is proposed to form a chess club for Beckenham, and everyone wishing to join is invited to send his name to Mr. H. E. Tudor, 4, Crescent-road, Beckenham.

THE LATE POOR RATE COLLECTOR.—At a meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians on the 13th ult., the Clerk reported that the Assistant District Auditor, Mr. F. Jordison, had audited the accounts of the Board of Guardians, and that a balance of £260 18s. was due from Mr. Henry Manger, late collector of Poor Rates for the Guardians, which sum had since been paid by the Mutual Guarantee Society.

SENOR SARASATE AT BECKENHAM. — A large audience filled Beckenham Public Hall on Thursday evening, the 12th ult., to listen to the concert of Senor Sarasate, and Madame Berthe Marx. The world-wide renown of the violinist, led all who went to expect a musical treat of no ordinary character, and it was evident from the perfect silence and deep attention of the audience that their expectations were quite fulfilled. Where all was of such excellence, it is difficult to give precedence to any particular item, but perhaps nothing quite came up to the Andante and Finale of the Mendels ohn Concerto, the two movements by their contrast showing the marvellous and diverse powers of the performer. An encore was demanded for the duet "La fée d' armée," to which the violinist was good enough to respond. The weird solo the "Witches' Dance," inimitably played, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

CHISLEHURST.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION LECTURES.—On Jan. 20th. at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, in connection with the Oxford University Extension lectures being given under the auspices of the Kent County Council, Mr. T. M. Legge, M A., M.B. (Trinity College, Oxford), gave the first of a course of ten lectures, on "Health at Home." The first lecture was upon the "Air we breath," and was illustrated with lantern views. The attendance was very poor, owing, no doubt, to the lectures not having been sufficiently made known.

NEW FIRE STATION.—At a Vestry Meeting held at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, on the 30th ult., it was determined, on the recommendation of a sub-committee consisting of Canon Murray, Messrs. Tiarks, Nussey, G. E. Field, H. J. Willis, H. C. Harris, Otway and E. Inns, "that the best site for the erection of the fire engine house is part of the Common adjoining the Orphanage premises, on the east site thereof, commencing at the southern end of the hedge, on that side of such premises, and running from that point southwards along the Orphanage boundary, the front of such engine house to face south." The engine house is estimated to cost £200.

A CHISLEHURST SOCIETY DISSOLVED.—A meeting of the members of the Chislehurst United Benefit Society was recently held at the "Bull" Hotel, Royal Parade, for the consideration of the position of the Club, and of a proposal to dissolve the society in consequence of the rapidly decreasing funds, the expenditure last year being more than double the receipts with a probability of a similar loss this year. It was resolved that the society be dissolved, and the secretary (Mr. H. J. Willis) has duly communicated with the Registrar of Friendly Societies to this end.

Mr. F. C. Dobbing made a Magistrate.—Mr. F. C. Dobbing, of Calderwood, Chislehurst, who was made a Justice of the Peace for the county of Kent by the Lord Chancellor on the nomination of the Lord-Lieutenant (Earl Stanhope) in October last, duly qualified at the Epiphany Quarter Sessions at Canterbury last month.

Christ Church Schools, Chislehurst.—At a meeting of the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority, on Dec. 30th, the Rev. W. Fleming, of Chislehurst, wrote calling attention to a letter which he had received from the Education Department in which the Lords of the Department informed him that, according to the report of H.M. Inspector, these Schools had not been opened 400 times during the school year. They asked that, if they had been closed for any period in consequence of epidemic sickness the certificate of the Local Sanitary Authority in support of such closure be sent. Mr. Fleming enclosed a certificate from Dr. Humphreys, of Chislehurst, closing the schools from June 28th to August the 15th, less four weeks holidays, and asked the Clerk to kindly obtain the Sanitary Authority's certificate as soon as possible, as the School grant was suspended until this was furnished.—Dr. Butterfield reported as follows:—"I was not consulted as to the closing of the Schools on June 28th. On reference to the list of notifications I find that between June 4th and 28th, seven cases of scarlet fever were reported in the parish of Chislehurst, of these four were removed to the Hospital; of the other three, one was in Sidcup and one each at Water-gate and Mill-lane. All were isolated. In my opinion there was no necessity in the interests of public health with which alone the Authority is concerned, for School closure."—The Clerk remarked that this was a serious thing, as it meant the loss of the year's grant to the school.—A copy of the above report was directed to be sent to the Rev. Fleming.

CUDHAM.

Fatal Savagery at Cudham.—Mr. Edward Negus Wood, deputy coroner for West Kent held an inquest at the "Black Horse," Cudham, on December 31st, on the body of George Parker, supposed to be about 50 years of age, an agricultural labourer of no fixed abode, who was found dead in a cow-shed at Biggin Hill on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27th. Supt. Waghorn of the Kent County Constabulary appeared to watch the case for the police, and Mr. L. W. Gregory was present on behalf of the brewers and owners of the "Black Horse."—The evidence went to show that the deceased, and a man named Beauchamp, after drinking the greater part of the day at the "Black Horse," fell to fighting and were promptly ejected. Outside the fight was continued within the sight of several people, though in the last two rounds deceased was unable to strike a blow. After being knocked down for the third time, deceased was left to lie on the bank unconscious and in the extreme cold for over half-an-hour. He was then taken to a cow-house where he was found dead next morning—though he had in the course of the night been moved out of the shed by a constable. Dr. Shannon stated that there was an effusion of blood on the brain and the jury in the end, refrained from committing any of the parties for trial; they were, however, censured by the Coroner.

HAYES.

Evening Concert.—A grand evening concert in aid of the fund for maintaining the Parish Magazine, was held at the National Schools, Hayes, on the 19th ult. An excellent programme was provided and efficiently carried out under the direction of Mr. Hugh Burry, and there was a good attendance, the various items, especially the renderings by the Burry Minstrels, being well received. The following contributed the programme:—Madrigal, "Come, let us join," *Beale*, Messrs. A. E. Burry, H. A. Burry, Boult and Redman; violoncello solo (encored), Mr. J. Wildman; song, "Rose, softly blooming," *Spohr*, encore "My mother bids me bind my hair," Miss Carrington; song, "Fill me, boy," *Hubert Parry*, Burry Minstrels; piano solo, Rondeau, "La Galante," *Hummel*, Mr. H. A. Burry; part song. "Absence," *Hatton*, Burry Minstrels; duet for tenors and basses, "Love and War," *T. Cooke*, the Burry Minstrels; violoncello solo, Mr. J. Wildman; song, "Spring Legend," *Cutsford Dick*, Miss Carrington; song, "Children Asleep," *F. Moir*, Mr. A. E. Burry; song, "The Flight of Ages," *Bevan*, Mr. Boult; part song, "Good Night!," *Hatton*; and "Students' parting song," *Mendelssohn*, Burry Minstrels.

KESTON.

Agricultural Chemistry.—A course of six lectures on "Agricultural Chemistry" has been commenced by Mr. H. J. Monson, at Keston School, under the direction of the County Council. The lectures are of a thoroughly practical and interesting character and are profusely illustrated by experiments and diagrams.

China and the Chinese.—On Friday evening, February 3rd, Mr. Arthur W. Hersee will speak at Keston Wesleyan Chapel, on "China and the Chinese." Mr. Hersee will wear full Chinese costume and will exhibit numerous Chinese idols and gods.

ORPINGTON.

The New Vicar of Orpington.—The Rev. Chevenix Trench, the new Vicar of Orpington, has addressed a letter to his parishioners through the Parish Magazine, in which he sets before them the financial necessities of the living of Orpington. He states that three clergymen will be needed for the three churches, and that £600 will be required for their stipends. The tithe amounts to about £330, and that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners make an annual grant of £120 towards the stipends of the assistant clergy. As one means towards raising the balance, the Vicar proposes to have a monthly offertory in each of the churches for the "Clergy Stipend Fund."

ST. MARY CRAY.

The Library Building Fund.—A concert was held at the Orpington Village Hall in aid of the St. Mary Cray Library. The programme, in addition to vocal and instrumental contributions comprised a farce in two acts entitled "Advice Gratis," the various parts in which were successfully impersonated by Messrs. G. Rathbone, C. Greene, J. C. Lake and Culbertson and Misses M. Lake and H. Greene.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

HAYES PLACE.

The family of Scott, of Halden, in the county of Kent, at one time possessed this seat, and several members of that family were buried in the parish church hard by, where, on the floor of the north aisle, their monumental inscriptions may be seen to this day. The house in which the Scotts lived must have been removed long ago, as the present house does not date back to their period. Stephen Scott, Esq., alienated Hayes Place to Mr. John Harrison, of Southwark; and he sold it in or soon after the year 1754 to the Right Hon. William Pitt, second son of Robert Pitt, of Boconnock, in Cornwall.

It is at this point that the most interesting phase of the house's history really commences. According to Hasted's account, it was in 1757 that Pitt purchased Hayes Place; but his son John, afterwards the second Earl of Chatham, is known to have been born here on October 10th, 1756, so the probability is that Pitt came here before 1757. This view is further supported by the fact that Pitt is known to have written a letter at Hayes, dated 11th of May, 1756, to his nephew, afterwards Lord Camelford. On the 28th of May, 1759, William Pitt, the younger, destined in after years to become a statesman of world-wide renown, was born at this house. The room in which this remarkable man first saw the light is situated on the ground floor, and is now used as a schoolroom. The event is duly entered in Hayes Parish Register. It reads as follows:—

"William, son of the Rt. Honble. William and Lady Esther Pitt, was born the 28th of May and baptized the third day of July 1759."

During the session which began in January, 1765, William Pitt, the elder, once appeared in Parliament. He remained some months in profound retirement at Hayes Place, his favourite villa, "scarcely moving," as Lord Macaulay tells us, "except from his armchair to his bed, and from his bed to his armchair, and often employing his wife as his amanuensis in his most confidential correspondence. Some of his detractors whispered that his invisibility was to be ascribed quite as much to affectation as to gout. In truth his character, high and splendid as it was, wanted simplicity."

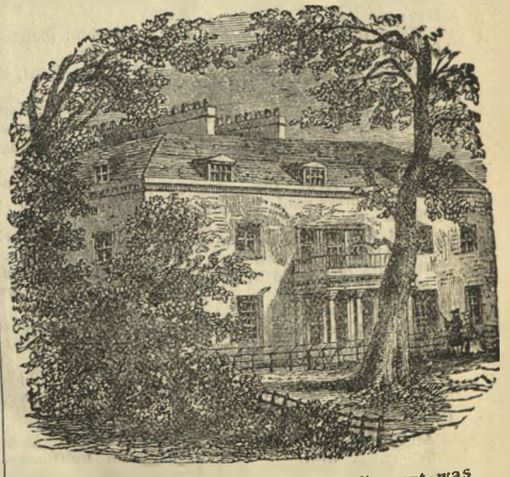
When he first came to Hayes, Pitt's original purchase, consisted only of the old mansion, which he pulled down, and a few acres of land. He rebuilt the house, and considerably added to the grounds. Mr. Pitt possessed much natural taste for gardening and planting, and indulged them here to his heart's content.

In 1766, when he inherited Sir William Pynsent's estate in Somersetshire, Mr. Pitt sold Hayes Place to the Hon. Thomas Walpole, who caused the house, originally constructed of red brick, to be cased with bricks of a light yellow colour. The ornamental cornice and window-sills which were added at that period, deserve notice. In the same year Mr. Pitt was made a peer with the title of the Earl of Chatham. At Burton Pynsent, his new estate, Pitt further indulged his fancy for tree-planting, and he ordered a great extent of ground to be planted with cedars, but for some reason he did not settle down in his new home. He is said to have pined for the bracing air of Kent, and the sweet seclusion of his beloved Hayes. To Hayes he determined to return; and Lady Chatham, in letters, begged that Mr. Walpole would sell them Hayes Place again. She urged that it would save her children from destruction, and that her children's children would be bound to pray for him; and she requested that he would take some days to consider before he refused the request. At length Mr. Walpole consented to sell the place, and Hayes Place became once more Lord Chatham's residence.

The plantations of Hayes Place are generally thought to have been mainly directed by Lord Chatham. This is probable because they seem to have been planned with a view of securing the privacy of the house and grounds, and such an object was in entire harmony with the great statesman's peculiar mental condition. Macaulay, in writing upon this point, remarks that Pitt had for some time been in an unnatural state of excitement. "No suspicion of this sort had yet got abroad. His eloquence had never shone with more splendour than during the recent debates. But people afterwards called to mind many things which ought to have roused their apprehensions. His habits were gradually becoming more and more eccentric. A horror of all loud sounds, such as is said to have been one of the many oddities of Wallenstein, grew upon him. Though the most affectionate of fathers, he could not at this time bear the voices of his own children, and laid out great sums at Hayes in buying up houses contiguous to his own, merely in order that he might have no neighbours to disturb him with their noise."

Lord Chatham's conduct in every domestic relation was thoroughout his life most exemplary and happy. When his health permitted, he never suffered a day to pass without giving instruction of some sort to his children, and seldom without reading a chapter of the Bible with them. He was also ever the promoter of innocent and cheerful recreations, and particularly encouraged them when they tended to improve the intellect of his children. His son William occasionally wrote verses; and before he went to the University he was concerned with his brothers and sisters in writing a play in verse, consisting of five parts, which they acted before Lord and Lady Chatham and some friends of the family. Sometimes Chatham would place his son William upon a wooden step for mounting a horse, and cause him to make speeches there to an imaginary audience. That early training at Hayes must have made a deep impression upon the boy, and doubtless it may have exercised an important influence upon the after life of the future prime-minister. The actual wooden platform was kept at Hayes Place until a comparatively recent date, when, being very old and decayed, it was destroyed by the servants who were ignorant of its history.

It is generally known that the Earl of Chatham died at Hayes Place, and in the accompanying illustration the first-floor window on the right-hand side of the engraving indicates the room in which he passed away.



The great Earl's last appearance in Parliament was on the 7th of April, 1778. He was still ill, and had to be led into the House of Peers by his son, the Hon. William Pitt, and his son-in-law, Lord Mahon. He

was dressed in a rich suit of black velvet, and covered up to the knees in flannel. Within his large wig little more of his countenance was seen than his aquiline nose, and his penetrating eye, which retained all its native fire. The Lords stood up, and made a lane for him to pass, while he gracefully bowed to them as he proceeded. The subject occupying the attention of the House was the American war. The Duke of Richmond proposed that the King should withdraw his forces by land and sea from the revolted provinces, and dismiss his ministers. Richmond, in a speech of much asperity, replied to Chatham's objections, and Chatham made an eager effort to rise, as if impatient to give utterence to his feelings. But the body was unequal to the strain. After repeated attempts to retain his erect position, Lord Chatham suddenly pressed his hand to his heart, and fell down in convulsions. Every attention was paid to the afflicted statesman. Several of the peers standing near sustained Chatham in their arms, and assisted to convey him to a house in Downing Street, whence he was removed to Hayes Place, and there, on the 11th of May following, he expired.

John Mumford, who in 1833 was living on Hayes Common, in his 92nd year, in a cottage which he had occupied for 57 years, had lived as coachman to Lord Chatham. He remembered his lordship riding about Hayes on a small pony; and the old man characterized Chatham's favourite pursuit as "taking up and replanting trees": "He was a tall gouty man and generally wore a great coat; he had a particular dislike to be stared at, and when he saw any person approach, would often turn down the first lane or bye-way."

At Hayes Place, Lord Chatham was visited by many notable people, including the Duke of Cumberland, the hereditary Prince of Brunswick, Dr. Franklin, General Wolfe, and many others.

After Lord Chatham's death Hayes Place was retained by his family for only a few years. It passed into the hands first of James Bond, Esq., and next of Right Hon. George Viscount Lewisham. At the present time it is the property of Everard A. Hambro, Esq., who has caused the whole of the interior of the house to be most handsomely and thoroughly decorated, and to the principal front he has added two curved flanking walls of an elegant character.

Births.

ALLISTON.—On the 3rd Jan., at Bromley, Kent, the wife of Clement Alliston, of a son.

BARROW.—On the 22nd Jan., at Dunluchin, Plaistow, Kent, the wife of Alfred Barrow, of a son.

CHILD.—On the 4th Jan., at Bromley Palace, Kent, the wife of Coles Child, of a daughter.

GOTT—On the 16th Jan., at The Pines, Bickley, Kent, the wife of Capt. G. A. Gott, Bombay Cavalry, of a son.

PATTISSON—On the 31st. December, 1892, at Graylings, Beckenham, the wife of W. B. Pattisson, of a son.

PORTER—On the 14th Jan., at 6, Hammelton-road, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Charles Porter, of Pursers-cross-road, Fulham, of a son.

ROGERS—On the 15th Jan. at Lyndhurst, Grove-park, Kent, the wife of J. Bowen Rogers, of a son.

SECKHAM—On the 10th Jan., at Lyncroft, Shortlands, the wife of Gerald J. T. Seckham, Barrister-at-law, of a son.

TONGE—On the 15th Jan., at the Beacon, Morants Court-hill, near Sevenoaks, the wife of J. N. Tonge, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 6th Jan., at Powerscourt, Chislehurst, the wife of Sydney J. Wilson, of a daughter.

Marriages.

CHUBB—BEALEY—On Thursday, the 28th Dec., at St. Augustine's, Queen's Gate, Kensington, by the Rev. W. Guest Williams, of Painswick, Gloucestershire, assisted by the Rev. S. Guest Williams, of Durham (cousins of the bride), Edward Geoffrey, fifth son of the late John Chubb, of Chevender, Chislehurst, to Charlotte Eliza, youngest daughter of the late John Bealey, of Radcliffe, Lancashire, and of New Zealand.

GARRARD—SHARP.—On the 18th January, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, Frank Rochfort Garrard, of The Grange, Rowley Regis, Staffs., son of F. R. Garrard, Esq., Framlingham Hall, Suffolk, to Charlotte (Lot), eldest daughter of Henry Sharp, Esq., Bromley, Kent.

PRESTON—On the 12th Jan., at St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, W., by the Rev. Arthur E. G. Peters, brother of the Bride, F. G. Panizzi Preston, eldest son of R. T. Preston, of Derrick Wood, Orpington, to Ethel Mary, daughter of the Rev. T. Peters, and niece of Mrs. W. W. Edwards, late of Fern Lodge, Keston, Kent.

Deaths.

BATTAM.—On the 6th Jan., very suddenly, at his residence, Ashgate, Bickley, Kent, John Harrison Battam, in his 82nd year.

CONYBEARE—On the 31st Dec., at Heronden, Shortlands, Kent, Major-General Frederick Conybeare, late Bombay Artillery (fifth son of the late Very Rev. W. D. Conybeare, Dean of Landaff), in his 68th year.

DOUGLAS.—On the 9th Jan., at Hayes-lane, Bromley, Kent, Henry Douglas, in his 65th year.

HARMAN—On the 16th Dec., 1892, at 10, Park Grove, Bromley, Eliza Harman, aged 80 years, only sister of the late Mr. Robert Harman, of West Wickham, Kent.

ILOTT.—On the 4th Jan., at Beechfield, Bromley, Kent, Mary Catherine, only daughter of the late Thomas Ilott, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Bromley, aged 75.

JEHU.—On the 16th Jan., at Holly Lodge, Keston, Kent, Kate Elizabeth, the dear wife of James Davis Jehu, and last surviving child of the late Edmund Napoleon Haines, of Hawley House, near Dartford.

PHILLIPS.—On Saturday, the 28th Jan., after four days' illness, T. Adams Phillips, of South-hill House, Bromley, Kent, and 99, Cannon-street, aged 55

SPEYER—On the 2nd Jan., at Timaru, Chislehurst, in his 71st year, Charles Anthony Speyer, late of Highbury New-park, and 36, Monckwell-street, E.C.

TONGE.—On the 18th Jan., at the Beacon, Morant's Court-hill, Sevenoaks, Edith, the beloved wife of J. N. Tonge, and daughter of Charles and J. A. Boosey, of Bickley, Kent.

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MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Seventeenth annual meeting of West Kent Band of Hope Union at Beckenham Public Hall.
2nd—Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper's Sale of Household Furniture at Taylor's Rooms, 21 Sloane-street, S.W., 12 noon.
5th—*Third Sunday in Lent.*
6th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Minstrel Entertainment in aid of Metropolitan Police Charities, 8 p.m.
7th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30. p.m.
8th—Annual Dinner of Bromley Cycling Club, Holborn Restaurant.
„ —Concert in connection with Bromley Excelsior Cricket Club at Co-operative Hall, East Street.
12th—*Fourth Sunday in Lent.*
13th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
14th—Rustic Village Bazaar in aid of the fund for building new Wesleyan Sunday Schools at Bromley. Opened at two o'clock by Mr. W. Gage Spicer, J.P. (and two following days).
15th—Smoking Concert, Bromley Grand Hall, in aid of Bromley Charities, 8 p.m.
„ —Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper's Sale of Household Furniture, "Hill House," South Hill Park, 1 p.m.
17th—Adjourned audit of Bromley Local Board, 11 a.m.
19th—*Fifth Sunday in Lent.*
20th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper's Sale of the detached Family Residence, "Elmsdale," Hayne-road, Beckenham, and other properties, The Mart, E.C., 2 p.m.
21st—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.
23rd—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 9.30 a.m.
26th—*Palm Sunday.*
27th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
31st—*Good Friday.*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on Feb. 7th, the Board, on the recommendation of the Carriage-way Highway's and Building's Committee Wanted. directed the Clerk to write the memorialists—who addressed the Board praying for a carriage-way connection to be made between Palace-grove and Palace-road—and inform them that the matter had been fully gone into and it was proved impossible to acquire the necessary land by agreement, and that it was too late to apply for a provisional order this session.

At the same meeting, Mr. Austin Fudge, of 2, Meadow-road, Shortlands, wrote calling the attention of the Board to a dangerous and unguarded A dangerous ditch at Blackbrook-lane, Bickley. He Ditch. stated that a short time previously he had left his pony by the road-side for a few moments and when he returned he found the animal lying helpless on its back in the ditch.—The Surveyor said the road was a private one and the ditch was owned by Wythes Trustees.—Mr. Selby and Mr. Payne both remarked that the ditch was indeed dangerous.—The letter was referred to Committee.

At the same meeting the Highways and Buildings Committee recommended that the Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. F. C. Proceedings Davis, the owner of lock-up shops in against Tranquil-place, London-road, which had a builder. been erected contrary to the plans approved by the Board. The report was adopted, and at the meeting on Feb. 21st, the Clerk reported that proceedings were taken against Mr. F. C. Davis, of 1 Exeter Villas, for violation of the Board's bye-laws in respect of the buildings, before the Bench the previous Monday and that the case was adjourned for one month to enable Mr. Davis to carry out the work in accordance with the Board's bye-laws. Since then, the Surveyor reported, Mr. Davis had deposited fresh plans.

At the same meeting, on the 7th, the Drainage and Sanitary Committee reported that the Inspector reported that there was an insufficient water-supply Insanitary at Ann's and Park Cottages; the w.c. Cottages. accommodation was bad, and the interior of some of the houses was in a bad state of repair, and the roof and guttering defective. Nearly the whole of Park-cottages required thorough cleansing throughout. The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Codd, reported that all Park-cottages, and 1 to 7 Ann's-cottages were in a very dirty state, and the rooms required cleansing and white-washing. There were no sinks, and all the water was obtained from one tap at the rear of No. 1, Ann's-cottages. The w.c.'s were very dilapidated, not weather proof, and were in a very filthy condition, and had no water-supply. These cottages were in such an insanitary condition that unless alterations were carried out at once they ought to be condemned. Ann's-cottages—8 to 13—were in a better state, but there was no water to any of the w.c.'s, and there was only one tap to supply all the houses. The cistern supply of Park-cottages, and 1 to 7 Ann's-cottages had an imperfect cover and required cleansing. The Committee recommended that formal notices be served upon the owners to put the property in a sanitary condition, and the Board adopted the recommendation. At the meeting on Feb. 21st, the following letter was received:—"Gentlemen,—Having received a copy of report (from Mr. Bates) made to you by Dr. Codd, we beg to state that the report is not a correct one. Dr. Codd has not been through our property, and we are utterly at a loss to know where he received information sufficient to lead him to such a conclusion to recommend to your Board the closing of two rows of houses. Gentlemen, this is a monstrous report, and we are anxious that it should be fully inquired into, and we asked Mr. G. H. Payne to look round this morning, and we should only be too pleased for any member to appoint a time to look over the said property. We must contradict the report in the *District Times*, as the statement conveys to the

public a wrong impression, not only as to its sanitary condition, but also as to its value.—Your obedient servants, Executors of the late Thomas Heaysman, Per Thomas Heaysman." Dr. Codd reporting on the above said:—"My report on the condition of Park and Ann's Cottages was made after a personal inspection, and in the main facts is correct. I find however that Nos. 8 and 10 Ann's Cottages, which are among those spoken of as being in a better condition, have a separate water supply, but still No. 1 to 7 Park Cottages and 1 to 7 Ann's Cottages had only one water tap between them all, that is, one tap to 14 cottages: the cover of the cistern was broken and the water covered with a thick green scum. When I examined them there was no water to any of the closets, and the pans were filthy and smelt offensively. Such a condition of things if allowed to continue would be a source of grave danger were Cholera to visit the town this summer, and I am surprised at Mr. Heaysman's indignant remonstrance to my report. I find that some of these defects have been remedied since, but I must ask the Board to insist upon their being all corrected without delay—that a proper water supply be laid on to each house, and that all, especially Park Cottages are put in a cleanly and sanitary condition."—Mr. Payne said he had been asked to look at the premises, and certainly he did think Dr. Codd's report was somewhat overdrawn, but he had since corrected it to some extent.—The Sanitary Inspector said new flushing tanks had been put in since Dr. Codd had reported.—A discussion ensued, as the result of which the Board decided to take the word of their officers against the word of outside persons.

Electric Lighting.

At the meeting on Feb. 7th, the Board on the recommendation of the Electric Lighting Committee, decided to adjourn the consideration of the replies received from the frontages along the line of circuit of the Board's Electric Lighting Scheme, until after the Local Government Board Inquiry had been held with reference to the acquisition of the proposed site for a Central Station.

Proposed road widening.

At the meeting on Feb. 7th, Messrs. Willett, and Latter wrote:—Our client, Mr. S. Vacher, has agreed to purchase some more land from the trustees of the will of Sir E. H. Scott, abutting upon Plaistow-lane, and he is prepared to come to a provisional arrangement with your Board if agreeable to them for continuing the widening of the road which was carried out by the Board and himself last year upon the following terms, *viz*: (1) As soon as Mr. Vacher obtains his conveyance from the trustees he will give up to the Board the strip of land five feet wide shown in the accompanying tracing (extending along the whole length of the frontage of the land lately agreed to be purchased by him) to widen Plaistow-lane; (2) the Board to undertake to set back the existing park fence to Mr. Vacher's new boundary; (3) to bear the expense of felling, cutting up and stacking the trees now standing on the strip (with the exception of oak trees shewn on the plan, which are to remain Mr. Vacher's property); (4) to construct a footpath five feet wide along the strip given up, the footpath to be raised and made with Croydon gravel, similar to the footpath already made by the Board in front of Mr. Vacher's other land, and with such entrances as Mr. Vacher may require for his houses; (5) the whole of the work to be completed within six months; (6) upon completion of the work Mr. Vacher to convey the land to the Board at their expense." Mr. Stanley Hawkings, the Board's Surveyor, reporting on the above, said: I have inspected that portion of Plaistow-lane it is proposed to widen, and I find that the present width is 24 feet 4 inches, the additional five feet proposed to be given up to the Board would, therefore, give a carriage-way of 24 feet 4 inches wide, and a pathway on one side of five feet, which would form a continuation of one already made. The acreage of land proposed to be given is two perches, and the estimated cost of the work to suit Mr. Vacher's requirements is £13 5s. 10d. This would be at the rate of £1063 per acre. I am of opinion that the three small oak trees Mr. Vacher desires to retain would form a serious obstruction to the free use of the footpath. The matter was referred to a small committee to view the ground, and on their recommendation certain modifications of the proposals were suggested. At the meeting on Feb. 21st, Messrs. Willett and Latter wrote that Mr. Vacher had instructed them to state that he would be willing to modify his proposal to the extent of setting back the fence and felling the trees at his own expense.—The Board agreed to accept the modified proposal subject to the footway being left clear of trees.

Condition of Glebe-road.

At the meeting on Feb. 7th, Mr. Stacey wrote transmitting a memorial from the residents of Glebe-road. The memorial stated that the signatories begged to call the Board's attention to the present state of Glebe-road, and also the footway to Station-road, and expressed the hope that the Board would do something to improve the means of travelling to and from the station. The accumulation of mud and water was a direct cause of suffering to many.—Mr. Selby: Glebe-road is a private road.—The Chairman: Yes, but we might call upon the owners to remedy the present state of things. Ultimately the matter was deferred for the Surveyor to report upon.

The Workshop at Raglan-rd.

At the same meeting tenders were opened as follows for the construction of a workshop at Raglan-road School from plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Ladds, the Board's architect:—

Duthoit	£180
Mid Kent Building Works (Beckenham)	£198
W. A. Grubb	£190
T. D. Graty	£199 19s.
C. Satchell	£230

The Chairman said he thought those tenders were very much higher than they had anticipated, and on the suggestion of Mr. Payne they were referred to Committee, and the matter is still in abeyance.

Apportionment in Waldo-road.

At the meeting on February 7th, the Surveyor submitted his apportionment on the frontagers of the cost of making up Waldo-road, and the Board gave their approval to the same, and the Clerk was directed to take the necessary steps to recover the money.

Tenders for Surface Water Drainage.

At the same meeting tenders for a system of surface-water drainage for that part of the High-street between the Bank and the corner of Elmfield-road were then opened as follows, the Board having first decided, if the tenders exceeded the Surveyor's estimate, to cut out a certain section of the scheme—230ft. of six inch piping and one manhole—in order to bring the amount of the cost within the statutory requirements on matters involving the expenditure of over £100:—

	£	s.	d.
Peill and Son	137	0	0
Mowlem and Co.	176	14	2
T. Lansbury	117	12	0

The lowest tender, that of Mr. T. Lansbury, was accepted subject to the modification rendered necessary by the excision of a portion of the scheme and the acceptance of the same by the tenderer.

Tenders were also received as below for the connecting of Emfield-road surface-water drainage with that in Ethelbert-road:—

	£	s.	d.
Mowlem and Co.	71	0	0
Peill and Son	52	5	0
T. Lansbury	50	7	0

The last-named tender was accepted.

Alleged Encroachment.

At the same meeting, on the advice of the Clerk the legal question as to the alleged encroachment by the L. C. & D. R. Company at the railway arch over Homesdale-road was referred to the Highways Committee for consideration, who, at the meeting on February 21st, recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

Employés Wages.

At the meeting on February 7th, one of the flushing lads, J. T. Elliott, wrote that he was 18 years of age, and asked the Board to increase his wages which were only 12s. a week. The Surveyor said the lad really did a man's work, and the Sanitary

Inspector said that when Elliott was taken off the dust-carts some eight months back he was only given half the increased wages then recommended. The Board decided that without referring the matter to the Finance Committee they would increase the applicant's wages to 15s. a week. At the meeting on February 21st, Mr. A. Nott, one of the Board's employés, wrote asking the Board to rise his wages. He stated that when he first agreed to clean out the urinal it was agreed that he should have half a day's pay, but he had only had 2s. a week.—William Hickmot made a similar application.—Mr. Selby: Who is he?—The Surveyor: One of the road scavengers.—Mr. Selby: I thought it was arranged that we should have one man and one boy with those trucks. I saw two men and two boys the other day.—The Chairman: I think, Mr. Selby, the whole of the truck scavenging needs revision.—Mr. Payne: Yes, refer it to Committee.—A similar application was received from Reuben West, George Barham, William Mitchell, and Arthur Barham.—Mr. Selby was understood to say that if any one should think themselves well off it was the scavenging boys at 10s. a week.—The Chairman said that he supposed,as a matter of fact, that those boys had come into the Board's service as boys, and now they had outgrown boys' wages, and it was a question whether, when such boys had grown to men's estate, they should not look for other employment.—The whole of the applications were referred to Committee.

Disposal of House Refuse.

At a meeting on February 7th, Messrs. E. Peill and Sons wrote asking if the Board would be willing to receive and consider, if submitted, a proposal for the disposal of house refuse, adding that they were confident that they could lay a proposal before the Board which would, if adopted, result in great saving to the ratepayers. The Clerk was directed to reply that the Board would receive and consider any such proposal, and at the meeting on February 21st, Messrs. Peill and Sons wrote that the proposal which they had to make to the Board was that when the Board advertised for tenders for horses and men they should include the disposal of the house refuse in one lump sum. They were convinced that terms might so be made which would be most advantageous to the ratepayers. when the letter was referred to Committee as also plans and specifications, submitted by Mr. Matthew Bates, the Sanitary Inspector, of a patent furnace for burning house-refuse—one which would not require the erection of a lofty chimney shaft.—Mr. Selby said he objected to Messrs. Peill's suggestion on the ground that it would take all control of the matter out of the Board's hands.

The Coming Election.

At the meeting on February 7th the Chairman said that as the time for election was approaching, it was necessary that the Board should make arrangements for the appointment of the Returning Officer. The Chairman of the Board generally acted as Returning Officer, but in this instance he would be precluded from acting in such a capacity, as he was one of the retiring members and one, he presumed, who would seek re-election. He would suggest that the Clerk be appointed Returning Officer for the approaching Local Board Election. The Board concurred.

Petition against Railway Bills.

At an extraordinary meeting on February 14th, the Clerk read and submitted the petition to Parliament to be lodged by the Board against the Bills deposited by the South-Eastern and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Companies. The Board approved the petition and the official seal of the Board was affixed to it.

Raglan-rd.

At the meeting on February 21st the Committee reported that the Surveyor had submitted a report upon the condition of Raglan-road and other roads in the vicinity of the schools there, with an approximate estimate of the cost of putting the same in a proper state of repair and the Committee recommended that he be instructed to prepare plans, sections, and estimates of the cost of making up under the 150th section of the Public Health Act, the following roads, viz.: Southlands-road, from Bromley Common to the east side of Chatterton-road; Raglan-road, from Southlands-road to Nelson-road; Nelson-road, Raglan-road from Nelson-road to Marlborough-road, and part of Havelock-road from Marlborough-road to Nelson-road. The Board adopted the report, and a letter was then received from the Bromley School Board, asking the Board to take immediate action with regard to the making up of Raglan-road.—The Clerk said the Board had had the matter before them in the report of the Highways Committee. Mr. Selby said it would be some months before the work could be done as the statutory period must elapse from the publishing of the notices.

Technical Education.

At the same meeting the Chairman reported that Mr. Payne and he had purchased an optical lantern for the Technical Education Classes, and all necessary accessories complete for £24 14s. 3d. He also reported that, as desired, the Clerk had drawn up a list of the number of students attending the various lectures and classes being held under the auspices of the Technical Education Committee, which were as follows:—

French Classes ...	43.
Cookery Classes;	
Valley Schools ...	33.
Raglan Road ...	17.
Nursing Lectures:	
Afternoon Course	32.
Evening Course	73.

Need of Fire Hydrants.

At the same meeting Mr. Hopton, the superintendent of the Bromley Volunteer Fire Brigade, wrote that the brigade were called to a fire in Sundridge Avenue, on Feb. 2nd, which was fortunately a small one, for had it been of a serious nature, the Brigade could not have dealt with it owing to the fact that there was no hydrant available within half-a-mile. He was aware that the road was a private one, but thought the Board might call the attention of the occupiers of the houses to the danger, and suggest that they should provide a hydrant inside their gates. At Bickley, too, he said, very few of the existing hydrants would be available as the houses stood too far back from the road. Perhaps the Board would instruct their Surveyor to report on the matter, and if so he would be pleased to lend him any assistance that he could. The Chairman said there was a suggestion that hydrants should be provided, but of course it would be unreasonable to expect that the Board would provide hydrants where the houses were so far distant from the roads. The owners of the houses or the occupiers must do it. The letter was referred to Committee.

Station Yards at Bromley and Bickley.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Engineer to the L. C. & D. R. Company, stating that it was not desirable that the new station yards at Bromley and Bickley, made by the setting back of the buildings, should be thrown open into the width of the public road, and, therefore, he proposed, with the sanction of the Board, to take down the existing parapets, and to erect a dwarf wall surmounted by a light iron fencing.—The Surveyor said that practically was reverting to the original proposal. The engineer had promised, in private conversation, that he would lay the matter before his Directors, and that the parapets should be removed.—The letter was referred to Committee.

Supplementary Loan.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing an order for sanction to the borrowing of £829, as applied for in respect of the High-street Improvements.

Bromley Burial Board.

At a meeting of the Board, sitting as a Burial Board, on Feb. 7th, the following letter was read from the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John's, Bromley:—

Dear Sir,—We have received your letter conveying the decision of the Bromley Burial Board in reference to our application concerning a portion of this parish known as District A. We regret that your Board do not see their way to comply with our application and we are very apprehensive lest some very serious inconvenience should arise in consequence of the want of a Burial Ground for this district. Plaistow Churchyard which has been hitherto available, will be finally closed, according to official notice now received, in the middle of next month. It is obvious that very unpleasant

scandal may not improbably occur if there be then no provision whatever for interments for this district. We would therefore respectfully urge upon your Board the further consideration of this question, especially in the interests of the working people who form the majority of the inhabitants in the District affected and we trust sincerely that you may be able to devise some means for meeting the difficulty, which, as official representatives of the parish we venture to bring before the notice of your Board.

We are Sir, yours faithfully,
P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's.
J. B. Hamond, } Churchwardens of
C. G. Hitchcock, } St. John's.

R. Gordon Mullen, Esq.,
February 6th, 1893.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the Board could levy a rate on that district. The Chairman replied in the negative and asked what answer the Board would propose be sent to the letter just read. Mr. J. Scott, junr., said that Mr. Davis had previously promised to think over the matter. Mr. Davis said he had promised to do so and the more he thought over it the more difficulties he met with. At the present time he was not in a position to lay any proposal before the Board, because the only two courses which seemed open to the Board, as he mentioned at the last reference to the matter, were: higher fees for interments for a short time until better provision could be made, or, to seek powers to extend the Burial Board area. It was an extremely difficult question to decide, and there was some question as to whether the Board could obtain such an extension of their area. As to the payment of extra fees he was not at all sure, on further consideration, that the Board could depart from the scale of fees which had been sanctioned by the Vestry. That scale of fees provided for the payment of extra fees by non-parishioners, but since then, the Board, by resolution, had determined not to admit non-parishioners for interments at all, as they did not want the ground filled up. Further, what was meant by the term: "Non-parishioners"? Could anyone who lived in the old parish of Bromley be said to be non-parishioners? Could the Board charge extra fees for any interment of a resident in the old parish? Another difficulty was that the Vicar, Clerk and Sexton were entitled to fees in proportion. He understood that the Vicar was not wishful for the fees and he was certain it was not the wish of the Board that such fees should be paid. The only people to be considered were the ratepayers who to a certain extent would be robbed of their due by the admission of persons to interments who had paid no rates. The question was, could the Board obtain such higher fees without the ecclesiastical fees obtaining?—The Clerk said he had seen the Vicar and he was quite willing that that should be so.—The Chairman, continuing, said he had imagined that the Vicar would be of that way of thinking, but then again if those persons were not non-parishioners really, how could they be charged extra fees as such? Another suggestion was that the Board might charge a higher fee for ordinary interments in non-purchased spaces and prohibit altogether the sale of grave-spaces to any of the inhabitants of those districts. He believed that the Vicar of St. John's had informed him that there were 17 interments for the year from that part of the district. That would, of course, be a serious item. He thought it would be necessary for the Clerk to ascertain the area of the District A, how many houses there were in it, with an estimate of the inhabitants, that the Board might estimate the death-rate. Mr. Payne said he did not think it advisable for the Board to further discuss the matter at present. He did not think there was any doubt about the word parish: it meant "ecclesiastical district." The Clerk was instructed to prepare the return asked for by Mr. Davis and the matter dropped. At the meeting on Feb. 21st, a letter was read from the Vicar and Churchwardens of Bromley, aeknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter of Jan. 27th with reference to District B and asking if it was not possible, seeing that the Board could not include that district in their present area, to admit parishioners from that district to interments in the Board's cemetery at increased fees to the Burial Board. The letter was referred to the Committee, and a further letter was then read from the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, stating with regard to any arrangement that the Board might make for interments from District B, that so far as he had rights in the matter, his desire was that the Vicar's fees should be only such as were payable by parishioners. The Clerk was directed to write thanking the Vicar for his letter and the statements contained therein, the Chairman remarking that he thought that in all probability the Board were so bound by their scale of fees that they could not give effect to the Vicar's wishes.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on Jan. 30th a letter was read from the Educational Department asking the Board to furnish them with a return of the schools in the Board's district subject to examination by H.M.'s Inspector, showing which were board schools and which were denominational schools. The Clerk was authorised to prepare and transmit to the Department the return as requested.

List of Schools.

At the same meeting the Clerk then read the following report in respect of the Board's evening classes:—

"A return is herewith made of the attendances of students eligible for the Government examination, and of those ineligible for examination. The average attendance—for Government purposes—up to Christmas was 57; since Christmas 21·2. Average attendance of those ineligible for examination: before Christmas 2·75, after 3·2. The falling off in the attendance is attributed principally to the fact that as the Government examination had to be kept in view for the purpose of the grant, greater prominence was of necessity given to the subjects required for that examination. The classes are not sufficiently attractive owing to their being to a large extent a repetition of the day school, through which most of them have passed, so that, the attendance being voluntary, the numbers have decreased. The experience gained at these and former evening classes teaches that the large majority of students do not attend evening classes for the sake of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but for other subjects, such as science, drawing, shorthand, and geography; in other words, to gain more knowledge. Evening classes should either be independent of Government grants, so as to be able to take a more extended syllabus of work, or be held for special subjects only. The masters hope, by communicating with the absent ones when the optical lantern is purchased, to again increase the number in attendance, but at present they have nothing definite to communicate to them. It should be added that the attendance began to fall after the fifth week—the classes have now been open eleven weeks. The opening of the Widmore evening classes drew away some who lived in that district."—Mr. Loly said that was very valuable information.—Mr. Bragg said he had been informed that working men complained that they wanted to learn reading, writing and arithmetic but that they were placed and taught with lads of 15 or 16 years of age and that such a course of teaching was little use to them. He thought such pupils should be taught in a separate class from the boys.—The Chairman said the question of purchasing an optical lantern had been referred by the Local Board to a Committee.—Mr. Loly said it had and the Committee had placed the matter in the hands of one of their number who had since, unfortunately, fallen ill and hence the delay. He believed the matter had now been taken out of that member's hands and the lantern would be purchased shortly. The information as to the evening classes would help them in formulating their scheme for another year.—The report was referred to the Committee.

Evening Classes.

At the same meeting Mr. Cooke said he noticed in the minutes of the School Management Committee that they recommended the acceptance of the Local Board's offer of a workshop on certain conditions; had those conditions been accepted by the Local Board?—Mr. Loly said the conditions were those formulated by Mr. Cooke himself. He was sorry Mr. Cooke was not present at the last meeting as he took so great an interest in the matter. That Board laid down certain conditions to the Local Board, those conditions had been at once unanimously

Workshop at Raglan-road.

accepted by the Local Board, who wrote to the Clerk to the School Board that they would be carried out, and at the extraordinary meeting that Board had confirmed the matter. The reason that the matter had been confirmed so suddenly was that seeing that all the conditions stipulated for by certain members had been complied with it had therefore been thought that there was no further need for delay. At the meeting on Feb. 13th, the Clerk reported that he had received the draft agreement from the Local Board, and it was referred to Committee for the consideration of some amendments suggested by the Clerk.

A Question of Regularity.

At the meeting on Jan, 30th, having exhausted the business on the agenda paper, the Board went into Committee to consider the question of the duties of the School Attendance Officer. On resuming business again as a Board Mr. Peill, Mr. Bragg, and Mr. Cooke protested against such a course as not being regular, and left the room in order to give weight to their protest.

School Attendance Officer.

At the meeting of the Board on Feb. 13th, the Board were engaged some time in interviewing nine selected candidates for the post of School Attendance Officer. In the result Mr. Walter J. Leonard, of 4, Cottenham-road, Walthamstow, was appointed. As that gentleman had to give notice to the Walthamstow School Board, on the motion of Mr. Loly, it was decided to renew Mr. Rogers' temporary appointment for another fortnight.

School Accommodation.

At the same meeting the following letter was received from the Educational Department: "Sir,—Adverting to your letter, dated the 15th of Dec. I am directed to state that my Lords have again communicated with H.M.'s Inspector on the subject of the accommodation for Infants in the district of the Board and have received from him the following reply to the statements contained in your letter :—

'The Bromley Valley Board School is much more than half-a-mile from the district of New Bromley from which the children refused admission at the Bromley National Infant's School last year came. These children would have, beside the long walk, to cross the main street of Bromley and to climb a rather steep hill twice a day. With one or two exceptions I am informed that no infants from the New Bromley district attend at the Valley Board Schools. The only existing schools practically available for these children are the Bromley National Infants' School which, with an accommodation for 162, had 249 on the books when inspected in November last and has been over full for some time past and obliged to refuse admissions; the Plaistow St. Mary's National Infants' School which, with accommodation for 115 children, had 134 on its books; and the Sundridge Park Infants' School which, with accommodation for 67 children, had 78 on its books. These schools at the present time have 81 names down and some children have lately again been refused admission. The figures quoted by the Clerk, I must point out, were obtained just after the schools had been temporarily depleted by the promotion of the upper classes to the respective older departments, and seeing that the children have again been refused admission I cannot admit that the average attendance is a guide in this case.'

My Lords would be glad if the Board would again consider the question with reference to the facts stated in the above report and particularly they would be glad to know whether the Board have satisfied themselves that any children who have been refused admission at the Bromley National Schools, the Plaistow St. Mary's, and Sundridge Park Infants' Schools have found places and are attending elsewhere. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, C. T. HODGSON."

The Chairman said that the Inspector pointed out that their figures were obtained just after the examination but he did not say anything about his own being taken just before the examination.—In reply to Mr. Loly, the Clerk said the Board's figures were taken from a document expressly prepared for the examination at the time of the examination.—The Vicar: As a matter of fact the infants' schools are hardly ever full during the Winter.—The Chairman: It is a remarkable thing that a Government Inspector should object to children having to cross a road. How many roads do they have to cross in London?—Mr. Peill asked what the statutory distance was and the Clerk replied "Two miles."—The Clerk then reported that he had communicated with the teachers of the three schools mentioned in the Inspector's report and had received replies stating that at Bromley National Infants' School no children had been refused admission since the school examination in the first week of November last and that all those who applied for admission before that had since been admitted. With regard to those who were attending elsewhere the Board must be referred to the School Attendance Officer and the census returns. The report from St. Mary's Plaistow Infants' School stated that no children had been refused admission in that department either before or after the last examination. The number had never reached the maximum, which was 120, while the average attendance was 96·385. From Sundridge Park Infants' School the report stated that there were eight or 10 children under five years of age waiting to be admitted. They had applied but could not be taken in. Of those who applied before the last examination all had since been admitted.—Mr. Loly said he would move that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Department, with a view to postponing the building of the new schools for Bromley for the present. It would be a very heavy item of expenditure for the ratepayers as they would have to secure a site for other than an infants' school, as an infants' school could not exist apart from a girls' school and that would be an unnecessary expense at the present time. The Inspector had by no means made out his case with regard to the alleged refused admissions. The road mentioned was not particularly dangerous to cross and it was not the only one the children had to cross. The Clerk should also state that the extra distance from the Bromley National Schools to the Valley Board School was under half-a-mile, and that the exact distance from the centre of the New Bromley district to the Valley Board Schools was under one mile. He believed that if those facts were placed before the Department, with a strong expression from the Board—who certainly were in a better position to judge of the needs of the neighbourhood than Mr. Holt White was by his periodical visits—that the proper time for building new schools had not yet arrived, they would stave off the evil day when they would have to build more schools for Bromley for some time to come.—Mr. Peill seconded Mr. Loly's motion, and that gentleman, with Mr. Peill's consent, added to his resolution, that official measurements should be taken from the centre of the New Bromley district—the top of Palace-road—to the Valley School and, at Mr. Loton's suggestion, the Widmore Schools were included.

Letting the Board's Schools.

At the same meeting a letter was read from the secretary of the Bromley District Liberal Association, applying for the of hire the Raglan-road School, for a meeting to be held on Feb. 24th. The Board's tariff and regulations with regard to the same were also asked for. Mr. Loly moved that it be granted. The Board had, he said, already let their schools, and he did not now see how they could refuse any reasonable application. It should be known and understood, though, that the schools must be obtainable by all parties whatsoever. Mr. Peill seconded, and the motion was carried.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Tithe Redemption.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting of the newly constituted Board on Jan. 27th among the accounts recommended by the Finance Committee for payment was the sum of £38 8s. 6d. for the redemption of the tithe on the cemetery site.

The Cemetery Waterlogged.

At the same meeting the Architect reported that as instructed by the Board he had excavated a hole in the new cemetery in order to ascertain the nature of the sub-soil. He had gone down to the depth of 14 feet and then water came in and the work of excavating had to be abandoned. He had been instructed to proceed with the boring but as he anticipated that to be a most expensive matter

he thought it would be best to first obtain estimates for the work. A Committee was formed and it was considered advisable that the services of an expert should be called in to advise them as to dealing with the matter of the drainage of the cemetery and the expense of boring be dispensed with. The Architect then gave a list of three gentlemen whose services might be obtained. Mr. Neal asked if it would not have been possible to have discovered that state of things prior to the ground being decided upon and purchased. The Architect said it might, perhaps, have been discovered if the trial-holes which were sunk had been sunk in the winter instead of the summer. In the summer the water had of course gone down some bit. The ground was, passed by Dr. Hoffman. Mr Neal said the question was one which would affect the rates of the parish considerably and it was due to them as new members to have it understood that no onus was upon them personally. However, now that they were elected they must try and do the best they could for the parish. He for one would object to going to any great expenditure for the drainage of the cemetery without first going to the Vestry.—In reply to Mr. Neal's query as to the necessity for that course being pursued, the Clerk said that practically all the £6,000 borrowed was expended and, therefore, they would be compelled to appeal to the Vestry if they wanted funds. The Board then went into Committee to decide on an expert whom they might engage in the matter.

Scheme of Drainage Adopted.

At the meeting, on Feb. 21st, the following report was received from Mr. Richard Grantham M.I.C.E., the expert whose services the Board had secured to report on the possibility of effectually draining the Cemetery:—"Since the receipt of my instructions from Mr. Mallet and my inspection of the cemetery on the 9th inst, with him and Messrs. Neal and Pellett, I have carefully considered the means of lowering the water which now stands in the subsoil on the east side of the ground within about three feet of the surface. Mr. Mallet has supplied me with ample information about the nature of the subsoil and the geological formation and has also given me levels which I have since verified and found correct. Generally the subsoil consists of fine sand but on the east side there is a bed of sticky clay mixed with pebbles and this bed, no doubt, arrests the passage of the water which percolates from the highest land on the East side and in one part keeps up to a high level on that side. On the West side the bed of clay dies out and the subsoil water soaks away to a much lower level. Now, there is no doubt that if the level of the subsoil water were lowered the flow would be small. I think there is evidence to warrant this belief in the railway cutting which in the deepest part appears to be about 15 feet deep and at the foot of which on the upper or East side there is a small stream of water. With regard to the levels of the land I observe there is a rise from the invert of the pipe laid by Mr. Mallett under the entrance to Burnt Ash Lane to the centre of the path opposite the west porch of the Chapel of rather more than 14 feet and the ground of the Cemetery further South rises considerably, and on the West side there is also a rise. I understand that permission to drain into the West Kent Main Sewer has been refused. It is, however, quite practicable by laying a drain to a junction with the present pipe under the entrance by the gate-house along the approach road to lower the level of the subsoil-water opposite the west porch of the chapel to 13 feet below the surface of the ground. By laying a drain connection under the principal paths of the cemetery it is also practicable to lower subsoil water in the ground west and south of the chapel to less than 13 feet below the surface if required. In my opinion, after many years experience in dealing with sewage and polluted water there would not be the slightest risk of contaminating the subsoil-water hereafter in thus lowering its level. I apprehend that the graves would not be dug deeper than 12 feet below the surface, and as soon as the pipes are laid the waters would be reduced to their own level: that is, generally, at least, to one foot below the bottom of the graves. All the water, if any, that would pass through then, would be a very small quantity of rainfall and this, owing to the very fine quality of the sand and the distance between the drains and the graves, would be so filtered as to remove all cause of apprehension of contamination. I enclose a tracing upon which I have drawn lines of the drains which I recommended should be laid for the purpose of lowering the water, but it is possible that those on the West side might be omitted after the effect of the drains on the East and South sides have been observed. Great care will, of course, be required in the setting out and in the execution of the works and probably it would be necessary to fill up the drainage opposite the chapel with cement concrete. I estimate the cost of the works approximately at £850 including all contingencies; this sum, however, will be materially reduced if it be found that drains are not required on the West side. If after consideration your Board think fit to approve and carry out the system of drainage here proposed I beg leave to advise that the plans, sections and specifications be prepared to submit to a few well-known contractors competent to carry out such work for their estimates." Mr. Pellett said that by appointment Mr. Neal and himself met Dr. Hoffman at the Home Office, and that gentleman approved the scheme in the main, but suggested one or two slight modifications which he (Mr. Pellett) then enumerated. Dr. Hoffman, he said, also said that before sanctioning the scheme in writing he would like Dr. Codd to be consulted. Dr. Codd had been consulted that evening, and he also entirely approved the scheme in the main, but coincided with Dr. Hoffman's views as to the minor modifications.—Mr. Neal asked whether, looking at it from a legal point of view, if the Board drained that water off into the ditch running by the adjoining property, and alongside the highway, they would be likely to incur any legal obligation thereby.—The Clerk quoted Mr. Grantham's and Dr. Hoffman's assurance that the water would be free from contamination.—Mr. Neal: Then it is purely a question of degree and of analysis?—The Clerk: Purely.—And we should be laying ourself open to a case for injunction?—Yes, possibly.—Mr. Neal said that the ratepayers had been put to so much expense that he would be sorry to see the Board involved in a law-suit.—Mr. Pellett said the Ilford Cemetery of 100 acres had been similarly drained. They had just the same difficulty, but they had drained off into an open ditch and into the River Lea, and no legal proceedings arose.—After some further discussion the Board decided to lay the drain down one side of the main road of the cemetery instead of down the centre of the road. The report and the scheme contained therein was then adopted, subject to some small modifications, and the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Grantham if he would act as consulting engineer to the Board, at a fee to be agreed upon, and to invite estimates from Messrs. Mowlem & Co. (Westminster), Messrs. Docwra & Sons (Ball's Pond-road, N.), and Mr. T. Lansbury (Bromley), for the execution of the work, as soon as the necessary plans and specifications had been prepared.

Re-infection of Fever.—At a meeting of the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board, held in Bromley on the 2nd ult., the Sub-Committee—consisting of Col. Sir John F. Lennard, Bart., J.P., Mr. James Batten, J.P., Mr. P. F. Secretan, Mr. F. Stevens, Clerk to the Beckenham Local Board, and Mr. R. G. Mullen, Clerk to the Bromley Local Board and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board—appointed at the last meeting of the Board to consider and investigate representations made to the Board with regard to the spread of infectious disease by returned patients, now reported that at a meeting on January 20th, Sir J. F. Lennard presiding, they commenced their investigations and took the evidence of Doctors Randall, Carpenter, Campbell and Shannon and the Matron of the Hospital, and it was perfectly clear to the Committee that several cases of contagion from patients discharged from the Hospital had occurred notwithstanding the precautionary measures adopted by the officials of the institution. At a subsequent meeting on January 27th, the Committee inspected the Hospital in company with Dr. Carpenter, who would no doubt in due course submit his observations upon such inspection. The Committee recommended: (1) That

immediate steps be taken for adding bathrooms to the six wards; (2) that increased laundry accommodation and a larger ironing and sorting room be provided; (3) that a larger kitchen be erected for the cooking of the patients' food; (4) that larger and better provision be made for the Matron's stores; (5) that additional nursing accommodation for nurses and servants be provided; and (6) that medicine cupboards be put up in all the wards. The Committee further asked authority to forthwith instruct the Board's architect to prepare plans and estimates for these works.

ST. LUKE'S, BROMLEY, BURIAL DIFFICULTY.

A meeting of the Vestry of the ecclesiastical parish of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, convened by the Vicar, the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, and the Churchwardens of the parish for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Burial Board for the parish took place at the St. Luke's Institute on the 1st ult. The Vicar presided, and he was supported by Mr. Wheeler Bennett and Mr. W. H. Dodgson, churchwardens, while among those present were:—The Rev. Hamilton Jackson, Dr. Yolland, Dr. Chatterton, Messrs. A. P. Jackson, M. H, Hodder, H. Podger, D. Marchn, F. Peill, E. Peill, H. A. Vallings, Judd, Chapman, Westbrook and others.—The Vicar, in opening the meeting, said the Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, had called upon them to provide a burial ground of their own, and, therefore, that meeting had been called to consider the matter that evening. If they looked at the statistics of burials for the past year from Easter to Easter at Holy Trinity they would see that the authorities there had some just cause in calling on them to provide their own burial ground. Out of about 83 burials 53 were from that part of the parish. He felt he was on the brink of he knew not what—it might be a volcano. When they looked at the neighbouring parishes and saw the hornet's nest they had raised about their ears, they—the Vicar and Churchwardens—almost trembled to ask their ratepayers to meet together in the matter. However, he believed they were sensible men, and he asked them to look upon the matter in a sensible light. He thought they would combine in an amicable, honest and honourable way to meet the wants of Churchmen and Nonconformists of the parish. There would be no question of fees, nor of his being appointed a chaplain, or anything of the kind. They had known him now for five years. The burden had been laid upon them, and they must do the best for all in the parish. It was a question which effected rich and poor alike, and therefore they wanted the thing settled on the cheapest and best possible terms. They could not, as he understood the law, constitute themselves a Burial Board that evening, but they could take the initiatory steps while prolonging the time as much as possible, that the ratepayers might not be needlessly burdened. As near as he could judge from statistics furnished him some time ago the rateable value of the parish was £10,595, so that if they made a burial rate it would not be more than 3d. in the £. The chief difficulty would, of course, be in finding a site for a burial ground, but he trusted that with such heads of wisdom as they had among them that difficulty would be speedily overcome. For his part he did not care if they had Marten's Act, or what Act they went under; he wanted absolute fair play between Churchmen and Dissenters. He wanted to receive no fees from Dissenters if he did not bury them. He wanted equity, not law. It was absolutely unfair to take fees for burying Dissenters if they did not do so.—Mr. Westbrook asked under what Act it was proposed to proceed?—Dr. Yolland referred Mr. Westbrook to 15 and 16 Victoria, Cap. 85.—Mr. Westbrook urged that the Vicar should "get everything in order" because of the great cost involved, and he added that they on the building fields owed several thousands of pounds for the making up of their roads. If it was thought that the rate would not exceed 3d. in £ all would be well. He had thought it would be nearer 1s. in the £.—A Voice: So it will.—Mr. M. H. Hodder asked if the churchwardens had any definite proposal to lay before the meeting. If not he would move: "That in view of the increasing population of Bromley and the need of special facilities for burials in the neighbourhood, other than the parish of St. Luke's, it is hereby resolved that steps be taken to secure the co-operation of the Bromley Local Board to provide a second burial place for the town." It had struck him, Mr. Hodder said, that although steps must be taken for that particular parish yet they must not forget that there was not the accommodation that was wanted for Bromley even outside that neighbourhood. Part of Bickley was provided for and paid rates to Bromley, but there was the district of New Bromley which was a large one, and again there was a large district rising up in the neighbourhood of the station: part of South Hill—which, although in the Beckenham district, would be better served nearer at hand in that direction instead of going to Bromley—and Masons Hill. Alluding to the expenditure, Mr. Hodder said they wanted to do the thing as cheaply as possible and if the parish of St. Luke's stood by itself the burden of the rates would be very much heavier.—Mr. Wheeler Bennett asked permission to correct a statement made by the Vicar with regard to the rateable value of the parish. Mr. Stone informed him that the rateable value was £18,900. In deprecating undue haste, Mr. Bennett said they had a distinct promise from the authorities of Holy Trinity that no drastic measures should be exercised against them. At the second meeting on the subject, held in that institute, Mr. Norman had said that while there was room in the Holy Trinity churchyard they would not discriminate against them. The best feeling possible existed between the two parishes and he felt sure that as a neighbouring parish the Holy Trinity authorities did not wish to precipitate their action perhaps to the detriment of the parish. The more they ventilated the subject other parishes in the same position as themselves might feel inclined to join them. They had 260 grave-spaces still unbroken at Holy Trinity, and besides that, if they could get another five acres it would be sufficient to last them a hundred years. Mr. Bennet then moved:—"That in view of early legislation taking place upon the Burial Acts of England (the whole weight and support of the present Government being promised by the Home Secretary to any effort in that direction) this meeting is of opinion that it is inexpedient to take immediate action in providing a burial ground for St. Luke's parish; and, therefore, recommend that a deputation of three churchmen and three nonconformists wait upon the authorities of Holy Trinity to try and induce them to allow us to continue the privilege of burying at Bromley Common during the present year."—Mr. Hodder withdrew his resolution in favour of Mr. Bennett's, and the resolution was then put to the meeting and carried and the deputation was subsequently appointed.

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THE PAST MONTH.

Burial questions continue to monopolize much time and thought on the part of both the local and and ecclesiastical authorities on all sides of Bromley, as well as on the part of the ratepayerrs. St. Luke's parish, Bromley Common, has wisely staved off the immediate necessity of providing a burying ground of their own, by obtaining permission from the mother parish to continue making interments in Holy Trinity Churchyard until the end of the current year. The Bromley Burial Board are threatened with a surcharge, by the Local Government Board, of the sum of £90, in respect of payments made by them when the extension of the existing cemetery was talked of. The same Board is still being solicited to devise means whereby the inhabitants of the two forlorn districts in the centre of the town can be relieved of the responsibility of providing a burial ground for themselves. The parish of Plaistow is in a worse plight than either of the foregoing. Having just got their chapel and gate-house completed, and the ground —excepting consecration—fit for burials, it has been found that the land is water-logged and the cost of draining it is estimated at £850. Preliminary estimates, unfortunately, have a way of being exceeded even without reckoning such incidental expenses as professional fees; but such, it is to be hoped, will not be the case in the present instance. A Bill has been introduced into Parliament this session authorizing Local Authorities to provide crematories; the inhabitants of Bromley would do well to petition in favour of it.

The reason of the comparatively high price of bread is a problem which has been engaging a considerable amount of attention both in the Metropolis and in the Provinces, and from the practical importance of the question to all classes of her Majesty's subjects it is one well worth investigation. A useful contribution to the knowledge of the public on the matter and one which will materially assist them in coming to a right conclusion, is contained in a report of the proceedings of a local Co operative Society at its ordinary quarterly meeting. At this gathering it was announced that the sale of the Society's bread yielded a profit of twenty-one per cent., whereas the grocery department brought a return of no more than nine-and-a-half per cent. A proposal, however, made to reduce the price to five-pence per quartern loaf was rejected by the members. We learn from an old newspaper, that the price of bread in the week ending January 8th, 1809, was 1s. 4½d. for a four pound loaf, wheat at the same time standing at 100s. 6d.; it will be seen on examination that bread was in those days comparatively cheaper than it is now when wheat is at 26s.

The Bromley Local Board has failed in its action against the proprietor of the "White Hart," the object of which, was to restrain him from constructing a road opening into the narrow lane known as the "White Hart" Slip. Though there can be no two opinions as to the desirability of maintaining as many open spaces—lungs as it were—in the centre of the town, the evidence even of the Board's own witnesses showed that the action ought never to have been brought.

A very important matter to householders in the more "residential" parts of the neighbourhood was brought to the Bromley Local Board's notice, last month, in a communication from the captain of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, in which the need of additional fire hydrants was insisted on. Where houses are situate at a distance from the road, it was pointed out that they should be supplied with private hydrants, within their own grounds, as the length of hose owned by the Brigade is frequently not sufficient to reach the buildings. A practical illustration of the logic of this argument was afforded by a fire that recently occurred in the outskirts of the town. Even if unlimited piping was at the disposal of the Brigade, it is heavy apparatus to carry about, and takes, of course, a certain time to connect.

Improved Postal Service.—On and after Wednesday, March 1st, there will be an additional delivery of letters from Bromley Head Office at 10 a.m. From the same date the last delivery at night will commence at 7.45 p.m. instead of 7.15 p.m.

Mr. W. H. Bosanquet has been elected hon. secretary of the Bromley Charitable Society, in the place of the late Mr. T. Adams Phillips.

Failure of a Bromley Butcher.—A Receiving Order under the Bankruptcy Acts has been made against Mr. David William Harris, butcher, of Bromley.

Bromley Local Board Election.—The retiring members of the Bromley Local Board this year are Mr. James Batten, J.P., (Chairman), and Messrs. T. Davis, D. Grinsted, and E. Isard. The election will take place early in April. Although Mr. Batten has signified his intention of not seeking re-election, there is every likelihood of a contest.

United Gospel Temperance Mission in Bromley.—An eight days' United Gospel Temperance Mission, conducted by Mr. John G. Woolley, an American, was commenced on Sunday, the 19th ult., at the Drill Hall, Bromley. The chair was taken on the opening evening by Mr. Robert Whyte, junr., and the hall was crowded in every part, amongst those present being several of the ministers and clergy of the town. The meetings were continued every evening during the week and, in spite of the unfavourable weather, attracted overflowing audiences, Mr. Woolley being a powerful and interesting speaker. On the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 20th, there was a largely attended meeting for women in the Congregational Schoolroom, when the Rev. R. H. Lovell, presided, and Mr. Woolley gave an address, and the following Saturday there was a meeting specially for children. The Mission concluded on Sunday evening last, when many were unable to find room in the Drill Hall. Very efficient service was done by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Collins and the solos given from time to time were particularly appreciated. The Mission was organized by a large Committee comprising members of all denominations in the town, who have every reason to be gratified by the success of their efforts.

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

Jan.

26th—Annual Prize-giving and Winter Treat of the Plaistow Church Sunday School, at Bromley Drill Hall.

,, —Mr. Frank Davey gave his fourth Annual Concert at St. Mary Hall, Chislehurst.

27th—Evening Concert in aid of Bromley Servants' Home, at Bromley Congregational Schools, arranged by Miss Benham.

,, —Annual Meeting of the Bromley Conservative Club, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., presiding.

,, —First Annual Meeting of Beckenham Horticultural Society at Public Hall.

30th—Meeting in connection with China Inland Mission at Bromley Town Hall, Mr. M. H. Hodder presiding.

31st—Meeting in support of Movement for Closing Public-houses on Sundays at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom, Rev. J. Fleming Shearer presiding.

,, —Annual Meeting of Bromley Liberal Association, Mr. G. H. Whitehead elected president.

,, —Annual Prize Distribution and Entertainment in connection with Bromley and Mason's Hill Church Sunday Schools, at Drill Hall.

Feb.

1st—Meetings at Bromley, Beckenham, and Chislehurst in connection with February Simultaneous Missionary Meetings of the Church Missionary Society.

,, —Meeting of St. Luke's Vestry to consider the question of a burying ground for the parish, when it was resolved to request the parish of Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, to continue to allow St. Luke's parish the privilege of using their graveyard until the end of the year.

2nd—Amateur Theatrical Entertainment at St. John's Parish Room, Bromley, in aid of charities of St. John's Church and St. Mary's, Plaistow. Repeated on 3rd.

3rd—Sir Charles and Lady Hallé's pianoforte and violin recital, at Bromley Grand Hall.

4th—Annual Dinner at "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, of London, Chatham & Dover Railway Bickley Engine-drivers and Firemen, Mr. T. R. Light presiding over a company of fifty.

,, —Annual Gymnastic Competition at Bromley Drill Hall of Bromley Troop of West Kent Yeomanry Cavalry.

5th—Confirmation Service at St. Luke's Church, by the Bishop of Dover.

6th—Tenth ordinary General Meeting of Beckenham Public Hall Company.

7th—Annual Meeting of Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School.

8th—Visit of Bromley Naturalists' Society to Mr. Horniman's Museum, Forest Hill.

,, —Annual Ball of Bromley Lodge 454 of Ancient Order of Druids, at Town Hall.

9th—Adjourned audit of books and accounts of Bromley Local Board; audit further adjourned to March 17th.

,, —Annual Meeting of the Bromley Cottage Hospital, at the Bromley Parish Room, the Rev. A. J. Hellicar presiding.

,, —Entertainment by Nubian Minstrels, at Orpington Village Hall, in aid of the Cray Valley Cottage Hospital, arranged by Mr. Roper, of Derry Downs.

10th—Servants' Ball at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley.

11th—Dramatic Entertainment at the Lecture Hall, West Wickham, in aid of the Lecture Hall and Cricket Club Funds; repeated two following days.

,, —Return match at Bromley between Bromley and Cray Wanderers' Football Clubs; game broken up by spectators, scores being Wanderers 4, Bromley 2.

,, —Smoking Concert of Beckenham Football Club, at Beckenham Public Hall, Mr. A. J. Baker, presiding.

13th—Ballad Concert at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley, under direction of Mr Walter E Stark.

,, —Distribution of prizes at Bromley Science and Art Schools by Mrs. A. C. Norman.

,, —Annual General Meeting of Beckenham Conservative Club, Mr. A. H. Baker presiding.

13th—Sixth Annual Supper of Plaistow Working Men's Club, given by Mr. W. H. Bosanquet, Rev. W. Hodgson presiding.

14th—Entertainment at Bromley Workhouse, arranged by Mr. Theodore Dodd.

,, —Annual Meeting of Alexandra (Beckenham) Liberal Association, Mr. F. P. Harbert presiding.

,, —Fancy Dress Ball at Beckenham Public Hall, in connection with Shortlands Tea and Coffee Club.

18th—Eight days' United Gospel Temperance Mission, commenced at Bromley Drill Hall.

,, —Annual Meeting of Phillips Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley, Rev. R. H. Lovell, presiding.

,, —Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of Bromley Co-operative Society, when it was resolved to amalgamate with Chislehurst Co-operative Society.

20th—Annual Meeting and Tea of Loyal Orphans' Friend Lodge of Juvenile Oddfellows, at Industrial Institute, Sherman's-road, Bromley.

,, Annual Meeting of Bromley Literary Institute, Mr. A. S. Gedge, presiding.

,, A member of the Cray Wanderers' Football Club heavily fined at Bromley Petty Sessions for assaulting a spectator at a football match at Bromley.

22nd—Presentation of a watch and purse of fifty sovereigns to Ex-detective-sergeant Snelgrove, at "Bell" Hotel, Bromley.

,, —Hearing of case, Bromley Local Board v. Maurice Lloyd, before Mr. Justice Wills, resulting in judgment for defendant.

Rustic Village Bazaar.—On the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst., a grand rustic village bazaar, in aid of the fund for providing new Sunday Schools in connection with the Wesleyan Church in Bromley, will be held in the Drill Hall, Bromley. Among the patrons announced are the Rev. J. H. Rigg, D.D., President of the Wesleyan Conference, the Rev. T. B. Stevenson, D.D., LL.D., Ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference, Earl Stanhope, Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir. J. Lubbock, Bart, M.P., Sir G. Hayter Chubb, Lady Scott, Messrs. R. W. Perks, M.P., Clarence Smith, M.P., W. A. McArthur, M.P., A. C. Norman, J.P., E. Packe, C.C., and others. The Bazaar will be opened at two o'clock on Tuesday, the 14th, by Mr. W. Gage Spicer, J.P., of Chislehurst.

Bromley Workhouse.—A number of ladies including: Lady Scott, Lady Lennard, Mrs. Coles Child, Mrs. and the Misses Wigram, the Misses Alston, Mrs. Gerard Norman, and Miss Akers, attended at the Bromley Union Workhouse, on the 13th ult, and distributed gifts of tobacco, oranges, tea, sugar, snuff, buns, sweets, and nuts, to the old and young inmates of the institution, a kindness which was much appreciated both by the inmates and the officials.

Presentation to Detective-Sergeant Snelgrove.—A large and representative gathering assembled at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on the 22nd ult., on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial consisting of a splendid English watch, suitably inscribed, and a purse containing fifty sovereigns, which had been subscribed by the inhabitants of Bromley and district, to ex-Detective-Sergeant Snelgrove, who has retired from the force after 24 years' service. Mr. W. H. Bosanquet occupied the chair, and Mr. L. R. Laumann the vice-chair, but the latter gentleman, who was indisposed by a serious accident, vacated in favour of Mr. T. Lansbury. An excellent vocal programme was gone through, the comic element predominating, songs being given by Messrs. E. West, S. Holding, Alf. Atkins, W. Hengler, Cox Dear, Marriott, Worley, Everett, and others. In making the presentation, Mr. Bosanquet characterised their presence there that evening as paying honour to whom honour was due, and then went on to speak of the great public service which Detective Snelgrove had rendered during the 24 years he was connected with the force.—In acknowledging the testimonial, Mr. Snelgrove thanked all for their kindness, and particularly Mr. Lansbury and the Misses Heaysman, who he knew had worked very hard in his behalf.—Congratulatory speeches were also made by Mr. Hatfield, Inspector Knights, Mr. King and Mr. Lansbury, and votes of thanks were also given to the chairman and vice-chairman, which were duly acknowledged.

BROMLEY SCIENCE AND ART SCHOOL

The distribution of prizes won by the students at the Bromley School of Science and Art, Tweedy-road, Bromley, during the past session, took place on the 13th ult., that kindly office being undertaken by Mrs. A. C. Norman. Among those present on the occasion were Mr. Archibald Norman, J.P., who accompanied Mrs. Norman, Mr. T. Davis, formerly secretary of the Schools and the Chairman of the Technical Education Committee of the Bromley Local Board, under whose management the Schools are now carried on, Mr. J. J. Curtis, Mr. I. Davis, Mr. H. J. Tweedy, Mr. Randall, the Art Master, and Mr. F. H. Norman, Clerk to the Technical Education Committee of the Bromley Local Board.—Mr. T. Davis presided and in opening the proceedings he remarked that he occupied a rather anomalous position there that evening as he had ceased to be the secretary of the school and had now only a sort of semi-official connection with it. They had no written report to present but, however, he hoped to be able to give them some idea of what had taken place during the past session. They had now arrived at a very important stage in the history of the school and that evening marked out distinctly a stage in the progress of the school. It was many years since Art classes were first established in Bromley—some 20 years ago. In 1873 evening classes were held at Masons Hill schools and Science classes were carried on with some considerable success for some years. It was not until 1875 that he became connected with the schools as secretary of the classes. A further stage of progress was made in 1878 when that present building was erected and the Science and Art Schools were appointed. The Committee had applied for a certain amount of assistance from the local authority and, having made a beginning in the matter, in all probability the Committee thought it the better way, as people were taking a great interest—a new-born interest—in Technical Education, to hand over the school to the local authority in order that it might be carried on with greater vigour if possible than it had been in the past. Since then, he was happy to be able to say, the school had largely increased in numbers and efficiency. At the present time there were 89 students on the registers of the evening classes and he had himself, on more than one occasion, visited the school and found more than fifty students on one evening.—Mrs. A. C. NORMAN then presented the prizes and certificates.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Bromley Conservative Club, was held at the Club House, Bromley, on Friday January 27th, when there was a very large attendance. Mr. Henry W. Forster, M.P., occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Loftus, Coles Child, W. Ridley Richardson, Dayrell Reed, and M. J. Dickins.

The usual introductory formula having been gone through, Mr. M. J. Dickins, on behalf of the Secretary, Mr. Colin Campbell, who was unable through illness to be present, read the annual report and balance sheet, the former of which showed that during the past year 165 new members had been elected, as against a total of 120 for the previous year. The accounts showed receipts, including a balance of £4 16 1d., from last year, amounting to £341 16s. 11d., and the expenditure £357 18s. 8d., leaving a debit balance of £11 5s. 8d. The slate club, under the secretaryship of Mr. Perkis, had been very successful, and would be again continued as usual. Several smoking concerts had been held, including one of a large scale at the Grand Hall, which had been particularly attractive. The house suppers had likewise been a complete success, and would again be continued. The scale of refreshments had produced a sufficient return during the past year to enable the house committee to hand over to the club's treasurer, as a part of the profit earned, the sum of £45, in addition to which the necessary requisites for bar, billiard room, and suppers, and a considerable portion of the stock of liquors on hand had been covered by such earnings, without any call being made upon the ordinary income of the Club. In consequence of a report received from the Committee of the Club Amateur Athletic Association, in April last, which stated that the number of entries were insufficient to justify them in holding a meeting, as heretofore, under A.A.A. Laws, it was determined to hold a Conservative fête of a more general character. The fête took place in Sundridge Park, by kind permission of Lady Scott, on July 20th, to the general satisfactfon of all concerned. The Committee also expressed regret to have to report the resignation of Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce as a vice-president owing to his duties as a Judge and they recommended Mr. A. C. Norman to fill the vacancy.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman then proposed, on the recommendation of the Committee, that a new billiard room be added, at an estimated cost of £200 complete, After some opposition the recommendation was approved. The election of officers was then proceeded with, the following officers being declared elected on the motion of Mr. Dickins: President, Mr. Edward Packe, C.C.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Batten, J.P., C.C., Arthur Bray, Coles Child, J.P., H. W. Forster, M.P., G. W. F. Loftus, Hon. C. W. Mills, and E. Norman; hon. treas. Mr. W. Ridley Richardson; hon. sec. Mr. Colin J. Campbell. Five members on the committee retired by rotation, who offered themselves for re-election with the exception of Mr. G. Spooner, and there were two fresh candidates, Mr. G. Loly and Mr. McLoughlin, which necessitated a ballot. In the result Messrs M. J. Dickins, C. E. Ingall, G. W. Perkis, G. Dayrell Reed, and G. Loly were declared by the chairman duly elected. On behalf of the Club Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., presented to Mr. Brown, the steward of the Club, a purse containing £6, subscribed for by the members of the Club as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered by him.

BROMLEY LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Bromley Literary Institute, took place at the Institute, Widmore-road, on Monday, the 20th ult. Mr. A. S. Gedge was voted to the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. D. Grinsted, T. Davis, G. Weeks, J. Weeks, J. F. Arnaud, J. C. Arnaud, J. Churchill, A. H. Hewett, Portway, and others.

The minutes of the last annual general meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. G. H. Payne read the following report from the Committee:—

"Your Committee herewith present you with the forty-sixth Annual Report, and also the Statement of Accounts. The income of the past year has fully met the expenditure, leaving a small balance in hand, notwithstanding that the Committee have been unable to arrange any entertainments in connection with the society. Fifty-six volumes have been added to the Library, in addition to valuable gifts from the President, the Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., J.P., M.P., Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., Mr W. McKewan, and others. The adoption of the Free Libraries' Acts, will not necessarily be prejudicial to the interests of the Institute. For nearly fifty years the Institute can claim to have provided the only Reading Room (and for the greater part of that period the only library) available for all, irrespective of class, party, or religious opinions, and the subscription has been fixed at a rate low enough to enable its advantages to be in reach of any desirous of availing themselves of them. The establishment of a Free Library will relieve the Commitee to a great extent of the obligation they have felt in order to supply the wants of those to whom a

higher subscription would have been a check. For some years the Committee had hoped to secure the freehold of the Institute; this has been offered for sale, but owing to the extravagant price given —over 40 years' purchase—they were unable to acquire it; this they much regret, as the possession of the freehold would have placed the Society on a more permanent basis. The Committee wish to express their thanks to the donors of books and periodicals and also to those who have contributed towards the reduction of the Building Debt. It is much to be desired that this debt should be further reduced. The Committee desire most earnestly to impress upon members that the prosperity and efficiency of the Institute depends almost entirely on the addition of new new members, they therefore appeal to all to exert themselves as far as possible to bring the Institute under the notice of their friends."—After some discussion the Committee's report and statement of accounts were adopted. Votes of thanks were accorded to the officers for their past services and they were then re-elected.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD v. LLOYD.

The case of the Bromley Local Board *v.* Lloyd came on for hearing before Mr. Justice Wills, on the 22nd ult., when Mr. Daniel Jones, Q.C.: appeared for the Bromley Local Board, and Mr. Finlay, Q.C., and Mr. Hadley for Mr. Lloyd.—It will be remembered that some time back the defendant Lloyd, who is the proprietor of the "White Hart" Hotel, High-street, Bromley, gave notice to the Local Board of his intention to make a new street abutting on to the "White Hart" slip, and running at the back of the "White Hart" field. The Local Board refused to sanction the scheme and applied for an injunction to restrain Mr. Lloyd from carrying out his intention. Mr. Justice Kekewich granted an injunction, but the decision was appealed against and in the result the case was sent down from the Higher Court for trial with witnesses, and this was the action now tried.—Counsel for the plaintiff Board, in his opening statement, relied on the decision of Mr. Justice North in a similar case by which it was held that the word "entrance" to a new street must mean not a part of the street itself, but the approach to it, and as the Board's bye-laws laid it down that any person constructing a new street must make the entrance of 40ft. width, it was contended that the bye-law would be violated by the scheme Mr. Lloyd proposed to carry out. It was also contended that part of the existing narrow slip, known as the "White Hart" slip, was not a public road and that, therefore, the defendant could not make the necessary entrance required by the bye-laws. Several witnesses were examined in support of the learned counsel's opening statements, including Mr. R. Finlay, assistant surveyor to the Local Board, Mr. E. Isard, Mr. G. H. Payne, Mr. W. Hopton, and Mr. Blundell, but some of the Board's witnesses admitted that the slip had been made up by the Board, and was on the Board's list of public roads, and was shown as such on a plan prepared for sewerage purposes on behalf of the Board. For the defence defendant himself gave evidence that his cabs frequently drove up the slip to deposit "fares" at the Court House, and other witnesses on the same side were William Pawley, son of a former tenant of the "White Hart," Mr. E. S. Harris, Mr. John Summerfield, Mr. Barrell Mr. E. Peill, formerly road foreman, Mr. C. W. Gedney, and Mr. Gill, who all spoke to the road having been treated as a public road for many years past. After addresses from the respective counsel, his lordship gave judgment for the defendant, holding that there was ample evidence before the Court that the White Hart-lane was an ancient highway. Its use as such, and its repair as such by the public authorities, had been conclusively proved for a period extending back to 1841. That the fact of the owners of adjacent land acquiescing in this use and repair, must be assumed to imply an intention on their part to dedicate the road to the public. In conclusion the judge said: "What the defendant has done in the plan which he submitted to the Local Board is eminently sufficient, from any point of view, to comply with these bye-laws, and my judgment will be for the defendant, with costs." The injunction will be dissolved, and an inquiry will be held as to what damages the defendant has sustained.

Phillips' Memorial Hospital.—The fourth annual general meeting of the governors, donors, and subscribers to the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital and Dispensary for Bromley and District, took place at the Hospital on Saturday, the 18th ult., when there were present.—The Rev. R. H. Lovell, Messrs. E. F. Duncanson, Brock, Avis, and Soan; Doctors Madden and Thomas (Medical Officers), Miss Hyde (Matron), Mr. C. H. Aylwin (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. M. Wyborn (hon. secretary). The Rev. R. H. Lovell was voted to the chair in the absence of Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., who had been announced to preside. The Secretary read the report of the Committee which stated that the number of patients treated in the wards in the year ended December, 1892, had amounted to 71 as against 59 in the previous year, and of those 50 were discharged cured and 12 more or less improved. Owing to the subsidence, early in the year, of the influenza epidemic, which raged during a long period in 1891, the number of visits to patients at their homes materially diminished, but the figures showed a considerable increase over those of 1890, when 1006 visits were paid as against 1252 in the past year. The Committee therefore believed that this unique function of the institution was still as much appreciated as ever. Notwithstanding the fact that the year under review had proved a comparatively healthy sequel to a period during which much sickness had been prevalent, the number of attendances at the Dispensary had reached 1664. Twenty-eight operations were performed while only one fatal case occurred to mar the perfection of the otherwise gratifying record. The Committee were again under obligation to Dr. Burford, of the London Homœopathic Hospital, for his skilful assistance in that branch of the work. The annual subscriptions amounted to £295, while the current expenditure had been £490 14s. 5d., showing an excess over the former of £195 14s. 5d. It was stated that the recent concert had produced a profit of £39 12s. 6d. —On the motion of the Chairman the Committee of the following ladies and gentleman was elected *en bloc*:—E. F. Duncanson (chairman), Miss J. M. Anderson, C. H. Aylwin (treasurer), Rev. P. Barker, Charles Bell, Mrs. Herbert Bell, Miss Bevington, Mrs. Dennes, W. R. Hay, Rev. R. H. Lovell, Mrs. Madden, E.M.Madden, M.B., M.R.C.S., Fred. H. D. Man, Mrs. Man, J. Medwin, Miss A. C. Tapp, A. M. Tapp, Arthur Tapp, H. Wynne Thomas, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Mrs. Wigram, J. M. Wyborn (secretary).—Votes of thanks were passed to all the officers and subscribers to the hospital.

Bromley Cottage Hospital.—The annual general meeting of the donors and subscribers to that admirable institution, the Bromley Cottage Hospital took place at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on Thursday evening the 9th ult., when there were present:—the Rev. A. G. Hellicar (in the chair),

Mr. H. Selby, Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. J. C. Arnaud, Mr. G. Dennen and Dr. Beeby, with Mr. H. H. Pain, (hon. sec.) and Mr. W. McKewan, (hon. treasurer). —The Chairman moved that the report be taken as read and adopted, and that the accounts be passed and printed and circulated in the usual way. (Extracts from these will be found in our advertising columns). The report, he said, was of a very satisfactory nature and demonstrated what a high position the Cottage Hospital retained in the regard of the people of Bromley.—Mr. McKewan seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.—Mr. Henry Selby moved the re-election of the Committee *en bloc*.—Dr. Beeby, Sir Gainsford Bruce, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. John Gordon, Mr. E. A. Hambro, the Rev. Arthur G. Hellicar, M.A., Mr. M. H. Hodder, Dr. Herbert J. Ilott, Mr. Wm. McKewan, Dr. D. T. Playfair, Mr. John Scott, J.P., Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. James E. Woodward,—and in so doing he referred in terms of great regret to the loss the Hospital had sustained in the death of Mr. T. Adams Phillips, who, he said, had been so well-known for his kind liberality and philanthrophy.—The Chairman, who seconded, also referred to the death of Mr. Phillips. He, himself, could bear testimony to the way Mr. Phillips had thrown himself into that department of work and what a warm interest he had taken in everything connected with the welfare of the Hospital. He felt they must all greatly deplore his loss.—The resolution electing the Committee was then carried *nem. dis.*, and votes of thanks closed the proceedings.

A Landslip in Beckenham Lane.—On the 22nd ult. a landslip occurred in Beckenham-lane, whereby some six yards of the bank and wall in front of The Hill, the residence of Mr. C. J. Tapp, was precipitated into the road. The police mounted guard over the spot and the Bromley Local Board's Surveyor, Mr. Stanley Hawkings, was informed, and he immediately took steps to have the read cleared and the bank secured.

Bromley Local Board Audit.—The adjourned audit of the books and accounts of the Bromley Local Board, took place on the 9th ult,, at the Local Offices, East-street, when there were present:—Mr. Boggis-Rolfe, Assistant-Auditor for the South Eastern District. Mr. R. G. Mullen, Clerk to the Bromley Local Board, and Messrs E. S. Harris, J. Fielding, H. Podger, E. Peill, Ranson, and others. There were several passages of arms between Mr. Harris and the Clerk to the Local Board, and Mr. Harris and the Auditor. The audit was subsequently adjourned until March 17th. It is understood that three of the members of the Local Board have received notice to attend before the Auditor at the adjourned meeting, to show cause why they should not be surcharged for certain sums paid by them in their capacity of members of the Bromley Burial Board and relating to a proposal made some time ago for enlarging the cemetery. These payments have formed the subject matter of some of the objections before the Auditor.

Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority: Stimulants at the Workhouse.—At a meeting of the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority, sitting as a Highway Board, at the Union House, Locksbottom, on the 3rd ult., Col. Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., J.P. in the chair, the Clerk drew attention to a letter which had recently appeared in the *Bromley Chronicle*, signed "Anti Free Drinks," and another in the *District Times*, signed "Ratepayer."—The Chairman said it should be clearly understood that no stimulants of any kind were allowed to the officers, not even beer, a small monetary allowance being made them in lieu of it. The whole of the wines and spirits consumed in the House was given to the sick and infirm inmates upon the order of the Medical Officer, and every ounce was accounted for in the medical books. Neither did the Guardians have anything from the Workhouse stores, those members who, residing at a distance, lunched at the Workhouse on the days of meeting, themselves provided and paid for everything they had, the provisions being supplied by Bromley tradespeople and not by the Union contractors.—It should be noted that the Chairman's statement does not relate to malt liquors—beer, &c., which is responsible for a third of the whole expenditure on stimulants.

Sunday Closing: Meeting at Bromley.—A public meeting to advocate the necessity of closing the publichouses on a Sunday was held in the Congregational Schoolroom, Bromley, on January 31st, when there was a very good attendance. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, who was supported by the Rev. R. H. Lovell, and Messrs, F. J. Hughes, Wm. Hicks, W. J. Gibbs, William Green, F. W. N. Lloyd, T. Martin, W. Amos (secretary), Capt. Richards, and Mr. T. Bowick and Mr. William Copleston, of London, who attended as a deputation.—The usual resolutions were carried with enthusiasm.

Foreign Missionary Meetings.—Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce, presided over a fair attendance at the Town Hall, on the 1st ult., on the occasion of one of a series of February simultaneous Missionary Meetings, held in London and the suburbs. There were also present: the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Rev. H. F. Wolley, Rev. P. Barker, Rev. G. Smith, vicar of Kilburn, and Mr. Henry Morris.—Mr. Justice Bruce, in opening the meeting, said they were, as Englishmen, not unnaturally proud of the great success in trade which had everywhere followed their flag. But must the success be in a commercial sense alone? Ought not the St. George's Cross, which adorns the National Standard, to act as a stimulus to them to carry the gospel about with them? He considered that it was their first and greatest duty to extend Christ's Church, and a church had no claim to be an Apostolic Church, which did not take an interest in Foreign Missions. To devote themselves to this special work, they must rise to a higher level in order to understand and sympathise with the principles which animated the Christian Missions. He called to their mind the early apostles who, in obedience to the Master's command to "go," deprived themselves of every comfort and luxury and went. That command given to them had never been recalled, and it remained for them to do their share towards the obeying of the command.—Similar meetings were held both at Beckenham and at Chislehurst.—A meeting on behalf of the China Inland Mission was held at the Town Hall, Bromley, on January 30th, when there was a crowded attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. M. H. Hodder, who, in his opening remarks, spoke of the great amount of good work which had been done in China, and of the need for still greater efforts in the future. He also enlarged upon the vastness of the field, and the great and deplorable state of idolatory and ignorance which existed, and the need of more workers. Surely there, if anywhere, the harvest was great and the labourers few. He then introduced the other speakers, Mr. Nasmyth and Mr. Frost (from Toronto), both of whom spoke of the admirable work carried on by the Mission, and the great need for more workers. The interest taken in China, and the work of the China Inland Mission by the people of America was also touched upon. After a few further words by the Chairman, Mr. J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, spoke.

The County Magistracy.—At a recent meeting of the executive of the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council, held at the City Liberal Club, and presided over by Mr. Robert Whyte, Junr., Mr. F. Swanzy proposed, and Mr. Frank Hudson seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:—"That, having regard to the present

unsatisfactory appointments to the County Bench —Liberals being practically excluded from the Commission of the Peace—this meeting respectfully urges upon the Lord Chancellor the desirability of appointing magistrates without reference to the Lords Lieutenant, and would also press upon his lordship's notice the desirability of an Act abolishing the property and house-duty qualification for the County Magistracy. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to Lord Herschell."

Funeral of Mr. T. A. Phillips. — The funeral of Mr. T. Adams Phillips, who died at his residence, South Hill House, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, after four days' illness, took place the following Friday, in the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives. On arriving at the Parish Church, the body was removed from the hearse and borne by six bearers into the church, where it was met by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, and the Rev. F. Haslam. While the mourners were assembling in the church, the organist, Mr. Burritt Lane played Chopin's "Funeral March." The service began with the choir singing the hymn, "Brief life is here our portion," and the chanting of the special Psalms 39 and 90, to Purcell's funeral chant. After the appointed lesson had been read the choir sang "For ever with the Lord," and the Vicar offered special prayers. The service closed with the Benediction, and on the mourners leaving the church the organist played "Rest in the Lord" (Elijah) by request of Mrs. Phillips. The remains of the deceased gentleman were then conveyed to the Bromley cemetery, where the Rev. A. G. Hellicar performed the last solemn rites of the funeral service.

Funeral of Mr. Henry Avis. — The mortal remains of Mr. Henry Avis, who died at his residence, Studleigh, Holmwood-road, Bromley, on Monday, Feb. 6th, were interred in the family grave, at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Saturday last, in the presence of the sorrowing relatives of the deceased gentleman and a large number of persons from the Wesleyan Methodist body, by whom Mr. Avis was well known and beloved. At 9.45, the body was conveyed to the Bromley Wesleyan Chapel, where a short Memorial Service was held, the first part of the service being conducted by the Rev. Richard Roberts, an old and personal friend of the deceased gentleman, and a brief address was afterwards given by the Rev. Walford Green, the Chairman of the Third London District. The funeral *cortege* was again re-formed and the journey to the cemetery commenced.

A Football Fracas.—At the Bromley Petty Sessions, on the 20th ult., before Mr. S. P. Low and others, Robert Sharp, of St. Mary Cray, appeared to answer a summons charging him with assaulting Matthew Parsons, of 88, Park End, Bromley, on the Queen's Mead Recreation Ground, Bromley, on Feb. 11th.—There was also a cross-summons in which Parsons was charged with assaulting Sharp.—The cases were heard together.—Mr. L. W. Gregory appeared for the complainant and Mr. Louis Lewis for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. The evidence showed that a return football match was played on the Queen's Mead Recreation Ground, on the day mentioned, between the Bromley and the Cray Wanderers' Football Clubs. Considerable interest was taken in the game, and towards the end of it the spectators encroached considerably on the ground, which was not roped in. Mr. Tyrer, who was acting as linesman, protested against the action of some of the public in interfering with the play and was roughly assaulted. A general skirmish ensued, in which Sharp committed the assault complained of on Parsons. In the result, Sharp was fined forty shillings and costs, £4 11s. 6d. in all, and the summons against Parsons was dismissed.

BECKENHAM.

Canon Body is preaching at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, every Wednesday morning during Lent.

Burglary at the Rectory.—On the evening of Friday, the 10th ult, while the Rector and Mrs. Arnott were away from home, the Rectory was broken into and about £12 in cash, some silver articles and clothes were stolen. No clue has yet been found to justify any arrests.

Beckenham Horticultural Society.—The annual meeting of the Beckenham Horticultural Society, which has now been in existence for nearly a twelvemonth, took place at the Public Hall, on the 27th Jan. In the absence of the Rector, in consequence of illness, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Charles Green (Vicar of S. Paul's), one of the vice-presidents, who was supported by the Rev. G. O. F. Griffith (Vicar of S. Barnabas), Mr. F. A. Broxholm (Chairman of the Local Board), Mr. A. J. Baker, K.C.C., Mr. A. Wright, hon. treas., and Mr. T. W. Thornton, hon. sec. The report referred to the two exhibitions which had been organised by the Society during the year, at the first of which £51 in gate-money had been taken, and also drew attention to the lectures on horticulture, which had been given by Professor Cheshire at which there had been an average attendance of 93. The financial statement showed a balance of £15 in hand.

Beckenham Public Hall Company.—The tenth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Public Hall Company was held on the 6th ult., when the shareholders present were Messrs. A. H. Baker, W. Mathew, H. Copeland and R. R. Blackborow; and the directors. Messrs. R. M. Sturges (chairman), G. Holman, F. Kendall Glover, C. E. Atkinson and A. Wright, hon. secretary. The report showed the net revenue to be £425 12s. 10d., as compared with £416 8s. 11d. in 1891, and £325 1s. 2d. in 1890. A special outlay of £39 17s. had been made, chiefly in the construction of a new proscenium and stage accessories. Including a balance brought forward on profit and loss account of £16 2s. 1d., there was an available sum of £441 14s. 11d. for appropriation. A dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ending 31st December, 1892, was, on the recommendation of the directors, declared, absorbing £350; and the special outlay written off, and the balance of £51 17s. 11d. carried forward. The directors stated that they proposed to erect a colonnade or verandah as a protection against the weather to people entering or leaving the building.

CHISLEHURST.

Mr. F. Davey's Concert.—The fourth annual concert by Mr. Frank Davey, F.C.O., organist of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, was given at St. Mary Hall, West Chislehurst, on Jan. 26th, and proved a complete success. The programme was somewhat different from those of most local concerts as it comprised nothing that was not "classical." Among those who took part in the concert were Mr. Payne (violin), Miss Margaret Nutter (vocalist), Herr Belinski (violoncello), and Mr. Davey (piano).

Death of Mr. A. C. Pugh.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Cheshire Pugh, which took place after a few days' illness at his residence, Red Hill Villas, Chislehurst West, on Saturday, the 4th ult. The deceased gentleman was in his sixtieth year, and had been an inhabitant of Chislehurst for very many years. Mr. Pugh had long taken a great interest in local parish affairs, being a member of the Chislehurst Parochial Committee and of the Fire Brigade sub-Committee, by whom, as well as by the parish at large, he was held in great esteem. The funeral took place the following Wednesday afternoon at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and was attended by many friends not only from Chislehurst, but also from Bromley, Sidcup, St. Mary Cray, Maidstone, and other places.

Popular Readings.—The last of a series of winter entertainments given fortnightly, during the winter, in the Village Hall, Chislehurst, took place on the 14th ult. Messrs. Lewis Wigram and Dalton were responsible for the arrangements and their efforts were deservedly appreciated, a full house greeting the large and attractive programme. Among the contents was a well executed toy symphony which was very well received. Among those who took part in the evening's entertainment were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell, Mr. T. Batten, Miss Batten, Miss Field, Mrs. Batten, Mr. and Miss Dalton, The Misses Mitchell, The Misses Wigram, Mr. and Mrs. Balme, Mr. Alfred Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, and Mr. S. T. Spalding.

FARNBOROUGH.

Stabling Burned.—On the morning of the 22nd ult. shortly after seven o'clock a fire was discovered in the stabling on the property belonging to Mr. Henry Wilson, of Farnborough Common, by a gardener named Ritchings. The police were informed and the Bromley Volunteer Fire Brigade were speedily in attendance with manual and hose cart and the flames were then extinguished with water from an adjacent pond but not before the stables had been gutted out and the roof burned off. The fire is supposed to have been caused by careless tramps who have had the privilege of sleeping in the stable and sheds adjoining. The loss is covered by insurance in the Royal Fire Office.

ORPINGTON.

The Orpingtgn Commons.—A scheme for the regulation of the Orpington Commons has been issued as a Provisional Order Bill, and should be studied by those interested in the management of the common lands of the districts before the Bill has gone through the House of Commons. The Bill establishes under local management Broom Hill Common, Darrick Common, Gumping Common, and Sparrow Common. The first conservators are to be the Rev. Mr. Trench, Mr. G. B. Lake, Mr. H. B. Howard, Mr. H. B. Barraud, Mr. C. G. Brown, Mr. A. Day, Mr. R. Francis, Mr, H. V. H. Davis, and Mr. W. S. Simmonds. Three of the conservators, as decided by lot, go out of office in April next, three in the following April, and three in April, 1895, and the vestry of Orpington parish is to elect the successors to the retiring conservators.

ST. MARY CRAY.

Oddfellowship.—The half-yearly meeting of the St. Mary Cray District of Oddfellows was held at the Library, St. Mary Cray, on Jan. 30th, Bro. E. Marshall, P.G.M., of the "Lord Holmesdale Lodge" (Bickley), presiding. The meeting was well attended, every lodge in the district sending delegates. The balance sheet for the half-year showed that on July 31st last there was a balance in favour of the Management Fund of £2,299 12s. 10d.; and in favour of the Funeral Fund of £274 10s. 7d. on June 30th. At the end of the half-year the former balance had increased to £2,403 11s. 8d., and the latter to £363 6s. 7d. The total value of the District funds was as follows: invested in mortgage, £2,150; in Post Office Savings Bank, £421 10s. 6d.; in treasurer's hands, £217 0s. 9d.; goods in use of district, £21 12s.; ditto on sale, £6 4s. 7½d. Total, £2,816 7s. 10½d. The accounts of the district were audited and found correct by Bro. T. H. Coast (of Foots Cray), and Bro. A. Elliott, P.G. (of Bickley). P.D.G.M. Bro. J. T. Collins was elected P.G.M. for the coming year, and P.G. Bro. J. News D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

Mr. Henry Arthur Hallam Farnaby Lennard, eldest son of Sir John Lennard, Bart., of Wickham Court, has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutenant of the county.

LIGNEOUS PLANTS OF KENT.

Having devoted considerable attention to the finding out of such trees and shrubs as may, so far as is known, be considered natives of the county, I have thought the subject not unworthy of the following brief remarks, more particularly as several species are extremely rare, and have been found wild in only a few other stations in the British Isles.

Taking into consideration that the area of Kent is a little less than 1,004,984 acres, of which more than one-half is under crop, and that about one hundred species of trees and shrubs are found therein, it will probably be seen on comparison that no other corresponding area of ground in Britain can boast of so rich a flora.

Geological Features.—From north-west to south-east five geographical belts of very varying width and outline, extend throughout the county. (1.) That stretching from London to the Isle of Thanet, and embracing the Isle of Sheppey, consists principally of plastic and London clay, and may be deemed a continuation of the basin of London. (2.) A belt of chalk—a continuation of the North Downs—extends from Surrey to the sea or Eastern coast, and forms a broad mass of cliff. From Walmer to the Isle of Thanet there stretches a low marsh coast, and at the latter the chalk re-appears and forms the beautiful promontory of North Foreland. Through the valleys of the Darenth and Medway the chalk intrudes, and extends in a thin line from Greenwich to Gravesend along the banks of the Thames. (3.) The Weald clay covering the greater part of the county, the flat of Romney Marsh lying below it. (4 and 5.) Gault and lower greensand, both underlying the chalk. Occasionally, too, the Hastings' sand formation of Sussex may be seen isolated in the Weald clay, but it does not occur in sufficient quantity to form a sixth belt.

The geological features of a county have much to do with the flora, so that I may be excused for the present concise summary of them. Of the about one hundred species and varieties of trees and shrubs mentioned above, twenty-four may be classed as timber trees, and the remainder as shrubs, regarding the habitat and utility of which we will in turn say a few words. The arrangement of genera and species is according to Bentham's "British Flora.

(1) *The Traveller's Joy, or Old Man's Beard* (Clematis vitalba).—In the chalk districts of England this shrub is very abundant, but as we recede into Scotland it gradually becomes less plentiful, until in the northern portions, and also in Ireland, it can only be classed as a naturalised subject. In its native haunts it may oft be seen as a straggling, twining, half-climbing shrub, that, when afforded support, will reach to a height of 20 feet or 30 feet. Few sights are more enjoyable and attractive than a neglected fence draped with the wild clematis, and particularly is this so in the autumn months, when the rather inconspicuous greenish flowers have been succeeded by the fluffy, feathery, and beautifully silky carpels. Some of the hedges by the wayside, from Keston Church to High Elms, and from the former place to Leave's Green, are quite mantled in summer with the great hanging festoons of the neatest and brightest of foliage, or clustered masses of these curiously-shaped greenish flowers.

(2) *Common Barberry* (Berberis vulgaris).—Along the outskirts of woods and copses this pretty shrub may frequently be found, but it must not always be considered as truly wild in the positions where it grows. There are, however, several indisputable stations of the shrub even in the country around Bromley. Generally it is found as a shrub of say six feet or eight feet high, with an upright habit of

growth, the branchlets alone assuming a semi-pendent character, especially when laden and weighted down with the elegant drooping racemes of yellow flowers, or again in autumn with the oblong bright coral red berries which hang in bunches from each branch tip. Both the stems and leaves are armed with prickles. The wood is of a beautiful yellow colour, and from it a valuable dye is prepared.

(3) *Helianthemum canum* (Hoary Rockcist).—An undershrub of low, procumbent growth, and confined to chalky or limestone districts. It is by no means common in this neighbourhood, but a few specimens are to be found on the chalk reefs by Downe. The flower racemes are numerous and short, and the flowers are individually small and yellow.

(4) *H. vulgare* (Common Rockcist).—A taller growing and stronger shrub than the former, with small leaves, green above and downy beneath, and bright yellow flowers and loose racemes. Very common on dry chalky banks throughout the country. As to whether the curious *H. surrejanum*, which was originally found near Croydon, can be classed as a native, I am open to conviction; but fine, healthy specimens were brought to me and said to have been collected not far from Farnborough. It differs from *H. vulgare* in having small, narrow, deeply-cut petals.

(5) *White Rockcist* (H. polifolium) is only supposed to be truly wild in Somersetshire and Devonshire, but a form with pure white flowers occurs in at least two stations between Holwood and the village of Downe.

(6) *Tamarisk* (Tamarix gallica).—By the seashore at St. Margaret's Bay, I have found this shrub in plenty, and there often growing to fully seven feet in height. It is of somewhat straggling growth, the the branch-tips somewhat pendulous, and well-covered with small scale-like pointed leaves. The pretty pinky-white flowers are arranged in short spikes and contrast nicely with the deep green of the foliage. For seaside planting it is invaluable, and along the coast at St. Margaret's it increases, but not very plentifully, young plants springing up amongst the loose sand and rubbish at high-water mark.

(7) *Hypericum calycinum* (Large-flowered Hypericum) is probably indigenous in several of the woods and margins of commons in the neighbourhood of Bromley. It is a pretty plant, with dark green, oblong leaves, and large, bright yellow flowers from three inches to four inches in diameter. The numerous stamens render the flowers very effective. Where dwelling houses have once existed and the garden ground has been thrown into the adjacent roads and fields, this Hypericum may oft be found, but in such places it cannot be classed as truly wild; more likely it has become naturalised by offcasts from the garden.

(8) *Tutsan Hypericum* (H. Androsœmum).—A pretty little erect-growing shrubby species, with neat ovate leaves, two inches or three inches long, and small corymbs of showy yellow flowers. Not very plentiful in the Bromley district, but in Eastwear Bay, and in a wood below Lymne Castle it is fairly abundant.

(9) *Common Lime* (Tilia Europœa).—In Britain this woodland occupant can only be said to be truly wild in southern England, and it must not be taken for granted that it is truly wild in every position in which it is found. It is a valuable shade and ornamental tree, and one the wood of which is much in request for carving. In several parts of the county, and far removed from house and home, and where no regular plantations are to be found, I have noticed the tree in some abundance. The familiarity of this tree to everyone will be sufficient reason for omitting a description.

It may be well to mention, however, that the common native Lime—a low growing tree with small, glabrous leaves—is *L. parvifolia*; while that commonly planted has much larger leaves, which are downy beneath, and is of European origin and known under the name of *L. grandifolia*.

Common, or Field Maple (Acer campestre).—This is a very common hedgerow tree in almost every part of Kent, but would seem to favour chalky districts and where the soil is poor and thin. It is a handsome, small-growing tree, with beautifully cut and remarkably neat foliage, that resembles more some of the finer varieties of Ivy than that of any forest tree. Some of the hedges by Holwood Farm are almost entirely composed of the Field Maple, and these when variously tinted in autumn are most conspicuous, the neat, deeply-divided leaves asssuming tints of the most varied hues. There is an unusually large specimen in the field almost apposite to the residence of the late Charles Darwin, and another handsome tree is a conspicuous object on the lawn at Heathfield, in Keston.

Sycamore Maple (A. Pseudo-platanus).—A well-known tree of large size, but one that can hardly be classed as a native, although in many districts it springs up freely, and has become quite naturalised. Whole groups of seedling trees may be seen in various parts of the county. Although included in most floras yet the Sycamore has but little claim to be considered a native of Britain, and is generally supposed to have been introduced about the middle of the sixteenth century.

Both Turner and Evelyn deny its being indigenous, and Parkinson in 1640 says:—"It is nowhere found wilde or naturall in our land that I can learne, but only planted in orchards or walkes for the shadowes sake." It was little known in England so late as the seventeenth century. Chaucer speaks of it as a rare exotic in the fourteenth century; and Gerard, in 1597, as "a stranger in England, which groweth only in the walkes and places of pleasure of noble-men."

Common Holly (Ilex aquifolium).—A well-known, native, small growing tree that occurs abundantly in a wild state everywhere throughout the county.

There are many famous Holly hedges throughout the country, and Kent can boast of one of the most remarkable. This was planted by Evelyn, at Say's Court, Deptford, at the suggestion of Peter the Great, who resided at his house when he worked in the dockyards at Deptford. It was 400 feet long, nine feet high, and five feet broad; and Evelyn asks, "Is there under Heaven a more glorious and refreshing object of the kind, than such an impregnable hedge, glittering with its armed and varnished leaves, the taller standards at orderly distances, blushing with their natural coral." There are not a few large standard trees throughout the county, one of the largest being in the grounds at Keston Lodge, and near to Poynter's gate.

There is a very distinct variety of the Holly growing on the left side of the road leading from Holwood Farm to Crow Hill, in which the leaves are unusually long, narrow, and spineless.—A.D.W.

SIR CHARLES AND LADY HALLE'S CONCERT.

Sir Charles and Lady Hallé clearly have (or at any rate had) a very high opinion of the standard of musical culture in and about Bromley. The programme which they put forward on February 2nd, while calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of all true lovers of high class music, had little which would appeal to the much larger class of concert goers who desire, above all, variety and a fair proportion of light pieces, either vocal or instrumental. The result was, that although a numerous and intensely appreciative audience assembled in the Grand Hall, there were many more vacant seats than would probably have been visible had a slight admixture of the kind suggested been offered. Sir Charles Hallé opened the first part with Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique," a noble work, which gets more o

less mutilated at the hands of every schoolgirl and tyro pianist, but which, on this occasion, it is needless to say, received most efficient treatment, though in the first two movements there seemed to be a lack of warmth of expression. In the violin solo, Tartini's "Il Trillo del Diavolo," which followed, Lady Hallé showed that she has lost none of the accuracy of intonation and purity of tone which made the name of Madame Norman Neruda a household word. The duet with which the first part closed (Max Bruch's "Swedish Dances") afforded an excellent opportunity for both artistes to display their perfect mastery of their instruments: passages full of fire and impetuosity alternating with others soft and languishing, while the weird character of some portions was very striking. The first three numbers of the second part (Menuetto and Tambourin, Gluck-Hallé, and Study in E, Paganini-Liszt, for piano, and Saint Sains' Introduction and Rondo capriccioso for violin) were of a somewhat more popular character, and their brilliant execution elicited an enthusiastic encore in each case. Probably in the judgment of most connoisseurs, however, the gem of the whole concert was reserved for the close, Beethoven's "Kreutzer" Sonata being given in a manner beyond all praise. Throughout the concert the refinement and absence of sensational effect which are so characteristic of Sir Charles Hallé's playing were very noticeable; and Lady Hallé, though apparently lacking something of the inspiration she frequently derives from the crowded audiences to which she is accustomed, played in a style which, while it gave extreme delight to her hearers, fully maintained the great reputation she has gained.

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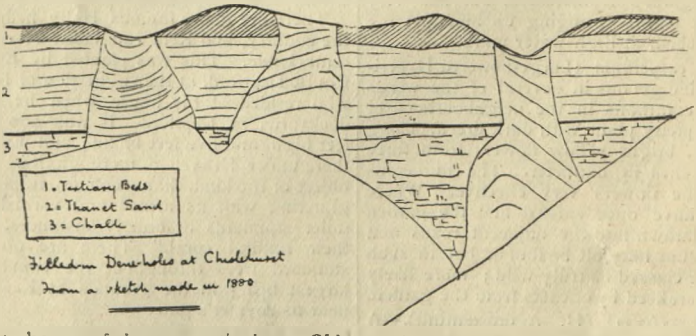
SUBTERRANEAN EXCAVATIONS.

Every enquirer into local history must have been struck with the frequency with which rumours and allusions, more or less definite, are made to the supposed existence of subterraneous passages. Scarcely a castle or ancient house of any importance can be found which is not popularly credited with such an appendage, leading either to the parish church or some other house of known antiquity. Old buildings, and historical sites generally, have in connection with them no tradition more popularly believed in than this.

Such avenues are generally supposed to have been constructed for the purpose of secrecy, and for the furtherance of some schemes of plunder, intrigue, or crimes of deeper dye. Yet surely nothing could be more unreasonable nor more impracticable than such a method of clandestine communication. The mere removal of the earth necessary for the making of such a passage, apart from the engineering difficulties to be encountered, is a fatal objection to such a theory. Would not the removed material constitute in itself a clue which would betray the existence of underground works and lead inevitably to detection? The chief ground for this wild theory of an extensive series of secret passages below the earth's surface seems to have originated in the occasional falling-in of the surface of the ground at various places, and the consequent discovery of underground chambers the existence of which was not previously suspected. In most cases of this sort, the excavations as far as we have been able to ascertain, have been made in the chalk formation, a substance which is not only easily workable, but also wonderfully coherent and lasting, especially when protected from the influences of the weather, and particularly of frosts. Instances of the sudden and unexpected sinking-in of the ground are by no means infrequent in the neighbourhood of Bromley. Sometimes the subterranean cavities have become filled in, either by the collapse of the walls of the chamber, or by material slowly introduced by means of rain washing, the action of surface springs, and other influences.

A very interesting example of the latter kind was brought to light in Camden Park, in May 1857, by a labourer who was cutting chalk for lime-burning. Owing to the fact that the pick-axe blow entered the base of the ancient excavation an excellent opportunity presented itself for a thorough examination of the contents with a minimum of labour. The investigation was made by a few gentlemen of antiquarian tastes, who caused the whole of the earth to be removed and examined carefully. By these means several interesting remains were discovered, including a skull of the extinct *Bos longifrons*, a large number of separate teeth and jaws of large animals of the ox and deer tribe, teeth and jaws of dog or wolf, skulls of hedgehogs, remnants of early rude British or Roman-British pottery, and a small vessel of red Samian ware. The total depth of this excavation was about 17 or 18 feet, and the diameter in the largest part 11 ft. 8 in.

In an account of this pit contributed by Mr. Robert B. Latter to *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. I., it is suggested that the purpose of the exavation was probably the obtaining of chalk for agricultural purposes; and judging from the nature of its contents, it was suggested that the pit itself was in existence prior to the 5th century. The same writer identifies the long-used Bickley chalk-pits with "Swellinde Pette"



Filled-in Dene-holes at Chislehurst
From a sketch made in 1880

mentioned in a charter dated between 1250 and 1274. The accompanying illustration exhibits, in section portions of three filled-in pits at a chalk-pit near the railway-station at Chislehurst. They are interesting as showing (1) the method of enlargement immediately the excavation had been carried through the sandy beds into the chalk; (2) the nearness with which a number of such pits were often excavated; and (3) the depressions in the earth's surface around what was once the entrance, caused by the falling of the unstable tertiary beds. When the sketch was made—about thirteen years ago—the side of the pits, as far as they were then accessible, showed evident tool-marks in the chalk, but indeed their whole construction points to an artificial origin. "Pipes" which are often found running down into the chalk, and which are of natural origin, are of a tapering shape, smaller as they descend, and the disposition of their contents is materially different to that which is here found.

This series of pits, therefore, affords some valuable evidence of the method which was employed in

constructing pits in the chalk, and, although the lower parts are obscured by large masses of fallen *débris*, they evidently belong to the same class of excavations as that which was carefully investigated by Mr. Latter in Camden Park.

Another pit of a somewhat similar, but more elaborate pattern, was some years ago brought to light in the grounds of Mr. Harris of Merlewood, Bickley. At some period after its construction it had become filled with loose surface soil, containing land shells; but when cleared out it was found to be about forty feet deep, with eleven vaulted passages at the bottom, each extending about twenty feet in a horizontal direction. This may be taken as a fair example of the numerous pits which have been discovered in the neighbourhood.

The pits already referred to appear to belong to one of two classes into which the whole of the denehole, or danehole, as these subterranean excavations are popularly called, have been divided. The class to which they belong comprises pits which do not often exceed 40 feet in depth, and are usually about 20 feet deep. This class of pits has, with considerable probability, been deemed to have been constructed in remote times for the purposes of temporary dwellings, hiding-places, and perhaps store-houses for grain and valuables. The second class of pits, represented by that near Mount Mascall, North Cray, a hundred feet deep, and the extraordinary groups of excavations at Bexley, and Grays, present many mysterious features of which no good explanation has yet been given. They often descend to a depth of close upon a hundred feet, passing through a great thickness of Thanet sand, and enlarging extensively as soon as the chalk is entered. Moreover the pits have often been sunk within a few yards of each other, regardless, apparently of the enormous amount of unnecessary work which has been incurred thereby. Some of these deep pits at Grays have been submitted to a most careful and systematic examination by Mr. T. V. Holmes, F.G.S., and Mr. William Cole. The report issued upon the exploration shows that none of the extensive chambers underground were originally connected by passages. Each shaft had its distinctive set of galleries below, but those galleries did not communicate with the galleries belonging to other shafts, although sometimes only a thin wall of chalk separated them. Again, although there is every reason to suppose the pits to be of considerable antiquity, the remains found among the *débris* do not indicate any great antiquity; (says the Report) "indeed all those characteristic forms which are usually met with in pre-historic deposits are conspicuous by their absence."

The opinion of that late eminent antiquary, Mr. Charles Roach Smith upon this point may be interesting. In a letter to the present writer, dated Feb. 6, 1884, he writes: "To me the account of Pliny is wonderfully explanatory of the Dane Holes, or Chalk Pits, as they are called by the country folk. The Chalk was largely exported; and the contiguity of many holes was merely the result of search after the best kind of chalk. A practical man would see nothing in going to the depth of 60 to 100 feet to get good chalk and save the upper ground. At the present day these pits are dug, and precisely in the ancient manner. That they ever could have been for residence to me seems impossible, and impossible also for the storage of corn. Not a single vestige of human residence in them as ever been found."

There appear to be many points about these ancient excavations which await a satisfactory explanation. The ground plans of the chambers at Grays afford a remarkable uniformity of design, which can hardly have been the result of accident; and there are many other equally important features which deserve notice. Enough has been said, however, to explode the popular fallacy touching the existence of secret passages under the surface of the ground.

Births.

Chancellor.—On the 31st January, at Sidcup, Kent the wife of the Rev. Bartlett W. Chancellor, M.A., of a Daughter.

Dewey.—On 10th Feb., at 38, St. James'-square, Nottinghill, W., the wife of the Rev. Stanley D. Dewey, of a daughter.

Hinde.—On Thursday, the 9th Feb., at Tressillian House, Elphinstone-road, Southsea, the wife of Captain W.H. Hinde, Royal Engineers, of a daughter

Ingall.—On Feb. 19th, at Lenfric, Queen's Mead Bromley, Kent, the wife of Charles Edward Ingall, of a daughter.

Lovegrove.—On February 8th, at The Ardennes, Copers-cope-road, Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Henry W. Lovegrove, of a son.

Whyte.—On the 25th Jan., at Ripley, Bromley Park, Kent, the wife of Robert Whyte, Jun., of a daughter.

Marriages.

Cator—Stratford—On the 25th Jan., at S. Margaret's Church, Addington, by the Rev. Julian Guise, assisted by the Rev. Newton Heale, Lieut. Bertie Cator, R.N., second son of the late Bertie Peter Cator, Esq., of Beckenham, to Violet, youngest daughter of the late John Wingfield Stratford, Esq., of Addington Park, Kent.

Sharp—Smith.—On Feb. 14th, at Christ Church, Highbury, by the Rev. W. J. Chapman, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Ed. Taylor-Jones, B.A., James Sharp, second son of Henry Sharp, of Bromley, Kent, to Helen, youngest daughter of the late Richard Smith, of Highbury-place, and Bridge House, Badingham, Suffolk.

Soames—Aitken.—On Thursday, February 2nd, by special licence, at Heath House, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. E. A. Kempson, Vicar of Merton, Surrey, uncle of the bridegroom, Edgar, son of Eley Soames, of Ravenscroft, Bromley, Kent, to Evelyn Margaret, daughter of the late Robert Aitken, of Crowcroft, Levenshulme, Manchester, and of Mrs. Aitken, of Heath House, Bromley, Kent.

Deaths.

Avis.—On the 6th February, at Studleigh, Holwood-road, Bromley, Kent, Henry Avis, of 8, Furnival's Inn, solicitor, and of Bromley, in the 75th year of his age.

Bayley.—On the 23rd Feb., at Southport, Lancashire, Edward Henry Bayley, of Bromley, Kent, son of the late William Butterworth Bayley, Chairman of the East India Company; and sometime acting Governor-General.—Aged 58 years.

Bedborough—On the 28th Jan., at Freelands-road, Bromley, Kent, Sophia Elizabeth, the wife of James T. Bedborough, and youngest daughter of the late Joseph Eglese.

Ellis.—On Feb. 20th, at Sunnydene, Bickley, Kent, Frances, widow of the late Richard Ellis, of Northampton, aged 76.

Merry.—On the 18th Feb. at Elystan, Beckenham William Lucas Merry, aged 68.

Nickalls.—On Feb. 19th, at Bromley, Kent, Arabella Nickalls, widow of the late Pattison Nickalls, in her 94th year.

Phillips.—On Saturday, the 28th Jan., after four days illness, T. Adams Phillips, of South-hill House, Bromley, Kent, and 99, Cannon-street, aged 55.

Wright.—On Feb. 13th, at Sidcup, Kent, the Rev. John Wright, M.A., late Rector of Falmouth, within five weeks of completing his 100th year.

Yates.—On 15th Feb., after a short illness, Henry George Yates, of Highwood, South-hill, Bromley, Kent, and Billiter-buildings, City.

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MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st—Delivery of Voting Papers for Bromley Local Board Election.
2nd—*Easter Sunday.*
3rd—*Bank Holiday.*
,, —Volunteer Field Day, Dartford Heath.
4th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30. p.m.
,, Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West-street, Bromley.
6th—Collection of Voting Papers for Bromley Local Board Election.
7th—Counting of Votes in Bromley Local Board Election.
8th—Delivery of Voting Papers in Bromley Board of Guardians Election.
9th—*First Sunday after Easter.*
10th—Collection of Voting Papers in Bromley Board of Guardians Election.
,, —Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
,, —The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse at Farwig Wesleyan Mission, 8 p.m.
11th—Meeting at Bromley Grand Hall in support of C.E.T.S. Police Court Mission, addresses by Lady Frederick Cavendish and the Hon. Canon Leigh.
,, —Meeting of Independent Labour Party, Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, 8 p.m.
,, —Counting of Votes in Board of Guardians Election.
,, —Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of "Bull's Head," Pratts Bottom, and other valuable properties at "The Bell" Hotel, Bromley, 7 p.m.
12th—Quernmore House School Sports.
16th—*Second Sunday after Easter.*
17th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
18th—Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
,, —Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West-street, Bromley.
19th—Meeting in connection with the N.S.P.C.C. at Bromley Town Hall. Address by the Rev. Benjamin Waugh.
23rd—*Third Sunday after Easter.*
24th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
,, —Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of House and other property at The Mart, E.C., 2 p.m.
30th—*Fourth Sunday after Easter.*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Four meetings of this Board have been held during the month.

The Chairman's Recovery. At the meeting on March 7th, prior to the commencement of the business of the evening Mr. Selby rose and congratulated the Chairman on his recovery from his recent attack of the influenza and his ability to return to his duties. The members of the Board, he said, had missed him very much and were very pleased to see him back in his accustomed place.—The Chairman briefly and courteously acknowledged Mr. Selby's congratulations.

At the same meeting the Highways and Buildings Committee reported consideration of a letter from Mr. Hopton, captain of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, as to the want of fire hydrants in Bickley Park and Sundridge Avenue, the Committee saw that the houses in these neighbourhoods are too far apart for the existing hydrants to be of use in case of fire, and they recommended that the occupiers be written to as to the advisability of providing private hydrants of sufficient capacity.

Fire Hydrants.

Station yards at Bickley and Bromley. At the same meeting, Mr. J. Scott, jun., raised the question of the station yard at Bickley. He had thought, he said, that it was settled that the Board should keep in repair the road over the bridge and the Company were to throw open the forecourt into the width of the highway.—The Clerk said that such was the impression left on the mind of the Board's Surveyor after an interview with the company's engineer, but a communication had been received from the engineer to the L. C. and D. R. Company stating, after consultation with the traffic officers of the Company, that it could not be done.—The Chairman said it was highly objectionable as it was.—Mr. Scott said it was positively dangerous.—Mr. Selby said the question of the Bickley and Bromley stations were now together and would have to be thoroughly considered.—Mr. Scott said the proposed dwarf wall with the gates which would be closed at night would be at very dangerous structure and would really narrow instead of widen the bridge. He hoped the Board would make a determined stand for something to be done.—Mr. Selby said nothing could be done until the plans were before the Board. He took it that the Company could not proceed with the work until plans had been passed.—The Clerk: I would not like to pledge the L. C. and D. R. to anything.—Ultimately the Clerk was instructed to write for an interview with the Company's engineer by a small Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. J. Scott, jun., Mr. Woodward and Mr. Selby.—At the meeting on March 21st, the engineer to the L.C. & D.R. Company wrote that the engineer in charge of the works at Bickley and Bromley was usually on the site of the works, and if the Surveyor and some members of the Board would visit the spot he would explain what was proposed to be done

Resignation of the Clerk. At the meeting on March 7th, the Chairman read the following letter from Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, Clerk to the Board:—Dear Mr. Batten,—The Rural Sanitary Authority and the Guardians of the Bromley Union have expressed the opinion, that in consequence of the large increase in their business, I should resign the office of Clerk to the Bromley Local Board. They also consider it desirable that I should do so on the ground that possibly in the near future some conflicting interest may arise in connection with the West Kent Main Sewerage System. I am, therefore, most reluctantly compelled to place my resignation in your hands, but

at the same time beg to most sincerely thank you, and every member of the Board for the great consideration and kindness I have received during the nine years I have had the honour to hold the office. I need hardly say that I shall be prepared to conduct the forthcoming elections, and to deal with, and dispose of, all questions in connection with the audit and the accounts of the Board. I am, dear Mr. Batten, yours faithfully,

ROBERT GORDON MULLEN.

James Batten, Esq., J.P.,
Chairman of the Bromley Local Board.

Several members of the Board expressed their great regret at Mr. Mullen's enforced severance from the Board, and the resignation was reluctantly accepted. At the meeting on March 21st, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—"In accepting Mr. Mullen's resignation as Clerk to the Bromley Local Broad, an office which he has held for nine years, the Board desire to place on record the sense of the very valuable services he has rendered to the district, in carrying out successfully so many works of great public utility, and at the same time to express its appreciation of the exceptional ability and unfailing courtesy with which he has discharged the duties of his office."

Rooms for Coroner's Courts.

At the meeting on March 7th, a letter was received from Mr. William Hicks, of Plaistow Hall, asking on behalf of the Bromley Temperance Council that the Board would provide a room in the centre of the town, and place it at the disposal of the Coroner for the district when necessary for the holding of inquests, instead of as hitherto, in public houses. The writer also stated that suitable rooms had been secured in the neighbourhood of Mason's Hill and Bromley Common.—Mr. Davis objected, and said that the Coroner himself was the proper person to make the application. If the Coroner was wishful for such a room to be placed at his disposal, or to hold inquests in the Board-room, he thought the Board would be most happy to consider the application.—Mr. Selby: And why not hold the inquests in public-houses?—Mr. Davis: I presume to avoid any temptation to witnesses to indulge in intoxicating liquors. I don't at all think that public-houses are the proper places in which to hold inquests, but I think the application for a room should come from the proper person: the Coroner.—The Clerk was directed to reply in the terms indicated by Mr. Davis's remarks.

Subsidence in Beckenham Lane.

At the same meeting Messrs. Goren & Tapp wrote that their client, Mr C. J. Tapp, of The Hill, Beckenham-lane, complained that the wall surrounding his ground had recently fallen into the road, having no support, and called upon the Board to remedy the matter. He had removed the *debris* and requested that the Board would refund the cost of the work.—The Chairman said the wall had been erected over 50 years.—Mr. Davis said he thought the late Mr. Starling knew something about the wall and the cost of erecting it. He was a way-warden.—The Clerk said it was no part of the duty of a Local Board to enclose private property.—The Chairman suggested that the matter be referred to Committee, but Mr. Grinsted said there was no need to do so; it was not the Board's wall.—The Clerk said the best way of dealing with the matter would be for the Board to order a return of the expenses incurred in the matter by the Board and claim from Mr. Tapp for it.

A threatened Footpath.

At the same meeting the Clerk said it would be remembered that the S.E.R. Company had lodged a Bill in Parliament which, among other things, provided for the stopping up of the footpath by the side of the S.E.R. to Plaistow. Negociations were entered into, but the Company would not accept the Board's terms, neither would they propose any terms which the Board could accept. In connection with that matter he had just received the following letter from the Company's solicitor:—"Referring to my telegram to you of this morning please accept this as my undertaking to withdraw the clause from the Company's Bill relating to the stopping up of the footpath at Bromley and the working arrangement with the L. C. and D. R. Company against which your Board have petitions, when the Bill reaches Committee."

Cost of a Epidemic.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of a precept from the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board upon the Local Board for £641, payable in two moities of £316 and £315 respectively, which was equivalent to a rate of 1d. in the £.—Mr. Davis remarked that it was an extremely heavy rate, and hoped that the Board were getting value for their money.—The Clerk referred to the extraordinary number of patients admitted to the hospital during the past year.

The Sewerage Loan.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Local Government Board with regard to the Sewerage Loan of £37,000, acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter transmitting notice of the sanction of the Public Works Loan Commissioners to the application for sanction to the sum of £377 13s. 2d. out of the above mentioned loan, and asking to be informed of the delay in carrying out the works in respect of the sanctioned loan and when it was anticipated that the balance of £622 6s. 10d. would be expended on such works.—The Clerk said the loan was originally for £37,000 for sewering the town, and as the necessary work had been done from time to time instalments of the loan had been taken up and expended in sewerage works.—The Board directed the Surveyor to bring up a return of the sewering that was still required.

Floods at Newbury Road.

At the same meeting an extensively-signed memorial was received from the owners and occupiers of houses in Newbury-road with regard to the danger of flooding in the future as in the past, of the houses in that road by the overflowing of the Ravensbourne. The signatories prayed that something should be done and suggested, by the way, that the water-course through the meadows should be cleaned out and the footbridge widened to allow the water free passage. The memorial was referred to Committee who at the meeting on March 21st, recommended that the owners be written to with a view of having the suggestions of the memorialists carried out. At the same meeting a letter was received from the Bromley School Board couched in similar terms to the memorial.

The Local Board v. Lloyd.

At the meeting on March 7th, the Clerk laid upon the table a transcript of the judgment of Mr. Justice Wills, in the case of the Local Board v. Lloyd, and stated that the inquiry as to any damages the defendant had sustained had been fixed to come on before the Official Referee, on March 13th. He also added that he had heard indirectly that Mr. Lloyd would be willing to come to terms and avoid the expense of calling evidence on both sides, assuming that the Board would take that decision as final. Would the Board authorise him to take such steps in the matter as were necessary? In reply to Mr. Curtis he said Counsel had not been asked to advise on the case.—Mr. Davis said that before deciding whether or not that decision should be taken as final he would like to know what the costs had been in the past, and what they were likely to be on appeal.—The Clerk said it was impossible to tell what the costs incurred had been, as it was a question of taxation.—Mr. Davis said the decision was a most unsatisfactory one from all points of view, and he thought the judges in a higher court, or in the House of Lords, might take a different view of the case on appeal, and reverse the decision.—Mr. Curtis said the costs of appeal could not be estimated, as it depended on whether one, two, or three counsel were engaged.—After some discussion the Clerk was directed to confer with Counsel, and to call a special meeting if necessary.—At the meeting on March 21st, the Finance Committee reported that at their meeting they took into consideration a report from the Clerk with regard to the case, Bromley Local Board v. Lloyd, and they recommended that the Board accede to an offer to avoid further litigation by the payment of £100 damages to Mr. Lloyd, and that the Board do not proceed to appeal.—The report and recommendation was adopted without discussion.

A Question of Title.

At the meeting on March 7th, the Clerk reported as to the conflict between Mr. Pritchard and the Board with regard to the purchase of the Iron Room, West-street. Mr. Pritchard, he said, was under the impression that he had included in his purchase the path by

the side of the mortuary, notwithstanding that he had shewn him documents as to the Board's title, showing that the path was, with other property, assigned to the parish as far back as 1866. Mr. Pritchard had taken possession of the path with his scaffolding, and on Saturday he commenced to knock down a wall. He (Mr. Mullen) at once wrote to Mr. Pritchard, calling upon him to remove all materials from the Board's land, and also stated that at the next meeting of the Board, he (the Clerk) would take instructions with regard to the damage already done by him. In reply to the Chairman, the Clerk said nothing had been re-instated, and Mr. Pritchard seemed to wish the matter legally tested. It had been pointed out that if any mistake had been made originally, Mr. Pritchard should seek his remedy against the vendor of the land.—The matter was referred to the Board's solicitor to deal with.

Proposed Free Library.

At the same meeting, Mr. T. Davis said that it would be remembered that some time ago a strong appeal was made that the question of the establishment of a Free Public Library should be adjourned until after the New Year, as something might turn up which would facilitate matters. That had reference to the annual meeting of the Literary Institute, as it was thought from what had been whispered abroad that something might be said at that meeting which would help the Board in the matter. That meeting had passed and, contrary to expectation, nothing had been said, and he felt that they could not now delay the matter any longer. They did not wish to do so, nor would they be justified in so doing, considering the strong expression of opinion which had been given by the ratepayers, and they must take into serious consideration whether some steps could not be taken to make temporary provision, at least, for a Free Library. Therefore, he would suggest that the Board should sit in Committee on the matter, or else refer it to the Free Libraries Acts Committee. He had an idea in his own mind as to utilising the vacant land at the rear of the Science and Art School, but of course the *pros* and *cons* would have to be carefully considered. However, he only mentioned that to show that the Board had not lost sight of the matter.—Mr. Curtis agreed with Mr. Davis that a local habitation should be found for a Free Public Library.—The Chairman also concurred, and the matter was then referred to a Committee of the whole Board who at the meeting on March 21st, recommended that in reference to the Public Libraries Acts, the Public Libraries Acts Committee be instructed to report upon the plans now in existence for the enlargement of the School of Science and Art with a special view to their adaptability for the purposes of a public Library. The recommendation was adopted.

Chemistry for Teachers.

At the meeting on March 7th, a letter was received from the Secretary to the Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council, stating that the Committee were anxious to arrange for a week's work on Chemistry for some of the teachers of the elementary schools who had been attending the classes during the winter, and asking for the use of the laboratory at the Bromley School of Science and Art for the purpose.—The letter was referred to the Science and Art Committee.

Tenders for Flints.

A special meeting of the Board was held on March 14th, for the purpose of receiving and considering tenders for the supply of 450 cubic yards of hand-picked flints to be delivered at Bromley Common and Mason's-hill. Two tenders were received as follows :—

	s.	d.	
E. Peill & Sons	9	3	per yard
E. Price	8	9	,,

The last named tender was accepted.

Troublesome Gipsies.

At the meeting on March 21st, it was reported that during the past fortnight the Sanitary Inspector had had considerable trouble with gipsies encamping on the vacant land at Raglan-road and that the ground had in consequence of the gipsy encampments become a source of great nuisance to the neighbourhood, it being covered with filth and all kinds of refuse. He had recently removed three different lots of such refuse, and he suggested that the owner be asked to fix notices warning the gipsies off the ground. The Clerk was directed to write to the owners of the piece of ground at Raglan-road and request them to put up notice-boards prohibiting the encampment of gipsies there.

Technical Education.

At the same meeting the Technical Education Committee brought up and the Board adopted a report in the terms indicated by Mr. Loton at a meeting of the School Board, and which is reported elsewhere.

Horse Roller.

At the same meeting the Board on the recommendation of the Recreation Ground Committee, accepted the tender of Messrs. Weeks and Sons, of £13 10s., for a horse roller for the Recreation Ground.

Appointment of Clerk.

At the same meeting the Committee of the whole Board reported that they had under consideration the resignation of the Clerk to the Board and the steps to be taken thereon, and recommended that a chief clerk be appointed at a salary of £250 per annum and that two assistants be appointed, a senior assistant at £100 and a junior at £30 per annum. The report and recommendation was adopted and later in the same meeting the Chairman said there was a strong feeling among some of the members of the Board that more time should be given to the consideration of the appointment of a successor to Mr. R. G. Mullen, as Clerk to the Board, and to that end a special meeting of the Board would be held on the following Tuesday for full discussion of the matter.

The Estimates.

At the same meeting the Finance Committee reported that at a special meeting held that evening, the Clerk submitted his estimate of the probable expenditure for the ensuing half year and they recommended that the same be approved and a General District Rate made of 1s. 8d. in the £. The following is a summary of the estimate :—

	£
Principal of loans and interest on balances	2190
Highways, Main £1380	
,, District... ... £1734	
	3114
Contributions to other Authorities ...	2751
Public Lighting	737
Scavenging	733
Drainage	523
Public Pleasure Grounds	287
Road Watering	565
Salaries	654
Sanitation	90
Compensation	20
Establishment Charges...	390
Legal and Parliamentary Expenses ...	755
Fire Brigade	65
Food and Drugs...	25
Dairies and Cowsheds	25
Bye-laws and Contingencies	25
Election Expenses	60
Contingency	61
	13,070
Estimated Balance in hand, Mar. 25th	1,000
	12,070
Less Credits :—	
Miscellaneous £75	
Main Roads per County... £1000	
	1,075
To be provided for	10,995

A General District Rate at 1s. 8d. in the £ will produce, say, £11,100.

The estimate was approved.

Drains.

At the same meeting the Sanitary Inspector produced a quantity of correspondence he had had with Mr. Howard Moore, who has recently taken Wycliffe Lodge, Oaklands-road, with regard to the testing of the drains of his house. The Board and Private substance of Mr. Moore's first letter was that he wanted the Sanitary Inspector to call and test the drains, to which the Inspector replied that the Local Board did not allow their Inspector to report upon the internal

arrangements of any house unless some definite complaint was made as to sanitary defects, for which an application to the landlord had failed to secure a remedy, and that if Mr. Moore wished his drains tested he must privately engage a workman to do the necessary work. Mr. Moore then wrote again, requesting the Inspector to call and see his wife on the matter, to which the Inspector replied to the effect that it was no part of the duty of the Local Board to undertake the testing of private drains. This drew from Mr. Moore yet another letter, stating that he knew the duties of a Local Board, as he had been a member of a Local Board and a Sanitary Committee, and a reiteration of the request. The Inspector, after consulting the Clerk to the Board, again replied, and again Mr. Moore wrote preferring his request, and the Inspector now sought instructions from the Board.—Mr. Curtis: He takes no notice of the suggestion of application to the landlord.—Mr. Loftus: He has only taken the house for a short period, I believe.—The Chairman: I am sure the Board will approve the action of the Inspector. We cannot undertake to advise on the efficiency of private drainage.—The Sanitary Inspector said he had many such applications- several within the past week—from persons coming into the district.—The Clerk said by acceding to such requests the Board would be casting upon themselves such an indefinite responsibility. He quite admitted that they were responsible for the sanitation of their district, but he could not admit that they were responsible for the internal arrangements of private houses.—Mr. Curtis said no definite complaint had been stated.—The Clerk was directed to write Mr. Moore, informing him of the policy of the Board hitherto, and that they adhered to that policy under the present circumstances.

Sewerage Board Precept.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of a precept upon the Board from the West Kent Main Sewerage Board for £2120, that being at the rate of 3½ in the £, and the smallest rate the West Kent Main Sewerage Board had yet been able to make.

Trade Union Rate of Wages.

At the same meeting the following letter was then read:—"14, Gravel Pits Cottages, Mason's Hill, March 18th, 1893.—Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Bromley Trades and Labour Council, in accordance with the resolution passed at their last meeting, to point out to you as Chairman of the Bromley Local Board of Health the necessity of inserting a clause in your future contracts compelling the contractors to pay all their employés the current rate of wages of our town, as it would not only be to the interests of the working-men of Bromley and District, but to the ratepayers generally. Hoping that this suggestion will meet with your approval, I remain, yours &c., W. Walkling, Secretary.

Mr. Payne said the Board had one stipulation they always made that—there should be no sub-letting.—No action was taken on the letter.

The House-Refuse Question.

At the same meeting tenders for horse-hire and the house-refuse in the Board's district were opened and considered:—

Horse Hire:—

Messrs. Tuff (providing they also had the contract for the house refuse and carting.)	...	3s. 9d. per day
Messrs. E. Peill & Sons		4s. 2d. per day

House Refuse:—

Messrs. Tuff	... ...	3s. 9d. per day
Messrs. Peill & Sons	...	4s. 2d. ,,
Mr. R. Podger	..	5s. ,,

Messrs. E. Peill & Sons also sent an alternative tender to provide all horses, carts and men from March 25th, 1893, to March 25th, 1894, for £1024. They wrote that they intended to deposit the house-refuse on their brickfields and utilize it in the manufacture of bricks. At present they were receiving a like supply from the Newington Vestry.

The Clerk said the amount set down in the current estimates to that head was £733, and subsequently he added that the Surveyor had called his attention to the fact that that amount included a certain sum for the cost of new carts and repairs of present carts, and so at the end of the year they would have certain assets to write off. After some calculations and references the Clerk said that the estimate for manual labour was £400, and for team labour £270, making a total of £670 and the difference between that and the total estimate of £733, represented the amount set down to cost of new carts, repairs of present ones, and to the purchase and repairs of implements.—Mr. Selby: What are we paying for our present shoot?—The Clerk: £50 a year.—Mr. Davis said that Messrs. Peill & Sons proposed using the refuse in their brickfields. The Board's refuse had but few cinders in it, and was composed in the main of garden refuse and vegetable matter. Complaints were made by brickmakers that such refuse was of little use to them, as there were so few ashes in it. The question was: what did Messrs. Peill & Sons propose to do with the refuse?—The Clerk said he should think it was a matter which called for special inquiry, and at once, for the existing contract expired on March 25th.—Mr. Davis said that when in past years contracts had been entered into for the removal of house-refuse, the Board had had considerable difficulty in the matter, but they altered it and collected it themselves, and that process seemed to him to be much more preferable, so far as the collection of the refuse was concerned.—The Chairman: Very much more so, so far as the collection of dust is concerned.—Mr. J. Scott, Junr., then moved that Messrs. Tuff's tender be accepted in both cases.—Mr. Curtis seconded.—Mr. Grinsted said he felt he must move an amendment to that. It was a very important question, and he would therefore move that the question be referred to a Committee of the whole Board for further consideration. It seemed to him that the Board expended a great deal more money on labour in the collection of house-refuse than they ought; by that he meant that the men only went twice a day to the shoot, and in his opinion did not earn their wages. If Messrs. Peill and Sons, who were a respectable and responsible firm, were willing to enter into a binding arrangement, and would undertake to thoroughly carry out the necessary work, it seemed to him that the Board should give their offer a trial, at least for one year. By that course the Board would be saving a matter of £500 or £600 a year, and that was a serious consideration.—Mr. Payne, who seconded, said that without expressing any opinion on the matter, he thought it should be further considered, and that immediately, having regard to the nearness of the expiration of the existing contract.—The amendment was then put to the vote, when five members voted for and three against it. The amendment was therefore declared carried, and on being put as a substantive motion, six members voted for but none against it. It was then decided that the Committee of the whole Board consider the matter on the following Thursday evening when Messrs. Tuff's tenders were accepted.

Re-appointment of Medical Officer.

At the meeting on March 21st, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Scott, jun., Dr. A. Codd was re-appointed Medical Officer of Health for the ensuing year.

Bromley Burial Board.

At a meeting of the Bromley Local Board sitting as a Burial Board on March 21st the General Purposes Committee reported that they had carefully considered the applications for permission of interments in the Bromley Cemetery from the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. John's, New Bromley, in respect of that portion of the parish known as District A, and from the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish of Bromley with respect to that portion of the parish known as District B, and the Committee recommended with relation thereto, that interments from those districts be permitted in non-purchased graves for a period of six months at non-parishioners fees. No rates to be paid in respect of such interments.—Mr. Davis said the Board felt that a serious responsibility was cast upon them, that if by not doing anything they might have done a grave scandal occurred. But in the interest of the ratepayers they felt, too, that they could not allow an unlimited number of interments even for a period of six months, but they had adopted that course, hoping that during that period those responsible for those districts might make some arrangements with the Plaistow Burial Board to take in those districts as non-parishioners. He hoped that before the end of that

period some such arrangements would have been come to.—The report was adopted.

The General Purposes Committee also reported that the Clerk had prepared and submitted his estimates of the probable expenditure for the ensuing half-year at the rate of 2d. in the £, and the Committee recommended the same for approval.—The following is a summary:—

Loans—	
Interest on balance and instalments of principal	£ 518
Salaries and wages	190
Burial ground expenses and establishment charges	120
Miscellaneous	15
	843
Fees	170
	1013
Estimated credits	330
To be provided for	£683

A rate at 2d. in the £, after allowing for irrecoverables will produce, say £700.—The estimates were approved.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month.

The Demand for more Schools.

At the first meeting on Feb. 27th the School Management Committee reported that a statement of the distances from the top of Palace-road to the undermentioned schools had been ascertained by measurement, and the figures had been furnished to the Educational Department:—From the top of Palace-road to Sundridge Park School, via the Aldermary Park Estate, 517 yards, via North-road, 600 yards; to Plaistow Schools, 1100 yards; to Bromley National Schools, 667 yards; to the Valley Schools, 1500 yards; to the Widmore National Schools, 1860 yards.—At the meeting on March 13th, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar asked if any further communication had been received from the Education Department on the question of increased school accommodation for Infants. The Clerk replied in the negative.

Office Accommodation.

At the meeting of the Board on Feb. 27th, pursuant to notice Mr. E. Bragg moved the following resolution standing on the agenda in his name:—"That steps be taken for the erection of offices, board-room, and stores, on the land adjoining the Aylesbury-road Schools, and that some local architect be invited to submit plans." Mr. Bragg said he moved that resolution for various reasons. In the first place it was known that for some time past the Board had been of opinion that they should have stores where they could have adequate supplies for their schools. In the second place it would be advisable for them to have suitable offices where the School Attendance Officer could work more under the control of the Clerk, so that they might know at what time he commenced his duties and when he finished for the day. Another reason was that the Clerk had given the Board to understand that the office he had was not sufficient for the office-work he had to do, and anyone who had gone there occasionally could not fail to be convinced that he should have a more commodious room.—Mr Gedney seconded the resolution. Mr. Loly said he should have been glad to have seconded the motion, but he thought the moment for such a course had not yet arrived. Mr. Bragg could not have gone into the figures carefully, or he would have seen that the £20 which the Board paid as rent was not equal to the expense of new offices. In time the Board would have to extend their school at Aylesbury-road, and then would be the proper time to proceed, as in all probality it could then be done out of capital account, whereas at the present time it would have to be borne by the current rates.—The Chairman suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee for full consideration. He believed that their stores could be administered with greater economy if they had an adequate storeroom, and thought with Mr. Bragg that the Board should have more commodious office premises than at the present time. Their Clerk was only a tenant at will, and should anything occur the Board might be placed in an awkward position. They could raise money at 5 per cent., and £500 would be quite sufficient.—Mr. Loly said that if the Board spent only £400 that would be equal, with the interest, to a continuation of the present rent.—Mr. Cooke asked if the rent of the offices was credited to the rates.—Mr. Peill said it went to the relief of the General District Rate. He regarded the matter of the payment of the rent as merely taking it out of one pocket and putting it into the other. He thought the Local Board should try and oblige them with what little extra accommodation they might require, for if the £500 was expended in rent it went to the relief of the rates, but if they sunk it in new offices it was a clear addition to the rates. If any should stand out in the cold it should be some of the outside authorities.—Mr. Loton said he would be pleased to support the motion if Mr. Bragg would add to his motion that the question be referred to Committee.—Mr. Bragg had no objection to its being referred to Committee, but he did not think that such buildings would cost £400.—Miss Heppel thought the Aylesbury-road School might perhaps be a convenient spot for an office for the Clerk, but it would be inconvenient for most of the members to meet there. She would favour the deferring of the question until the time came for the Board to build a school in a more central position of the town. The motion was then adjourned, and the matter referred to the School Management Committee for consideration who at their meeting on March 13th reported that they had further adjourned the matter.

Evening Classes.

At the meeting on Feb. 27th, the masters in charge of the Board's Evening Classes reported that the attendance had not improved according to their expectations. They had not communicated with the absent ones as they had nothing to communicate. The average attendance was 11 out of 14 who attended at all.—The Clerk said that the head teachers suggested that with the approval of the Board the evening classes should cease.—Mr. Loly thought they should be continued with one teacher.—The Clerk said it was reported to him that that was impossible on account of the many standards.—Mr. Loly: It is absurd.—The Chairman said the Board must do their duty by the 11 who attended, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the masters asking if arrangements could not be made to carry on the classes to the end of the session with one teacher, and the matter was referred to the School Management Committee who at their meeting on March 13th reported that the matter had been further adjourned.

Comparative cost of Schools.

At the meeting on March 13th, the School Management Committee reported that a return had been prepared as to the cost per head of scholars, calculated on the average attendance for last year:—

Valley, Boys':—Average attendance 136, gross of salaries £2 16s. 3d., less grants £1 8s. 6d., amount charged to rates £1 7s. 9d.

Valley, Girls':—Average attendance 126, gross of salaries £2 6s. 2¼d., less grants £1 10s. 6d., amounts charged to rates 15s. 8¼d.

Valley, Infants':—Average attendance 113, gross of salaries £2 2s. 7⅜d., less grants £1 7d., amount charged to rates 15s. 7⅜d.

Raglan-road, Boys':—Average attendance 185, gross of salaries £2 12s. 5½d., less grants £1 6s. 6d., amount charged to rates £1 5s. 11½d.

Raglan-road, Girls':—Average attendance 172, gross of salaries £2 5s. 10½d., less grants £1 10s. 6d., amount charged to rates 15s. 4½d.

Raglan-road, Infants':—Average attendance 144, gross of salaries £1 16s. 6½d., less grants £1 7s., amount charged to rates 9s. 6½d.

Aylesbury-road, Boys':—Average attendance 184, gross of salaries £2 6s. 2½d., less grants £1 8s. 6d., amount charged to rates 17s. 8½d.

The Chairman said that boys cost very much more than girls. In reply to Mr. Cooke, the Clerk said there were 39 teachers in the calculation.

School Attendance.

At the same meeting the School Attendance Committe reported that at their last meeting the Clerk submitted returns from the various schools within the Board's district showing the following particulars:

School.	Per centage of attendance.	Average attendance.
Valley, Boys' ...	90 ...	168
,, Girls' ...	84 ...	152
,, Infants' ...	80 ...	101
Raglan-road, Boys'	85 ...	236
,, Girls'	85 ...	222
,, Infants'	91 ...	156
Aylesbury-road ...	88 ...	194
Bromley National, Boys'	83 ...	272
,, ,, Girls'	85 ...	218
,, ,, Infants'	91 ...	175
Mason's Hill, Girls'	83 ...	169
,, Infants'	86 ...	148
Plaistow, Mixed ...	91 ...	199
,, Infants' ...	91 ...	99
Widmore National, Boys'	84 ...	111
,, ,, Girls'	89 ...	102
,, ,, Infants'	80 ...	135
Bromley Common, Mixed	82 ...	87
,, ,, Infants'	77 ...	68
Addison-road ...	76 ...	110
Sundridge Park ...	92 ...	75

Total recognized accommodation, 3967.
,, number on the registers, 3741.
,, ,, attended at all ... 3495.
Average attendance for the district 85
Average attendance of children ... 3197.

At the same meeting of the Board Mr. Loton said he would like to make known one or two decisions of the Technical Educational Committee. They had, in the first place, decided to put themselves in communication with the heads of the teaching staff in all the elementary schools, with a view to establishing classes for the summer months for, for example, the study of the science of botany. In reply to a member he said that the Committee were putting themselves in communication with the head teachers first with a view to giving publicity to the matter. The classes would be open to the whole parish. Anyone would, of course, be entitled to communicate with the secretary as to the establishment of other classes, and if possible the Committee would only be too glad to organize them. The French classes would also be continued during the summer months, as ever since they had been commenced they had been very successful. The nursing lectures too, had been successful, more so than had been anticipated, and it was now decided to inaugurate a series of lectures at Raglan-road, on the same lines as those had been in the town. The afternoon lectures would be delivered in St. Luke's Institute, and the evening course in the Board School, and the Committee hoped that the residents at Bromley Common would do all they could to help to make the lectures as successful as they had been in the town. The Committee were now in possession of the optical lantern, and that would be available to anyone competent to manage it for the purpose of illustrating Technical Education lectures. In the autumn it was hoped that the Committee would be able to inaugurate a series of lectures on the same lines as those given by the City Guilds for plumbers, painters, and carpenters and joiners, and kindred tradesmen. The City Guilds had inaugurated such lectures, and the students attending them sat for examinations and received certificates of merit for passes, and it was hoped that the Committee would be supported in their efforts by the artizans and the industrial population. Technical Education.

At the same meeting Mr. Bragg said that he had been informed that on a recent Sunday morning, the playground at Aylesbury-road Schools had been flooded after heavy rains. He asked if the Board were going to take any steps in the matter. The residents in Newbury-road had memorialised the Local Board, and he thought the School Board would be shirking their duty if they, too, did not take some action. In his opinion, that state of things would always occur while the culvert there remained as it was. He thought they should again approach the Local Board in the matter.—The Chairman said he had seen no sign of the flooding.—Ultimately on the motion of Mr. Bragg, seconded by Mr. Cooke, the Clerk was directed to write to the Local Board in the terms indicated by Mr. Bragg. Flooding at Aylesbury-road.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on the 6th, the Clerk reported that he had written to the Deputy Diocesan Registrar stating the facts of the case as to the water-logged condition of the Cemetery and asking whether under the circumstances the Archbishop advised immediate consecration or not. In reply he had received a letter stating that the Archbishop advised early Consecration. Mr. Neal then moved and it was resolved: "That the ground be forthwith consecrated, and that the petition be sealed and signed, and transmitted to Mr. Fielding, with a request that consecration might follow as speedily as possible." Question of Consecration.

At the meeting on March 19th, immediately prior to the consecration of the Cemetery, the Drainage Committee recommended that the Board accept Mr. Grantham's terms—five per cent. on the Board's outlay—for acting as consulting engineer to the Board with respect to the drainage of the cemetery and that Messrs. Stanger and Sons be appointed to take out the requisite quantities for the drainage works.—The recommendations of the Committee were adopted. Drainage of the Cemetery.

At the same meeting, on the recommendation of the Committee the Board decided to purchase the necessary furniture for the Board's office at the Gatehouse at a total cost of £8, and to sign cheques for the payment of outstanding accounts of the amount of £43 15s. Office Furniture.

Bromley Cycling Club.—The seventeenth annual general meeting of the Bromley Cycling Club took place at the head quarters of the club, the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on February 27th, when there were present: Messrs. W. Adams, W. Bourdon (hon. secretary), H. Balding and A. E. Carter (assistant hon. secs.), W. A. Willson, P. Hendriks, H. C. Bush, T. Green, C. L. Newland, J. Green, H. J. Green, Tostevin, H. W. Bradbury, B. J. Filby, and others. The balance sheet as presented showed that with cash in hand to the amount of £1 4s. 11d, there was a deficit for the year of £7 16s. 10d.—The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, said it would be noticed there was a small deficit, for which the executive were very sorry, but they had been unable to avoid it. The deficit was a consequence of the increased cost of the prizes and of a less sum than usual being received from the vice-presidents. The number of members on the register for 1891 was 47, and 25 were elected during 1892, and during the past year 22 had resigned, which left them with a total of 50 members on the register at the end of the year, or an increase of three. Mr. Coles Child was re-elected president, and Messrs. A. C. Norman, J.P., H. W. Bosanquet, G. Kitchen, E. Packe, C.C., R. Gordon Mullen, Dr. Chatterton, and the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse were elected vice presidents, the hon. sec. being instructed to write and ask Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., to become vice-presidents. Mr. Tom Green was elected Captain and Mr. B. J. Filby Vice-Captain of the Club. Rule 2 was then amended to allow of the appointment of two co-secretaries. Mr. W. Bourdon having resigned in consequence of pressure of other business, and then Mr. H. Balding and Mr. J. E. Carter were appointed co-secretaries. The Committee were elected as follows:—Messrs. W. Adams, H. Bush, W. Bourdon, H. W. Bradbury, W. L. Crossley, H. J. Green, P. Hendriks, H. T. Lewis, C. L. Newland, F. W. Reinhard and W. A. Willson.—Votes of thanks to past and present officers and Committee concluded the business of the evening. The annual dinner took place in London on March 8th.

BROMLEY GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company took place at the "Bell Hotel" on February 27th, when there were present:—Messrs. Robinson Latter (chairman), J. William Ilott (deputy-chairman), Alexander Dickson, Fred. Halsey Janson, Bertram H. Latter, William Sutton, and Samuel J. Wilde (directors), Messrs. Porter, Gurney Smith, D. Grinsted, H. S. Hughes, A. S. Gedge, J. F. Arnaud, J. C. Arnaud, Rolandi and Hudson, with Mr. Woodward (engineer), and Mr. H. W. Amos (secretary). The directors half-yearly report as presented stated that:—

"The sale of gas, as compared with the corresponding half-year of 1891, shows the very satisfactory increase of more than 6¾ million cubic feet, or about 8½ per cent. As anticipated in the last report, the profit and loss account shows a more favourable balance, viz.: £5,506 1s. 10d., which is more than sufficient to maintain the dividends paid during the last year; and the directors accordingly recommend the declaration of dividends at the rate of 11½ per cent. per annum. on the ordinary 10 per cent. shares; and 8¼ per cent. per annum on the ordinary 7 per cent. shares, amounting together to £5,234 3s. 6d., and that the balance of £271 18s. 4d. be carried forward to the credit of the profit and loss account of the current half-year. Owing to the very rapid and continuous increase of the consumption of gas in the company's district (which, the shareholders will bear in mind, the Company are bound by Statute to keep adequately supplied) it has now become absolutely necessary to make a very large outlay in extending the manufacturing capacity of the works. On several days during the last Christmas season the existing plant was taxed to its very utmost extent, the output having been more than a million cubic feet in 24 hours. To give the shareholders some idea of the growth of the business it may stated that since the year 1882 the make of gas has been almost exactly doubled. It now amounts annually to 175 millions, and in another ten years will probably approach 300 millions. In view of their past experience the directors are of opinion that the most economical way of providing for such probable increase is to construct any additional buildings required of a size adequate to meet their wants for several years in advance. It is therefore proposed during the present year to erect a new retort house, and purifying house of sufficient capacity, ultimately to provide for the manufacture and purification of 300 millions cubic feet per annum; but it is only intended to fit up in these new buildings plant sufficient from time to time as the necessity arises to meet the increasing requirements of the Company. The estimated expenditure for these and other enlargements that are necessary during the current year is about £20,000; and the directors propose to raise this sum, under the authority given to them by the shareholders at the general meeting in February, 1890, by offering for sale during the summer new shares sufficient to realise £15,000; and by borrowing £5,000 on debentures in the autumn. The expenditure on capital account during the past half-year has been chiefly in respect of the new meter house, and the pipes, valves, and connections belonging to it; for a large new boiler; and for several extensions of the mains. Since the last meeting the directors have had to deplore the loss of their highly esteemed colleague Mr. William Palmer, who for more than 15 years had rendered most zealous and valuable service to the Company. They have appointed Mr. Bertram Henry Latter, of Bromley, a director of the Company in his stead."

The report and balance sheet were adopted.—Mr. Gurney Smith said the Board had no rival in the matter of gas for heating purposes and he asked, if seeing that in all probability the electric light would come, although up to the present it had not, the Directors entertained any idea of manufacturing a cheaper gas for heating purposes. For the sake of the shareholders he hoped the electric light would not come.—The Chairman: For the sake of the ratepayers. (Laughter.)—The Chairman then, replying to Mr. Gurney Smith, said the manufacture of gas especially for heating purposes was physically and practically impossible. No doubt water-gas could be made cheaper but then they had no distributing plant and therefore they could not separate lighting from heating gas. They had about 30 miles of mains in the district and it would be a very expensive thing to lay a duplicate system. He thought that their customers had cause for satisfaction as they got their gas at a cheaper rate than in London and of pretty good quality, too. The directors would always try as they had in the past to supply good gas at as low a price as possible consistent with their duty to the shareholders.—The directors retiring by rotation were Mr. Wm. Sutton, Mr. Alexander Dickson, and Mr. Bertram H. Latter, and, being eligible, they again offered their services and were re-elected. Mr. A. S. Gedge, the retiring auditor, was also re-elected auditor.

Rustic Village Bazaar at Bromley.—On March 14th, 15th, and 16th, at the Bromley Drill Hall, there was held a Grand Rustic Village Razaar to raise funds for the building of New Sunday Schools in connection with the Wesleyan Chapel in High-street, for which it is estimated the sum of £3,000 will be required. On entering the hall, one could not fail to be struck with the complete metamorphosis which had taken place. On either side of the Hall were representations of pretty rustic cottages, with thatched and tiled roofs, oaken beams, overhanging gables and latticed windows. The fronts of the cottages were covered here and there with rose and woodbine, and other creeping plants and the same also clad the quaint porches and roofed doorways. At one end of the Hall was the Manor House, while at the opposite end was a fine painting of the Village in perspective, with river, church, and bridge, the whole forming a most attractive and picturesque scene. It had been announced that the opening ceremony would be performed by Mr. Gage Spicer, but at the last moment he was prevented from fulfilling his engagement by an attack of influenza, and Mrs. T. Morgan Harvey, of New Barnet, kindly came forward to fill the void. The bazaar in its results was entirely successful, the net sum of £850 being added by its means to the school building fund, the Bazaar Committee, the Pastor, the Schools Committee and all the indefatigable workers in the cause are to be heartily congratulated on their efforts.

Bromley and Beckenham Mutual Building Society.—With reference to the affairs of the above Building Society as to which serious reports had been circulated the Directors have issued the following notice:—The Directors beg to notify that they have dispensed with the services of Mr. F. Griffin as Secretary, and to assure the members that no loss will arise by the change.

Police Minstrels at Bromley. — The Bromley Drill Hall was packed in every part on March 6th, on the occasion of the fifteenth annual entertainment of the Metropolitan Police Minstrels, in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, which provides clothing, maintenance, and education for as many destitute orphans of members of the police force as the funds will permit, and also places them in situations where an honest livelihood may be earned, the orphanage being under the direct patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. The troupe was composed of about 30 members, Inspector H. R. Wilson being the interlocutor.

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THE PAST MONTH.

The most exciting event for the district, in the past month, has been the introduction of the Government's Parish Councils Bill. This title hardly sufficiently describes the Bill, which is formally entitled the "Local Government (England and Wales) Bill," since it creates District Councils as well as Parish Councils, and deals also with Guardians of the Poor. The Bill is now in print, and though it is a lengthy one and not very explicit upon some points, a tolerable idea can be formed of the chief alterations which will be effected by it in the Governing bodies, both of the towns and the villages. One of the results of the Bill, if passed, will be the unification of various authorities, of which at present both in town and country there is to the ordinary mind a perplexing variety. Bromley and Beckenham, whose principal governing body has hitherto been a Local Board, will henceforth each have an administrating body known as an Urban District Council. This Council will be elected on the "one man one vote" system, and every person, male or female, will be qualified to be a councillor without the possession of any qualifying quantity of property. These three alterations of the law are so vast and far-reaching as to mark the Bill as a "great" Bill in themselves. The effect of the Bill on the condition of the villages, which have hitherto been governed by the Vestry and by the Rural Sanitary Authority—sometimes with the help of a Parochial Committee and sometimes not—will be even more extensive.

A very sad tragedy, as it must be called, has occured at Crofton, and may serve to bring home, even to the indifferent, the vital importance of those parish matters, which a section of the community in every locality prides itself on neglecting. The drainage of Crofton is a matter that has been before the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority and the Orpington Parochial Committee for the last three years and though grave complaints have periodically been made as to the insanitary state of the district and attention has been drawn to the urgent need of some system of sewerage, nothing has up to the present time been done. Diphtheria of a virulent type has at length broken out in the household of one of the residents, and has, we regret to say, carried off five of its members. The outbreak is naturally attributed to the sewage-saturated state of the ground, and immediate steps are to be taken to adopt some system of sewerage. The possibility of such a calamity as has happened must be considered a blot upon our whole civilization.

The announcement that Bromley has been put into direct telephonic communication with London and its other suburbs is one that will cause satisfaction to many different classes of inhabitants. The busy "City," man will see in it a prospect of spending an extra day a week in the bosom of his family without being wracked by anxiety as to important letters awaiting his attention at his office, by the simple expedient of a talk over the wires with his clerk after breakfast. The professional man will learn by the same means whether any appointments for interviews with him have been made since he left his chambers overnight, and finding there are none, with a clear conscience will devote himself to the pursuit of his favourite hobby. The trader in the town will find himself in a position to supply such wants of his customers as he cannot satisfy out of his own modest stores, with the choicest articles that the metropolis affords, and as expeditiously as if he made a special journey to town for it.

The disposal of house refuse is a matter that has caused the Bromley Local Board some difficulty for a considerable time. In years gone by, before the supply was so great as it is now, the Board used to be able to sell it; lately they have found a difficulty in giving it away, and at the present time they are considering the expediency of purchasing a "destructor" for consuming what they seem unable either to sell or to give away. Were the Board less scrupulous as to their neighbours' comfort, it is possible that a solution of their difficulty might be found in making a present of their waste products to a farmer in a neighbouring parish. It has come to light that our parish already receives the refuse of a London parish—and does it without protest—it is reasonable therefore to assume that our neighbours would be equally complacent.

The audit proceedings in connection with the Bromley Local Board have hitherto uniformly resulted in favour of the Board, but the audit which only closed last month—if now it may be said to be closed—has ended so far in favour of the objectors that the Board, subject to their right of appeal, has been surcharged the sum of £90 incurred over the proposed enlargement of the Cemetery. When the Parish Councils Bill comes into operation it is to be hoped that the scene of combat will be shifted from the audit room to the polling booth, and that the bitterness now prevalant will be absent. The plural vote was irritating as well as unjust.

Mr. R. B. Berens, J.P., of Kevington, St. Mary Cray, has been appointed Sheriff of the County for the present year.

Mr. Percyvall Hart Dyke, eldest son of Sir Wm. Hart Dyke, Bart., was one of the players for Cambridge in the recent chess match against Oxford, which the Light Blues won.

DIARY FOR MARCH.

Feb.

23rd.—Annual Meeting of Beckenham Liberal Association. Delegates to Sevenoaks Liberal Council appointed. Resolution passed as to appointment of Magistrates.

„ —Lecture on "John Wyclif" by Rev. Thomas Clarke, at Bromley Wesleyan School, in aid of fund for the New Sunday Schools.

24th.—Meeting of Bromley Liberal Association at Raglan-road Board Schools to elect delegates to the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council.

27th.—First Anniversary Services in connection with Rev. J. Fleming Shearer's pastorate of Bromley Baptist Church.

„ —Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Bromley Gas Consumers' Co., Mr. Robinson Latter presiding.

„ —Annual Meeting of the Bromley Cycling Club at the "White Hart," Mr. W. Adams, presiding.

„ —Concert at the Co-operative Hall in aid of the funds of the Co-operative Employés Cricket Club.

„ —Annual Meeting of the Bromley Bowling Club at the "White Hart," Mr. E. Packe, C.C., presiding.

28th.—Meeting of Bromley Liberal Association at the Club Room, East-street, to elect delegates to the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council.

„ —Smoking Concert in connection with Bromley Conservative Club at Bromley Grand Hall, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., in the chair.

March.

1st.—Annual Meeting of the Beckenham Cottage Hospital, Rev. H. Arnott presiding.

„ —Annual Meeting of Beckenham Provident Dispensary, Mr. A. H. Baker presiding.

„ —Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the West Kent Band of Hope Union at Beckenham Public Hall. Resolution passed in support of Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill.

„ —Presentation to ex-Constable T. Keeler, of West Wickham, at Beckenham Police Station.

„ —Meeting of Bromley Naturalists' Society, Paper by Mr. A. S. Kennard on "Zoological Regions."

6th.—Entertainment at Bromley Drill Hall by Metropolitan Police Minstrels in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

„ —Address by Mr. J. Fielding on Technical Education at Bromley Co-operative Hall.

7th.—Address by Mr. W. B. Duffield. of the Eighty Club, at the Bromley Liberal Club.

8th.—Concert in aid of the funds of Excelsior Cricket Club at Bromley Co-operative Hall.

11th.—Conservative Meeting at the Bromley Grand Hall to protest against the Home Rule Bill.

14th.—Twenty-first Students' Concert of the Beckenham School of Music.

„ —Lecture by Rev. H. F. Wolley on "A Month's Trip in Palestine" to Bromley Sunday School Teachers' Association.

„ —Local Government Board Enquiry at Bromley, before Mr. F. H. Tulloch.

„ —Rustic Village Bazaar in aid of Building Fund of New Wesleyan Sunday Schools at Bromley, and two following days; £850 raised.

15th.—Annual meeting of Local Branch of Church Missionary Society, Christ Church Schoolroom, Chislehurst: Lecture by Rev. H. M. M. Hackett, D.D., on Hinduism.

„ Smoking Concert at Bromley Grand Hall in aid of the Local Hospitals, Mr. G.W.F. Loftus presiding.

16th.—Annual Meeting of St. Mary Cray Auxiliary of London Missionary Society, Mr. C. E. Shea, presiding: Lecture by Capt. Hoar.

17th.—Special Meeting of Beckenham Vestry to elect a Vestry Clerk. Mr. R. Stevens, Clerk to the Beckenham Local Board elected by 71 votes to 64.

„ —Adjourned audit of books and accounts of Bromley Local Board; the Board surcharged.

18th.—Confirmation service at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by the Bishop of Dover; 181 candidates confirmed.

18th.—Consecration of Plaistow Cemetery by the Bishop of Dover.

19th.—Confirmation Service at Farnborough Church by Bishop of Dover; 52 candidates presented.

20th.—Confirmation at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, by Bishop of Dover. 175 candidates confirmed.

21st.—Further hearing of Beckenham Local Board v. Lewisham Board of Works, at Croydon County Court, adjourned till May 2nd, defendants paying costs of the day.

22nd.—Mons. Vladimir de Pachmann's Concert at Beckenham Public Hall. Very small attendance.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS ELECTION.

The new Board of Guardians in the Bromley Union will be elected as usual at the beginning of April. There will be contests in only two parishes—Bromley and Knockholt—and the last day for nomination having expired the constitution of the Board is already nearly completed. In Bromley the re-election of Messrs. Gedney and Payne, two of the old guardians, is being opposed on the ground of their support of the extravagant system with regard to the supply of alcoholic stimulants to the inmates of the Workhouse at present in vogue. This system results, on an average, it has been pointed out, in an expenditure of five times as much on alcohol in the Bromley Union as is expended in the rest of the country. The new candidates, who are receiving the full support of the Temperance Party in Bromley, as well as many others, are the Rev. James White, the Chaplain of Bromley College, and the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, Baptist Minister, of Bromley. While anxious to secure economy in the stimulants, these two candidates do not seek to deprive the inmates of the infirmary of a reasonable quantity of stimulants taken under medical orders. Among those who have already joined the General Committee to secure their election, are, Lord Kinnaird, Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Rev. T. George, Rev. G. S. Reaney, Rev. J. M. Tamplin, Rev. H. F. Maltby, Rev. G. Charter, Rev. Hugh Rodger, Messrs. Robert Whyte Junr., G. H. Whitehead, Wm. Amos, E. Peill, F. Peill, John Gibbs, W. J. Gibbs, Henwood, Baly, Hodder, Williams, Theodore Howard, M. C. Matthews, J. R. Pocock, Bond, S. Soan, W. Broom, and Coombes, Capt. Richards and Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Aitken, Miss Battam, and many others. The re-election of Miss Akers is not being opposed. Voting papers will be delivered on April 8th and collected on April 10th.

The nominations of the various candidates for both Bromley and Knockholt are as follows:

Bromley.

Akers, Isabella Frances, Hayes Common, gentlewoman, nominated by George Weeks, George Dayrell Reed, A. C. Norman, J.P., and Israel Davis.

Gedney, Charles William, Market Square, Bromley, Editor, nominated by George Henry Payne.

Payne, George Henry, 63, High-street, Bromley, builder, nominated by C. W. Gedney.

Shearer, John Fleming, 35, Palace-road, Bromley, minister, nominated by Robert Whyte, junr.

White, James, Bromley College, Clerk in Holy Orders, nominated by the Rev. Robert Wood.

Knockholt.

Goldsmith, Edmund Frederick, Blueberry Farm, Knockholt, farmer, nominated by James R. Bennett, Knockholt

Hempbery, William, Harrow-lane, Knockholt, carrier, nominated by Joseph Durling, Sunnybank, Knockholt.

Jones, Richard, Burlings-road, Knockholt, gentleman, nominated by Samuel Neal Constable, Stonings, Knockholt.

In the other parishes of the Union the only alterations are that Capt. Torrens takes the place of Mr. E. M. Moon, for the parish of Hayes; Mr. John Higgs takes the place of Mr. C. G. Brown for the parish of Orpington, and Mr. George May takes the place of the Rev. G. L. Langdon for St. Paul's Cray.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.

There was a very large gathering of members and friends of the Unionist Party at the Bromley Grand Hall on the 11th, convened—so the post-cards issued by the Bromley Conservative Association stated—for the purpose of protesting against "the disruption of the United Kingdom contemplated by Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill." Mr. Coles Child, J.P., the Ruling Councillor of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League, presided, and he was supported by Messrs. J. Batten, J.P., F. W. Haigh, J.P., T. Hamilton Fox, J.P., J. E. Woodward, Wheeler Bennett, J. Davis, G. Kentish, G. W. F. Loftus, M. J. Dickins, H. de la Solbé (Conservative Agent), and several Dames of the Primrose League. Among those present in the auditorium were Lord and Lady Marsham, Lady Scott, Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., Miss Perrira, Capt. Philip Green, Mr. E. Packe, C.C., Mr. E. Ruggles Brice, Dr. H. J. Ilott, Dr. Chatterton, and many other well-known props of the Party.—The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said that the meeting had not been called for the purpose of eliciting an opinion on "Home Rule or no Home Rule," because, he took it, Bromley had given an emphatic decision on that point in July last, but in times of great political crisis like the present, a member of Parliament should be in close contact with his constituents, and that was the feeling that actuated Mr. Forster in coming down to address them that evening. Dr. Rentoul was also present, and would presently address the meeting, and he made bold to say that Dr. Rentoul knew more of the Irish Question than the man who had ventured to propose the present Home Rule Bill. No Second Chamber in the World would pass such a bill on such a risky vote without referring it to the country again. Home Rule was one of those political bubbles some of which were already bursting. In conclusion Mr. Coles Child urged all present not to be led away from their old allegiance by any of the present alluring cries, and prophecied Mr. Forster's return at the general election, which must soon come to pass, with a larger majority than before. (Applause.)—Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., said he did not suppose that many of those present had any idea of the source of strength it was to a Member to have had an opportunity of meeting his constituents, and to go direct from such a meeting to the House of Commons, and there lay before that assembly the views which had been endorsed by those constituents. (Applause.) It might have occurred to some of them to ask, having had the Home Rule Question before them in July last, why call this meeting now? He could only say that that meeting was held as part of a national protest against the iniquitous and unjust measure introduced into the House of Commons. —Dr. Rentoul, M.P., subsequently delivered a characteristic address.

Remarkable Sale of Engravings at Bromley. —Included in a sale of furniture at Hill House, Bromley, on the 15th ult., by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, were a set of small engravings after Constable, about 15 inches square. The bidding for the first one started at a nominal sum and reached 90 guineas before the picture was knocked down, the remainder being sold at equally fancy prices.

Mr. George Clinch, in co-operation with Mr. S. W. Kersbaw, F.S.A., the librarian of Lambeth Palace Library, is engaged in editing, for Mr. William Andrews' *Bygone Series*, a volume on "Bygone Surrey." The contributors to the new book will include some of the chief authorities on the topography and antiquities of

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NEW MUSIC.

Gounod's latest song "An Evening Lullaby," words by Alf. Phillips (Phillips & Page), is quite as artistically conceived as any of his former compositions, both the melody and the accompaniment are as charming as they are simple, and the muted violin accompaniment adds greatly to the effect. This song has also been arranged as a duet for violin and piano by Carl Kiefert, and should become popular as no difficulties are presented to either performer. Those in want of an easy and tuneful pianoforte solo will find "Mandolinetta" by *Fabian Rose* (same publishers) answers both requirements; while performers on the guitar will be glad to make the acquaintance of *Federico Sacchi's* "Bolero in A." It may be performed by one or two guitars, or an arrangement may be had for mandoline and piano. "My Lady Sleeps" is a setting by *F. H. Cowen* (Metzler & Co.), of Longfellow's well-known words commencing "Stars of the Summer Night" which should find much favour with tenor vocalists. "Sundown" and "Eyes so Tristful" (same publishers) are both short but interesting songs by the same popular composer. "Though far from thee" music by *Ferdinand Hiller* (Cranz and Co). A simple, pleasing melody with an easy accompaniment, are the recommendations of this song. The words are translated from the German by Ed. Oxenford. *Edward St. Quentin's* newest song "A Golden Dream" (L. Wilson and Co.) is rather of the conventional type but could be made effective by a good singer. Messrs. Cranz & Co. publish some useful music for the piano, among which we may notice a short and easy "Serenade in A," and a tuneful "Valse in F" both by *Ole Olson*; a pleasing and vivacious morceau by *Ernest Gillet* "An Village," written in gavotte rhythm, and a melodious "Serenade in F" by *Fr. Gaal*, which may also be had for violin and piano.

Any of the above music may be obtained from Messrs. H. Morley Phillips & Co., Aberdeen Buildings.

Fortissimo.

Consecration of Plaistow Cemetery.—On March 18th, the Bishop of Dover, acting on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on a petition from the Plaistow Burial Board, legally and religiously consecrated the larger portion of the cemetery acquired in Burnt Ash-lane and set it apart as sacred to the burial of the dead for all time. Notwithstanding the controversy which has raged round the subject for several months, the attendance was by no means what might have been anticipated and the small staff of police who were drafted to the spot found very little demand upon their services. Upon arrival on the ground his Lordship, attended by Sir John Hassard, the Diocesan Registrar, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, acting as Surrogate for the Commissary of the Diocese, the Rev. W. Hodgson, and the Rev. H. F. Maltby, Incumbent and Curate of St. Mary's, Plaistow, respectively; Mr. J. W. Miles, representing the churchwardens, the Rev. T. George, Incumbent of Christ Church, Bromley Park, chapel-of-ease to St. Mary's, Plaistow; the Rev. F. Haslam and the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, assistant clergy of Bromley, the Rev. P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's, New Bromley, and the Rev. R. Wood and the Rev. G. S. Reaney Vicar and Curate of St. George's, Bickley, respectively, proceeded to a tent which had been erected on the high ground on the right of the mortuary chapel and facing the portion of the ground to be consecrated. Here there were assembled Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kentish, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Thursfield, and Mrs. Mallett and a few others, the entire party not numbering more than 50 persons. The Rev. W. Hodgson then presented the Bishop with a petition praying him to consecrate the portion of the ground set apart for that purpose, which his Lordship accepted, and

directed the Registrar to read it. This having been done, the Bishop signified that, acting on on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose Suffragan he was, he consented to consecrate the ground, then passed in procession round the ground alternately repeating the 49th Psalm. On returning his Lordship directed the Surrogate to read the "Sentence of Consecration." The Rev. A. G. Hellicar having discharged this office, the Bishop and the Clergy repeated the Lord's Prayer, and then the Bishop offered up a special prayer set apart for the purpose. The 90th Psalm was then sung, and the Bishop faced the assembly and delivered an address. The service being then completed the Bishop signed the sentence of consecration and directed the Registrar to register it with the other instruments among the muniments of his office. The Bishop and Clergy then visited the mortuary chapel and the proceedings terminated.

Bromley Bowling Club.—The Annual General Meeting of the Bromley Bowling Club took place at the "White Hart" Hotel, on Feb. 27th, when Mr. E. Packe, C.C., presided over a large attendance of members.—The statement of accounts as presented showed a balance due to the bank of £29 1s. 2d., and to the Treasurer of 19s. 3d.—All the officers and committee were re-elected and Mr. J. King was added to the committee, and Mr. J. Colin Campbell was elected a vice-president in the room of Mr. G. Dennen who is retiring. It was reported that the limit of membership (80) was complete and that several persons were waiting for admission and in view of the deficit on the accounts it was resolved to increase the entrance fee and the annual subscription, the latter from £1 1s. to £1 5s.

Bromley Temperance Society. — Under the auspices of the Bromley Temperance Society a social gathering took place at the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom, on the 14th ult., when nearly 200 of those who signed the total abstinence pledge at the Temperance Mission recently conducted in the Bromley Drill Hall, by Mr. John G. Woolley, accepted the kind invitation of the President and Committee. A good number of the members of the Society were also present. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. Bell, and addresses were given by Messrs. Wilkins of Southampton, and Robert Whyte, jun., together with solos and choruses by members of the Temperance choir. Refreshments were also served during the evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent, nearly thirty persons giving in their names to join the society.

Local Government Board Enquiry at Bromley.—On the 14th ult., pursuant to notice, Mr. F. H. Tulloch, A.M.I.C.E., sat at the Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, to conduct a public enquiry on behalf of the Local Government Board, in the matter of an application from the Bromley Local Board for sanction to borrow £3175 for the purchase of land as a site for a depôt for the storage of road materials and an electric lighting station. Mr. R. Gordon Mullen was present to conduct the case for the Local Board; and there were also present: Messrs. H. Selby and G. H. Payne, members of the Local Board; Professor Kennedy, A.M.I.C.E., consulting electrical engineer to the Board; Mr. Stanley Hawkings, the Board's Surveyor; Mr. F. Payne, land valuation expert; Mr. W. W. Stocker, representing the agents for the sale of the land proposed to be acquired; Messrs. Robinson Latter, C. W. Gedney, H. Podger, F. Peill, E. S. Harris, T. Marsh, Ranson, Pritchard, and Anson.—On the opening of the proceedings Mr. Mullen suggested that the site in Glebe-road, should be viewed, with which suggestion the Inspector concurred. — Messrs. Podger, Peill, Harris and Marsh opposed the sanctioning of the loan, and Mr. Latter expressed the opinion that the price was too high.—On behalf of the Board witnesses were called to prove that the depot was needed, and that the price was fair. The decision of the Local Government Board will be announced later.

Bromley Baptist Chapel.—The first anniversay services of the pastor of the Bromley Baptist Church, the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, were celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 26th, when special sermons were preached morning and evening. The anniversary services were continued on Monday afternoon, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Roberts, B.A., president of the Pastor's Union, but the drenching rain outside had the effect of bringing together but a very sparse congregation. The rev. gentleman took for his text, 2nd Peter, iii., 14, "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence and ye may be found in peace, without spot, and blameless in His sight." This was followed by a tea in the Schoolroom, Sherman's-road, to which about a hundred persons sat down, the tables being presided over by Mesdames Turner, Browning, Pearce, Smith, and Miss Richardson. The tables were all tastefully relieved with bouquets of cut flowers, and at the back was a motto sheet, which showed the good wishes extended by the congregation to the pastor.—At half-past seven a well-attended public meeting was held in the chapel building, at which Mr. W. W. Baynes, L.L.D. (brother of Rev. A. Baynes, well known as secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society), occupied the chair, being supported by the pastor of the Church; the Rev. H. H. Roberts, B.A., President of the Baptist Union, Mr. W. T. Richardson, from the Mile End Assembly Hall, and Mr. F. W. Pearce, Church Secretary.

Bromley Local Board Election.—There is now no doubt but that there will be a contest in connection with the election of four members to the Local Board, there being five candidates for four seats. The retiring members are Messrs. J. Batten, J.P. (Chairman), T. Davis, D. Grinsted, and E. Isard, and these gentlemen have been nominated for re-election by Mr. E. Packe, C.C. The new candidate is Mr. Thomas Marsh, Dudley House, Bromley Park, architect and surveyor, who has been nominated by William P. Neal, Holly Lodge, Bromley, solicitor and a member of the Common Council for the City of London: Percy F. Tatham, Thorncroft, Bromley Park; Howard Scott, Brabourne Cottage, Bromley; Edgar T. Pellett, Edelstowe, Blythe-road, Bromley, a member of the Common Council of the City of London; Stanley Tatham Montrose, London road, Bromley; Maurice Lloyd, "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley; Harry Bateman, 98, Park End, Bromley; William Pritchard, 16, West Street, Bromley; J. Hartridge, 38, Park End, Bromley; M. Prebble, 7, North Street; W. Janes, 68, Farwig Place, Bromley. The voting papers will be delivered on April 1st, collected on the 6th, and counted on the 7th.

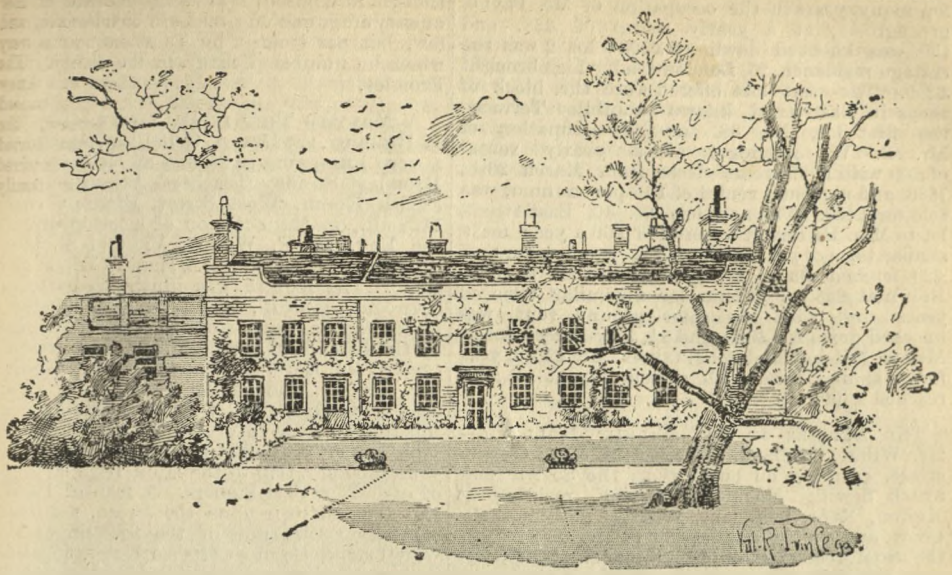
Walker Miles' Field Path Rambles.—So much success has attended the publication of Mr. Walker Miles' "Field Path Rambles round Bromley" (first series) that the author has been encouraged to publish three more series of the "walks" which will shortly be ready. The new series deal respectively with the walks from Bromley to Gravesend and to Rochester, to Maidstone and to Tunbridge, and to Tunbridge Wells and to Greenwich. The three new series will be published at the same price as the first—sixpence—and may be ordered, among other places, at E. Strong & Sons, 14, Market Square, Bromley.

DEATH OF COUNTESS SYDNEY.

We regret to record the death of the Countess Sydney, of Frognal, Foots Cray, which took place at Frognal on the 9th ult., at the age of 83. Both the Countess and her husband the Earl, who predeceased her in 1890, were much respected in the neighbourhood of their residence where they of late years lived a very retired life. Among other objects in which they took a warm interest were Lady Sydney's Schools in Perry-street, which the Countess had lately considerably enlarged. Lady Sydney was the last surviving daughter of Field-Marshal the first Marquis of Anglesey, K.G., by his second marriage with Lady Cadogan, daughter of the first Earl Cadogan, and a number of great families are thrown into mourning by her decease. Earl Sydney was formerly known as the Right Hon. Sir John R. Townsend, and the title is now extinct. During several Administrations Lord Sydney was Lord Steward of Her Majesty's Household and Lord Chamberlain, and during those years the Countess was a very familiar figure at Court and in society. The Countess, who, it is said by those who knew her, never fully recovered from the grief caused by the recent death of her nephew, the popular Colonel Oliver Montagu, was buried at Chislehurst the remains being interred on Tuesday, the 14th ult., in the family vault, at S. Nicholas Church, Chislehurst. The chief mourners were the Earl of Sandwich, Mr. Cecil Paget, the Hon. Robert Marsham (who succeeds to the estates), Mrs. Robert Marsham, Mr. H. Marsham, and Mr. F. Marsham. Among those in church were Col. the Hon. H. Byng (representing the Queen); Col. Clarke (representing the Prince of Wales); Capt. Keppel (representing the Duke of Edinburgh); Col. the Hon. C. Elliott (representing Prince and Princess Christian); Lord



Countess Sydney.



Frognal.

William Cecil (representing Princess Beatrice); Earl Spencer, the Earl of Sussex, the Marquis Conyngham, the Countess of Sefton, Admiral Lord Clarence Paget, and Miss Olivia Paget, Admiral the Hon. Victor Montagu, Sir William and Lady Emily Hart-Dyke and Miss Hart-Dyke, the Hon. Cecil Cadogan, the Hon. Walter Bagot, Mr. and Lady Florence Duncombe, Gen. Paget, the Hon. F. Leveson-Gower, and Lord Arthur Baxter. Amongst those who sent wreaths were the Queen, the Empress Frederick, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Beatrice, Prince and Princess Christian, and the Duchess of Teck. Our portrait of Lady Sydney is from a photograph by Bassano, of Bond-street.

A copy of Miss Alice Borton's setting of "Crossing the Bar" has been graciously accepted by the Princess of Wales.

Bromley Local Board Audit.—The adjourned audit of the Bromley Local Board's books and accounts for the year ending March 25th, 1892, was continued and completed on March 17th, when the auditor, Mr. Boggis-Rolfe, dismissed all but one of the objections raised. The one allowed related to the sum of £90 odd, spent by the Board acting as a Burial Board, in the digging of trial holes and for preliminary negociations for the purchase of additional land for a cemetery adjoining the present cemetery in London-road, a project which was subsequently abandoned owing to the hostile vote at a meeting of ratepayers. Notice of appeal against the surcharge has been given.

Resignation of the Clerk to the Bromley Local Board.—Mr. R. Gordon Mullen has retired from the position of Clerk to the Bromley Local Board, an office which he has filled for the past nine years. The reasons announced for his resignation are the increase of the business of the Bromley Guardians to which body he is also Clerk, and the difficulties that might arise from his double office. Much regret is expressed that the necessity for such a step should have arisen, and as will be seen from our report of the doings of the Bromley Local Board, a special resolution has been passed by that Board recording its sense of the services Mr. Mullen has rendered in his late capacity.

"The First Century of Christianity."—A second edition of "The First Century of Christianity" has lately been published, and is of special local interest, the author being His Honor Judge Homersham Cox, judge of the Bromley County Court. This work does not profess to deal with learned questions or theological discussions, it being emphatically stated in the preface that "religious and doctrinal topics are scrupulously excluded." But the many who have neither time nor opportunity to study the works of the early Fathers, of Josephus, and various Latin writers, will find much interesting information placed within their reach. The book gives a comprehensive review of the state of the Roman Empire, particularly of their government in Judæa at the time of the Christian Era, and proceeds to show the rise of the different Churches, and to trace out, so far as it is known, the connection between them and the Apostles and Fathers. The origin of different institutions in the Church is dwelt upon and explained, such as the observance of Sunday, Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist as distinct from the Love Feast, and the liturgies, prayers, and ritual. The book is written in a popular and understandable manner, and is published in two vols., 2s. 6d. each, by Griffith, Farran, and Co.

Bromley Liberals in Council.—On March a fairly well attended meeting was held at the Liberal Club, East-street, Bromley, for the purpose of electing eight members to the Sevenoaks Liberal Council—four for each Division of Bromley—to serve on the Executive Committee and to hear an address by Mr. W. B. Duffield, of the Eighty Club, on "Current Political Topics." Mr. G. H. Whitehead, the President of the Bromley District Liberal Association, occupied the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. U. Cooke, H. J. Deacon, F. Sutton, R. M. Marples, W. Gomer, J. King, W. E. Gray, Bell, Gurling, Button and many other well known supporters of the party. Nominations for the Southern Division of Bromley were received as follows:—Messrs. Tait, J. Widgery, W. E. Gray, and Emery, and there being no opposition they were declared duly elected, while for the Northern were nominated Messrs. U. Cooke, A. H. Harlow, Bagwell, Deacon, G. H. Whitehead, F. Sutton, and J. Grubb. A ballot being necessitated the formality was gone through and the result declared as follows:—Messrs. Whitehead, Sutton, Cooke, and Deacon.

Local Sale of Property.—On March 21st, at "The Bell" Hotel, Bromley, Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper effected the sale of several properties. The first two lots were sold by order of the executors of the late Frederick Hunt, of Hayes. Lot 1 comprised 76, High-street, Bromley,

for many years in the occupation of Mr. Payne, greengrocer, at a yearly rental of £28, and this was knocked down at £500; lot 2 was the cottage residence, 25, London-road, which brought £250. The next lots offered were the block of shops in East-street, known as Jubilee Terrace; the first lot, No. 38, in the occupation of Mr. B. W. Kerridge, at a yearly rental of £50 with a 99 years' lease from March 26th, 1886, and a ground rental of £18 per annum, was sold for £400. The next lot, No. 40, East-street, let to Mrs. Huxley at a rental of £60 a year for a similar term of years and with a ground rent of £20 fetched £360; 42, East-street, let to Miss Brown at £55 per annum for a similar term of years and with the same ground rent was knocked down for £500, and 44, East-street, let to Messrs. Mitchell and Sons, tailors, at £50 a year for a similar term with a ground rent of £18, reached £400.

The Affairs of Mr. Wilmot Holland.—Mr. Wilmot Holland, described as of 3, Oxford-street, carrying on business as the So All Lock Stitch Sewing Machine Company, residing at Keston, Kent, merchant, recently petitioned the Court, and on the application of Mr. H. B. Wade the usual receiving order was made.—It appears that the debtor was until recently a director of the London and Westminster Bank, and is a director of the Royal Exchange Insurance Corporation, the Guardian Investment Trust (Limited), and the Railway Investment Company. He returns his gross liabilities at £54,370, of which £11,195 is unsecured, against assets £2,063, in addition to which there is a sum of money in the hands of the Official Receiver. The estate at Keston, which is the debtor's own freehold, is mortgaged, and the furniture there is valued at £1000.

Death of Mr. D. H. Robinson.—We much regret to record the death of Mr. Duncan H. Robinson of "The Limes," Oakley-road, only son of Mr. W. H. Robinson of 5, Bloomfield-road, Bromley Common, which occurred at his residence on Friday morning, March 17th. He had been suffering for about a week with influenza, but his death was immediately due to a chill which set up pneumonia. The deceased gentleman was employed as an engineer with the L. & N. W. R. Company, and was well-known in Bromley and district as a promising member of the Bromley Naturalists' Society. Mr. Robinson was in his 35th year and leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. The funeral took place in the Holy Trinity Churchyard, Bromley Common, the Vicar, the Rev. F. Haines, officiating. The chief mourners were Mr. H. Robinson, father of the deceased, the bereaved wife and little son, Ewan, and there were also present Mr. and Mrs. Bond, father and mother of deceased's wife, Chesie Bond, Mr. F. Robinson, Mrs. A. Robinson and daughter and many other relatives and friends. A deputation also attended from the Bromley Naturalists' Society, together with a number of friends from Bromley, and a deputation from the Engineering staff of the L. & N. W. Railway. A letter was received by Mrs. Robinson signed by 47 members of the Engineering Staff, of which the deceased gentleman was a member, expressing their deep sympathy with her in her bereavement, and also the high esteem in which they held the memory of their colleague. A.D.W. writes:—A keen naturalist and good botanist has passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in the person of Mr. D. Robinson, of The Limes, Bromley Common. His contributions, as published in several papers, were always of unusual interest, and written, as would be seen at a glance, by one who was in harmony with nature, and who thought for himself. He was a genial friend, kind and unassuming, and one that will be missed by not a few, but particularly by his scientific friends, of whom he numbered many, in the district around Bromley.

A Month's Trip in Palestine.—The Vicar of Bromley, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, presided over a very numerous gathering of Members of the Bromley Sunday Teachers' Association in the Parish Room, West Street, Bromley, on the 14th ult., on the occasion of a lecture given by the Rev. H. F. Wolley, Vicar of St. Mary's, Shortlands, entitled: "A Month's Trip in Palestine." The lecture was illustrated by an oxy-hydrogen lantern, from which a number of photographic views were thrown on the screen by the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, and there were also present the Revs. W. Hodgson and F. Haslam.—Mr. Wolley said at the outset of his remarks that he was not exactly going to lecture to them, but to give some information with regard to the Holy Land from what he had himself seen last year, during a trip to the Holy Land as a guest of one of his parishioners. A map of Palestine was first thrown upon the screen, the lecturer remarking that one of the first things which would strike them was its small size, and indeed it seemed almost incredible how the land had really sustained such a large population as it had in days of old. Its great age also struck them upon their first visit; but sad to say it was now in a deplorable state owing to the reign of the Turk. There were but very few roads in Palestine; there was one, a very good road, from Joppa to Jerusalem, and one or two others, but for the most part journeys had to be made in a caravan of camels which were preceded by an Arab on a donkey, over rough and trackless regions. The lecturer then described the party, showing their photos, as taken on board ship, after which he showed several pictures of Egypt, including the sphinx and the great pyramids. Joppa was then reached and fully described, as were also many other places of much interest to students of the Bible.

Organ Recital at St. Luke's.—On Sunday afternoon last, at St. Luke's Church, the following programme of sacred music was rendered under the direction of Mr. Walter E. Stark, assisted by Mr. Alfred Ranson, Mr. Percy Boxer, and Mr. Cecil Goodhall:—Lenten Anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," *Dr. Varley Roberts*; bass solo, "There is a green hill far away." *Ch. Gounod*; organ solo (Fantasia), "Marche Funèbre et Chant Seraphique," *Alex. Guilmant*; tenor solo (recit), "Ye people rend your hearts" (air) "If with all your hearts," *Mendelssohn*; Lenten Anthen, "Hosanna in the Highest," *Sir John Stainer*; bass solo, "The first Palm Sunday," *J. Faure*; organ solo, "Marcia Funèbre" (from Sonata op. 26), *Beethoven*; tenor solo, "The Holy City" *S. Adam*; Lenten Athem, "To thee Great Lord" (Prayer Mose in Egittio), *Rossini*.

The Bromley Volunteers will take part in a field day at Dartford Heath, on Easter Monday.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., for the Division has promised to support Sir J. Blundell Maple's Bill, for providing workman's trains with a view to securing adequate provision for the needs of the workmen in this district.

Sir John Pender, R.C.M.G., M.P., has promised to present a "banner of honour" to be competed for by the choirs of Sunday Schools in Western Kent, at the forthcoming Eisteddford at at Bromley Drill Hall, in May.

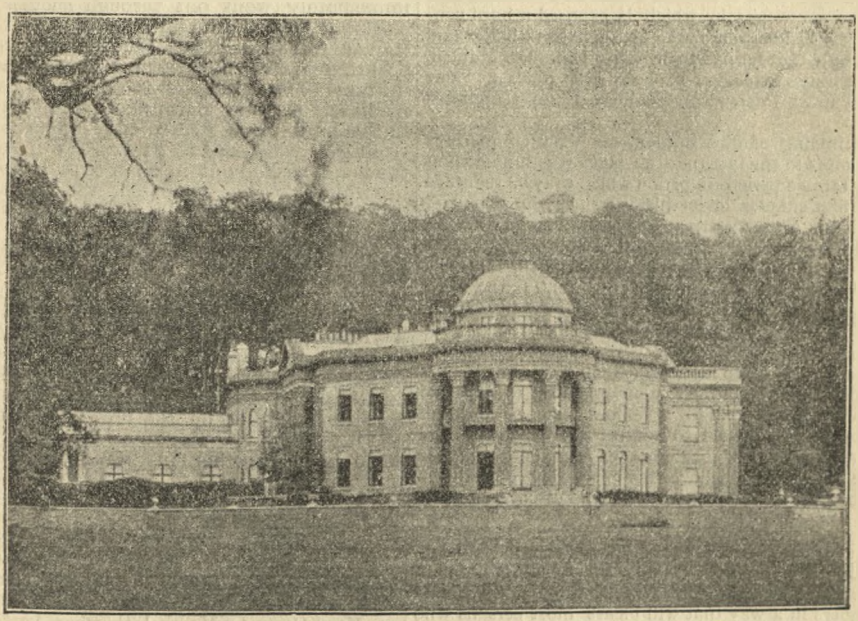
NOTABLE HOUSES.

SUNDRIDGE.

The earliest topographical account of Sundridge of which we have any knowledge—that of Hasted, published towards the end of the last century—describes it as a manor and seat, situated towards the North-east corner of the parish of Bromley, among the woods, which extend along the whole side of the parish. This situation among sylvan surroundings was distinctly referred to in the name by which the place was commonly known at the period to which we refer. It may not be generally remembered by the present inhabitants of the locality that Sundridge was once known as "Washer's in the Woods." The name was evidently derived from the fact that this seat was at one time in the possession of a family so named.

When the Manor of Bromley was cut up by the practice of sub-infeudation, which would appear to have come into vogue shortly after the compilation of the Domesday survey, the estate first severed from the original manor appears to have been that known as Simpsons, and two other manors, known as Sundridge and Blackbrook were subsequently created.

Sundridge, the only manor with which we have now to do, was subservient to the chief Manor of Bromley, which, of course, was held by the Bishop of Rochester. Sundridge was once the residence of an important family of the name of Blund or Blound, who were anciently lords of Guines, in France. One of the family had three sons, who accompanied William, Duke of Normandy, in his famous expedition to England. Two of the brothers seemed to have been pleased with England; at any rate, like their leader, they elected to stay. Sir Robert de Blund settled in Suffolk, and Sir William took up his abode in Lincolnshire. Hasted boldly asserts that the several families of Blount in this Kingdom are descended from this French family. The other brother returned to France. Peter le Blund, who was the owner of Sundridge in the reign of King Henry II., belonged to a younger branch of the family. He was Constable of the Tower of London in the reign of Henry II. His descendant, Edward de Blund, was possessed of Sundridge in the 20th year of King Edward III., as appears by the book of aid made that year, in which Edward de Blund was assessed for one quarter of a knight's fee, which John de Blund before held in "Bromleigh" of the Bishop of Rochester. Soon after this the family ended in a female heir, who carried this seat in marriage into the Willoughby family. After continuing for some years in the possession of this family, Sundridge was purchased by a member of the Booth family, and William Booth was found by inquisition, taken in the first year of King Henry VII., to die possessed of the Manor of "Sundrigg," held of the Bishop of Rochester, as of his palace of Rochester, by knight's service, and by the service of making suit at the court of the palace, and that Robert Booth was his son and heir. The last named was, with one hundred other gentlemen of this county, made a Knight of the Bath, in the 17th year of that reign. Sundridge continued in the possession of the Booth family until Sith Booth, Esq., dying without male issue, one of his daughters and co-heirs carried it in marriage to Thomas Bettenham, Esq., of Shurland, in Pluckley. Stephen Bettenham, of Bromley, gentleman, great-grandson of the last-named, gave the estate and Manor of Sundridge, n



marriage, with his daughter Anne, to Robert Pynsent, third son of John Pynsent, of Chudleigh, in Devonshire. He died here in 1679, without issue, and was buried in the chancel of Bromley Church.

Thomas Washer, Esq., of Lincoln's-inn, next became possessed of Sundridge, and it was from this circumstance, as we have already stated, that the place was commonly known as "Washer's in the Wood's." This possessor died in the year 1749 without male issue, and his only daughter and heir carried it in marriage to William Wilson, Esq., Sheriff of this county in 1766. In 1776 he died possessed of Sundridge, leaving three sons and two daughters, of whom the eldest son, William Wilson, Esq., alienated it to Edward George Lind, Esq. Sir Claud Scott, Bart., purchased Sundridge in 1796, and, having pulled down the old house, built the present handsome mansion for his own residence.

The principal front of Sundridge is enriched with three porticos, one in the centre and one at each end. The central portico is circular, supported by six columns, and surmounted by a dome; the other two have each four columns, supporting a pediment, and

they are all of the Corinthian order. The three celebrated architects, Repton, Nash, and Wyatt, each bestowed a share of their skill upon this handsome and charming mansion. The accompanying illustration is a reproduction of an excellent photograph by Mr. R. V. Harman.

Viewed from the rising ground opposite, this house stands out in a remarkably stately and striking manner. The classic building of white stone, although well-proportioned and beautiful in itself, gains much by contrast with the richly wooded screen which lies immediately behind it. The position of shelter which it thus affords is in every way preferable to that bleak and exposed situation which is sometimes chosen by architects who place the mansion upon the highest available point of ground. The greatest care and skill were displayed in the design and situation of this house, and in order to render the site more suitable for the building the architects caused the ground to be lowered and partially levelled —thus giving a convenient plain for the foundation of the walls, and the construction of the terrace around them.

Sundridge Park is extensive and well wooded, and contains some pits in which is exposed a hard conglomerate bed entirely made up of oyster-shells, and the shingle that formed their native bed. Dr. Mantell, the celebrated geologist, spoke of this place as "one of the most interesting localities I am acquainted with."

The finding of flint implements within Sundridge Park points to the fact that the place was inhabited at a very remote period—a period which may be regarded as the first chapter in its history since the advent of mankind. A few years ago Mr. Cecil Brent, F.S.A., found here an interesting celt of neolithic workmanship. It is barely four inches in length, but quite perfect, and has been shaped apparently first by a process of chipping, and subsequently by the careful grinding down of the more prominent portions. The weapon has a somewhat square appearance, which is due not only to its corners having been only partially rounded off, but also probably to repeated sharpenings. Fixed in a hollow bone or horn or wooden socket shaped to receive it, this must have been a by no means contemptible weapon of warfare or the chase. We believe this interesting object is in the possession of the gentleman who discovered it.

Subterranean Excavations.—The article in last month's *Bromley Record*, under this heading, is full of interest and explains the uses of these underground chambers in a way that will please most persons who have had a chance of examining them. There is a very perfect example on the Holwood property, which has been examined of late by a number of interested persons. The main shaft is deep and bottle-shaped, and at the base branches out into three large chambers, one of which is of great magnitude, dome-shaped, and cut out of the solid chalk. When lighted up artificially it has a pleasing appearance from the purity of the colour of the chalk. Sir John Lubbock writes me as follows:—"From your description I should say the 'chamber' is a drawpit. Of course, as you know, there are many about—two or three quite near my house. I have been down a good many and could never see any trace of use. If they had been for concealment I think there would have been traces of fire, pottery, bones, &c., &c. My impression is that they were simply chalk pits."—A. D. Webster.

BECKENHAM.

Beckenham Local Board Election.—There will be contests in Eden Park, Laurie Park, and Manor House Wards, but in Langley Park and Copers Cope Wards Messrs. H. N. Greenside and R. S. Archbold, have been returned unopposed.

CHISLEHURST.

The Fire Brigade Station.—Sir Horace Davey, Q.C., having expressed an opinion that the Chislehurst Common Conservators could not give their consent to the erection of the proposed fire engine station, on Chislehurst Common, the idea has been abandoned. Miss Anderton has generously consented to sell a piece of her garden for a station to relieve the parish of the difficulty.

HAYES.

Dr. Morris' House Robbed.—On Friday evening, March 3rd, the residence of Dr. T. Morris, Hayes Common, was entered, and several valuables abstracted. It appears that about half-past eight the family were in the dining room, when the housemaid having occasion to go upstairs, noticed a draught proceeding from the dressing room, and on going there she saw one of the windows open. She then went into an adjoining bedroom, where she saw a man whom she thought by his coat to be Mr. Morris, Jun. She did not, however, see his face, as he immediately went out through another door, closing it behind him. The servant went downstairs and informed her fellow-servants of the occurrence, and asked them if anyone had gone upstairs. On finding out to the contrary she immediately gave the alarm that a strange man was in the house, and immediately afterwards the front gate was heard to shut. The inmates of the house rushed out in time to see a brougham in which it was supposed the burglar was, drive rapidly away. An examination of the dressing table revealed the fact that a quantity of jewellry, including bracelets, brooches and a very old gold watch, of the total value of about £30 was missing, and also that the burglar had made his escape through a window, and had jumped from the top of a large bay window to the soft ground beneath. A burglar's "jemmy" was found on the green in front of the house the next morning, and also a pair of goloshes on the flower bed in front of the bay window. The police have the matter in hand, but no further clue to the robber has as yet been discovered.

ST. MARY CRAY.

St. Mary Cray May-Day Carnival.—The election of May Queen for the St. Mary Cray May Festival took place at the Paper Mill, St. Mary Cray, on March 18th, when Annie Ellard received 265 votes, and Emma Welch 118. Annie Ellard will, therefore, be made Queen for 1893. It is expected that the May-Day will be celebrated on May 27th.

A Kent Musical Scholarship.—We are pleased to be able to announce that Earl Stanhope, Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, has succeeded in obtaining the balance of the amount required to complete the Kent Scholarship in the Royal College of Music, and that the first Scholar will shortly be elected. The Preliminary Examinations will be held at Canterbury and Maidstone, on Wednesday, 5th April, and all intending Candidates must apply on forms, which may be obtained from Mr. George Watson, Registrar, Royal College of Music, Kensington Gore, London, S.W. The last day for sending in the Official Forms of Application is March 30th. The Scholarship is of the value of £100 per annum, and entitles the holder to free Musical Education and free Maintenance during the College Terms. We are in receipt of some forms of application, which we shall be pleased to hand to intending candidates.

LIGNEOUS PLANTS OF KENT.
(CONTINUED.)

(13) *The Spindle Tree* (Euonymus europœus).—This is an erect growing shrub of from four feet to sometimes fully eight feet in height, and is very common in certain hedgerows or the chalk formation. By Sevenoaks Lodge, near to High Elms, it is a very conspicuous feature of some of the old and neglected fences, but particularly during the autumn months when the curious and beautiful fruit is fully ripe. Unless for the showy fruit the shrub is of no great interest, the undivided leaves and small green or purplish flowers arranged in loose axillary cymes having little to recommend them, at least from an ornamental point of view. The fruit is of a deep rose colour and plentifully produced, and when fully ripe splits open and reveals the beautiful orange-coloured arillus which renders the plant so uncommon and attractive.

Formerly the wood was in great demand for making spindles and distaffs, but it is now chiefly used for tooth-picks, skewers, and for certain parts of musical instruments.

The shrub is well worthy of extended culture and deserves, if only for its handsome fruit, to be included in every shrubbery of even moderate pretensions.

(14) *Common Buckthorn* (Rhamnus catharticus).—A shrub of somewhat spreading growth, and one that, like the latter, is more valued for its showy fruit than for any beauty of either foliage or flowers. The berries are plentifully produced, are jet black, and about the size of peas, and when fully ripe have a very imposing appearance. Usually the flowers are thickly clustered in the leaf-axils, and are yellowish-green coloured, small, and inconspicuous.

There is an unusually fine specimen growing in the hedge that divides Holwood from one of the Down Court fields, and when in full fruit it is a sight well worthy of a long walk to behold.

The bark affords a good yellow die, and the berries were formerly used as a cathartic medicine.

(15) *Alder Buckthorn* (Rhamnus Frangula).—This is of more erect growth than the former, and is destitute of spines. Fairly abundant in the chalky districts of England, but nowhere very plentiful. In this species, too, the flowers are inconspicuous, but the fruit is dark purple and when borne in quantity is highly ornamental. The wood is in great request for charcoal-making it being largely used in the manufacture of gunpowder.

(16) *The common Furze* (Ulex europœus).—The furze, whin, or gorse, as this shrub is known in various parts of the country, is so well known that a description is almost unnecessary. This is undoubtedly our handsomest native shrub, the great wealth of golden yellow flowers almost defying description; and we can well excuse the great botanist Linnæus for lamenting that he could hardly preserve it alive in a greenhouse, or Dillenius who, on first visiting England, knelt down in admiration of the quantities he saw in flower on Hounslow Heath. Gerard tells us that he was desired by "divers earnest letters" to send seeds of our common Furze to "the colder countries of the East, as Dontzicke, Brunswicke, and Poland," where the plants were "most curiously kept in the fairest gardens." In extremely cold winters such as those of 1819-20, 1861-62, the Gorse was killed outright in many parts of the country. From the fact of its flowering in the winter, Dr. Walker doubts its being indigenous to Scotland, and jocularly observes that "no truly Scotch plant would be so rash." There is a double-flowered variety a most distinct and desirable form, but it has not been found wild in this district.

(17) *The dwarf Furze* (Ulex nanus).—Regarding its right to specific identity this occupant of both Keston and Farnborough commons has been the source of much diversity of opinion. By Hooker and Bentham it is now regarded as a distinct species, and rightly, too, as everyone who has, like dwellers in Kent, studied the plant when growing in quantity, must candidly admit. It differs from the common Gorse not only in its dwarf habit and smaller flower bracts, but in its being in full flower when the common plant is in seed. It is a neat shrub, as may be seen by the beautiful patches of it opposite to Poynter's Lodge on Farnborough Common, and particularly valuable for growing on poor gravelly soils where few other shrubs could eke out an existence. A variety named Ulex nanus Gallii, may be seen in at least one station in this district. It is of erect growth, with the calyx rarely exceeding five lines in length.

(18) *The Dyer's Genista* (Genista tinctoria) is found in some plenty in various parts of the county, but, from what I have seen, it would seem to be of local distribution. It is a pretty plant of about 18 inches in height, somewhat slender of growth and with pretty yellow flowers in short racemes at the ends of the branches. A good yellow die is obtained from this shrub, and the whole plant has a bitter, unpleasant taste which is communicated to the milk and butter of cows that partake of it.

(19) *Needle Genista* (Genista anglica).—A not very common plant, though in certain places it would appear to spread freely. It is of rather weak growth, sparsely furnished with foliage, and bearing short racemes of yellow flowers, that are individually smaller than those of the former.

(20) *The common Broom* (Cytisus scoparius) needs no description, it being one of the most familiar of our wild shrubs. One of the principal modern uses of the broom, almost everywhere that it is found, is to form brooms or besoms, for which purpose, as the specific name would imply, it appears to have been used from time immemorial. In domestic economy the young shoots of the broom were formerly used as a substitute for Hops in brewing beer; and the flower buds when fully developed and before they open make excellent pickle in the way of capers.

(21) *The Restharrow Ononis* (Ononis arvensis).—This is a dwarf undershrub that may often be seen covering large patches of rather dry ground, banks, or walls, with its pale green hairy leaves and pretty pea-shaped pinky flowers. It occurs in large patches in one or two stations at Keston, but is not, so far as I have seen, at all plentiful. The popular name of Restharrow has no doubt been bestowed upon the plant by reason of the matted roots and stems almost setting the harrow of the husbandman at defiance.

(22) *The Blackthorn or Sloe* (Prunus communis) is a well-known shrub of our hedges and waste places and a by no means unattractive plant when laden with its profusion of pretty white flowers.

(23) *The Bullace Plum* (Prunus insititia), which occurs plentifully between Keston Church and Leaves Green, seems a very distinct species, the plant being not only taller and more upright of growth, but the downy leaves and large fruit, which is far less acrid than those of the former, would incline to point, if not to a distinct species, certainly to a well marked and desirable variety.

(24) *Cherry Prunis* (Prunus cerasus).—A by no means uncommon occupant of our woods, hedges and wastes, and a highly ornamental shrub or small growing tree when laden with its pedicles of white flowers.

(25) *The Bird Cherry* (Prunus Padus) cannot, at least so far as I am aware, be said to be at all plentiful in Kent, but in a few stations it would seem to occur in some plenty or to have become naturalised. It is a very ornamental shrub bearing loose, drooping racemes of pretty white flowers these being succeeded by black, bitter fruit that are small and nearly globular and which are greedily devoured by birds.

(26) *The Willow Spirea* (Spirea salicifolia) grows about four feet high, with rather upright shoots, and

pinky flowers in dense pyramidal panicles. It can hardly rank as a native plant, but it has become so well established in many districts that it is now included in most of the later floras. There are patches of it near houses in not a few parts of the county, and in some instances where the soil is favourable it increases rapidly by its creeping suckers.

(27) *The Raspberry* (Rubus Idœus) is widely diffused throughout the county and is so well-known and appreciated by lovers of fruit that a description of the plant, its places of growth, and capabilities are unnecessary.

(28) *The Bramble* (Rubus fruticosus).—Equally if not more common than the latter this shrub has a very wide geographical range. There are about half-a-dozen distinct varieties of the Bramble, three of which—(29) *R fruticosus communis*, (30) *R. carpinifolius* and (31) *R. sub-erectus*—are found wild around Keston and Bromley.

(32) *The Dewberry* (Rubus cœsuis) is by no means a common Kentish species, at least from my own observations, and may at once be distinguished from the common Bramble by its more slender and creeping growth and by its being usually found growing in stony open fields and rarely amongst copse wood and in the thicket. The leaves are pale green and the beautiful bloom which covers the fruit when ripe is a marked characteristic of the plant.

(38) *The Burnet Rose* (Rosa pimpinellifolia) is a small, erect, and much-branched shrub, with 7-9 leaflets to each leaf, and small white or pink flowers solitary at the branch tips. The fruit is usually black, rarely red and crowned by the persistent calyx. A minute description of the plant is necessary as it is frequently confounded with other species. So far as I am aware this species is not at all common in the neighbourhood, but in two stations at least, one by the seaside, it occurs in some plenty.

(39) *The Downy Rose* (Rosa villosa) has the leaflets softly downy and nearly always doubly-toothed, and of erect growth and furnished with spines that are rarely hooked. The flowers are white or pale pink, succeeded by globular fruit that is always more or less downy. It is usually seen as a hedge plant.

(40) *The Sweetbriar Rose* (Rosa rubiginosa) is a favourite with one and all, the aromatic scent of the foliage, but particularly after a shower of rain, being very pleasing and attractive. I only know of it growing in two places around Bromley, and there the individual plants are fully twelve feet high, and nearly as much through. Flowers pink, usually solitary, succeeded by ovoid or oblong smooth fruit. It is a very desirable garden plant and for the wild shrubbery it has few equals.

(41) *The Dog Rose* (Rosa canina) is, perhaps, the most common species, bearing sweetly-scented pink or white flowers usually three or four together at the branch tips.

(42) *The Field Rose* (Rosa arvensis) is not at all uncommon in thickets and hedges and bearing white flowers generally three or four in a bunch and rarely singly. It is of trailing habit with rather slender branches these often extending, when supported by trees and shrubs, for many feet. There are numerous sub-varieties of the various species, and in one wood not far from Bromley the ordinary cottage cabbage Rose has established itself in several places.—A.D.W.

Births.

Astle.—On the 25th Feb., at The Cedars, Bickley, Kent, the wife of W. G. Devon Astle, of a daughter.

Earnshaw.—On the 6th March, at Lynton, Bromley Park, Kent, the wife of G. R. B. Earnshaw, of a daughter.

Gooding.—On the 14th March, at Eastville, Plaistow-road, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Harry Lawrence Gooding, of a daughter.

Ierce.—On the 1st March, at Crofton Court, Orpington, the wife of T. M. Pierce, of a daughter.

Stanger.—On the 27th February, at Riverdale, St. Paul's Cray, the wife of Frank Stanger, of a son.

Williams.—On Feb. 26th, at Bickley, Kent, the wife of Howard Williams, of a son.

Wilson—On the 3rd March, at Rodwold, Chislehurst, the wife of Arthur P. Wilson, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Nash—Davis.—On March 18th, at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, by the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Vicar, Jesse Charles Nash, R.N., to Annie Davis, of Walpole-road, Bromley, Kent.

Lewis—Nettleton.—On the 2nd Mar., at the Bromley Common Baptist Church, by the Rev. Hugh Rodger, Frank Benjamin Lewis, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.A.S., eldest son of Thomas Lewis, to Bessie, eldest daughter of Thomas James Ivery Nettleton, of Bromley, Kent.

Deaths.

Bayley.—On the 23rd Feb., at Southport, Lancashire, Edward Henry Bayley, of Bromley, Kent, son of the late William Butterworth Bayley, Chairman of the East India Company; and sometime acting Governor-General.—Aged 58 years.

Henshaw.—On the 19th March, suddenly, at Rowsley, 4, Hammelton-road, Bromley, Kent, Edmund Simons Henshaw, in his 71st year. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

Rhodes.—On Feb. 27th, at Warrenhouse, Chislehurst, Kent, Edgar Taylor, the youngest and much-loved son of Arthur Charles Rhodes, and Emily, his wife, aged 20. Funeral at the parish Church, Chislehurst, on Friday next, at 3 p.m.

Robinson.—On the 17th March, at The Limes, Bromley Common, Kent, Duncan Henry Robinson, only and beloved son of William Henry and Susannah Robinson, of Bromley Common, aged 34.

Sanders.—On the 22nd Feb., at Firenze, Sandford-road, Bromley, Frances, wife of Alfred Sanders, after a long and painful illness.

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MONDAY, MAY 1, 1893.

MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bickley Orchestral Society's Concert, St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.
,, —May Day Festival, Bromley Band of Mercy, Mason's Hill Schools.
2nd.—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.
,, —Opening of New Strict Baptist Chapel, Bromley.
,, —Baptist Sunday School Treat at Cudham.
3rd.—Dr. Pierson, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, at Bromley Congregational Church, 8 p.m.
,, —Sale by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper of Forest Lodge, Keston, at the Mart, E.C., at 2 p.m.
4th.—Anniversary Tea and Public Meeting, Widmore Wesleyan Chapel.
,, —Misses Tulloch's Poetic and Musical Recital, Bromley Drill Hall, 8 p.m.
,, —Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West-street, Bromley.
6th.—Bands of Mercy Prize Distribution, Crystal Palace.
,, —Bromley Cricket Club's First Match of the Season.
7th.—*Rogation Sunday.*
,, —Volunteer Church Parade to St. George's, Beckenham, 11 a.m.
,, —Dedication Festival of St. John's, Bromley.
8th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
,, —Concert of Chamber Music, Bromley Drill Hall, 8 p.m.
9th.—Annual Sports of "A" Troop, West Kent Yeomanry, at Bromley Common.
,, —Sale of Household Furniture by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper.
10th.—Sale of Live Stock at Sundridge Farm by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper.
14th.—*Sunday after Ascension.*
15th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
16th.—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.
—Western Kent Sunday School Union Eisteddfod, Drill Hall, Bromley.
18th.—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West-street, Bromley.
21st.—*Whit Sunday.*
22nd.—*Bank Holiday.*
23rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
25th.—Sale of Property at St. Mary Cray and Orpington, by Messrs Baxter Payne & Lepper, at Bell Hotel, Bromley, 8 p.m.
27th.—May Day Festival, Recreation Ground, St. Mary Cray.
28th.—*Trinity Sunday.*
29th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
,, —Sale of Property in High-street, Beckenham, by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at Railway Hotel, Beckenham, 8 p.m.
30th.—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, 5.30 p.m.
31st.—Lecture by Sir John Lubbock, "Personal and Political Reminiscences," Drill Hall, Bromley.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on April 4th the Committee of the whole Board reported that at their meeting on March 28th they had under consideration the question of the appointment of Clerk, and the Committee recommended that Mr. Frederick Henry Norman be appointed at a salary of £250 a year, to commence his duties on April 25th, and the report was adopted.

Appointment of Clerk.

At the same meeting a report was read from the Surveyor as to the water-supply and drainage of Park and Ann's cottages, and the Committee were of opinion that Dr. Codd's requirements were reasonable, and should be carried out where the construction of the house admitted of it. It appeared that the want of a water-supply to the w.c.'s had now been remedied and an additional tap had been fixed for the water-supply. The houses are old buildings and small, so that the provision of sinks indoors would doubtless prove inconvenient. Under the circumstances, and having regard to the work already carried out, the Committee was of opinion that upon putting the interiors of No. 1 to 7, Park Cottages and some of No. 1 to 7 of Ann's Cottages into clean and satisfactory condition, to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, the Board's requirements would be complied with.—The report and recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Park and Ann's Cottages.

At the same meeting it was reported that the representatives of the Board had met the engineer in charge of the L. C. & D. Railway widening, and inspected the proposed arrangements at Bromley and Bickley Stations, and made certain suggestions, and the engineer promised to lay the Board's views before the directors, who would communicate with the Board.

Station Yards.

At the same meeting an application from the Bromley Wesleyan Cricket Club for an allotment of space for cricket on the Mead was declined, but the Club was to be informed that they could play on any part of the ground not otherwise in use.—Mr. Payne said the difference between that and the Club which had been allotted ground was that the latter was the Town Club—a representative club. Moreover its fee was a low one, and it was open for anyone to belong to it, and it would be impossible for the Committee to find ground for every cricket club that might apply. With regard to the erection of a pavilion, he had learned that there were serious objections to sanctioning the erection of one, where he would have liked to have seen it, in the centre

Cricket on the Queen's Mead.

of the ground among the trees, and he now thought that the best place for it would be on the side of the ground near to Martins-road.—Mr. Davis said he thought the Board should be very careful how they allotted ground to any particular club. It should, he thought, be distinctly understood that in thus allotting ground to one club it was done simply as an experiment and he thought it hardly fair to encourage any club to spend money in relaying the turf and erecting a pavilion, seeing that the Board might in future years withdraw their permission for the building. It should not be forgotten, too, that the Recreation Ground was provided for the use of the whole parish, and there must be an ever-increasing number of young people who would wish to avail themselves of the ground for cricket and other games, and if the Board set apart a considerable portion of the ground—for that must be a considerable portion—for a particular club, they would be curtailing the space available to young people generally. He personally was distinctly opposed to any idea of the erection of anything in the nature of a permanent building on any part of the ground. He thought before the Board allowed anything of the kind they should know something of the constitution and size of the Club, and have something to say with regard to the regulation of it, for however extended its membership might be it was still a private club.—Mr. Curtis agreed with Mr. Davis that the present proposal to allot ground to a club should be understood to be but a tentative one, but there was cogency in what Mr. Payne urged with regard to the Town Club.—At the meeting on April 18th, Mr. Grubb, secretary of the Bromley Wesleyan Cricket Club, wrote stating that his club would like to know the reason why the Board had allotted space for cricket on the Queen's Mead to the Town Club, seeing that in 1891, when the Wesleyan C.C. applied for an allotment of space, the Board stated that they could not allot any space to any club. How then was it that they could do so this year? And the erection of a pavilion had also been sanctioned. The members of his club thought that treatment most unfair to themselves and others.—Mr. Selby said he was not surprised at the receipt of the letter. The Board had made a mistake—but still that was no reason why they should make another. The Board had made a great mistake in allowing a pavilion to be erected at all.—In reply to Mr. Selby, the Surveyor said the Town Club had erected the pavilion at their own expense.—Mr. Selby said that with regard to the question of monopoly by the Town Club, he did not see how that could be altered now. It was too late.—Mr. Miles: It is only for one year.—Mr. Selby: Yes, I know.—A memorial was then read couched in similar language to the letter, and signed by 87 ratepayers. This was referred to Committee.—Later on in the evening a memorial was read from the residents in Martins-road, complaining of the erection of a pavilion on the Mead, which completely shut out the view the houses had previously had over the Mead. This, too, was referred to the Committee, Mr. Davis remarking "It is a most unsightly object, but the difficulty was to know where to place it out of the way."

Adulterated Food.

At the meeting on April 4th, Mr. M. Bates, the inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, reported that he had received from the County Analyst the result of the analysis of the samples of food sent to him, which stated that three samples—one butter, one milk, and one whisky—were adulterated.—The Board authorised the Inspector to take the necessary proceedings against the vendors of the adulterated articles, and at the meeting of the Board on the 18th the Clerk reported the result of several prosecutions. The Bench, he said, had dismissed the summons against Messrs. Kirby and Sons, in respect of the sale of adulterated milk, on the production of a warranty from the farmer from whom they bought it, and evidence that they sold it as they received it. The Bench disallowed costs so far as the Board were concerned, and remitted costs so far as Messrs. Kirby were concerned. With regard to the proceedings taken against Mr. Latham, grocer, of 43, High street, Bromley, for the sale of "Margarine" as butter, the Bench convicted, and fined Mr. Latham £5, and costs, exclusive of the analyst's fee. Mr. Haines, grocer, of London-road, Bromley, was also convicted of a technical assault on one of the Board's employés by the removal of a barrier across a street that was being repaired and he was fined 20s. and costs.

Bromley Science and Art School.

At the meeting on April 4th, a letter was received from Mr. Henning, architect, of London, stating that according to instructions he had prepared plans for the enlargement of the Bromley Science and Art School, and that he would be happy to meet the Committee and submit them for consideration.—The letter was referred to Committee with instructions to appoint a date of meeting.—At the meeting on April 18th, Mr. Davis said the Science and Art Examinations began shortly He had been under the impression that the Board would have been able to conduct the examinations with a paid superintendent as formerly, and members of the Committee. To make quite sure, he requested Mr. Norman to inquire of the Science and Art Department, and the answer to that inquiry was that the examinations would have to be superintended by the Local Board as the Science and Art Committee. Mr. Norman had seen the chief examiner, who stated that the Board's application had come in too late, as all the grants had been allotted, and the application should have been sent in before the 14th February. He, however, suggested that the officers and other gentlemen of the Board might conduct the examinations, but the remuneration would have to be found by the members themselves. Mr. Davis then went on to say that the examinations would involve considerable attention on the part of the superintendents as there were 21 altogether, some of them lasting from two o'clock in the afternoon up till ten o'clock at night.—After some little discussion, the Board decided that Messrs. Norman, Hawkings, and Bates be appointed to assist the Committee in the examinations and that they receive the same remuneration as allowed by the Department.

Technical Education.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of an application from a number of plumbers in Bromley for the starting of an advanced class in connection with that trade, and the letter was referred, with other technical education matters to the Technical Education Committee.—At the meeting on April 18th, the Committee reported that at their meeting on the 11th inst., Mons. Goujon, the teacher of the French classes, wrote stating that a minimum of 30 students had agreed to continue their studies during the summer months, and the Committee recommended that the classes be continued. In respect to nursing lectures, the clerk was directed to enquire what Mrs. Foote's charge would be for a course of six afternoon and evening lectures after the 11th May next. A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Nicholson in reference to the formation of a Plumber's class and stating that the plumbers had agreed to join such a class, the Committee recommended that Mr. Nicholson be informed that the Board will take the responsibility of a class and the clerk was instructed in the matter. The Committee had under consideration the question of establishing classes in Botany and the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries in the matter.—The report was adopted.

Local Authorities and Relief Works.

At the meeting on April 4th, the following letter was read:—"Whitehall, S.W., 27th March, 1893.—Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that they are desirous of obtaining for their own information, and also for the information of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, full particulars of the various schemes of work which, in connexion with distress arising from want of employment, have been recently undertaken by local authorities in different parts of the country. The Board feel assured that the local authorities will be desirous of affording assistance in this matter by furnishing detailed statements of any such works which have been undertaken by them during the present winter. The information specially required is:—

(*a*) As to any works of an exceptional character that have been undertaken in the district in consequence of want of employment by the labouring classes, and

(*b*) As to works which would in the ordinary course have been carried out by the Authority, but

the execution of which has been expedited, so that work might be afforded at a period of the year when employment is scarce.

With regard to any such works the Board are desirous of receiving full particulars as to the mode of procedure adopted, the character of the works, the number employed in connexion with them, and the results of the undertaking up to the present time. The Board are also desirous of being informed of any action that has been taken in founding or promoting labour registries in the district, and also of any other measures which have been adopted in connexion with work for the unemployed. The Board will be glad to receive any observations which the Authority may desire to offer on the subject generally, and also any other information that can be given as regards any similar efforts made in your district in previous years, whether by the local authority or other bodies, in the way of providing employment in periods of exceptional distress. The Board desire also to be informed of the views of the Authority as to the extent to which there has been want of employment in the district during the winter months.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

HUGH OWEN, Secretary.

To the Clerk to the Local Authority.

The Clerk was directed to forward the necessary information.

Drivers' Wages.

At the same meeting an application from the Board's drivers, asking for an increase of wages corresponding to the difference between the wages now paid and those paid in Beckenham and Lewisham districts, was referred to Committee, who at their meeting on April 18th reported that the matter was adjourned for a report upon the whole question of manual labour from the Surveyor.

Annual Meeting.—Election of Chairman.

The meeting on April 18th, was the annual statutory meeting of the Board, Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, as the Returning Officer in the recent election of the Board, read his certificate declaring Messrs. J. Batten, D. Grinsted, T. Davis, and E. Izard duly elected, and he then announced that the first business of the evening was the election of a Chairman.—Mr. Davis, rising, said it was the practice of some boards, and indeed some public companies, to change their chairman every year, but that was not their practice, and he thought their practice was a wise one. When they had a good chairman they should stick to him. (Hear, hear.) They knew very well that they had a good chairman, and there was an additional reason why they should not change their chairman this year. Unfortunately, they were changing their clerk, and it was therefore essential that they should have as chairman a gentleman who would devote as much time and trouble to the business of the Board, as the late Chairman of the Board—Mr. Batten—had done, whom they hoped to have as their future chairman. He would, therefore, move that Mr. James Batten be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.—Mr. Scott, in seconding the motion, said he was sure it would give very great pleasure to every member of the Board to see Mr. Batten once more Chairman of the Board, and he hoped he would have health and strength to conduct the business of the Board with satisfaction to himself, to the Board and to his fellow ratepayers.—The motion was unanimously carried, and Mr. Batten then took the chair amid considerable applause. On rising again he said he had to thank the Board for doing him the honour of again electing him Chairman of the Board for another year. He had also to thank Mr. Davis and Mr. Scott for the kind way they had moved and seconded his election. He was sure it gave him great pleasure to look round the table and see no new faces—(laughter and "Hear, hear")—and he was quite sure the business of the Board would be conducted in the future, as in the past, in an honest and straightforward manner, and, without doubt, to the satisfaction of the ratepayers. The work of the Board had been well carried forward, and many important works had been completed. Before sitting down he would like to allude to an important matter. In that morning's *Standard* was given a return of the death-rate of 32 large towns, beginning at the lowest. Croydon was the lowest with a death-rate of 15·6 per thousand, and he was glad to say Bromley was 12·4 per thousand. That, he thought, was most satisfactory. (Hear, hear and applause.)

Election of Committees.

At the same meeting Mr. Scott suggested that the Board had too many Committees and that some of them might be merged in the others.

Mr. Davis agreed and after some discussion the Committees were constituted as follows, it being understood that they should not all meet on the same night as heretofore:—

Highways, Buildings, Lighting and Road-Watering and Recreation Ground Committee.—Messrs. H. Selby, D. Grinsted, G. H. Payne, E. Izard, J. J. Miles, and G. W. F. Loftus.

Drainage and Sanitary Committee.—Messrs. T. Davis, McIntyre, G. W. F. Loftus, J. E. Woodward, J. J. Curtis, and J. Scott, jun.

Electric Lighting Committee.—The Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of Committees.

Public Libraries Acts Committee.—Committee of the whole Board with a special sub-committee of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. T. Davis, J. J. Curtis, D. Grinsted, and G. H. Payne.

Technical Education and Science and Art Committee.—Formation postponed for a time.

Representatives on West Kent Main Sewerage Board.—Messrs. J. Batten, J. J. Curtis, and J. Scott, jun.

Representatives on Joint Hospital Board.—Mr. J. J. Curtis was re-appointed and Mr. J. Scott, jun., was elected to the place of Mr. D. Grinsted, who said he was now disqualified.

Water Supply Joint Committee.—The Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Committee.

Flooding at Aylesbury Road.

At the same meeting Mr. W. Ridley Richardson, wrote that, in response to a request by the Board, he would have the water-course of the stream through the meadows at South-hill cleaned out. With regard to the widening of the footbridge, he must deny liability; but if without prejudice he could do so, he would have the footbridge widened, if the Board would keep it in repair, and also the footpath parallel with the stream.—The matter was referred to the Committee.

A Question of Title.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported to the Committee that it would be advisable to invite the churchwardens and overseers of the Parish with respect to the passageway adjoining the mortuary and the Committee recommended that they be requested to join the Board in taking immediate action. The Surveyor reported that in consequence of the obstruction caused by Mr. Pritchard at the pay office adjoining the mortuary when the men were being paid on Friday the 7th inst., he had found it necessary to eject Mr. Pritchard from the Board's premises together with a barrow placed there by him, and it was resolved that the Surveyor's action be approved.

Local Board v. Lloyd: Costs.

At the same meeting of the Board in moving the adoption of the Finance Committees report Mr. T. C. McIntyre moved that several other cheques be included for payment, among them being one for £292 19s. 1d. costs in the case of Local Board v. Lloyd.—The report was adopted.

No Collection.

At the same meeting Mr. F. E. Gedney, the secretary of the Bromley Association Football Club, wrote asking permission on behalf of his club to make a collection on the occasion of a charity football match, on Wednesday afternoon, on the Queen's Mead.—Mr. Davis said the Board did not think it advisable that collections on the Mead should be made for any object whatever, and the application was thereupon refused by the Board.

Testing Public Gas.

At the same meeting Dr. Rideal, of St. George's Hospital, wrote that on April 15th, he visited the Bromley Gas Works for the purpose of testing public gas. He could not, however, do so, as he found the testing apparatus had been taken to pieces for cleaning and repairs. He suggested that the Board should ask the Gas Company to advise them of such events, in order that the Board might in turn advise him (Dr. Rideal) and save him unnecessary journeys.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported the receipt of 50 applications for the post of assistant clerkship and 10 for the second assistant clerkship.—The applications were referred for consideration to a special committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Davis, and Mr. J. Scott, junr. At a special meeting of the Board on April 26th, on the recommendation of the Committee, who had interviewed the three selected candidates, the Board appointed Mr. Ernest Trower as second assistant clerk to the Board, the Chairman remarking that the Board thought highly of all the candidates, a remark which Mr. Davis supplemented by saying that although all the candidates were good ones, Mr. Trower suited their requirements best.—The Board then proceeded to interview three candidates selected by the Committee, out of a total of 55 applicants, and this having been done, a vote by ballot was taken, and in the result Mr. Godward, of Dartford, was unanimously appointed first assistant clerk to the Board.

The Assistant Clerkships.

At the meeting on April 18th, Messrs. J. C. Arnaud & Sons, wrote complaining of the prevalence of persons committing nuisances about the town at night and stating that one man would, in all probability, be prosecuted for such an offence on Monday next. They also suggested that the Board should take into consideration the advisability of constructing one or more underground public conveniences in different positions in the town, as was the custom in large towns, and that would do away with the unsightly structure in the Market-square.—Mr. Davis said he thought the Board should seriously take into consideration the necessity of providing additional public conveniences in the town, but he could not say anything as to putting them underground. The letter was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Public Conveniences.

At the meeting of the Bromley Local Board, sitting as a Burial Board, on April 4th, a letter was read from the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, thanking the Board for their decision with regard to permission of interments from that portion of Tweedy-road known as District B, and stating that in accordance with the wishes of the Board he would place himself in communication with the Plaistow Burial Board. He requested, also, that the Vicar's fees with regard to such interments might be only such as were charged to ordinary parishioners. A similar letter was read from the Rev. P. Barker with regard to interments from that portion of St. John's, New Bromley, known as District A.

Districts A and B.

At the same meeting the General Purposes Committee reported that at a special meeting of the Committee it was resolved to recommend that Mr. F. H. Norman be appointed Clerk and Registrar to the Board at a salary of £50 per annum.—The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Appointment of Clerk.

At the meeting of the Board, on April 18th, on the motion of Mr. J. Scott, jun., seconded by Mr. T. C. McIntyre, Mr. J. Batten was unanimously re-elected chairman. The members of the Drainage and Sanitary Committee of the Local Board were chosen to act as the General Purposes Committee of the Burial Board.

Annual Meeting.

At the same meeting on the motion of Mr. J. Scott, jun., seconded by Mr. T. C. McIntyre, a Burial Rate of 2d. in the £ was made and sealed.

Burial Rate.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have taken place during the past month. At the first meeting on March 27th the School Management Committee reported that they had considered a complaint from Mr. Miller, of Martins-road, Shortlands, with regard to the treatment of his son by Mr. Coppin, head-master at the Valley Schools. Both gentlemen attended the meeting of the Committee who now recommended that Mr. Coppin be written to and his attention called to the Board's regulations as to the infliction of corporal punishment and that he be requested to strictly adhere to them in the future.—The report was adopted.

Corporal Punishment.

At the same meeting the Finance Committee reported that at their meeting the Clerk submitted his estimate of the probable expenditure to be incurred by the Board during the ensuing year, and the Committee recommended that the estimate be approved and that a precept be sealed on the rating authority for the amount required—£2,000. The following is a summary of the estimate :—

The Estimate.

Summary.

	£	£
Administration		
Salaries	95	
Legal Expenses	20	
Other Expenses	85	
	—	200
Maintenance		
Teachers' Salaries	1241	
Books, Apparatus	65	
Fuel, Light & Cleaning	130	
Repairs	60	
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	60	
	—	1556
Loan and Interest	500	
Truant School	20	
	—	520
		2276
Deduct Fee Grants and Miscellaneous Receipts		276
Amount required		2000

At 3d. in the £ on an estimated rateable value of £165,000 payable by equal moieties on June 10th and July 10th, 1893.

The estimate was approved and the precept sealed.—In reply to Mr. Loly, the Clerk said that that made a rate of 5d. in the £ for the whole year.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Bromley Local Board stating that it was proposed to give a course of six lectures on "Sick Nursing" in the Bromley Common district, and asking for the use of the Board's Raglan-road School on six Friday evenings for the purpose, with the amount of rent that would be charged.—Mr. Loton moved that the use of the school be granted, but he did not think it would be fair to charge the Local Board the full amount of 10s. for each evening.—Mr. Loton added to his motion "that the Board be charged 30s. for the course."—Mr. Cooke could not see why the Board should make "fish of one and fowl of another" application. The money would go to the relief of the rates.—The Chairman said the money was not granted for the reduction of the rates, but for the spread of Technical Education, and if the Local Board had to spend 10s. a lecture for rent there could not be much left for educational purposes.—Mr. Loton said the previous lectures on the subject had proved most successful; it was an interesting and necessary subject.—The Chairman said that in many places the Kent County Council were getting the use of schoolrooms for nothing, in fact that seemed to be a *sine qua non* to the giving of lectures in a district. The resolution was then put and carried, Mr. Cooke only dissenting.

Nursing Lectures.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Education Department stating that Miss Cutts had obtained the conditional award certificate and a place in the 3rd Division of the Class list on her second year's examination, and that Miss Scholey had obtained a place in the 3rd Division of the Class list on her first year's examination.

Teachers' Successes.

At the same meeting a letter was received from H.M.'s Inspector of Schools stating the evening school classes' examination would, if convenient, be held on either Wednesday or Friday, April 5th and 7th, respectively.—The Clerk said there were only ten students to be presented.—Mr. Loton asked if there were not some children waiting to be presented for proficiency certificates to enable them to leave school?—The Clerk said the Inspector would not take them on this

Proficiency Certificates.

occasion, but arrangementswould be made for them to go to Orpington. At the meeting on April 24th, a letter was received from the Rev. Holt White stating that he had communicated with the Education Department on the subject of an examination of children wishing for labour certificates, and he would let the Board know the result. Anyhow he would give them them an examination shortly.—Mr. Loton asked the Clerk if any children had been taken to Orpington that day.—The Clerk replied in the negative, adding that there had been no room for them.

The Flooding at Aylesbury-road.

At the meeting on March 27th, a letter was received from the Bromley Local Board acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Board with reference to the flooding at Aylesbury-road School, and stating that the letter had been referred to the Committee.—The Chairman said he had arrived at the conclusion that the culvert, on which the blame had hitherto been cast, was not responsible for the flooding at Aylesbury-road Schools, and that the fault was the Board's. There was a hole, he said, close to the path running parallel with the stream, and into that the surface water drained and ran over the school premises. If the Board piped this ditch and filled up the hole it would prevent all the water finding its lowest level before any would run through the culvert, whereby a great deal did not go through it at all.—Mr. Peill contended that the trouble arose with the water from South Hill and from Beckenham and West Wickham parishes.—The Chairman admitted that there was that difficulty, but he said he had had a chat with some representatives of Beckenham, who had suggested that the Beckenham authorities should be approached and the matter would be put right. However, with regard to the culvert he only wished Mr. Peill would see the engineer of the London, Chatham & Dover Railway Company, and then, perhaps, he would be able to modify his opinion the same as he had done his. There was a consensus of opinion of the whole f the engineering talent of Bromley against Mr. Peill's arguments—After some further discussion the Clerk was directed to write to the Beckenham Local Board and lay the matter before them.

Financial Statement.

At the meeting on April 10th the Clerk submitted the following financial statement:—

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Michaelmas, 1892		1575 18 11
Receipts other than from loans:—		
Grants	1391 10 6	
Fees (evening classes)	10 10 0	
Sales of books, &c., ...	1 1	
From Rating Authority ...	1364 0 0	
Sale of needlework, fines and rents	22 1 10	
		2788 3 5
Total receipts		4364 2 4

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ d s
Administration:—		
Officers' salaries	96 12 0	
Legal charges for prosecution	30 4 0	
Sundries	74 2 0	
		200 18 0
Maintenance of Schools:—		
Salaries	1226 10 5	
Books &c...	56 9 8	
Fuel &c.	200 10 3	
Repairs	82 5 1	
Rents, rates, &c.	46 7 3	
		1612 2 8
Alterations and additions ...	46 15 3	
Furnishing	136 8 10	
		183 4 1
Payment of principal and interest...	531 7 10	
Prizes	29 9 10	
		560 17 8
Total expenditure ...		2557 2 5

	£ s. d.
Total expenditure ...	2557 2 5
Net balance in hand	1806 19 11
Total expenditures and balances ...	£4364 2 4

An excess of zeal.

At the meeting on April 24th, Mr Peill commented severely on the fact that several parents had been summoned who had no right to have been summoned at all and he could not make out who had so far forgotten themselves to order the summons. In one case the child in question had made every attendance possible for the 12 successive weeks before the holidays. The Clerk was instructed to write letters of apology to the parents wrongly summoned.

Understaffed School.

At the same meeting the Clerk stated that on Monday last he visited the Valley School and found several of the upper standard scholars at work, and Miss Evans, the head mistress, told him that it was necessary to keep the children in to do their lessons as the school was "going back," for want of teachers. The work, the Clerk said, was apportioned as follows: standard VII. and ex. VII.—four scholars; standard VI. —13; standard V.—16, were taken by the headmistress, Miss Evans; standard IV. with 41 scholars was without a teacher; standard III., 34 scholars, taken by Miss Mortlock; standard II., 41, and standard I., 34, taken by Miss Everard, assisted by a pupil teacher. There were 185 on the roll, and last week 174 actually attended.—The Chairman said it was clear that the school was under-staffed, and that there was sufficient grounds for referring the matter to the Committee.—The matter was accordingly referred to Committee.

Dearth of Teachers.

Pursuant to a notice on the agenda paper Captain Richards called attention "to the salaries paid to the trained and untrained certificated assistant teachers, and moved that the question of revising the scale be referred for the consideration of the School Management Committee." He took that step, he said, on account of the difficulty they had had in filling the vacancy at the schools. After some discussion in which the difficulty of finding assistant teachers was admitted, the motion was put and carried, and the matter referred to the Committee.

School Accommodation.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Peill called attention to the number of scholars on the rolls, and moved that the question of enlarging the Raglan-road schools be referred for the consideration of the School Management Committee. There were more children, he said, in the Boys' School than the place was constructed for, and he thought that, as the place would have to be enlarged, it would be useless to drive it off to the last moment, when the Board would find themselves in a fix.—Mr. Loly seconded and the motion was carried and the matter referred to Committee.

With reference to an item on the agenda: "To consider the expediency of referring for the consideration of the School Management Committee the returns of children on the rolls, and in attendance at the several Infants' Schools in the district, having regard to the existing accommodation." Mr. Loton asked how that question arose. The Clerk said it was brought about by further refusals to admit children to the Bromley National schools, and from the fact that all the infants' schools were full with the exception of the Valley School.—Mr. Loton moved, and Mr. Bragg seconded, that the matter be referred to the School Management Committee.—The motion was carried without further discussion.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Resolutions for the Vestry.

Only one meeting of this Board has been held during the month. At this meeting, on April 5th, on the motion of Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Pellett, the Board decided to adopt the following resolutions for submission to the Vestry respecting the ministerial fees in relation to consecrated ground:—

"That subject to the consent being obtained of the Archbishop of Canterbury as Diocesan, the fees payable to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, under the provisions of the Act 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 85, in respect of burials and matters connected therewith in the consecrated portion of the cemetery for the parish be revised and varied and the following fee be substituted therefor."

"That subject to the same consent being obtained the fixed annual sum of £50—to be paid quarterly by the Burial Board of the parish—be substituted for the last-mentioned fees and such fees be thereafter received and retained by the said Board."

"That application be forthwith made to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury for his consent to the foregoing resolutions."

Drainage. It was decided that advertisements be issued for tenders for the work of the drainage of the cemetery according to Mr. Grantham's scheme.

Auditor's Report. The Auditor reported that he had been all through the books and accounts of the Board and found everything correct with the exception of one item which he could not allow, and the Board would be able to deal with that themselves.

The Estimates. The Clerk presented his estimates of the probable expenditure for the ensuing half-year and the Board thereupon signed a precept upon the Overseers for £200, that being equivalent to a rate of 2d in the £, the same as for the last half-year.

Presentation to Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen.—On the 5th ult., at the Grand Hotel, a sumptuous banquet was given by the members of the Bromley Local Board to Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen on his retirement from the position of Clerk to the Board, and to mark their high esteem of his services he was presented with an illuminated address and a piece of plate. The only guests beside the guest of the evening were Sir John Lennard, Bart., J.P., and Mr. R. G. Mullen, junr. The address which was beautifully illuminated and bore the county arms, was as follows:

Bromley. April, 1893.
Presented to
ROBERT GORDON MULLEN, ESQ.,
together with a Silver Bowl,
by the
Members of the Bromley Local Board,
in hearty recognition of
eminent services rendered to the district
and duties discharged with
conspicuous ability and unfailing courtesy
during 9 years in which
he held the office of Clerk to the Board
also
as a small token of personal regard and esteem
in which he is held by the undersigned members
of the Board

James Batten, (Chairman.)	T. C. McIntyre.
J. J. Curtis.	J. J. Miles.
Thos. Davis.	G. H. Payne.
D. Grinsted.	J. Scott, Junr.
E. Isard.	H. Selby.
G. W. Ferrars Loftus.	J. E. Woodward.

The presentation piece of plate took the form of an elegant Queen Anne Silver Bowl, which bore Mr. Mullen's monogram on the one side and the following inscription on the other:—

Presented,
together with an illuminated address, to
Robert Gordon Mullen, Esq.,
by the
Members of the Bromley Local Board,
April, 1893.

The silver bowl was supplied by Spink & Son, of 17, and 18, Piccadilly.

BROMLEY PARISH VESTRY.

The annual Vestry meeting for the civil parish of Bromley took place on March 24th, at the Parish Room, West-street, the business of the evening being to nominate Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year, and to sanction the collector's remuneration for the collection of the Plaistow Burial Rate. There were present: Messrs. D. Grinsted, C. W. Gedney, T. Gratv, W. Wallace, G. Smith, W. Hopton, Gomer, Draper, Jayes, Redfern, Pearce, Pocock, Bartlett, Keogh, Capon, Churchill, and Rogers, and Messrs. Ardern and King, the retiring Overseers, and others. Mr. D. Grinsted was voted to the chair, and announced that he would take the second item of business first—that of the collector's remuneration.—Mr. Gedney asked if, in order to arrive at some idea of an equitable basis, the Overseers would inform the meeting of the rateable value of the district covered by the collector.—Mr. King said they could not do that, but he might add that the Overseers gave the collector £20 last year, but the Auditor had told them that although the Overseers might say what the duties were worth, the matter must be brought before the Bromley Vestry for sanction to the amount. He then moved that the collector, Mr. G. Stone, be re-appointed, and that he be given £25 for his services.—Mr. Ardern, who seconded, said that the duties were not light. Mr. Stone had to make out two rate-books with the names of every ratepayer, and then he could not always get the rates on the first application.—Mr. Gedney asked whether the payment would be a charge upon the Common Fund, or upon the Plaistow Burial Rate. If charged on the Burial Rate, he had no objection if they paid Mr. Stone £50.—Mr. King said that no one but "the poor unhappy people of Plaistow" would be called upon to pay for the collector's services in that matter: it was a charge upon the Plaistow Burial Rate.—Mr. Gedney: Oh! then deal generously with him.—Mr. Pocock thought it hard that Bromley should have to settle the wages Plaistow had to pay its servants.—Mr. Ardern said the Auditor told them last year that they were Overseers for the whole of Bromley—not merely a part of it—and that, therefore, the matter must go to the Bromley Vestry for sanction.—The question was put to the vote, and it was decided *nem. dis.* that the collector have £25 for collecting the Plaistow Burial Rate. Nominations for persons to serve as Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year were then taken, but Messrs. Ardern and King were the only names submitted, and these were passed by the Vestry for submission to the Justices.

Quernmore House School Sports.—The annual sports in connexion with Quernmore House School, Bromley, took place on the School Field, Plaistow, on April 12th, when despite the chilling north east wind a large number of parents and friends of the pupils of Quernmore House assembled to witness the several contests. The judges were Messrs. Gibson, G. Loly, H. A. Saunders, and G. R. Cornah, and the clerks of the course Messrs. C. C. Brown and W. F. Pearce. Mr. G. S. Chittenden officiated as starter, and Mr. Brettel as timekeeper. At the close of the day's sports, Mr. Loly, in a few words, expressed the hope that the School would have as successful—at least from a sportsman's point of view—a season as it had last year.—Mrs. Carden then distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Liberals of the Sevenoaks Division are arranging for a fortnight's tour of the Home Counties Liberal van, commencing on the 9th of May.

EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

Bromley Parish Church.—At the annual Vestry held on Easter Tuesday at the Parish Room, West Street, the Church accounts showed a balance due to the wardens of £29 4s. 3d., but it was announced that in less than two months the deficit had been reduced by £120. The Vicar nominated Mr. T. C. Dewey as his warden for the ensuing year, Mr. Grinsted being re-elected People's Warden; Messrs. Crafer, Shillcock, Weeks, H. H. Pain, Vigers, C. E. Soames, Durbridge, and Mann were elected sidesmen, the three latter being to serve at St. Mark's.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—At the annual Easter Vestry of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, held in the Vestry of the Church, on April 5th, the Vicar, the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, remarked that during the year there had been an increase of 500 in the number of communicants, and the Churchwardens' report showed a balance in hand of £2 5s. 6d. The Vicar appointed Mr. Dodgson as his Warden and Mr. Wheeler Bennett was re-elected People's Warden; Messrs. H. Selby, W. Judd, H. Ellis, Tullydown, C. T. Burt, J. A. Clutton-Brock, Gardner, J. Humphrey, H. Kent, Lyddiard, R. Lee, E. Peill, Dr. Chatterton, and Dr. Yolland being elected Sidesmen. A prolonged discussion on the burial question followed.

Holy Trinity, Bromley Common.—The annual Vestry was held on Easter Tuesday in the Vestry of Church, when the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Haines, re-appointed Mr. A. C. Norman as his Warden, Mr. C. Harris being elected People's Warden in the place of Mr. Ley; Messrs. G. Norman, A. Jackson, Ley and Purday were elected as Sidesmen.

St. John's Bromley.—The Easter Vestry took place in the Vestry of the Church, on Thursday, April 6th, when a satisfactory statement of accounts was presented. The Vicar, the Rev. P. Barker, nominated Mr. J. B. Hamond as his Warden, and Mr. C. G. Hitchcock was elected People's Warden; Dr. Baly and Messrs. F. W. Nye, Potter and Hartridge being elected Sidesmen. It was proposed that a petition against the Welsh Suspensory Bill should be prepared and circulated among the parishioners for signatures, but the resolution, meeting with opposition, it was withdrawn, and an amendment that no action be taken by the Vestry was carried.

Hayes Church.—The Vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday in the Church Vestry. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Clowes, appointed Mr. T. H. Bower, as his Warden, and Mr. W. J. Selby was elected to serve as People's Warden. The Conservators of Hayes Common appointed were: Mr. Hambro, Capt. Torrens, Dr. Morris, Mr. J. Russell and Mr. Harrod.

West Wickham Church.—At the annual Vestry held on Easter Monday, the Vicar nominated Mr. William Ashcroft as his Warden, Sir J. F. Lennard, Bart, being elected People's Warden.

St. Mary's, Plaistow.—At the Annual Easter Vestry held on Thursday, April 6th, in the Vestry of the Church, Major C. Satterthwaite was nominated by the Vicar as his Warden, while Mr. Maxwell was elected People's Warden, and Messrs. S. W. Critchett, A. S. Gedge, G. Kentish, W. R. Mallett, J. W. Miles, Murray S. Richardson, George Stone, P. Tatham, W. Thursfield, and W. H. Brown were appointed sidesmen. A resolution against the Welsh Suspensory Bill was carried.

St. Mary's, Shortlands.—The usual Vestry was held in the Church Vestry on Easter Tuesday, when the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Wolley, re-appointed Mr. F. R. W. Hore as his Warden, Mr. S. Whittington being re-elected People's Warden, and Messrs. H. Tindal Atkinson, A. H. Leigh, A. Carey, and Philip Benton were re-elected Sidesmen.

St. George's, Bickley.—The Easter Vestry took place on Thursday, April 6th, in the Church Vestry, when the accounts showed a small balance on the right side. The Vicar nominated Mr. Chalmers as his Warden, and Mr. J. E. Woodward was elected People's Warden, and Messrs. F. D. Barnes, Hunt, Howard Williams, and Nelson were re-elected Sidesmen for the ensuing year. A discussion on Church improvements followed.

Parish Church, Beckenham.—The Vestry Meeting was held on Thursday, April 5th, when the Rector nominated Mr. W. H. Lendon as his Warden, and Mr. J. C. Stenning was elected People's Warden, while Messrs. G. P. Ollett, P. Secretan, H. Davies, Dr. Craig, C. Curtis, C. W. Phillips, C. B. Trollope, A. A. Wills, W. G. Bartleet, and S. Ebdon were elected to serve as Sidesmen at the Parish Church. Some reference was made to the civil matters discussed at a meeting of the Vestry the previous week.

St. Paul's, Beckenham.—At the Easter Vestry on April 6th, the Vicar, the Rev. C. Green, appointed Dr. Walker Vicar's Warden, while Mr. Hewlett was re-elected People's Warden. Messrs. Grenside, Marshall, Clark, Niel, Curwen, Cobbett, Bullivant and Frith were nominated as Sidesmen.

Christ Church, Beckenham—At the Annual Vestry Meeting the Vicar re-nominated Mr. W. Lovelock as his Warden, Mr. F. Bullock being re-elected People's Warden.

ELECTION OF GUARDIANS.

The annual election of Guardians of the Poor for the Bromley Union took place at the beginning of the month in the two parishes in which there were more candidates than vacancies. In Bromley some amount of interest centred round the event on account of two candidates—the Rev. J. White and the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer—being run by the Bromley Temperance Council to oust two of the old Guardians (Mr. C. W. Gedney and Mr. G. H. Payne) on account of their advocacy of the continuance of the excessive annual expenditure on intoxicants in the Bromley Union Workhouse. The result was officially declared by Mr. R. G. Mullen, the Returning Officer, as follows:—

Bromley.

Akers, Miss Isabella	2,305
Gedney, Mr. C. W.	1,962
Payne, Mr. G. H.	1,601
White, the Rev. J.	1,111
Shearer, the Rev. J. F.	1,030

Knockholt.

Goldsmith, Mr. E. F.	85
Hemphery, Mr. W.	48

The successful candidates were in each case the old members. There were in all about 180 papers from Bromley rendered invalid, either by the eccentricities or carelessness of the voters, while nearly 800 papers were not filled up at all.

Bromley Local Board Election.—Although the ratepayers were put to the expense of having voting papers printed in readiness for a contest, the withdrawal of Mr. Thomas Marsh at the last moment rendered their delivery unnecessary, and consequently Mr. R. G. Mullen, the Returning Officer, signed a certificate declaring Messrs. J. Batten, D. Grinsted, T. Davis, and E. Isard, the retiring members, duly elected.

A Police Court Missionary for Bromley.—There was a large assembly at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on the 11th ult., to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Berry, the newly-appointed Police Court Missionary for Bromley, Sevenoaks, and Tunbridge Wells and to hear addresses on Temperance from Lady Frederick Cavendish and the Hon and Rev. Canon Leigh. Mr. W. Hicks, the Chairman of the Bromley Temperance Council, occupied the chair and was supported, in addition to the deputation, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, the Rev. W. Hodgson, the Rev. P. Barker, the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, the Rev. G. S. Reaney, the Rev. John Isabell, Diocesan Organising Secretary of the C.E.T.S., Dr. Baly, and others. Excellent addresses were given by the two principal speakers and the missionary, and a highly successful meeting held.

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THE PAST MONTH.

The local elections which have taken place during the past month are chiefly remarkable as showing the apathy which prevails, in places like Bromley and Beckenham, as to the management of local affairs. In the election of Guardians of the Poor, for instance, it is stated that not many less than eight hundred voting papers were returned to the collectors unfilled up. The method of voting by papers officially distributed and collected would seem at first sight calculated to ensure a heavy poll, but whether it is that the directions to the voter require to be carefully perused to enable the voter to rightly fill up his or her paper, or that the easiness of the method defeats its own object, the result is less satisfactory than might be expected. The Parish Councils Bill, with which the Government are pledged to proceed this session, and to use every effort to pass it into law, will effect a change in the mode of local elections, and will introduce the ballot into all of them. We shall see whether under that system the ratepayers take more interest in governing themselves.

The office of Overseer is one that in this latter end of the nineteenth century has fallen on evil days, in spite of the fact that there are still important duties connected with it. For some reason or other a custom has arisen of paying less attention to the selecting of fit and proper persons to this office than is the case with other parochial offices. Our neighbours at Beckenham have just awoke to the fact that the office is still somewhat an important one, and that fit persons should accordingly be chosen for it. This consideration has been impressed upon them by discovering that the late assistant overseer and rate collector has been guilty of serious defalcations, and that the overseers either negligently refrained from exercising such an oversight over his accounts as would have enabled them to detect the irregularities, or were not possessed of sufficient intelligence to do so. To remedy the evil the vestry has now nominated as one of the overseers Mr. A. J. Baker, a member of the Kent County Council, and though rather late in the day—as the office is one of those marked out for extinction under the new Local Government Bill—the step is in the right direction.

One of the indirect results of the defalcations of the Beckenham rate collector has been the formation of a Ratepayers' Protection Association for that town, though curiously it owes its foundation to the supporters rather than to the critics of those to whose laches it is due that the irregularities ever took place. The movement, whatever its origin, may be attended with the happiest results if it receives the support of the general body of ratepayers. It need not be actuated by any spirit of hostility to the existing authorities, but should keep a vigilant and intelligent eye upon all their doings and be as ready—or readier—to praise as censure. Boards are composed of human beings, and human beings who work for the public good like their efforts to be sometimes acknowledged. It may be hoped that the conception will before long take root in other places in the neighbourhood.

A Temperance Congress for the County of Kent was held last month at Maidstone.

Sir John Lennard has been re-elected Chairman of the Bromley Union Board of Guardians.

The new church of St. Andrew, Orpington, will be opened on May 16th.

Mr. G. Cawley, of Grangethorpe, Manor-road, Beckenham, has taken out a patent for a new and improved fluid-pressure engine.

Lady Scott will present,, upon her marriage, her daughter, Mrs. Hay, at the next Drawing Room, to be held by the Queen in May.

A charge will this year be made for admission to the St. Mary Cray Recreation Ground on the occasion of the May Day Carnival.

Mr. F. H. Norman, an assistant clerk to the Bromley Local Board, has been appointed clerk to the Board in the place of Mr. Mullen who has resigned.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., has resigned the captaincy of the Hants County Cricket Club in consequence of his Parliamentary duties.

The firemen who were injured in the recent accident to the Bexley Heath Fire Brigade are all progressing satisfactorily.

During the year 1892 260 patients were admitted into the Bromley and Beckenham Infectious Hospital as against 73 the previous year.

The costs payable by the Bromley Local Board in the recent action Bromley Local Board *v.* Lloyd have been taxed at £292 19s. 1d.

The Chislehurst Common Conservators have given permission to the West Kent Cricket Club to erect a Pavilion on the north side of the Cricket Ground on the Common.

Mr. D. W. Harris, late butcher and swimming-baths proprietor, of Bromley, has been adjudged a bankrupt and attributes his failure to building speculations. The estimated deficiency is £1100.

Mr. S. P. Low, J.P., Chairman of the Bromley Bench of Magistrates, presided, last month, at a meeting held at the Ladywell Baths to oppose the Local Veto Bill.

Sir John Pender, K.C.M.G., M.P., has presented a banner of honour to be competed for by the choirs of Sunday Schools in Western Kent, at the forthcoming Eisteddfod at the Bromley Drill Hall in May.

Four wild boars belonging to Lord Sackville escaped from a pen in Knole Park, Sevenoaks, last month, and after they had knocked down several persons were eventually shot.

A bill confirming a provisional order of the Board of Trade entrusting the electric lighting of Beckenham to the Local Board has passed the Committee stage in the House of Commons.

The Rev. J. P. Faunthorpe presided last month at the monthly meeting of the Ruskin Society, at the London Institution, when a paper was read by Mr. W. P. MacConochie on "Usury."

A movement is on foot to present Mr. G. Dennen, late manager of the Bromley branch of the London and County Bank, with a purse of gold, and the subscription list has been headed by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar.

Chamber Concert. — A concert of chamber music will be given at the Drill Hall, on Monday evening, the 8th, when an interesting programme will be performed on the violin, viola, violoncello, and pianoforte. Among the artistes announced to take part are Messrs. Rawden-Briggs, Ernest Walker, B.A., F. Frederiksen, P. Oppenheimer, and R. Bucknall.

Lecture by Sir John Lubbock. — The announcement that Sir John Lubbock has consented to give his lecture on "Personal and Political Reminiscences" at the Drill Hall, on Wednesday, May 31st, will be received with pleasure by our readers, and the Bromley Literary Institute is to be congratulated on once more obtaining such a treat for Bromley, as Sir John's lectures always prove. For particulars our advertising columns should be consulted.

DIARY FOR APRIL.

March.

23rd.—Lecture on Church Music at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley, by Mr. Walter E. Stark.

24th.—Annual Vestry Meeting at Bromley for Nomination of Overseers.

25th.—Bromley Volunteers Smoking Concert at Headquarters, Lieut. Matthews in the chair.

" —Unionist Meeting at Chislehurst, addressed by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.

" —Meeting of Building Trade operatives at Bromley Co-operative Hall, addressed by Alderman Taylor, L.C.C.

29th.—Performance of Staicer's "Crucifixion" at Bromley Parish Church.

" —Annual Meeting of the Bromley, Beckenham, and District Mutual Building Society, Mr. R. Taylor presiding.

" —Primrose League Meeting at St. Luke's Institute. Speeches by Mr. Beresford Hope, Mr. E. Peill, Mr. Wheeler Bennett and Dr. Chatterton.

30th.—Inaugural Meeting at the Bromley Co-operative Hall of the Bromley United Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home and Hospital Society.

April.

2nd.—Anniversary Services of Bromley Common Primitive Methodist Chapel, Bloomfield-road, Bromley Common.

5th.—Banquet and presentation to Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen, at the Grand Hotel, London, by the members of Bromley Local Board.

6th.—Sale of Work at "The Rookery," Bromley Common, in aid of Building Fund of new Village Hall.

7th.—Maiden Speech by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., in the House of Commons, against the Home Rule Bill.

10th.—Lecture by the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse at the Farwig Wesleyan Mission, on Cornish Religious Characters.

11th.—Meeting of the Independent Labour Party at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, Mr. J. Fielding presiding.

" —Meeting of welcome to the new Police Court Missionary for Bromley at the Grand Hall. Addresses by Lady Frederick Cavendish and the Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh.

" —Counting of Votes in the Election of Guardians of the Poor.

12th.—Annual Meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar presiding.

" —Annual Athletic Sports of Quernmore House School, Bromley.

" —Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Arthur-road Mission, Beckenham, Mr. F. W. Lawrence presiding.

13th.—Liberal Meeting at Beulah Baptist Chapel, Farnborough. Mr. G. H. Whitehead presiding.

17th.—William Latham, grocer, of High Street, Bromley, was fined £5 at Bromley Petty Sessions for selling adulterated butter.

" —Lecture at Children's Church, Bromley Park, by Rev. J. J. B. Coles, on the Signs and Symbols of Holy Scripture.

18th.—Performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" at Bromley Congregational Church.

19th.—Concert at Shortlands Parish Room, given by the Shortlands Choral Society.

" —Annual Meeting of the Bromley Aid Committee of the National Society for the prevention of cruelty to Children at Bromley Town Hall, Mr. E. Packe, C.C., presiding.

" —Smoking concert at Bromley Conservative Club in commemoration of Primrose-day, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., presiding.

" —Annual Dinner of the Bromley Philanthropic Society.

" —Second Concert of the season of the Beckenham Orchestral Society, Mr. F. S. Newcombe conducting

23rd.—Special Sermon on behalf of Bromley National Schools, preached at Bromley Parish Church, by the Rev. J. F. Kitto, rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

24th.—Meeting to protest against the Opium Traffic at Bromley Drill Hall.

" —Second anniversary meeting in connection with the opening of Shortlands Congregational Mission, Mr. E. F. Duncanson presiding.

25th.—Twenty-seventh anniversary celebrated of the commencement of the pastorate of Mr. Isaac Ballard, Baptist Minister of Farnborough.

" —Meeting in favour of the Home Rule Bill at Bromley Grand Hall, addressed by Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P., and others.

26th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Football Club, held at the "Duke's Head," Mr J. Jeary presiding.

" —Performance of "Our Boys" by Beckenham Amateur Dramatic Club at Public Hall. Repeated following night.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

DATE.	NAME OF CLUB.	GROUND.	TIME.
May 6	Granville	Bromley	2.30
,, 13	Bickley Park C.C.	Bickley	2.30
,, 13	Glyn's C.C.	Bromley	2.30
,, 20	Kennington Wanderers	Bromley	2.30
,, 22	Plaistow	Plaistow	11.0
,, 27	Oak C.C.	Farnborough	2.30
,, 27	Quernmore	Bromley	2.30
June 3	Ibis C.C.	Dulwich	2.30
,, 3	Charing Cross Hospital	Bromley	2.30
,, 10	Bickley Park C.C.	Bromley	2.30
,, 10	Quernmore	Plaistow	2.30
,, 17	Dulwich	Bromley	2.30
,, 21	Guy's Hospital	Bromley	2.30
,, 24	Holborn	Bromley	2.30
,, 24	Glyn's C.C.	Catford	2.30
July 1	Crystal Palace C.C.	Bromley	2.30
,, 1	Bromley Common	Bromley Com.	2.30
,, 8	Ibis C.C.	Bromley	2.30
,, 15	Northbrook I.	Bromley	2.30
,, 15	,, II.	Lee	2.30
,, 22	Boz C.C.	Bromley	2.30
,, 29			
Aug. 5	Brixton	Bromley	2.30
,, 7	Plaistow	Bromley	11.0
,, 12	Granville	Lee	2.30
,, 12	St. Mary Cray	Bromley	2.30
,, 19	Bromley Common	Bromley	2.30
,, 26	Burlington Wanderers	Bromley	2.30
Sept. 2	Ground Man's Benefit	Bromley	...

PLAISTOW CRICKET CLUB.

DATE.	NAME OF CLUB.	GROUND.	TIME.
April 29	Dulwich	Plaistow	2.30
May 6	Bickley	Bickley	11. 0
,, 13	Chislehurst	Plaistow	2.30
,, 20	Granville (Lee)	Lee	2.30
,, 22	Bromley	Plaistow	11. 0
,, 27	Mr. W. Hodgson's XI.	,,	2.30
June 3	West Wickham	West Wickham	2.30
,, 10	Bromley Common	Bromley Common	2.30
,, 17	Barnes	Plaistow	2.30
,, 24	Dulwich	Dulwich	2 30
July 1	Gryphons	Plaistow	2.30
,, 8	Bickley	,,	2.30
,, 15	Chislehurst	Chislehurst	2.30
,, 17	Erratics	Plaistow	11. 0
,, 18	Guy's Hospital	,,	11. 0
,, 19	Bromley Common	,,	11. 0
,, 20	M.C.C. and Ground	,,	11. 0
,, 21	Mr. H. B. Smith's XI.	,,	11. 0
,, 22	Blackheath	,,	1.0
,, 24	Northbrook	Lee	11. 0
,, 29	Crystal Palace	Plaistow	2.30
Aug. 5	Mr. Gibson's	,,	2.30
,, 7	Bromley	Bromley	11.0
,, 12	Blackheath	Blackheath	2.30
,, 19	Beckenham	Beckenham	11.0
,, 26	Granville (Lee)	Plaistow	2.30
Sept. 2	Barnes	,,	2.30
,, 9	Mr. Gibson's XI.	,,	2.30
,, 16	Athletic Sports	South Hill Park	2.0

THE Rev. R. I. Woodhouse and Mrs. Woodhouse are spending their holiday in Algiers.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

Under the auspices of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, a fairly well-attended meeting was held at the Town Hall on the 19th ult. Mr. E. Packe, C.C., presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. White, the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, founder and hon. director and secretary of the Society, the Rev. J. F. Shearer, and Messrs. J. W. Swan, W. Hicks, and others. The Chairman having briefly opened the meeting, called upon the Rev. J. White, the local secretary, to read the report of the Bromley Aid Committee for the year 1892, which showed that the bazaar held in the grounds of the Bromley College on June 15th and 16th realised the sum of £840, the expenditure being less than £150, the special object being to provide a new shelter or temporary refuge for children at the head office of the Society. With regard to the operations of the Society in this district, the report stated that besides warnings given, in two cases the Society saw fit to institute legal proceedings, with the result of not only obtaining convictions, but also of securing in both instances the removal of the children to safe and comfortable homes. As yet the Society had no regular office in the neighbourhood, but it was proposed to divide the country into groups of population from 5',000 to 10',000, and to make Bromley the centre of one such groups, with an inspecting officer under the Committee. The hon. treasurer, Mr. E. F. Duncanson, reported the receipt of £200 11s. during the year, and the report also stated that £1,400 had been sent to the Central Society since October 20th, 1890, when the Bromley Aid Committee was first started.—Mr. J. W. Swan then moved the adoption of the report in an address of some length. He stated that the £1,400 contributed by this locality was one of the features of the report, and he thought that much credit was due to the members of the working committee for their efforts. The society under whose auspices they were met that night had been in existence only eight years. It was shocking, he said, that so great a work should have been left undone so long.—Mr. William Hicks, seconded the motion.—The Rev. J. White having read the names of the officers and committee for the ensuing year, which included Mr. E. Packe, as chairman, Mr. E. F. Duncanson, as honorary treasurer, and the Rev. J. White, as secretary, the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer moved that they be adopted.—Mr. J. Batten seconded, and it was carried.—The Rev. B. Waugh founder and hon. director of the society then spoke.

POETIC AND MUSICAL RECITAL.—The talented Misses Tulloch, whose entertainment was so much appreciated last year, will give another poetic and musical recital at the Bromley Drill Hall, on Thursday, May 4th. Miss Edith Tulloch will sing, Miss Ada and Beryl Tulloch will give performances on the guitar and mandoline respectively, and Miss Dora and little Miss Olive will give recitations and duologues. The programme will be entirely different from that given on the last occasion. Tickets may be had at the offices of this paper.

KENT MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP.—The first election to the Kent Scholarship in the Royal College of Music (recently founded through the exertions of the Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Stanhope, and others) took place last month at the college, the examiners being the Board of Professors and the director. Thirteen candidates were sent up. The choice of the examiners fell on John Johnson, of Canterbury, composer: proxime accessit, Edward L. Cockell, of Forest-hill, S.E., singer.

DENNEN TESTIMONIAL.

To the Editor of the "Bromley Record."

Dear Sir,—I beg to enclose copy of a circular issued by the Committee and shall be extremely obliged if you can favour me by inserting the same in the next issue of your paper.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

ROBERT GORDON MULLEN.

Bromley Kent.
27th April, 1893.

LOCAL OFFICES,
BROMLEY, KENT,
24th April, 1893.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. GEORGE DENNEN.

Committee:

JAMES BATTEN, J.P.	REV. A. G. HELLICAR, M.A.
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H. J. ILOTT, M.D.	EDWARD PACKE.
T. C. DEWEY.	MAJOR EDWARD LATTER.
D. T. PLAYFAIR, M.D.	GEORGE WEEKS.

Mr. George Dennen, who has so long been Manager at the London and County Bank in Bromley, has lately retired from the post.

The Branch was opened in June, 1865, since which time Mr. Dennen has, by his uniform courtesy and kindness, justly gained the esteem of all his friends and neighbours.

As Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Local Volunteer Rifle Corps for many years, he contributed much to the success of the Volunteer movement in Bromley, and in all public affairs he has always shown himself willing to bear a kindly part.

Now that he has resigned his office after having accomplished 28 years of service, it is thought that many will be glad to join in presenting him with a Purse and an Address, in recognition of the regard felt for him by his fellow parishioners.

The above-named Committee has been formed to to carry out the proposal, and as it is desirable that the subscription list should be closed on the 15th May, I venture to ask that subscriptions should be forwarded to me before that day.

ROBERT GORDON MULLEN,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

NEW MUSIC.

From Messrs. H. Morley Phillips and Co., Aberdeen Buildings, Bromley, we have received for review several new compositions by Arthur Somervell (J. and J. Hopkinson) one of our most promising composers, whose name is not unknown locally. "Tears, Idle Tears," a powerful setting of Tennyson's well-known words, which would require a singer of more than average ability to do full justice to. "O Moonlight Deep and Tender" is another song artistically conceived and quite out of the ear-haunting melody style. "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," an appropriate setting of some quaint words by Eugene Field which should be a favourite with the younger musicians. Mr. Somervell has also written a set of short pieces for the pianoforte, called the "Beanstalk Suite" (same publishers). They are in the 18th century style and will be found invaluable to teachers and popular with their pupils. Would that there were more such pieces available for educational purposes.

Messrs. J. and J. Hopkinson also publish two new songs by Gerald M. Lane; the first, "Carmencita," is bright and sparkling and sure to please; the other, "Donovan O'Dare," is hardly so good, but has the merit of simplicity.

"Passant les steppes," by L. Schytte (Angener and Co.) would make a most effective short concert piece; it is decidedly original. Anton Strelezki's Allegro in C (same publishers) and "Dream Pictures" (E. Donajowski) are both easy to play and agreeable to listen to, and the same may be said of the "Ilka Gavotte" by Hans von Zois (Cranz and Co.)

FORTISSIMO.

POSTAL INFORMATION.

A Wall Letter-Box has been placed in the wall of Bromley Park College at the junction of Highland-road and Park-end. The letters, &c., are collected and dealt with as under:—

Hours of Collection.	Time of Delivery in Bromley.	Time of Desp't'h from Bromley.
9.10 a.m.	10.0 a.m.	9.50 a m.
10.25 ,,	12.30 p m.	11.40 ,,
12.15 p.m.	3.30 ,,	1.15 p.m.
4.10 ,,	7.45 ,,	5.20 ,,
9.40 ,,	7.15 a.m.	10.30 ,,
6.25 p.m. (S'nd'y)	7.15 a.m. (Mo'd'y)	7.30 p.m.

A new pillar box has been placed in the Elmfield-road. The letters, &c., are collected as under:—

Hrs. of Collection.	Time of Delivery in Bromley.	Time of Despatch from Bromley.
5.30 a.m.	7.15 a.m.	7.50 a.m.
9.10 ,,	10. 0 ,,	9.50 ,,
11.15 ,,	12.30 p.m.	11.40 ,,
12.30 p.m.	3.30 ,,	1.15 p.m.
4.25 p.m. } 6. 0 ,, }	7.45 ,,	{ 5.20 ,, { 7. 0 ,,
9.15	7.15 a.m.	10.30 ,,

Telegraphic communication will shortly be extended to the Bromley Hill sub-Post-Office—situated at 32, London-road—where telegrams may be handed in for transmission at the usual rates, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

LOCAL WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of Mr. Henry George Yates, formerly of 5, Billiter-square, and late of Highwood, South Hill Park, Bromley, Kent, who died on February 13th, was proved on the 6th April, by Mrs. Gwendoline Yates, the widow, Mr. James Park, Mr. Thomas Patrick McKie Sharp, and Mr. William Clayton, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £63,000. The testator bequeaths £1000 and all his furniture and effects, horses, carriages, live and dead stock, to his wife; £200 to each of his other executors; £500 to his sister Charlotte; £500 to his managing clerk, Mr. James McArthur; and other legacies. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves upon trust to pay the income of one-half, but not of more than £25,000, to his wife for life, if she shall so long remain his widow, and if she shall marry again, one-half of such income is to be paid to her. Subject thereto, the residue is to be held upon trust for his children in equal shares. In the event of his leaving no children, there are large contingent gifts to various charities.

Col. the Hon. Oliver George Poulet Montagu, who died at Cairo, on the 24th January, left personalty valued at £80,602, and appointed as the executors of his will, his sister, Lady Emily Caroline Dyke (wife of Sir William Hart Dyke, Bart, M.P.), his brother, the Hon. Victor Alexander Montagu, of Wherwell Priory, and his brother-in-law, Captain Alfred Charles Duncombe, to each of whom for the executorship the testator bequeaths £200. To Lady Emily Caroline Dyke he leaves his furniture and household effects, and to his valet £100. The residue of his property he bequeaths in trust to pay the income thereof to Lady Emily Dyke for her life, and, subject to her life interest, to hold the residuary estate in trust for all her children excepting her eldest son. In the event of failure of the trust in favour of Lady Emily Dyke's children the residuary estate is to be held in trust for the testator's sister, Lady Florence Duncombe, and her children.

Bromley Convalescent Home and Hospital Society.—The opening meeting of the Bromley United Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home and Hospital Society—which is designed by the promoters to take the place of the old Church Parade Committee and to work with increased advantage to the Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home at Dover and the Hospitals of our town—took place at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on March 30th, when there was a goodly attendance of members of the various societies.—Mr Steer was elected to the chair, and in opening the meeting he explained that the object of the Society was that every member of a friendly society on payment of a subscription of a shilling a year could have one letter a quarter for either the Hospitals or the Societies' Convalescent Home at Dover. He then read a letter from Mr. G. H. Payne. The rules of the new Society having been read, in reply to Mr. Walker, the Chairman said the secretary would be the only paid officer. It was anticipated that a shilling would be sufficient and it was proposed to take one penny per shilling for working expenses.—Mr. Soan said he had worked the matter out and he had found that if every member of a friendly society in Bromley subscribed his shilling—or more if he wished—to the Society it would give something like £90. The average gross takings of the Church Parades Committee had been from £30 to £40 but out of that some £10 or £15 had to be deducted for working expenses and he did not anticipate that the working expenses—except those at starting—would be very much; certainly not so much as that. The average number of letters granted by the old Committee had been 15 per year. In reply to a question as to whether when a member had paid his subscription and had been recommended by a doctor, in accordance with the rules, he would be at once eligible for a letter or whether his private affairs would be closely scrutinised, Mr. Soan said he thought the Committee would not go into the matter further under those circumstances.—After the proposed rules had been adopted, it was decided that the secretaries of the various branches of the friendly societies in Bromley should be written to with a view of each lodge or court appointing a delegate to sit on the Committee to be formed to carry on the business of the Society.

The Affairs of Mr. Wilmot Holland.—The first meeting of the creditors of this debtor, who recently petitioned the Court, described as of 3, Oxford-street, merchant, trading as the "So-All Lock Stitch Sewing Machine Company," was held on the 28th March. It appears that he was a director of several public companies and financially interested in various other concerns, in which he has lost over £10,000. He was also a member of a firm of linen manufacturers, of London and Aberdeen, from which up to last July he was drawing £600 a year, and his interest in which he then parted with for £100. He has filed accounts showing gross liabilities £54,370, of which £11,159 is unsecured, and assets £3,406. Mr. A. E. Rosenthal, Mr. Barry Cohen, and others appeared in the case. There was no offer and adjudication of bankruptcy was resolved upon, Mr. Young (Turquand, Youngs, and Co.), being appointed trustee with a committee of inspection.—The contents of the debtor's residence at Keston were disposed of by auction last month.

Unfortunate Accident.—Mr. Amos Kennard, an old pensioner of Lady Scott's, met with a most unfortunate accident on Saturday the 22nd ult. As he was passing Lady Scott's Schools, a large limb of a tree fell on him pinning him to the ground. He was extricated with some difficulty, and removed to the Cottage Hospital, where he is progressing as well as can be expected.

The Kent Archæological Society are endeavouring to secure the appointment of an Inspector of Antiquities for the county. The society have offered to provide £50 towards the inspector's salary if the Borough Corporations will contribute £100.

The Rev. Dr. Pierson, of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, will preach a sermon on behalf of the Western Kent Sunday School Union, in the Bromley Congregational Church, on Wednesday evening May 3rd.

On Wednesday last at the Parish Church, Streatham, Mr. Walter E. Stark, organist and choir-master of St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, was married to Miss Edith Armstrong, of Streatham. Mr. Stark was presented with an address and a cheque by the Choir of the Church, and also received presents from the Churchwardens.

The successful candidates in the examination following the course of lectures given by Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh on "The Renaissance in Italy and England," in connection with the Bromley University Extension Society, were:—Florence Bryer, Marie Bryer, *J. Elizabeth Draper, L. Margaret Green, *Jessie K. Howard, Alice J. Romilly, *Catherine E. Wallroth, Amelia A. Weeks, *Rosetta E. Whittington. Those marked with an asterisk passed with distinction.

Sale of Work at Bromley Common.—A sale of cakes, pincushions, and aprons, subscribed by members and friends of Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common, was held at the "Rookery," Bromley Common, on Thursday afternoon, April 6th, through the kindness of Mr. A. C. Norman, the proceeds being devoted to the fund for providing a new village hall for Bromley Common. A large number were present, and the articles exposed for sale speedily diminished. between £40 and £50 being handed over as a result of the sale.

The Home Rule Bill. — There was a large and influential gathering of local Liberals at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., in support of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. Mr. G. H. Whitehead, the president of the Bromley and District Liberal Association, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P. for West Donegal, Mr. Thomas Johnston, J.P., late Liberal Candidate for Sevenoaks, Mr. Robert Whyte, Jun., the Rev. R. H. Lovell, Mr. Patteson Nickalls, Mr. J. Pearce, Liberal agent, Mr. F. Sutton, hon. sec. of the Bromley Liberal Association, and Messrs. S. B. Webber, J. H. Loton, I. Davis, H. Hudd, and many others An earnest address was delivered by Mr. Sullivan, M.P., and among the other speakers were the Rev. R. H. Lovell and Mr. Johnston. Resolutions of the usual character were passed.

Presentation to Mr. H. S. Cregeen.—Last week Messrs. Albert Milstead, Tuffley and Smith, acting as a deputation on behalf of the employés of the Bromley Local Board, waited on Mr. Cregeen at his residence, 42, Freelands-road, to present him with a silver-mounted walking stick, and silver pencil case, as a mark of their appreciation of his kindness to them during the time when he was Surveyor to the Local Board. The deputation in making the presentation assured Mr. Cregeen that the small present was subscribed entirely amongst the men. They felt sure that he (Mr. Cregeen) would accept it more as a token of the men's gratitude to him for his kindness to them, than for its intrinsic value, and they hoped that his health would improve and that he would be spared for many years. — Mr. Cregeen, in acknowledging the presentation, said that he should value it, coming as it did from the men, which showed that they fully appreciated his position as a public servant, and that though he might have appeared hard at times yet he was in duty bound to study all parties concerned. He did not lose sight of the fact that a great number of those subscribing were married men with families and must have denied themselves to assist in purchasing the two beautiful presents. Words failed him to thank them sufficiently but he was sure they would rest assured he valued them most highly, and wished them to most sincerely thank the men on his behalf for their kind thoughts and present. The deputation then withdrew.

British and Foreign Bible Society.—The annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held on April 12th, at the Congregational schoolroom, Widmore-road, and was very largely attended. The Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. R. H. Lovell, pastor of the Bromley Congregational Church, P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's, Bromley, Dr. White, secretary of the Religious Tract Society, R. T. Barrell, J. Thomas deputation from the Parent Society, Messrs. M. H. Hodder, Gill, Davis, secretary of the Bromley Auxiliary, and other clergy and laity.—Mr. Davis first read the financial statement for the year, which showed that after starting with a balance of £13 19s. 4d., their total receipts had amounted to £160 14s. 7d., and that after paying all expenses and sending a donation to the Parent Society of £140, they had a balance left of £16 6s. 7d. This donation, he said, though not less than that of any previous year, was, at the same time, no more. Their sources of income were limited, and consisted of subscriptions, which were £7 more that year than the one previous, due especially to the exertions of the ladies' committee. The collections were less this year than last, they having received but one —that from Christ Church, Bromley. He asked their support in the different means provided. —Interesting addresses were then delivered by the Chairman, the deputation, and others, and a collection taken on behalf of the Society amounted to £13 5s., which did not include several sums paid in by Mr. Lovell.

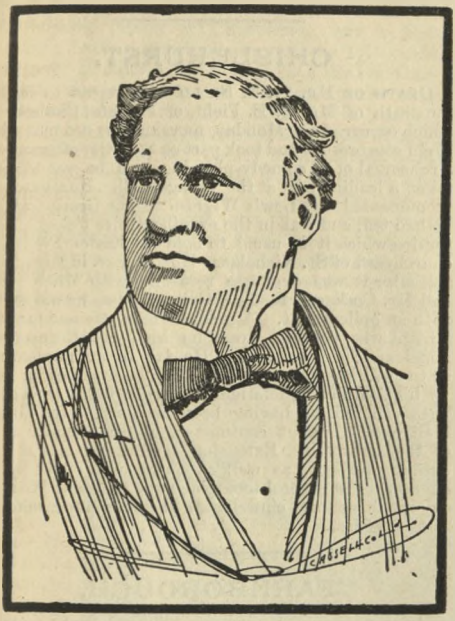
The Anti-Opium Crusade.—There was a fairly-large assembly at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Monday the 22nd, on the occasion of a meeting held in condemnation of the Opium Traffic in India and China. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., who had been announced to preside, Mr. Theodore Howard occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. James L. Maxwell, M.A., M.D., (late of China), Brigade-Surgeon R. Pringle, of H.M. Bengal Army, the Rev. T. George, and Messrs. Robt. Whyte, junr., W. J. Gibbs, Charles Bell, James Watchurst, H. Benham, Betts, and others. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered.

A New Liberal Magistrate.—The Lord Chancellor, on the recommendation of the Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, has added the name of Mr. Horace Wilkinson, of Frankfield, Seal, a well-known Liberal, to the commission of the peace for that county. Mr. Wilkinson will be attached to the Sevenoaks division. Mr. Wilkinson's name is well-known in Bromley, his family being the ground landlords of the greater part of Shortlands, and the seat of the family having been at Shortlands House. Mr. Wilkinson who has been a life-long Liberal is about seventy years of age.

At the West Kent Quarter Sessions held on the 13th ult., *George Lee*, alias *Patrick Connolly*, a labourer of Mottingham, was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour for breaking P.-c. Woodleg at Mottingham, to avoid arrest on March 4th.

THE LATE EARL OF DERBY AT HOLWOOD.

We regret to announce that the Earl of Derby, whose condition for some days had excited the gravest anxiety, died at his seat at Knowsley, near Liverpool, on April 21st. He had been



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ailing for some days of a disease of the heart, and on the day mentioned he passed peacefully away in the presence of Lady Derby and the members of her family. He was in his 67th year. The news of the noble Earl's death was at once wired to the Queen at Florence and to Lord Stanley, at present Governor General of Canada, who succeeds to the title and estates. Amongst the several properties owned by the late Earl Derby, none—not even the palatial mansion of Knowsley—were so loved, and so often frequented, as the historic home of Holwood. Its nearness to the great metropolis, combined with its almost entire seclusion, in many parts at least, shady green drives and walks, and fine old oaks and beeches—remnants of some of the old Kentish forests—were all peculiarly suited to the tastes and habits of its noble owner.

For hours at a time, and that often several times in each week during his periodical visits to



Holwood, the thoughtful statesman might be seen wandering leisurely along some of the many meandering paths, and pondering quietly over some great question of the day.

Trees and tree planting were certainly the great forte of the late Earl, general estate improvement and forming coming in for only a very small share of his attention. There were few remarkable trees at Knowsley or Holwood that Lord Derby did not know of, and to see these in a healthy and thriving condition afforded his lordship unbounded pleasure and satisfaction. Their names, treatment, peculiarities of soil, and situation were all well studied and as familiar to his lordship as to the keenest arboriculturist.



HOLWOOD.

Though born to unbounded wealth, the late Earl was simple in his tastes and habits, and alike in his political and private life, hated everything that was showy or unreal; while no one studied more the characteristics and wants of the working classes, nor contributed more liberally, though in a quiet and unostentatious way, both to public and private charities.

Though but little known in this district, he was beloved and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact, and it has very truly been said that if he could not say a good word of anyone, he would never say a bad one.

Our sketch of Holwood represents the house before it was rebuilt.

BECKENHAM.

Mr. W. H. Lendon has been elected Chairman of the Beckenham Local Board for the ensuing year.

William Gibbons, aged 12, was charged at the Bromley Petty Sessions, last month, with destroying a man's eye by throwing a stone at him, and he was sent to a industrial school.

On April 3rd, the annual Easter Monday Fête in connection with the Beckenham Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held at the Public Hall where there was at the same time an Industrial Exhibition for members of Bands of Hope.

Fashionable Wedding.—The marriage took place on April 6th, at the Beckenham Parish Church, of Miss Marion Lilias Napier, elder daughter of Mr. C. B. Trollope, of St. Martins, Westgate-road, and Mr. W. Campbell, eldest son of Mr. W. A. Jones, of Staplegrove, the Avenue. The bride was attended by six bridesmaids and was given away by her father. A reception was afterwards held at St. Martins and later the bride and bridegroom started *en route* for Venice.

Conservative Club Dinner.—The third annual dinner of the Beckenham Conservative Club took place at the Public Hall on April 12th, and was a very well-arranged affair, there being present about 150 or 160 members and guests.—The Hon. C. W. Mills, late M.P. for the Sevenoaks Division, presided, supported by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. A. H. Baker, K.C.C., Mr. W. Hunter, J.P., and Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., and the Hon. Scott Montagu, M.P.

Nomination of Overseers.- In consequence of grave irregularities, of which the late Poor-Rate Collector, who also held the position of Assistant Overseer, had been guilty, the re-election of one of the old overseers for the parish, Mr. J. Newell, who was charged with having screened the defaulting collector, was opposed and the proceedings at the annual Vestry meeting were unwontedly animated. In the result, Messrs. E. R. Palmer, A. J. Baker and W. Lovelock were appointed.

The result of the Local Board election was as follows:—Eden Park Ward—Elected: C. B. Trollope, 167; not elected: W. H. Astel, 136; J. Waddington, 133. Laurie Park Ward—Elected: W. J. Lavington, 414; not elected: F. P. Harbert, 369. Manor House Ward—Elected: E. R. St. C. Corbin, 311; R. M. H. Randell, 239; not elected: C. H. Hayes, 88; R. Turle, 60.

The dispute between Beckenham and Lewisham was arranged to be settled on the terms of the latter Board paying the former £200 costs and entering into an agreement to abate the nuisance, but Lewisham withdrew assent at the last moment.

A Ratepayers' Association for Beckenham.—A public meeting convened by circular and advertisement was held at the Railway Hotel last Wednesday evening, for the purpose of forming a Ratepayers' Protection Association for Beckenham. Between forty and fifty persons responded to the invitation, amongst those present being Messrs. Furze, Baxter, DeMaid, Astell, Church, Bigley, Kidd, Sales, C. A. Fox, Walker, Mann Yeoman, Medcalf, J. Hedley, Hughes, W. Hedley, Willis, Davison, Williams, Milford, Cakebread, Newell, Carter, Deadman, Saunders, Blackborow, Day, Whelan, Redmond, Clegg, Stewart, Murrells, Ford, Mace, Johnson, and Wright. Mr. Furze was elected chairman. It was resolved that such an association should be formed, of which every ratepayer should be eligible to be a member on the payment of the annual subscription of one shilling. A committee of the following gentlemen was formed to draw up rules, with power to add to their number:—Messrs. Mann, Furze, Hedley, Medcalf, Baxter, Fox, Bigley, Stewart, Saunders and Hughes.

CHISLEHURST.

Death of Mr. G. E. Field.—We regret to record the death of Mr. G. E. Field, of Penrhôs, Chislehurst, which occurred on Monday morning, the 3rd ult. Mr. Field was present and took part on Saturday afternoon at a rehearsal of a comedy-play in which he was to have taken a leading part at the Village Hall. He afterwards accompanied Mr. Lewis Wigram to The Grange, where he had tea, and was in the evening at five o'clock at the service which it is usual to hold on Easter Eve in the churchyard of St. Nicholas. He took part in this service and after it was over was returning with Mr. Wigram and Mr. Cockcroft to The Grange, when he was seized with an epileptic fit. A medical man was sent for, and all that was possible done for him, but the case was hopeless from the first. He lay in an unconscious state until Monday morning, when he breathed his last. By his death an indefatigable worker in the parish has been removed, he having been hon. sec. to the Village Hall entertainment committee, of the dramatic club, of the University Extension committee, and of the Literary Society, as well as a sidesman of the parish church. The funeral took place the following Wednesday in Chislehurst churchyard among many manifestations of regret.

FARNBOROUGH.

Anniversary Services.—The twenty-seventh anniverary of the pastorate of Mr. Isaac Ballard, at the Beulah Baptist Chapel, Wellbrook-road, Farnborough, was celebrated on the 25th ult., when a devotional service was conducted at three o'clock in the afternoon by the Rev. James Cattell, of Bessells Green, and the Rev. William Ussher, of Orpington, preached the sermon. This was followed by a public tea at five o'clock. In the evening a public meeting was held, Mr. Wm. Vinson, sen., of Orpington, occupying the chair, and addresses were given by the Revs. E. A. Tydeman, of Foots Cray; A. Tessier, of Bromley; the Pastor and others.

WEST WICKHAM.

Burglaries.--Wickham Hall, the residence of Mr. G. Mellin, was broken into last month, the discovery being made on Sunday, the 16th. The family have been away at Hastings for some time, and until their return no statement as to what has been stolen can be made with certainty. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police. —A daring robbery, evidently by an expert hand, was committed at the "Railway Hotel", West Wickham, in the occupation of Mr. C. A. Creed, between eight and half-past nine o'clock on the 18th ult., when the house was full of customers, a d a meeting of the slate club was in progress. It is supposed that the thief climbed up a stack pipe and effected an entrance at a bedroom window immediately over the coffee room, and close to the principal entrance to the hotel. A bag containing a little loose silver and jewellery valued at between £10 and £20 had been stolen from a chest of drawers, many of the articles being trinkets, valued at considerably above their intrinsic worth on account of family memories attaching to them. In all property to the value of about £40 was taken.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

CAMDEN PLACE.

The estate known as Camden Place, pleasantly situated close by Chislehurst Common, which every one naturally associates with the closing scenes in the life of Napoleon III., and the subsequent residence of the imperial family at Chislehurst, has a history reaching back to the beginning of the 17th century, and owes its name to its having been the residence of another man who occupies a by no means insignificant niche in the temple of fame. Hasted, at the end of the last century, speaks of the place as having been made famous by "two of its illustrious owners, its late lord,* who took his title from it, and its former owner, from whom it takes its name, the great and learned William Camden, one of the most learned writers, diligent antiquaries, and impartial historians, that his own age, or this country has produced."

William Camden was of a peculiarly happy temperament, and he made and kept many friends. During the time he was engaged in writing the history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth he was seized by a severe illness on May 2nd, 1609, and fearing the plague which was prevalent at that time, he went to his friend Heather's house at Westminster, where he recovered under the treatment of Dr. John Giffard. When convalescent he removed to Chislehurst in August, and remained there till the close of the following October.

The latter years of Camden's life were spent at Chislehurst. Of himself he wrote to Ussher, "being retired into the country for the recovery of my tender health, where, *portum anhelans beatitudinis*, I purposed to sequester myself from worldly business and cogitations." In 1620, and again in 1621, he had returns of his severe illness. He long had the intention of founding a history lectureship at Oxford, and finding himself gradually declining with infirmities and old age, he no longer delayed the execution of his design. He executed a deed of gift, dated March 5th, 1622, and sent it down to the University, where it was published in convocation on the 17th of May. On the 18th of August, 1623, the veteran antiquary fell from his chair, stricken with paralysis, which for the moment deprived him of the use of his hands and feet. He died on the 9th of November following, and his body was conveyed up to his house at Westminster, and on the 19th was thence carried to burial in the Abbey, and deposited in the southern transept in the presence of a large company.

Camden may be reckoned among the benefactors to our national library, at least in an indirect sense, inasmuch as he bequeathed his books and papers to Sir Robert Cotton, whose collections in turn were purchased by the Government and deposited in the British Museum.

It appears probable that Camden Place was sold after the death of its illustrious owner, and after passing into the possession of several intermediate persons, it came into the possession of one named Weston, and afterwards into that of Harry Spencer, Esq. Its subsequent owners were — Morrice, Esq., and Charles Pratt, Esq., the great lawyer who was Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas from 1761 to 1766. While filling that position, he was created a peer, and chose for his title the honoured name of Camden. In the following year Pratt, now styled Baron Camden, was made Lord High Chancellor, which office he resigned in 1770. He withdrew to the retirement of Camden Place, and made great additions and improvements to the estate. He died in 1794.



CAMDEN PLACE.

The year 1813 marks a sad chapter in the history of Camden Place. On the 1st of June in that year Philip Nicholson, a servant, murdered his master and mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Bonar. The murderer was tried, found guilty, and hanged at Penenden Heath, near Maidstone, stoutly protesting to the last, whilst admitting his guilt, that he had no motive for the crime, no antipathy against his master or mistress, nor feeling of revenge against anybody, but that his crime was suggested by a momentary thought.

Camden Place consists of a centre, two storeys in height above the ground floor, and low projecting wings, with an open balustrade parapet. The centre of the principal front is slightly advanced, and contains on the ground floor a carved oak vestibule, which opens at once into the great central hall. Over the doorway is a balcony, and above it, on the second storey, is a clock, with allegorical devices, under an arched pediment. To the right and left of the hall are the dining and drawing rooms. A general

* Lord High Chancellor Camden, who died in 1794.

idea of the mansion is presented in the accompanying illustration, which is reproduced from a good photograph taken by Mr. R. V. Harman, of Bromley.

The handsome gilded gates which give entrance to the grounds, were brought, in 1862, from the Paris Exhibition, and a carriage-drive, between stately elms, leads up to the principal front of the house, on either side of which are fine cedars.

After the disastrous war between France and Prussia in 1870, Napoleon III. and the ex-Imperial family of France took up their abode at Camden Place. The ex-Emperor immediately chose for himself a very small bedchamber on the upper floor at the back of the house, in a corner of the main building next to a semi-circular projecting wing It was on a common little iron bedstead (purchased for the convenience of the surgical operations) in this humble chamber that Napoleon died in 1873. During the residence of the family at Chislehurst all frivolous amusements were strictly prohibited, and there was an utter absence of every pomp or luxury. The food and the service were all of a simple character, befitting the position of a private gentleman of moderate fortune.

The difficult and dangerous operation of lithotrity had been successfully performed several times, but the loss of strength had been so serious that immediately after one of the operations the ex-Emperor grew alarmingly worse. The immediate cause of death was failure of the heart's action, and the end came so unexpectedly that the Prince Imperial and many friends hastily summoned came too late, and Monsignor Goddard was unable to arrive in time to administer the last rites of the church.

The lying-in-state of the dead Emperor at Chislehurst was a very imposing and impressive ceremony. The picture gallery in the hall, opposite the principal entrance, was devoted to the purpose. The walls were hung with black, and the ceiling was draped with the French tricolour. The only illumination was that which proceeded from the lighted tapers. The dead body was seen lying in the coffin, clothed in the half-dress of a French general of division. The letter "N" (Napoleon), the Imperial crown, and other devices emblematical of power and authority, were the only signs of ornamentation, save the marks of religious belief and wreaths and bouquets of flowers. The funeral was attended by an enormous concourse of mourners, sympathizers, and spectators.

Six years later, by a cruel fate which seems to have attended the unfortunate family, the remains of the Prince Imperial, brought home from Zululand, were deposited in Camden Place, and thence in mournful procession, to the solemn strains of military music, and accompanied by the sounds of the minute gun, were conveyed across Chislehurst Common to the little Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

At the sitting of the Justices at Bromley Police Court on Easter Tuesday and the following Monday, the following gentlemen were appointed as Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year, in the several parishes of the Bromley Petty Sessional Division :—

Bromley.—Messrs. J. Ardern and George King.

Hayes.—Messrs. J. Russell and John Crouch.

Chislehurst.—Messrs. Henry John Willis and David Taylor Corke.

Farnborough.—Messrs. Joseph Watson Stow and Robert Sessions.

Foots Cray.—Messrs. Henry Booker and F. W. Hemery.

Chelsfield.—Messrs. E. Fox and F. E. Martin.

Beckenham.—Messrs. Edward R. Palmer, A. J. Baker, and W. Lock.—Mr. F. Stevens, in submitting the list of persons nominated by the Vestry, referred to the appointment of a Vestry Clerk owing to the defalcations of the late collector, and he called the attention of the Justices to the fact that one of the retiring overseers was very much mixed up with the nefarious practices of the late collector, and said he should oppose his appointment. This, however, was not necessary, as the Justices did not appoint the gentlemen in question.

North Cray. — Walter Bowman and H. A. Whattey.

West Wickham. — William Hollamby and George Sparrow.

Orpington.—James Greenslade and C. Fulchin.

Mottingham.—Walter Garrett and J. B Fitch.

Keston.—George F. Duck and James Borer.

LIGNEOUS PLANTS OF KENT.

(continued.)

(43) *The Crab or Wild Apple* (Pyrus Malus).—This well-known tree is commonly found in woods and thickets throughout the county, and differs a good deal with respect to fruit; but this is not to be wondered at when we consider that the Apples, Pippins, and Codlins of our orchards all belong to the same species. The Romans do not appear to have had more than about twenty-two kinds of apples—a contrast to our own time, when the numbers are counted by thousands. Usually the contour of the crab, or apple, is by no means pleasing, but the wealth of delicate pinky flowers is very beautiful. The tree lives to a great age, and flourishes in almost all climates in the temperate zone.

(44) *The White Beam Tree* (Pyrus Aria) is often found as a mere shrub, but occasionally it assumes tree size, with a rather flattened head. It is readily distinguished by the ovate or abovate and sharply-toothed leaves, which, when agitated by the wind, reveal the beautifully white, cottony undersides, for which the tree is justly remarkable. As a hedge plant it is not uncommon, particularly on the chalk.

(45) *The Wild Service Tree* (Pyrus torminalis).—Not very common, at least, so far as I have noticed, though occurring occasionally in neglected parks and woods. It is readily distinguished from the last by the leaves being deeply divided, and by the berries being brown instead of red. The name Torminalis is said to have been given on account of the griping pains which the unripe fruit produce.

(46) *The Rowan Tree or Mountain Ash* (Pyrus Aucuparia) needs no description, everyone being familiar with its plentifully-produced coral red berries. As well as the above, it is known by the names of Rodden, Quicken, and Witchen tree, all figurative names: for this tree, as well as the Mistletoe, is supposed to have been sacred amongst the Druids, and at one time it was planted near to houses and villages in the Highlands of Scotland, to ward off evil spirits, as was superstitiously supposed. The wood is hard and fine grained, and is chiefly used by turners and mathematical instrument makers

(47) *The Common Hawthorn* (Cratægus Oxyacantha) is another well-known shrub or small growing tree, and one of the most useful indigenous plants. There are many beautiful varieties of the Thorn, some remarkable for their showy flowers, and others for the size and colouring of the fruit.

(48) *Common Medlar* (Mespilus Germanica).—A by no means common tree in a wild state, but that several around the Bromley district are truly indigenous I have little doubt. The large white, or slightly pinky

flowers and pear shaped fruit surmounted by a flat, hairy disc will make recognition simple enough. In a fresh state the fruit is austere and uneatable, but by keeping, or when frosted, the fleshy part becomes mellowed and soft and is then highly esteemed.

(49) *The Gooseberry* (Ribes grossularia), (50) *The Currant* (R. ruburm), and (51) *Black Currant* (R. nigrum) occur here and there in wastes and woodlands, and are so well known that a description of each will be unnecessary.

(52) *The Common Ivy* (Hedera Helix) is another well-known plant of which description need not be given. It may, however, be of interest to state that there are both yellow and red berried forms in cultivation, and that with beautifully divided leaves, while a pretty conglomerate variety is greatly in request for alpine gardening.

(53) *The Mistletoe* (Viscum album) is, perhaps, not very common in a wild state, though in gardens and orchards it has been propagated in plenty for the sake of the berries. It is usually found growing on the apple, but it is by no means confined to that tree, as letters in my possession prove it to be parasitical on almost every known tree, not even excepting the Fir or Pine. The flowers being dicœcious it may be well to state that in order to have berries produced plants of the two sorts should be grown at no great distance apart. There is so much of interest that might be said regarding the Mistletoe—peculiarities of the plant, propagation, mythological incidents, &c.—that an article on the plant alone would be required, and will probably appear at no very distant date in the pages of the *Record*.

(54) *The Dwarf Cornel* (Cornus succiea) I have only met with on the high grounds between the Hermitage and Lighthouses at St. Margarets' Bay. It is of dwarf growth, about six inches high, with small whitish flowers that are succeeded by small red drupes, resembling berries.

(55) *Common Cornel or Dogwood* (Cornus sanguinea). An abundant shrub in southern England of rather erect growth, and five feeet or six feet high. Flowers white, succeeded by dark purplish drupes. According to Parkinson the common name Dogwood has been given because the fruit of most of the species is not fit even for dogs. Charcoal produced by the wood of this shrub is largely used in the manufacture of gunpowder. The leaves turn of a dark red before falling off, from which the specific name has been in all probability, bestowed.

(56) *The Common Elder* (Sambucus nigra), and (57) the *Dwarf Elder* or *Dancwort* (Sambucus Ebulus) are both found, the latter, however, but rarely, or at least locally distributed throughout the country. The latter is of perennial growth, sending up annually, thick, pithy stems two feet or three feet high.

(58) *The Wayfaring Tree* (Viburnum lantana) is abundant in certain districts, but some of the finest specimens that I have noticed are on the roadside between Martin's Mill Station and the village of St. Margarets. Both the leaves and shoots are thickly covered with a soft, mealy down, which of itself renders recognition a by no means difficult task. The flowers are arranged in dense cymes, small and white, and are succeeded by oblong purplish black berries.

(59) *The Guelder Rose* (Viburnum opulus) is by no means so plentiful as the last, though in several stations it occurs in some plenty. The Guelder Rose of our gardens, is simply the double flowered form of the plant under consideration, in which all the flowers are enlarged and barren, thus giving the cyme a globular shape. It, however, never produces fruit, in contradistinction to the parent plant, which bears an abundance of its pretty, almost transparent red berries, and in such quantity as to become quite an interesting feature of the landscape in which it is present.

(60) *Woodbine or Common Honeysuckle* (Lonicera Periclymenum), (61) *Perfoliate Honeysuckle* (Lonicera Caprifolium), and (62) *Fly Honeysuckle* (Lonicera Xylosteum) may all be considered as natives of the county, or, at least, naturalised. The common form needs no description; while the Perfoliate Honeysuckle may readily be recognised by each pair of leaves being united into a single, broadly-rounded, perfoliate leaf; and in the Fly Honeysuckle the whole plant isdowny, the flowers of a pale yellowish white, and berries bright scarlet.

(63) *Bilberry or Whortleberry* (Vaccinium Myrtillus), This shrub is abundant in several woods around Keston, and usually where found it grows in considerable quantity. The pinky flowers, which are produced from the leaf axils, are not very showy, being in short drooping peduncles. For its delicious fruit the plant is held in greatest esteem, it being used for making tarts and preserves, and for these purposes great quantities are collected in several parts of the country where the shrub is abundant and sent to the public markets.

(64) *The Strawberry Tree* (Arbutus unedo) cannot be considered as a native of the country although in most floras in Britain it is included. It occasionally appears as a chance seedling in various places, and a good example of this may be seen in a remote corner of the county, far removed from house and home. Everyone is familiar with this bush or tree the Strawberry-like fruit being different from that of any other commonly cultivated plant.

(65) *The Common Heath* (Erica vulgaris) and (66) *The White Flowered* form (Erica vulgaris alba), are both found on the commons of Keston and Hayes, the latter, however, not very abundantly. The common Heath, Heather, or Ling is one of the best known plants, the abundance of purplish pink flowers being produced in August and September.

(67) *Scotch Heath* (Erica cinerea), (68) *Cross-leaved Heath* (Erica tetralix). and (69) *The Ciliated Heath* (Erica ciliaris) are more or less plentiful but local in distribution. The flowers of the Scotch Heath are very numerous and of a showy reddish purple colour; while those of the Ciliated Heath, are rosy in tint, and produced in long racemes. It occurs in several patches, not on, but near the Farnborough Common.

(70) *The Intermediate Wintergreen*, (Pyrola media) is by no means commonly distributed, but in two stations, at least, it is undoubtedly truly wild. Years ago it was said to have been found on Keston Common, and this I have small doubts about, but the pretty spikes of pearly white flowers, resembling much those of the Lily of the Valley, being too tempting a bait for the wandering plant-collector to leave unmolested, the little shrub has, in that station, become a thing of the past. It is a pretty little evergreen plant, with neat orbicular leaves, which rarely rise more than three inches from the ground, and six inch high spikes of pretty creamy white, drooping flowers.

(71) *The Common Ash* (Fraxinus Excelsior), and (72) *Privet* (Ligustrum vulgare), both members of the Olive family, are abundant throughout the county. The later grows plentifully on the almost perpendicular chalk rocks behind the Lifeboat shed at St. Margaret's Bay; but I have also found it here and there along the coast from the Lighthouse to Dover. In such situations it is very neat and free of growth, and of a delightful sheen of green. The Ash is wild everywhere, and differs but little in the shape of leaves or general contour of the specimens.

(83) *The Greater Periwinkle* (Vinca major) and the (84) *Smaller Periwinkle* (Vinca minor) are both tolerably plentiful throughout the country. I have also found two very pronounced varieties, one bearing lilac flowers, and the other being perfectly double. The typical species are very interesting trailing plants, with dark green, pellucid foliage, and deep blue flowers. They are excellent for covering rockwork, stumps of trees, or any unsightly object in the garden.

(85) *The Bittersweet or Nightshade* (Solanum Dulcamara) is common enough in certain hedges and waste grounds, and is readily known by its pretty blue flowers with golden anthers. It is of straggling growth requiring the support of some stronger shrub to rise to any height from the ground, with ovate stalked leaves, and cymes of small pale blue flowers that are succeeded by globular showy red berries. This shrub belongs to the same family as the Potato, indeed the flowers of both are in certain species very much alike. In disused chalk pits it is usually very abundant climbing over the rocks and festooning them with its by no means uninteresting flowers.

Births.

Barnes.—On the 15th April, at Chelsfield Rectory, Kent, the wife of the Rev. H. Broughton Barnes, of a daughter.

Bird.—On the 15th April, at West Wickham, Kent, the wife of George Wm. Bird, of a son.

Cooke.—On the 7th of April, at 5, Homefield-road, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Frederick William Cooke, of a daughter.

Hopperton.—On the 13th April, at Selwood, Homesdale-road, Bromley-common, Kent, the wife of H. E. Hopperton, of a daughter.

Lamb.—On the 29th March, at Hadley, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Thomas Lamb, Solicitor, of a daughter.

Livett.—On the 10th April, at St. Andrews, Homesdale-road, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Noblett R. Livett, of a daughter.

Mann.—On the 7th April, at Hayes, Kent, the wife of Thomas Duncombe Mann, Barrister-at-law, of a daughter (still-born).

Morum.—On the 11th of April, at Lockwood, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Amos Morum, of a son.

Reed.—On the 9th of April, 1893, at Dromore, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Aubone Stephen Reed, of a son.

Sidney.—On April 24th, at Nara, Plaistow-lane, Bromley, Kent, the wife of William S. Sidney, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Bucknell—Robertson.—On the 19th April, at Hove Parish Church, West Brighton, by the Rev. Charles M. Powell, assisted by the Rev. T. Peacey, A. Leslie Bucknall, eldest son of James Loyd Bucknall, of Langley Court, near Beckenham, Kent, to Daisy, youngest daughter of the late Jasper Lyon Robertson, of Calcutta, and Mrs. Robertson, West Brighton.

Glover—Johnson.—On the 12th April, at Bromley Parish Church, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of the parish, assisted by the Rev. F. H. Maltby, Curate of St. Mary's, Plaistow, Henry Graham Glover, second son of Richard A. Glover, of Lee, to Lucy Isabel, eldest daughter of Frederick J. Johnson, of South Hill Park, Bromley.

Johnston—Stirling.—On the 3rd and 4th April, by the Rev. A. F. Dyce, at the Anglican Church, St. Raphael, and before the British Vice-Consul at Hyères, Francis John Johnston, Lamas, Chislehurst, to Emma, elder daughter of Mrs. Stirling, Littlecourt, Bickley, and of the late Rev. John Mayne Stirling.

Morgan—Budworth.—On the 13th April, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, by the Rev. Canon F. Murray, Rector of the parish, assisted by the Rev. D. G. Clarke, Rector of Puttenham, Surrey (uncle of the bride), Stuart Williams Morgan, of Bolgoed, Brecknockshire, Captain 3rd Batt. South Wales Borderers, to Blanche Dutton Budworth, only daughter of the late Philip John Budworth, of Greensted Hall, Ongar, Essex, Esq., J.P. and D.L., and stepdaughter of Major Heales, of Leesons, Chislehurst, Kent.

Stephens—Harvey.—On the 19th April, at the Unitarian Church, Brixton, Herbert J. Stephens, of Exeter, to Kate, youngest daughter of the late Henry Harvey, of Lewes, and Mrs. H. Harvey, of Bromley Grove, Shortlands.

Webber—Chambers.—On March 23rd, at the Parish Church, Sutton, Surrey, by the Rev. H. W. Turner, assisted by the Rev. B. Cotton, Follett, eldest son of the late Robert Pullen Webber, of Chislehurst, Kent, to Minna Wells, youngest daughter of William E. Chambers, J.P., of Lawn Bank, Sutton, Surrey.

Deaths.

Battam.—On the 18th April, suddenly, at his residence, Bickley, Kent, Frederick Battam, aged 75.

Bendall.—On the 25th April, at Cleveland House, Shortlands, in her 75th year, Sarah Harriet, widow of the late Alfred Bendall, of Shortlands, Kent.

Field.—On the 3rd March, at Chislehurst, George Edward Field, of Penrhos, aged 65 years.

Pontchalon.—On the 5th April, at Chislehurst, Mlle. Amelie de Pontchalon.

IN MEMORIAM.

In ever loving memory of Matilda, the beloved wif of Allen Barrell, who was called to her rest on the 12th of April, 1891. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

On the 9th May, 1892, at Honor Oak, Edith, the dearly loved and loving wife of H. T. Brooker.

FUNERALS.

Messrs. Nettlefold and Son carry out all Funerals strictly in accordance with instructions, in the most unexceptionable manner. Funeral Warehouse, 144a High Street, Bromley, Kent.

AMERICAN DENTISTRY AT BROMLEY.

The superiority of the American system of fixing artificial teeth, and the great skill and ingenuity displayed by Americans in all matters relating to dentistry, has long been known and acknowledged all over the civilised world, but, heretofore, only the very few and the wealthy could avail themselves of its great and many advantages. Now, however, it has been brought within the reach of all by the American Dentists' Association, who offer to supply artificial teeth, which they guarantee to be *perfect* in every respect, to last a life-time, and to answer *every purpose* of the *natural teeth*, and to defy detection, at one-half the cost usually charged for ordinary and unscientific dentistry in England. The association further undertakes to give entire satisfaction to every case undertaken by them, and to do all operations *without pain*, so that the most timid and nervous need not hesitate to consult them. Attendance at Bromley every Monday and Thursday, 11 to 6, at Mr. Baxter's, the chemist's, 40, High-street. London address:—6, Grosvenor-street, New Bond street, W. N. H. Cottell, and J. H. Bradlaw, senior dental surgeons and managers. (Advt).

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1893.

MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

1st—Meeting at Bromley Drill Hall, in Support of the Direct Veto Bill at 8 p.m. Mr. Clarence Smith, M.P., in the chair, addresses by Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., and others.
,, —Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee" House, West street, Bromley.
3rd—Meeting of Chimney Sweeps' Protection Society, Aylesbury-road Schools, Bromley.
4th—*First Sunday after Trinity.*
5th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Mr. Hambleton's Evening Sale of Furniture at his rooms, East-street, Bromley.
,, —Adjourned Conference of Bromley Traders as to Wednesday Two o'clock closing, "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, 9 p.m.
7th—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Properties at the Mart, E.C., 2 p.m.
11th—*Second Sunday after Trinity.*
12th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
13th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
,, —Adjourned Meeting of Plaistow Vestry, 8 p.m.
,, —Mr. Hambleton's Sale of Surplus Stock of a Cab Proprietor, at the "Railway Hotel," Sidcup.
,, —Flower Mission, "Ebberlee" House, West-street, Bromley.
15th—Messrs Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Household Effects, "Hazledene," South Hill Park, Bromley.
18th—*Third Sunday after Trinity.*
19th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
20th—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Building Property, at the "Bell Hotel," Bromley, 8 p.m.
21st—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of the Freehold Residential Estate, known as "Shawfield Lodge," The Mart, E.C., at 2 p.m.
22nd—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
25th—*Fourth Sunday after Trinity.*
26th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
27th—Bromley Local Board, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
29th—Flower Mission, "Ebberlee" House, West-street, Bromley.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month.

Public Conveniences.

At the first meeting on May 2nd, the Board, on the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee, who had considered a letter from Messrs. J. C. Arnaud, and Son on the subject, instructed the Surveyor to suggest suitable sites for underground conveniences, similar to the London pattern, and to furnish information as to cost.

County Main roads.

At the same meeting the following letter was read:—
County Surveyor's Office, Maidstone, April 29th, 1893.
"Dear Sir,—I have to inform you, that the Local Government Board has intimated to the County Authority that it has instructed its District Auditors to examine the main road accounts within all Local Board areas to enable them to give a certificate stating the actual amount shown to have been expended upon main roads during the past financial year, also that no payment beyond 75 per cent. will be made to your authority until such certificate has been produced.—I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully, FREDERICK W. RUCK, County Surveyor."

Claim for Illness.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Mr. R. Harvey, of 40, Chislehurst-road, Widmore, stating that while working for Mr. Atkinson in Magpie Hall-lane, he had been taken ill owing to the noxious effluvia emitted from a pond close by and asking the Board's advice as to whom he could claim compensation from.—Mr. Selby said that some time ago a nuisance occurred there and some lime was put down and the nuisance partially abated.—On the suggestion of Mr. Davis the Board directed the Clerk to reply that they could not advise Mr. Harvey on such matters.—At the meeting on May 16th a further letter was read from Mr. Harvey urging that the Board were liable for his illness. The Board declined to admit liability on the ground that there had been no nuisance.

Claim for a Damaged Van.

At the meeting on May 2nd, Mr. G. Hawker, greengrocer, of Havelock-road, Bromley Common, wrote stating that the man in charge of the Board's flushing cart recently drove over and broke the shaft of his cart as it was standing in the road in front of his house, and that he now claimed the sum of 15s., the cost of a new shaft.—Mr. Davis and Mr. Selby remarked that Mr. Hawker's cart had no business in the road unattended, and it was then decided that the Board could not admit any liability. At the meeting on May 16th, a further letter was received from Mr. Hawker stating that he thought that when the Board disclaimed all liability for one of the Board's watercarts being driven over and breaking the shaft of his van they were not in possession of the full facts. He then set out in detail the facts of the case. —After some discussion the Surveyor was directed to see Mr. Hawker and ascertain what damage had been done.

The Watering of Private Roads.

At the meeting on May 2nd, the Chairman said there were four letters with regard to the watering of certain roads and he asked if the Board would refer them to Committee. Mr. Selby said that Cambridge-road—one of the roads mentioned — although a private road, should be watered he thought. Mr. Davis said it behoved the Board to be very careful how they dealt with the matter of watering private roads in order that if in the future any case arose like the "White Hart" Slip case, it should not be brought against the Board that they had exercised right of ownership over the roads. He agreed that it was desirable to water Cambridge-road, but it should be clearly understood, that if the Board did water the road, they would not prejudice themselves in the way he had indicated. Mr. Selby said that he did not think that such another case was likely to arise, as in the case mentioned, not only had the road been watered but it had been repaired. He, however agreed that precautions were necessary. The letter were then referred to Committee, who at the meeting

on May 16th, recommended that Cambridge, Martins, and Recreation-roads, be watered, but that Edward, and Lodge-roads, be not watered as the estate was not yet sufficiently developed. The Board adopted the report of the Committee.

Refreshments on the Recreation Ground.

At the meeting on May 2nd, Mr. A. Martin, of 5, Recreation-road, and Mr. Stephen Conway, of 19, Recreation-road, both wrote asking permission to have a stall for the sale of light refreshments on the Recreation Ground on Whit-Monday. The Board decided that there would be room and trade for two vendors of such commodities and to grant the requests, the Board to appoint the stand for each. At the meeting on May 16th a third similar request was granted.

Apportionments.

At the meeting on May 2nd, the Surveyor submitted apportionments on the frontagers in Oaklands-road for the making up of that road and the same were approved.

Painting Water Vans.

At the same same meeting, tenders were received for the painting of ten of the Board's water vans and four carts as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
S. Harber	57	0	0
Scott	58	13	3
Hy. Styles (Walpole-rd)	29	0	0
J. Thompsett	60	0	0

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Grinsted, the tender of Mr. Henry Styles was accepted.

Swan-hill

Mr. D. Grinsted, at the same meeting of the Board, called the attention of the Board to the condition of Swan-hill which, he said, was in a better condition now than it had ever been before, and he suggested that if the expense would not be too great other hills in the Board's district—Mason's-hill for example—should be similarly treated.—The Surveyor said that Swan-hill had only recently been metalled and a man was kept constantly there to watch for and look after all roughnesses as they arose.—Mr. Grinsted asked what the expense was.—The Surveyor : About 10s. a week.—Mr. Grinsted : I think the money well spent. The road is now in excellent condition and I think it would be well if we could treat other hills in a similar way.

Resignation of a Member.

The Clerk then read a letter from Mr. G. H. Payne as follows :—"Bromley, Kent, 24th April, 1893.—To the Chairman and Members of the Bromley Local Board.—Gentlemen,—I beg to tender you my resignation from the above Board, I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully, GEORGE HENRY PAYNE." The announcement was received in silence for some seconds but at last Mr. Scott rose and, in response to the Chairman's query "How do you propose to deal with this gentlemen?" said he was sure every member of the Board would receive the purport of the communication with regret. He would propose that the letter lie on the table as he thought perhaps Mr. Payne, as he had given no reason for his resignation, would reconsider his decision. He hoped he would. Mr. Payne had been a very useful and valuable member of the Board on many Committees. He (Mr. Scott) did not know any of the circumstances of the case, perhaps some other gentleman could suggest something else.—Mr. Curtis : Your idea in having the letter lie on the table is to give Mr. Payne an opportunity of reconsidering his decision?—Mr. Scott : Yes, I hope he will do so.—Discussion of the matter was not continued further.

Drivers' Wages Increased.

At the meeting on May 16th, having considered a letter from the Board's drivers asking for an increase of wages and also a comparative statement submitted by the Surveyor, the Committee recommended that an extra shilling per week be granted to those drivers signing the application. Mr. Davis asked what was meant by the term in the Committee's recommendation, "those drivers signing the application." It looked as if some had been left out—as if those who asked for an increase had got it, and those who did not ask got nothing. He did not know anything of the circumstances, and might be quite wrong; he only asked for information.—The Chairman said the Surveyor reported that the men signing the application had been some time in the Board's service.—The Surveyor said the recommendation applied to all the men, except three lads or young men who had recently been promoted to drivers. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Gas Company and the Pavements.

At the same meeting it was reported that the Gas Company still neglected to make good the pavement in many parts of the town where it had been broken up by them, and the Board decided that the Clerk should write to the Gas Company informing them that the Board will execute such repairs as may be required throughout the town and charge them with the cost thereof.

Dust Destructor.

At the same meeting of the Board it was decided with regard to the question of the disposal of house-refuse that a sub-committee be appointed and authorised to visit Leeds and other places to inspect and report upon the latest types of dust-destructors in operation.

The Free Library.

The Public Libraries' Acts Sub-Committee reported that at their meeting on May 9th Mr. Davis was chosen as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year and took the chair accordingly. Mr. Hennings, architect, attended the meeting and submitted sketch plans of proposed additions to the School of Science and Art for the purposes of a Public Library and the Committee recommended that such plans be passed and that Mr. Hennings be instructed forthwith to prepare drawings, specifications and estimates with a view to at once obtaining the necessary loan for the erection of the buildings.—Mr. T. Davis, in moving the adoption of that report, said the sub-committee appointed for the purpose had had the matter under very careful consideration for some time, and they had had several interviews with the architect, and suggestions had been made and considered. He had submitted plans to the Committee, which utilized all the available ground at the rear of the Science and Art School, and showed a large reading room on the ground floor containing 2,038 superficial feet, or equivalent to a room 50ft. by 40ft, while the actual length of room would be 47ft. 6in., and the average width 35ft. There would also be a small room for giving out books as a lending library on the first floor. Additions to the Art School were very much wanted in the shape of a larger elementary drawing room, which, with the present accommodation, was excessively crowded during the winter months. The Committee were disposed to think that the accommodation thus provided would be sufficient for many years to come, and they would soon see, if the scheme were adopted, how the library was patronised, and whether it would be sufficient for our permanent needs as well as our present needs. As a guide to the Board, he might say the Committee thought that if a loan of £2,500 were applied for, it would give them a margin for fittings and a first supply of books. That amount spread out in repayment—instalments of principal and interest—over the usual period would work out at a rate of ¾d. in the £, and if they were enabled to carry out the project, he thought they would have succeeded in conferring a great boon on the town at a very small cost. The Clerk had made enquiries, and it was found that if the Board approved the sketch plans, and instructed the Architect to at once prepare the necessary detailed plans, specifications, and estimate, a public enquiry could be held on the amount of the Architect's estimate without delaying the matter by waiting for tenders for the work.—The report and recommendations of the Committee were adopted.—Letters were read from Messrs. F. Lewis, and Edgar Soames, asking for information as to the Free Library.

Music on the Recreation Ground.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Major E. Latter preferring a request that the Band of the 2nd Vol. Batt. (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regiment might be allowed to play on the Recreation Ground on every alternate Wednesday evening during the summer.—Mr. Davis said he thought it would be a very desirable institution.—A similar letter was then read from Mr. G. Lush on behalf of the Foresters' Bruss Band.—Mr. Grinsted

thought that if the same regulations enforced last year were made for this year everything would prove satisfactory.—Mr. Davis agreed, and said the two bands would arrange between themselves as to the week they would take. Mr. Davis then asked if it was true that any collections had been made on the ground before.—The Clerk said collections had been made by special permission.—Mr. Davis thought there should be some regulation as to the matter. The Board had refused one application, he believed—one for a charitable purpose—but had he known or remembered that collections had already been made, he could not, nor could the Board, with consistency have opposed the application. However, he still thought it was undesirable that any collections should be made on the Recreation Ground.—Mr. Grinsted quite agreed with all Mr. Davis had said.—It was then decided to accede the requests contained in the letters.

The Public Gas.

At the same meeting, Dr. G. S. Rideal, the Board's gas examiner, reported that on May 8th, at eight p.m., he visited the Bromley Gas Works, and tested the public gas supply. He then found that the illuminating power was 15·2 candle-power, corrected for temperature and pressure.—Mr. Davis: Does it follow that because the gas was at that power at the works that it was the same power all over the district supplied?—The Surveyor: They take the test on the return main, I think, sir.

The Medical Officer.

The Local Government Board wrote formally sanctioning the appointment of Dr. A. Codd as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban Sanitary District of Bromley.

Bromley and Bickley Station.

The following letter was read:—

"Engineer's Office, Victoria Station, Pimlico, S.W.,
15th May, 1893.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your call on me this morning, I have received instruction to carry out the arrangements proposed when you and a sub-committee of your Board met Mr. Barker on the site of the work at Bromley, *i.e.* :—

Bromley.—The Company are to construct a forecourt at this station, on the eastern side of the existing parapet of the bridge, which will be replaced by an ornamental railing with gates for entrance and exit at each end and pathway 7ft. wide to be added to the western side of the bridge.

Bickley.—The Company to throw into the public road the new forecourt now being constructed in front of the station.

In consideration of these improvements, the Local Board will maintain the whole of the roadway and footways across the two bridges, the existing portions of which are at present maintained by the Company, and I may add our Solicitor is preparing a draft agreement to the effect for submission to your Board. Yours truly,
G. W. ROWE.

S. Hawkings, Esq.

Mr. Davis: That is equivalent to everything we asked for, is it not?—The Surveyor. Yes.—Several members: Very satisfactory.

The Proposed siding.

The Clerk submitted the draft of the agreement with the South Eastern Railway Company in respect of the proposed siding at Bromley (S.E.R.) station, and the same was referred to Committee.

Tarpaving.

The next business was the opening of tenders for tarpaving; but the Clerk reported that only one tender had been received, and the matter was deferred for fresh advertisements to be issued.

"Private Improvement" Dues.

The Chairman reminded the Board that sometime ago Mr. G. Stone was to be appointed to collect the instalments of the Private Improvement Accounts accruing to the Board. That had never been done, he said, and Mr. Stone had not yet collected any money. He asked that the matter be referred to Committee.—It was referred to Committee accordingly.

Surface Water Drainage.

The Surveyor submitted plans of surface water drainage for "Bird-in-hand" lane and Pageheath-lane, and they were referred to the Committee.

Redemption of Tithe on the Cemetery.

At a meeting of the Bromley Local Board sitting as Burial Board, on May 16th, the following letter from the Board of Agriculture was read:—

"Compulsory Redemption of the Tithe Rent Charge (under Acts 23 and 24 viz., c. 93, and 48 and 49, Vic. c. 32) on land numbered 37.

The Board of Agriculture, by an order under their hands and seal, have directed that the rent charge on the above numbered plot, shall be redeemed by the payment of the sum of £90 12s. 6d. and have appointed me to act as valuer and receiver. The plot is liable to an annual rent charge, the whole of which may be recovered from any part of the land, including your property; but by the Redemption, this liability will be removed, and the land rendered free for ever. The amounts payable by the several owners towards the redemption has been calculated *pro. rata*, according to the extent of the respective properties. You are hereby informed that the sum due in respect of your property, part of Bromley Cemetery, which forms part of the above mentioned plot, amounts to £57 17s. 9d., and you are requested to remit the amount to me at my offices.

ALFRED H. STEWART."

Mr. Davis said no time was stated and he did not see how it could be done immediately as it was not provided for in the estimates. The Clerk said there would be sufficient surplus in the current half-year to admit of its being done. The letter was then referred to the General Purposes Committee.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on May 8th, the School Management Committee reported that they had considered the Board's reference to them of the question of the teaching staff at the Valley Girls' School, and that a statement of the organisation of the school was also read and considered. The Committee recommended that no alteration or addition be made to the staff.—The report and recommendation was adopted.

Valley Girls' School.

Assistant Teachers' Salaries.

At the same meeting the School Management Committee reported consideration of the Board's reference to them of the question of the salaries paid to the Board's trained and untrained certificated assistants, and the question of revising the scale. The Committee recommended that paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Code of Regulations, relating to the salaries of teachers, be cancelled and the following substituted: — (6) Assistant teachers certificated and trained in boys' schools to receive £80 per annum, and in girls' and infants' schools to receive £65 per annum, with an increase in the case of men of not more than £5, and in the case of women not more than £4, up to the maximum of £100 and £80 respectively. (7) Assistant teachers certificated and untrained in boys' schools to receive £75, and in girls' and infants' schools £60, with an increase as above until the maximum of £100 and £80 respectively is reached.—Mr. Peill, alluding to Capt. Richards proposal to the Committee, challenged the accuracy of the report of the Committee on account of the names of the movers and seconders of resolutions not being recorded. He thought they should appear in the minutes so that the ratepayers might know who studied their interests and who did not. It was a principle of trying to carry motions in Committee by a majority of one or two. Where steps of such importance to the ratepayers were about to be taken he thought the ratepayers should know something about it.—Mr. Loly, as Chairman of that meeting, said he must explain that Capt. Richards brought forward a proposal which was fully discussed and on being put to the vote it was carried unanimously, not even Mr. Peill voting against it. He himself was not in favour of Capt. Richards proposal altogether, but was not in a position to vote against it. It was a most unusual course to put in the reports of Committees—which were not minutes—the names of movers and seconders.—Mr. Loton said that Capt. Richards' motion was never seconded.—The Chairman said he had thought Mr. Peill had a charge of inaccuracy against the minutes, or he would not have permitted the discussion.—Mr. Loly then moved the adoption of

the report and Mr. Loton seconded it.—Miss Heppel said that Capt. Richards' proposal was not unanimously adopted, as she had held up her hand against it, but she supposed the Chairman had not seen it.—Capt. Richards said he could not see why one member should be allowed to gibbet the proposals of another. Mr. Peill, in one of his characteristic speeches, had charged him with not daring to state before the Press proposals which he had made in Committee.—The report and recommendations were then adopted.—At the close of the ordinary business of the Board, Captain Richards claimed the privilege, as had been promised him by the Chairman earlier in the evening, of making somewhat of a personal explanation. Mr. Peill, he said, had professed his desire that some particulars of the scheme with regard to teachers' salaries, which he had made to the Committee, should be laid before the Board. He did not think that the mover and seconder of resolutions in Committee should appear in the report to the Board: it should contain only results. Captain Richards then went on to say that his scheme was something midway between that of the London School Board and that now proposed by Mr. Loly. It was not a very extravagant proposal either, he thought. He must say he had no confidence in that clap-trap about "economy," and he did not believe in its professors either. His own opinion was that if they wanted a good going concern they must pay for it. The commercial men in Bromley—and the bulk of them were engaged in commerce of one kind or another—well knew that if they desired a flourishing business they must lay out their money before they could get any return. That was a principle of commerce which he did not think even Mr. Peill could object to if he thought over it. To him it did not appear that the Board's teachers' salaries were up to the market standard. It remained now to be seen if they were or not.

Raglan-road School.

At the same meeting the same Committee reported consideration of the question of enlarging the Raglan-road Schools. Returns showing the Raglan-road, accommodation, the attendances, numbers School. on the registers, and per centages were also considered and the plans of the schools together with block plan showing the arrangements (and extent) made for the future enlargements of these schools were produced and considered. The Committee recommended that the necessary steps be taken for enlarging the Boys' and Infants' departments to accommodate from 50 to 60 additional scholars each as may be found practicable.—Several members of the Board said they had not seen the plans which were said to have been produced, but the Clerk said they were laid on the table.—The report was adopted, and at the meeting on May 15th, it was decided to enlarge the schools to accommodate 70 additional boys and 70 girls, and the Clerk was instructed to take the preliminary steps to obtain the approval of the Education Department.

Accommodation for Infants.

At the meeting on May 8th, the School Management Committee reported consideration of the question of providing more accommodation for Accom- Infants and that a sub-committee had been modation for appointed consisting of Messrs. Bragg, Infants. Cooke, and Loly, and upon receipt of their report the subject would be further considered by the Committee with a view to making a recommendation to the Board.—The report was adopted.

School Accommodation.

At the same meeting the School Attendance Committee reported that at their meeting on May 5th, Duplicate registers and returns for the School various schools were submitted and con- Accommoda- sidered, from which it appeared that the tion. recognised accommodation was for 3,967 children, the number on the register was 3,882, the number who attended at all 3,683, the average attendance 3,325, and the per centage for the last fortnight 87 and 86.

Proficiency Examinations.

At the same meeting the Clerk then read the following letter from H.M's. Inspector, Mr. Proficiency R. Holt White:—
Examinations.

April 24th, 1893.

DEAR SIR.—I propose to hold a collective examination for the children requiring proficiency certificates at the Aylesbury-road Board School, Bromley, on Saturday, May 6th, at 10 o'clock. With reference to these examinations in the future, I should be glad to hear if your Board consider that an examination of this kind each May would be suitable. I have regular annual examinations in Bromley each October and November. In February we also examined in the rural schools, of the Bromley Union. Will you kindly let me hear from you in this matter and stating at the same time the reason why should you consider this proposed examination each May to be insufficient.

Yours faithfully,

G. Wall, Esq., R. HOLT WHITE.

Mr. Peill asked how many scholars were present at the examination.—The Clerk reported that 82 were examined.—Mr. Peill said he thought there should be a similar examination every six months, or they would be landed in the same difficulty as they were at Orpington; there would be no room for them all, as there would be children from other places.—The Chairman said he was in favour of separate examinations, as all the examinations at the schools did not take place simultaneously, and it might happen that a child might be enabled to present himself a month after the examination for certificates had been held, and he would then be compelled to wait 11 months.—Miss Heppel thought the Code provided that any child could be examined for such certificates at any of the examinations.—Mr. Loly agreed with the Chairman that they must have separate examinations.—The Chairman: The result of the other examinations will be better, too, if the children don't have to scramble through them.—The Rev. A. G. Hellicar remarked that the Inspector was generally in a hurry to get away at the last.—On the proposition of Mr. Loly the Clerk was instructed to inform the Inspector that the Board would like one such examination in May of each year, and one about six months later.

The "Giant Strides."

At the same meeting the Chairman said he wished to ask why the Giant Strides had not been erected as was decided on some time back?—The The "Giant Clerk said the matter had been mentioned Strides." to the contractor, Mr. Harlow, and to the caretaker, but it was thought that perhaps in the alterations the Infant School might be also enlarged and interfere with the arrangements.—Mr. Bragg suggested that it would be well to look up the date when it was decided to erect the "giant strides."—The Chairman: It is of no use to dig up dry bones; let us give effect to the Board's resolution at once.—Several members: In all three Schools?—The Chairman: Yes.—The Clerk said he would see the matter done at once.

Appointments.

At the meeting on May 16th, the School Management Committee reported that they had considered the applications and testimonials for the Appoint- vacancy at Raglan-road infants' school, ments. and recommended, subject to their being able to begin duty at an early date, that Miss DePury, of Anerley, and Miss Barnet, of Arbroath, Scotland, be requested to attend at the next meeting, and that Miss Richardson, of Sevenoaks, be engaged as special teacher.—On the motion of Mr. Gedney, seconded by Mr. Loly, the report and recommendation was adopted.

Employment of Children.

At the same meeting a letter was read from the Education Department, requesting, with a view to obtaining more specific information with Employment regard to the employment of child labour, of that a return should be made where each Children. child went to on its leaving school, pointing out that the column headed "remarks" might be utilized for that purpose. It further requested that a return should be made to them on June 1st, 1894, on forms, a specimen of which was enclosed, which would be supplied by that body as required.—Mr. Loly thought that the idea was a good one as the information would be equally useful to them as to the Education Department.—Mr. Peill suggested that there would be some difficulty in obtaining the required information, and Mr. Loly said that of course there would be a number of blanks opposite the names of the children who could not tell them where they were going to work. They could only ask and endeavour to find out, and he had no doubt but that a great many of the children would know.

Examinations.

At the same meeting the Clerk announced that the drawing examination at the Raglan-road and the Valley Schools would take place on July 14th.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have taken place during the month. At the first meeting on May

Drainage.

Tenders for 3rd tenders were opened for the drainage of the new cemetery as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Jackson	600	0	0
Messrs. Neave & Co. ...	612	0	0
Mr. Lansbury	661	10	0
Messrs. B. Cook & Co. ...	745	0	0
Messrs. Mayo & Co. ...	765	0	0
Mr. Rogers	890	0	0
Mr. Rigby	1094	19	0
Mr. Iles	1869	0	0
Messrs. Mowlem & Co. ...	1223	0	0

It was stated that the Board would have to decide in Committee as to whether the work should be carried out in whole or in part, and, in the latter event, the proportionate rate of tenders. It was also decided to call a meeting of the Vestry on May 15th, for sanction to the raising of the necessary loan and other matters. —At the meeting on May 15th, on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee it was decided to accept the tender of Mr. J. Jackson, of West Ham, for the drainage works subject to his references and sureties being found satisfactory.

District B.

At the same meeting the following letter was read and referred to Committee for consideration:—

"Bromley Vicarage, May 4th, 1893.—Sir,—As you are probably aware, the Burial Board for Bromley have agreed to admit interments from the district commonly known as District B, at increased charges, for a period of six months, but they have suggested that I should enquire whether the Burial Board for Plaistow would be willing to admit them after that limited period. I may mention that the ground at the disposal of your Board is larger than that at the disposal of the Bromley Board, and also that the inhabitants of the said district have hitherto been admitted to the churchyard of St. Mary's, Plaistow. I beg, therefore, to enquire whether your Board would be willing to make any arrangement whereby they could be admitted to interment in your burial ground.—I am, sir, yours, &c., A. G. HELLICAR, Vicar of Bromley."

Classifying the Ground.

At the same meeting also, on the suggestion of Mr. Neal, it was decided that the Board should meet at the cemetery for the purpose of going over the ground, and determining whether or not some of the ground now classed as "third class" could not properly be classed as "second class."

PLAISTOW VESTRY MEETING.

On May 14th, a Vestry meeting of the ratepayers of the parish of St. Mary's, Plaistow, was held at St. Mary's Schoolroom, to (1) authorise and sanction the expenditure by the Burial Board of Plaistow of a further sum of £1,000 in providing and laying out the burial ground. (2) To authorise, and if thought fit, give the Board sanction to borrow the £1,000 required for laying out the ground and to charge the future poor rates of the parish of Bromley with the repayment. (3) To revise and vary, subject to the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as diocesan, being obtained, the fees payable to the incumbent of the parish, under the provisions of the Act 15 and 16 Vic. cap 85, respecting the burial ground and substitute other fees therefor. (4) To substitute a fixed annual sum (to be paid quarterly by the Burial Board) for the fees, which shall be received and retained by the Board. (5) To receive report of auditors. (6) To appoint auditors, and appoint some time in March, 1894, for the audit. There was a good attendance among whom were Major C. Satterthwaite, and Mr. C. J. Maxwell (churchwardens); Messrs. W. Phené Neal, E. T. Pellett, W. P. Whippell, and W. Thursfield, (members of the Plaistow Burial Board), Mr. J. W. Miles (Clerk to the Board) and Messrs W. H. Bosanquet, Robert Whyte, junr., H. J. Deacon, M. C. Matthews, T. M. Deacon, S. B. Webber, Ritchie, T. Marsh, Hunt, R. Ritherdon, T. Lamb, H. W. Amos, Bumstead, Critchett, Earnshaw, W. Wallace, Laumann, H. H. Mellon, Seaman, F. A. Threadgold, G. King, Hubbard and others. Mr. W. H. Bosanquet was unanimously voted to the chair.—After some discussion as to the date of the annual meeting, Messrs. Bumsted and Critchett were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. It was further resolved that the accounts should be circulated before the meeting was called to pass them. In the absence of the Surveyor, the question of the loan for drainage works was adjourned to a meeting on June 13th.

BROMLEY PARK SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports were held on Saturday, 13th ult., in brilliant weather, in the School Field at Plaistow. Parents and friends came in large numbers to encourage the boys by their presence, and were received by the Head Master and Mrs. Bond. Mr. W. T. James officiated as Starter, the Judges' duties being undertaken by Major E. Satterthwaite and Commander Robinson, while Mr. K. P. Brown acted as clerk of the Course. The following were the events and the results:

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—1, Hose (55 yards); 2, Groves (52 yards).

LONG JUMP.—1, Hose (14ft.); 2, Lindesay (13ft. 6in.)

ONE HUNDRED YARDS (Open).—1, Hose; 2, Lindesay; (first prize presented by Mrs. Groves).

ONE HUNDRED YARDS (under 10).—1, Robinson; 2, Lound; (first prize presented by Mr. James).

QUARTER MILE HANDICAP.—1, Kitchin (15 yards); 2, Groves (scratch); 3, Browne, ma. (50 yards); (first prize presented by Mr. Lindesay).

SACK RACE.—1, Kitchin; 2, Medcalf.

HIGH JUMP.—1, Groves (4ft.); 2, Hose (3ft. 8in.); 3, Mason (3ft. 7in.); (first prize presented by Mr. Brown).

ONE HUNDRED YARDS (under 8.)—1, Stanford, ; 2, Home, mi.; (first prize presented by Mrs. Bond).

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—1, Groves and Sketchley.

HALF MILE.—1, Groves; 2, Mason; (first prize presented by Mr. Bond.)

JOCKEY RACE (50 yards).—This race caused great amusement, the boys being mounted on their own fathers; it was won by Mr. A. Gurney-Smith, who carried a very light jockey; last year's winner, Major E. Satterthwaite, having to submit to a penalty of five yards.

250 YARDS HANDICAP,—1, Hose (scratch); 2, Groves (scratch).

EGG AND SPOON RACE.—1, Ingall; 2, Sketchley.

CONSOLATION RACE (250 yards, handicap for previous non-winners).—1, Flux; 2, Wyborn.

At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes, which were all handsome and appropriately chosen, were gracefully presented to the winners by Mrs. Clement Satterthwaite. Mr. H. C. Bond having in a few words referred to the capital performances of Hose and Groves, and the interest taken in the sports by all who were connected with the school, thanked those who had so kindly preesnted prizes to be competed for, and Mrs. Satterthwaite for presiding over the distribution of them. The boys then gave three ringing cheers for Mrs. Satterthwaite, followed by cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Bond, the Masters, and the Ladies.

THE Kent County Council have presented an address of congratulation on the engagement of the Duke of York and Princess May, and Lady Stanhope has started a movement for presenting a suitable wedding present from the County.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Bromley Musical Society gave the closing concert of their season, on Tuesday, May 3rd, at the Drill Hall, and it is almost needless to say the programme was carefully and judiciously compiled, and the pieces admirably rendered. The orchestra, ably led by Mr. Norman Bath, fully sustained the high standard of excellence which we have often before commented on, and the choir, thought numerically it was somewhat weak, sang not only with their usual precision and finish, but with surprising vigour. It is to be regretted from the point of view of musical culture that the audience, though extremely cordial and appreciative, was not so numerous and perhaps scarcely so enthusiastic as on previous occasions. Considering the great care and judgment exercised alike in the selection of the works produced and in their preparation, the educational value of these concerts must be very considerable both to the performers and the audience, and it would be a great pity if the society should suffer any permanent diminution of its well earned prosperity. The principal novelty on this occasion was a Cantata "A Song of Victory" by Hiller, which, to those who remembered the performance of Gounod's "Gallia" last year, should have been specially welcome, since while both these pieces were the direct outcome of the great Franco-German war, not only was one inspired by victory and the other by defeat, but they embody many of the leading characteristics of the French and German Schools respectively. The "Song of Victory" is a strikingly original work, it is divided into eight movements. In the first, a chorus, the voices commence without any instrumental introduction, as though to indicate the intensity of their desire to render thanks for deliverance. No. 3, "The heathen are fallen" is remarkable, first for the accompaniment which gives a weird effect to the lugubrious subject allotted to the voices, and afterwards for the masterly manner in which the later part of the chorus is developed. No. 5, "He in tears that soweth," a most charming movement for soprano solo and chorus of ladies voices. In the remaining numbers the interest awakened during the earlier sections is fully maintained until the very last note, and we must regret that opportunities of hearing this fine work are not more frequent. A further illustration of the way in which Mr. Thomas seeks to increase the interest of the members in their work may be found in the selection of Sterndale Bennett's poetic concert overture "Paradise and the Peri" which would recall the Cantata by Schumann bearing the same title given a few seasons back. Both in this overture and in the accompaniments to the Cantata the orchestra acquitted themselves admirably, but their greatest successes, at any rate as judged by the audience were achieved in the overture to "William Tell," the important cello obbligato in which was finely played by Mr. W. C. Hann; and a suite by Massinet, the piquant orchestration of which was rendered with a delicacy and finish which would have reflected credit on any professional band. The part songs "Sad Hearts" by A. H. Brewer and Sullivan's "Joy to the Victors" illustrated the proficiency of the choir in unaccompaned singing and were very warmly received; as were also Miss Bethell's efforts both in the solo parts of the cantata and in Mascheroni's song "For all eternity" (sung by special request) the effective violin obbligato being exquisitely rendered by Mr. Norman Bath; and also in "A song of the Four Seasons" by Frances Allitsen. It will be seen from this resumé of the programme that while all the tastes were well catered for, an opportunity was given for comparing and contrasting widely differing styles of music and it certainly does not speak well for the love of music which is supposed to prevail so largely in Bromley that such an effort should meet with less than the fullest and most generous support.

FORTISSIMO.

MR. W. H. HAINES has been elected a member of the St. Mary Cray Burial Board, in the place of Mr. Ingledew Bath, resigned.

SPECIAL sermons were preached on behalf of Foreign Missions at the Bromley Congregational Church, on Sunday, May 14th, and the collections amounted to £201 7s.

NEW MUSIC.

From Mr. J. Williams we have received for review several new compositions; those by A. E. Horrocks being specially worthy of notice; they include two pianoforte solos, a "Mazurka" and a "Boat Song," both of which are bright and effective pieces, well worth playing; two "Fairy Songs" for soprano solo and three-part chorus of ladies' voices, "Elfin Sleep Song" and "The Fairy Thrall," in which the composer shows decided skill and knowledge of effect, both in the voice parts and accompaniments, which are written for strings, harp and triangle. A set of eight two-part canons in the Unison by the same composer should be of great use to singing classes, as they offer an easy method of overcoming the difficulties of part-singing. "A Question," by G. F. Horan (same publisher), a melodious song, which is both easy to sing and agreeable to listen to. The "Japanese Court Dance," by Oscar Allon (same publisher), is a lively solo for pianoforte; but for the source of the composer's inspiration we need go no further than Sullivan's "Mikado." "Moya Town," by Lionel Elliott, has now been added to Mr. J. Williams' series of unison school songs. This number, we are sure, will not be the least popular one of the set. The same publisher also sends us an operetta in three acts for treble voices, entitled "Florette, or the Goose Girl." The libretto has been founded on one of Grimm's well-known fairy tales, and has been set to music by Agnes Bartlett. We have not had the pleasure of meeting with any other compositions by this composer, but judging from the work now before us we may expect to hear of Miss Bartlett's name in connection with works of greater calibre than the one before us. In this, although the vocal score contains over one hundred pages, it would be difficult to find a single dull number. The parts most worthy of notice are the Processional March and Chorus and the Finale to Act one; the spinning song with its very effective accompaniment, the song for the Prince, "Deep in a hidden wood," and the highly dramatic "Incantation" in the last act. The operetta can be most cordially recommended to those in search of a work for ladies' voices.

Mr. E. B. Lane has just published a setting of the Te Deum in the key of F (Novello's Parish Choir Book, No. 131). It is well written, effective, and at the same time, presenting no difficulties of execution, should be in favour for congregational singing. It is now being sung, we believe, at the Parish Church, Bromley.

FORTISSIMO.

A NEW FRENCH GRAMMAR.—The study of grammar, more especially the grammar of a foreign language, must always be a toilsome and tedious process for the average child. It is, the efore, always pleasant to see the "road to learning" made a little smoother by brief and lucid explanations, as it is in Monsieur A. Starck's little book, "French by Easy Stages," of which the second edition is now before us. The book has had the advantage of being revised by Mr. John Gibson, M.A., of Quernmore House School. We trust that many small students will find their labours lightened by the little grammar. The published price is eighteen pence.

SEVENOAKS DIVISION LIBERAL COUNCIL.—The Annual Meeting of the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council was held at Bromley, on April 28th, and presided over by Mr. Robert Whyte, Jun. The annual report submitted referred with appreciation to the services rendered to the Party by Mr. T. Johnston, the Liberal candidate at the General Election, and detailed the work accomplished during the past year. The subscriptions received amounted to £300, which were sufficient to meet liabilities. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Whyte, Jun., the retiring President, for his services during his term of office, and Mr. Patteson Nickalls, J.P., was elected his successor. Mr. Frank Hudson, of Godden Green, was appointed treasurer, and Messrs. F. Swanzy and W. C. Vian, were re-elected hon. secretaries.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ORGAN AT BROMLEY CHURCH.—The Vicar and Churchwardens have decided to bring before the Congregation of the Parish Church the need that exists for improvement of the organ. This large and fine instrument, erected in 1874 by the munificence of the late Sir Edward H. Scott, Bart., has received no attention since the year 1884, when it was cleaned. At the present time it greatly needs a thorough cleansing and renovation, after the wear and tear of 20 years; the prevalence of dust in the Church arising from the work in connection with the Reredos, having affected it very injuriously. It is thought that this affords a suitable opportunity for further improving the Organ by the introduction of a "Vox Humana" stop, with the addition of a "Tremulant," and for introducing some mechanical improvements. The estimated cost of this work of renovation and improvement is £135. Towards the execution of this needful work, the Vicar and the Churchwardens invite contributions, so that they may be enabled to carry it out in the course of the summer.

LADY SYDNEY'S WILL.—Probate of the will dated February 25th, 1892, with codicils made the 14th July, 11th August, and 29th October, 1892, of the late Right Hon. Emily Caroline Countess Sydney (daughter of the first Marquess of Anglesey, and widow of the first Earl Sydney), late of Frognal, Foots Cray, who died on the 9th March, 1893, has been granted to the executors, her nephew, the Right Hon. Edward George Henry, Earl of Sandwich, the Hon. Robert Marsham Townshend, and Mr. Reginald Augustus Warren, solicitor, by whom probate duty has been paid on £43,974, the value of the testatrix's personal estate.

THE EARL OF DERBY'S WILL.—The will of the late Earl of Derby has been proved by his widow, Mary Catherine Countess of Derby, and Sir T. H. Sanderson, C.B., the executors, the net amount of the personal estate being estimated at £1,802,000. Lord Derby bequeaths to the Countess in additon to the provision for her by marriage settlement, £50,000 and certain jewels, plate, and household effects; also for her life Holwood-park, and an estate adjoining, and the annual sum of £1,000 for the maintance of the property. After the death of the Countess, the Holwood estate and the annual sum of £1,000 are to be continued to her son, Lord Sackville Cecil, for his life. There are the following legacies to educational institutions to found a prize or exhibition:—To the University of London, £2,000; to University College, London, £2,000; to Trinity College, Cambridge, £2,000; to Rugby School, £2,000; to the Manchester Grammar School, £1,000; to University College Liverpool, £2,000; and the following legacies to other institutions and societies:—To the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, £1,000; to the Literary Fund, £1,000; to the Royal Society, £2,000; to the Royal Institution of Great Britain £2,000; and to the Royal Geographical Society, £1,000. Lord Derby bequeaths to the Corporation of Liverpool, in trust for the Walker Art Gallery, £2,000, the income to be applied in the purchase of paintings with a special view to the encouragement of rising artists, and to the Corporation of Liverpool his cabinet of minerals and antiquities, with its contents. There are many pecuniary legacies to relatives, friends, and servants. The sum of £700,000 and all real estate belonging absolutely to Lord Derby; go with the family estates, which were resettled in 1887 on the coming of age of his nephew, now Lord Stanley. All private papers and correspondence are bequeathed to the executors. All plate, pictures, and household effects, and all farm stock, and other effects, not otherwise specifically bequeathed, and all the balances at the estate banking accounts, and in the hands of the agents, and all rents due, and the sum of £100,000 to pay succession duty and all the residue of the personal estate, are bequeathed to the testator's brother, Frederick Arthur, now sixteenth Earl of Derby.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE DENNEN.—On May 23rd, at the Local Offices, East-street Bromley, Mr. George Dennen was presented with an illuminated address and a purse of gold, on his retirement on a pension from the post of manager of the Bromley Branch of the London and County Bank. The presentation took place shortly after four o'clock in the Board-room, where there were assembled: Messrs. Jas. Batten, G. W. F. Loftus, G. Weeks, A. Griffin, W. Bourdon, Wright, Hutton, Dr. A. Codd, Mr. R. G. Mullen, and Mr. George Dennen. Mr. Mullen took the chair and said the Testimonial Fund Committee had done him the honour to make him chairman, and on their behalf he now begged Mr. Dennen's acceptance of an illuminated address and a purse containing 95 sovereigns. The presentation might have been entrusted to more able hands, but certainly not to any more willing or sincere. Associated as he had been with Mr. Dennen during the last quarter of a century none could appreciate his worth more heartily than he could. He could assure Mr. Dennen that it was one of the most pleasurable moments of his life, and he hoped he would accept the testimonial as the hearty expression of the goodwill and appreciation on the part of those with whom he had worked so long; and he concluded with expressing the hope that Mr. Dennen would long be spared to enjoy the repose he had so well earned, and that Mrs. Dennen, who had not of late enjoyed the best of health, might be perfectly restored long to enjoy it with him at the seaside, untroubled and untrammelled by business cares and worries.—The address, which was beautifully illuminated and mounted, ran as follows:—

"Presented to Geo. Dennen, Esq., together with a purse of gold, as a token of esteem and high regard, and in acknowledgement of his uniform courtesy and kindness during the long period he was manager of the Bromley Branch of the London and County Bank.

Mr. Dennen, in reply, said it was with considerable difficulty that he could find words to express his feelings on that occasion, and he wished he had the eloquence of some of our great orators with which to make his acknowledgement of the kindness shown him. He thought the Testimonial Committee was a magnificent representation of Bromley—89 subscribers of the very pick of Bromley—and one that he should be exceedingly proud of receiving that honour and compliment from. He had been forty years in Bromley, and was once the actuary of the old Savings Bank, and among the things that he prized were some photographs presented to him by the present Vicar—who had then just come to Bromley—on the winding up of the Bank. In 1864, he was, when 32 years of age, appointed to the Croydon Branch of the London and County Bank to learn the routine, and, in 1865, he was appointed chief clerk at the Bromley Branch, and six months later was appointed to the post of manager, and from that time he had held the position of manager of the Bromley and Beckenham Branches. After having referred to his connections with the Drill Hall Company and the Rifle Volunteers, Mr. Dennen thanked the Committee, and especially his good friend Mr. Mullen—who was in fact a good friend to everybody—for their great kindness.—This terminated the formal proceedings, and the party set about refreshing themselves with the five o'clock tea Mr. Mullen had prepared for them.

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THE PAST MONTH.

THE presentation of their reports by the Medical Officers of Health of Bromley and Beckenham at the same time affords the opportunity for interesting comparisons. The populations at the last census were within 1,000 of one another, and they are now probably even nearer, that of Bromley being estimated at 22,489, and that of Beckenham 21,666. The birth-rate of both places is exceptionally low, and in the case of Beckenham is quite phenomenal, being only 24·5 per 1,000, while in Bromley it is 27·1. As compensation for this state of things, the death-rate is, in proportion, even lower still. Bromley has been in the habit of priding itself on the good health and longevity of its inhabitants, but in this respect it must yield the palm to its sister suburb, whose rate is, just one per 1,000 better—11·4 as against 12·4 per 1,000. It is, no doubt, due to their reputation for healthiness, combined with the natural beauties of the surrounding country, that the two neighbourhoods, year by year, grow in favour as places of suburban residence. High rents and high rates may do their worst, but as long as the towns retain their present high character for sanitation, so long will they continue to flourish as residential districts. It is somewhat singular that although Beckenham is a slightly more healthy spot than Bromley, yet the latter is the least thickly populated of the two, having only 4·7 persons to the acre, as against the 5·6 of Beckenham. A curious illustration of the truth of the old adage about the quality of the shoes of the shoemaker's children was, the report records, afforded by the sanitary state of the Beckenham Local Board's offices, where a case of diphtheria occurred, and considerable sanitary defects were discovered.

The management of the Beckenham School of Music were fortunate in securing such an eminent musician as Sir Wm. Cusins to address the students, and distribute the certificates, on the occasion of their recent prize day. The disquisition with which they were favoured was pithy and suggestive throughout and was conceived in such a broad spirit that it had an interest for every lover of music however ignorant he might be both of the theory and the practice of the art. His remarks upon the subject of Sunday music were particularly sensible and it is to be hoped that his appeal for the improvement of the Sabbath afternoon or evening by performances of high class music will meet with some response in this neighbourhood. The fact that the only attractive resort at present open to the public on Sundays is the public-house is a reproach which ought to be immediately removed. Both at Bromley and Beckenham local bands perform once a week on the Recreation Grounds and their services are greatly appreciated. Now that her Majesty the Queen has set the example of having Sunday afternoon band performances at Windsor Castle and of inviting the public to hear them, it may be expected that so excellent a practice may soon become general.

The drought by which we have once again been visited has found the cultivators of the soil as unprepared as ever. This is the less excusable in these parts by reason of the natural dryness of the climate in the South Eastern Counties. There is at present no scheme in operation for storing the surface water which is from time to time a source of trouble in the public sewers. Were this and the water that is at present used for flushing drains and sewers accumulated for use upon the land a long step would have been taken towards solving the problem. Failing such a radical alteration of system there seems no reason why fire engines and other similar inventions of civilisation should not be requisitioned for watering purposes: their serviceableness has already been proved upon racecourses.

THERE are extensive alterations in the time tables of both the London and Chatham and South Eastern Railway Companies this month.

THE BICKLEY OUTRAGE.—Miss Philbrick, the daughter of Mr. Philbrick, Q.C., who was one of the victims of the murderous outrage at Bickley, some months ago, has recently so far recovered that, accompanied by nurses, she has been able to go to the seaside in an advanced stage of convalescence. The terrible wound on her face which was inflicted by her insane assailant has just closed, and it is gratifying to learn that her intellect is now as clear and bright as formerly. Miss Wood, the daughter of the Vicar of Bickley, who was the other victim of the outrage, has also, we are glad to say, completely recovered.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE.—On Sunday morning, May 7th, the members of the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regiment made a parade to St. George's Church, Beckenham. At about a quarter to ten the non-commissioned officers and men to the number of about 80, with the band, paraded in the Drill Hall, East-street, Bromley, the officers present being Major E. Latter (in command), Capt. B. H. Latter, Lieut. Matthews and Lieut. Hitchins. Shortly afterwards the march was commenced via East-street, High-street, Beckenham-lane and Bromley-road to the church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Arnott was the preacher. After the service the march was resumed, the return being by way of Albemarle-road, Bromley-road, Beckenham lane and High-street to the Drill Hall. On arriving at the Drill Hall the men were dismissed and were allowed to refresh themselves at the canteen after their very dusty march.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS.—The Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council have inaugurated a series of agricultural experiments by Mr. H. J. Monson, one of the Council's lecturers on agriculture, which are being given on land kindly lent by Mr. J. Cairns, at Keston Court, Keston. These lectures are intended chiefly for the benefit of farmers, but are open to all who are interested in agriculture.

DAIRY SCHOOL.—The Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council, by arrangement with the Southern Counties Association, provided a course of instruction on butter-making and dairy work at the West Wickham Schools, by skilled teachers, extending over a period of ten days. The school was opened on May 2nd, by Col. Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., J.P.

DIARY FOR MAY.

April.
27th—Annual meeting Chislehurst Liberal Association, Mr. Patteson Nickalls, J.P., presiding.
28th—Meeting to protest against the Opium Traffic at Beckenham Public Hall, Mr. Theodore Howard presiding.
28th—Annual Meeting of Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council at Liberal Club, Bromley.
29th—Shooting Match, at Boxley Range: Sergeants of Bromley Detachment, v. Sergeants and Warrant Officers of the 50th West Kent Depôt, won by Bromley by 25 points.
29th—Distribution of certificates by Sir Wm. Cusins at Beckenham School of Music; and Art Exhibition.

May.
1st—First Concert of Bickley Orchestral Society at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley.
" May Day Festivities of Masons Hill Band of Mercy at Bromley.
2nd—Opening of new Strict Baptist Chapel in College Slip, Bromley.
" —Final Concert of the season of Bromley Musical Society.
3rd—Annual meeting of the Farnborough Habitation of the Primrose League, at Green-street-Green. Address by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.
" —Sermon by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., at Bromley Congregational Church, in connection with Western Kent Sunday School Union.
" —Annual dinner of Bromley Football Club at the "Duke's Head."
" —Meeting in support of the Liquor Traffic Control Bill at Beckenham Public Hall, addressed by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M.P. and Mr. Johnston, M.P., Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., presiding.
" —Bromley Cycling Club Seven-and-a-half Miles Handicap, won by W. R. Relf with 3 mins. start.
4th—Poetic and Musical Recital by the Misses Tulloch at Bromley Drill Hall.
" —Anniversary of the Loyal Holmesdale Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows celebrated by Tea and Public Meeting at Widmore Schools, Mr. Murray Richardson presiding.
7th—Church Parade of Bromley Volunteer Detachment to St. George's Church, Beckenham.
8th—Chamber Music Concert at Bromley Drill Hall.
9th—Meeting to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill at Chislehurst Village Hall.
" —Commencement of tour of Home Counties Liberal Van in the Sevenoaks Parliamentary Division. Meeting at Mottingham.
" —Annual Sports of the A Troop of the West Kent Yeomanry at Cooper's Farm, Bromley Common.
10th—Annual Concert of the Shortlands Valley Cricket Club.
11th—Anniversary Meeting in connection with the opening of the Congregational Mission at West Wickham, Mr. E. F. Duncanson presiding.
12th—Annual Meeting of Bromley Habitation of Primrose League, Mr. Coles Child, Ruling Councillor, presiding.
13th—Shooting Competition for Detachment Cup of Bromley Volunteers, won by Private Verralls.
" —Smoking Concert by Bromley Volunteer Detachment at Drill Hall, Lieut. Matthews presiding.
" —Meeting of Juvenile Foresters, Court 2629, at Bromley Parish Room, for unfurling of new banner, the Vicar presiding.
" —Annual Athletic Sports of Bromley Park School.
15th—Amateur Dramatic and Musical Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of St. Luke's National Schools: arranged by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart.
" —Vestry meeting at Plaistow in connection with Plaistow Cemetery.
16th—Chamber Concert at the Beckenham Public Hall by the Beckenham School of Music.
" —First annual Eisteddfod of the Western Kent Sunday School Union at Bromley Drill Hall.
18th—Annual Concert of Crays and Orpington Cricket Club at Orpington Village Hall.
" —Meeting to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill at Bromley Drill Hall.
21st—Anniversary Services of Keston Wesleyan Chapel.
23rd—Presentation to Mr. George Dennen, late manager of the London and County Bank at Bromley.
24th—Consecration of addition to Chislehurst Churchyard by the Bishop of Dover.
" —Concert at Chislehurst Village Hall in aid of Distressed Irish Ladies.
24th—Consecration of St. Andrews Church, Orpington, by the Bishop of Dover.

Mr. G. H. PAYNE has resigned his seat on the Bromley Local Board.

Mr. A. D. Webster, who has for some years past been wood-manager of the late Earl Derby's Keston and other estates, has received a similar appointment to the Duke of Bedford.

The athletic sports in connection with the Bromley Conservative Club will not be held this summer.

Capt. Torrens has left Hayes for a three months' tour on the American Continent.

At the Queen's Drawing-room on May 9th, Miss Bruce and Miss Mabel Bruce were presented by their mother, Lady Bruce.

Telegrams are now received for transmission at the Bromley Hill Post Office.

Master P. Ranson, of Masons Hill, Bromley, is to have the honour of singing at the approaching Royal Wedding at the Chapel Royal, St. James,' and also at the State Concert at Buckingham Palace.

An adjourned conference of Bromley traders to consider the question of two o'clock Wednesday closing will be held at the "White Hart," Bromley, on Monday evening, June 5th, at 9 p.m.

An exhibition of Trades and Industries will be held at Bromley Drill Hall from July 4th to 14th.

The Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board have accepted Mr. T. D. Graty's tender of £3,399 for alterations and additions to the Infectious Hospital at Skym Corner.

THE SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH IN BROMLEY.—On May 9th, there was a numerous gathering of the members and friends of this mission at their Iron Church in West-street, under the presidency of Mr. L. P. Ford, of Shortlands, convened for the purpose of presenting a token of esteem to Mr. S. B. Dicks, who for the last ten years has been the leader of the mission, but has recently removed from Bromley. The testimonial consisted of a marble clock with an inscription and a purse of gold. The presentation was made by Colonel Bevington, J.P., who in a happy speech eulogised Mr. Dicks' earnest labours, to which Mr. Dicks made a feeling reply. The meeting was varied by a selection of music and short addresses.

THE ROYAL BETROTHAL.—The Lord Lieutenant of the County, and the Countess Stanhope are anxious that all the loyal inhabitants of Kent should have an opportunity of joining in the Kent Royal Wedding Present, which it is proposed to offer Princess Mary Victoria of Teck on her marriage with H.R.H. the Duke of York. The fund has already been warmly taken up in several Kentish boroughs by the mayors, and sums, however small, but not exceeding £5, will be gladly received, not later than June 15th, on account of the Kent Royal Wedding Present Fund, by Lady Lennard, Wickham Court, Beckenham (President), James Batten, Esq., J.P., Highfield, Bickley (Vice President), and the undermentioned ladies, viz.:—For the Bromley Town District, Mrs. Coles Child, Bromley Palace; Bromley Common District, Mrs. A. C. Norman, The Rookery, Bromley Common; Bickley District, Mrs. D. Parrish, Widmore House, Widmore; Plaistow District, Lady Scott, Sundridge Park; or by the hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, Local Offices, Bromley, Kent.

THE LOCAL VETO BILL.—An important meeting will be held in Bromley Drill Hall on Thursday, June 1st, in support of the Government's Direct Veto Bill. Mr W. S. Caine, M.P., will be chief speaker, and the Rev. Patrick Watson, a Church of England clergyman, and Mr. J. M. Skinner will also attend as a deputation from the United Kingdom Alliance. Mr. Clarence Smith, M.P., will preside. The Bromley Temperance Society, by whom the

meeting is being organized, have already sent to the Member for the Division seven petitions in favour of the Bill, containing about 1,000 signatures, for presentation to the House of Commons.

AN EISTEDDFOD IN BROMLEY.

The first annual Eisteddfod of the Western Kent Sunday School Union was held at the Bromley Drill Hall on May 16th, and a complete success was achieved. Mr. Alderman Belsey, of Rochester, presided. Twenty-six schools entered for the competitions, and from two o'clock in the day on Tuesday until half-past four, the adjudicators were busily engaged in various places, such as the Drill Hall and its Committee Rooms, and the Congregational School room and adjoining rooms, in "weeding out" and reducing to manageable proportions the long lists of competitors, which, we may here remark, in the individual competitions reached as high totals as 62 and 55. The competitions as arranged comprised: recitations (three classes); vocal solos, with pianoforte accompaniment (three classes); violin solos with pianoforte accompaniment (two classes), vocal quartette and the grand Sunday School Choir Competition (two prizes). This last competition was *the* event of the evening as a matter of course, and nine choirs entered for it, but at the last moment two withdrew and so seven only actually competed. The contest consisted of the singing of a test piece selected by the committee some time ago, "Gather, Christian Children," and also a piece of the choirs' own selection. The Choir winning the first prize will hold the "Eisteddfod Banner of Honour," presented by Sir John Pender, until the next competition and any choir winning it three times in succession or four times altogether will become permanent possessors of the trophy. The rules provided that the number of the Sunday School Choir must not exceed 30, conductor included, nor be less than 10 voices, the sopranos and altos to be *bonâ fide* scholars or teachers in actual attendance and in the case of the latter they must not exceed the proportion of one in four. The conductor, too, must be connected with a church or school in the Union. No accompaniment of any kind allowed, the chord only to be given at the commencement of the piece. The judges were:—Vocal and pianoforte solos: Prof. R. B. Newth, G.S.M.; violin: Prof. Henry Tolhurst; choir and quartette: Mr. E. Minshall, late organist of the City Temple; and recitations, Mr. Alfred H. Miles, author of "The poets of the century." The Eisteddfod Committee was composed as follows: Messrs. G. Creasy, Thos. Lewis, W. A. Beney, S. Toone, A. Gurney-Smith, W. H. Rogers, J. W. Medwin, J. B. Cowdy, T. Phillips, J. Cripps, and Mr. J. R. Creasey proved a very energetic and efficient hon. secretary. The prizes which took the form of books—chiefly musical works—and batons were well worth competing for quite apart from the honourable distinction to be otherwise gained. The results of the competitions were as follows:—

(1) Recitation for scholars under 12 years, 55 entries, 1st prize Annie Boult (St. Mary Cray Congregational); second, Jessie Marlow (Gravel-road Baptist); specially commended, Winifred Cowdy (Sidcup Baptist).

(2) Vocal solo for scholars under twelve, 12 entries, 1st prize, Florence Daws (Beckenham Baptist); second, Edward Waterman (Gravesend, Prince's-street).

(3) Violin solo for scholars under sixteen, 14 competitors, 1st prize, Ernest Bloxham (Sidcup Congregational); second, Hester Sales (St. Mary Cray Congregational); third, Nellie Hodgkin (Gravesend, Prince's-street).

(4) Pianoforte solo for scholars under sixteen, 24 entries, 1st prize, Harry Ives (Tonbridge Baptist); second, Ella Atkins (Bromley Congregational); third, Ethel North (Tonbridge Baptist); fourth, Daisy Atkins (Bromley Congregational).

(5) Recitation for scholars between twelve and sixteen, 62 entries, 1st prize, Florence Emily Parr (Northumberland Heath Baptist); second, Emily Jewson (Bromley Congregational).

(6) Vocal solo for scholars between twelve and sixteen, 13 entries, 1st prize, Lizzie Pressland (Bromley Congregational); second, Isabel Skinner (Beckenham Baptist).

(7) Violin solo for scholars between sixteen and twenty-one, 3 entries, but no performers turned up.

(8) Quartette competition, prize awarded to Bromley Congregational.

(9) Recitation for scholars between sixteen and twenty-one, 2 competed, 1st prize, Lizzie Rackham (Bromley Congregational); second, Edith Riley (Gravesend, Prince's-street).

(10) Pianoforte solo, 7 entries, 1st prize, Harry Millns (Sidcup Baptist); second, Edith Plumbridge (Bromley Common Baptist).

(11) Vocal solo, 6 entries, 1st prize, Ada Cartmell (Foots Cray Baptist); second, Mabel Symmons (Bromley Congregational).

(12) Choir competition, 7 competitors, 1st prize, Bromley Congregational; second, Gravesend, Prince's-street; honourably mentioned, New Eltham Congregational.

BROMLEY YEOMANRY SPORTS.

On Tuesday, May 9th, on the Old Racecourse (Cooper's Farm), Bromley Common, the annual competitions and sports of the members of "A" Troop of the West Kent Yeomanry came off in splendid weather, in the presence of several hundreds of spectators. Capt. Hills, the popular captain of the troop, was in charge, and the other officers present were Lieut. the Hon. E. J. Mills, and Lieut. P. Davison, and Capt. and Adjutant Hinde, 12th Lancers. The umpire was Major Hardinge, Royal Scots Fusiliers, assisted by Capt. Hills. The enclosure accommodated a very numerous and fashionable company, and the carriage circle was also well filled. Among the ladies were Mrs. Hills, Mrs. Kempe, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Norris, and Mrs. Hinde. Troop-Sergt.-Major Quy acted as marshal. During the afternoon light refreshments were served by Mr. Harvey, of Brewery-lane, while a section of the band of the Regiment, under Sergt. Haywood, was stationed near the enclosure, and played a selection of the newest classical and popular airs. The contests resulted as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP SWORD EXERCISE FOR THE TROOP.—1, Corpl. H. Stockwell (Forest Hill); 2, Qtr.-Mstr. J. Langlands (Sutton-at-Hone); 3, Trooper A. Martin (Catford).

RECRUITS' SWORD EXERCISE.—1, Trooper W. Cook (Orpington); 2, Trooper C. Millar (Farningham).

HEADS AND POSTS.—1, Trooper R. Brickell (Lee); 2, Trooper A. Martin.

HORSE COMPETITION.—1, Trooper Brickell (Lee); 2, Corpl. H. Stockwell; 3, Trooper W. Wood (Stevenage, Herts.)

LEMON CUTTING.—1, Trooper W. Wood; 2, Corpl. Coad (Bromley); 3, Qtr.-Mstr. Langlands.

TENT PEGGING.—1, Trooper C. Millar; 2, Qtr.-Mstr. Langlands.

LIGHT CAVALRY CUP.—1, Troopers R. Brickell, A. Martin, G. Pyrke (Bromley), A. Borer (Bromley); 2, Qtr.-Mstr. Langlands, Troopers W. Cook, C. Millar, and W. Kerr (Sutton, Surrey).

LIBERAL VAN IN WEST KENT.—The Home Counties Liberal Van No. 3, under the charge of Mr. Isaiah Parton, has just completed a fortnight's tour of the Sevenoaks Division. On May 9th the first meeting of the series was held at Mottingham, the next evening a meeting was held at Hayes, while subsequent evening meetings were held at Chelsfield, Downe, Knockholt, Chipstead, Sevenoaks Weald, Sundridge, Westerham, Otford, Shoreham, and Seal.

CRICKET.

BROMLEY v. GRANVILLE C.C.—This, the opening fixture of the home club, was played at Bromley on Saturday, May 6th, and ended in a decisive win for the visitors by 139 runs and 8 wickets. Score :—

GRANVILLE.		BROMLEY.	
J. Wilson, not out	71	A. H. Hewett b Bull	8
A. S. Johnson c Baker b Weeks	39	M. Baker b Bull	1
W. Morris b Weeks	16	C. P. Hewett st Layman b Bull	0
C. L. M. Godfrey not out	23	J. E. Jeary h wkt b Bull	12
W. Edwards }		J. H. Lepper b Godfrey	2
G. F. Gurd }		W. G. Beach b Bull	3
J. P. Clarkson } did not		R. H. Smith not out	9
F. G. Bull } bat.		J. Weeks b Godfrey	0
L. R. Glover }		P. D. Kelleway c Gurd b Godfrey	0
A. R. Layman }		W. T. Heaysman b Godfrey	0
A. S. Ryder }		A. H. Bennett b Bull	9
Extras	19	Extras	5
Total (2 wkts		Total	49

BECKENHAM v. GUY'S HOSPITAL. — Played at Beckenham, on Saturday, May 6th, and won by the Medicos by 104 runs. Score :—

GUY'S HOSPITAL.		BECKENHAM.	
C. F. Francis c Inglis b Robertson	78	C. O. Cooper c Trouncer b Bettington	25
F. J. Nickalls b Layman	42	C. W. Grant Wilson c Jones b Bettington	5
C. A. Trouncer h w b Robertson	6	L. Hinton c Shorland b Hancock	12
E. J. Shorland c Gulliver b A. A. Baker	44	G. J. Gulliver b Bettington	7
W. J. Hancock c Gulliver b Layman	17	H. B. Bolus c Shorland b Bettington	9
R. B. Ham b Layman	5	S. G. Layman b Hancock	5
J. H. Bettington b A. A. Baker	0	J. Robertson c Bettington b Hancock	11
R. B. Stamford c Gulliver b A. A. Baker	11	A. W. Inglis c Fitzhugh b Hancock	3
C. H. Bryant b Layman	14	F. M. Lee c & b Bettington	10
M. P. Jones b Layman	15	H. E. Baker b Nickalls	1
B. T. Fitzhugh not out	1	A. A. Baker not out	8
Extras	27	Extras	15
Total	260	Total	156

BROMLEY v. BICKLEY PARK C.C.—This match was played at Bickley on Saturday May 13th and ended in a drawn game. Score :—

BICKLEY PARK.		BROMLEY.	
E. B. Bouch c and b C. P. Hewett	28	W. G. Beach not out	47
H. E. Bouch c Crossley b Jeary	52	J. H. Lepper b H. E. Bouch	7
T. P. Hilder c Jeary b Hewett	5	R. H. Smith c Gedge b Hurlbatt	39
E. Fisher c A. Hewett b Pamphilon	27	J. E. Jeary b Hurlbatt	10
A. S. Anton b C. P. Hewett	4	C. P. Hewett not out	11
G. Hurlbatt b Beach	28	A. H. Hewett }	
W. J. Armstrong b Pamphilon	7	A. H. Bennett } did not	
A. S. Gedge b Beach	1	W. L. Crossley } bat.	
W. Tanner run out	0	S. E. Pamphilon }	
M Ilott b C. P. Hewett	7	P. D. Kelleway }	
H. Brown not out	1		
Extras	17	Extras	4
Total	177	Total	118

BROMLEY v. GLYNS C.C.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, May 13th, and ended in a win for the home team by 10 runs. Score :—

BROMLEY.		GLYNS C.C.	
J. W. Recordon b Fairhead	11	S. Case c Weeks b Recordon	1
W. G. Hewett b Griffen	3	A. B. Fairhead c Clarke b Recordon	29
F. Gibbs b Powne	11	F. Pinks c Reid b Weeks	20
J. Weeks c Case b Fairhead	10	G. Battey c Baker b Weeks	4
E. Clarke c Pink b Powne	0	A. Powne c and b Weeks	1
F. S. Hewett b Case	15	T. Hicks c Tennant b Recordon	9
W. H. Baker b Fairhead	32	W. Nash run out	6
C. N. Apthorpe b Fairhead	0	J. Startup c W. Hewett b Recordon	9
A. D. Tennant c Battey b Fairhead	5	F. Griffen b Weeks	1
E. E. Williams b Fairhead	2	F. Henning run out	0
A. Reid not out	1	H. Hoe not out	4
Extras	11	Extras	7
Total	101	Total	91

BICKLEY PARK v. CRYSTAL PALACE.—These strong clubs met at the Palace ground on Saturday, May 13th, a good game resulting in a draw. Score :—

CRYSTAL PALACE.		BICKLEY PARK.	
F. H. Nelson c Latter b Boosey	9	F. de L. Solbe b Tulham	88
Col. Pennycuick b Davy	0	A. E. Baker b Tulham	0
W. F. Grant c Baker b Stokes	35	C. V. B. Davy c Mitchell b Turner	9
L. H. Neame b A. Boosey	0	C. T. Boosey b Grant	12
F. W. Aste c Solbe b Davy	22	B. H. Latter b Grant	15
C. Mitchell not out	80	A. Knight b Grant	41
J. H. Todd b Davy	0	M. Baker b Grant	4
H. Aste b Davy	8	L. Fassall b Tulham	1
E. G. Turner b Davy	4	A. Boosey not out	1
W. F. Miney b Solbe	36	W. G. Chattell c Todd b Grant	16
E. H. Tulham run out	0	S. G. Stokes not out	4
Byes 24, l-b 9, n-b 1	34	Byes 19, l-b 3	22
Total	228	Total (9 wkts)	213

PLAISTOW v. CHISLEHURST.—This match was played at Plaistow on Saturday May 13th, and ended in a draw much in favour of the home team. Score :—

PLAISTOW.		CHISLEHURST.	
H. B. Smith c C. Southey b Southey	7	J. M. Nussey run out	3
P. B. Earnshaw b Camroux	20	F. G. Russell b Keeling	11
T. Hodgson c Nussey b T. Southey	77	J. W. Groves b Mayne	0
W. L. Knowles b T. Southey	1	G. Southey b Keeling	6
S. A. Smith b T. Southey	1	D. G. Chattell not out	23
H. W. Keeling not out	72	E. H. Rock b Keeling	0
A. E. Earnshaw b Nussey	19	G. A. M. Camroux b Keeling	1
W. R. Larkins }		J. D. Taylor c S. A. Smith b A. E. Earnshaw	7
H. H. Gordon } did not		C. Southey not out	20
C. E. Corthorn } bat.		D. G. Drake did not bat	
R. S. Mayne }			
Extras	17	Extras	19
Total (6 wkts)	214	Total	90

BICKLEY PARK v. KENSINGTON PARK.—These teams met at Bickley Park on May 20th, and the result was a win for the home team by 62 runs. Score :

KENSINGTON PARK.		BICKLEY PARK.	
G. H. B. Street, c Solbe, b Davy	0	Rev. R. T. Thornton, c White, b Coleridge	5
M. A. Nicholas c Nelson b Davy	5	F. de L. Solbe b Coleridge	18
R. Greatorex, b Hilder	1	C. V. B. Davy c Nicholas b White	18
T. H. C. Levick, st Davy b Hilder	3	L. A. Shuter b White	51
W. E. Holdship, b Hilder	8	A. E. Baker, b ditto	40
Capt Nelson, b Davy	11	G. A. Clarkson b ditto	3
Dr. Scott c Thornton b Chattell	65	T. Hilder, b Street	3
C. A. White b Chattell	25	E. Fisher c Holdship b White	7
D. C. Lee b Fisher	30	M. G. Nelson c Greatorex b Street	0
E. A. Coleridge b Hilder	5	W. J. Chattell, c Nicholas b Levick	20
C. S. King not out	14	C. Hurlbatt not out	16
Extras	19	Extras	27
Total	186	Total	248

PLAISTOW v. BROMLEY.—This match was played at Plaistow on Whit-Monday, and resulted in a decisive victory for the home team. Score :—

BROMLEY.		PLAISTOW.	
J. H. Lepper c P. R. Earnshaw b Bunbury	3	F. de L. Solbe b C. P. Hewett	26
W. S. Beach c W. Hodgson b Mayne	3	H. B. Smith b Beach	19
C. P. Hewett, c Bunbury b Mayne	0	T. Hodgson lbw b C. P. Hewett	11
M. Baker c W Hodgson b Mayne	0	S. A. Smith c & b Beach	88
A. H. Hewett b Bunbury	11	K. P. Brown b C. P. Hewett	14
F. Gibbs c W. Hodgson b Bunbury	0	W. Hodgson, b ditto	81
R. H. Smith not out	27	A. E. Earnshaw not out	61
N. H. Baker c H. B. Smith b Mayne	3	P. R. Earnshaw c A. Hewett b Jeary	0
W. Crossley c S. A. Smith b Mayne	1	W. R. Larkins c A., & b C. P. Hewett	5
P. O. Kelleway b Mayne	2	R. S. Mayne c Crossley b C. P. Hewett	13
J. E. Jeary, absent			
Extras	4	Extras	15
Total	54	Total	336

Bromley, Second Innings:—J. H. Lepper c W. Hodgson b Mayne 0; M. Baker not out 8; R. H. Smith b Mayne 33; F. Gibbs run out 2; J. E. Jeary (not out) 29; extras 3. Total (for 3 wickets), 75.

BICKLEY PARK v. GRANVILLE (Lee.)—Played at Bickley Park, on Whit-Monday. Score :—

BICKLEY PARK.		GRANVILLE.	
Shuter, b Bull	15	Wilson b Davy	36
Pattisson, c Morrison b Bull	81	Morris, b Davy	15
Davy, c Ellis, b Starkey	9	Edwards, c Chattell, b Nelson	1
J. R. Clarkson st Clarkson b Bull	26	Godfrey, b Davy	8
C. F. Boosey run out	3	George, c Shuter, b ditto	1
Chattell, not out	12	G. P. Clarkson, c & b Davy	4
Anton, b Bull	9	Starkey, st Pattisson, b do.	5
Hurlbatt, c and b Bull	0	Ellis, b A. Boosey	14
A. Boosey b Bull	1	Bull, not out	15
Wood, c Wilson, b Starkey	0	Hillier, b Davy	0
Nelson b Bull	5	Hilder, b ditto	9
Extras	29	Extras	28
	190		227

PLAISTOW v. DULWICH.—This match was played at Plaistow, on Saturday, April 29th, and ended in a very even draw. Score :—

DULWICH.		PLAISTOW.	
T. R. Pearse b A. E. Earnshaw	36	H. B. Smith, b Phillips	22
H. B. Denham b A. E. Earnshaw	19	P. R. Earnshaw b Darby	19
A. H. Knott b Bunbury	20	M. Baker, c Thompson, b Pearse	9
H. Thomson b Bunbury	6	T. Hodgson, not out	30
J. A. Rimmington b A. E. Earnshaw	1	J. H. Lepper, b E. H. Heasman	1
S. Phillips c P. R. Earnshaw b Mayne	28	W. R. Larkins, not out	10
H. Darby b Bunbury	0	E. A. Earnshaw, H. H. Gordon, C. E. Corthorn, A. Bunbury, R. S. Mayne	did not bat
C. P. Tregellas c Lepper b Mayne	8		
E. H. Heasman not out	24		
H. M. Marks b Mayne	5		
F. Heasman run out	7		
Extras	15	Extras	4
Total	169	Total	95

CROMWELL'S SKULL.

In the *Bromley Record* of July 1892 there was a query concerning the present whereabouts of the skull of Cromwell, which was for sometime deposited at Shortlands House during the residen e of the late Mr. Wilkinson. We learn from a London Contemporary that Mr. Horace Willkinson, of Seal Chart, the newly appointed J.P. for Kent, is at present the possessor of the relic. According to this witness the story of the Lord Protector's cranium is as follows. "Oliver as is well-known died of ague at Whitehall in September, 1658, and was afterwards buried at Westminister Abbey. At the Restoration his body was taken out of its grave with those of Ireton and Bradshaw. The bodies were then taken to the Red Lion, in London, and, on the anniversary of King Charles' death, they were removed to Tyburn, where they were hanged until sunset, and then taken down and beheaded, and their heads stuck upon the top of Westminister Hall. Cromwell's head being embalmed, remained exposed to the atmosphere for 25 years, and then one stormy night it was blown down, and picked up by a sentry who took it home and secreted it. On this pers n's death the family sold the head to one of the Cambridgeshire Russells, and thus it descended to one Samuel Russell, who, being a needy man, exhibited it in a place close to Clare Market. There it was seen by James Cox, who then owned a famous museum. After several unsuccessful endeavours, Cox purchased the head from Russell, and continued to exhibit it. Eventually parting with his museum, Cox sold the head of Cromwell to three men for £230, who showed it in Mead-court, Bond-street, at half a crown a head. Curiously enough, each of these three persons died a sudden death, and the head came into the possession of the nieces of the last man who died. These young ladies, nervous at keeping the head in the house, asked Mr. J. H. Wilkinson, surgeon, of Seabrook, near Folkestone, their medical man, to take care of it for them, and they subsequently sold it to him. Mr. Wilkinson attached much store to his purchase, exhibiting it privately to his friends, including many notables of the day; and upon his death, in 1842, he handed it as an heirloom to his son, who in turn bequeathed it to his s ccessor. In this way it became the property of its present owner, who guards it jealously, the relic having been in the possession of the family close on eighty years. It should be mentioned that the head is not a mere skull, but possesses flesh, and a portion of the tongue, and has a tooth still."

Obituary.

MRS. NEWELL.—We regret to announce the death at Dawlish, in her 83rd year, of Anne Catharine Newell, widow of the Rev. J. E. Newell, vicar of Bromley for many years and the Rev. A.G. Hellicar's immediate predecessor. Mrs. Newell was a sister of the late Rev. Arthur Rawson, vicar of Holy Trinity, Bromley, and though her late husband resigned the living of Bromley as long ago as 1865, the deceased lady continued to take a lively interest in Bromley affairs to the last. Mr. Newell resided at Blackbrook, Southboro', during the time he held the living.

MRS. J. W. HOWARD.—We regret to announce the death on May 9th, of Mrs. Arabella Howard, widow of Mr. J. W. Howard, of Sandgate, which occurred at Spencer Lodge, Bromley Park, at the age of 55. Mrs. Howard, who was a sister of Mr. Patteson Nickalls, J.P., of Chislehurst, and of Mr. Conrad Nickalls, was a well known resident in Bromley.

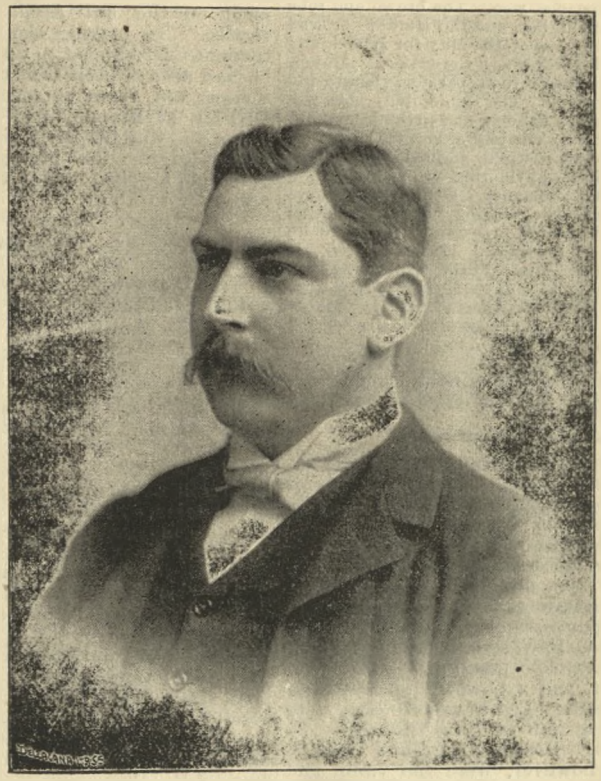
MR. WILLIAM RATCLIFFE.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Ratcliffe, of St. John's, S.E., and formerly of Dudley House, Bromley. Mr. Ratcliffe was for some years the honorary secretary of the Bromley Liberal Association, and was a much respected resident in Bromley. The funeral took place on May 13th, in Bromley Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Hone, Vicar of St. John's, Deptford, in the presence of a large number of persons, considerably over a hundred of whom came down from London to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman. Mr. Ratcliffe was in his 46th year

NEW BAPTIST CHAPEL IN BROMLEY.—The new corrugated iron chapel which has recently been erected in the College Slip, at a cost of about £120, for the members of the Strict Baptist community in Bromley, who formerly worshipped in a small building in North-street, was opened on May 2nd. In the afternoon there was a good attendance, when the inaugural sermon was preached by Mr. W. K. Squirrel, of Dorset-square Baptist Chapel. Subsequently tea was provided in the chapel by the ladies of the congregation, the necessary kitchen arrangements being made in a tent at the rear of the building. About 70 persons partook of the tea. In the evening a public meeting was held, when Mr. Gray presided, supported by Messrs. White (Woolwich), Flegg (Soho Baptist Chapel), Lockwood (Bromley), and W. K. Squirrel.—Mr. Lockwood, who may be said to be responsible for the movement in Bromley, read the report, from which it appeared that with the aid of the collections that day it was hoped that the new chapel would be opened free of debt. Earnest addresses were given by the gentlemen mentioned above.

ASCENSION DAY AT ST. MARY'S, PLAISTOW.—A large congregation assembled at St. Mary's, Plaistow, on Ascension Day, a special festival service being announced. The musical programme included the following numbers from the "Messiah" (airs): "I know that my Redeemer Liveth," sung by Master Willie Wheatley; "The Trumpet shall sound," sung by Mr. Bertram Latter, and the chorus "Lift up your heads." Also "Unfold ye Portals," (chorus from Gounod's "Redemption," and Beethoven's "Hallelujah Chorus." The service throughout was well rendered, and reflected much credit on Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the conductor. The orchestra was ably led by Mr. Norman Bath, while Mr. C. A. Engelhardt presided most efficiently at the organ.

ST. MARY CRAY CARNIVAL.

The holding of a May Carnival at St. Mary Cray has, thanks to Mr. E. H. Joynson, come to be regarded as an annual fixture in the Cray Valley and the immediate neighbourhood, and the celebration for 1893-4 took place on May 27th in fine if not too brilliant weather. The influx of visitors was, as is usual, very large and it is calculated that at one period of the day over 25,000 persons were on the Recreation Ground—notwithstanding that for the first time a small charge was made for admission—where, after procession from the mill through the town, the games and sports were held. The streets were extensively decorated with bunting of every hue and at almost every turn mottoes and devices set forth the popularity of Mr. Joynson and his May Carnival and the more so this year as the entire proceeds were to be devoted to the aid of the funds of the Farningham Little Boys' Home. It was well known that Mr. Joynson had spared neither money, time nor trouble in the re-organising of the annual festivities and the greatest possible success was hoped for. Shortly after two o'clock the procession started from the mill and proceeded along the High-street to the Recreation Ground in the following order:—Mounted Police, Standard Bearer, Members of the St. Mary Cray, Chislehurst, Lamorbey, Erith and Sidcup Fire Brigades with engines, the Band of the Farningham Little Boys' Home, Courts "Lullingstone," "Belle Grove," and "Foresters' Glory" of Ancient Order of Foresters, "Pride of Kent" Lodge of Oddfellows, "Pride of Sidcup" Lodge of U.O.T.A.S.P., Orpington and Kent Branches of the Kent and Sussex Union, Orpington Brass Band, Jacks-in-Green, Milkmaids and Farmboys with Garlanded Cow, Shepherds, the May Queen of 1892-3, children representing Buttercups and Daisies, the Crays Brass Band, the Herald, the Queen's Guard, Pages, and Robin Hood, Little John, and Will Scarlet with rangers. Then came the May Queen-elect on a Triumphal Car drawn by a team of four horses, followed by Maids of Honour, morris men and morris girls, a number of children representing 24 nursery rhymes, pages, Queen's guard, drovers, the Lord of Misrule in a donkey-cart, jesters and clowns in a donkey-chaise, the hobbie horses and a monster Dragon. On arriving at the ground the first event was the ceremony of crowning the May Queen for 1893-94. A council was summoned, the voting papers inspected, and in the result Annie Ellard was reported to have polled the largest number of votes. Accordingly she was summoned to the throne, where the Queen for 1892-3—Florence Imms—divested herself of her robe and crown, and giving up her sceptre, announced by proclamation that she



MR. JOYNSON.



ANNIE ELLARD, May Queen, 1893.

retired in favour of Annie Ellard. In reply to the Chamberlain, the latter bowed her acquiescence in the following conditions of office :—(1) To try to be just to all her subjects, (2) to discountenance tittle-tattling and slander, (3) to set an example, and (4) to uphold virtue and discountenance vice. The crown and robe were then placed upon her, and the Herald declared her lawfully crowned Queen of the May for 1893-4, and the band played Meyerbeer's "Coronation" March. All the various characters then paraded before the Queen and paid homage. The huge May-pole was then erected with much dancing and great jubilation, and all the characters executed a serpentine dance round about it. Flower, pastoral, and skipping dances followed, and then tilting at the ring and tent-pegging by gentlemen of the Yeomanry. Other events were the Buffoon's Dance, the singing of the National Anthem, May-pole dance and procession—arranged by Miss Jennie Tickner to special music by Mr. H. Holloway, of Lewisham—musical drill with wands by a number of school children, more tilting at the ring, Morris dances, and then repetitions of previous dances up till eight o'clock, when the procession was re-formed and a return made to the Mill, a most enjoyable day having been spent by all.

The portrait of Mr. Joynson is from a photograph by Lavender, Bromley, and that of Miss Ellard, by Valery, Beckenham.

BICKLEY ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT.—The first concert of the Bickley Orchestral Society, was given at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on May 1st, in aid of the funds of the Bickley and Widmore Institute, under the able conductorship of Herr Von Hulst, and was attended by a large and representative audience. The performers for the evening were Mrs. Balme, who possesses a rich soprano voice, of fine compass, Mr. C. F. Wood, a baritone soloist, Madame Von Hulst, solo pianoforte, Herr Von Hulst, solo violin, and a powerful orchestra of about 25 instruments. The various pieces were warmly applauded and in three instances an encore was given. Perhaps the chief feature of the evening, however, were the violin and piano solos by Herr and Madame Von Hulst, which were rendered with an expression which quite enraptured the audience. The orchestra are also to be congratulated on the perfection attained by them.

WESLEYAN NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A meeting of the Committee to receive the report of the recent Bazaar held in the Drill Hall, in aid of the above scheme, was held last month. Mr. J. Gibbs, the Bazaar treasurer, submitted the balance sheet, from which it appeared that the total receipts, including subscriptions towards the decoration of the Hall, amounted to £1013 13s. 8d. leaving a net sum of £905 5s. 4d. to be devoted to the building fund. The Committee placed on record its gratitude to God for His blessing upon the undertaking, also its grateful recognition of the services of the officers of the Committee, the stall-holders and others who had contributed to the success of the bazaar; as well as its appreciation of the generous patronage received from the residents of the town and neighbourhood.—The whole scheme as previously stated involves an outlay of over £3000, including cost of land, furniture, &c. Towards this amount £1262 have been promised, so that some £900 yet remains to be raised. Plans for the erection of the schools have been adopted, prepared by Mr. F. Boreham, of Finsbury Pavement, E.C., and the tender for the building, of Messrs. J. and C. Bowyer, of Upper Norwood, has been accepted. It is expected the work will be commenced forthwith, and the foundation stones laid in the course of a few weeks.

PRESENTATION TO A POLICE OFFICER.—At the Bromley Police Station, on the 17th ult., Superintendent Carr presented Acting-Sergt. Walter Lockwood with a handsome clock, subscribed for by his brother officers, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Acting-Sergt. Walter Lockwood, by the Bromley and Farnboro' Police, as a mark of their esteem, on his retirement on the 3rd April, 1893, after 25 years' service." In making the presentation, Superintendent Carr alluded to the high esteem in which he had always been held during his 25 years' of service, ten years of which had been in the P Division at Bromley and Farnborough, and 15 years in the V Division. Mr. Lockwood in acknowledging the presentation expressed his gratitude for the token of esteem that had been presented to him.

WEST KENT TACTICAL SOCIETY.—On May 12th, the last war game of the season took place at The Green Man Assembly Rooms, Blackheath. The combatants were Capt. Griffiths and Lieut. Holmes, of the 2nd Kent A.V., and Major Latter, Capt. Fenner, and Lieut. Matthews, of the 2nd V. B. Royal West Kent Regiment. Colonel Needham, president of the society, was umpire-in-chief, with Major Satterthwaite assisting, and the assistant umpires were Major Gallie. Capt. Gordon-Smith, and Lieut. Morphew. It is proposed during the summer months to get the members to make and send in reports of the country comprised in the new maps of the Sevenoaks district. Such work is essentially valuable, and is eminently work for the officers of the Volunteer force, who should be particularly well posted in all the details that concern the ground in their immediate district. It is hoped that the idea will be taken up con amore and successfully carried through.

THE WELSH SUSPENSORY BILL.—On Thursday May 18th, a meeting was held at the Bromley Drill Hall, being one of a series of meetings resulting from the commands of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to protest against the Welsh Suspensory Bill. Mr. S. P. Low, J.P., Chairman of the Bromley Bench, presided, and he was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bangor; Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P. for Oxford University; the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, vicar of Bromley; the Rev. Canon Murray, rector of Chislehurst and Rural Dean; the Rev. F. Haslam the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, the Rev. P. Barker, the Rev. W. Hodgson, the Rev. H. F. Maltby, the Rev. T. George, and the Rev. J. White, Drs. H. J. Ilott, Beeby, and Baly, Major C. Satterthwaite, and Messrs. T. C. Dewey, D. Grinsted, Robinson Latter, T. Davis, W. P. Neale, J. Batten, J.P., H. H. Pain, E. Latter, J. B. Hamond, and others.—Prior to introducing any of the speakers, the Chairman said he thought it was right that those present should know why he, a known Liberal, and a descendant from a long stock of Nonconformists, was among them that evening. One of the most precious privileges of Liberalism in his early days was the right of self-judgment. He was afraid there was not that same privilge now. There was too much fetishism, and the wish for all to bow down to the will of one man. (Hear, hear.) With regard to his position on the question before them that evening, he might say that when comparatively young he, at a meeting of Nonconformists, introduced a discussion as to whether the Church should be disestablished. He contended that it should not, and in that meeting he succeeded in getting a majority with him. Proceeding to the question of the evening, Mr. Low said he did not know what Disestablishment meant, and he did not think anyone else did. He knew what Disendowment meant. Disestablishment would mean, he thought, that the State would lose very much more than the Church, because he believed that with the establishment the State was a very great gainer,

for it must be a good thing to have a sort of moral policeman in the shape of a clergyman. As regards Disendowment, it seemed to him that it simply meant unrighteous spoliation.—The other speakers included Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., the Archdeacon of Bangor, and Mr. J. H. Starky.

BECKENHAM.

BECKENHAM SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ART STUDIOS.

On Saturday, April 29th, there was a large attendance at the Beckenham Public Hall when Sir William Cusins gave an address and presented the certificates won by the students at the Beckenham School of Music at the annual December examinations. The proceedings opened with two pianoforte solos and a song, one of the pianists being Miss Ethel Watson, a pupil of Mr. E. Fowles. SIR WILLIAM CUSINS, in addressing the assembly, said that the Beckenham School of Music was doing good work—work which had been much wanted for many years. It was an excellent institution and governed and directed by a most able, conscientious, and enthusiastic musician, Mr. Ridley Prentice. (Applause). That the institution was a successful one was evidenced by the really excellent and artistic display just given by Miss Watson, a performance which, in his judgment, would have been hailed with delight in St. James' Hall where the best of artistes, English and foreign, gave displays. She was distinctly above the average of performers. After expressing his pleasure at the work done generally at that school, Sir William went on to urge the necessity of enthusiasm in every effort of life and said that without it there could be no really good work done. The country was now experiencing a revival in musical matters. Music had been a great factor in the national life as far back as the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and in proof of that, he referred to a work of the 13th century, in the British Museum, a most remarkable MS. of a canon in five parts, entitled "Summer is a-coming on." England, too, almost produced the violin—another of her many achievements in music. But there came a time after the Elizabethan period when the Puritans gave music a check. They put down Art and organs in Churches and would have nothing but unison metrical psalmody—a nasal twang to a psalm tune with no regard for balance or harmony as even the most elementary students learned now-a-days. Sir William Cusins then went on to say that for the further success of music it would be necessary for England to copy her Continental neighbours in the cultivation of the opera. Nearly all large and medium sized towns on the Continent had their opera-house where great masterpieces were interpreted and often indeed first given to the world. In such a house in such a town "Lohengrin" was first performed by Franz Liszt. What now, for example could Liverpool or Nottingham or Glasgow show in the matter of the performance of Wagner's works? In the opera would be found the great medium for the extensive cultivation of music and the improvement of the public taste as it contained every form of music—something for all and for everyone to take part in. He hoped that he would see an Opera House established in every large town in England before very many years had elapsed. Another phase of the question was the opportunity for the poorer classes to enjoy some really good music on Sundays. At the present time there was nothing for them but the public-house. Surely it could be no crime to listen with delight to a symphony by Beethoven or Mozart? In conclusion, Sir William dwelt on the vulgarity of English song which, he said, was neither music nor poetry. Sir William Cusins then distributed the certificates to the undermentioned students, who gained scholarships and prizes at the annual December examinations, 1892 :—

HARMONY.

Miss A. M. Reed, Pupil of Mr. Ernest Fowles; Miss M. E. Winder, Pupil of Mr. Barclay Jones.

PIANOFORTE PLAYING.

Miss Ethel Watson (bronze medal), Miss K. A. Egerton, Pupils of Mr. Ernest Fowles; Miss E. H. Joscelyne, Pupil of Mr. Alfred Izard; Miss M. W. Nicholls, Pupil of Mr. Ernest Kiver; Miss A. L. Winter, Pupil of Mr. Stewart Macpherson; Miss A. E. Marsh, Pupil of Miss A. Hastings.

SINGING.

Miss M. C. Harrison, Miss Patience Heaver, Miss Etta Davies, Miss E. Sissons, Pupils of Mr. Frederic King.

VIOLIN PLAYING.

Miss Evelyn Russell, Pupil of Mr. John Saunders; Miss de la Condamine, Pupil of Mr. H. Tolhurst; Miss Constance Bell, Pupil of Herr G. Mächtig.

ART EXHIBITION,

On the same day some 200 pictures and drawings, the work of the students at the art studios in connection with the above School, under the guidance of Mr. F. Spenlove Spenlove, were exhibited in the smaller hall from 10 to five, and attracted a large number of persons. The quality of the work was an improvement on that of last year and many of the studies were well thought out and highly finished. These studios have been marvellously successful since their formation some two years ago, and indeed during the last year the number of students has been trebled, and under Mr. Spenlove's tuition—who is himself never without representation in the Academy—two of the students secured a coveted niche in the Academy last year. The style of art followed is of the Realistic School.

BECKENHAM ABSTAINERS' UNION.—The fifth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Public Hall, on May 15th, Mr. F. Horner, in the chair. The report showed that a large amount of Temperance work had been accomplished during the year, and that the membership had risen to 637, an increase of 265 persons. The income had been £91 11s. 10d. and the expenditure £99 19s. 2d. A large and influential list of officers was elected with Sir Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B., as president.

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN COVELL.—We regret to announce the death on May 11th, of Mr. Edwin Covell, of Beckenham Place. The deceased gentleman had for many years farmed extensive lands in and around Beckenham, and his transactions as a buyer of imported cattle were of astonishing magnitude, in fact he was said to be the largest dealer living. The respect in which he was held was demonstrated by the very large attendance at his funeral on the 15th, when, in addition to the relatives, some 300 persons were present at the grave side.

THE WELSH SUSPENSORY BILL.—A public meeting, to protest against the passing of the above bill, was held at the Public Hall, Beckenham, on May 2nd, and was fairly well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. H. Baker, K.C.C., and amongst those present on the platform were Revs. C. Green, Crowther-Beynon, S. W. Daukes, A. J. Fletcher, G. S. Reaney, C. V. P. Day, Messrs. R. Stevens, J.P., Dr. Wilkin, P. W. Greentham, Morton Smith, W. H. Lendon, Dr. Walker, J. Douglas, and others. The usual resolutions were carried by large majorities.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING.—The third Annual General Meeting of Members of the Beckenham centre of the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching, was held in the Public Hall, on May 15th, the Rev. Charles Green, presiding. The report showed that the course of ten lectures on Chemistry, given in the

Michaelmas term by W. Popplewell Bloxam, B.Sc. (Lond.), had been extremely interesting and that the students' weekly work had been excellent, eight had entered for the examination and seven passed, three with distinction, and the report of the examiner was very satisfactory. The term financially had not been successful, but the deficit was wiped out by a course of five lectures in the Lent Term on, "With Robert Browning in Italy," by Professor W. Hall Griffin, B.A., of Queen's College, W., and the year closed with a balance, of £5 10s. Arrangements have been made for a course of ten lectures on astronomy by A. H. Fison, D.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.A.S., to be delivered on Thursdays, beginning next October.

LOCAL VETO MEETING AT BECKENHAM.—On May 3rd, a crowded and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Public Hall, Beckenham, under the auspices of the Beckenham Abstainers' Union, in support of the Liquor Traffic (Local Control) Bill. Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. W. Johnston, M.P., for South Belfast, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, M.P., Mr. J. H. Raper, of the United Kingdom Alliance, Mr. J. Martin Skinner, Mr. A. J. Baker, C.C., the Rev. T. Sissons, the Rev. T. Saunderson, Dr. Primrose Wells, and Messrs. William Atkinson, William A. Beney, W. A. Cornabe, Fredk. Doble, R. W. Green, C. E. Greenwood, G. N. Hooper, Francis Horner, R. Murray Hyslop, F. W. Lawrence, Allen Stoneham, W. G. Thomas, J. A. Smith, Robert Whyte, Jun., J. J. Wilks, and others.—Addresses were given by the first mentioned gentlemen, and the usual resolutions carried.

CHISLEHURST.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. J. WILLIS.—At the "Bull" Hotel, Chislehurst, on the 4th ult., a gathering was held in honour of Mr. H. J. Willis, who was presented by the members of the late Chislehurst United Benefit Society, with an elegant silver tea service, in recognition of his prudent management of the affairs of the society during the 32 years that he was secretary. The presentation was quite unlooked-for by Mr. Willis, and coming as it did from men to whom it must in the majority of instances have required some self-denial to provide the subscriptions, it was highly gratifying and pleasing to him. The number of subscribers was 67, and included, a donation from almost every member living. The presentation was made by Mr. Whomes and the inscription upon the gift ran:—"Presented to Mr. H. J. Willis, secretary for 32 years of the Chislehurst United Benefit Society, for his prudent management of the society. April, 1893."

MR. PATTESON NICKALLS, J.P., has been elected chairman of the Chislehurst Parochial Committee in the place of Mr. T. R. Watt, resigned.

CONSECRATION OF ADDITION TO THE CHURCHYARD.—On May 24th, the Bishop of Dover acting for the Archbishop of Canterbury, consecrated the newly-added piece of ground to the Chislehurst Parish Churchyard. There were present the Rev. Canon Murray, Rector of Chislehurst, the Rev. W. King Ormsby, the Rev. C. W. Power, the Rev. J. F. Twist, and the Churchwardens, Messrs. H. J. Tiarks and A. F. Nussey. After the opening service in the church, Mr. Nussey, acting for the surrogate, read the petition to consecrate, and his Lordship having signified his willingness to accede to the prayer of the petition, he, with the clergy and churchwardens, passed in procession round the ground, chanting the 49th Psalm. Subsequently the Bishop pronounced the additional ground sacred to the burial of the dead for all time, and then his Lordship delivered an address, and the ceremony was concluded.

COTTAGER'S SHOW.—The Chislehurst Cottager's show will take place at the Village Hall on September 16th.

ORPINGTON.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—The new Church of St. Andrew's, which has been recently built on the Building Fields, Orpington, to take the place of the iron room, Anglesea-road, was consecrated on May 24th by His Lordship the Bishop of Dover, acting for the Archbishop of Canterbury. The church is in the early English style of architecture, and has a transept on the south side. The chancel is of very fine appearance, with a lady chapel on the south side, and the floor is of wood blocks, with bricked centre aisle. Temporary seating accommodation is provided for some 300 persons in the shape of chairs, but up to the present there is neither choir stalls nor pulpit, and, what perhaps some persons may regret still more, the organ chamber is empty, the requisite accompaniment to the singing being obtained from a harmonium. Mr. Petty, the parish clerk, has presented to the church a beautiful lectern. The offertory for the day amounted to £67, which, with other donations received, will leave a debt of about £300 on the building. Subsequent to the service a tea was given by ladies of the parish, in the old Iron Room, Anglesea-road, of which some 200 persons partook. The Rev. J. Newton Heale preached an eloquent sermon in the evening.

SMALL HOLDINGS FOR ORPINGTON.—At the last meeting of the Kent County Council, the Parliamentary Committee reported that they had held a local enquiry at Orpington and had come to the conclusion that there is a *bona-fide* demand for small holdings in the parish and a difficulty in obtaining them. They were still in correspondence with the petitioners.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

BECKENHAM PLACE.

The manor of Beckenham is of no insignificant origin. It existed as early as the time of King Edward the Confessor. It is mentioned in the Domesday Survey, when one named Ansgot held it under Odo the rapacious half-brother of William the Conqueror, who appears to have become by some means possessed of it. It is said that Edward I. gave the manor to a favourite named Sir William Bruyn, who was an officer of the bedchamber to that monarch, but it is improbable, as Sir William came into possession in virtue of the right of his wife Isolda. Beckenham is known to have been in the possession of Sir Maurice Bruyn, who died in 1355; William Bruyn, who died in 1362; Sir Ingram Bruyn, who died in 1400; Elizabeth, his widow, who died in 1407; and Sir Henry Bruyn, who, in the year 1461, died leaving two daughters co-heirs.

The estate was divided between the two sisters, and by a singular succession of events was afterwards united in the person of Sir Walter St. John, Bart. It remained in the possession of the St. John family for upwards of a century—until 1773—when upon the death of Frederick Viscount Bolingbroke it was alienated to the Cators under the authority of an Act of Parliament. The manor of Beckenham is still held by the Cator family.

It appears from Philipott's *Villare Cantianum* that Charles Brandon, Duke of Sussex, son of Elizabeth Bruyn, before-mentioned, by her second husband, resided in the manor-house of Beckenham, as lessee; and that he there entertained Henry VIII. "with all the cunning pompe of magnificence, as he went to bestow a visit, at Hever, on his discarded and repudiated wife, Anne of Cleve."

This royal visit to the manor-house of Beckenham seems to be the most important event recorded in its history. Its most celebrated occupant, however, was Sir Peircy Brett, a name closely associated with the naval triumphs of the British flag.

He was the son of Peircy Brett, a master in the navy, and subsequently master-attendant of the dockyards at Sheerness and at Chatham. Peircy Brett the younger was second lieutentant on Anson's own ship *The Centurian*, and in that capacity he commanded the landing party that sacked and burned the town of Paita on the 13th November, 1741. The promotion of Saumarez made room for Brett to rise in his profession. Anson appointed him to be captain of *The Centurian* in 1743, when he himself left the ship on his visit to Canton. The Admiralty, however, refused to confirm Brett's promotion, giving him instead a new commission as captain, and dated from the time of his return to England. A few months later, under a new Admiralty of which Anson was a member, the original commission was confirmed.

In the following year Brett was appointed to command *The Lion*, between which ship and the French ship *Elizabeth* a severe action took place on the 9th of July, 1745. The French ship professed to be in private employ, but actually she was secretly engaged in convoying the small frigate on board which the young Pretender, Prince Charles Edward, was proceeding to Scotland. The result of the engagement, which lasted from 5 p.m to 9 p.m. was most disastrous to both sides, and perhaps especially so to the Pretender's cause, for the *Elizabeth* was carrying stores, arms, and money for the intended campaign, and the young prince landed in Scotland a needy and impoverished adventurer.

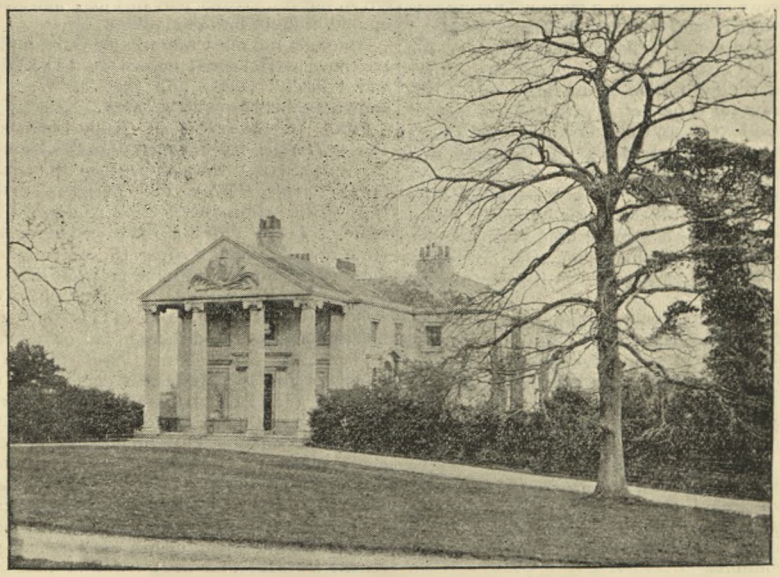
Brett, who was appointed to the *Yarmouth* early in the year 1747, was present at the action off Cape Finisterre, on May 3rd. In 1752 he was appointed to the *Royal Caroline* yacht, and in the following January, having taken the king over to Germany, received the honour of knighthood. He was made rear-admiral in 1761 or 1762, vice-admiral in 1770, and admiral in 1778. From 1766 to 1770, Sir Peircy Brett was one of the lords commissioners of the Admiralty.

The exact date of Admiral Sir Peircy Brett's residence at Beckenham is not known, but on the 14th October 1781, he died at Beckenham Place, and he subsequently was buried at Beckenham Church. Lady Brett survived her husband only a few years; she died in August, 1788, in the 81st year of her age and was buried in the same vault as her deceased husband.

The grounds of Beckenham Place are situated partly in Lewisham and partly in Beckenham, but the mansion itself is in the parish of Beckenham. It was built by Sir John Cator, and is finely placed upon the highest point of ground within the boundary of the park. The portico is of stately and imposing character, supported upon four well-proportioned columns, and bearing armorial and decorative ornamentations in the pediment. It forms the chiefly remarkable feature in the building, the remainder of which, although well-built, has no particular claim to notice.

For some years past the estate has been in the occupation of Mr. Edwin Covell, an extensive cattle-dealer, whose death we regret to say, we announce by a strange coincidence elsewhere in this issue.

Beckenham Place is well-wooded with forest trees, and watered by the Ravensbourne, which at this point has been considerably widened. A writer early in the century, said:—"the lawn in front of the mansion is bounded by a belt of forest trees. In form the park is nearly square, possessing a fine undulating surface, particularly on the north-west, which lies high; an elevation on this part is called Stump's Hill, at the foot of which the plantations wind towards the house with fine effect. Every part of the ground has been embellished with taste."



BECKENHAM PLACE.

The accompaning illustration (reproduced from a photograph by Mr. Harman, of Bromley) gives a good idea of the present appearance of the house which still remains, but it is to be regretted that the goodly proportions of the grounds have been shorn and much of the quiet peacefulness of the spot has been lost by the inroads of the modern builder. New houses with painfully red tiles and brickwork are springing up on every side, but it is satisfactory to find that the new work is done in a substantial manner, and the style generally adopted is not unpleasing.

LIGNEOUS PLANTS OF KENT.
(CONCLUDED.)

(86) *The deadly Nightshade* or *Belladonna* (Atropa Belladonna).—This is a rare and interesting plant, and one that, of late years in particular, has suffered much at the hands of collectors. When seen at its best the Belladonna is a by no means uninteresting shrub, or rather herb, for then it will attain to the height of a man and with a width in proportion, though generally speaking it is of rather upright growth. The whole plant is slightly downy, with rather large ovate and entire leaves, and with a smaller one usually proceeding from the same point as the larger. The flowers are solitary, of a pale purplish blue and about an inch or fully that in length, and these are succeeded by very pleasing and attractive polished, jet black berries, each about the size of a good large pea. For its medicinal properties, the plant is well known, and on this account it has well nigh suffered extinction, particularly in the districts around London. I know of one station where it is truly wild in the Bromley district, but fear of eradication makes me cautious about that guarded spot.

(87) *The Mezereon* (Daphne Mezereon) is a well-known and pretty shrub, but in a truly wild state it is perhaps not often seen in the Southern England counties. Strong plants I have often found in the woodlands in this district, and in several cases these have been far removed from house and home. It is a neat and beautiful shrub, of a yard or so in height, with pale green leaves, and clusters of purple, sweet-scented flowers, produced along the branches and before the leaves have appeared.

(88) *Spurge Daphne* (D. laureola).—This I have met with twice in a semi-wild state, bu' in all probability the specimens were stray seedlings from garden plants. It is a pretty shrub of often 4 feet in height, with laurel-like leaves, and greenish-yellow fragrant flower.

(89) *Sea Buckthorn* (Hippophae rhamnoides). On the shore between Dover and Deal I have noticed this pretty shrub growing in some plenty, and flourishing well just above high water mark. The peculiar silvery tint of the foliage, and abundance of showy fruit produced render the shrub one of particular interest and beauty. It increases rapidly by means of root-suckers.

(90) *Common Box* (Buxus sempervirens).—A well-known garden edging shrub that requires no description. It can, perhaps, hardly be considered wild in the district, still as an out-cast from cultivation it is far from uncommon.

(91) *Common Hop* (Humulus Lupulus).—A shrubby perennial, that is one of the commonest cultivated plants in Kent and several of the adjoining counties.

(92) *The Wych Elm* (Ulmus montana) is perhaps not very common in the Southern English Counties, but it may occasionally be found reproducing itself freely enough by hedge and common side. The leaves in this species are nearly sessile, broadly ovate and bordered with a double line of teeth.

(93) *Common Elm* (U. campestris). This has a far less spreading habit of growth than the latter and more upright growth. Leaves usually smaller and and not so coarse, as in the former, while the deeply notched fruit would seem to be the principal satisfactory method of dividing these otherwise nearly-allied species.

(94) *Common Alder* (Alnus glutinosa).—A by no means uncommon tree in rather wet and marshy fields, where it reproduces itself in great quantity.

(95) *The Common Birch*, (Betula alpa) needs no description, it being one of the commonest occupants of our neglected fields and waste grounds. The so-called "Silver Birch" is an artists' error, there being strictly speaking no difference in the various trees of this kind; in fact few trees vary to so small an extent as the Birch.

(96) *The Horn Beam* (Carpinus Betulus) is nearly allied to the Beech, but it has smaller, ovate, doubly-toothed leaves and conspicious bracts of the fruiting catkins. Rare in several stations.

(97) *Common Hazel* (Corylus Avellana).—This is a well-known occupant of our woods and wastes, and is chiefly valued on account of its fruit.

(68) *The Common Beech* (Fagus Sylvatica) occurs in best form on the chalk formation where, also, it spreads about freely and often ousts out other less persistent native trees and shrubs. It attains to large size in many parts of Kent, and there are several famous clumps of the tree, notably that at Knockholt, which is a land mark for many miles around. There are many notable specimens in the park at Holwood, several girthing over 20 feet in thickness of stem. The famous Knole Beech—the finest tree of its kind in this country—is well-known to everyone that is at all interested in arboriculture.

(99) *The British Oak* (Quercus Robur) is a well-known tree, and one that flourished to perfection in this part of Kent. The Weald of Kent was formerly an immense forest (the ancient Andredes Weald), principally of oak, and inhabited only by deer and hogs. There are still many remains of this ancient forest, but the greater part has long ago been grubbed up and brought into cultivation.

Amongst the most remarkable Oaks in the country are those at Holwood, known as "The Wilberforce," and "Pitt's" Oaks, and that at West Wickham known as the "Royalist's" Oak.

(100) *The Box Willow* (Salix pentandra), (101) *Crack Willow* (S. fragilis), (102) *Common Willow* (S. alba), (103) *Almond Willow* (S. amygdalina), (104) *Purple Willow* (S. purpurea), (105) *Osier Willow* (S. viminalis), (106) *Sallow Willow* (S. caprea), (107) *Creeping Willow* (S repens), and (108) *Round-leaved Willow* (S. aurecomus), are all more or less abundant, some probably introduced.

(109) *The White Poplar* (Populus alba), (110) *Aspen Poplar* (P. tremula), and (111) *Black Poplar* (P. nigra) occur here and there in fair quantity.

(112) *The Scotch Fir* (Pinus Sylvestris), (113) *Common Juniper* (Juniperus communis), and (114) *Common Yew* (Taxus baccata), are the only representatives of the Conifer family that I have found in a truly wild state. The Juniper is common on the chalk cliffs and banks at Downe, while the Yew and Scotch Fir are fairly abundant in several stations.

(115) *The Butcher's Broom* (Ruscus aculeatus), may be detected in several woods throughout the country, and is readily distinguished by its shining and stiff prickly leaves. The local name of Butcher's Broom is derived from the fact that the twigs of the shrub were largly used by butchers for sweeping their blocks.

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Births.

DENNES.—On the 13th May, at Thirlmere, Bromley, Kent, the wife of E. T. Martin Dennes, of a daughter.

DICKINS.—On the 15th May at Bleak House, Ringers-road, Bromley, the wife of Martin Jesse Dickins, of a son.

GRISTWOOD.—On the 17th May, at 2, Brownhill-villas Catford, the wife of J. A. Gristwood, of a son.

HAY.—On the 11th May, at Warley, Bromley, Kent, the wife of John Yalden Hay, of a son.

HOGHTON.—On May 22nd, at Richboro' Lodge St. Mary Cray, Kent, the wife of G. W. Hoghton, of a daughter.

INGLIS.—On the 5th May, at Lynton, Southend-road, Beckenham, the wife of Alfred Markham Inglis, of a son.

JACKSON.—On May 21st, (Whit Sunday,) at Lansdowne, Bromley-common, Kent, the Wife of Arthur Percy Jackson, M.A., of a son (Lionel Boys Cameron.)

KENDERDINE.—On the 3rd May, at Scadbury Park, Chislehurst, the wife of Charles H. Kenderdine, of a son.

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SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1893.

MEMS FOR THE MONTH.

2nd—*Fifth Sunday after Trinity.*
3rd—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
„ —Temperance Excursion to Portsmouth arranged by Bromley Temperance Council.
4th—Plaistow Burial Board, St. Mary's School, Plaistow, 9 p.m.
4th to 14th—Foods' Exhibition at the Drill Hall, Bromley.
9th—*Sixth Sunday after Trinity.*
10th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 p.m.
11th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
„ —Bromley Congregational Excursion to Hastings.
12th—Sale of the Freehold Residential Estate known as "Plaistow Lodge," and the Freehold Residence known as "Burton," Oaklands Road, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., at two o'clock precisely, by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper.
„ —Co-operative Excursion to Hythe and Sandgate.
13th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, Ebberlee House, West Street, Bromley.
16th—*Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*
17th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
18th—Volunteer Band Excursion by brake to Gravesend.
20th—Bromley County Court, at the Court House, Bromley, at 11 a.m.
23rd—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*
24th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
25th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
27th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, Ebberlee House, West Street, Bromley.
„ —Cricket Match at Beckenham, Kent v. Sussex, and two following days.
30th—*Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*
31th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Two meeting of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on May 30th, the Drainage and Sanitary Committee reported that the Surveyor had submitted a report, together with plans and estimates for the erection of public conveniences in various parts of the town, and the committee recommended that a convenience be erected upon the site opposite the Local Board Offices, and the present convenience in Market Square shifted to the cab rank, at an estimated cost of £300.—In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Davis remarked that several sites had been suggested, but that on the whole the Committee thought the sites named in the report were the most suitable.—The report and recommendation of the Committee were then adopted.

Public Conveniences.

At the same meeting the Highways Committee recommended that a strip of land in Oakley-road, for which for some years the late John Hall paid rent, be thrown into the Recreation Ground. The Chairman said it would be remembered that some time ago a piece of that ground was taken out and added to the garden of an adjoining house, and it was stated that the late Mr. John Hall paid rent for it, and the Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee himself said that the matter was all right. Mr. H. S. Cregeen, the Board's consulting Surveyor, had now sent in a plan, and advised the Board to throw the land at once back into the Recreation Ground, or they would lose their title to it.—Mr. Davis said that when the matter came up before it was understood that the land was rented for a certain period, and that they could not touch it until that time had expired. —The Chairman said it was so understood, but the time had expired and no rent had been paid for some time.—In reply to the Chairman the Clerk said it was merely a nominal rent.—The Clerk and the Surveyor were instructed to take the necessary steps and report to the Committee. At the meeting on June 13th, a letter was read from Mr. James Lisney, of 17, Gravel-road, Bromley Common, stating that the Board were acting under some misapprehension with regard to the strip of land at the Oakley-road Recreation Ground. That piece of land belonged to him, and not to the Bromley Local Board. — The Chairman: Shall we refer it to Committee?—Mr. Selby: I don't know how we shall deal with it. I am told that the person living in the cottage has lived there for the past 35 years, and that if you try and enforce rights of ownership to this small strip of land it will become a question of law. She pays 6s. a week for the cottage but nothing for the land. -The Chairman: But the late Mr. John Hall paid a small rental for it.—The Clerk: That is so.—The Chairman: I don't think the Board should let the matter drop.—Mr. Scott: Mr. Cregeen was under the impression that the land was the Board's property —Mr. Selby: Yes, but Mr. Cregeen once went there to take a measurement and was warned off, and he did not take the measurement.—Mr. Davis: But how does it now arise? I have only heard of it through a letter from Mr. Cregeen, but Mr. Cregeen was Surveyor to the Board for several years, and surely he would have advised them in the matter.—The letter was then referred to Committee.

Question of Title.

At the meeting on May 30th, acting on a report from the Surveyor to the effect that the National Telephone Company had, without giving notice, stretched wires over East-street, West-street, and Widmore-road, the Clerk was instructed to call the Telephone Company's attention to this infringement of the bye-laws. At the meeting on May 30th, a letter was read from Mr. W. V. Morten, manager, of No. 4 Division for the National Telephone Company, stating that the London County Council had just furnished him with forms for application as to overhead wires, one of which was enclosed for approval. If the Board approved them, he would then make formal application for sanction to certain overhead wires in the Board's district. The letter then went on to state that a call office had been opened near the S. E. R. Station,

Overhead Wires.

and that several local authorities in the neighbourhood were already connected with the Company's system. Mr. Davis said that hitherto the Board had always refused the Postal Authorities permission to carry wires overhead. Had the Telephone Company any Act of Parliament empowering them to put up such wires?—The Clerk said they had such power, subject to the Board's bye-laws. — Mr. Davis: But we have no bye-laws on the subject, have we?—The Clerk: Oh! yes.—Mr. Davis: How then does that affect the Post Office Authorities. They have greater power than the Telephone Company, but they have always given in to our decisions.—Mr. Scott said the practice now was in the City to have no new overhead wires put up.—Mr. Selby said he should strongly oppose the sanctioning of any overhead wires. —After some further discussion, the matter was referred to the Highways Committee, in order that the Board's powers and position might be fully looked up.

To look after "Visitors."

At the meeting on May 30th, Mr. Selby said the Surveyor had handed him a memorandum from Mr. Nott, the caretaker of the Recreation Ground, advising the Board that it would be expedient to have two policemen on the Recreation Ground, on Wednesday evenings, on account of the band playing there, and also two on Sundays during four months of the year. The Surveyor, Mr. Selby said, thought that one policeman would be sufficient, and although he himself regretted that it was thought necessary to take that step, he now asked the Board to accede to that request of the caretaker. — The Chairman said that there had always been one policeman on the ground on Sundays.—Mr. Curtis said the caretaker had given him cogent reasons for what he asked. He had no imputation to make against the morals of Bromley, but it was felt necessary to have a policeman about after dark on account of "visitors" from down the line.—At the meeting on June 13th, the the Board decided to employ a policeman as had been suggested by Mr. Curtis.

The Proposed Depôt.

At the meeting on May 30th, a letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that they had considered their Inspector's report of the enquiry held at Bromley for permission to raise a loan and expend it on the construction of a depôt for road materials, and a siding near the S.E.R. station, and they had decided to sanction the scheme, and formal sanction was transmitted with the letter.—Mr. Selby remarked on the delay, and enquired when the enquiry was held.—The Clerk said the enquiry was held on March 14th. He also said he had made a preliminary application to the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, for the loan. In reply to the Chairman the Clerk said the loan would in all probability be obtained at 3½ per cent., and after some slight discussion he was instructed to see if the money could not be obtained on easier terms. At the meeting on June 13th, the Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had made inquiries as to the lowest terms upon which the loan of £3,175, for the purchase of the site for an electric lighting station, and a depôt for road materials, could be obtained. He had obtained replies from six offices, and that from the Prudential Assurance Company was the lowest, being at the rate of 3½ per cent., with legal expenses amounting to about £15, exclusive of stamps. —The Board decided to accept the offer of the Prudential Assurance Company.

Road-watering.

At the meeting on May 30th, a letter was received from Messrs. Baxter Payne and Lepper, land agents and auctioneers, of Bromley, thanking the Board for their decision not to water Edward and Lodge roads, on the ground that the ratepayers were saved the expense of paying that proportion of the watering rate.—Mr. J. M. Mordant, of Plaistow-lane, wrote asking that as the Board had declined to water Edward and Lodge roads, they would remit to the residents in those roads the amount of their proportion of the watering rate out of the General District Rate.—Mr. Davis said it should be explained to Mr. Mordant that although those particular roads were not watered, and for good reasons too, the residents in those roads still had the advantages derived from the watering of the other roads of the district.—The Clerk was directed to reply in those terms. At the meeting on June 13th, letters were received asking that a road at Southborough, Homefield-road, and Martins-road might be watered. It was resolved that in future private roads should be properly made up before they were watered.

The Royal Betrothal.

At the meeting on May 30th, a circular letter was then read from the Countess Stanhope as to contributions towards a fund for a Kent Wedding Present to H.R.H. Princess Mary of Teck on her union with H.R.H. the Duke of York.—Mr. Davis said the Board had no power to make any contribution, and the Chairman having explained the matter in full, giving the names of the ladies and gentlemen interesting themselves in the matter by collecting subscriptions, the discussion ceased.

Technical Education.

A letter was received from the Secretary to the Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council, transmitting a copy of a report of the Committee, and the Pamphlet was referred to the Technical Education Committee.

Mr. G. H. Payne's Resignation.

On the motion of Mr. T. C. McIntyre, the Board decided to accept the resignation of Mr. G. H. Payne from the Board, it having been ordered to lie on the table at a previous meeting to give Mr. Payne an opportunity of reconsidering his decision.—The Chairman said it was with great regret that the Board were forced to take that step.

Tenders.

Tenders were opened for about 3100 yards of retopping of existing tarpaving, and about 200 yards of new tar-paving, as follows:—

	Re-topping.	New Work.
Woodhams and Fry ...	2s. 3d. per yd.	1s. 2d. per yd.
David Marchn	2 1 „	0 11 „
Asphalte Limestone Concrete Co.	1 11 „	0 11½ „
Hobman and Co. ...	2 0 „	1 0 „
Bensted (Maidstone) ...	2 2 „	0 10½ „

On the motion of Mr. Selby, seconded by Mr. Curtis, Mr. Bensted's tender was accepted.

Footway: London Road.

At the same meeting Mr. Curtis called attention to the pebbly state of the path on the west side of London-road from Beckenham-lane to the corner of Blyth-road, and asked that the matter be referred to Committee to consider the propriety of asphalting it. At the meeting on June 13th, the Board decided to advertise for tenders for the laying down of a 4ft. 6in. brick pavement instead of asphalte.

The late Mr. Thomas Lansbury.

Prior to the ordinary business of the Board on June 13th, reference was made to the death of Mr. T. Lansbury, and Mr. Selby, the Chairman of the Highways and Buildings Committee rose and asked to be allowed to say that all the members of the Board very much regretted the loss of Mr. Thomas Lansbury. He had had a great deal of work to do for the Board, and had always done it as well as anyone could possibly have done.—The Chairman said he was sure that all agreed with what Mr. Selby had stated. He, for one, did, and he thought the Board generally respected the late Mr. Thomas Lansbury as a very straightforward and useful man. (Hear, hear.)

Disposal of House Refuse.

At the same meeting the Sanitary Committee reported that a report had been received from Mr. T. Davis and Mr. T. C. McIntyre, together with reports from the Surveyor and the Sanitary Inspector in reference to the inspection of dust destructors at Leeds and Bradford on May 26th and 27th, and upon consideration of the matter, it was resolved that the Committee visit and inspect the present shoot for house refuse on June 10th, and the Committee also recommended that the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to take samples of the refuse which had been deposited there for several years, and submit the same to the County Analyst for analysis, and also that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to visit and report on the present condition of the shoot.—In moving the adoption of the report Mr. Davis said the Committee's reports on the visits to

Leeds and Bradford and the inspection of the dust-destructors were very lengthy, and therefore the Board had not thought it advisable to read them, but they would be on the table for gentlemen not on the Sanitary Committee to make themselves acquainted with them.—The report was then adopted.

Progress of Free Library.

At the same meeting the Public Libraries Act Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Hennings had submitted complete plans and estimate and cost of the proposed addition to the School of Science and Art for the purposes of a Free Public Library which they recommended for approval, subject to the erection of a scullery at the rear of the present lecture room, and that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £3000 —£2800 for building and contingencies and £200 for books.—Mr. Davis, in moving the adoption of the report, said that it must be understood that the whole of the loan was not for the purposes of the Free Library. There might possibly be some misapprehension on that point unless it was clearly stated. As nearly as possible two-thirds of the loan would go for Free Library purposes, and the remainder to the enlargement of the School of Science and Art by the putting in of an upper-floor room.—The report was then adopted.

Mr. Harvey and the Board.

At the same meeting the Clerk read a very lengthy letter from Mr. R. Harvey, of 40, Chislehurst-road, Bickley—dated from the Metropolitan Convalescent Home, Walton-on-Thames—reiterating all his former statements as to the Board's liability for his illness which he stated was caused by him working in near proximity to an insanitary pond, at Magpie Hall-lane, Bickley, and urging that the Board must compensate him for such illness, and in the event of their further refusal, he threatened to lay the case before the Local Government Board, and to have samples of the water taken for analysis by the County analyst.—Mr. Selby said that the Board had attended to a nuisance at that pond when it was complained of and there the matter ended for them. He had seen some cows drinking of the water, and although he could not say he thought it very wholesome, still none had been reported to have died from so doing, and he rather thought Mr. Harvey would have a difficulty in getting a sample of the water for analysis as the pond had now dried up. (Laughter.) The Chairman: The complaint was attended to at the time, and all that could be done has been done.—The Sanitary Inspector said it was so far back as March when he reported on the matter.—The Clerk pointed out that Mr. Harvey had first written to the Board to know whom to ask for compensation, and now he turned round and asked the Board to compensate him.

Stalls on the Queen's Mead.

Mr. G. Nash wrote asking for permission to stand with his stall in the Queen's Mead during the progress of cricket matches, for the sale of ginger beer and other light refreshments, adding that he had been asked by several cricketers to try and obtain such permission.—The Chairman: If we sanction this application we shall then have a dozen others. — Mr. Selby did not like the idea for, although the thing was harmless in itself, it would detract from the beauty of the place, he thought, and rob it of its respectable appearance.—On the motion of Mr. Davis the letter was referred to Committee.

Local Board's Assoc'n.

A letter was then read from Mr. C. E. Baker, informing the Board that the annual meeting of the Local Boards' Association would be held at the Westminster Hotel on Wednesday, June 28th, and the annual conference would be held the same afternoon.

Classes for Plumbers.

Mr. Thomas Nicholson, of 41, Newbury-road, Bromley, wrote that he was instructed to ask if the Local Board were going to start technical classes for plumbers, and if so when? In response to a previous letter the Board had stated their willingness to start the classes, but nothing more had been heard of it. The plumbers would, if it was the Board's pleasure, like to send a deputation to the Technical Education Committee.—Mr. Davis said the Board had already stated their willingness to start classes for plumbers, but the Committee had not met lately owing to the lack of interest generally shown in such matters during the summer months. However, if it was the wish of the plumbers they could at once push on arrangements for the classes.

South Hill Footbridge.

Mr. Roche, the engineer to the L. C. and D. Railway Company wrote that the Company's part of the work at the South Hill Footbridge was now completed and all ready for the Board to erect the lamps they had agreed to do.

Grant for Evening Classes.

A letter was received from the Clerk to the Bromley School Board, applying, on behalf of the Board, for a contribution out of the funds received by the Local Board from the Kent County Council towards the expenses of the evening classes held by the School Board during the past winter.—Mr. Davis said that in order to enable them to decide on the matter the Clerk should be instructed to write to the School Board for particulars of the expenses incurred by them in respect of evening classes, and the amount of their deficiency.—The Clerk was instructed to write for the necessary information, and the letter was referred to Committee.

Office Accommodation.

The Chairman said that that morning he had seen Mr. Wall, the Clerk to the Bromley School Board, who told him that his Board had come to the conclusion to vacate the office in that building, and the Board-room at the end of the next week. He had also sent an intimation of that to the Clerk to the Local Board, but so far as he could understand it did not come from the Board, but from the School Management Committee. The Chairman then read the following letter:—"School Board Office, Bromley, Kent, 13th June, 1893.—Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the School Management Committee of the Bromley School Board have made arrangements to hold their meetings, and conduct their business, at the Aylesbury-road Board School, from and after the 24th instant, when the office I am now using will be at your disposal. I beg to thank the Local Board for the past use of the Board-room and office for School Board purposes. A cheque for the quarter's rent will be drawn on Monday next.—Yours faithfully, GEO. WALL, Clerk."—Continuing his remarks, the Chairman said Mr. Wall had signed himself as writing on behalf of the School Management Committee. His (the Chairman's) object in bringing the matter before the Board was that they might make some arrangement for more office accommodation for Mr. Norman, who had not sufficient room for his clerks, or, indeed, for a room for himself. He would move that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Bromley School Board stating that the Board would now require the office occupied by them, and that the Board would be obliged by them finding office accommodation elsewhere as soon as possible.—Mr. T. C. McIntyre seconded the motion, and after some remarks in support of it, it was unanimously carried.

Race Course Cottages.

The Surveyor reported that Nos. 1 and 2, Racecourse Cottages had not a good and sufficient water supply, and under the powers of the 62nd section of the Public Health Act, 1875 he recommended that the Board serve notices on Mr. Alfred Bourne, of Cooper's Farm, Bromley Common, to lay in a proper supply from the Kent Company's mains within 14 days.—The Board adopted the report and recommendation of the Surveyor.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month, but owing to the Press not being advised of one of the meetings no report of that has been made.

Assistant Teachers' Salaries.

At the first meeting on May 29th, pursuant to notice Mr. Loly moved "That the 6th and 7th paragraphs of the Code of Regulations relating to the salaries of teachers be cancelled and the following paragraphs substituted, viz.: 6—Assistant teachers certificated and trained in Boys' Schools to receive £80 per annum and in Girls' and Infants' to receive £65 per annum with an increase in the case of men of not more than £5, and in the case of women not more than £4 up

to the maximum of £100 and £80 respectively. 7—Assistant teachers certificated and untrained in Boys' Schools to receive £75 and in Girls' and Infants' Schools £60, with an increase as above until the maximum of £100 and £80 respectively is reached."—Mr. Bragg seconded Mr. Loly's motion.—Captain Richards said he must move as an amendment "that the Board do proceed at once to the next business." He did so, he said, because he felt that the alterations to the bye-laws which it was proposed to make were very insufficient, as was proved by the fact that the Board had now been two months advertising for a trained assistant teacher, and they had only got one candidate.—Miss Heppel felt bound to give her support to what Captain Richards had said, and second the amendment, although she did not like to oppose Mr. Loly's motion. Buildings did not much matter, apparatus did not matter, and books did not matter very much, but the quality of the teachers was the one thing needful, and if that motion were passed she thought it could not fail to reduce the quality of the teaching and tend to deteriorate education and make a material difference to the future of the children in their schools.—Mr. Loton supported Mr. Loly's motion.—Captain Richards' amendment being put, received only the votes of the mover and seconder, and then Mr. Loly's motion was put and was carried *nem. con.* At the meeting on June 29th the School Management Committee reported that the Clerk had submitted the following returns of the average cost for salaries per scholar in average attendance :—

		£	s.	d.
England and Wales—				
Voluntary Schools	...	1	9	3¼
Board ,,	...	1	16	9½
Average	...	1	13	0½
Board Schools—				
London...	...	2	10	11
Bromley	...	1	18	2
England and Wales		1	16	9½

Mr. Loly : That shows that we pay 2s. more than the average per head.—Mr. Loton : Yes, and it proves that our Board is not a sweating Board.

At the meeting on May 29th, on the recommendation of the School Management Committee the Board appointed Miss de Pury, of Anerley, trained certificated assistant teacher at Raglan-road Infants' School, at a salary of £65, rising according to and subject to conditions of scale.

Appointment.

At the same meeting H.M. Inspector, Mr. Holt White, reporting on the recent examination of the students at the evening classes instituted by the Board during the past winter, said he was very sorry to see so small a number of scholars present themselves as the classes begun so well. The number of meetings had been 61, and the average attendance 31. Six presented themselves for examination, five passed in reading, four in writing, and four in arithmetic. In special subjects—geography—there were no passes, and in electricity two. The grant on an average attendance of 31 at 6s. was £9 6s., on 13 passes in elementary subjects at 2s.—£1 6s., and on two passes in special subjects at 2s. — 4s., making a total grant of £10 16s.—Mr. Bragg asked what the expense of carrying on the school had been.—The Chairman replied that the cost had been £46.—Mr. Bragg said he was not surprised to hear of the small number presenting themselves for examination. It would have been much larger if the classes had been conducted on different lines. When working men attended such classes to get what education they could he did not think it fair that they should be classed with lads in the sixth and seventh standards who had just left the day schools. It was absurd. The students should be classified.—The Chairman said he entirely sympathised with Mr. Bragg, but he might say that in due time a notice would appear on the agenda to appoint an Evening School Committee and to draw up a syllabus in order to give effect to the scheme the Government were about to promulgate.—At the meeting on June 19th, a letter was read from the Bromley Local Board acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter applying for a grant from the Technical Education Funds towards the expenditure on the evening classes held last winter, and asking for a detailed statement of the expenditure.—On the suggestion of Mr. Loton the Clerk was instructed to supply the necessary information at once, in readiness for the meeting of the Technical Education Committee on the next evening.

Evening Classes.

At the meeting on May 29th, the Clerk reported that he had received the schedule of children for the recent examination for labour certificates showing the results :—82 were scheduled, 66 were presented and 24 passed.—The Chairman said the Committee had dealt with applications received and had granted one half-time certificate.—A letter was then read from Mr. Holt White stating that he had arranged for proficiency examinations in Bromley in May and November as the Board wished and suggested.—The Clerk was instructed to inform all the head teachers of the fact.—At the meeting on June 19th, the Board on the recommendation of the Committee granted a labour certificate to Harry Golding, of 13, Havelock-road, Bromley Common, they being satisfied that he is "beneficially employed."

Labour Certificates.

At the meeting on June 19th, the School Management Committee reported that the Clerk had reported that it had come to his knowledge that the Bromley Local Board were desirous of using the room at the offices now occupied by the Clerk to the School Board, and that he had ascertained that the room at the Aylesbury-road School provided for the master could be used for the Clerk's office, and one of the class rooms as a Board-room, pending arrangements for permanent Offices or otherwise, the Committee recommended that the suggestion be adopted, and that the Clerk be authorised to procure a table top and tressels, to be covered with green baize for the use of the meetings. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report.—Mr. Bragg seconded.—Mr. Loly said there seemed to be some misapprehension as to the letter the Board instructed Mr. Wall to write to the Local Board.—Mr. Peill : There were no such instructions.—A little later in the evening a letter was read from the Clerk to the Bromley Local Board acknowledging the receipt of the Clerk's letter informing that Board of the decision of the School Board to hold their meetings and conduct their business at the Aylesbury-road School on and after June 24th and stating that as it did not appear that such decision had yet received the approval of the Board the Local Board had thought it desirable to proceed with the resolution standing on the agenda in the Chairman's name, a copy of which was enclosed.—After some further discussion it was resolved "that the Board vacate the office downstairs on and after June 24th, and at the same time it be suggested to the Local Board that they would like to continue their meetings in the Board-room if possible, and that if the Local Board declined to allow that, the School Board must ask for some reasonable notice to quit." The resolution was then put to the meeting, and unanimously carried.

The Board and their office.

At the same meeting on the reading of the report of the Finance Committee, Mr. Cooke, the Chairman of that Committee, said that his attention had been called to the fact that whereas the Board had made a rate of 3d. in the £, a charge had been made in certain cases by the Overseers of 3¼d. in the £. He asked if any explanation would be given.—The Chairman explained that the addition was for Overseers' expenses in all probability.—The Clerk : Yes, leakages and irrecoverables.—Mr. Peill : We make a precept for so much money, but we don't make any rate.—The Chairman : It is the system of floating balances which the Overseers have in vogue. Without it they could not always meet the demands of the precepts.—Mr. Cooke : Does it mean that whereas we make a rate——The Chairman : We don't make any rate : we sign a precept on the Overseers for so much money, and they have to find it.—Mr. Cooke : Well, then, does it mean that we asked for a sum equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £, and the Overseers have put in an extra farthing in the £.—Several members : Yes, that in all probability was the most convenient figure that could be added.—Mr. Cooke. Then it is my place

Floating Balances.

to see that that is paid to the School Board, or the Guardians will pocket it.—The Clerk: No, sir, the auditor will look to that.—The Chairman: I don't want to give Mr. Peill too many "tips," but if he could curb these floating balances, he might score for once.—The matter then dropped.

The following letter was then read from the Education Department, with regard to the Raglan-road proposed enlargement of Raglan-road Schools. Schools:—

Education Department,
June 15th, 1893.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter dated the 27th ultimo I am directed to return the accompanying plans on which their Lordships' Architect reports as follows:—

"The girls' room should be 29ft. 4in. by 22ft. and will then seat 60."

"The boys' room, entering from the desk ends, may be of the size propsed, but only for 60."

"Both rooms need additional light at (a). Elevations and sections are needed (Requirement III.)"

I am to request that the plans may be revised accordingly. I have the honour to be, etc.,

J. W. STEPHENSON.

Mr. Loly: Do I understand that the proposal of the Board was to make the rooms available for 70?—The Clerk: Yes, Sir, but the Department will only sanction them to accommodate 60.—Mr. Loton: There is a movement on foot under the auspices of the N.U.T. that no teacher should have to teach more than 60 children, and perhaps the Education Department knew that and are looking ahead, for if the code were altered by and bye the extra accommodation would be useless.—The letter was referred to the School Management Committee.

At the same meeting Mr. Bragg called the attention of the Board to the fact that at the last meeting of the Board no representives of the Press were present, although there were some important matters discussed. He thought it should be the duty of the Clerk—he did not know if there was any standing resolution to that effect—to notify the Press of all the meetings of the Board. He moved that in future the Press should be supplied with due notice of all meetings of the Board.—Mr. Loly seconded that, remarking that such instructions had been given on a previous occasion.—The resolution was agreed to.

The Press to be Notified.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

At the usual monthly meeting of this Board on June 6th, the Committee reported that Mr. J. Jackson's sureties and references were satisfactory and they recommended that subject to some further enquiries by Mr. Pellett, his tender be accepted for the drainage of the cemetery and also subject to the sanction of the Vestry being obtained to the loan.—On the motion of Mr. Pellett, seconded by Mr. Wippell, the report was adopted.—The Clerk said it was understood that he should communicate with Mr. Grantham, the originator of the scheme of drainage adopted by the Board, on the two questions raised by Mr. Brooke Little in his opinion, which had been recently obtained, as to whether the scheme was likely to result in any nuisance or any injury to adjoining owners. When Counsel's opinion was read to the Vestry it was to be supplemented by Mr. Grantham's answer to those two questions.—The Board signified that such were their instructions.

The Drainage Contract.

The Clerk said that a letter from the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, vicar of Bromley, as to interments in the Board's cemetery from District B, had already been before the Board and he now had a similar letter from the Rev. P. Barker, of St. John's, New Bromley, with regard to interments for District A. The Clerk then read Mr. Barker's letter which stated that the writer wished to enquire if the Board were willing to re-consider the decision formerly made with regard to such interments. The Board would be aware that the Bromley Burial Board had made an arrangement, to hold good for six months, whereby that district was allowed to use the cemetery for interments at increased charges, but that Board also suggested that he should make a fresh application to the Plaistow Board to take them in, on the grounds that they had more space and that District A had formerly belonged to St. Mary's, Plaistow.—Mr. Pellett moved that the Board lay the matter before the Vestry, and if the Vestry agreed that outside parishes should be allowed to use the Cemetery at all, then the matter should be referred to a sub-committee to fix the scale of fees. His own opinion was that they should take them in.—Mr. Wippell seconded and the motion was carried.

District A.

The Clerk said that the Caretaker had reported to him that a number of boys got through the fence into the Cemetery from Hollowbottom and annoyed and disturbed the mourners while burials were taking place by shouting and running over the grass, and he had suggested that to prevent a recurrence of the matter in the future the services of a policeman should be obtained, who in all probability would do all that was required to frighten the young ruffians away.—After some discussion it was decided that the services of a policeman be obtained at the next funeral and also that a table be provided for the vestry of the mortuary chapel to obviate the superintendent leaving the ground during a funeral to go to the gatehouse for the registers.

Mourners Disturbed.

The Clerk reported the receipt from the Architect of a certificate for Mr. T. Graty's last payment—£12 11s. 2d., making a total of £2,322 11s. 2d. The builder's original estimate was for £2,299, so that for extras his bill was only £23 11s. 2d.—The Architect: That is very satisfactory, I think.—It was decided that the bill be paid.

The Building Contract.

PLAISTOW VESTRY MEETING.

On June 13th, an adjourned Vestry meeting of the ratepayers of the parish of St. Mary's, Plaistow, was held at St. Mary's schoolroom, to (1) authorise and sanction the expenditure by the Burial Board of Plaistow of a further sum of £1,000 in providing and laying out the burial ground. (2) To authorise, and if thought fit, give the Board sanction to borrow the £1,000 required for laying out the ground, and to charge the future poor rates of the parish of Bromley with the repayment. (3) To revise and vary, subject to the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as diocesan, being obtained, the fees payable to the incumbent of the parish, under the provisions of the Act 15 and 16 Vic. cap 85 respecting the burial ground and substitute other fees therefor. (4) To substitute a fixed annual sum (to be paid quarterly by the Burial Board) for the fees which shall be received and retained by the Board. (5) To receive report of auditors. There was a large attendance, among whom were Major C. Satterthwaite, and Mr. C. J. Maxwell (churchwardens), Messrs. W. Phené Neal, E. T. Pellett, and W. Thursfield (members of the Plaistow Burial Board), Mr. J. W. Miles (Clerk to the Board), Mr. W. A. Mallett (architect to the Plaistow Burial Board), and Messrs. W. H. Bosanquet, Robert Whyte, junr., H. J. Deacon, M. C. Matthews, T. M. Deacon, G. Stone. Ritchie, T. Marsh, Hunt, Percy Tatham, Critchett, Smith, Earnshaw, W. Wallace, Laumann, F. Hartridge, Seaman, F. A. Threadgold, G. King, Hubbard and others. Mr. W. H. Bosanquet took the chair. On opening the meeting the Chairman said that since the last meeting he had discovered that their proceedings on that occasion were somewhat irregular, and he was anxious that they should not fall in the same error that evening. He alluded to the fifth item of the notice "to receive the auditor's report." Had he then have known as he now knew that he was wrong in allowing any discussion on those accounts whatever, it would not have taken place while he was in the chair All that the ratepayers had to do

was to receive the auditor's report on the accounts and directly that had been read, and the accounts read or taken as read, the ratepayers had done with that item of the business.—Mr. Neal stated that counsels opinion was favourable to the carrying out of the drainage work in the way suggested and moved that the loan be sanctioned and after some discussion it was carried by a large majority. Mr. Neal then moved "that the Burial Board for this parish be and is hereby authorised to (1) revise and vary, subject to the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as diocesan, being obtained, the fees payable to the incumbent of the parish, under the provisions of the Act 15 and 16 Vic. cap 85, respecting the burial ground and substitute other fees therefor. (2) To substitute a fixed annual sum (to be paid quarterly by the Burial Board) for the fees, which shall be received and retained by the Board." He brought these motions forward, he said. because at the time that he and his colleagues were before the electors for election they pledged themselves to do the best they could for their neighbours. The fees paid to the Vicar for the last four years were roughly £41 and they could reasonably expect that in another 10 years they would amount to considerably more. The Board therefore, now proposed to commute the Vicar's fees for a fixed annual stipend of £50, and to that the Archbishop had said he would offer no objections. If the proposal were rejected the Act of Parliament would take its course, and he thought that in the interest of the parish the motions should be passed. —After discussion, at the instance of the Vestry Mr. Neal and Mr. Tatham, as mover and seconder, withdrew their motion. — This concluded the business proper of the meeting proper and Mr. Deacon having obtained the permision of the Chairman, raised the question as to why one-third of the members of the Board had not retired according to the law on the matter. After explaining his views at some length, he moved "that this be a request to the Board to arrange at once for the annual election of one-third or as near as may be of their number."—Mr. Seaman seconded.—After some discussion, the Clerk, in reply to Mr. Matthews, said he had been informally advised by counsel that as no date for election had been fixed by the Vestry, there was no fixed time of election and the election of members held good for one year, and three members having retired in January last the law was satisfied until January 1894.—The resolution was carried. At the instance of Mr. Neal, the question of admitting Districts A and B to burials in the cemetery at increased charges was discussed at some length, but a resolution by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Neal to that effect was lost, only a very few holding up their hands for it.—With a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting terminated.

SALE OF BROMLEY GAS SHARES.—On the 21st at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper offered for sale by auction 200 ordinary shares of £10 each in the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company. There was a good company present and Mr. F. Payne officiated as the auctioneer. The shares were put up in 14 lots of 10 and 12 lots of five shares. The bidding started at £16 per share, and rose by half-crowns to £16 5s., at which figure all the first lots of 10 shares were knocked down. With Lot 8, a lot of five shares, the bidding was half-a-crown higher, and that figure was maintained to the end of the sale, £16 7s. 6d. being the unvarying price at which the lots were knocked down. This must be eminently satisfactory to the directors of the Bromley Gas Company.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS LANSBURY.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Lansbury, of "Rockville," High-street, Bromley, early on Sunday morning the 11th. About six weeks before the deceased gentleman experienced a slight paralytic stroke, which kept him to his bed a fortnight. He recovered, however, and got about as usual, attending to his business until Monday the 5th, when he was unwell, and remained so for the rest of the week. On Saturday he was not nearly so well. but the idea of immediate danger was not entertained by any of his friends. About one o'clock he was taken much worse and complained quietly of acute pains in the head. Dr. Scott was sent for and arrived just as death occurred, the cause of which was paralysis of the brain. Mr. Lansbury was a member of the parish church. His business was that of a contractor and brick merchant, and he was widely known and much respected, and his loss will be acutely felt both in the neighbourhood of Bromley and in the county at large. The funeral took place the following Wednesday at Bromley Cemetery. The remains were conveyed in a glass funeral car. the coffin being literally obscured by the multitude of beautiful floral tributes, sent by sympathising friends of the deceased. The chief mourners were the sons, Henry Lansbury, Fred Lansbury, Mont Lansbury, Sid Lansbury, and Alex. Lansbury, with Messrs. Garrod, Willett, Morrison, Dickens, H. Tyrer, D. Payne, Howard, Sanders, Maynard, F. Pearce, Cregreen, Grinsted, Otway, Browning, Bryant, Lansbury, Peill, and Harland, who rode in the five carriages immediately following the car. Besides these there were about ten carriages and private conveyances. occupied by a large number of the tradesmen of the town and neighbourhood, members of the Bromley Bowling Club, of which the deceased was a member, and members of the "Hervey" Lodge of Freemasons, of which also deceased was a member. There were also present Messrs. Milstead, Tuffney, and Smith, representing the workmen employed by the Bromley Local Board, and Messrs. Norman, Cleaver, jun., Slater, Weller, L. Lewis, William Goodacre, Lilly, Peill, Amos, W. H. Grubb, Hopton, and many others, and about 80 of the employés from the brick-fields and other works also followed. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, the remains being interred in the consecrated portion of the cemetery. The floral tributes were both numerous and beautiful, and included an exquisite cross from the widow, a wreath from the children, a beautiful wreath with a raised centre of violet coloured flowers from the "Hervey" Lodge of Freemasons, and others from Mr. and Mrs. Laumann, the Bromley Bowling Club, Florence Richards, Mr. W. F. Berrall, Mr. and Mr. Harris and family, wreath in glass case from his late employés, Mr. A. Durbridge and S. Bransdon, Mr. and Mrs. Cregeen, Mr. and Mrs. E H. Markland, Mr. T. D. Graty, Mr. and Mrs. Wirley, Mr. William Browning, Mrs. Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Hadden, Mrs. Garrod, Mr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. W. Lyddiard, Mr. William Goodacre, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, and Mr. Sanders and family and others. —Prior to the ordinary business of the Local Board on June 13th, reference was made to the death of Mr. T. Lansbury. and Mr. Selby, the Chairman of the Highways and Buildings Committee, rose and asked to be allowed to say that all the members of the Board very much regretted the loss of Mr. Thomas Lansbury. He had had a great deal of work to do for the Board, and had always done it as well as anyone could possibly have done.—The Chairman said he was sure that all agreed with what Mr. Selby had stated. He,

for one, did, and he thought the Board generally respected the late Mr. Thomas Lansury as a very straightforward and useful man. (Hear, hear.)

PROPOSED TWO O'CLOCK CLOSING IN BROMLEY.

An adjourned conference of local traders was held at the "White Hart" Assembly Room, on June 5th, under the auspices of the Voluntary Early Closing Association to further discuss the question of the closing of the local houses of business at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoons instead of at five as heretofore. Mr. R. L. Gore occupied the chair and there were also present: Mr. J. A. Restall, secretary of the Voluntary Early Closing Association and Messrs. S. T. Ayling, Pyrke, Lilly, Howard, Broadley, W. Uridge, J. King, C. L. Newland, F. O. Monkhouse, G. Weeks, Leathern, Martin, sen., Martin, jun., Bush, Clarke, Smith, Godelmann, and others to a total number of about 30.—The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that there seemed to be some little diversity of opinion on the question before them, but he was sure that traders, as employers of labour, and especially those keeping their establishments open late, must know that their assistants had very little vacation. He thought the two o'clock closing quite practicable and he hoped it would come about. He hoped they would talk the matter over in a friendly way. He then alluded to a rumoured Compulsory Early Closing Bill and deprecated need for legislation in the matter. —Mr. W. Uridge then moved :—

"That this meeting of traders is of opinion that two o'clock Wednesday closing is practicable and possible in Bromley; further, this meeting asks those who have not yet given in their adhesion kindly to do so forthwith to enable the Committee to fix a date to commence and to give due notice to customers."

Mr. King seconded the resolution, observing that it would be better if the whole of the traders in the town would close on one day instead of part on Saturdays and part on Wednesdays.—Mr. Bush said something should be done to bring about earlier closing on every night in the week. He did not think shops should be open any later than 10 o'clock.—The Secretary (Mr. Restall) stated that over 60 traders had given their conditional consent to the two o'clock closing, but at the same time there seemed to be a strong feeling that the shops should be closed earlier on the other evenings of the week. He thought mid-week closing a mistake, but now that it had been started it would be very difficult to take up the Saturday closing, and he therefore hoped all would try to make the present movement a success.—Mr. Martin contended that the customers' convenience should be consulted.—Mr. Uridge said he had canvassed 200 or 300 of his customers and they all were in favour of the movement. —Mr. Howard said he had not at first thought two o'clock closing practicable, and so he had not attended previous meetings. However, he should not oppose it. Before coming away from his shop that evening, he had called his men together, and asked them their opinion in the matter. All, with the exception of one, had said they would prefer to close say at eight o'clock on other evenings, and keep to the five o'clock closing on Wednesdays. They must remember that they had to compete with London, and they must be careful not to drive the trade out of Bromley. However, if all the other traders decided to close he, too, would be with them—(applause)—but he thought it would be more advantageous all round if they continued to close at five, and closed at eight on three evenings in the week, and seven in the winter months.—A gentleman then raised the question of the carmen, stating that they could not get done in time to benefit by the early closing.—Mr. Howard endorsed that view, and said that residents in Bromley could send on their orders to London firms, and have the goods delivered the same day, even to the value of sixpence, consequently the Bromley traders were in the position of having per force to deliver very late in the day.—Mr. Bush and Mr. Clarke both said their men in the printing office would not give up their Saturday afternoon for Wednesday.—Mr. G. Weeks endorsed what had been said by Mr. Howard with regard to the delivery of goods and said that like the *employés* of Messrs. Bush and Sons and Clarke and Sons, his men would not give up their Saturday afternoons for Wednesday afternoons. At the same time if it was the unanimous wish of the traders to close their shops at two on Wednesday afternoons, Messrs. Weeks and Sons would not be behind them and would be willing to close also. They must be unanimous. Public interest would be best served by unanimity and if the general public knew that it was decided to close at two he did not think they would trouble to shop after that time—(applause)—but if some closed at one time and some at another no one would know when to shop. With regard to the compulsory closing that had been hinted at, he did not know but what it would be beneficial. Say, for instance, a two-thirds majority agreed to voluntarily close their shops at two on Wednesday's there was nothing to compel the obstinate minority to close: whereas if an Act of Parliament said all must close, everyone would be on the same footing.—Mr. Howard then moved as an amendment that that meeting of trades was in favour of continuing to close as hitherto at five on Wednesdays, and also of closing at eight on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, at nine on Thursdays, and at eleven on Saturdays in the summer months, and at seven on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in the winter months, i.e., from Oct. 1st to March 31st.—Mr. Weeks seconded. —After some further discussion, the amendment was put, 16 voting for it and 15 against it. The Chairman then put the resolution, when 18 voted for it and nine against it, and he then declared "both carried." A deputation was then appointed to canvass the town and the proceedings terminated.

"HOSPITAL SUNDAY" COLLECTION.

On Sunday, June 11th, collections were made in most of the local places of worship, in common with those of other parts of the Home Counties, in aid of the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the Metropolis. The following are the amounts so far as results have reached us, and in a parallel column we give the amounts collected last year in order that comparisons may be instituted:

PLACES OF WORSHIP	1893.	1892.
Bromley Congregational ...	127 10 8½	113 7 3
St. John's, Bromley	25 17 1	21 14 0
St. Nicholas, Chislehurst ...	254 1 7	262 5 9
St. Mary's, Plaistow	(next week)	31 1
Bromley Wesleyan	20 16 0	18 0 0
West Wickham	37 10 0	25 12 10
St. Mary's, Shortlands... ...	34 7 5	41 5 4
St. Mark's, Mason's Hill ...	23 1 8	25 19 3
Bromley Parish Church ...	55 18 7	54 1 6
St. George's, Bickley	56 12 0	55 7 7
St. Luke's, Bromley Common	20 5 11	16 4 4
Holy Trinity, Bromley... ...	10 15 0	11 10 0
Christ Church, Bromley Park	14 15 0	20 0 0
Hayes Parish Church	23 12 7	26 10 10
Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, West	43 9 0	37 4 0

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THE PAST MONTH.

A very liberal response has been made in Bromley and the neighbouring villages to the Countess Stanhope's appeal for the Kentish Royal Wedding Present Fund. The Countess secured, as a lady in her social position was sure to secure, the co-operation of an influential band of canvassers, and, as a result, the present fund is augmented by a sum of £277 from this district. Of this amount £162 odd is drawn from Bromley, which affords evidence with how little difficulty money can be raised in the locality in a short time if it is set about in a business-like way. It has not yet been announced what form the present from the County will take, but it is to be hoped it will be a useful one. The people of Beckenham, while anxious to mark their loyalty by raising a sum of money, have it in contemplation to devote it to some deserving object at their doors, either by endowing a local charity, or by erecting some useful building. At St. Mary Cray athletic sports are to be held on the wedding-day in honour of the occasion.

The Bromley Local Board, so far as is visible to the naked eye, continue to pursue a policy of masterly inactivity with regard to the Free Library. It would, perhaps, be too much to say that nothing has been done in the fourteen months since the Public Libraries Acts were adopted, but it may safely be said that at the present rate of progress it will be years before the Free Library is an established fact. This position of affairs led to an amusing incident at a recent public meeting in the town, when a speaker wishing to illustrate the working of "local option," inquired of his audience if they had a Free Library in Bromley. He was non-plussed for a moment at receiving contradictory shouts of "Yes" and "No," but it was finally explained to him by a clerical gentleman upon the platform that though the Acts had been adopted by a vote of the ratepayers, their mandate had not yet been carried out.

Situate as Bromley is on an important main road from London, it naturally happens under our present social system that a large number of tramps and beggars are met with in the vicinity. Some idea of the number always present with us, may be gathered from the fact that there are seldom or never less than 300 Casuals relieved every week at the Bromley Union Workhouse. In addition to these, there are, of course, many of the mendicant class who generally manage to keep outside the poor-house walls. This class, although always regarded as a disgrace to our civilization, must, it appears, also be regarded as a danger from a sanitary point of view, and a case of small-pox, a disease from which the district has happily been remarkably free for many years past, has just been imported into the district in the person of an inmate of the Bromley Casual Ward. Begging, as is well known, is by law a punishable offence, but it is not likely to be put down until it has come to be unprofitable also, and this, since the establishment of the various Labour and Rescue Homes in the metropolis and elsewhere, the inhabitants of the district may, without compunction, make it. The money at present worse than wasted in doles to mendicants, could be usefully employed in the support of agencies which exist to give such social failures a fresh start in life.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.—"Bright Thoughts for Weary Hours" is the title of a little book by Clara Bray, just published by Hodder Brothers. It is primarily intended for those prevented by sickness or suffering from taking an active part in the work of the world, and is arranged in daily portions for a month, each day's reading containing some cheering or consoling thought, mostly original, but occasionally borrowed from others, one especially beautiful extract being made from "The Disciples," by Mrs. H. King. As matter of local interest it may be stated that Miss Wray is a resident in the neighbourhood, and is a sister of Mrs. Wagner, of Escote, Shortlands. — The Fourth Series of *Field Path Rambles in West Kent* by Walker Miles, has now been published, and comprises routes from Bromley to Downe, Westerham, Hever, Penshurst, and Tunbridge Wells; and from Bromley to Eltham, Woolwich, Bexley, Charlton and Greenwich. The walks again appear to be carefully described, and there are several illustrations in the little guide-book which is published at Sixpence. A set of route maps neatly bound in a case the same size as the guide books, to accompany the whole series has been published at the same time, at the price of Two Shillings. The several publications can be obtained at the office of this journal.

THE late Mr. Henry Coles John Stahlschmidt has bequeathed to the Vicar and churchwardens of the Parish Church of Bromley, £100 sterling to be invested in the 2½ per cents., the interest thereon to be paid yearly at Christmas to a poor widow exceeding 60 years of age. The recipient, according to the terms of the bequest, must be a parishioner of any part of Bromley, and a communicant of the Church of England.

AN exhibition of Trades and Industries will be held in the Bromley Drill Hall from Tuesday, July 4th to Friday, July 14th. There will be stalls for food tasting and sampling, and there will also be cookery lectures by Mrs. Gillingham Page at 3 and 7.30 daily. A further attraction will be musical performances at intervals. Admission will be free by ticket, obtainable at the entrance, or of Messrs. E. Strong and Sons, 14, Market-square, or of any of the stall holders.

A CASE of small pox has occurred in the casual ward of the Bromley Union workhouse, and the ward has been closed for a fortnight in consequence in order that it may be purified.

THE Rev. G. S. Reaney, curate of St. George's, Bickley, and formerly minister of Hare Street Congregational Church, Stepney, has been presented to the living of Christ Church, East Greenwich. The living is in the gift of the Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar of Greenwich, and is said to be worth £500 a year.

Mr. J. DOUGLAS, Clerk in the Cator Estate Office, Beckenham, has been appointed a Poor Rate Collector by the Bromley Board of Guardians.

THE proceeds of the May Carnival at St. Mary Cray, on May 27th, in aid of the Farningham and Swanley Homes for Little Boys, amounted to £180, and it is hoped to make this sum up to £200.

THERE were many fires on Keston and Hayes Commons during the recent drought, whereby many acres of furze and heather were burnt.

A COURSE of lectures by Mr. Phillip H. Wicksteed, M.A., has been arranged by the Bromley Association for the Extension of University Teaching, the subject being "Dante."

MR. HERBERT GARDINER, M.P., the Minister of Agriculture, has taken Keston Lodge, Keston, of the Countess Derby.

AT the "Bell" Hotel, on June 21st, Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper sold a plot of freehold building land in the High-street, adjoining Aberdeen Buildings, with a frontage of 22ft. 5in. and average depth of 81ft., for £500. Mr. Arnaud, junr., became the purchaser at £295 of a plot of freehold land in Holwood-road of 45ft. frontage and average depth of 113ft.

DIARY FOR JUNE.

May.
26th—Meeting at Widmore Wesleyan Chapel, to inaugurate new Temperance Society and support Direct Veto Bill, addressed by Dr. Dawson Burns and others.
27th—St. Mary Cray May Day Carnival.
29th—Conference of Bromley Traders at "The White Hart" to consider the question of two o'clock closing on Wednesdays.
31st—Lecture by Sir John Lubbock, Bart, M.P., on his Personal and Political Reminiscences, at Bromley Drill Hall, in aid of the funds of the Bromley Literary Institute.
" —Twenty-fourth Festival of the Canterbury Diocesan Choral Union, in Canterbury Cathedral.

June.
1st—Meeting at Bromley Drill Hall, in support of the Government Direct Veto Bill, addressed by Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., and others.
2nd—Confirmation of 36 candidates by the Bishop of Dover at St. Mary Cray Parish Church.
3rd—Meeting of the Amalgamated Chimney Sweeps Protection Association at Aylesbury-road Schools, Bromley.
5th—Adjourned Conference of Traders at "The White Hart," Bromley, to consider the question of two o'clock closing on Wednesdays.
" —Illustrated lecture on Astronomy by Rev. John Haslam, at Bromley Parish Room.
7th—Drawing-room meeting at Lauriston, Bromley, to form a Branch of the Women's Franchise League.
8th—Distribution of the prizes and certificates in connection with the Western Kent Sunday School Union, by Mr. Robert Whyte, junr., at Bromley Congregational Church.
10th—Annual collections in local churches for Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.
12th—Third Annual combined Excursion of Foresters of Bromley and Chislehurst to Ramsgate and Margate.
" —Last Smoking Concert of the Season of Bromley Volunteer Detachment at Head-quarters.
13th—Annual outing to Folkestone, of Bromley Parish Church Choir and Church Officials.
16th—Vestry meeting at Chislehurst to discuss repairs to fabric of Parish Church.
18th—Anniversary Meeting in connection with Bromley Baptist Sunday Schools.
19th—Beckenham Lawn Tennis Tournament commenced, concluded following Saturday.
20th.—Local Government Board enquiry at Bromley, by Mr. H. J. Tulloch as to the application by Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board to borrow £3914 for additional buildings, &c.
" —Annual Meeting of Beckenham Branch of Church of England Temperance Society, the Rector presiding. Addresses by Rev. T. H. Gill, vicar of Tonbridge, and the Rev. J. Isabell, organizing secretary of the Canterbury Diocese.
21st.—Meeting of Milk Vendors at Bell Hotel, Bromley, to consider the question of raising the price of milk.
" —Liberal Open-air Meeting at West Wickham, addressed by Sir P. Nickalls, Mr. R. Whyte, junr., and others.
" —Annual Excursion to Hastings of Bromley Baptist Sunday School.

SOPP v. BROMLEY GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.—This was an action by a miller to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by his horses, owing to defendants polluting a stream which plaintiff had a right to use for domestic and stable purposes. There was also a claim for injury caused to plaintiff's fishing rights in the stream. The defence was a general denial.—Mr. Kemp, Q.C., and Mr. Overend were for the plaintiff; Mr. C. C. Scott (Mr. Cock, Q.C., with him) for the defendants.—The short facts of the case, as opened by counsel were as follows:—The plaintiff, who is a miller, on the river Ravensbourne, nearly four miles below the defendant's gasworks, in January 1892, found that his horses, who were watered from the stream, became ill. One horse became ill in January and five others in February. The "vets." who were called in were unable to understand the symptoms until plaintiff heard that, early in January, there had been a leakage from one of the gas tanks of ammoniacal liquor, which had killed a large number of fish in the river. They then became aware of the causes of the mischief and stopped the horses drinking the water. Unfortunately one horse died, but the others slowly recovered, although one horse even now was not fit to do a week's work. A number of witnesses were called, who proved that in January the leak existed, and was remedied at the earliest opportunity—namely, on January 13th. An official from the Local Board, who tested the river on January 16th, found that the mischief had entirely ceased. Complaints had been lodged by riparian owners in respect of damage caused to fish, and in one case the Gas Company paid compensation, and paid a sum of over £200 when sued for penalties. For the defence it was contended that the symptoms exhibited by the plaintiff's horses were those of influenza and not of poisoning. Evidence was called to show that other animals which had been watered in the stream had not suffered in any way from the same symptoms. Expert scientific evidence was also called to show that a month after the leakage had been stopped mischief could not have been caused to horses drinking the water three and three-quarter miles below. —Counsel on either side having addressed the jury, The Lord Chief Justice summed up, and the jury, after consulting for a quarter of an hour, found for the defendants.—Judgment accordingly.

THE WOMENS' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.—On June 7th, a drawing room meeting was held at Lauriston, Bromley, the residence of Mr. J. W. Swan, under the auspices of the Women's Franchise League, for the purpose of forming a branch of the League for West Kent, and of making known the objects for which the League exists.—Mrs. Swan presided and she was supported by Mrs. A. C. Scatcherd, Mrs. Jacob Bright, Miss Heppel, Mr. J. W. Swan, and Dr. Beeby, and Mrs. Napier the local secretary. Among the audience were Mrs. S. R. Gardiner, Mrs. Playfair, Mrs. Edgar Soames, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Schooling, Mrs. and Mr. Fleet, Mrs. Dayrell Reed, Mrs. de la Condamine, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. von Glehn, Mrs. Harvie, Miss Harvie, Dr. Scott, Mrs. Loly, Mrs. Israel Davis, Mrs. Priestly, Mrs. Dahse, Mrs. Matthews, Miss Shute, Miss Reid, Miss Wishart, Miss Aitken, Miss Thompson, Miss Jones, Miss Andrew, Mrs. Foote, Miss Oxlad, Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Willey, the Rev. F. Haslam, Dr. Priestley, and Dr. Scott, and others.—Mrs. Swan, in opening the meeting, said that they were trying to establish a branch of the Women's Franchise League in Bromley. They had hoped to have had Sir John Lubbock in the chair, but he had been unable to be present. She then introduced Mrs. Bright as the first speaker.—Mrs Bright after expressing her thanks to Mrs. Swan for allowing them to meet in her drawing room said that a few ladies had expressed a wish to form a branch of the League in Bromley and they were very glad to give them all the assistance in their power. The objects of the Women's Franchise League were: (1.)—To extend to women, whether unmarried, married, or widowed, the right to vote at Parliamentary, municipal, local, and other elections, on the same conditions which qualify men, and (2.)—To establish for all women equal civil and political rights with men; and the terms of membership were—approval of the objects of the League and a subscription of any amount to its funds.—Subsequently eloquent addresses were delivered by Mrs. Scatcherd, and several of the audience expressed their views.—The following ladies and gentlemen were appointed an Executive Committee of the West Kent branch for the first year, with power to add to their number:—Mrs. Swan, Dr. and Mrs. Beeby, Miss Heppel, Mr. and Mrs. Bosanquet, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Harvey, Miss Nicholson, Miss Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Soames, and Mrs. Foote.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

MR. T. BENNETT AND MISS M. B. RUSSELL.—On June 1st, at the Bromley Congregational Church, the marriage took place of Mr. Thomas Bennett, of London-road, Bromley, with Miss Maria Bridgman Russell, eldest daughter of Mrs. Russell, of Chelston, Tweedy-road, Bromley. The Church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion, was well filled, Mr. Bennett being well known in connection with the Church work. The Rev. R. H. Lovell performed the ceremony and Mr. A. Bennett, nephew of the bridegroom, officiated as best man. The bridesmaids were Miss F. Russell, sister of the bride, Miss D. Bennett, Miss A. Bennett, neices of the bridegroom, and Miss Hamlyn, of Torquay, and wore dresses of of crêpon, trimmed with pale green satin and lace, and they carried bouquets of Marechal Neil roses. The brides' dress was of ivory white Duchesse satin, trimmed with Brussels lace and real orange blossoms, with a tulle veil, and a bouquet of roses. Her travelling dress was of Cheviot tweed, trimmed with mouse-coloured velvet passementerie. During the ceremony, Mr. W. H. Sharland, the organist, played "Bride's March," *Barnby*, "Andante," *Batiste*, Intermezzo from "Cavalliero Rusticano," the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The bride's presents were both numerous and costly. Later on in the afternoon the happy pair drove to Bickley, *en route* for the Cumberland Lakes and Scotland. The bride's and bridesmaids dresses were made by Mrs. Emilie Knight, of Church-road, Bromley.

MARRIAGE OF MR. H. S. STONEHAM AND MISS A. L. COPE.—At the Shortlands Parish Church on June 8th, the marriage of Miss Annie Laura Cope, fifth daughter of the late Mr. James William Cope, of Oakfield, Shortlands, with Mr. Herbert Skyring Stoneham, of Beckenham, was solemnised, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. F. Wolley, vicar of St Mary's, Shortlands, assisted by the Rev. A. Willink, curate. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Morton, was attired in white satin Duchesse, handsomely trimmed with old lace and orange blossoms, and her bouquet was of white exotics, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by six bridesmaids, Miss Cope, sister of the bride, Miss Nellie Stoneham, Miss Lydia Andreae, Miss Morton, Miss Kate Peters, and Miss Constantine, who were attired in pink crêpon, trimmed with black satin, jet and string lace, and wore string coloured coarse straw hats, with black satin bows and pink roses, and carried shower bouquets of pink roses and sweet peas. At the close of the ceremony, the happy couple left for North Wales, where the honeymoon will be spent. Her travelling dress was of reseda crêpon trimmed with vieux-rose silk, with a black picture hat, trimmed with pink roses and feathers. At the after reception the following were the guests present: The Misses Andreae, Mr. C. Andreae, Mrs. Charles Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Burls, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brookes, Mrs. Bothamley, Dr. and Mrs. Brisbane, Mr. and Mrs. Barclay, Dr. and Mrs Carpenter, the Misses Carpenter, Dr. Codd, Mr George Codd, Misses Cornabé, Miss Constantine, Mr. and Mrs. Davies. Miss Duffield, Mr. Dummer, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, Miss Dorey, Mr. and Mrs. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. John Farquhar, Mr. Stanley Galbraith, Miss Gallie, Misses Harvie and Mr. Fred Harvie, Mrs. Harvie, Dr. Hughes, Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Hummel, Dr. and Mrs. Kirby, Mr. King, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Misses Morton and Mr. Arthur Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Medwin, the Misses Medwin, the Misses Mead, Miss Mackie, the Misses Messenger and Mr. Sydney Messenger. Mrs. and Miss Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Neely, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Claude Paine, Mrs. and the Misses Peters, Mr. John W. Peters, the Misses Rogan, Mr. and Mrs. Stoneham, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stoneham, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Stoneham, the Misses Tapp, Mr. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. Wolley, Rev. and Mrs. Willink, Mrs. and Miss Worters, Miss Watson, Mr. G. Percival Wyatt, and Mr. and Mrs. Young. There were a large number of wedding presents.

MR. A. E. CAREY, AND MISS M. CHAMBERLAIN.—The church of St. Mary's, Shortlands, was well filled on Saturday, June 17th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur E. Carey, eldest son of the late Mr. E. Carey, of "Oak Lodge," Kingswood-road, Shortlands, with Miss M. Chamberlain, third daughter of Mr. William Chamberlain, of "Laurel Bank," May's Hill, Shortlands, and also of the Stock Exchange, the service being performed by the Rev. H. F. Wolley, M.A., Vicar, of St. Mary's Church, assisted by the Rev. Arthur Willink, M.A. The church was very prettily adorned with flowers and plants, the decorations being carried out by Miss Kate Kirby, Miss Annie Tapp, Mrs. Annie Fry, and Miss Alston. The bride's dress was of white satin, trimmed with Limerick lace, with a tulle veil, the gift of Mrs. A. E. Kirby, and she wore a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a Brussels lace handkerchief, the gift of her mother. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss A. Chamberlain, Miss Carey, Miss O. Möller, Miss M. Betts, and Miss Violet McKenna, who wore dresses of white muslin, trimmed with satin and lace, with white lace picture hats, trimmed with white satin and pink roses, and carried shower bouquets of pink roses. The presents numbered about 160, and many were very costly. The following were the guests present at the after reception:—Mr. Mrs. and Miss Archbold, Mr. G. Atkin, Miss Atkin, Mr. Jack Bouch, Mr. L. Bouch, and Miss P. Bouch, Miss D. Bouch, Miss M. Bouch, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Col. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Burrows, Mr. E. Burrows, Mr. A. Burrows, Mr. H. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browne, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bendall, Mr. E. Bouch, Mr. B. Bouch, Mr. F. Bouch, Miss A. Bouch, Mr. Bloor, Miss A. Bloor, Miss G. Bloor, Mr. and Mrs. R. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. F. Browne, Mr. Byas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Carey, Mr. E. F. Carey, Miss Carey, Miss E. Carey, Miss Colville, Mr. Dennis Choisey, Mrs. Corneille, Miss F. Corneille, Mr. and Mrs. Gallie, Miss Gregoire, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hannan, Miss Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. McKenna, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Kirby, Mrs. G. Kirby, Miss Kirby, Miss Kate Kirby, Mr. H. Lee, Mr. G. M. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Miss Leigh, Mr. E. Larken, Mr. and Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Man, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Lady Mackenzie, Miss Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe, Mr. B. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Miss Panton, Dr. and Mrs. Playfair, Mr. Quarrell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. M. Smith, Miss M. Smith, Miss B. Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tapp, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapp, Mr Tapp, Miss A. Tapp, Miss K. Tapp, Mr. and Mrs. Taite, Mr. and Mrs. Vardon, Rev. H. F. and Mrs. Wolley, Miss Wolley, Rev. and Mrs. Willink, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Western, Mr. and Mrs. L. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fairbrother, Mr. Betts, Mr. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison, Miss Harrison, and Mr. H. Baker.

MR. MOORE and Mr. Mackintosh beat Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and Mr. W. A. Leigh in the Parliamentary Golf foursome, at Fursedown, by four holes.

CRICKET.

BROMLEY v. QUERNMORE.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, May 27th, and ended in a win for the home team by 84 runs. Score:—

QUERNMORE.		BROMLEY.	
C. C. Brown b Gadsdon	38	A. F. Gadsdon b Bunbury	0
W. A. L. Lethbridge, b Jeary	15	W. R. Wilson c & b ditto	0
D. C. Harvey c Batchelor b Jeary	1	J. E. Jeary not out	102
A. Bunbury, c Dewey b Gadsdon	11	A. W. Harvey b Hutton	3
J. Gibson b Gadsdon	1	P. D. Kelleway run out	3
C. W. Hutton b ditto	0	A. H. Squire b Lethbridge	5
W. F. Pearce run out	9	G. P. Sharland b ditto	6
W. Davidson b Jeary	4	M. Dewey c Gibson b Pearce	9
A. Coke b Gadsdon	2	J. B. Batchelor b Harvey	4
A. Waite not out	2	A. D. Tennant b ditto	0
C. Desprez b Gadsdon	4	W. H. Bosanquet b Lethbridge	8
Extras	7	Extras	34
Total	94	Total	174

PLAISTOW v. MR. HODGSON'S XI.—This match was played at Plaistow, on May 27th, and was left drawn. Score:—

PLAISTOW.		W. HODGSON'S XI.	
F. de L. Solbé c W. Hodgson b Partridge	52	C. Earnshaw c Gordon b Bouch	5
H. B. Smith c Earnshaw b Partridge	0	Roper c Earnshaw b Mayne	11
H. E. Bouch c W. Hodgson b Partridge	14	T. Hodgson c Sherwood b Mayne	0
S. A. Smith c W. Hodgson b Partridge	27	J. H. Marlbrough st Sherwood b Mayne	3
A. E. Earnshaw c Rober b Partridge	10	W. Hodgson not out	31
H. H. Gordon, b Partridge	0	N. Partridge b Gordon	27
R. L. Escombe c & b Partridge	8	Buckwell b ditto	0
C. E. Corthorn c Roper b T. Hodgson	33	J. S. Bathhurst not out	7
W. R. Larkins b T. Hodgson	23	C. Viner	
R. S. Mayne b ditto	22	P. L. Solbé	did not bat
Sherwood not out	2	C. R. Mason	
Extras	7	Extras	22
Total	198	Total (6 wickets)	106

BROMLEY v. OAK C.C.—This match was played at Farnborough, on Saturday, May 27th, and ended in a win for the visitors by 19 runs. Score:—

BROMLEY.			
1ST INNINGS.		2ND INNINGS.	
W. G. Beach c Collins, b Cope	16	b Giles	30
M. Baker b Brown	6	lbw b Cope	13
R. H. Smith b ditto	1	b Giles	8
C. P. Hewett, c Phillips b Cope	7	c Pearson, b Cope	16
F. E. Gibbs, b Cope	14	c Brown b Cope	5
J. W. Recordon c Phillips b Cope	4		
A. H. Bennett not out	5	c Merton b Cope	24
B J. Hellyer lbw b Brown	0	b Cope	34
J. Weeks b Brown	0		
A. Moore b Cope	4	not out	17
W. L. Crossley c Key b Cope	0	c Collins b Cope	0
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	58	Total (8 wickets)	149

OAK C.C.

T. W. Brown b Hewett	5
D. C. Collins b ditto	11
G. N. Murton b Weeks	8
J. Westbrook b Hewett	0
R. Cope c Weeks b Hewett	1
H. Key b Weeks	1
A. Phillips c Weeks b Hewett	0
C. Pearson c Beach b Weeks	3
G. Giles, c Bennett b ditto	3
G. A. Rumsby not out	4
H. W. Rumsby c Weeks b Hewett	0
Extras	2
Total	38

BROMLEY v. CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, June 3rd, and ended in a decisive win for the visitors by 193 runs. Score:—

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.		BROMLEY.	
C. H. Russell c sub. b Sharland	5	W. R. Wilson b Lamplier	0
S. Collyer b Recordon	1	F. C Gibbs b Russell	4
C. W. Lamplier c Recordon b Sharland	21	J. H. Lepper c Ares b Russel	12
H. H. Thomas not out	104	J. F. Arnaud c & b Lamplier	7
E. C. Montgomery b Arnaud	5	W. H. Sharland run out	4
W. Roche c Bosanquet b Apthorpe	75	J. W. Recordon b Russell	0
C. J. Ares not out	13	J. B. Batchelor b ditto	0
W. P. King, C. T. Bishop, P. F. Winslow, G. A. Lamphier	did not bat.	A. D. Tennant c Thomas b Russell	2
Extras	12	C. Z. Apthorpe b Lamplier	5
*Total (5 wickets)	236	D. Payne c King b Russell	0
*Innings declared closed.		W. H. Bosanquet not out	0
		Extras	9
		Total	43

BROMLEY v. IBIS C.C.—This match was played at Dulwich on Saturday, June 3rd, and was left drawn. Score:—

IBIS.		BROMLEY.	
S. Dawes b Weeks	20	A. H. Hewett c Waterer b Dawes	88
W. Roberson c A. H. b C. P. Hewett	12	W. G. Beach not out	23
E. White b Weeks	35	C. P. Hewett b Dawes	15
C. Marchal not out	38	J. E. Jeary b ditto	0
B. Waterer not out	143	J. Weeks b ditto	0
E. T. Rayner, W. H. Parker, H. W. Hope, R. B. Devlin, E. J. Hope, C. H. Connington	did not bat.	W. H. Baker not out	1
Extras	12	W. L. Crossley, E. F. Evans, S. E. Pamphilon, F. S. Hewett, R. J. Reid	did not bat.
*Total (3 wkts)	260	Extras	7
*Innings declared closed.		Total (4 wkts)	134

BICKLEY PARK v. BECKENHAM.—Played at Beckenham Park on Saturday, June 3rd, and left drawn. Score:—

BICKLEY PARK.		BECKENHAM.	
W. B. Pattison c Gulliver b Robertson	71	P. Northcote c Latter b Bouch	4
J. N. Tonge c Inglis b Earnshaw	59	L. Wilson b Bouch	50
F. de L. Solbe b Cooper	53	C. O. Cooper c Boosey b Bouch	12
R. T. Thornton c Northcote b Robertson	41	Major Inglis b Bouch	5
C. E. B. Davy not out	33	G. J. Gulliver b Thornton	32
H. E. Bouch c Wilson b Milner-Jones	20	L. Hinton not out	5
B H. Latter b Brown	6	J. Robertson, A. Earnshaw, Capt. Reay, A. A. Baker, K. P. Brown	did not bat.
C. T. Boosey not out	8		
E. Fisher, M. Baker, W. J. Livingstone	did not bat.		
Byes 14, l-b 1	15	Byes 9, l-b 4, n-b 4	17
Total (6 wkts)	306	Total (4 wickets)	125
Innings declared closed.			

PLAISTOW v. WEST WICKHAM.—This match was played at West Wickham on Saturday, June 3rd, and resulted in a decisive victory for the visitors. Score:—

PLAISTOW.		WEST WICKHAM.	
C. Earnshaw b Bird	1	C. Bowman b Keeling	2
P. R. Earnshaw c Henry b Bolt	30	K. C. Smith b ditto	3
W. L. Knowles not out	100	F. C. Henry b Partridge	2
H. W. Keeling b Thomasset	20	E. Baker b Keeling	7
H. H. Gordon not out	23	H. W. Welborne c Treadwell b Keeling	1
R. L. Escombe, N. Partridge, R. Stuart, C. Treadwell, A. Coke, R. S. Mayne	did not bat.	V. Thomassett b Keeling	5
		G. W. Bird not out	23
Extras	12	J. Bolt b Keeling	0
Total (3 wkts)	186	H. V. Green b ditto	6
Innings declared closed.		F. Oldham b ditto	10
		R. McAndrew c Keeling b Knowles	8
		Extras	11
		Total	78

BICKLEY PARK v. GUY'S.—This match was played on Thursday the 8th inst., at Bickley Park, when the home team won a keenly-contested game. Score:—

GUY'S HOSPITAL.

C. J. Francis, b Stokes	44
A. Perks, c Hurlbatt, b Baker	27
W. A. Hancock, c & b Stokes	24
T. T. Hicks, b Foxley	19
G. H. Joyce, b Boosey	28
C. H. Bryant, b Foxley	27
C. A. Trouncer, run out	0

C. B. Ham, c Chattell, b Foxley ...	26
W. P. Jones, ditto ditto...	6
A. Mitchell, b Shuter	30
R. B. Stamford, not out	4
Extras	24
Total	259

Bickley Park.

L. A. Shuter, b Ham	18
F. de L. Solbé, b Joyce	15
A. E. Baker b ditto	36
J. H. Hekey, l-b-w b Ham	78
D. J. Chattell, b Joyce...	5
C. Hurlbatt, b Joyce	11
A. Boosey, b ditto...	20
T. P. Hilder, c Ham, b Joyce	17
S. D. Stokes, b Ham	4
R. B. Aitken, not out	24
Foxley, not out	15
Extras	19
Total (9 wickets)	262

Crystal Palace v. Beckenham.—Played on the Palace ground on June 10th, and left drawn. Score:—

Crystal Palace.

J. W. Pawle, c Torrens, b A. A. Baker	28
A. C. Patterson, c Layman, b A. A. Baker	33
C. J. M. Fox, b Noakes	64
C. Mitchell, b Forster	21
J. H. Todd, c Dashwood, b Forster ...	14
Capt. Fleming, c Earnshaw, b Noakes	8
F. W. Aste, c Layman, b Rand	34
F. H. Nelson, not out	26
W. F. Umney, b Rand	5
A. W. Gardener c Wollaston, b Noakes	0
E. H. Tulham, not out	23
Extras	17
*Total (9 wkts.)	273

*Innings declared closed.

Beckenham.

H. W. Forster, b Tulham	6
C. W. Grant-Wilson, c Fox, b Tulham	8
C. O. Cooper, c Wollaston, b Umney...	46
W. M. Torrens, c Pawle, b Umney ...	48
J. W. Noakes, b Umney	10
S. G. Layman, c Ash, b Umney	0
E. G. Rand, b Umney	4
H. E. Baker, c Fox, b Umney	0
L. Dashwood, c Pawle, b Fox	18
C. Earnshaw, not out	22
A. A. Baker, not out	1
Extras	11
Total (9 wkts.)	174

Bromley v. Bickley.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, June 10th, and ended in a decisive win for Bickley. Score:

Bickley.

H. E. Bouch, c C. P. Hewett, b Pamphilon	60
T. P. Hilder, b C. P. Hewett	12
H. W. Keeling, c Gibbs, b Weeks ...	16
S. A. Smith, c A. H. Hewett, l Weeks	1
W. L. Knowles, not out...	75
A. S. Auton, not out	37
F. W. Simmonds, C. Hurlbatt, E. H. Green, D. G. Chattell, S. D. Greig } did not bat.	
Extras	13
Total	214

Bromley.

A. H. Hewett, c Smith, b Keeling ...	1
J. H. Lepper, b Bouch	7
R. H. Smith, b Keeling...	3
C. P. Hewett, b Bouch	4
W. H. Baker, b Bouch	0
F. E. Gibbs, b Bouch	1
B. J. Hellyer, b Keeling	5
J. Weeks, c and b Keeling	14
S. E. Pamphilon, b Keeling	7
M. Dewey, not out	4
A. W. Harvey, b Bouch	4
Extras	27
Total	77

Bromley v. Dulwich.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, June 17th, and ended in a draw. Score:

Dulwich.

E. J. Heasman, b Jeary	53
H. Thompson, c A. H., b C. P. Hewett	69
Rev. A. H. Knott, lbw, b ditto	9
J. A. Rimington, b ditto	24
T. S. Tregellas, b ditto...	10
S. H. Heasman, c A. H., b C. P. Hewett	2
W. Morris, b Beach	47
D. N. Bahaduzi, lbw, b Beach	28
W. W. Field, not out	8
J. N. Bahaduzi, lbw, b C. P. Hewett	0
J. N. Steed, b C. P. Hewett	2
Extras	19
Total	271

Bromley.

A. H. Hewett, c Heasman, b Morris	28
J. H. Lepper, b Tregellas	0
R. H. Smith, c Knott, b Tregellas ...	5
J. E. Jeary, b Morris	16
W. G. Beach, not out	13
A. H. Bennett, not out...	6
C. P. Hewett, B. J. Hellyer, J. Weeks, W. H. Crossley, M. Dewey } did not bat	
Extras	4
Total (4 wkts.)	72

Plaistow v. Barnes.—This match was played on Saturday, June 17th, at Plaistow, and resulted in an easy win for the home club by 6 wickets and 64 runs. Score:

Barnes.

M. H. Shirreff, c C. Earnshaw, b Keeling	6
F. W. Earnshaw, b T. Hodgson... ...	70
G. B. Hunt, b Keeling...	0
A Sissons, b ditto	0
G. R. Mossop, c W. Hodgson, b Keeling...	6
F. M. Robertson, c W. Hodgson, b Earnshaw	3
C. E. Ratcliffe, run out	0
A. G. H. Stevens, b Keeling	8
J. A. Walker, c W. Hodgson, b Corthorne	0
G. N. Levy, c & b Earnshaw	12
C. Hackman, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	107

Plaistow.

A. E. Earnshaw, b Sissons	81
T. Hodgson, c Ratcliffe, b Stevens ...	24
W. L. Knowles, c Mossop, b Hunt ...	30
H. H. Gordon, c & b Sissons	8
S. A. Smith, not out	12
C. Earnshaw, not out	5
H. B. Smith, C. E. Corthorne, W. Hodgson, T. W. Horne, H. W. Keeling } did not bat	
Extras	11
Total	171

Beckenham v. Streatham.—Played at Streatham on June 17th, and won by the visitors, for whom P. C. Baker played a fine innings of 123, and Noakes took 8 wickets for 60 runs. Score:

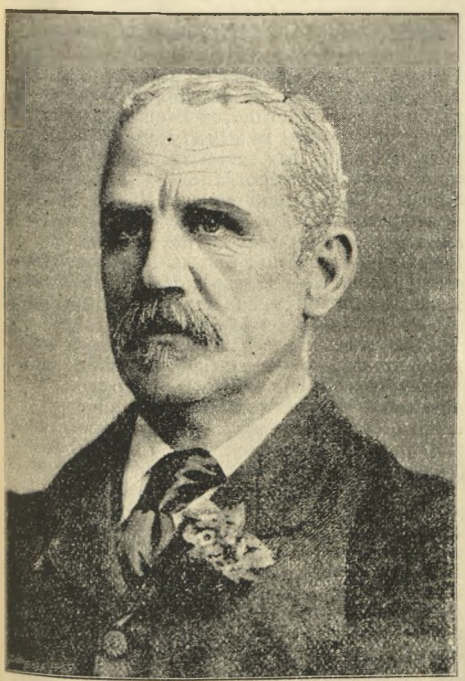
Beckenham: H. W. Dillon, 4; F. D. Browne, 0; P. C. Baker, 123; J. N. Noakes, 33; T. Hinton, 25; L. Dashwood, 8; A. E. Baker, 22; G. H. Clarke, 13; B. S. Matthews, 2; A. A. Baker 5 (not out); H. Ayden, 0; extras, 20. Total, 255.

Streatham: E. R. Thesiger, 52; N. H. Pike, 46; W. S. Trollope, 3; Hon. W. G. Thesiger, 18 (not out); R. de Montmorency, 52; W. H. Greathead, 0; D. O. Kerr, 0; A. B. Field, 2; G. E. M. Morgan, 1; C. Pike, 0; C. Morgan, 9; extras, 18. Total, 201.

THE annual match between a team of the Bromley Town Cricket Club and an eleven selected by the president of the club (Mr. R. Gordon Mullen), has been arranged for Wednesday, the 12th of July next, to commence at 2 p.m., on the Plaistow Cricket Ground, by kind permission of the Plaistow Club.

SIR PATTESON NICKALLS.

We have much pleasure in presenting our readers with a portrait of Sir Patteson Nickalls, J.P., of Fallowfield, Chislehurst, upon whom Her Majesty has signified her intention of conferring the honour of Knighthood in commemoration of her birthday. Both Sir Patteson Nickalls and his family are well-known in the locality, and the honour that has been paid to him has aroused much interest among a wide circle of friends. Besides having taken a prominent part in politics in West Kent for



which Division he stood for Parliament in the Liberal interest at the 1885 General Election, Sir Patteson has always been willing to serve his neighbours in public capacities. He is a Justice of the Peace for Kent, an Alderman of the Kent County Council, and he has just been elected Chairman of the Chislehurst Parochial Committee. He is by profession a member of the London Stock Exchange. Our portrait is from a photograph by Lavender, Bromley.

NEW MUSIC.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to a new mid-monthly magazine *The Organist and Choirmaster*, published at 139, Oxford-street. It is under the able editorship of Dr. E. J. Hopkins, Dr. C. W. Pearce, and Dr. C. Vincent, and should be of the greatest interest and utility to all those who are concerned with the music of our churches. The two numbers already published contain articles on Anglican Pointing, Plain Song, Voice Production, &c., as well as anthems by Dr. Hopkins and the late Henry Smart. "The Flower of May" a bright and easy part song for three treble voices with an effective accompaniment for piano duet, composed and dedicated to Princess May by Dr. C. Vincent and published by him at 139, Oxford street.

Messrs. H. Morley Phillips & Co., have also sent us for notice "Marie" by F. L. Moir (Cramer & Co.), a melodious song which should become as popular as other songs by this composer. "In the Valley," an effective setting of some words of Clifton Bingham's by Tito Mattei (same publishers) quite worthy of the composer of "Dear Heart." Walter Slaughter's latest compositions "God so loved the world" and "The Old Songs" (same publishers) are of a rather more serious character than his earlier ones, and will hardly become as popular. "The Sailor's Home" by Godfrey Marks (same publishers), is in both words and music but a slight variation on the hackneyed "Sailing."

FORTISSIMO.

THE PRICE OF MILK TO BE RAISED.—For some time past there has been considerable, if latent, dissatisfaction among dairymen, cowkeepers, and farmers all over the Home Counties and the Metropolis with the price obtained for milk, and on June 19th, some 50 or so of the dairymen, cowkeepers, and farmers of Bromley, Beckenham and Penge met at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, and discussed the matter at length.—Mr. William Martin Kirby, of the Creamery, Bromley, was voted to the chair, and in the course of his remarks he said that it was felt generally that it would be impossible to retail new milk at fourpence per quart. It was proposed to form a society for the trade, and to mutually agree to in future charge fivepence per quart for new milk, and sixpence per quart for nursery milk—a rise of one penny per quart all round. To do that effectually, however, it would be necessary to sign a kind of agreement among themselves not to retail it at a less price unless customers were being taken away by some outside trader, and then the question would have to be immediately discussed again. He had been round to all the dairymen, cowkeepers and farmers in Bromley, Beckenham and Penge, and all, with the exception of two—one at Beckenham and one at Penge—whom he named, had fallen in with the proposal.—In the course of discussion which followed, Mr. Johnston, of the Creamery, Beckenham, suggested that the opinion of Mr. Ricketts should be taken as to whether it was possible to enforce any penalty on a member of the proposed society breaking his agreement.—To that course the meeting agreed, and deputed the Chairman to see Mr. Ricketts in the matter.—Several farmers signified a willingness to put a prohibitive price on their milk at first hand to those retailers who refused to join the great majority of traders of the districts.—The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, when Mr. Kirby, who again presided, stated that Mr. Ricketts informed him it was impossible to enforce a penalty, as it was not a contract between two men, but between several men and the general public.—Mr. Covell (Catford) said it would be impossible, after the prolonged drought to go on selling milk at the price, and indeed the farmers would not supply it.—Mr. Seal (Chislehurst) suggested that the meeting should appoint a committee and Mr. Johnson (Beckenham), that a circular should be sent out to all the retailers in Bromley, Chislehurst, Sidcup, Beckenham, Penge, Hayes,

and Farnborough, stating what had been done, and that it was proposed to raise the price of milk and to form an Association of Dairymen and Cowkeepers.—This was agreed to, and the Committee appointed accordingly, and Mr. Seal, replying to an objection, said he thought the meeting need have little fear of the wholesale men, for they would, in helping the retailers, help themselves.—Mr. A. Bourne, of Cooper's Farm, Bromley Common, was appointed hon. sec. *pro tem.*, and the meeting was again adjourned until next Wednesday evening, when he will report on the number and nature of the replies received, and Mr. Pradbury will submit rules of an association in another district as a guide to the Committee in drafting their own.—Several of those present expressed their determination to at once increase the price of their milk without waiting for the Association to be formed.

SINGULAR OCCURRENCE.—On Sunday morning, June 18th, at about a quarter past six, a woman was found lying on the pavement in front of the "Bell" Hotel, High-street, Bromley. On inquiry it was found to be Mrs. Emily Sabbage, aged 35, who had been staying with a Mrs. Pensotti, of No. 2, Tylney-road, Widmore, but had taken a room at the hotel for the night. She was fully dressed when found, with the exception of her dress and hat. It seems that the unfortunate woman came into Bromley on Saturday night with Mr. Pensotti to do some shopping, and she by some means missed him. Failing to find him she took a room at the "Bell" Hotel for the night. As to how the incident really occurred is a matter of doubt, as the woman herself has told different tales. To Mr. Pensotti, who called the next day at the Cottage Hospital to see her, she said she got out of her window and went on the roof "to see the time," and then lay down on the roof for some time. She did not, however, say how she came to fall. She was conveyed to the Bromley Cottage Hospital by the police in an unconscious condition, and was there medically attended by Dr. Ilott, who found an open and very serious fracture on the left side of the head, and her left eye very much bruised. Her right arm was broken and her knee severely bruised. A portion of the bone in the skull wound was pressing on the brain, but this was removed by Dr. Ilott, and the patient is up to the present doing fairly well.

SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL VETO BILL. — A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting in support of the Local Veto Bill, now before Parliament, took place at the Bromley Drill Hall, on Thursday, June 1st, under the auspices of the Bromley Temperance Society. Mr. Clarence Smith, M.P. for Hull, occupied the chair and there were also present: the Rev. Patrick Watson, Mr. Caine, M.P., the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, the Rev. R. H. Lovell, the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, the Rev. Hugh Rodger, Captain Richards, Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., Mr. J. M. Skinner, of the United Kingdom Alliance, and Messrs. A. Henderson, Edgar Soames, W. J. Gibbs, W. Tait, T. C. Coombes, Murray Hyslop, T. Martin, Robert Whyte, T. Lewis, H. Nye, A. J. Baker, W. Gomer, Goodenough, F. W. Emery, J. H. Loton, A. Stoneham, G. Smith, Grubb, and W. Amos, hon. sec. of the Society.—The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they were met that evening to consider, and if thought fit, approve a resolution in favour of the measure which was now before Parliament and the country and which was commonly known as the Local Veto Bill. The Bill provided—to describe it very shortly—that in any place where two-thirds of those voting voted in favour of having no alcoholic liquors sold by retail, except in certain specified places such as railway station refreshment rooms, alcoholic liquors should not be sold in those places and also that where by a fair majority of those voting it was decided that no alcoholic liquors should be sold on Sunday they should have Sunday Closing.— Powerful and inspiriting addresses were then given by Mr. Caine, M.P., the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Mr. R. White, jun., the Rev. P. Watson, the Rev. J. F. Shearer, and Mr. J. M. Skinner, and a resolution in support of the Bill unanimously passed.

SIR JOHN LUBBOCK'S REMINISCENCES. — On May 31st, there was a large and fashionable audience at the Drill Hall, East-street, Bromley, when, in aid of the funds of the Bromley Literary Institute, Sir John Lubbock, Bart., J.P., M.P., F.R.S., delivered a lecture entitled "Personal and Political Reminiscences." Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., occupied the chair.—Sir John Lubbock, in commencing his address, said when he went to Parliament he naturally wanted to carry a few Bills. The first was to institute a few holidays—(cheers)—the second to check the wanton destruction of ancient monuments, and a third, to shorten the excessive hours of labour, particularly in shops. (Applause.) The first Bill was carried very easily, in fact he did not think the House of Commons knew exactly what they were about; the second took several years of labour, and the third proved a much more difficult matter still, but from the very unanimous vote in the House of Commons recently, he began to think that they had good grounds of hope. Sir John proceeded to deliver a most interesting, amusing, and instructive lecture, and at the termination was accorded a warm vote of thanks.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN BECKENHAM LANE.—A very serious vehicle accident occurred in Beckenham-lane on the 20th ult. It appears that just before noon a man named Charles Martin, of 19 Stanhope Buildings, Stanhope-street, Euston-road, in the employ of Messrs. H. and C. May, contractors, of Holborn, was driving two spirited horses in a heavy van loaded with iron tanks and other materials down Blyth-road *en route* for Beckenham-lane. The materials in the van rattled a good deal, so Martin says, and he stopped the horses and got down to see if all was right at the rear of the van. The horses were very fidgety, and just as he got to the side of the vehicle they started off down the incline. He rushed to their heads but could not stop them neither could he get away, so he clung to the pole. He himself recollects little more. An eye-witness avers that the horses rushed down the lane and eventually collided with the lamp post, when Martin was knocked off the pole and under the horses feet. At the same time there was in the lane a man on horseback, named Ernest Hudson, groom to Mr. Causton, of Dulwich, brother of Mr. Causton, of Bickley. He, he says, could not get out of the way, as he was on the near side of the road, and the wheel of the van ran on to his horse's hind legs, and overthrew both horse and rider. Two eye-witnesses say that the lamp-post as it was torn up by the van, fell on Hudson, but of this he himself knows nothing, and attributes his injuries to the fall from the horse. Mr. H. Ward, who was in the lane, too, with the Catford Brake, when the horses were seen approaching in their mad career, heard shouts of "For God sake drive up, or they will smash you up," and he at once whipped up his horses, and got clear away. Another man saved himself from injury by bolting smartly into an adjoining field. Soon after the sad occurrence passers-by and policemen secured the horses, and picked up the men, and hastily improvising stretchers, and attended by nurses from St. Vanda's Home, brought them up to the Parish Room, West-street, for the aid of Dr. Codd, who was engaged in vaccinations in that

building. Dr. Codd advised immediate removal to the Cottage Hospital. This was done, and their injuries were attended to by Dr. Playfair. Martin, on examination, was found to have sustained a comminuted fracture of the right elbow, and though much shaken was but slightly bruised. The other man, Hudson, was found to have a very extensive scalp wound, and a severe bruise over the eye. The horse ridden by Hudson, which has been valued at a hundred guineas, was found to have the off fore fetlock broken, and was ordered to be shot.

FRUIT PICKERS' FATAL FIGHT.—At the Village Hall, Sidcup, on June 20th, Mr. A. E. Carttar, coroner for Kent, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Johanna Andrews, aged 47, the wife of a labourer, at Hammersmith, who is alleged to have been killed during the altercation which took place between a number of strawberry pickers, at Sidcup, on a Sunday night. A man named John Dean, a labourer, of Eltham-street, Borough, is at present under remand charged with causing the death of the woman.—John Andrews, labourer, the husband of the deceased, said that on Sunday his wife, himself, and some others had been out drinking together. They parted at the Station Hotel, Sidcup. His wife was then drunk and in company with a number of men and women. Afterwards he heard that she had been murdered.—Alice Bowell, a girl about thirteen years of age, deposed that the deceased had a quarrel with a married woman named Ann Jolly, and the two commenced to fight. The husband of the last-named went to his wife's assistance, and endeavoured to kick the deceased. He struck her on the breast, knocking her down senseless. The witness was certain it was the man Jolly Dean who struck the blow. He was very drunk, as was also the deceased. Jolly ran away, and the deceased was picked up by some boys.—Owen Attewell, an inspector of police, stationed at Sidcup, stated that he arrested Dean at Sidcup Station. He was placed among five other men, and identified by Alice Bowell and two other persons as having been seen in company with the deceased on the night of the occurrence. When charged Dean denied striking the deceased.—After some further evidence the enquiry was adjourned.—Dean was brought before the magistrates the previous day and was remanded.

LECTURE ON HEAVENLY BODIES.—There was a large attendance at the Parish Room, West-street, on Monday, June 5th, when the Rev. John Haslam gave a lecture on "Astronomy," which was illustrated by a number of photographic views. The views could not be shown at first on account of the light, and the lecturer, therefore, proceeded to detail the heavenly phenomena without the assistance of the lantern, in words so simple as to be easily understood. Speaking first of the researches made in astronomy and of the subject generally, he said the sun was 90,000,000 miles distant from the earth. It took almost nine minutes for the light from the sun to reach us, and yet there were other stars so far away that it took hundreds of years for their light to reach us on the earth. There was more activity in the sun this year than usual, and when an explosion took place on the sun, not an infrequent occurrence, it so disturbed the magnetic forces that it was felt almost instantaneously on the earth, although it could not be seen for the space of eight minutes and a half. The disturbances manifested themselves by thunderstorms or some other atmospheric disturbance. The magnetic disturbances of other stars were also felt on the earth, although not so powerfully. The lecturer was intently listened to throughout.

CANTERBURY DIOCESAN CHORAL UNION.—The twenty-fourth festival of the Canterbury Diocesan Choral Union, was held on Wednesday, May 31st, in Canterbury Cathedral, and was from every point of view a great success. Twenty-eight choirs, from various parts of the diocese, took part, but only two local churches were represented, Hayes Parish Church and St. Mark's, Bromley, the latter, sharing with St. Mary's, Dover, the honour of contributing the largest number of voices, 37 each. The choirs were divided into 10 brigades, comprising 647 voices. Seventy-three lady singers also took part, making a total of 720. The service book was of exceptional musical interest, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis being Villiers Stanford's grand setting in B flat, while the anthem was "When the Lord turned," by Ebenezer Prout, a difficult but very fine composition, written for the Festival of the London Church Choir Association in 1891. Both these and also the less elaborate parts of the service went with great smoothness and precision, especially considering that there was only one rehearsal of the united choirs, and that very little help was given in the organ accompaniment. The Rev. F. H. Hichens (Rector of St. Stephen's, Canterbury) ably conducted throughout, and an appropriate address was given by Bishop Speechly.

THE ROYAL WEDDING PRESENT FUND.—The sum of £277 16s. 6d. has been forwarded by Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, the local hon sec. and treasurer of the Kentish fund for making a wedding present to H.R.H. Princess May, and H.R.H. the Duke of York, on the occasion of their marriage.

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BECKENHAM.

BECKENHAM LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.—The annual Lawn Tennis Tournament took place on the Cricket Ground, on June 19th—24th, and was even a greater success than usual, both in the point of the quality of the entries and the attendance. The results were as follows:—

Kent Allcomers' Championship (Gentlemen).—H. S. Barlow (holder) beat W. Renshaw (challenger) three sets to one (2—6, 6—3, 6—1, 6—4).

Kent Allcomers' Championship (Ladies).—Miss M. Shackle (holder) defeated Miss Leigh (challenger) (6—3, 6—4). Miss Shackle having won the 20 guineas cup three years in succession is now entitled to retain it.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap (Class A).—Final tie: H. Bacon, 15—2, beat S. H. Smith, 2-4 (6—0, 1—6, 6—4).

Ladies' Singles Handicap.—Semi-final tie: Miss Nunneley, owes 1-4, beat Miss Goodwin, 15 (6—4, 6—3). Final: Miss Nunneley beat Miss H. Smythe, 15—1 (6—4, 7—5).

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap (Class A).—Semi-final ties: A. W. Gore and A. Palmer, scratch, beat R. G. Weston and A. K. Cronin, 15 (6—2, 4—6, 6—0); H. J. W. Fosbery and H. R. Yglesias, 15, beat J. Hickson and G. Robins, 15 (6—2, 5—7, 6—1). Final: Gore and Palmer beat Fosbery and Yglesias (6—2, 6—4).

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap (Class B).—Final: A. Franklin and P. Atkins, 3-4, beat B. Mason and R. Carr, 2-4 (3—6, 6—4, 6—4).

Lady and Gentleman Doubles Handicap—Semi-final ties: H. Bacon and Miss Leigh, owe 1-4, beat D. Winckworth and Miss Miles, 15—1 (2—6, 8—6, 6—2); A. Kirby and Miss A. Wilson, 2-4, beat S. H. Smith and Miss H. Smythe, 15 (6—4, 7—5). Final: H. Bacon and Miss Leigh beat A. Kirby and Miss Wilson (6—1, 4—6, 8—6).

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—Final tie: Misses Footell and Earnshaw, 15—3, beat Miss Ida M. West and Miss F. G. Myatt, 15—3 (6—4, 8—6). Miss Earnshaw is a resident of Bromley.

Gentlemens' Doubles (Invitation).—Final: W. and H. Baddeley beat H. S. Barlow and H. S. Scrivener (9—7, 6—4).

CHISLEHURST.

VESTRY MEETING.—A vestry of the parish of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, was held at the Village Hall on June 16th, when there were present the Rev. Canon Murray, rector, in the chair, Mr. A. F. Nussey, churchwarden, Mr. Chivers, parish clerk, and Messrs. L. W. Grain, C. Oakley, Otway, Bowen, H. J. Willis, and Schultz.—The Vicar said that they were met to consider the question of certain repairs to the stone work of the tower and other parts of the parish church, and also the best way to meet such expenditure as might be found necessary.—In answer to a question by the Rector, Mr. Wollaston said he could give an estimate of the probable cost of the repairs if he knew how much of the stone work it was intended to treat with the special dressing referred to in Mr. Webb's report, but he could give a general estimate of about £200.—Mr. Nussey then moved "That this Vestry having heard the reports of Mr. Wollaston and Mr. Aston Webb, authorises the churchwardens to carry out the repairs of the tower of the church mentioned in Mr. Webb's report, and also such other repairs to the stone work of the church as may be necessary, subject to a proper contract being made. And with a view of meeting the expense that may be incurred, to make a further Voluntary rate of 2d. in the the £ for this year, and to borrow such further sum as may be necessary to meet the balance of the expenditure." — Mr. Wigram seconded, and the motion was carried.—The chairman said it was necessary to elect some one as Common Conservator in the place of Mr. Beckwith resigned.—Mr. Willis, speaking as Clerk to the Conservators, said that at their last meeting Sir Patteson Nickalls was nominated, and he was instructed to read the minute relating to that nomination at the next Vestry. He therefore proposed that Sir Patteson be elected.—Mr. Oakley seconded and the motion was carried.

GROVE PARK.

VESTRY MEETING.—At a vestry meeting of the parishioners of St. Augustine's Church, Grove Park, Lee, held at the Parish Room, Old Road, on Wednesday evening, in June 7th, Messrs. R. Kennard, J. P. Bloxham, R. Keech, P. F. Blackwell, and W. Winning were elected members of the Board of Works for the Plumstead district, and Messrs. G. S. Warmington, J. F. Howe, and R. Keech were elected members of the Burial Board.

HAYES.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF A FOOTPATH.—At a meeting of the Bromley Rural Highway Board, on June 9th, a letter was read from Messrs. Cowdell and Son, solicitors, London, on behalf of Mrs. Louisa Elizabeth Lee, of Hayes Grove, as to the proposal to close the footpath leading past the cottage from Hayes Common into the highway from Keston to Bromley, and to substitute another. The matter was deferred till a more complete plan was produced.

ST. MARY CRAY.

THE TEMPLE PASTORATE.—On June 11th, the Rev. William Lewis entered upon his sixth year as pastor of the Temple Congregational Church. Both services were well attended. At the morning service the rev. gentleman preached on behalf of Metropolitan and local hospitals, choosing as his subject "Christ, the great healer." In the evening he spoke from ii. Corinthians, iv., 5, and in the course of his sermon said not far from half their present members had been added to the roll since his settlement. He thanked the Church and congregation for their loyal co-operation with him ever since the first day he came to St. Mary Cray.

PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE.—The first meeting of the newly-appointed St. Mary Cray Parochial Committee was held on June 13th, at the National Schools, when there were present Revs. E. Ball and W. Lewis, Messrs. J. Unwin Wing, H. Snelling, H. Brooker, Algar, W. R. Lane, H. Tyrer, H. Figgess, with Mr. G. Wall (acting clerk), and Mr. W. Street (Inspector of Nuisances), and the Vicar was unamimously re-appointed chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

WEST WICKHAM.

FLOWER SHOW.—The 14th annual fête, cottage garden show, and home industry exhibition, for the villages of West Wickham, Addington, Chelsham, Fairchilds, Selsdon, and Shirley, will be held in the Park, Addington, on Wednesday, July 26th. £50 in prizes are offered, also a medal from the Royal Horticultural Society, for garden produce, small husbandry, needlework, and other home industries. Selections of music will be given by the Hayes Brass Band, which will also play for dancing, and a number of amusements will be provided.

LIBERAL MEETING IN THE VILLAGE.—Under the auspices of the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Council, an open-air public meeting was held on June 21st in a meadow, kindly lent by Mr. McAndrew, at which there was a large, though somewhat mixed, audience. Mr. R. A. McAndrew was chairman, and there was also present Sir Patteson Nickalls, Kt.; Mr. Robert Whyte, Jun.; Mr. Allen Stoneham; Mr. George H. Whitehead, president of the Bromley Liberal Association; Mr. T. Gascoigne, and others. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said that meeting was convened by the working men of the parish, with the object of giving some information on the subject of Government matters, and for the support of the Local Government Bill, a bill which for the first time gave to the working man his proper share in the governing of his country. Addressing himself more particularly to the working men—by working men he meant those who were not born with a silver in their mouths, and consequently had to work to earn their livelihood—he said that the Liberal party had already provided them with votes, and with education, and they still further intended to give them the powers, for which the education they had received had eminently fitted them.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

ORPINGTON PRIORY.

Most visitors to Orpington Church when passing up the road which leads to that sacred edifice, have probably noticed on the left-hand side an ancient residence, whose grey, time-stained walls are largely hidden among a profuse mass of foliage. Upon enquiring among the youthful villagers who invariably watch the advent of strangers with a considerable amount of interest, if not astonishment, it will be found that this building is "Orpington Priory," a house of great antiquity and importance. A general sort of admiration for the old house seems to exist among the village-folk; but it is remarkable how few of them know anything very definite about its history. It is equally remarkable that such a small proportion of the better informed people living in the neighbouring parishes know what a fine old house is hidden amongst the sylvan shade near the church at Orpington. Viewed as an historical monument—as a legacy from a remote ancestry—it is by no means insignificant; if regarded as a picturesque and artistic piece of architecture, it is equally well worthy of notice. In both aspects it has strong claims to reverence and careful preservation; for, although the building was never used for a priory in the strict sense of the word, yet its earliest history is closely associated with that of the church of Orpington—the mother church of a very large area in the neighbourhood.



Orpington Priory.

It is probable that this house was designed to answer two distinct purposes. First and foremost, it was a clergy-house, from which the chapelries of St. Mary Cray, Hayes, Downe, and Keston were served by the rector of Orpington. As long ago as 1032 this property, with other land in Orpington, belonged to the Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, and it is probable that he made this house a resting place on his journeyings between London and Canterbury. A suite of handsome, well-proportioned apartments still exist in the Priory, and were probably intended for the use of the Prior and other high dignitaries upon their occasional visits. In the north-east gable of the house is a narrow window commanding the ford of the river Cray through which the bridle-path passed. It is probable this window was constructed for the use of those whose duty it was to watch for the approach of travellers from that direction.

The earliest portion of the house—that which comprised the "clergy-house," as we have called it—is a small stone-buttressed building of three rooms, built in 1393. Much of the exterior is covered beneath a mass of luxuriant ivy, but inside many curious features are to be seen. The walls are covered with beautifully coloured oak panelling, well seasoned and hardened by time. A room in this part of the house, known as the Library or Study, is furnished with a number of curious cupboards concealed in the wall, and one of the trefoil lights in the head of the window in this room contains in stained glass the arms of the University of Oxford, with the motto "*Sapientia et Felicitate*," in use before the Restoration, and since discontinued. Another quarry contains the arms of Dr. John Bancroft, Master of University College, who died in 1640. The original kitchen is in the basement of this portion of the house, and is now fitted up as an oratory. On the left of the door are the remains of the stone staircase which led to the rooms over. This apartment is vaulted in the stone, and the necessary repairs in the work from time to time have been made by inserting bricks in the vaulting.

The little rooms (of which the small library or inner study is an example) leading out of this first

building, were added soon after 1393, and in 1471 William Selling, the Prior at Christ Church, Canterbury, made great improvements in "the Apartments of the Prior in the Manor of Orpington." The hall and principal rooms date from this period, as well as the kitchen, which communicated with the hall through a stone arch now leading to the cellars. Our view of Orpington Priory shows a picturesque part of the building, including (on the right-hand) a portion of the hall, and other work of an equally early period. Much of the older work at West Wickham Court was executed at about the same date, and the stone work in the windows of the two houses bears many points of similarity.

The Great Hall is a finely-proportioned and handsome room, thirty feet in length, twenty-one feet six inches in width, and sixteen feet in height. It is furnished in the most perfect taste, and on its walls hang some pieces of tapestry about two-hundred-and-fifty years old, and said to have been worked at Sir Francis Crane's famous tapestry works at Mortlake. They are supposed to have been brought here from Eltham Palace.

The Dining Room was once panelled, but upon the removal of the woodwork, a handsome stone fire-place of the fifteenth century was discovered. The beautiful specimens of moulded plaster of the early part of the eighteenth century which adorn the cornice and roof-beams are of the kind known as "Strap Plaster" and bear representations of acorns, foliage, and apparently conventional pomegranates and bunches of grapes. The moulding around the cornice is unusually sharp and clear for work of the period to which it belongs.

The Drawing Room, twenty feet by fourteen feet six inches, is chiefly remarkable for its handsome timber ceiling, composed of massive chestnut beams and oak panelling. The old stone fire-place is also fine. There is also an arched doorway leading to a stone stair-case (which originally communicated with the bedrooms above), and to a private passage, at present closed, leading into the garden where the door of exit has been uncovered.

Among many other noteworty points in this fine old house, are some interesting specimens of carved timber, including, oak panelling in the Inner Hall, carved in the linen pattern, and an oak bedstead, dated 1553, in one of the bedrooms; but it would be quite impossible to specify the costly furniture, the articles of *vertu*, and the innumerable evidences of artistic taste with which every part of this house is crowded.

We have mentioned the picturesqueness of the exterior as being of a high order, and it would perhaps be impossible to imagine anything more beautiful of this kind than the colours of the old grey, time-stained walls with their environment of foliage-trees and climbing roses and ivy. Every original feature of the house has been preserved as far as possible, and where repairs have been necessary the new work has been carefully executed, so as to harmonize with the older work. The oldest part of the house is exactly five hundred years old, and the main part was built more than four-hundred years ago, and such portions as have been added since are by no means new. In fact, were it not for certain indications of nineteenth century refinements and luxuries, one might easily imagine himself, whilst rambling around this beautiful house, transported to the times of the early Stuart monarchs.

The earliest possessors of this Manor, as far as history tells, were the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury. The Hon. Richard Spencer, second son of Robert Lord Spencer, resided here as lessee, and here died in November, 1661. He built the present kitchen and the rooms at the south end of the house. His widow continued to reside at the Priory until her death in 1675, when Mr. William Gee, who had married their daughter, succeeded, and the Priory remained in the occupation of the Gee family (who in the early part of the present century assumed the name of Carew), until 1864, when the leasehold interest was enfranchised, and the property conveyed to Mr. Charles Barry, then the lessee of the Priory or Rectory house. Mr. Barry, in 1865, sold the property to Dr. Herbert Broom, on whose death, in 1882, it was purchased by the present owner. Lieut-Col. B. G. Lake. To Col. Lake our thanks are due for most courteously showing us his house and giving us many notes upon its history which have been very useful in the compilation of this brief account of Orpington Priory.

Births.

Atkinson.—May 30th, at Marldron, 9, West Chislehurst Park, Eltham, the wife of George A. Atkinson, of a daughter.

Birkett—On the 17th May, 1893, at Chislehurst, the wife of Louis Birkett, of a son.

Bristowe—On the 29th May, at Waverley, Bromley, the wife of Percy R. Bristowe, of a son.

Foxley—On May 20th, at Southlands-road, Bromley Common, the wife of Harry J. Foxley, of a daughter, (prematurely).

Roberts.—May 31, at Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Dr. Sydney Roberts, M.A., Cantab, of a son.

Robinson.—On June 18th, 1893, at Orpington, Kent, the wife of F. A. Robinson, of a daughter.

Wedgwood.—On the 4th June, of 8, Clarence-road, Bickley, the wife of Herbert W. Wedgwood, of a son.

Marriages.

Bennett—Russell.—On the 1st June, at Bromley Congregational Church, by the Rev. R. H. Lovell, Thomas, youngest son of William Thomas Bennett, of Bromley, Kent, to Maria Bridgman, second daughter of Mrs. Jacob Russell, of Chelston, Bromley.

Blackett—Davis.—On the 12th June, at St. John's, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, and the Rev. P. Barker, Walter, son of the late Robert Blackett, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Mary, daughter of Thomas Davis, of Birkenfeld, Bromley, Kent.

Carey—Chamberlain.—On June 17th, at St. Mary's, Shortlands, Kent, by the Rev. H. F. Wolley, M.A., assisted by the Rev. A. Willink, M.A., Arthur Edward, eldest son of the late Edward Carey, of Oak Lodge, Shortlands, to Mary (Dolly), third daughter of William Chamberlain, of Laurel Bank, Shortlands. No cards.

Henkel—Hopkins.—On the 27th May, at Hayes Parish Church, by the Rev. George Clowes, M.A., Rector, Dr. Wilhelm Henkel, M.A., L.C.P., Knight of the Saxon Ernestine Order, third son of the late Henry Henkel, of Cassel, Royal Counsellor, M.P., Knight of the Red Eagle of Prussia, to Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Thomas Hopkins, and sister of John Hopkins, of Hayes Court, Hayes, Kent.

Smith—Hockley.—On June 14th, at St. George's, Beckenham, by the Rev. James Lunt, Rector of Walcot, Bath, assisted by the Rev. A. Fletcher, Curate of St. George's, Malden, eldest son of Heckstall Smith, M.R.C.S., Esq., late of Hove, Sussex, and St. Mary Cray, Kent, to Ada Victoria, youngest daughter of the late William Charles Bartholomew Hockley, of Sunnyside, Leyton, Essex.

Stoneham—Cope.—On the 8th June, at St. Mary's, Shortlands, by the Rev. H. F Wolley, M.A., assisted by the Rev. A. Willink, M.A., Herbert Skyring, fourth surviving son of Allen Stoneham, of Beckenham, to Annie Laura, fifth daughter of the late James W. Cope, and Mrs. R. Cope, of Oakfield, Shortlands.

Deaths.

Alston.—On the 4th June, at his residence, 11, The Avenue, Beckenham, Henry Carter Alston, of 30 and 31, Bishopsgate-street, Within, aged 53.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

Aug. 1st—Sale of Household Furniture by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at Drill Hall, at 1 p.m.
5th—Annual Inspection of the 2nd Vol. Batt. Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment, in camp at Bromley.
6th—*Tenth Sunday after Trinity.*
7th—*Bank Holiday.*
,, —"The Irishman," Bromley Grand Hall, (and two following evenings.)
8th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
10th—Bromley County Court, at the Court House, Bromley, at 11 a.m.
,, —Sale of property at Bromley, Catford, Chelsfield, and Orpington, by Messrs. Baxter Payne and Lepper, at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, at 8 p.m.
, —Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West Street, Bromley.
,, —"The Nationalist," Bromley Grand Hall, (and two following evenings)
13th—*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*
14th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
16th—St. Luke's C.E.T.S. Sports, Bromley Common
20th—*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.*
21st—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —Re-opening of the Bromley Board Schools.
24th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West Street, Bromley.
27th—*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
28th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on June 27th, the Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, reported that on June 7th, he took samples of milk at the farms supplying the retail dealers as it was leaving the former's premises, and submitted the same to the Public Analyst, who certified them to be pure, although one was of poor quality.

Milk.

At the same meeting, with reference to complaints as to the offensive state of the water course in Hayes-lane, abutting on the road, the Inspector reported that he found the same in a filthy condition, and smelling offensively, and that there was a pipe discharging offensive matter into a ditch, which eventually joined the stream. The Board directed that notice be served upon the owner of Hook Farm, calling upon him to disconnect the pipe, and provide efficient drainage.

Hayes Ford.

At the same meeting, with reference to the letter from Mr. James Churchill, of 63, Park-end, asking the Board to make good the path in that road, the Clerk was instructed to inform Mr. Churchill that as the whole of the money expended in making up this road had not yet been recovered, and that the same had not yet been adopted under section 152 of the Public Health Act, the Board had no power to spend money on the repair of the same. At a meeting on July 11th, Mr. Churchill wrote, "I did not say the owners had asked the Board to make up the roads, and as far as I am concerned I certainly did not, but the Board ordered the owners, by a notice dated 31st Oct. 1887, to 'make up the roads,' and upon their not complying the Board did the work and made demand (31st July, 1890) upon owners for their respective portions of the expense. I have always understood that under such circumstances the notice was with a view to the public adoption of the roads so made up, and I consider it very unfair that the Board should do private work and call upon owners to pay and accept payment for some and let others go for years without bearing their share of the cost. The repairs I have called attention to are very trifling, but a principle is involved and it is a matter upon which the public ought to be well informed. Might I ask how much of the total expense of making up the Park End roads (£935 1s.) remains owing to the Board, and if the roads will be taken over when the balance is paid? I may also remind the Board that these roads are regularly watered and so forth by their workmen, and thus in a degree kept in repair at the public cost."—The Chairmon said that Mr. Churchill was right—a principle, and no doubt a very important principle, was involved. The Board had no power to repair roads not taken over by them. As Mr. Churchill said, full payments had not yet been received, but he did not think that the Board were prepared to answer his question as to whether the roads would be eventually taken over, and there was no doubt that they were not in a position to repair the roads. As to watering the roads—well, the Board watered private roads because the people paid the watering rate.

The Park End roads.

At a meeting on June 27th, the Board, on the recommendation of the Committee, resolved that an iron drinking fountain be erected on the Queen's Mead, at a cost of £10.

Drinking Fountain.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Thompson, of the S.E.R. Company as to proposed agreement for the construction of a railway siding for the depôt in Station-road, and that the Company were willing to meet the Board with all the smaller amendments made by them. With reference to clause 11, as to the power of the Company to terminate the agreement, the Company were willing to substitute 12 months' notice instead of one, as proposed by them, and in the event of the proposed siding being removed by them to construct another, in lieu of the one so removed, or to pay the Board compensation to the extent of the amount paid by them to the Company for the construction of the siding. The Committee recommended that these terms be accepted, and that the draft agreement as amended be approved.—The draft agreement was approved by the Board and officially sealed at the meeting on July 11th.

The Railway Siding.

At a meeting on June 27th, the Technical Education Committee reported having received on June 20th a deputation on behalf of the plumbers of the town in reference to the proposed class to be established, and they were requested to furnish the Clerk with the names of those willing to join such a class, and also make arrangements for the hire of the necessary work-

Technical Education.

shop, the Clerk being instructed to make inquiries of the Plumbers' Company as to their details. With reference to the School Board's application for a grant towards their evening class expenses, the Clerk was directed to apply for a return shewing the amount expended on the special subjects for which a grant can be made of the Technical Education Grant.—Mr. Davis asked who were the members of the Technical Education Committee last year? It seemed to him that the Committee needed a little revision and a little strengthening. He also said something about "unfortunate circumstances lately," the full purport of which did not reach the reporters' table.—The Clerk said that last year the Committee was composed of Messrs. Batten, Curtis, Davis, Loftus, and Payne.—Mr. Payne, Mr. Davis said, they had lost, and he would suggest that Mr. Grinsted be added to the Committee in his place, as there was a special meeting of the Committee next evening. He also thought it would be a desirable thing to invite Mr. Edward Packe to serve on the Committee, he being on the Technical Education Committee of the Kent County Council. He would be a very useful member, he thought, and he would no doubt be willing to serve in addition to Mr. Loly and Mr. Loton. —Mr. Selby seconded, and this was agreed to. The report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted at the meeting on July 11th, the Committee reported that they had resolved that the various classes be commenced from the third week in September. It was decided to continue the French classes, which were being well attended, and also to institute new classes for bookkeeping, shorthand, and commercial geography. It was recommended that arrangements be made for classes in mechanical drawing combined with carpentry and joinery; ambulance class, homely talks on nursing, health and cookery, under the National Health Society; needle work, plumbing, and horticulture.—Mr. Davis, in moving the adoption of the report said the Committee were negociating with the authorities of the Lads' Industrial Institute to see if some arrangement could not be come to whereby the institute could be placed at their disposal for the holding of classes and for giving instruction in the use of tools in the coming winter.—The report and recommendation of the Committee were adopted.—A letter was read from Mr. E. Packe, C.C., stating that he was deeply sensible of the honour done him by the Local Board in inviting him to become a member of the Technical Education Committee, but he feared he would find it impossible to give the time necessary to the proper discharge of the duties of the office, and he therefore declined the invitation.—The Chairman said that from what he had heard he was afraid Mr. Packe did not exactly understand what was required of him, and that he imagined he would be required to attend the examinations which, from experience, he knew were somewhat tedious. He hoped Mr. Packe might be induced to reconsider his decision. The Chairman then went on to say that the Committee were anxious to strengthen the Committee by the addition thereto of really useful persons, and he suggested that a gentleman whom he mentioned might be approached in the matter. He also proposed that the name of Mr. G. Dayrell Reed be added to the Committee list, stating that the Committee had been in conference with him, and thought he would be of considerable service to them.—Agreed to.

Local School Board.

At the meeting on June 27th, a letter was read from Mr. George Wall, Clerk to the Bromley School Board, stating that his Board had confirmed the decision of the Committee to vacate the office occupied by them by Thursday, June 29th, but that the Board would be glad if they could still have the use of the Board-room for Committee and Board meetings. —Mr. Davis: The Board have no wish to turn them out of it at all.—The Chairman: It was their own suggestion in their letter.

Employees' Wages.

At the same meeting a letter was received from Mr. G. Ranson, one of the Board's employees with the steam roller, requesting an increase of wages.—In reply to a member, the Surveyor said Ranson was paid 30s. a week.—Mr. Davis said it would be well to have the whole matter of wages brought up and considered once every year. Under the present system, or want of system, the Board had no means of knowing whether their servants were worth more or not.

Footbridge at Ravensbourne-road.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Messrs. Waterer and Dickins, stating with regard to the Board's enquiries the question as to the liability of owners for the widening of the footbridge over the stream off Ravensbourne-road had not yet been settled, but all the owners were quite willing for the work to be carried out, leaving the apportionment to be decided afterwards.—The letter was referred to the Committee who at the next meeting recommended that that be done on an undertaking being given that the costs of the work would be paid.

The Gas.

At the meeting on June 27th, Mr. George H. Whitehead, of Red Bank, Highland-road, wrote stating that the gas lamps near his house were not lighted until nine, and sometimes nearly ten o'clock at night, and sometimes extinguished as early as one o'clock before there was one ray of light. It was decided to send an extract from the letter to the Gas Company.—At the meeting on July 11th, Mr. W. Woodward, of the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company, wrote acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter enclosing an extract from Mr. G. H. Whitehead's letter to the Board, and stating that he could hardly believe that the statements contained in the extract referred to were correct, but that he would make enquiries and write again to the Board in due course.—At the same meeting, Dr. G. S. Rideal reported that on June 29th he visited the Bromley Gas Works, and tested the gas. He found the illuminating power to be equal to 16·4 candles when corrected for temperature and pressure.—Mr. Curtis: While on the question of the gas, have those contracts been looked up?—The Clerk: Yes, and at the last meeting of the Board it was decided to adjourn the question until the close of the present contracts.—The Chairman: It seems somewhat strange that while these tests of the gas are always very satisfactory, complaints are constantly being made about it.

Telegraph Poles.

At the meeting on 27th, a letter was received from Capt. Wrottesley, making formal application for the Board's sanction to the erection of poles for the extension of the postal telegraphs from the L. C. and D. R. station at Bromley to Widmore.—Mr. Davis said the Clerk had been directed to look up the Board's powers in the matter with regard to overhead wires. He did not know if the Board had power to refuse, but he thought that if they sanctioned the erection of poles in Tylney-road, they would be asked to sanction them in other places.—The Clerk said the Board could refuse to allow poles to be put up in the public footways or highways, but that if the Post Office or Companies could get permission to erect their poles on private ground they could carry their wires over the Board's roads.—Mr. Davis suggested that the Board should reply that they could not consent to poles being erected in the public footways and that was agreed to.

Stoppage in a Sewer.

At the same meeting, Mr. G. Gill, of Green-street-green, wrote that a stoppage in the sewer had occurred in Prince's-plain, Brewery-road, Bromley Common, owing to a lack of water supply for flushing.—The Sanitary Inspector said the Surveyor was having the drain opened to find out the whereabouts and the cause of the block. At the meeting on July 11th, it was reported that portions of the sewer were opened by the Surveyor, and the cause of the blocking was found to be a large piece of cocoanut matting, old tins, ashes, and boots, which had been dropped in at the syphon-head.

Nuisances on Foot Bridges.

At the meeting on June 27th, a letter was read from Mr. W. Walkling, of the Gravel-pits, Mason's-hill, Bromley, the secretary of the Bromley Trades and Labour Council stating that the Council directed him to call the attention of the Board to numerous complaints made to the Council by several of the working classes in Newbury, Aylesbury, and Simpson's-roads, with regard to the filthy state of the footbridges over the railway between Shortlands station and Bromley.—Mr. Davis said that unfortunately the bridges did not belong to the Board. They had always been, and would always be, convenient spots for the commission of nuisances. He moved that a letter on the subject be addressed to the L.C.& D.R. Company.—Mr. Solby seconded, and this was agreed to. At the

meeting on July 11th, a letter was received from Mr. Morgan, secretary to the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Mr. W. Walkling's letter, and stating that the same should have attention.

Ventilating Shaft.

At the meeting on June 27th, Mr. T. Marsh, of Dudley House, London road, wrote complaining that a ventilating shaft at the junction of Plaistow-lane with London-road was emitting a dangerous and noxious sewer-gas, to the danger of the health of residents in the neighbourhood. He asked that it be at once fitted with a gas destructor—as was originally intended by the Board—or that it be closed.—The Sanitary Inspector said that that was the shaft which the Gas Company had refused to lay on the gas to.—Mr. Davis said that length of sewer must be ventilated, and that, therefore, it would be best to remove the shaft and put up a much higher one.—The matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee, who, at the meeting on July 11th, recommended the removal of the existing shaft, and the erection of a lofty ventilator.

The Board v. Pritchard.

At the meeting on June 27th, the Clerk reported that at the County Court on Thursday last the case Local Board v. Pritchard came on for hearing. The Board's title to the land in dispute was fully established, and the Judge granted an injunction to restrain Mr. Pritchard from going on the Board's land, and damages to the amount of £1 13s. 3d.

Tenders.

Tenders for laying down 4ft. 6in. brick pavement in the London-road, from the corner of Beckenham-lane to Blyth-road were opened as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mowlem and Co.	87	19	4
J. Podger	101	15	5

The first-named tender was accepted.

A number of tenders were opened for the supply of road materials at various places within the Board's district.—After some discussion, Mr. Chittenden's (Malling) tender was accepted for the supply of 1,450 yards of flints; Messrs. E. Peill and Sons' for 3,475 yards of flints, and Mr. Marsh's for 200 tons of Kentish ragstone. The tenders for granite were adjourned for 14 days, for the Surveyor to report on the samples, and at the meeting on July 11th, the tender of Messrs. A. S. J. Menville, for 1340 yards of broken granite at 13s. 6d. was accepted.

The Dust Shoot.

At the meeting on July 11th, the Sanitary Committee reported that having considered the sanitary condition of the present house-refuse shoot was of opinion that it was not of such a nature as to necessitate the erection of a destructor, or a change in the system of the disposal of house refuse.—Mr. Davis, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the Committee had considered Dr. Coad's report on the Board's dust-shoot, and although the Committee did not think there was any necessity for any immediate change, they would always consider the present dust-shoot as a possible source of danger, and therefore it must be carefully watched in the future.—The report was adopted.

A Roadway Wanted.

At the same meeting, Mr. E. Packe, C.C., of 51, Widmore-road, Bromley, wrote that there was a very general desire in that part of the district for a possibility of vehicular intercommunication between Shermans-road and Palace-road. He understood that the project had been considered and adjourned, but compulsory powers could be obtained. He had been approached by those named in the accompanying petition to make application to the Board to obtain compulsory powers to enforce the sale of the necessary land. He enclosed a copy of the original petition of November, 1892, with an additional petition, to which were attached the signatures of 56 other residents in the neighbourhood. —The Chairman said the Board would remember that the subject was most carefully considered, and there was every desire to comply with the request of the memorialists then, but they found that it would be impossible to carry out the matter by private negociations, and the cost of obtaining compulsory powers was so serious that they did not feel justified in spending so much on an improvement which, though very desirable, was not of first rate importance. Mr. Curtis: Refer it to Committee, there may be some altered circumstances now.—The Chairman: Yes, perhaps, those who were unwilling to sell land before may be willing to do so now.—The matter was referred to Committee.

Conditions of Public Contracts.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that they had been called upon, in pursuance of an order of the House of Commons, to prepare a return relating to the contracts for the execution of works entered into by Urban Sanitary Authorities. They therefore asked the Board to inform them if "the contracts entered into by the Urban Sanitary Authority for the execution of works specify any conditions as to the wages to be paid by the contractor, or other conditions with respect to the persons employed by him? If so, what are the conditions so specified?"—The Clerk said he had made the necessary return, which was that no conditions were specified.

Progress of the Free Library Movement.

At the same meeting, a letter was read from the Local Government Board acknowledging the receipt of the Board's letter applying for permission to borrow £5000 for the purposes of the Free Libraries' Act, 1892, and requesting to be furnished with the following documents as proof of the adoption of the Acts:—(1) The requisition of the ratepayers requiring the Local Board to ascertain the opinion of the voters as to the adoption of the Act, and the date of the receipt of such requisition, (2) a copy of the voting paper used, (3) a statutory declaration proving that all the requirements of the Act for ascertaining the opinion of the voters have been complied with, and that the result of the poll was in favour of the adoption of the Act, (4) a copy of the resolution of the Board authorising the application with details as to the manner in which it is proposed to expend the sum of £3000, (5) a statement of the estimated annual receipts and expenditure for the purposes of the Act, and the amount produced by the levy of a penny rate and other financial particulars, and (6) plans of the proposed works and map of the district showing the proposed site. The letter also stated that for the purposes of the financial statement it might be assumed that the loans to be expended on buildings, fittings, and books would have to be repaid in 30, 15, and five years respectively.—The Chairman: I am glad to see by that letter that they do sanction loans for books.—Mr. Curtis: Have they the power to make all those enquiries.—The Chairman: Undoubtedly.—The Clerk: This is only preliminary to their usual enquiry.

The Loan for a Depot.

On the motion of Mr. T. Davis, seconded by Mr. J. J. Miles, three formal resolutions were passed:—(1) Deciding to borrow the sum of £3,175 from the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, for the purchase of land in the Station-road, as a site for a depot, at 3½ per centum per annum, repayable by 60 equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined: (2) directing the sealing of the mortgage deeds; and (3) the sealing of instruments authorising such Company to pay the aforesaid amounts to the Treasurer of the Board, Mr. William McKewan.

The Recess.

The Chairman gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the adjournment of the Board for the autumn recess.

The Grand Hall.

Mr. Robert Ronald, one of the trustees of the estate to which the Bromley Grand Hall belongs, wrote making application for a licence for the performance of stage plays at the Grand Hall.—Mr. Ronald being a stranger in the district, the Board decided that it would be prudent to make due inquiries before granting the licence.—In reply to Mr. Curtis, the Chairman said the Board had no sort of control over the pieces played at the hall: it was the man and not the hall that they licensed.

Bromley Burial Board.

At the meeting of the Bromley Local Board, sitting as a Burial Board, on June 27th, Mr. Davis called the attention of the Board to the exceedingly dirty state of the Chapel floors, and said it was doubtful whether they had ever been cleaned from the time the chapels were built until the present day. He thought

the work should be done at once, and for the future done at regular intervals.--The matter was referred to Committee.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month, on July 3rd, the School Management Committee reported, that having considered a letter from the Education Department with regard to the enlargement of Raglan-road Schools on the preliminary plans, the Committee recommended that Mr. Charles Bell, the architect who designed the schools, be requested to prepare plans and specifications and that he be engaged to superintend the execution of the work on the same terms as before. The Board adopted the recommendation.—At the meeting on July 17th the Clerk reported that plans of the extensions in the Boys' and Girls' Departments were nearly ready and would be sent to the Education Department on the Thursday following.

Raglan Road Schools.

At the meeting on July 3rd a letter was then read from the Bromley Local Board stating, in reply to a letter from the Board, that they had no wish for the School Board to vacate the Board room inasmuch as the resolution arrived at, a copy of which was forwarded to that Board, referred only to the room used by the School Board as an office.—Mr. Loly: That is very satisfactory.—Mr. Peill: I don't think it is satisfactory, and it has been brought about in a manner which I cannot understand.—Mr. Bragg said that as far as related to the Board-room it was satisfactory to him, but he would like to know if the Clerk had had, at any time, any correspondence with the Local Board on the matter of the office, and if there was any resolution upon it, or any agreement, and if so that he should produce it for the members' information.—The Clerk said there was no resolution or agreement and there had not been one word of correspondence on the subject prior to that.—Mr. Peill insisted that as the Board paid rent quarterly they should have proper notice to quit.—Mr. Loly pointed out that the Board paid no rent for the office downstairs they had used.—Mr. Peill: It is a piece of underhand work which I want to expose.—The Chairman: The truth of the matter is that when Mr. Wall first became Clerk to this Board he also held an office under Mr. Mullen, and that gentleman no doubt thought it desirable that he should have accommodation in the same building, but now Mr. Wall has ceased to hold office under Mr. Mullen and the Local Board want the room.—Mr. Peill: But Mr. Mullen told me at the audit that he did not occupy these offices and that several boards paid rent for them. I contend that we are just in the same position as the West Kent Main Sewerage Board.—Mr. Loly: Are we to persist in occupying and using a room for which we pay no rent? It is ludicrous.—The Chairman: Next business.—Mr. Loton: I think we shall be in some difficulty having a Board-room at one place and an office at another.—The Chairman: We must not meet troubles.—The matter then dropped.

School Board and Local Board.

At the same meeting a letter was received from the Education Department stating that the Paymaster-General would pay to the Board's agent in London the instalment of fee grants now due to the Board. An average attendance of the children in attendance over three and under fifteen had been taken as a basis of the calculation of the instalments. The amounts were: the Valley School, on an average of 375—£46 17s. 6d., and the Raglan-road School, on an average of 502—£62 15s.

Fee Grants.

Mr. Coppin, the head-master of the Valley Schools wrote stating that almost 70 in each of the three departments of the school would be absent on July 11th to go with the Congregational Excursion. He asked if the Board proposed closing the schools.—Mr. Loton said it would be awkward altogether, as there was the National Schools' excursion on the Monday, the Congregational on the Tuesday, and the Stores' on the Wednesday.—The Chairman: I think we shall have to alter the date of our holidays.—Mr. Loly: Yes; but we have always tried to have them coincident with those of the voluntary schools.—The Vicar: Our teachers don't like to go away until late in July or the beginning of August. But the holidays did not really coincide.—Mr. Loly: No; and perhaps it is not essential, although it would be more convenient if they did.—Mr. Peill: If we alter the date of the holidays to July we should get the fruit-picking season then all under one.—Captain Richards: It would make a very long school term: from July to Christmas.—After some further discussion, on the motion of Mr. Loly, seconded by Mr. Peill, it was decided to close the Valley Schools.

Excursions and Holidays.

At the meeting on July 17th on the motion of Mr. Loly, seconded by Mr. J. H. Loton, the Board decided to authorise the School Management Committee to accept a tender for the painting of the Aylesbury-road School—due to come in on the following week — during the summer holidays.

Painting Aylesbury-rd Schools.

The Sub-committee reported that they had inspected the Raglan-road School, and they recommended a thorough overhaul and repairs of the doors and door fastenings and various other repairs. They also recommended that the roof of the Valley Schools be inspected and repaired if necessary, that the gulley in the girls' playground be lowered, and the ground levelled to it, and various other repairs and minor improvements.—Mr. Loton said the Raglan-road Schools had proved very unsatisfactory, considering the very short time they had been built, and it should not have been necessary to have all the locks and bolts and doors attended to so early. With regard to the ventilation, he thought and hoped that would not be lost sight of when the new class rooms were erected. The whole thing should be gone into, for there was absolutely no ventilation there at all.—The various repairs recommended were approved by the Board.

Repairs to the Schools.

The Clerk presented returns of the percentage of attendances at the various schools, as follows:—Valley Boys' 87 per cent., Girls' 76, Infants' 76; Raglan-road Boys' 83, Girls' 75, Infants' 72; Aylesbury-road School, 76; Bromley National Boys' 66, Girls' 68; Masons' Hill Girls' 65, Infants' 74; Plaistow Mixed, no return for several weeks past ("Oh!"); Widmore Boys' 72, Girls' 71, Infants' 67; Bromley Common, closed for holidays; Addison-road and Sundridge Park Infants', no return.—The Board then went into Committee to consider the question of the attendance at school, and the steps to be taken for improving the same.

Attendance Percentages

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on July 4th, the Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Treasury sanctioning the borrowing of £1,000 for the proposed drainage works at the cemetery, and the Board directed that the letter be taken as read, and entered upon the minutes.—The Clerk further reported that he had made application to the Prudential Assurance Company for the loan, and had answered the series of questions required by that Company through Mr. Hancock, their solicitor.

The Loan.

The Clerk reported that Mr. John Jackson, the contractor, had signed his part of the agreement and the plans in respect of the drainage of the Contractor's cemetery, and he was ready to begin work on the following Monday morning.—Mr. Neal asked if the references and sureties were satisfactory?—The Clerk said the references were fairly good, and Mr. Pellett said some of them might, perhaps, have said more, but there was nothing that he knew of to which the Board could take objection.—The official seal of the Board was affixed to the contract.

Agreement.

The Clerk reported that after the recent Vestry meeting he wrote to the Rev. A. G. Hellicar and the Rev. P. Barker, informing them of the decision of the Vestry not to admit interments from those portions of their parishes known as Districts A and B unless they could be rated the same as Plaistow. From the Rev. P. Barker he had received no reply, and, there-

Districts A and B.

fore, he presumed he was satisfied, but the Rev. A. G. Hellicar had written asking for a distinct resolution of the Board on the subject before he could communicate again with the Bromley Burial Board on the matter.—On the motion of Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Pellett, the Board passed a formal resolution embodying the principal terms of the Vestry's decision in the matter, and the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the same to the Rev. A. G. Hellicar.

At the meeting—an extraordinary meeting—on July 17th, the following correspondence with the Plumstead Board of Works was read:—The Board of Works for the Plumstead District, 39, Board of William-street, Woolwich, 7th July, 1893. Works and Re *Plaistow Cemetery.*—Sir,—This Board the Drainage have had their attention called to the Scheme. fact of the proposed drainage of the burial ground of the Plaistow Burial Board. I am to inform you that this Board strongly object thereto on public grounds, and I am to warn the Plaistow Burial Board that if they proceed to carry out the projected scheme, the Plumstead Board will apply for an injunction. The rights of the Plumstead Board are reserved. Nothing must be done to the injury or danger of the public health in Plumstead District. I shall be glad to receive your assurance that the proposed works are abandoned. —I am, sir, your obedient servant, GEORGE WHALE, Clerk. J. W. Miles, Esq., Clerk to the Plaistow Burial Board. — 11th July, 1893. Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., and will take immediate steps to bring it to the notice of this Board. At the same time I may say that the question whether or not the carrying out of the proposed drainage works will cause the pollution of any stream has been most carefully considered by the experts advising this Board, and they are absolutely of opinion that it will be quite impossible for it to do so, or for any injury or danger to the public health to be occasioned. If you will furnish me with your grounds for assuming that injury or danger is likely to ensue, I will take care to bring them before this Board for consideration.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, J. W. MILES. G. Whale, Esq., Clerk, Plumstead District Board of Works.—12th July, 1893. Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., I should be glad if you will send at your earliest convenience copies of the plans, sections, and specifications, respectively, of the proposed sewer works. This Board is, of course, prepared to pay for the same. The Board is advised that there will be considerable risk of injury and danger to the public health. I am to adhere to my letter of the 7th inst.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, GEORGE WHALE, Clerk.—14th July, 1893. —Sir,—I must, of course, obtain instructions before furnishing you with copies of plans, sections, and specifications, as desired by your letter of the 12th inst, and I find I am unable to secure a meeting of this Board earlier than Monday evening next. I will write you definitely on Tuesday morning in answer to your letter. —I am, sir, your obedient servant, J. W. Miles, clerk.—It was resolved that the desired copies of the documents referred to be sent to the Plumstead Board of Works.

ST. LUKE'S BURIAL DIFFICULTY.

On June 28th, a meeting was held at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, for the purpose of considering the burial difficulty in the parish of St. Luke s. There were present the Vicar, the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse (in the chair), Messrs. J. Wheeler Bennett and W. H. Dodgson (churchwardens), the Rev. Hamilton Jackson, Col. Martin, Dr. Yolland, Messrs. Vallings, A. P. Jackson, E. Peill, F. Peill, J. Williams, Judd, Miles, Marshall, Westbrook, and others.—The Vicar reported that as the outcome of the appointment of a deputation to interview the Holy Trinity authorities, it had been agreed that St. Luke's parish should be allowed to bury in the churchyard, as they had hitherto done, up to the end of the current year, upon the understanding that they took immediate steps to provide themselves with the necessary accommodation. Now they had to consider what steps they were to take. In order to do that properly it seemed to him that the best plan would be to appoint a Committee which could subsequently be constituted a burial board or not, as the meeting might decide. He thought a small committee would be best, as his experience was that committees composed of a large number of gentlemen did not get through a large amount of work so satisfactorily as smaller ones. He suggested that at the proposed new cemetery they should do without chapels. That would save £700 at least by obviating the erection of two chapels, for if they erected one they must erect two. Therefore, he gladly offered the church to be used on such occasions, as they had hitherto done at Holy Trinity, and they could use it for Nonconformists as well as for Churchmen. He would also suggest that, the institute of the parish, could be made available for all book and office work. That night he thought their one business should be to elect a representative Committee to carry out their wishes in the matter—to thrash it out and report to a future meeting, say, in three weeks from that date.—Mr. A. P. Jackson agreed with the Vicar on the main point as to forming a Committee but did not agree with him as to the number of which it should be composed.—After some discussion a committee was composed, consisting of the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Messrs. Wheeler Bennett, Chapman, Harper, Hodder, Hurst, A. P. Jackson, Judd, E. Peill, R. Peill, Dr. Yolland, Messrs. Harmer, Abbott, and Westbrook, "to consider the question of providing burial accommodation for St. Luke's district and all details connected therewith, with power to make enquiries as to whether any other districts will be willing to amalgamate to provide a joint cemetery, and to report to a future meeting." It was decided that the Committee should convene another meeting as soon as they had anything to report and the meeting then adjourned *sine die.*

A NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST MINISTER.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday July 23rd, the sermons were preached by the Rev. Arthur Fawcett, late of Manchester. This young minister comes fresh from college to reside in Bromley, where he has been appointed by Conference. This is the first time the Bromley Primitive Methodists have had a minister to reside among them.

PROPOSED WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE FOR WIDMORE.—In aid of the fund opened for the proposed working men's institute for Bickley and Widmore, a subscription dance was held at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on July 13th, under the patronage of Lady Augusta Pratt, the Honourable Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Berens, Mrs. Coles Child, Mrs. Wm. Hodgson, Mrs. Charles Goschen, Mrs. E. Hambro, Mrs. Ernest Hawtrey, Mrs. Frank Johnstone, Mrs. A. C. Norman, Mrs. Gerard Norman, Mrs. Torrens, Mrs. R. I. Woodhouse, and Mrs. R. Wood, most of whom were present. The stewards were Messrs. Coles Child, Stanley Christopherson, W. H. Goschen, Harry Hambro, A. C. Norman, and C. F. Wood, who also performed the arduous duties attached to the office of hon. sec. The room was very prettily and tastefully decorated, the work being carried out by ladies of the parish, and the floor was also in excellent condition, thanks to Mr. Batchelor. About 150 guests were present, and dancing was commenced at 9:30 and kept up with great spirit until about 3.30 a.m., to the strains of Mr. Henry Finney's band. About £25 was raised towards the object in view,

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

Marriage of Miss E. A. Henwood.—The marriage of Miss Evelyn Alice Henwood, third daughter of Mr. Paul Henwood, of Church House, Bromley, with Dr. Vickerman H. Rutherford, B.A., M.B., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, took place in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, in the Bromley Wesleyan Church on June 27th. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants by the trustees of the church, as a mark of regard for the bride, who had for some time past been actively engaged in Sunday School and Church work. Mr E. S. Parker presided at the organ, and gave a recital while the friends were assembling. The Rev. W. L. Watkinson, of Marylebone, officiated, assisted by the Rev. George Charter (superintendent of the circuit). Mr. M. Scott, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, officiated as best man. The bride looked very lovely in a gown of brocaded satin with court train, trimmed with lace and orange blossom. She wore a tulle veil with Grecian bands of orange blossoms in her hair. Her bouquet (the gift of the bridegroom) was composed or orchids and orange blossom with shower sprays of the same flowers. Her train bearers were Master W. A. Bainbridge and Miss Ethel Henwood (niece of the bride), the former being dressed in blue velvet as "Little Boy Blue," and the latter in a pretty frock of pale blue silk. The bridesmaids were four in number—Miss Clara and Miss Lilian Henwood (sisters of the bride), Miss Eliza Smith, of Stirling, N.B., and Miss Gibbs, of Bromley. After the ceremony Mrs. Henwood held a reception at Church House, at which a large number of guests were present, among whom were Mr. T. Morgan Harvey, J.P., Mrs. Harvey, the Rev. G. and Mrs. Twentyman, Sir John and Lady Akerman, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Waterhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Bently, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. John Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Sharp, Miss Weidmann, Miss Tapp, Mr. and Mrs. and Mr. W. B. Quibell, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rutherford, Mr. A. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Dr Codd, the Rev. W. L. and Miss Watkinson, the Rev. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Capner, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Poole, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Mee, Miss Hasluck, Mr. E. and the Misses Harvey, the Rev. Thos and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Probert, Miss Mabel Heys, Miss Coulson, Mr. Sydney and the Misses Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Rawlings, Misses Avis, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, the Rev. G. and Mrs. Charter, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. and Miss Hall, Miss Mabel Smith Mr. and Mrs. Baynes, Mr. Squire, Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs Innes, Mrs. John Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Soutter, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Mrs. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vanner, Miss A. Tapp, Mrs. and Miss Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Parker, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Clippendale, Mr. Alec and Miss Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rutherford. The presents were numerous.

Mr. W. H. Sharland and Miss Lett.—The marriage of Mr. William Herbert Sharland, eldest son of Mr. Wm. Henry Sharland, of Teignmouth, Devon, with Miss Caroline Junor Lett, eldest daughter of the Rev. N. Lett, of Rosario, Argentine Republic, South America, was solemnized on June 28th, at the Bromley Parish Church. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. A G. Hellicar, assisted by the Rev. — Geere. The bride was given away by Mr. Wm. Weightman, of Croydon, and Mr. Knight, of Orpington was the best man. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Nellie Sharland, and Miss Lulu Lett, sister of the bride, who wore gold bangles, the present of the bridegroom. Mr. Arthur Sharland presided at the organ and played excellent selections of music. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold watch and chain, and the bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold links and studs. The other presents were numerous.

ST. MARY'S, SHORTLANDS.

On Sunday, July 2nd, a new Reredos which has recently been erected at St. Mary's, Shortlands, at a cost of £430, was dedicated by a special ceremony. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the windows, gas standards, font, choir stalls, pulpit and reading desk being especially treated, roses and other garden flowers relieved by sprays of asparagus and a number of pot plants being the decorative agents used.—The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. S. Bickersteth, vicar of Lewisham, who, taking for his text Proverbs xviii., 10, spoke of the service they were rendering to God by the offering of such gifts to His house, not the least beautiful and acceptable of which was the reredos, to dedicate which was their special object at that special service.—In the afternoon an address was given to children, and in the evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Green, vicar of St. Paul's, New Beckenham. There were good congregations at each service, and special music was given by the organist and choir. The offertories were taken in aid of the New Reredos Fund, and amounted to £19 7s. 5d. The new reredos is of oak, and is in three stages. The lowest of the three, forming a base for the whole, is slightly enriched by cusping and carved spandrels at the heads of the panels, and is surmounted by the super-altar, moulded and carved on the edge, and projecting in the middle to carry a raised base for the altar-cross. Above the super-altar the framework encloses two large panel pictures, the subjects of which, decoratively treated, are the Nativity of our Lord and The Supper at Emmaus. The execution of these paintings is very successful, especially as regards the heads which are both beautiful and expressive. Between these larger panels is a narrower one fitted in with a diapered material forming a background to the cross, and beneath the whole run bands of tracery and carved foliage and birds. The topmost stage, the distinctive feature of the structure, consists of an elaborately carved projecting canopy, divided into nine bays by crocketted buttresses and pendants, the panels being filled in with very rich tracery and foliage of late character. The middle bay is raised in a curved form, and the whole is surmounted by a high cresting, at either end of which stands a beautifully modelled angel with outspread wings. The cresting and other parts of the carving in the canopy and round the painted panels are richly gilt, and the oak where exposed, has been darkened. The whole was designed by the architect, Mr. Frank Baggallay; the paintings are by Mr. C. E. Nite; the angels by Mr. W. S. Frith, the sculptor; and the whole of the other carving was executed and the reredos put together and erected by Mr. W. E. Knox, the architectural carver. On the Tuesday following a supper was given to the Church Choir at the vicarage. The following day the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church—which was opened on the First Sunday after Trinity, July 5th, 1868, the Rev. P. Chalmers, Rector of Beckenham, preaching in the morning, and the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, preaching in the evening—was celebrated by special services. At half-past eleven there was morning prayer with a celebration of the Holy Communion and an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Wolley, and in the evening at a quarter past eight there was evening prayer

—choral with anthem and special music—and the Rev. G. R. Thornton, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Kensington, preached a special sermon. The same day a tea was given at the vicarage to the members of the C.E.T.S., and advantage was taken of the occasion to make a presentation to the vicar and Mrs. Wolley in the form of an address, and four handsome silver candlesticks and a complete service of silver spoons and forks, with a choice bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Wolley. The presentation was made by Col. Colvill, J.P., and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Wolley.

POSTAL INFORMATION.

A new Pillar Letter Box has been placed in the Durham Avenue, South Hill Park, at the junction of Durham-road. The letters, &c., are collected and dealt with, as under:—

Time of Clearance.	Time of delivery in Bromley.	Time of Despatch from Bromley.
9. 0 a.m.	10. 0 a.m.	9.50 a.m.
10.30 „	12.30 p.m.	11.40 „
12. 0 noon.	3 30 p.m.	1.15 p.m.
4. 5 p.m.	7.45 „	5.20 „
9. 0 „	7.15 a.m. } next	10.30 „
Sun., 6.40 p.m.	7.15 „ } day.	7.30 „

NEW WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The interesting ceremony of laying the four memorial stones of the new Sunday School buildings, which are being erected in connection with the Bromley Wesleyan Church, to meet a long-felt want, took place on Thursday, June 22nd, in the presence of a very large and distinguished gathering, which included the Rev. C. H. Kelly (ex-president of the Conference), Rev. T. Sanderson, Rev. R. H. Lovell, Rev. G. Charter, Messrs. J. Gibbs, P. Henwood, A. Henwood, H. W. Soutter, A. Gurney Smith, F. J. Hughes, William Vanner, F. Griffith, Mrs. Paul Henwood, Mrs. Howard Soutter, and others. The site of the new schools is adjacent to the chapel and old school, and the buildings will be of brick with Bath-stone dressings. In the basement there will be a large kitchen, heating apparatus, and lift. The ground floor will consist of a large central hall, surrounded by class-rooms, so arranged as to open into the main hall when necessary, the latter being efficiently lighted by clerestory windows. The officers' room will be at the south end of the building opening on to the rostrum. On the first floor at this end will be a church parlour and class room, divided by a revolving shutter, so that the two rooms can be thrown into one. There will be a small gallery at the north end of the building and also a circular window. Accommodation will be provided for 500 scholars. The total cost of site, lighting, and furnishing is estimated at somewhat over £3,000. Mr. F. Boreham, F.R.I.B.A., of Finsbury-pavement, is the architect, and Messrs. J. and C. Bowyer, of Upper Norwood, the builders. The foundation stones were laid respectively by Mrs. P. Henwood, Mrs. Soutter, Mr. Wm. Vanner, and Mr. Gurney Smith, and under one of them the usual tokens were deposited, including a copy of the *Bromley Chronicle*. After several interesting speeches an address was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Kelly, ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference, and then the party adjourned for tea in the school-room.—A well-attended public meeting was held in the Church building in the evening, at which Mr. P. Henwood presided, and was supported by the Rev. Robert Culley, secretary of the Connexional Sunday School Union, the Rev. R. Percival Downes, LL.D., editor of *Great Thoughts*, and author of "Pillars of our Faith," and other works, the Rev. John Bond, the Rev. George Charter, superintendent of the Circuit, the Rev. Thomas Sanderson of Beckenham, Messrs. H. W. Soutter, superintendant of the Sunday School, A. Henwood, F. J. Hughes, F. Griffith, John Gibbs, and others.—From a financial statement read at the meeting it appeared that in all £3,250 would be required, of which £2,902 was either subscribed or promised.

TREAT TO THE WORKHOUSE INMATES.—July 1st was one of the red letter days in Bromley Union Workhouse at Locksbottom, when, as is usual every year, Mr. C. W. Gedney, one of the Bromley representatives on the Board of Guardians, assisted by a few friends of the movement, took all the inmates who could by any means be allowed to leave the four walls of the workhouse—men, women, and children—for an outing and an airing to the pleasant and picturesque grounds of Wickham Court, by kind invitation of Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., who, as is well-known, is Chairman of the Board of Guardians. At about half-past ten o'clock there was a large muster of vehicles—principally trade and agricultural waggons kindly lent for the occasion by Sir John F. Lennard, Mr. Plumbridge (Farnborough), Mr. J. Higgs (Orpington), Mr. Ashcroft (West Wickham), Mr. Cairns and Mr. Lashtell (Keston), and Messrs. Grinsted, Cooper, and Uridge, of Bromley—at the workhouse door, and old and young to the total number of 240 were speedily got aboard, and a pleasant journey to Wickham Court accomplished, the Bromley Foresters' Brass Band being in attendance. Games and rambles were the order of the day until one o'clock, when a capital dinner of roast beef, ham and veal, vegetables, beer and mineral waters were served and, needless to say, much enjoyed. After dinner each man who dubbed himself "smoker" was served out with a cherry-wood pipe and an ounce of tobacco; the women were given snuff, and the children toys and sweets. Further games were then engaged in, as well as dancing by a few of the more nimble and lithesome of the party to the strains of the band, and Mrs. Gore greatly delighted the children by taking them in turns for a ride in her donkey-chaise. Sir John Lennard, Lady Lennard, Mrs. Major Edwards, and Miss Lennard were present at intervals during the day. Among those who took upon themselves a large share of the hard work, consequent upon attending to the wants of so many, were the Master of the Workhouse, Mr. Gregory, and the Matron, Mrs. Grimsey, Mr. C. W. Gedney, Mr. G. H. Payne, and Mr. R. L. Gore. Among others present who rendered valuable and kindly assistance were Mrs. and Miss Gedney, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Clinch, Miss Grimsey, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. and Miss Smith, Miss Dunn, Miss Houselander, and Mrs. Hopton. Mr. C. Harris, the Vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians, Mr. W. Clinch, member of the Board of Guardians, Mr. Dyer, assistant clerk, and Mrs. Dyer were also present during some part of the proceedings. While the afternoon games were in progress huge coppers from the workhouse were requisitioned for tea, and at about five o'clock "the cup that cheers" was partaken of under the fine old elms in front of the historic mansion. Piles of bread and butter and cake speedily vanished, and large quantities of strawberries and gooseberries, too, were disposed of with gusto. After tea some renewed the games, while others of the party wandered round the fine old castellated house, through the famous Anne Boleyn walk and fruit and flower gardens. Shortly before dusk the return journey was resumed, and Locksbottom reached without mishap, each and everyone agreeing that a very pleasant and happy day had been spent.

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THE PAST MONTH.

Two cases of sudden death which have recently occurred in the villages of West Wickham and Hayes, and have been the subjects of Coroner's inquests, have brought home to the mind of the Coroner, and a good many other people, that there is urgent need of a mortuary in every village. Had it not been that residents in each case came forward and offered to allow the corpse to be laid on their premises it is possible that the Coroner's Officer might still have been hunting for a place in which to deposit it. It appears to be the duty of the Overseers of a parish to provide temporary provision for the reception of the dead, and it is said that in default the remains might be placed at their doors. The Coroner made the suggestion that a piece of the Churchyard might be allotted for a mortuary, failing another suitable site. To say nothing of the feelings of the relatives it is obvious that a stable is a highly inconvenient place for a *post mortem* examination to be made in. The provision of mortuary accommodation will be one of the first objects for Parish Councils to try their 'prentice hands at.

The Lewisham ratepayers have no reason to feel proud of the figure cut by their representatives in the litigation that has been proceeding between them and the Beckenham Local Board. The case has been six times before the County Court Judge at Croydon, and the action of the Lewisham Board has all through been as "shifty" as it is possible to be. The have now had to submit to an "arrangement" by which they admit they have permitted sewage to flow into the Pool River both before and since the commencement of the action, in contravention of the Rivers' Pollution Act, have to undertake works to abate the nuisance within nine months, and have to pay the plaintiff's costs of action on the highest County Court scale.

There seems some little danger of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals damaging their reputation, and injuring the cause they have at heart, by too great zeal in promoting prosecutions. It so happens that the Bromley Bench is a particularly easy one to prove a case of cruelty to, and the number of this class of summonses heard by them has latterly been increasing very rapidly. It is a mistake to call every instance of working a lame horse a case of cruelty, but that it seems is what the society is coming to do. It is, unfortunately, still frequently necessary for members of the *genus* man to perform their daily tasks while suffering from various slight ailments, and it is hardly to be expected that animals should be better off than human beings. By a little stretch of the imagination one can fancy this society a few years hence maintaining, by an inversion of scripture, that a sparrow is of more value than many men.

The Rural Sanitary Authority, by the advice of the Orpington Parochial Committee, but contrary to the wishes of the inhabitants of the hamlet of Crofton, have definitely decided to adopt the cesspool system for that part of Orpington parish. Many very weighty objections have been urged against it, but all to no purpose. It is urged by those who approve the system, and of course with perfect truth, that engineering skill is equal to providing a perfectly watertight receptacle for sewage, in the same degree as it can produce an ironclad vessel. But both productions are costly; while in the former case indulgence in a few extra baths, or an attack of English cholera may entirely upset the engineer's calculations.

Freemasonry.—Mr. E. Buritt Lane, Mus. Bac., Dunelm, organist of Bromley Parish Church, was on Monday, June 26th, installed as first principal of the Farringdon Without Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons, meeting at Anderton's Hotel, London, the installing officer being the retiring first principal, Mr. Nelson Prower, M.A., who was assisted by Mr. H. J. Lardner. Among the distinguished companions of the Order present were Messrs. Driver, M.A., Shirley, M.A., Adam, M.A., Harding, M.A. (a former senior wrangler at Cambridge University), and Captain Walls, a Grand Steward of England for the present year. The companions afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bromley Common Cottagers' Show.—The annual cottagers' show of fruit, flowers, and vegetables for Bromley Common and district took place on July 19th, by kind permission of Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., the President of the Society, in that gentleman's park, but the constant showers throughout the afternoon and evening rendered the attendance lamentably small—much smaller than the merits of the show deserved, and, indeed, would have received but for the inclement state of the weather. The exhibits were arranged in two marquees, a circular tent being reserved for the use of the Committee. Some of the exhibits of apples, currants, gooseberries, and potatoes were very fine, considering the hard season just experienced, and in the floral exhibits the same standard of excellence seemed to prevail. Cottagers' wives made a good show in their class with plates of cooked potatoes and home-made bread. The children's classes, too, were well represented, and the winner of the prize for the best collection of wild grasses may be heartily congratulated. The judges were Mr. C. Harris, of Hammerwood, East Grinstead, gardener to Mr. Oswald A. Smith; Mr. W. Whalley, gardener at Addington Park to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; and Mr. A. Lyddiard, gardener to Mr. E. Edwards, of Kidbrook Lodge, Blackheath; the co-secretaries being Mr. R. Filkins, of Oakbank, Chislehurst, and Mr. W. Lyddiard, The Rookery, Bromley Common, from whom the Bromley Show authorities might take a lesson in the matter of the preparation of a prize list. During the afternoon and evening the Crays Temperance Band played several selections of music, but the usual dancing in the evening was precluded by the rain, which had rendered the rather long grass most uncomfortable for such amusement. The prizes were to have been distributed by Mrs. A. C. Norman, but, in her absence through the rain, that office was kindly undertaken by the Rev. Hamilton Jackson.

June. DIARY FOR JULY.

22nd—Laying of Foundation Stones of the New Wesleyan Sunday Schools at Bromley.
23rd—Presentation of plate to Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, clerk to the Bromley Board of Guardians, by Members and Officers of the Board, to commemorate his completion of 21 years of office.
25th—Pulpit references to and collections on behalf of the H.M.S. "Victoria" Disaster, at many of the local churches.
26th—St. Luke's Church, Bromley, annual excursion to Sandgate.
28th—Annual Festival of the Bromley Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, at Plaistow Lodge.
" —Meeting at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, to consider the provision of a burial ground for the parish.
23rd—Quarterly meeting of London Baptist Association, held at Elm Road Chapel, Beckenham, Rev. J. T. Wigner presiding.

July.
1st—Treat to the inmates of the Bromley Union Workhouse, in the grounds of West Wickham Court.
" —Garden Party at Westgate, Beckenham, given Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baker to the Beckenham Abstainers' Union.
2nd—Dedication of New Reredos at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands.
" —Annual Church Parade of Beckenham Friendly Societies to Christ Church. Sermon by the Rev. John Harding. Collection £22 9s.
4th—Opening of Food and Trades Exhibition at Bromley Drill Hall.
6th—Local Festivities in honour of the wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May of Teck.
8th—Annual Sports in connection with Beckenham Cricket Club, prizes presented by Mrs. H. W. Forster.
9th—Annual Church Parade of Bromley Friendly Societies, sermon at St. Luke's, by the Rev. G. S. Reaney.
10th—Annual excursion Bromley Parish Church Sunday Schools to Littlehampton.
11th—Excursion of the Bromley Congregational Sunday Schools to Hastings.
12th—Excursion of the Members of the Bromley Co-operative Society's Penny Bank to Sandgate.
17th—Annual Excursion of the Volunteer Band to Gravesend, by brake.
" —Bickley, Beckenham and Plaistow cricket weeks commenced.
19th—Annual Cottagers Flower Show at Bromley Common.

At the Guildhall Police Court, on July 28th, John Smith Bath, of Wanscot Farm, Crayford, was fined £5 for assaulting Mr. C. Lea Wilson, J.P., of Beckenham, in a London street. Defendant had quarrelled with plaintiff, who was his landlord.

The residence, Heathfield, Keston, lately in the occupation of Mr. Wilmot Holland, was sold last month, together with thirty-six acres of land, at the price of £4900.

It has been decided to increase the accommodation of the Bromley Congregational Church by adding ninety seats to it.

Mr. S. P. Low, chairman of the Bromley Bench of Magistrates, has expressed his willingness to contest the Saffron Waldon Division of Essex, as an Unionist, in opposition to Mr. Herbert Gardiner, M.P., the Minister of Agriculture.

Plaistow Lodge, Lord Kinnaird's estate, comprising 120 acres and and a mansion, was last week sold by auction by Messrs. Baxter Payne and Lepper, to Mr. Watts, for £35,000.

Mr. W. Baddeley, last year's holder of the Lawn Tennis Singles Championship of England, was defeated in the Championship match at Wimbledon, last month, by Mr. Pim, the Irish Champion.

The Kentish Royal Wedding Present. — The amount subscribed from the County and Boroughs of Kent towards making a presentation gift to H.R.H. the Duke of York and Her Serene Highness the Princess Victoria Mary of Teck on the occasion of their marriage reached the sum of £1560 14s. 6d. A very handsome pearl necklace, by the Princess's desire, was chosen by a Ladies' Committee, and purchased at Messrs. Garrad's. A book in white vellum, handsomely bound, surmounted by the arms of Kent, and beginning with an illuminated inscription, contains the names of all the subscribers. The presentation was made by the Countess Stanhope and a representatve Committee of the Ladies of Kent on July 1st, at White Lodge, Richmond Park. The Princess very graciously expressed her warm appreciation of the gift, and we understand that it is the intention of Her Serene Highness to write a letter of acknowledgment to the County which will be made public in due course.

Strange Abduction Case at Bromley.—At the Bromley Police Court on June 24th, before Messrs. Gerard Norman (in the chair), James Batten, and Coles Child, *Frederick Edward Breton*, journalist, of 17, Palace-grove Bromley, was brought up on a warrant charged with unlawfully taking Mary Helena Brown out of the possession and against the will and consent of her lawful guardian, Elizabeth Neville, in contravention of the statute, on June 15th.—Prisoner, a more or less successful journalist and novelist and for 10 years with Reuter's News Agency, appeared extremely agitated. —The evidence of Miss Neville, was to the effect, that on the morning in question, she with prisoner's wife and Miss Brown drove to New Cross, where she left the two latter in the trap. On her return a man was in charge of the pony and he handed her a letter from Miss Brown, telling her not to be frightened by her absence as she was "quite safe and happy." Miss Neville at once gave information to the police.—Miss Brown's story was that on the night previous she and the prisoner pre-arranged their flight together, and that she came back to Bromley, after Mrs. Breton had left her at New Cross to go to her sister's, met the prisoner and went with him to Guernsey, via. Waterloo and Weymouth, where they lived together as man and wife under the prisoner's proper name.—Detective McCarthy proved tracing and arresting the prisoner, who on the warrant being read over to him said "she is over 16 years of age. I was led to believe that Miss Neville had no legal claim over her." Prisoner was remanded until Monday when Mr. T. Duerdin Dutton, appeared to defend him.—Several extraordinary letters—written by the prisoner to Miss Brown after his arrest at Guernsey —were read over, in each of which prisoner exhorted the girl to be true to him.—Miss Neville, in support of her claim to lawful guardianship of Miss Brown, detailed how she took her from her dying mother as a sacred charge.—Prisoner reserved his defence and was formerly committed for trial at the next assizes.—At the assizes on July 10th, prisoner was sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour.

Presentation to Mr. R. Gordon Mullen. —On June 22nd, at the Union House, Locksbottom, Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen, the Clerk to the Bromley Board of Guardians, was the recipient of a handsome piece of plate subscribed for by the members and officers of the Board, most of whom were present. Sir John Lennard, Bart., J.P., the Chairman of the Board, in making the presentation, alluded to the improved administration of the affairs of the Union since Mr. Mullen took office, now 21 years ago, and also to the invaluable services Mr. Mullen rendered in 1874, when they, as the Sanitary Authority of the district, found themselves called upon to provide a system of sewerage for the district. He further dwelt on the high regard and esteem which every member of the Board and every officer from the highest to the lowest felt for Mr. Mullen.—Mr. Mullen then acknowledged the recognition of his services in a few well-chosen words.—Mr. Waring, J.P., of Chelsfield, Mr. C. W. Gedney, Mr. C. Harris, and Mr. T. D. Corke also spoke.—The presentation plate, which took the form of an exquisitely chased silver tea tray—supplied by Mr. Taylor, of High-street, Bromley —bore the inscription :—"Presented to Robert Gordon Mullen, Esq., by the members and staff of the Bromley Board of Guardians, as a souvenir of his 21st year of office, and as a mark of personal esteem and regard. June, 1893."

CRICKET.

Bromley Town C.C. v. Mr. R. G. Mullen's XI.—Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, president of the Bromley Town Club, got together a strong local eleven to do battle with the Bromley Town Club, on July 12th, but unfortunately the weather, as last year, was very unpropitious. Not to be daunted, however, a number of persons—including Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., J.P., and Lady Lennard, the Rev. W. Hodgson, Mrs. R. G. Mullen, Mr. C. Harris, Mr. H. J. Willis, Mr. H. C. Bond and Mrs. Bond, Mr. F. H. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bates, the Misses Solbé, the Misses Larkin, Mr. G. Loly, Mrs. Loly, and Miss Loly, Mrs. S. Atkins, Mrs. J. H. Lepper, Mr. R. L. Gore, Mr. W. Street, Mr. I. Cribb, Mr. J. Dyer, and many others—assembled on the ground at Plaistow—kindly lent by the Plaistow C. C. for the occasion—and as soon as the weather moderated at all preparations were made for "a start." It was just twenty minutes to four when the Town cricketers went to the wicket and R. S. Mayne, the energetic secretary of the Plaistow Cricket Club, delivered the first ball. No great stand could be made against the bowling of Mayne and C. P. Hewett, and the innings closed for 99 runs. During the latter portion of the innings ominous clouds had been gathering, and when the last man went to the wicket rain again commenced to fall, but as soon as the last wicket had fallen a thunder storm burst over the ground, and the torrents of rain that then fell precluded further play. The following gentlemen composed the team selected by Mr. R. G. Mullen:—Messrs. H. J. Lepper, F. de L. Solbé, R. S. Mayne, W. Hodgson, T. Hodgson, H. H. F. Lennard, B. H. Latter, Frank Gibbs, W. R. Larkins, C. P. Hewett, and Anderson. During the afternoon all of those present partook of a capital high tea laid out in a large marquee, and under the distressing circumstances of weather, a cup of tea in the shelter thus afforded was the one bright spot in a miserable afternoon. The Foresters Band were in attendance and they played various selections of music at intervals.

Bromley Town.

H. C. Hopton b R. S. Mayne	9
J. Lowrence b C. P. Hewett	3
E. J. Gedney b Hewett	13
A. Romary c Hodgson b Hewett	23
C. Simmons b Hewett	12
H. J. Hopton b Hewett	13
C. Sanders c Taylor b Mayne	8
T. Knight not out	4
Taylor b Mayne	0
J. Strange c Larkin b Mayne	5
R. C. Fawsitt b Mayne	3
Extras	6
Total	99

Bromley v. Crystal Palace.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, July 1st, and ended in a draw. Score:—

Bromley.

A. H. Hewett c Barchard b Colegrave	9
W. G. Beach b Knight	19
R. H. Smith b Colgrave	4
F. E. Gibbs not out	5
C. P. Hewett b Tufnell	84
A. F. Gadsdon b Knight	13
A. H. Bennett not out	22
J. Weeks, J. Dinwoodie, W. G. Hewett, W. H. Bosanquet	Did not bat. Innings closed.
Extras	20
Total (5 wkts)	176

Crystal Palace.

A. Colegrave b Gadsdon	21
F. W. Aste c Weeks b Beach	44
W. W. Reshleigh b Gadsdon	0
F. C. Barchard b Gadsdon	0
G. Forrest run out	4
C. F. Tufnell not out	4
A. A. Knight not out	30
A. B. Cipriani, C. M. Crem, W. H. Prust, A. H. Gaitknell	To bat.
Extras	11
Total (5 wkts)	114

Bromley v. Bromley Common.—This match was played at Bromley Common, on July 1st, and resulted in a win for the home team by 22 runs. E. J. Gedney was chief scorer for the winners with 42, but his stumps were hit hard by a ball from Pamphilon which failed to remove the bails, when he had scored about 20. Score:

Bromley Common.

G. Taylor c Moore b Pamphilon	9
E. J. Gedney c Sharland b Payne	42
Rev. Faunthorpe b Pamphilon	0
A. Fleming b Moore	7
J. Smith b Pamphilon	2
F. Gedney c Dewey b Pamphilon	0
W. Taylor c Moore b Pamphilon	9
E. Devlin c and b Payne	4
F. Carter c Tennant b Payne	1
H. Bowyer c Payne b Wilson	3
W. Santer not out	0
Extras	9
Total	86

Bromley.

W. R. Wilson c Taylor b Faunthorpe	14
S. E. Pamphilon b Santer	6
G. P. Sharland st Taylor b Santer	0
A. Wilson b Faunthorpe	1
A. D. Tennant b E. Taylor	8
R. G. Reid b Faunthorpe	10
M. Dewey st Taylor b Taylor	0
A. Moore b Faunthorpe	10
D. Payne not out	1
E. T. Mitchell b Gedney	0
W. J. Pamphilon b Gedney	0
Extras	14
Total	64

Bickley Park v. Ne'er-Do-Weels.—Played at Bickley on July 1st, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:

Bickley Park.

A. Latter c Gorgon b Greig	110
T. P. Hilder b Raphael	50
E. K. Bouch c Greig b Dalbone	0
F. de L. Solbe not out	8
C. Hurlbatt c Greig b Campbell	0
R. Fisher b Campbell	64
M. G. Nelson b Greig	32
B. H. Latter c Raphael b Campbell	6
W. J. Chattell not out	45
Extras	17
Total (7 wkts)	332

W. B. Pattison and H. E. Bouch did not bat.

Ne'er-do-Weels.

W. Muggeridge b Fisher	17
S. Bonham-Carter b Fisher	11
R. Greig b W. B. Pattison	18
Bowden-Smith b Hurlbatt	4
E. G. Raphael b Pattison	16
Major Dalbone run out	2
T. B. Harbottle b Pattison	2
O. Evans c Hurlbatt b Pattison	45
T. M. Campbell b Fisher	8
H. H. Gorgon b Pattison	0
W. L. Pare not out	4
Extras	19
Total	146

BLACKHEATH v. BECKENHAM.—Played at the Rectory Field, Blackheath, on July 1st. Score :—

BLACKHEATH.

S. Castle b Noakes	33
A. W. Stewart b A. A. Baker	40
K. Christopherson b A. Baker	0
A. J. Thornton c Torrens b Noakes	4
C. L. Hemmerde b Noakes	3
G. H. C. Fegan b Noakes	18
H. R. Blaker run out	16
G. C. Hubbard b Marshall	33
S. Christopherson c Brown b Marshall	16
Rev. F. W. S. Lievre b Marshall	52
M. Christopherson not out	11
Extras	13
Total	239

BECKENHAM.

F. D. Browne c M. Christopherson b Thornton	5
C. Earnshaw b S. Christopherson	11
P. C. Baker b Hubbard	27
W. M. Torrens c Hemmerde b S. Christopherson	37
A. H. Marshall c S. Christopherson b Thornton	18
J. N. Noakes b Hubbard	1
L. Dashwood b Thornton	3
H. B. Bolus c K. Christopherson b Thornton	0
A. A. Baker c and b Thornton	8
F. C. Chater b Thornton	0
J. H. Hill not out	1
Extras	5
Total	116

CHISLEHURST v. CHISLEHURST WANDERERS.—Played at Chislehurst on July 1st. Score :—

Wanderers.—M. Wood, 0 ; W. James, 15 ; W. Lyne, 43 ; W. E. Pearson, 5 ; L. Line, 21 ; J. Hill, 0 ; G. Potter, 5 ; F. Ford, 4 ; L. Burton, 4 ; A. Potter, 4 ; F. Sims, 4 (not out) ; extras, 12. Total, 117.

Chislehurst.—R. H. Dunn, 28 ; G. H. Rock, 7 ; S. Wilson, 25 ; D. P. Budworth, 12 ; H. Mason, 5 ; R. Whistler, 6 ; J. M. Nussey, 14 ; D. Chattell, 12 (not out) ; G. Camroux, 5 ; F. Russell, 8 (not out) ; extras, 3. Total (for eight wickets), 125. G. Whistler did not bat.

HOLBORN v. BROMLEY.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, June 24th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 53 runs and seven wickets. Score :—

BROMLEY.

W. G. Beech, b Vieusseux	0
J. H. Lepper b Henry	1
R. H. Smith b Vieusseux	2
R. S. Hewett not out	1
C. P. Hewett b Henry	14
A. H. Hewett c Hawes b Vieusseux	9
A. H. Bennett c Boden b Vieusseux	15
A. F. Gadsden b Vieusseux	8
F. Giles b Vieusseux	1
W. L. Crossley c Biddle b Henry	1
F. S. Hewett c Wheeler b Vieusseux	1
Extras	8
Total	61

HOLBORN.

G. H. Small c A. H. Hewett b Bennett	65
H. B. Biddle not out	26
F. Henry c Bennett b Gadsden	0
F. J. Risien not out	12
Extras	12
Total (2 wkts)	114

A. C. Boden, W. H. Wheeler, A. Smith, S. Hawes, A. J. Houghton, E. T. Vieusseux, and E. R. Risien did not bat.

DULWICH v. PLAISTOW.—Played at Dulwich on June 24th, and ended in a draw much in favour of the visitors, for whom W. Hodgson and E. C. Mordaunt were the principal scorers with forty each. Score :

PLAISTOW.

H. B. Smith b Morris	5
C. E. Corthorn b Morris	25
S. A. Smith b Phillips	4
T. Hodgson b E. H. Heasman	11
A. E. Earnshaw c and b Tregellas	10
W. Hodgson c and b Tregellas	40
E. C. Mordaunt c Field b E. H. Heasman	40
P. R. Earnshaw b Tregellas	8
H. H. Gordon b Tregellas	0
W. R. Larkins b Remmington	7
N. Partridge not out	4
Extras	18
Total	172

DULWICH.

H. Ilson c Larkins b A Earnshaw	3
W. W. Field b Mardaunt	4
J. Remmington c and b Mordaunt	9
A. King not out	10
L. Phillips, b A Earnshaw	5
T. S. Tregellas c A. b P. Earnshaw	14
B. Heasman b T. Hodgson	0
E. H. Heasman not out	0
Extras	13
Total (6 wkts)	58

BROMLEY v. IBIS.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, July 8th, and ended in a draw. Score :—

BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett c Buckland b Wright	14
W. G. Beach b Wright	1
C. P. Hewett b Wright	57
J. H. Lepper c Schooling b Wright	1
A. H. Bennett b Wright	2
J. Weeks b Wright	12
B. J. Hellyer c Marschall b Buckland	19
W. H. Baker b Wright	9
E F. Evans run out	4
G. E. Pamphilon b White	12
M. Dewey not out	4
Extras	16
Total	151

IBIS.

W. Roberson c Beach b Weeks	0
E. Rayner c Bennett b Weeks	16
A. White b Weeks	7
B. Waterer b ditto	1
C. Marschall not out	0
E. H. Buckland not out	2
G. Daws, F. Schooling, J. Knight, A. W. Hope, W. Wright	to bat.
Extras	5
Total (4 wickets)	31

BROMLEY POLICE v. SUNDRIDGE PARK.—This annual fixture was played off on July 14th, and resulted in a win for the police by three wickets and four runs. Score :—

SUNDRIDGE PARK.

Tapper b Everett	9	lbw b Romary	5
Beck b Lambe	2	b Romary	6
Bullen c Langham b Lambe	5	run out	11
Sanders b Lambe	3	lbw b Romary	30
Fawsitt b Everett	1	b Romary	34
Joel c and b Lambe	1	b ditto	4
Morter b Lambe	2	not out	1
Pearce b Everett	1		
Stephens c Langham b Lambe	0		
Hoskins b Lambe	4		
Perry b Everett	3		
Gurr not out	0	b Glover	1
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	32	* Total	95

* Innings declared closed.

BROMLEY POLICE.

Langham b Fawsitt	4	b Fawsitt	2
Glover c Tapper b Fawsitt	7	b Beck	0
Everett c Pearce b Fawsitt	19	b Fawsitt	4
Romary b Fawsitt	6	not out	49
Lambe b Fawsitt	0	b Fawsitt	4
Mallett b Fawsitt	1	b Fawsitt	0
Smith c Fawsitt b Bullen	8	b Beck	5
Heatherington c Fawsitt b Bullen	1		
Eastwood b Bullen	4	b Fawsitt	0
Humphries not out	1	b ditto	0
Gower c Morter b Bullen	0		
Loving c and b Fawsitt	0		
Extras	6	Extras	10
Total	57	Total	74

BROMLEY V. NORTHBROOK.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, July 15th, and ended in a win for the home team by 45 runs and three wickets. Score:—

NORTHBROOK.

C. Pearce, c Mayne, b C. P. Hewett	34
A. H. Smith, b C. P. Hewett	2
C. O. Springthorpe, c Smith, b Mayne	2
S. Abbott, c Smith, b C. P. Hewett	4
J. W. Knowles, c Beach, b Mayne	0
H. N. Smith, c & b Weeks	20
T. W. Blenkiron, c Smith, b Beach	21
C. A. Hooper, c Smith, b Weeks	0
H. Tompkins, not out	6
V. Smith, c Smith, b Beach	1
Extras	2
Total	92

BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett, c Hooper, b A. H. Smith	64
J. H. Lepper, b A. H. Smith	4
R. H. Smith, c V., b A. H. Smith	0
C. P. Hewett, c Hooper, b Blenkiron	8
W. G. Beach, c A. H. Smith, b ditto	6
A. H. Bennett, c Abbott, b A. H. Smith	29
F. E. Gibbs, c Knowles, b Blenkiron	1
J. Weeks, not out	21
R. S. Mayne, not out	0
N. H. Baker, H. E. Dawes, } did not bat	
Extras	5
Total (7 wickets)	137

CHISLEHURST V. PLAISTOW.—This match was played at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 15th, and won by Plaistow. Score:—

PLAISTOW.

S. A. Smith, b Mason	1
H. W. Keeling, c Dunn, b Whistler	15
W. Hodgson, b Whistler	10
W. L. Knowles, b Mason	50
T. Hodgson, b ditto	7
C. E. Corthorne, c Whistler, b Mason	20
T. Hodgson, st Chattell	0
H. Gordon, not out	29
W. R. Larkin, b Mason	14
J. Sherwood, run out	2
Treadwell, c Mason, b Whistler	3
Extras	8
Total	159

CHISLEHURST.

R. H. Dunn, b Keeling	8
E. H. Rock, b ditto	6
F. Sprichley, c Knowles, b Corthorne	0
D. Budworth, b Corthorne	0
J. Nussey, b Keeling	0
D. G. Chattell, b ditto	1
H. S. James, c Keeling, b Knowles	4
H. S. Mason, b Keeling	5
B. Faunthorpe, b ditto	0
H. Russell, c Larkin, b Knowles	1
W. Whistler, not out	0
Extras	11
Total	36

BICKLEY PARK V. BLACKHEATH (A).—This match was played at Bickley on Saturday, July 15th, Blackheath 242 for 8 wickets. Innings closed (J. F. Fernie 83.) Bickley 112 for 4 wickets.

ROVING FRIARS V. WEST WICKHAM.—This match was played at West Wickham on July 8th, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 41 runs. Score:

Roving Friars: Rev. A. C. Scott 14, G. H. New 0 Rev. S. Hughes-Games 2, D. F. Beard 32, Hughes-Games 20, R. C. May 1, W. H. Dodd 1, R. D. McKenzie 14, H. A. Roper 0, Dr. J. Wayhe 6, D. H. Helps (not out) 4, Rev. W. Stuart Yardley 6; extras 13. Total 113.

West Wickham: H. M. Welborn 1, C. A. Bowman 21, G. Auld 28, T. Weekeley 0, V. Thomasset 3, E. W. Pratt 1, G. Bird 1, F. Hoskier 3, E. Gripper (not out; 4, A. H. Henry 0, H. P. Green 0, A. S. Barnes 0) extras 11. Total 72.

THE PLAISTOW CRICKET WEEK.

In their annual "Cricket Week," July 17th to 22nd, Plaistow played six whole day matches. The first, against the Erratics, resulted in an easy win for the home team, the score being Erratics, first innings, 45; second innings, 30 for four wickets. Plaistow 236. A. E. Earnshaw took six wickets for eight runs. On Tuesday Guy's Hospital was the visiting team. Score: Plaistow, 150; Guy's Hospital, 189. The third match of the week was played on Wednesday against Bromley Common: Plaistow. 172; Bromley Common, 128.

The next two days were devoted to matches with the M.C.C. and Mr. H. B. Smith's XI. respectively, the latter again being won by the home team, the week concluding with an easy win over Blackheath, of which the full score was:—

PLAISTOW.

F. de L. Solbé, c Hemmerde, b Smith	14
H. B. Smith, b Hemmerde	1
S. A. Smith, b ditto	2
W. Hodgson, run out	20
H. W. Keeling, b Hemmerde	0
F. E. Hodgson, b ditto	0
P. R. Earnshaw, c Hutchinson, b Hemmerde	20
W. Baker, l-b-w b Castle	3
H. H. Gordon, not out	6
A. E. Earnshaw, b Hemmerde	5
A. Bunbury, b Hemmerde	4
Extras	12
Total	87

Second innings: F. de L. Solbé, not out, 105; H. B. Smith, c Stewart, b Hemmerde, 7; S. A. Smith, l-b-w b Hemmerde, 2; W. Hodgson, l-b-w b Hemmerde, 20; F. E. Hemmerde, not out, 39; extras, 14. Total (3 wkts.), 187.

BLACKHEATH.

S. Castle, c T. Hodgson, b Keeling	2
C. L. Hemmerde, c T. Hodgson, b A. E. Earnshaw	0
J. H. C. Fegan, b A. E. Earnshaw	1
Rev. F. W. Le Lievre, c & b A. E. Earnshaw	0
G. R. Hutchinson, b Keeling	8
A. W. Stewart, run out	2
"K. P. Grove," not out	23
J. H. Lepper, c S. A. Smith, b Keeling	0
N. Partridge, b Keeling	1
P. A. Robson, b ditto	0
Smith (pro.), b ditto	1
Extras	2
Total	44

BICKLEY PARK CRICKET WEEK.

The first match, commencing July 17th, was a two-day's match, against the Incogniti, and was won by the home team, the score being Incogniti 105 and 90, Bickley Park 106 and 101 for two wickets, Mr. F. W. Keeling 66 not out.

On Wednesday and Thursday they played the M.C.C., but owing to rain the match could not be finished. Score: M.C.C., 99; Bickley, 221.

A victory over the Royal Engineers by seven wickets concluded a highly successful cricket week. Full score:

BICKLEY PARK.

R. T. Thornton b Bayfield ...	23	not out	43
A. Latter lbw b Bayfield.....	0	b Bayfield	42
H. E. Bouch c Owen b Woodroffe	0		
W. J. Chattell b Woodroffe...	7		
R.E. Bouch b Bayfield	19		
E. Davy c Maud b Bayfield ...	1		
T. P. Hilder not out	45	b Bayfield	2
E. Fisher b Bayfield	35	not out	24
G. Hilder b Woodroffe	9	run out	9
W. J. Livingstone c&b Woodroffe	2		
C. Hurlbatt b Woodroffe	4		
Byes 11 l-b 2	13	B l, l-b 6 w l	8
Total	158	Total (3 wkts)	110

ROYAL ENGINEERS

W. Robertson c Hurlbatt b H. E. Bouch	0	c H. E. Bouch ...	11
Capt. Rice c anb b Hurlbatt...	1	c Hurlbatt b T. P. Hilder.....	15
E. M. Blair b H. E. Bouch...	30	c E. R. Bouch b F. Fisher	76
S. J. Owen b Hurlbatt	1	b Fisher	5
R. T. Woodroffe b H. E. Bouch	1	c Thornton b H E. Bouch	21
C. North c and b H. E. Bouch	0	b Hurlbatt	1
Bayfield b Hurlbatt	0	b Fisher	10
Major Rawson not out	6	b Hurlbatt'.....	42
P. Maud c Chattell b H. R. Bouch	4	c Chattell b Bouch	11
T. Barstow b Hurlbatt	0	st E. Bouch b Thornton	11
C. Brown b Hurlbatt	0	not out	7
Byes	4	Byes 3 l-b 2 w 5	10
Total	47	Total	220

BECKENHAM CRICKET WEEK.

Beckenham held its first "Cricket Week," from July 17th to 22nd. It comprised two two-day, and two one-day matches. On Monday and Tuesday their opponents were Oxford University Authentics who scored in their first innings 217. Beckenham only making 127 had to follow on, their second venture resulting in 180 runs. The Authentics being left with 91 to win, bit them off for the loss of two wickets.

Wednesday was a one-day match against the M.C.C., but owing to rain it had to be left drawn. Score: Beckenham, 277 for 8 wickets (C. O. Cooper 104, A. H. Marshall 77). Barnes and Alec Hearne were among the M.C.C. team.

The third match on Thursday and Friday, against the Incogniti, ended in a win for Beckenham. The score is given below:

INCOGNITI.

E. K. H. D'Eath, not out ...116		c Forster, b Robertson-Walker	4
Capt. Orman, c A. A. Baker, b Robertson-Walker	9	not out	0
J. J. D. Orman, c C. D. Baker, b H. B. Street	41	l-b-w b Street...	0
M. M. Barker, run out	4	c P. C. Baker, b Street	7
E. W. Collins, b H. B. Street	0	c P. C. Baker, b Street	7
W. J. Synnot, b H. B. Street	0	b Street	10
W. Muir, c Layman, b Street	4	c F., b H. B. Street	0
E. Milner-Jones, c Layman, b H. B. Street...	1	b ditto	0
H. Menzies, b W. F. Noakes...	0	c F.Street,b Robertson-Walker	15
F. L. Saunders, c Forster, b Noakes	7	run out	1
A. C. Payne, c A. A. Baker, b H. B. Street	1	b H. B. Street...	9
Extras	14	... ...	4
Total 197		... ...	57

BECKENHAM.

H. W. Forster c Menzies, b D'Eath...	7
F. D. Browne, b Milner-Jones	8
W. F. Noakes, b Saunders...	5
P. C. Baker, c D'Eath, b Saunders ...	14
H. B. Street, c Menzies, b D'Eath ...	8
F. Street, b Saunders	20
G. H. Clarke, b Saunders	3
S. G. Layman, c Synnot, b D'Eath ...	16
C. D. Baker, b Milner-Jones, b Synnot...	7
J. Robertson-Walker, b Synnot... ...	37
A. A. Baker, not out	3
Extras	10
Total	138

On July 22nd, playing against Mr. Leveson Gower's Eleven, the home team scored 312 against 80 made by their opponents, who, following on, had made 18 for one wicket when stumps were drawn. On several evenings of the week there were entertainments the Public Hall.

BROMLEY FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CHURCH PARADE.—The annual parade of the Friendly Societies of Bromley and district took place on Sunday, July 2th, to St. Luke's Church, the object being to raise funds for the Bromley Cottage Hospital and the Phillips Memorial Hospital. In this particular it differed from that of last year, when various convalescent homes were included in the sharing of the profits. Yet another point of difference was the absence of the street box collecting, the only means adopted of ridding the benevolent of surplus cash being an offertory taken at St. Luke's Church. The processionists — the number of which might be estimated at something over 200, a much smaller number than those which attended last year—assembled in West-street at half-past one, and, marshalled by Bro. S. Soan, from thence marched to St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, to the strains of the Bromley Volunteer Band and the Foresters' Band alternately. Four banners were carried, the first announcing the object of the day's proceedings, and the others being borne by the representatives of the different societies: "Robin Hood" Court of Juveniles, 2,629, A.O.F., of Bromley, "Court St. George," A.O.F., of Beckenham, and Court "Pride of Masons Hill. 5,545, A.O.F.; there were also a large number of processionists from other orders of friendly societies in Bromley, including the Hearts of Oak, Anglo-Saxons, Oddfellows ("Lord Holmesdale" and the "Orphans' Friend" Lodges), Shepherds, Druids (two lodges), and Rechabites, and representatives from various trade societies—the Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, the Operative Bricklayers, and the Painters and Decorators. At the church a short service was gone through, after which a sermon was preached by the Rev. G. S. Reaney, of St. George's, Bickley. The rev. gentleman based his remarks upon the healing by the two apostles of a man who had been lame from his birth. In so doing he said they had helped him to help himself. And that was the object of the friendly societies, and he further characterised it as "a grand and noble object and one deserving of the heartiest support." The offertory realised £4 5s. 10d.

MESSRS. E. STRONG & SONS' EMPLOYES.—The employes of this firm went for their annual wayzgoose to Portsmouth on July 3rd, travelling thither in a saloon carriage attached to the United Church of England Temperance Excursion train. An excellently served dinner was provided at the "Speedwell" Temperance Hotel at the expense of the firm, which was much appreciated. The various sights, of Portsmouth, Southsea and Portsea were all enjoyed, a special feature being a visit paid to H.M.S. "Victory." The Dockyard too was visited and many things of interest were

found in the ships of the fleet at present lying there, more especially in H.M.S. "Hawke" on which Sir Michael Culme Seymour was shortly to be conveyed to succeed Admiral Tryon and the "Victoria." The Railway Companys arrangements were quite complete, and after spending a most enjoyable day, in beautiful weather, Bromley was reached about 10.15.

Presentation to Sir John Lubbock, M.P.—A pleasant little ceremony took place on July 17th at the quarterly meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce, when Sir John Lubbock was presented with an address from the Council of the Chamber, enclosed in a very artistic silver casket. The presentation was made by Sir A. Rollit, M.P., in a felicitous speech; and was acknowledged by the recipient with a little difficulty, as he was manifestly suffering from indisposition. In the course of his remarks, Sir J. Lubbock pointed out the rapid strides which the Chamber had made in public estimation during the five years of his presidency. About one thousand additional members had joined, and the various trade sections had increased in numbers notwithstanding that the epoch he referred to was one of commercial depression. He paid a high compliment to Mr. Kenric Murray and the other officers for their zeal in promoting the interests of the Chamber, which had now earned the respect of Parliament and the Government.

Girls' Friendly Society's Festival.—The annual festival of the Bromley, Kent, Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, which includes six parishes, took place yesterday. In the afternoon a special sermon was preached at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, by the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, of Trinity College Mission, Camberwell, the other clergy present being the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, the Rev. P. Barker, Vicar of St. John's, Bromley, and the Rev. J. Cullen, curate of St. John's. An offertory, taken in aid of the Girls' Friendly Society work in South London, realised £3 11s. 6d. After the service the party, some 300 in all, adjourned to the grounds of Plaistow Lodge, kindly lent by Lord Kinnaird, where an excellent tea was provided. The band of the North Surrey District School, was in attendance, and performed a number of popular airs during the evening. After the tea, the report of the Society's work was read, and premiums and prizes won by the members were distributed. A sale of work, in aid of the different branches of the work, was held, and there was also a bookstall, where a number of publications of the Society were on sale.

Inhuman Neglect of Children.—At the Bromley Petty Sessions on July 3rd, Mr. S. P. Low presiding, *Alfred Jones*, labourer, of Farnborough Hall, was charged with wilfully neglecting to provide proper and sufficient food for his two children, aged three weeks, on June 29th.—P.-s. Chatworthy said that on June 29th, from information received, he went to a shed at Farnborough Hall. The door was tied up with wire. On opening the door he found two children crying, with no one in attendance upon them. Later in the day he went back to the shed, and found the prisoner lying on the bed drunk. Witness shook him, and woke him up, and then asked him if he had been neglecting his children. Prisoner replied "They are there. They can die and go to hell or heaven." From further evidence it appeared that the mother, who was last seen drunk in a public-house, had deserted them, and the father, according to his story, had gone in search of his wife, and had it not been for the kindness of a woman named Clarke the children must have starved.

Sidcup Fruitpickers' Fatal Fight.—The adjourned inquest on the woman Andrews, who died under circumstances related in our last issue, was held at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, on July 4th, before Mr. E. A. Carttar.—John Andrews, son of the deceased woman, deposed to fetching his father, who was at the huts on Mr. Sutton's Farm, to the Sidcup police-station. His mother was as "white as a ghost." He did not see deceased struck by prisoner, but a policeman tapped her on the back.—The woman Jolly said she was single, but had cohabited with prisoner for two years. She had known deceased 15 years and for 12 years had worked with her fruit-picking. They were on good terms together, and she was certain prisoner did not strike the deceased. They had all had too much to drink, but deceased was the worst of them.—Mrs. Bowell said she resided, when at home, at Notting Hill. She corroborated the testimony of the previous witness.—Two men named Kingswood and Naylor, farm labourers, spoke to seeing the two women fighting in Bexley-lane, Sidcup, on Sunday evening, June 18th.—Inspector Attewell said this was all the evidence, and no one coming forward to give further evidence, the Coroner proceeded to sum up. He said the jury had to find out the cause of death, and as the evidence of Dr. Shapley was very distinct that deceased died from internal hemorrhage through rupture of the spleen on the left side, the jury would have no difficulty in ascertaining the cause of death. The Coroner reviewed the evidence at considerable length, and said it was very painful to follow such inquiries as this, which was the result of a drunken brawl. They had had no less than 17 witnesses examined, and the jury had shown great patience in listening to the evidence.—After 15 minutes deliberation the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and added that deceased's death was due to violence, but there was not sufficient evidence to show by whom that violence was caused.

BECKENHAM.

The Royal Wedding was celebrated at Beckenham by the school children being entertained to tea at the various schools, and by races being held for them on the Croydon Road Recreation Ground, where two bands played all the afternoon. Subscriptions were invited towards the erection of a drinking fountain and clock, and over £200 has been raised.

The Triennial Election of the Beckenham School Board took place without a contest last month, Mr. Randall, a florist, taking the place of Mr. Douglas, who had received the post of rate-collector.

Cricket Club Annual Sports.—This old-established meeting was held on the Cricket Ground, at Beckenham, on July 8th, there being a large and fashionable attendance. The principal event was the one mile inter-club race, won by the Finchley Harriers, with 14 points, the Polytechnic being second with 23, the Blackheath Harriers being third with 25, and the Ranelagh fourth with 28 points. W. J. Fowlers of the Finchley Harriers, ran a grand race for position of first man home with H. A. Heath, of the South London Harriers, the former winning by six inches only in 4 min. 28 1-5sec. E. J. Wilkins, of the Ranelagh Harriers was third. The other open events resulted thus: half-mile handicap, A. C. Morgan, Polytechnic Harriers, 60yds. start, 1; A. H. Hunt, Ranelagh, 74, 2; L. O. Keer, Blackheath Harriers, 42, 3: won by three yards; time, 1min. 56 1-5sec. 100 yards handicap, W. Lotinga, L.A.C., 10½yds. start, 1; B. Baldry, Blackheath Harriers, 6, 2; W. Button, Spartans, 7, 3; won by a few inches; time, 10 1-5th sec. Quarter-mile handicap; A. J. Lark-

man, Ranelagh Harriers, 21yds. start 1; D. Hasan, L.A.C., 10, 2; B. Baldry, Blackheath Harriers, 20, 3; won by a yard; time 5m 3-5secs. One mile bicycle handicap: R. L. Head, Putney A.C., 80 yds. start, 1; J. Green, Bromley, C.C., 140, 2; F. C. Wheeler, West London C.C., 120, 3; won easily: time, 2min. 45 1-5secs.—The prizes were presented by Mrs. Forster, wife of Mr. H. W. Forster M.P.

Mr. F. Spenlove-Spenlove. — For the following particulars of the talented and rising artist under whose direction the Beckenham Art Studios, which are attached to the Beckenham School of Music, have developed so successfully, we are indebted to our contemporary the *Artist*, and we think they will be found of interest to many of our readers in Bromley and the surrounding district:—"Frank S. Spenlove is the son of Captain J. E. Spenlove-Spenlove, and was born at Stirling, in 1864. Like other painters who have risen in their professions he was not destined to follow the work of his heart until after several years of patient drudgery in business. From an early age he had given evidence of the artistic instinct, together with a reverent regard for the beautiful and poetical. All spare moments were devoted to drawing and studying from Nature, but it was not until the autumn of 1886 that he entertained any serious thought of adopting the artistic profession. It was by a chance introduction to Mr. W. P. Frith, R.A., that Mr. Spenlove decided to abandon business for the more tasteful pursuit, but there was a good deal of anxious consideration before the certainty of the one profession was given up for the uncertainty of the other. However, acting on the kindly advice of Mr. Frith the homely commerce was forsaken and the syren Art had her way. The pen was laid down and the brush taken up. In a letter to his daughter Mr. Frith wrote: "Speaking of our young friend Mr. Spenlove, he indeed has great ability, and it were wicked if such promise was allowed to wither." In this way the small spark was fanned into a flame, and the office finally abandoned. He commenced to study with a will, and after a year or so (1887), the Royal Academy had hanging in its exhibition two charming works, a small figure subject and a large landscape, the former finding a place on the line. He won golden opinions from the Press. the *Saturday Review* being complimentary. Mr. Spenlove's introductory art training was brief and perhaps unorthodox, consisting of a short course of study under Mr. Calderon, at St. John's Wood, and a visit to Paris for the careful study of such men as Corot, Le Page and Honoteaux. This was found to be all that was necessary to form a foundation and to pave the way for this young painter's artistic career. In 1888 a small picture of his was hung on the line of the Academy, and the following year no less than seven pictures were accepted, three of which found places on the line. For such a number to be accepted from a artist so young was probably unprecedented. Each work in its turn received favourable criticism, and Mr. Blackburn in his *Academy Notes* for this year specially mentioned among others, "In the eventide it shall be light" as one of the pictures of the year. Mr. Spenlove has continued to be well represented at every exhibition of the Royal Academy. During the past year he has been devoting a great part of his time to the founding of a school of painting at Beckenham, in Kent, with the direct object of helping those who intend to follow art as a profession, and no one is better fitted for the directorship of such an institution, for he knows the value of encouragement, and his sympathies are always with his students in their work.'

CHISLEHURST.

A proposal is on foot to establish the right of Chislehurst to return a third representative to the Board of Guardians, and the necessary steps are being taken by applying to the Local Government Board.

Sale of Work.—A sale of work was held in the garden of Bishop's Well, Chislehurst, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. S. Buchanan Wollaston on Friday, June 30th, in aid of the funds of the Police Court Mission of the Church of England Temperance Society. Music and recitations were given at intervals, and refreshments were also provided.

CUDHAM.

Serious Fire.—A serious fire broke out about two o'clock on the night of June 24th, in the farm stables of Mr. William Westbrook, farmer, South-street, Westerham-hill, Cudham, which resulted in the stables being burnt out, and three valuable horses burnt to death, two belonging to Mr. Westbrook, and one to Mr. John Cowlard, fruiterer, of Cudham. The Westerham Fire Brigade rendered good service in saving the house and adjoining buildings. A man sleeping in the stables, who gave the alarm, had a very narrow escape in trying to save the horses. Beyond the terrible fright to Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook and family no other very serious damage was done.

HAYES.

Garden Party.—Mr. E. A. Hambro, of Hayes Place, Hayes, gave a garden party on Thursday afternoon, July 6th, to which all the inhabitants of Hayes were invited, in honour of the royal marriage of the Duke of York with Princess Victoria Mary of Teck. The weather was beautifully fine, although perhaps a little too warm. Amongst those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hambro. Mr. Eric Hambro, Sir Robert and Lady Leighton, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Devas, Mr. G. Devas, Mr. Nigel Smith, the Misses Martin-Smith, Miss Sybil Smith, Mr. Evey Smith, Mr. Harry Lennard, Miss Stewart, Mr. Westmacott, Mr. F. Pettit, Mr. W. Plant, Mr. G. Russell, Mr. Plenderleath, and others. The proceedings were announced to commence at half-past four, and within a very few minutes of that time the guests came pouring in through the gates of Hayes Place, where they received a hearty welcome at the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Hambro. The Hayes Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr. Robjant, had been engaged, and played a number of selections of music, while the guests walked around and admired the beautiful grounds. This lasted until about half-past five, when a bell was rung summoning the visitors to tea on the lawn. The waiting was done by many well-known ladies and gentlemen led by Mr. Hambro himself. Tea over, the party massed in front of the house. The band then played for dancing, an asphalte tennis court making an admirable substitute for a waxed floor. Mr. Hambro also instituted a series of races for money prizes, which was quickly taken up by the youngsters present, and was productive of many close finishes. Various forms of amusements were instituted in quick succession until dusk, when the guests again assembled on the lawn for the final treat: a grand display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Sons, of Crystal Palace fame. After three cheers had been given for the host and hostess the party separated.

The Want of a Parish Mortuary.—Mr. E. N. Wood, deputy coroner for West Kent, held an inquest at the "George" Inn, Hayes, on June 28th, on the body of Edwin Wade, 56, of 21, Simpson's-road, Bromley, who dropped dead at Pickhurst-green the Monday previous. Mr. W. Plant was chosen foreman of the jury.—Rosanna Brown, wife of William Brown, gardener, of West Norwood, deposed that she was the sister of the deceased, who was 56 years of age, and had no occupation, having been abroad, and was in very good circumstances. He resided at 21, Simpson's-road, Bromley. He had suffered from nervousness.—Jonathan Keen, huntsman, of 50, Simpson's-road, had known deceased about 18 months. He went with him on Monday morning. After walking some little way he said "Oh dear me," and fell down. When witness went to him he found him dead.—P.-s. Charles Turner deposed that he received information that a man had fallen dead at Pickhurst-green. He at once went, arriving there about ten o'clock, finding him dead. He procured the police ambulance, and took the body first of all to the "George" Yard. The landlady said she had no accommodation save the stable, but witness did not think that was a proper place. Mr. Russell, one of the overseers, was then communicated with, and went with witness to several places, the Vicar of the parish among them, but could find no place until ultimately Mr. Boxall allowed him to place the body in his shed.—The Coroner: We are very much obliged to Mr. Boxall.—Witness said he was two and a half hours trying to get a suitable place to deposit the body.—Mr. H. J. Ilott, divisional surgeon of police, said he saw the body of the dead man about half past one, in the "George" Inn yard. He made an examination, and thought that the deceased had been dead five or six hours. There were no external marks of violence. He had made a *post mortem* examination, and formed the opinion that death was due to failure of the heart's action and fatty degeneration of the heart.—The Coroner in summing up, commented very strongly upon the need of having a mortuary in every parish. He said it it was "scandalous" that there should be no proper accommodation, and that it was a very hard thing for the friends of the deceased to have to visit him in such a place as that in which they had just been. It was horrible to think that in case of death their body might be taken about from pillar to post as it were. A mortuary in a parish like that of Hayes, was as necessary as a parish Church, and in the event of their being unable to find a place they should have one in the churchyard near the Church.—Dr. Ilott also spoke of the great disadvantage under which he laboured in making a *post mortem* examination in a shed with no conveniencies.

KESTON.

The Countess of Derby, with her daughter, Lady Margaret and suite, has arrived at Holwood from Knowsley, and will remain in residence there for some time.

Mr. Herbert Gardiner, M.P. for the Saffron Waldon division of Essex, who has taken Keston Lodge, is not yet in residence there, but is expected to arrive as soon as the house has been thoroughly overhauled.

ST. MARY CRAY.

Royal Wedding Festivities.—In commemoration of the marriage of Prince George, or the Duke of York, and Princess May, a series of athletic sports on the Recreation Ground, were arranged by Messrs. Joynson, C. Beadle, and C. P. Smith, on July 6th. The following were the results:—220 yards boys' handicap—1st, stop watch and chain, W. Hayes; 2nd, glass biscuit dish, E. Smith. 120 yards handicap—first heat, 1st, J. Potter; 2nd, L. Carlow:—second heat, 1st, G. Carlow; 2nd, R. Smallwood:—third heat, 1st, A. C. Bailey; 2nd, J. Langridge:—final heat, 1st, marble mantel clock and pair bronze vases, J. Potter; 2nd, case of carvers, — Carlow. 100 yards' sack race for boys—1st, stop watch and chain, Con. Driscoll; 2nd, J. Wheeden. 120 yards' hurdle race—first heat, 1st, G. Carlow; 2nd, J. Potter:—second heat, 1st, A. Nelson; 2nd, A. C. Bailey:—final heat, 1st, salad bowl, &c., A. Nelson; 2nd, plated electro cruet stand and cut glass bottles, G. Carlow. Quarter-mile handicap—1st, a silver plated goblet, J. Potter; 2nd, electro egg stand and toast rack, H. Francis. One mile handicap—1st, plated egg stand, A. Nelson; 2nd, double case of fish and meat carvers, J. White; 3rd, silver mounted oak biscuit box, J. Langridge. Consolation race—1st, double set of carvers, — Smallwood; 2nd, C. Hawkins. The officials were:—Referee, Mr. Joynson; starter, Mr. G. Tyrer; handicapper, Mr. J. Bennett. The Crays Temperance brass and reed band, under Mr. J. Phillips, was in attendance, and played a suitable selection of music. A splendid display of fireworks by Messrs. Pain and Son was commenced at nine o'clock, and for nearly an hour afforded enjoyment to a couple of thousand spectators. The arrangements for this part of the day's proceedings were admirably made by Messrs. F. Stanger and H. Roper. Close upon £30 was spent in fireworks. It should be added that Mr. Joynson distributed the prizes, which had been kindly provided by him.

WEST WICKHAM.

Fresh Air for Poor Children.—On July 8th, on the kind and generous invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Clinch, of Rowes Farm, West Wickham, the authorities of the Ragged School Union brought down a second batch of 200 poor children from their schools for a day's pleasure in Mr. Clinch's meadows and strawberry fields. The party of 100 boys and 100 girls with their teachers and helpers, in charge of Mr. Kirk, journeyed by special train to Hayes station, where they disembarked and lunched on the Common off a pie with which the authorities always provide each child. Mr. Clinch's farm was reached about one o'clock, where the party was met by Mr. and Mrs. Clinch, Mr. and Mrs. T. Filmer, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. R. L. Gore and the Misses Gore, Mr. G. Smith, Miss Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Chatterton and friend, and other ladies and gentlemen. The children at once proceeded to the strawberry fields where they soon found plenty to occupy them. Ruddy, stained and dirty they then left the field for a pleasant meadow where they indulged in games of all kinds, sweets and cakes being supplied to them *ad libitum*. Subsequently Lady Lennard briefly addressed the children, and on their behalf and at their request, presented Mrs. Clinch with a handsomely bound book as a souvenir of the occasion. After tea games were resumed until the time for departure arrived. The children were then mustered and sang several of their school hymns under the trees, and Mr. Gore addressed a few kindly and well-chosen words to them. They then filed off to the station with "three hearty cheers" for Mr. and Mrs. Clinch and the friends who had so kindly entertained them, and as they left the ground each child was served out with a final "allowance" of gooseberries, biscuits and sweets.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

MAYFIELD PLACE, ORPINGTON.

The manor of Mayfield, or Mayvil, as it was anciently called, was also sometimes known as the manor of Little Orpington. It acquired the name by which it is at present known from a family who formerly held it. This is established by the testimony of many dateless deeds. During the reign of King John this manor was held by Philip de Malevill (or Mayvil, as his name was commonly called), of Richard de Rokesley, who held it of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as the fourth part of a knight's fee. Mayfield Manor had been held of the Archbishop by Malgerius de Rokesle, ancestor of Richard, as early as the reign of William the Conqueror, as appears by the general survey of Domesday, in which it is thus entered, under the title of land held of the Archbishop by knight's service :—

"Malgerius holds of the Archbishop three yokes in Orpington, and it was taxed for so much without Orpington, in the time of Edward the Confessor; now there are two yokes within Orpington, and the third without. The arable land is . . . In demesne there is one carucate, and four villeins, with one borderer, and four servants; and half a carucate and three acres of meadow, and wood for the pannage of eleven hogs. In the time of King Edward it was worth forty shillings, when he received it twenty shillings, and now fifty shillings."

It is not known how long the family of Malevill, or Mayvil, remained in possession of this manor, but it appears that in the reign of Edward III. the Rokesleys held it themselves, for John de Rokesley, grandson of Gregory, and rector of the church of Chelsfield, in the 33rd year of that reign, conveyed it to Sir John Peche, from whom it decended to Sir John Peche, knight-banneret, of Lullingstone. The last-named possessor died without issue in the time of Henry VIII., and was succeeded by his sister Elizabeth, who, being married to John Hart, Esq., of the Middle Temple, he, in her right, became possessed of it. His grandson, Sir George Hart, on the death of his father, in the 22nd of Queen Elizabeth, had possession granted of the manor of Mayfield, alias Mayvyle, and two messuages, with five hundred acres of land, in Orpington, Chelsfield, Farnborough, and Otford. These possessions were held of the king as of the manor of Otford, by knight's service. From him it decended to his grandson, William Hart, Esq., who died in 1671.

Within the next forty years the property must have changed hands, for Sir Fisher Tench, Bart., of Low Layton, Essex, was possessed of Mayfield in the beginning of the reign of George I. He died in 1736, and was succeeded by his son, Sir Nathaniel Trench, Bart., who only enjoyed the property for a short period, he dying unmarried in 1737; and the title thereupon became extinct. His only surviving sister, married to Soresby, Esq., became his heir, and he, in her right, became entitled to the manor of Little Orpington, which he sold soon after to Mr. William Quilter, leather-seller, of London, who new built the manor house.

Mr. Quilter died in 1764, and devised by will his estate to his neice, Susannah, who first married Mr. George Lake, of Sevenoaks, and next Richard Glode, Esq. The latter upon his wife's death became possessed of Mayfield in his own right. He was Sheriff of London in 1793, and received the honour of knighthood in the same year.



Mayfield Place, Orpington.

The view of Mayfield Place, which is here given has been reproduced from a photograph taken by permission of Mr. W. Vinson, the present occupant of the house.

To the account of Orpington Priory, which appeared in our last issue we are able to add some curious particulars of the property during the time of Charles I. The following is a transcript of a terrier, dated 1634, and signed by the Vicar, Churchwardens, and Sidesmen of that day, setting forth various particulars as to the buildings and land attached to the chief manor of Orpington in a manner which throws an interesting side-light upon every-day life of the inhabitants of this old house. A goodly picture of homely abundance is called to the mind's-eye by the mention of the "Mill-house," "Brew-house," "Cod-line Orchard," "Hen-house," "Pigeon-house," and the various other offices set forth in the following account.

Imprimis,—One faire House with a large Hall, one great Parlour, one little Parlour, one little Buttery, and one Celler on the north side of the said House; one Mill-house, one Brew-house, one Kitchen with one Larder thereunto adjoining, one long Entry, two

Cellars and one Milk-house thereunto belonging on the south, one green Court before the Hall, one Garden with apple trees on it on the north, one Codline Orchard and one Garden Plot thereunto belonging on the south, being altogether by estimation one acre and a half, be they more or less, with the yards thereunto belonging.—1A. 2R. 0P.

Item—One Wood-house with a Hen-house over it; one Stable with a Hayloft over it; one Gate and a Gateloft over it; one Stable on the west side of the said Gate with a Hayloft over that, one Hay Barn adjoining to the said Stable, with a Hogstye at the end thereof.

Item—One fair Barn with a Cart-house at the end of it, one Pigeon House, and one Barn with a Garner thereunto belonging at the south end thereof adjoining to the said green Court.

Item.—One Meadow, containing three acres, adjoining to the Garden on the south, and on the east against the highway leading to St. Mary Cray, and on the west and north against the lands of Sir Percivall Hart, knight.—3A. 0R. 0P.

Item.—One Meadow, containing five acres, called "Mill Mead," abutting against the land of the said Sir Percivall Hart on the south, north and east, and of Henry Lord Stanhope on the west.—5A. 0R. 0P.

Births.

Aitkens.—On 28th June, at the Cottage, Lower Camden, Chislehurst, the wife of Alb. J. Aitkens, of a son.

Balme.—On 30th June, at Inglewood, Chislehurst the wife of Nettleton Balme, of a son.

Croudace.—On 12th July, at Swanley, Kent, the wife of H. Croudace, of a daughter.

Squire.—On the 26th June, at Llangrove Vicarage, the wife of the Rev. C. E. Squire, of a son.

Marriages.

Barrett—Redgrove.—On the 4th July, at St. John's, Hackney, by the Rev. Henry Newton, William Henry, younger son of Thomas Barrett, of Bromley, Kent, to Florence Annie, eldest daughter of James Redgrove, of Lonsdale House, Clapton, N.E. No cards.

Dykes—Jassmann.—On the 8th July, at St. Bartholomew's, Upper Sydenham, by the Rev. W. A. Moberley, Vicar, Alfred Herbert Dykes, of Homesdale-road, Bromley, to Annie Louise, only child of the late L. Jassmann and Mrs. Jassmann, of Venner-road, Sydenham.

Rutherford—Henwood.—On the 27th June, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson, assisted by the Rev. George Charter, Vickerman H. Rutherford, B.A., M.B., Cantab., of Eldon-square, Newcastle-on-Tyne, second son of the late Dr. Rutherford, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Evelyn Alice, third daughter of Paul Henwood, Church House, Bromley,

Sharland—Lett.—On 28th June, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Tamplin, William Herbert, eldest son of William Henry Sharland, of Addiscombe Lodge, Teignmouth, to Caroline Elizabeth Junor, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Francis Neville Lett, of Rosario, Argentine Republic, and of Mrs. Lett, Bromley, Kent. No Cards.

Sier—Walker.—On the 5th July, at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. W. Paton Hindley, cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev. C. V. P. Day, Henry Walter Sier, of Ashburton, Westmoreland-road, Bromley, Kent, with Kate, second daughter of Joseph Walker, M.D., of 22, Grosvenor-street W., and Wolverton, Beckenham. No cards.

Deaths.

Ingall.—On the 19th June, at Compton, Alders Mead-road, Beckenham, S.E., Susan, widow of Samuel Ingall, of Forest Hill, S.E. Friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

May.—On 26th June, at Greys Farm, St. Paul's Cray, Kent, in her 57th year, Susanna, for 34 years the beloved wife of George May.

Middleton.—On the 21st June, at Woodcote, Chislehurst, Helen Middleton, widow of the late Clement A. Middleton, Barrister-at-law.

Strudwick.—On the 21st June, at Park-road, Bromley, Kent, Edward M. Strudwick, aged 47.

Simson.—On the 14th inst., of typhoid fever, John Miles, eldest son of Herman and Alice Arbuthnot Simson, of Eltham, Kent, aged 22.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1893.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

Sept. 1st. "The Mountebanks" at the Bromley Drill Hall, by Mr. Horace Sedger's Company (and following evening).
2nd—Annual Cricket Match, Kent v. Eighteen of Bromley, on the Bromley Cricket Club's Ground, Widmore-road, Bromley.
3rd—*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
" —Oddfellows Parade at Bickley Church, 3.30.
4th—Bromley Brewster Sessions, 1st Court, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
" —Bromley Petty Sessions, 2nd Court, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
5th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30.
5th—Sale of Farming Stock at Sundridge Park Farm by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at 12 for 1.
" —Sale of the Lease, Goodwill and Stock of the Nurseryman's and Florist's Business at The Nurseries, Hayes Common, Kent, by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at 1 for 2.
7th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West Street, Bromley.
7th—Sale of Furniture and Effects at Hollydale, Keston, Kent, by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at 10 for 11.
10th—*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
11th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
" —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 7.30.
17th—*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
18th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
19th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30.
19th—Sale of Furniture at 32, Glebe Road, by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at 1 for 2.
21st—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West Street, Bromley.
24th—*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.*
25th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
27th—Sale of Shop Property, Nos. 32 and 33, High Street, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper, at 2 precisely.
28th—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

No meetings of this Board have been held during August, but the last meeting, on July 25th, was held too late to be included in our August issue.

At this meeting the Highways and Buildings Committee reported that at the last meeting the Surveyor reported that the front of No. 43 High-street, having become dangerous to foot-passengers, he had served the necessary notice under the Towns Improvement Clauses for the necessary repairs to be carried out and steps taken to insure the safety of the public. The Committee was of opinion that the present time was a desirable one for acquiring the necessary frontage at that point to improve the High-street by cutting off the existing corner of the shop in question from Mr. Medhurst's premises and recommended that the Clerk be instructed to make the necessary inquiries. —Mr. Selby, in moving the adoption of the report said he saw now that the repairs—necessary for the safety to the public—to the shop-front in the High-street were nearly completed and the Surveyor had informed him that there was little chance at the present time of acquiring the corner referred to in the report, as the present tenant had only a short repairing lease of the premises and would not be likely to treat. It would, however, have been to the advantage of the town if the improve- could have been made.

Suggested Improvements.

At the same meeting the Highways Committee recommended the reference of the question of making a carriage way between Sherman's and Palace Roads, to a Committee of the whole Board.—Mr. Davis begged to remind the Board of the intention to adjourn on rising that evening for some remote period and that, he said, would give them very little time to adequately consider the question unless it was referred to such a Committee with power to take certain steps.—After some further unimportant discussion it was decided that the Committee named by Mr. Selby should meet on the site of the proposed improvement the next Monday at half-past five and bring up a report on the subject to the Board.—The report of the Highways Committe. so amended, was then adopted.—Letters from Mr. Henry Nye and Doctors Playfair, Ilott, and others in support of the improvement were reported, but as the matter could not be discussed that evening they were referred unread to the Committee.

The Desired Roadway.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered Mr. H. E. Stringer's objection to the apportionment served upon him of expenses for making up Park-road as a portion of the roadway with which he was charged was only 30 feet in width, with a three feet six inch footpath as against a 40ft. roadway and a six feet six inch footpath in other places, and they recommended that Mr. Stringer be informed that the cost of making up the whole of the road in question has to be borne equally by the frontagers having property abutting thereon.—The report was adopted.

Objection to Apportionment.

The Technical Education Committee reported that at their meeting on July 18th, a letter was read from Mr. E. H. Crumbe, B.A., offering his services to conduct classes in book-keeping and commercial geography and the Clerk was instructed to invite Mr. Crumbe to meet the Committee on Thursday evening, and Mr. S. Atkins was to be similarly invited with regard to classes for instruction in shorthand. A letter was read from Miss Beck offering to conduct classes in dressmaking, and the Clerk was instructed to invite her to meet the Committee on Thursday evening. Letters were read from Mr. W. P. Wright, and Mr. Edward Luckhurst offering to deliver a course of weekly lectures on Horticulture—the former at a fee of 26 guineas for 12 lectures and the latter for three guineas per lecture exclusive of railway fares. A letter was also read from Mr. F. V. Dutton offering to deliver 25 lectures to cover the syllabus of the Royal Horticultural Society illustrated by specimens and diagrams for £20, railway expenses to be charged extra, and the Committee recommended that Mr. Dutton's offer be accepted. The Committee

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recommended that cookery classes be held at the Valley and Raglan-road Board Schools the same as last session and the Clerk was instructed to write Miss Jones and ask if she could undertake the work on the same terms as before. The Committee also recommended that a course of six Homely Talks on Health be given on the lines of the National Health Society, and that the Clerk write to Dr. E. Baly, asking if he would be willing to undertake ambulance classes and if so upon what terms. A letter was read from the secretary to the City and Guilds of London Institute, stating in reply to the Clerk that the Institute had no class of instruction in the subject named at either of its colleges intended for the qualification and preparation of Teachers, and regretting that they were unable to assist the Committee in furnishing Teachers in those subjects. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the addresses of various teachers in the City and Guilds of London Institute programme and communicate with them as to undertaking classes in plumbing and to invite one of their number to meet this Committee on Thursday next. The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. William Podman, of Beckenham, and ascertain if he was willing to undertake a series of classes in mechanical drawing combined with carpentry and joinery, and if so upon what terms.—Mr. Davis, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked that it would be seen that the Committee were endeavouring to obtain a full programme of lectures for the ensuing winter session.—The report and recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

At the same meeting Mr. H. W. Amos wrote in reply to a letter from the Clerk that he should be pleased to accept the invitation of the Board to a seat on the Technical Education Committee and he hoped to be present at the next meeting.—Mr. Davis: I am happy to say Mr. Amos was present at the last meeting of the Committee.

Overhead Wires.

Mr. Morten, manager for No. 4 (Croydon) District, of the National Telephone Company wrote enclosing a return of all the Company's overhead wires and stating no others had been run up since June.— The Clerk said he handed the list to the Surveyor.

Stream at Ravensbourne-road.

Messrs. Waterer and Dickens wrote with reference to the proposed widening of the bridge over the stream at Ravensbourne-road, that "a difficulty has arisen as we are unable to determine which of the various owners are responsible and the matter may yet be the subject of a lawsuit. Moreover, none of the parties desire to make any alteration to the bridge or stream and they would only pay for any improvements upon their liability being made manifest. If your Board desire the improvement and you have power to recover the cost from whoever turns out to be the owner, your case is clear in having consent of the parties. On the other hand it appears to us that if you depend upon the undertaking to repay the cost, the whole matter will be blocked."—In reply to Mr. Davis, the Surveyor said the proposed widening of the bridge would cost about £8 or £9.—Both the Chairman and Mr. Davis said that they had anticipated that the matter involved the expenditure of hundreds rather than of simple pounds.—It was decided that the work be done at the risk of recovering the cost from the owners.

Question of Building Line.

Messrs. Boardman and Co. wrote that they learned from Mr. Crossley that the Board had disapproved plans for bringing out their offices to a line with the pavement. They complained that as Mr. Sutton had been allowed to do so, they equally should have the same permission.—Mr. Selby: It is the same old thing: If we have made one mistake, a suggestion that we should make a second to put it right.—After some desultory discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Selby that the Board inform Messrs. Boardman and Sons that they could not alter their decision.

The following letter was read from Mr. Fielding, of 26, Park-road, Bromley:—"July 24th, 1893, to the Bromley Local Board. Gentlemen,—Will you be good enough to furnish me at your earliest convenience with answers to the following questions:—(1) Is it true, as stated in the *Bromley Chronicle* of the 20th instant, that the Local Board has "determined to abolish" the Science and Art Day School? (2) If so, when was this important determination arrived at? (3) If it is not true, how is it there is not the slightest information given to parents and others with reference to Day Classes, so far as the Science School is concerned, in the document issued by the Board as a "Syllabus of Subjects?" (4) When was this so-called "Syllabus of Subjects" first issued? (5) Which members of the Technical Education Committee were personally concerned in the drawing up of the document referred to? (6) Has the Bromley School Board ever been requested to suggest the names of its members as suitable persons to be added to the Technical Education Committee. (7) If not, why not? (8) Has the Bromley Trades and Labour Council which, as you are aware, is a truly representative body, deeply interested in the proper carrying out of the Technical Instruction Acts, ever been asked to nominate a member, or members, of the said Committee? (9) If not, why not?—[A voice: Ask a policeman.]—(10) Is the Local Board satisfied with the recent attendances at the various committee meetings?— (Laughter.)—(11) Would you grant me (as a ratepayer, a parent, and one who has taken a lively interest for many years in Technical Education) permission to inspect at an early date the minutes of proceedings of the Techuical Education Committee? (12) If not, would you kindly state the grounds of your objection? (13) Has the Board considered the question of filling up the existing vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Payne? (14) If not, would the Board be inclined to pay any attention to the wishes of the ratepayers, expressed at a public meeting, on this point? (15) Would the Board be willing to be guided in any way by an expression of opinion at an open meeting of the ratepayers and inhabitants of Bromley as to the manner of administering the County Council grants? (16) If so, would the Board convene such public meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by a sufficient number of ratepayers? Awaiting the favour of an early reply to such of the above questions as you may think fit to answer, I am, gentlemen, yours obediently,

JOHN FIELDING."

The Chairman: Do you propose to have these questions answered?—Mr. Selby: We cannot answer them all to-night.—Mr. Davis: It is a question whether it is desirable to answer some of them or not, and there would be some difficulty for Mr. Fielding begins by confusing two different things: the Science and Art School and Technical Education. Besides there is not such a thing as a "Science and Art Day School" and never has been.—The Chairman: Shall we postpone the matter until after the vacation? (Laughter.)—Mr. Selby: Yes, we want time to think them over. (Laughter.)—Ultimately, on the motion of Mr. McIntyre, seconded by Mr. Selby, the matter was referred to Committee until after vacation.

Sewer Gas.

Mr. H. E. Fain, of Pine Wood, Highland-road, Bromley, wrote asking the Board to close the sewer ventilators at the Beckenham-lane end of Highland-road as the stench emitted from them was "enough to poison the dead." (Laughter.) - The Sanitary Inspector said he could detect no smell when he visited the place.—It was agreed that the Board could not close the ventilators at that spot.

Football on the Mead.

Mr. E. J. Gedney, the secretary to the Bromley Football Club wrote asking permission for his club to play football on the Queen's Mead in the ensuing season. Mr. Davis said that the Board, had given permission for football to be played on the Mead. — The Clerk pointed out that last year a special allotment of ground was made to this club.—Mr. Curtis: They don't ask for it in the letter?—The Chairman: Reply that no permission is necessary?—Several members: Yes.

The Grand Hall.

Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper wrote stating that Mr. Ronald who, at the last meeting, applied for a licence for stage plays to be performed at the Grand Hall was the general manager of the Law Guarantee Society. —The Board now decided to grant the licence until the end of the year.

The official seal of the Board was affixed to the contract of Messrs. Manuel for the supply of 1,340 tons of broken granite, and to the conveyance of the freehold land in the Station-road, Bromley, to the Board.

Documents Sealed.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Board, on rising, adjourned until September 5th, the committees to meet on that evening prior to the Board meeting. During the vacation any urgent matter to be dealt with by the Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of Committees or any two of them.

Vacation

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the past month, the Board having abandoned their holiday, which it is usual for them to take at this season.

At the first meeting, on July 31st, the School Management Committee reported the receipt of a letter from the Education Department returning plans of the proposed enlargement of the Raglan-road School to accommodate 60 additional boys and 60 additional girls. They requested that the Board would obtain tenders for the work and that the specification might be sent to the Department as soon as prepared. The Clerk submitted a draft of the advertisement for tenders which was approved. The architect was engaged on preparation of the specification and it would shortly be ready to forward to the Department. The Committee had provided against sub-letting and that the contractor should pay the men engaged the current rate of wages in the town. At the meeting on Aug. 21st, the Clerk reported the receipt of six tenders for the alterations to and ventilation of the Raglan-road Schools, as follows:—

Enlargement of Raglan Road School.

	Alterations.	Ventilation.
	£	£
T. D. Graty	1,002	49
Somerford and Son ...	1,015	64
Arnaud and Sons ...	984	59
Duthoit	990	65
T. Crossley	996	61
W. A. Grubb	1,045	62

Mr. Peill asked if the sum allotted for the purchase of furniture would be sufficient.—The Clerk said that was not included in the amounts in the tender.—Mr. Peill: Oh! yes it is. The sum of £75 is set aside for "furniture and fittings," and I don't think it will buy it.—The Clerk: No; the dual desks will cost £50 alone.—The Chairman: It is of no use our saying anything about cupboards, the Department will not allow us anything for them: they won't recognise them as furniture.—The Chairman then went on to say that Messrs. Arnaud's tender was the lowest, being in the total £1,043.—Mr. Peill pointed out that the ventilation would have to be paid for out of the revenue account, and therefore they must keep the two items separate.—The Clerk said the accommodation was for 120 children.—The Chairman: And that is to be covered by the £10 per head allowed by the Department, and we have no sewers, no internal lavatories provided for—no walls, no hot water, no fencing—£1,000 just for two little annexes. I think it is a very large sum.—Mr. Peill said it worked out at about £8 4s. per scholar.—Mr. Peill then objected that one of the provisional items—that of extending the heating apparatus—was put down at £65 to the name of Messrs. Rosser and Russell, of Charing Cross. He thought the work should be tendered for, and that if possible a local man should have the work.—The Chairman agreed, and said that the Board had had a local man to repair the existing apparatus.—Mr. Peill then further objected that both on the £75 for furniture and fittings, and the £65 for extending the heating apparatus, the Board would still have to pay the 2½ per cent. to their quantity surveyor, whereas they were not quantities at all, and only written in.—After some discussion it was decided to strike off the item as to Messrs. Rosser and Russell for extending the heating apparatus, and to give the work to a local man. Mr. Peill then moved that Messrs. Arnaud and Sons' tender be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Department and other modifications. — Mr. Cooke seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

At the meeting on July 31st, the School Management Committee reported that at their last meeting tenders to the number of 15 for the work of painting the Aylesbury-road school were received and considered, and the Committee recommended that the tender of Mr. T. Crossley for the sum of £47 be accepted. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and Mr. Loton seconded.—Mr. Peill objected that the minutes of the Committee meeting were not correct inasmuch as an amendment proposed by himself and seconded by Mr. Cooke was not recorded, and in consequence it appeared that all the members were agreed upon the acceptance of Mr. Crossley's tender. Some of the ratepayers had been very much annoyed about it and had gone to him to know what it all meant.—Mr. Loly said it was contrary to all precedent to record amendments on the minutes of Committees.—Mr. Peill said the omission would give the Board "bad form" in the estimation of the public.—Mr. Loton said he took it that every member could justify his vote. When they got tenders ranging from £58 to £32 odd he thought there was something—a good deal—to be said for accepting a middle tender.—Mr. Cooke said he had opposed the acceptance of Mr. Crossley's tender but he was content now to let the matter rest and would advise Mr. Peill to take the same course.—The report was then adopted, Mr. Peill and Mr. Bragg voting against it. At the meeting on Aug. 14th, the following memorial letter was read:—"To the Bromley School Board.—Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned, beg most respectfully to record our emphatic protest against the manner in which the tenders for the painting and repairs at the Aylesbury-road schools have been dealt with by you. We venture to point out that the formal clause intimating that the lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted is usually inserted in advertisements inviting tenders for the purpose of providing against certain contingencies, which have not arisen in the present case. You, as a Board, are acting on behalf of the ratepayers, who have a right to expect that you will be as careful of public money as your own, and even more so. In accepting a tender higher than those of other firms of good repute, well known to be thoroughly qualified to carry out the required work in an efficient manner, you have virtually made a present of a sum of money which was not your own to give away. We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not desire to cast the slightest imputation or reflection upon the firm whose tender has been accepted, but we do maintain that your action in this matter is calculated to shake the confidence of competing tradesmen in your impartiality, and to introduce an element of uncertainty and doubt into future transactions, which will be equally prejudicial to our interests and to those of the ratepayers in general.

Tenders for Painting.

We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants,
Thos. Ranson, Mason's Hill,
T. D. Graty, East-street,
Harry F. Gibbins, Wharton-road,
A. Maskell, London-road.
W. A. Grubb, Widmore-road,
Thos. Shewbrooks, London-road,
George Hammond, Freelands-road,
George Hammond, jun., Freelands-road,
H. Bateman and Son, Park End."

Mr. Loton said he was surprised to see Mr. Grubb's signature appended to the letter, seeing that his tender was higher than the one accepted.—The Chairman: I suppose we will acknowledge the receipt of the letter?—Mr. Loton: I think that is about all that is required.

At the meeting on July 31st, it was reported that the Sub-Committee had reported and discharged their reference of the subject, and the Committee recommended that the Board purchase a piece of freehold land containing about 4395 yards at the end of Haxted-road, leading into North-road, from Heaysman's Executors at the rate of £1000 per acre, which would be capable of affording accommodation for the erection of a new school for boys, girls and infants as required.—The Board adopted the report and instructed the Clerk to proceed with the instructions to the architects to prepare plans and specifications for the new schools. At the meeting on Aug. 14th, the School Management Committee reported that at the last meeting they

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further considered the questions relating to the site for new schools at Wharton-road, and they approved the amended contract for the purchase of the site. They instructed the Clerk to give the statutory notice that the contract would be sealed and the deposit paid. They also instructed the Clerk to issue advertisements, inviting designs from architects, in the *Builder* and the local newspapers. The Committee approved the instructions to architects and recommended that 200 copies be printed and 200 copies of the plans lithographed. The report having been adopted the Chairman asked the Clerk if the vendors had conceded all that the Board had asked of them.—The Clerk replied in the affirmative, stating that the Board would have to build a wall to the satisfaction of the vendors' surveyor.—The Clerk then read the amended form of agreement for the purchase of 4,484 square yards of land at Haxted-road, New Bromley, from Mr. Thomas Heaysman and others, at the price of £926 9s. He pointed out that clause No. 3 provided that the buildings should not be used for purposes other than those under the sanction and direction of the Educational Department or the Committee of the Council of Education, whether for day school, evening, or technical instruction, the Board not being prohibited from letting the schools for occasional public meetings. —Mr. Loton said he could not see why the vendors should impose any restrictions at all.—Mr. Cooke said the land was sold without any restrictions whatever.— —After the matter had been briefly discussed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooke the official seal of the Board was affixed to the deed of contract and a cheque for £92, the amount of the deposit to be paid, was ordered to be drawn, the Clerk inserting the words "teachers' houses and caretaker's house" in the clause setting forth what kind of buildings only might be erected.—In reply to the Chairman the Clerk said the purchase would be completed on the 2nd of October and that on that date the land would pass into possession of the Board. At the meeting on Aug. 21st, the Clerk read a letter from the Education Department sanctioning the erection of a new school on the site provisionally purchased to accommodate 300 boys, 300 girls, and 400 infants.

Technical Education.

At a meeting on Aug. 14th, a letter was received from the Technical Education Committee of the Bromley Local Board stating that they had made arrangements for a series of cookery lessons at the Bromley Valley, and Raglan-road Board Schools, on Mondays and Wednesdays. The lessons would commence on 18th Sept., and the Committee would be glad to know if they could have the use of the Board's kitchens and utensils on the same terms as before.—On the motion of Mr. Peill, seconded by Mr. Loton, it was decided to allow the use of the rooms.—The Chairman said he wished he could induce the Committee to commence cookery lessons in other parts of the town. At present they left the whole of the New Bromley district out in the cold.—Mr. Loton said the Committee would be willing and only too glad to commence such lessons if they only had a place for the delivery of the lectures; that was their difficulty.—Mr. Peill thought it was a matter which might be safely left in the hands of the Technical Education Committee. —The Chairman said there was a parish room at New Bromley.—Mr. Loton said it was the intention of the Committee to provide a place at the Science School.— At the meeting on Aug. 21st, the Chairman raised a discussion on Technical Education matters. He did not, he said, know what they might expect from the Kent County Council in the way of Technical Education Grants in the future. He saw they had resolved to commit themselves to that White Elephant at Wye—the purchase of a large old family mansion and estate for the establishment of an agricultural college similar to that at Swanley.

Evening Continuation Schools.

At a meeting on Aug. 14th, a short discussion took place on the question of the time to be fixed for deciding upon the preparation of the syllabus for the evening continuation and secondary schools in the ensuing winter, and the Clerk was instructed to request the teachers to be prepared with a scheme for evening classes at each of the schools instead of only at one as last year.

Drawing Award.

The Clerk reported that the award for drawing at the Raglan-road School for the past school year was "good," and a grant of 1s. 6d. per head had been earned. The Examiner, however, reported that Standard III's Freehand Drawing was weak.

Fee Grant.

A letter was read from the Education Department stating that they had placed in the hands of the London agent of the Board an instalment of a fee grant in respect of the Raglan-road School. The calculation was based on an average attendance of 184 and amounted to £23.— The Clerk said it was now in the hands of the Board's Treasurer.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

The Drainage Works.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board took place on August 1st. On the motion of Mr. E. T. Pellett, seconded by Mr. W. Thursfield, the official seal of the Board was affixed to the mortgage deed with the Prudential Assurance Company for the loan of £1,000, for the drainage works at the cemetery, and an order sealed for the Company to forward the cheque to the Board's treasurer.—The Clerk explained that the Board would repay the loan by an annuity of £54 2s. 2d. for 30 years, which represented the loan of £1,000 at 3½ per cent. per annum. He also reported that, as instructed by the Board, he had forwarded to Mr. Whale, the Clerk to the Plumstead Board of Works, copies of the specifications and plans of the Board's drainage works on July 20th, but that since that he had heard nothing from them.—Mr. Pellett: Then we can take no further notice of them, and meanwhile the works are going on.

CRICKET.

BICKLEY PARK v. BECKENHAM.—Played at Bickley Park, on Saturday, July 29th, but rain seriously interfered with the play, and caused a draw.

BECKENHAM.

G. H. Clarke c Davy b Greig	42
F. D. Browne c Bouch b Clarkson ...	78
C. O. Cooper, c & b Clarkson	30
J. Robertson-Walker st Bouch b Clarkson	8
P. C. Baker c Bouch b Clarkson... ...	23
E. G. Rand c ditto b Davy...	7
H. B. Street c Shuter b Clarkson ...	10
S. G. Layman c Solbe b ditto	20
A. A. Baker not out	7
R. S. Matthews, F. C. Chater } did not bat.	
Extras	10
*Total	235

*Innings declared closed.

BICKLEY PARK.

L. A. Shuter retired	51
A. Latter run out	26
C. V. B. Davy l-b-w b Layman	3
F. de L. Solbe not out	5
W. B. Pattisson, not out	8
G. R. Clarkson, E. Fisher, E. R. Bouch, W. R. Willson, R. Greig, C. Hurlbatt } did not bat	
Extras	8
Total (3 wickets)	101

BROMLEY v. BRIXTON.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, August 5th, and ended in a draw in favour of the home team, score :

BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett lbw b Wasp	16
J. H. Lepper c Wasp b Riley	4
C. P. Hewett not out	103
R. H. Smith not out	28

M. Baker
W. G. Beach
J. Weeks
A. F. Gadsdon
F. E. Gibbs
R. S. Mayne
F. Clark
Did not bat; innings declared closed.

Extras 10

Total 161

BRIXTON.

J. Le Leu b Weeks... 2
J. Wasp not out 11
J. Riley c A. H. Hewett b Mayne ... 8
A. Beacon b Mayne 0
R. Cox b C. P. Hewett 4
F. Hose b C. P. Hewett 0
W. Bourne not out 9
F. Meacock lbw b Mayne 6
S. Keen
J. Haine
W. F. Lofthouse
Did not bat.
Extras... 11

Total (6 wkts) 51

BROMLEY v. PLAISTOW.—This match was played at Bromley on Monday, August 7th, and after a most exciting finish ended in a win for Plaistow by 75 runs. Score:

BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett c Smith b Mayne	10	c Solbè b Hodgson	20
W. G. Beach, c Solbè b A. Earnshaw	6	b Earnshaw ...	4
C. P. Hewett c P. R. Earnshaw b Mayne	74	c Solbè b Hodgson...	3
A. F. Gadsdon b A. Earnshaw	4	st Hodgson b Solbè	2
J. Weeks, c S. A. Smith b do.	10	b Earnshaw ...	5
J. E. Jeary b Earnshaw	4	b Mayne	0
M. Baker b Mayne	14	lbw b Mayne ...	16
F. E. Gibbs not out...	34	b Earnshaw ...	6
A. H. Bennett b S. A. Smith	1	st Hodgson b Solbè	6
F. S. Hewett b ditto	2	not out	0
Extras	4	Extras ...	1
Total	163	Total ...	63

PLAISTOW.

F. de l Solbé lbw b Weeks ...	7	b Gadsdon ...	70
H. B. Smith lbw b ditto ...	0	lbw b ditto ...	13
S. A. Smith lbw b C. P. Hewett	15	b ditto	28
W. Hodgson b ditto	4		
T. E. Hodgson st A. H. Hewett b Weeks...	7		
P. R. Earnshaw b Beach ...	19	not out	32
W. R. Larkins c Weeks b C. P. Hewett	1	not out	52
A. E. Earnshaw c F. S. b C. P. Hewett	1		
C. Earnshaw b Gadsdon... ...	28		
C. Treadwell b ditto	1		
R. S. Mayne not out	6		
Extras	9	Extras ...	7
Total	98	Total (2 wkts)	202

BROMLEY v. GRANVILLE PARK.—This match was played at Lee on Saturday, Aug. 12th., the result being a draw, slightly in favour of Bromley Score:

BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett, b Edwards 64
W. G. Beach, c & b ditto 44
M. Baker, st Furze, b ditto... 7
A. Romary, c Pate, b ditto... 5
J. Weeks, c Wilson, b ditto 13
F. A. Gadsdon, st Furze, b ditto ... 26
R. S. Mayne, run out 2
C. A. Abthorpe, b Edwards... 0
W. G. Hewett, c & b ditto 0
A. D. Tennant, b ditto... 2
F. S. Hewett, not out 0
Extras 9

Total 172

GRANVILLE.

L. R. Glover, c A. H. Hewett, b Mayne 2
B. F. Gordon, c Gadsdon, b Mayne ... 34
E. Furze, b Mayne... 4
J. Edwards. c Beach, b Mayne 7
W. Edwards, c & b Romary 41
J. Wilson, b Romary 6
J. A. Johnson, not out... 13
W. Pate
A. F. Lloyd
A. D. Parry
G. Hilder
did not bat
Extras 7

Total (5 wkts) 114

BROMLEY v. ST. MARY CRAY.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, August 12th, ending in an easy win for the visitors. Score:

BROMLEY.

B. J. Hillyer, b Sharp 9
L. E. Pamphilon, c Berens, b Sharp... 9
F. E. Gibbs, b Sharp 12
C. P. Hewett, b Sharp... 7
R. H. Smith, c Berens, b Sharp... ... 0
M. Dewey, b Sharp 15
J. B. Batchelor, b Crowhurst 5
R. E. Reid, b ditto 0
A. H. Squire, b Sharp 0
A. W. Harvey, not out 0
D. Payne, c Nelson, b Sharp 13
Extras 1

Total 71

ST. MARY CRAY.

C. Berens, c Dewey, b Gibbs 54
P. Townsend, b Pamphilon... 6
R. Sharp, c Dewey, b Reid... 8
W. Nelson, h wkt b Gibbs 44
W. Crowhurst, b Pamphilon 10
R. Berens, b Gibbs 0
W. Hawes, b Hewett 20
F. Darby, st Hewett, b Pamphilon ... 16
C. I. Reakes, b Hewett 0
E. Packman, not out 5
G. E. Francis, c Dewey, b Pamphilon 8
Extras 36

Total 207

TONBRIDGE v. BICKLEY PARK.—Played at Tonbridge on Aug. 12th., and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:

TONBRIDGE.

J. F. Reynolds b Davy 2
F. Gully b Davy 24
Rev. G. Lachlan b Hilder 55
F. W. Franks c and b Davy 1
T. Pawley c Harden b H. E. Bouch ... 28
A. S. Page c Cooper b Hilder 0
R. E. Marchant not out 31
A. Bennett b H. E. Bouch 0
O. Gray ht wkt b Pattison 9
A. H. Stimson run out 0
Day c Pattison b H. E. Bouch 1
Extras 16

Total 186

BICKLEY PARK.

T. P. Hilder c Reynolds b Pawley ... 3
W. B. Pattison b Page 52
C. V. B. Davy b Reynolds 1
H. E. Bouch c Pawley b Page 18
E. R. Bouch st Gray b Page... 13
C. H. Hunter b Page 0
H. A. L. Rudd b Reynolds 0
A. Boosey not out 36
E. Hurlbatt b Page... 2
W. Cooper b Page 2
W. Harden b Day 18
Extras 10

Total 155

Plaistow v. Blackheath.—This match was played at Blackheath, on Saturday, August 12th, and resulted in a draw. Score:

Plaistow.

S. A. Smith, c A. W. Stewart, b R. B. Stewart	14
F. de L. Solbé, b P. Christopherson	41
W. L. Knowles, c Stewart, b Fegan	43
W. Hodgson, c Stewart, b Christopherson	0
T. Hodgson, c Stewart, b Christopherson	27
P. R. Earnshaw, c Fegan, b Christopherson	24
W. R. Larkin, c Christopherson, b Stewart	0
A. E. Earnshaw, b Christopherson	8
R. Stuart, not out	23
C. E. Corthorne, not out	13
C. Treadwell did not bat	
Extras	11
*Total	207

*Innings declared closed.

Blackheath.

S. Castle, c Solbé, b Corthorne	28
R. B. Stewart, not out	34
K. Christopherson, b Corthorne	0
P. Christopherson, c Knowles, b Corthorne	0
T. H. Fegan, lbw b Corthorne	12
H. Simson, not out	4
G. R. Hutchinson, A. W. Stewart, R. A. Fegan, G. O. Jacob, S. Christopherson did not bat	
Extras	7
Total ...(4 wkts.)	85

Bromley v. Bromley Common.—This match was played at Bromley on Saturday, August 19th, and ended in a win for the home team by 38 runs. Score:—

Bromley.

W. G. Beach b W. Hopton	0	b Hopton	8
S. E. Pamphilon c Mellon b Hopton	9	not out	10
F. E. Gibbs b F. Gedney	12	b Sharp	6
J. E. Jeary c Sharp b Hopton	1	b W. Taylor	49
C. P. Hewett run out	1	b Sharp	10
A. F. Gadsdon c E. Gedney b Hopton	22	b Sharp	0
W. H. Sharland c Carter b Hopton	0		
F. S. Hewett c and b Hopton	0		
J. B. Batchelor not out	26	not out	32
D. Payne c Hopton b Sharp	4		
A. D. Tennant b Hopton	1		
Extras	7	Extras	39
Total	83	Total (5 wkts)	154

Bromley Common.

W. Taylor b Gadsdon	4
E. J. Gedney c Payne b C. P. Hewett	10
W. J. Hopton b Gadsdon	0
E. Taylor b Gadsdon	0
R. Sharp l-b-w b C. P. Hewett	8
F. Gedney c and b Gadsdon	6
H. Mellor b C. P. Hewett	0
J. Miles b Gadsdon	0
G. Carter b C. P. Hewett	3
S. Smith b Gadsdon	0
W. Bowen not out	5
Extras	9
Total	45

Lieut. Donald Dinwiddy, who was thrown from his horse when in Bromley Camp with the 2nd West Kent Volunteers, is progressing favourably. He has been able to leave the Cottage Hospital, to which he was carried in an unconscious state after the accident.

2nd. WEST KENT VOLUNTEERS' IN CAMP.

The 2nd Vol. Batt. "Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent) Regiment entered upon a nine days' encampment at Plaistow on Saturday July 29th, in a field off Burnt ash-lane in the tenancy of Mr. C. H. Satterthwaite, on the Plaistow Lodge Estate, until recently the property of Lord Kinnaird, which fatigue party in charge of Adjut. and Capt. E. E. Ravenhill, had got in readiness for the reception on the previous day. The tents—105 in all—were arranged in six serried lines facing northward to the entrance gate. Six lines of ten tents each were allotted to the men, the band occupying five of the first transverse line. The non-com's and staff occupied the rearmost transverse line of tents and immediately behind them, in the open space which marked the line of cleavage in the quarters of officers and men, was the orderly tent. Next came the officers' tents, arranged in six lines of four tents each, and in the rear-centre on more open ground was the tent of the Commanding Officer, Col. W. Bristow. Still nearer to the end of the field were two large marquees handsomely appointed and equipped as the officers' dining room. At the rear of these were two smaller marquees, the one being used as a kitchen and the other as a larder. Three ordinary circular tents a bit beyond them served for sleeping accommodation for the officers' servants. At the head of the camp, on the right flank was the Hospital tent. In a slightly more central but advanced position were two more marquees—one of private hiring—doing duty respectively as Sergeant's Mess and Stores; while in the rear right of them were five other tents for the accommodation of Quartermasters' Stores and the men attached to the commissariat department. On the left flank were two other marquees, the one being the Corporal's Mess and the other the Canteen and Concert Room. Each man was allowed by the orders 1lb. of bread 1lb. of meat, and 1lb. of mixed vegetables, with double the ordinary regulation allowance of groceries. The cooking was done by a staff of cooks—one cook from each company—in the regulation "horseshoe" trenches, which were situated on the extreme left front of the lines, a sergeant and corporal from each company being detailed to see that the men had their rations, which they had to eat each in their own tents. Each man had to provide himself with knife, fork, and spoon, and those who were veterans provided themselves with many more articles than were stipulated for in the "camp orders." The non-commissioned officers provided their own cooks and "orderlies," and had one committee to look after the mess, and another to control the canteen. Sergt.-Instructor Bird was the president of the mess and Private Gilbertson, with two assistants, controlled the affairs of the kitchen; the corporals' mess also had its committees and its secretary, and a very complete equipment. For the officers Capt. Heward had charge of the larder—a by no means ill-stocked larder either—and on a large range in the open air *Chef* Noughter, from the First Avenue Hotel, Holborn, prepared the savoury viands, with which three waiters served the table. The Battalion paraded at Headquarters, "Holly Hedge House," Blackheath at about four o'clock, to the number of 130 and the march was commenced about twenty minutes to five. The route was by way of Lee Green and Grove Park; at Lee the Batallion was joined by the Dartford detachment with Surgeon-Lieut. Taylor. The Camp was reached shortly after six and the men dismissed to their quarters, six in each tent. At a quarter-past seven the guards were mounted, and military *Regime* began in earnest. At eight o'clock "Retreat" was

sounded, followed by "First Post" at ten, and "Tattoo" half-an-hour later. There were then in camp 20 commissioned officers—Col. Bristow, Capt. and Adjut. Ravenhill, Lieut.-Colonel Frigout, Major Latter, Acting-Quartermaster Capt. Horton, Capt. Heward, Capt. Latter, Capt. Sims, Capt. Graham, Capt. Gordon Smith, Capt. Lemon, Capt. Marchant and Lieuts. Dinwiddy, Lovibond, Marchant, Matthews, Hitchins, Morphew, de Havilland, and Surgeon-Lieut. Taylor—24 sergeants and about 180 men. On Sunday morning the Battalion was paraded for Divine Service near to the officers' Quarters when the Rev. A. G. Hillicar, Vicar of Bromley and acting-Chaplain to the Camp conducted a form of shortened morning service and briefly addressed the meeting. On Monday the drills of the week commenced the attendance of the men being very variable as many had to return to their every-day duties. Thursday morning was devoted to some tactical manœuvering which the umpires decided was successfully accomplished. In the evening a grand evening concert was given in the Recreation Tent, under the musical direction of Sergt. H. Weightman Lce-Corpl. Horobin, and attracted a much larger audience than even the large marquee could comfortably accommodate. Friday night was guest night with the officers. Some 31 covers were laid, and in addition to the officers of the Battalion, the following gentlemen were also present: Colonel Safford, commanding the 50th Regimental District; Major E. Satterthwaite, *aide-de-camp* to Sir. William Humphreys, the General commanding the Hampshire Brigade; the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, and acting-chaplain to the Battalion; Col. Graham, of the 2nd West Kent Regiment; and Messrs. M. D. Taylor, J. Cornelius, W. S. Fisher, Percy E. Smith, and H. Graham. Saturday was the all-important day of the year—the Annual Inspection. Parade was ordered at a quarter past five, and after the usual preliminaries on the camp-ground the men headed by the pioneers and the massed bands, and brought up in the rear by the cyclists and ambulance men, were marched up through Burnt Ash-lane on to the Park by the Bromley Hill entrance. Shortly afterwards —Colonel Safford, commanding the 50th Regimental District—arrived, with Major E. Satterthwaite, *aide-de-camp* to the General commanding the Hampshire Brigade, and as they rode on to the inspection ground the band struck up the general salute and the Battalion was called smartly to the shoulder. After having closely inspected the ranks the Inspecting Officer retired to the saluting point, and the Battalion was marched past in half and quarter column and then put through the manual firing exercises by companies, after which the Officers, in the presence of the Inspecting Officer, put the men through various evolutions and field movements. Subsequently the column was reformed and Col. Safford addressed the men. The total number on parade was 725, of which number 22 were officers, 60 non-commissioned officers, from 80 to 100 bandsmen, six cyclists and 11 stretcher bearers. On Sanday morning Divine Service was conducted on the same lines as on the previous Sunday by the Rev.—Marshall, of St. John's, Lewisham. On Bank Holiday afternoon and evening, a series of military competitions were engaged in. The following were the final results—

BEST DRESSED MAN IN THE BATTALION.—1st. prize, Pte. King, F Company; 2nd. Pte. Pipkins H Company; 3rd, Pte. Harrison, A Company.

BUGLERS' COMPETITION (FIELD CALLS).—1st prize, Bugler Bell, H Company; 2nd, Bugler Greenaway, L Company.

TENT PITCHING AND STRIKING.—1st prize, No. 1 Team of H Company, under Corporal Tisley, 29 points; 2nd, team of J Company, under Pioneer Evans, 25 points: special prize, No. 1 Team of A Company, under Corporal Bedd, 25 points.

SKIRMISHING COMPETITIONS.—1st prize, squad of K Company, under Sergt Stott, 78 points; 2nd, squad of C Company, under Colr.-Sergt. Steer, 72 points.

BEST DRESSED MAN IN COMPANY.—C Company, Pte. Atkins; F Company, Pte. King; G Company, Pte. Hobday; J Company, Pte. Sage.

TUGS-OF-WAR.—1st prize, C Company, under Corporal Hill; 2nd, K Company, under Sergt. Stott.

Mrs. Satterthwaite, sen., distributed the prizes, and for that kindly office Col. Bristow thanked her on behalf of the Battalion, and the proceedings then terminated with three cheers for Mrs. Satterthwaite, and one for "The Major" (Major C. Satterthwaite.) The annual prize shooting of the Battalion took place at Milton near Gravesend the same day when Sergt. Bulleid of the Bromley Detachment was successful in carrying off the Thorold Challenge Cup and £5 5s., with 93 points the conditions being seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. He was also successful in carrying off the Badge in the eighth Battalion Challenge Badge Competition, and in the second competition carried off the first prize at 200 and 600 yards range, and the second prize at 500. The E (Bromley) Co. No. 2 team, carried off the first prize, £4, in the Volley Firing Competition, and the E (Bromley) Co. No. 1 team secured the second prize of £3. In the Sweepstake Competition, F Co's. team won the first prize. In the Recruit's Competition Private Gask won the first prize of £2 2s. Col. W. Bristow, left the camp on Monday evening, but before he drove away the men gave him three hearty cheers, Col. Bristow expressed himself as eminently satisfied with the conduct of the men who had come into camp; "in fact," he said, "it is the best camp we have had." On Tuesday the Camp was broken up, the stores returned and the men returned to civilian life again. Throughout the nine days the health of the men was excellent.

VOLUNTEER FIELD FIRING COMPETITION—The second field firing competition of the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd V.B. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment took place at the Bromley range on Aug. 12th. The weather was not altogether favourable, a glaring, uncertain light prevailing, with little or no wind. The conditions under which the firing was carried out were as follows:—The competitors from 500 yards, sight fixed at 100 yards, fire three rounds prone at 400 yards, three rounds kneeling at 300 point, and four rounds standing at 200 yards, at a yards class figure target, all hits counting as one third, except in the case of a tie, where a bull's eye counts two. The following were the scores:—

	Bulls.	Hits.	Total.
Corpl. Owen...	2	5	7
Private Newell	0	7	7
Private Stanton	1	5	6
Private Napier	1	4	5
Corpl. Fawsitt	0	5	5
Lance-Corpl. Brown ...	0	5	5
Private Verrells... ...	0	5	5
Colour Sergt. Perry ...	0	5	5
Sergt. H. J. Davis ...	2	2	4
Bugle Major Heaysman	1	3	4
Private T. Heaysman	0	4	4
Private G. W. Simpson	0	4	4
Sergt. G. A. Davis ...	0	4	4

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THE PAST MONTH.

The Rural Sanitary Authority are dealing with the water supply of the villages round Bromley in a way that would have gladdened the heart of the late Charles Kingsley had he lived to see their day. The details which are from time to time revealed as to the sources and extent of the supply which has hitherto sufficed for the needs of the villagers, in many cases show that what he wrote of the state of things prevailing in the Southwest corner of old England, would not have been too strong, if applied to this neighbourhood in these days. In many cases the only supply during the late drought has been rain water, or surface water, stored in tanks which as they have become gradually empty, were found to be in anything but a sanitary condition. In one instance the remains of dead animals were found in water that was used as a beverage, and it is a by no means unknown occurrence for water for culinary and ablutionary purposes to have to do duty several days in succession. The Kent Company's water has now been brought so near to the cottagers' doors, that it is but seldom that hardship arises in enforcing the laying on of the purer supply, but yet the residents do not take to it kindly. In one instance it was urged by a lady, with equal force and humour, that she had drunk of the proscribed supply for eighty years and it was not likely to hurt her now.

The earlier-closing crusade conducted in Bromley during the summer has not been barren of results, though much work yet remains to be done before uniformity in the practice will be attained. At present the majority of the shops of the town close at five o'clock on Wednesday; some, however, have substituted the same hour on Saturday, while others cease business at two on Wednesday. Such a difference in the practice must be prejudicial to the trading interests of the town. Not even the most advanced advocate of an eight hours' day likes making journeys for nothing, and it stands to reason that such is frequently likely to be the experience of customers as long as different hours and days of holiday prevail. No plan, in short, could be better devised for diverting business into other, and, from a Bromley trader's point of view, less desirable, channels. Had Bromley a traders' association, or other similar organization which could consider and decide such subjects of common interest, difficulties of this nature would be less likely to arise.

There will soon be little left of the Bromley that existed half a generation ago. Many of the old houses of the town have lately been pulled down and others bearing no resemblance to them, and as much as two stories higher, erected in their stead. These alterations are partly due to the exigencies of street improvements, and partly to private enterprize. The new Railway Stations on the Chatham and Dover line at Bromley, Bickley and Shortlands are now approaching completion and constitute the biggest alterations of the last twenty years. Built on a far larger and more comprehensive scale than the structures they replace, they incur the charge of cockneyism in some people's minds, but Bromley has long ceased to be a village.

Another improvement that is shortly to be carried out, is the erection of a new Head Post Office on the site of what is now known as Centenary Place, a row of houses standing just out of Market Square, and immediately opposite the Local Offices. The position is fairly central, but there is reason to believe the ground does not afford all the accommodation that was desired. The present premises have been occupied by the Post Office some eighteen years, and those who can remember it before its removal thither, when the late Mr. Shillcock was postmaster, are becoming quite old inhabitants.

Wedding at Bromley Common.—On Saturday, Aug. 5th, the marriage of Mr. Wallace Arthur Smith, of Bencewell, second son of Mr. W. Smith, of Bromley Common, with Miss Minnie Louisa Parslow, of Downe, took place at Holy Trinity Church, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar, Rev. F. W. Haines. The service was choral, the special hymns being "How welcome was the call," and "Now thank we all our God." Mr. George Smith, brother of the bridegroom, presided at the organ, and also played a selection of music appropriate to the occasion. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Joshua Snow, and was attended by three bridesmaids and a page, the bridegroom's best man being his brother, Mr. Joshua Smith. The wedding breakfast took place at Bencewell Farm; after which the employés of Mr. Smith, sen. and the bridegroom, were entertained to a substantial repast which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Technical Education Classes in Bromley—The Bromley Local Board have issued particulars of Science, Art and Technical Classes and Lectures which are of a comprehensive nature. The Art and Science Classes will be held at the School in Tweedy Road, where there will also be lectures and classes in French, Commercial geography, book-keeping, shorthand and dress cutting. The other centres of instruction will be the Co-operative Hall, East Street; the Iron Room, Sherman's Road; the Valley Board Schools, St. Luke's Institute, Raglan Road, and the Raglan Road Board Schools. Further particulars of the classes will be found in our advertising pages.

Mr. J. R. Mason, the promising young Kent amateur cricketer, was educated at the Abbey School, Beckenham, before going to Winchester.

The Bromley Local Board, which has been in recess during August, will meet for the dispatch of business on Sept. 5th.

A School of Music has been opened at Aberdeen Buildings, High Street, Bromley, under the same management as that at Beckenham.

We much regret to record the death of Mrs. Sarah Sutton wife of Mr. William Sutton, of the "Bell Hotel, Bromley. who died on the 24th ult.

July. DIARY FOR AUGUST.

23rd—Church Parade of Friendly Societies to Chislehurst Parish Church. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Twist.
25th—Annual Treat of Christ Church, Bromley Park, Sunday School, to Crystal Palace.
26th—Fourteenth Annual Cottage Flower Show, in Addington Park.
26th—Second Annual Summer Flower Show of the Beckenham Horticultural Society.
" —Summer Treat of Plaistow National Schools, at Sundridge Park.
27th—Annual School Treat and Village Sports and Flower Show, at Hayes.
28th—Distribution of Prizes at Quernmore House School, Bromley, by the Rev. G. S. Reaney.
29th—Annual Fête and Sports of the Loyal Star of Keston Lodge, 5757, Independent Order of Oddfellows, in Oakley-road, Bromley Common.
" —Annual Meeting of St. Mary Cray Wanderers Football Club, Mr. E. H. Joynson presiding.
29th—Commencement of nine days Encampment of 2nd Volunteer Battalion Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, at Plaistow.
29th—Distribution of Prizes at the Convent of the Holy Trinity, Bromley.
31st—Meeting at Bromley Common Primitive Methodist Chapel to welcome to the circuit three new ministers including the Rev. A. Fawcett, Mr.. M. H Hodder presiding.
31st—Tenth Annual Meeting of Bromley and South Eastern Building Society.

August.

3rd—Meeting of Bromley Vestry to elect four Endowed School Governors.
4th—Annual Show of the St. Mary Cray and District Horticultural Society.
6th—Seventh Anniversary of Bromley Corps of Salvation Army.
7th—Third Race Meeting of the Lewisham Polo Pony and Galloway Club at Barnet Wood Farm.
11th—Vestry Meeting at Orpington, to levy a rate for the Management of Orpington Commons.
15th—Annual Outing of the Bromley Police Cricket Club at Hampton Court.
16th—Tenth Annual Exhibition of the Downe Horticultural Society.
16th—Annual Sports of St. Luke's Bromley Branch of the C.E.T.S.
" —German Reed's Entertainment at the Bromley Grand Hall.
" —Five Miles' Handicap Road Race of Bromley Cycling Club: won by J. Green.
19th—Anniversary Fete of the Star of Friendship Lodge of Oddfellows, at Cudham.
" —Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnston's "Liberal" Garden Party.
23rd—Bromley Volunteers' Shooting Competition for Tradesmen's Prizes.

ILLNESS OF MR. LAUMANN.—We regret to announce the serious illness of Mr. R. L. Laumann the well-known and popular head-master of the St. Mary's Plaistow National Schools. Mr. Laumann met with an accident at the Bromley Railway Station some time ago and sustained a severe shaking. He had however to all appearances recovered from the affect of this and was engaged in his scholastic duties with his wonted energy till July 26th, the date of the St. Mary's annual School treat at Sundridge Park. There he was as usual the life and soul of the party, but upon returning home in the evening, suffered a stroke of paralysis. He is however, we are glad to learn now much better and, having been granted three months leave of absence, is going into the country to seek a complete restoration to health.

SHAKESPEARIAN PLAYS—Our readers will see on reference to another column that Mr. Hermann Vezin, with Miss Laura Johnstone and Company, will give representations of Shakespearian and other high-class plays, in Bromley Grand Hall, on Sept. 11th, 12th, and 13th.

MR. H. W. FORSTER, M.P. for the Sevenoaks Division, has presented the Rev. A. J. Gibson, curate of Bramley, near Leeds, to the chaplaincy of Southend, Catford, in succession to the Rev. H. E. Bicknell, now vicar of St. Chrysostom, Peckham.

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.

QUERNMORE HOUSE SCHOOL, BROMLEY.—The annual prize-distribution and speech day in connection with Quernmore House School took place at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on July 28th, when, in addition to the masters and pupils of the schools, a large number of ladies and gentlemen assembled.—Mr. Loly, the head master, said that the result of the public examination conducted in their school last June was extremely satisfactory. Thirty-two boys were sent up, and only four failed, and no boy in more than one subject. The Rev. G. S. Reaney then addressed the boys in a practical and sympathetic tone. The winners of the school prizes were as follows:—

Mathematics...	J. B. Richards i
Classics	W. H. Elder
German	J. B. Richards ii
French (presented by M. Goujon)	E. Bongers
Modern Languages...	J. Brearley i
Scripture	J. B. Richards i
History (presented by the Rev. G. S. Reaney)	M. F. Reaney ii
Drawing. 1st Prize	L. P. Jezzi
Drawing. 2nd Prize	G. R. H. Reaney i
Mrs. Loly's House Prize	S. P. Lowe
Bat for best batting average ...	Cyril Armstrong i
Bat for best bowling average ...	P. Ashton

In the College of Preceptors' Examination, June, 1893, the following boys passed:—

S. E. Brearley, J. B. Richards, W. H. Elder, R. F. C. Hillman, M. F. Reaney, J. W. Brearley, J. A. White, A. B. Sharp, C. E. Kelly, L. J. Brearley, S. Grossmith, L. P. Jezzi, G. R. Reaney, P. Hamond, W. L. Engelhardt, B. W. Middleton, H. D. Powis, T. H. Edey, G. C. Morgan, C. Armstrong, B. D. Richards, R. W. Hodges, W. Strudwick, A. N. Pellett, E. Bongers, P. Strudwick.

J. B. Richards, 1st Class Honours Division,	1415	marks
J. W. Brearley " "	1200	"
L. P. Jezzi, 1st class	925	"

The above include passes for the following Professional Examinations: 3 Preliminary Law, 5 Preliminary Medical, 3 Preliminary Chartered Accountants, 5 Institute of Civil Engineers, and various minor examinations. An excellent entertainment was then given by the boys, Mr. Cecil Engelhardt presiding at the piano.

CONVENT OF THE HOLY TRINITY.—The distribution of prizes to the pupils at the Convent of the Holy Trinity, Freelands, Bromley, took place on July 29th. The following was the prize list:—Conduct (prizes given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by the religious)—First class, Miss May Willett.—Second class, Miss Sybil Munns.—Christian doctrine,—First class. Miss May Willett.—Second class, Miss Lily Willett. Politeness.—Miss Florie Gammon. Prize for obtaining honour, Oxford Senior Examination, July, 1892—Miss Louise O'Donel. First class: Science, Miss Hilda Willett; literature, grammar and composition, Miss Florie Gammon: history and geography, Miss May Willett; arithmetic, Miss Zoe Hoghton. Second class: Literature, grammar and Shakespeare, Miss Lily Willett; next in merit, Miss Sybil Munns; history and geography. Miss Kate Nickalls; arithmetic, Miss Susan Morin; recitation, Miss Daisy Schooling. Third class: Composition and grammar, Miss Madge Willett; history and geography, Miss Kathleen Kentish; arithmetic, Miss Elsie Munns. French.—First class: Prize, Miss May Willett. Second class: Prize, Miss Lily Willett. Third class: Prize, Miss Elsie Munns. Painting.—Prize, Miss Zoe Hoghton. Music.—First division: Prize, Miss Katie Fagan; next in merit,

Miss Florie Gammon. Second division: Prize, Miss Lily Willett. Third division: Prize, Madge Willett. Needlework.—First division: Prize, Miss Florie Gammon. Second Division; Prize, Miss Eileen Fitzgerald. German.—Prize, Miss Katie Nickalls. An interesting programme was subsequently performed by the pupils.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.—Mr. R. G. Mullen writes, enclosing copy of subjoined letter from Princess May. "I may state that the Pearl Necklace which cost £1500 is to be seen at the Imperial Institute, in the front jewellery case on the east side, it is in a white velvet case and thought by those who understand pearls, a very handsome choice, while the presentation book is a very beautiful volume."

DEAR LADY STANHOPE,—Will you kindly convey to all the people of Kent my very warmest, and most sincere thanks for the beautiful row of Pearls they had the kindness to give me as a wedding present. I assure you that I value the lovely gift very much indeed.—Believe me, dear Lady Stanhope, yours very sincerely, (Signed) MAY.

York Cottage, Sandringham, Norfolk,
21st July, 1893.

A LIBERAL GARDEN PARTY.—Mr. Thomas Johnston, J.P.—who ably contested the Sevenoaks division in the Liberal interest at the last general election—and Mrs. Johnston gave an "At Home," on Aug. 19th, on which occasion a large number of Liberal ladies and gentlemen of the Sevenoaks Division of Kent availed themselves of the invitation extended to them and assembled at "Broomsleigh," Seal Chart, Sevenoaks. Mr. Johnston had thoughtfully provided carriages to meet the visitors both at Sevenoaks (S.E.R.) station and at Kemsing and those who journeyed down to the former station found an added pleasure in the five-mile drive from the station to "Broomsleigh." On the arrival of the visitors they were received on the lawn by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and then some half hour or so was spent in strolling about the grounds, the Sevenoaks Town Band discoursing some inspiriting airs the while. Then the party were summoned to tea in a large marquee on the other side of the grounds. Tea over the party betook themselves to the lawn where some 200 assembled including Sir Patteson Nickalls and Miss Nickalls, Sir Sydney Waterlow, Mrs. Hohler, of the London School Board; Mr. G. H. Whitehead, president of the Bromley Liberal Association, and Mrs. Whitehead; Mr. A. J. Baker, K.C.C., president of the Beckenham Liberal Association; Mr. Potter, J.P., president of the Maidstone Liberal Association; Councillor Cox, Maidstone; Mr. Frank Hudson, Mr. F. Swanzy, J.P., Mr. J. Matthews, J.P., of Sevenoaks; Mr. Robert Whyte, Chislehurst; Mr. H. J. Deacon, Mr. H. W. Amos and Miss Amos, Mr. S. B. Webber, Bromley; Mr. and Mrs. T. Child, Farnborough; Mr. and Mrs. T. Filmer, Downe; Mr. Albert Bath and Miss Little, Mr. and Mrs S. L. Greer, Major and Mrs. German, Mr. and Mrs. Read, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gray.—Speeches in support of the policy of the Government were then delivered by the host and several of the guests.

NEW MAGISTRATES FOR KENT.—The following have been added to the Commission of the Peace for the county of Kent, the majority being Liberals: Messrs. C. R. Chaffins, F. Wingent, A. Spicer, H. J. Wood, W. Vinson, F. F. Belsey, Jos. Matthews, R. Brain, J. L. Spoor, J. Watson, H. E. Broad, M.P., Jos. Stanford, F. Swanzy, R. W. Perks, M.P., R. Whyte, H. Pink, Captain C. T. Hatfield, and Rev. J. Diggle. Several of the above gentleman are well known in this locality.

BROMLEY POLICE CRICKET CLUB OUTING.—The annual outing, dinner, and cricket match of the members of the Bromley Police Cricket Club, took place on Aug. 5th. Hampton Court being the resort selected. Upwards of 50 police and their friends left Bromley in three large brakes shortly after eight, the early morning giving promise of a beautiful day, which we are pleased to say was ratified. Among the party were Sergt. J. Smith, Mr W. Goodacre, of the "Lord Homesdale," Bromley, Mr. E. Graley, of the "Railway Hotel," Bromley, Mr. T. Shewbrooks, and others, together with P.-c J. Smith, the hon. sec, of the club, Three musicians were present, occupying the box of the front brake, and they discoursed popular airs on both journeys: but the negro minstrels, who last year created so much amusement throughout the day, were, for some reason or other conspicuous by their absence. The route taken lay through Shortlands and Beckenham, to Woodside, where the first stoppage was made at the "Black Horse," Lower Addiscombe-road. Here seven homing pigeons, the property of P.-c. Everett and Loving, were liberated, and after flying around in circles for a few minutes flew away to their homes to tell their friends that all was right up to that time. Passing through Addiscombe, and Croydon, a cut across the common was made in the direction of Mitcham. Here another stoppage was made followed by others at Merton, and Kingston, Hampton Court being reached about half-past twelve. A rush was at once made for the cricket ground, in order to commence to play off the fixture arranged with the Tradesmen of the town. The Tradesmen went first to the wickets, and thanks to the bowling of Lambe and Everett, were nearly all disposed of before luncheon. Concluding afterwards, however, they reached a total of 52, before the last wicket fell, for which Bryant placed 25 to his credit before he was out "leg before" to Everett. The Police then went in, and amassing 89 runs for eight wickets, won the match. At two o'clock the party sat down at the "King's Arms" Hotel, to a remarkably well served hot luncheon, prepared by *chef* Hase, which gave every satisfaction. P.-c. J. Smith occupied the chair, and P.-c Leggett was unanimously voted to the vice-chair. After the dinner some of the party visited the beautiful and historic palace and saw the noted vine, the picture gallery and the other attractions there, while others of a more nautical turn of mind went for trips up the Thames, where the large house boats anchored along the banks attracted much attention. At seven o'clock a start was made for home, the route taken in the morning being generally followed. After dark the front brake was illuminated by a number of hanging lanterns, creating a very pleasing effect. Bromley was safely reached about half-past eleven every one agreeing that a most happy and enjoyable day had been spent.

FATAL BANK HOLIDAY ACCIDENT.—At about half-past seven o'clock on Monday evening, just as the great crush of vehicular traffic was leaving the scene of the races in Oakley-road, a man named John Wyatt, 35, a costermonger, of Paisley-road, Walworth, who was returning home from the races with his wife and some friends in a van, fell over the front part of the van and the wheel passed over his head. He was at once picked up by his friends and conveyed to the Bromley Cottage Hospital where Dr. Ilott was speedily in attendance, but he pronounced life to be extinct. From an examination then made it was found that the unfortunate man had sustained a very bad fracture of the skull. An inquest on the body was held at the St. Mark's Men's Club subsequently, when a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

MANAGEMENT OF BROMLEY CHARITIES.—On August 3rd, a vestry meeting was held at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, convened by the Vicar and Churchwardens for the following purposes:—(1) "To elect four persons to serve as Representative Governors, under the scheme for the management of the Endowed School at Bromley, and of the Endowments thereof," and (2) To sanction a proposed lease of the Church houses, and land adjacent thereto, situate in Oakley-road, Bromley Common." The Vicar presided, and there were present: Messrs. T. C. Dewey and D. Grinsted (churchwardens), D. Payne, M. J. Dickins, S. Bush, A. Griffin, and M. Keer.—The Chairman explained that the funds which the four gentlemen were called on to administer were simply the ancient endowments of the old charity schools of Bromley, amounting to some £1800 which were formerly expended in providing clothing as well as education for a certain number of poor children. About twenty years ago the matter was put into the hands of the Endowed Schools Commissioners—although it was rather a misnomer to speak of endowed schools in Bromley, because there were none. At the present time the fund was managed by the Vicar of Bromley and four representative Governors, who were chosen for five years; they should have been appointed last Easter, but unfortunately the matter was overlooked. It was provided that the money should not be expended in paying the ordinary working expenses of the school, but in the promotion of education. Practically what was done was that a portion of the money was reserved to be given as premiums to pupil teachers who succeeded in obtaining a first-class at the scholarship examination; the rest of the money was mostly spent in providing prizes, and all the Church schools, except the infants', participated in the benefit of the endowment.—On the proposition of Mr. D. Grinsted, the following gentlemen were elected Governors:—Messrs. Baxter, Dewey, Crafer, and Latter.—With regard to the scheme for the parish cottages, the Vicar asked Mr. Grinsted, as the Churchwarden, to state the facts of the case.—Mr. Grinsted said the cottages were known to most of those present. Under the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1875, they were at present scarcely fit for habitation—that fact was patent to everyone—and to put them in a state of good repair would require more money than they could raise. The Churchwardens had tried to get someone to take them on lease, and do the necessary repairs, but they could not do so. They had, however, succeeded in getting a good tenant for the land on a lease of 99 years at a ground rent of £5 per annum, and on the whole he thought they had made a very good arrangement. They had secured a very respectable tenant who would pull down the old cottages and build two villas in their places to the satisfaction of the Churchwarden's surveyors. He then proposed a formal resolution, asking the vestry to sanction the scheme.—Mr. Robinson Latter briefly gave the history of the cottages, and seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried.

ST. LUKE'S BROMLEY, C.E.T.S. SPORTS.—The annual sports of the St. Luke's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society took place on August 16th, in the spacious and pleasant grounds attached to the residence of Mr. Lynch-White, in Southlands-road, Bickley, just opposite St. Luke's Vicarage, and there was a large assemblage of both old and young to witness the carrying out of the large and varied programme which had been arranged by the Sports Committee. The sports began at about five o'clock, the Bromley Temperance Band being in attendance, and it was getting dusk as the last event was decided, and the winners assembled round a table at the top of the field for the distribution of prizes. The Sports Committee, who were most energetic and painstaking in their work, were the Rev. Hamilton Jackson, and Messrs. Ellis, Boxall, Kindred, and Baldwin; Dr. Chatterton officiated as starter, and Dr. Yolland and Mr. James Jackson made most impartial judges. At the close the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Lynch-White, after which the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse thanked Mrs. Lynch-White for kindly performing that office, and Mr. Lynch-White for the kind loan of the grounds.

BROMLEY CYCLING CLUB HANDICAP.—This popular club held its five miles' handicap over a very hilly course on August 16th, the whole five miles being all up hill, and the roads very loose. J. Green rode in grand form, and came in first, with 2m. 20sec. start. C. L. Newland from scratch came in second, making fastest time by over two minutes, F. Hinchcliffe being third. Result:

		Start rec'd.	Net time.
		M. S.	M. S.
1	J. Green	2 20	18 34
2	C. L. Newland...	Scratch*	16 28
3	F. Hinchcliffe ...	2 50	19 42
4	J. Carter	1 45	19 14
5	J. W. Tostevin	2 38	20 35
6	F. W. Reinhard	2 50	21 29

* Denotes fastest time.

Mr. H. Balding started the competitors, Mr. E. Creiton acted as judge, Mr. H. J. Green took the times.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A BROMLEY MAN.—Intelligence has been received of a sad and fatal accident in China, to a local person: Mr. Alfred Lowrence the second son of Mr. J. Lowrence, of High Street Bromley. Mr. Lowrence, who was in Bromley a couple of months since, was the second mate of the merchant vessel "Glen Falloch." On June 11th, he went ashore for the purpose of going for a pleasure excursion up one of the rivers. The trip was safely accomplished, but as Mr. Lowrence was stepping from the boat he missed his footing and fell into the water, and was at once carried away by the rapid tide. His body was recovered shortly afterwards, and was buried at the English cemetery there. Mr. Lowrence was only 29 years of age, and was much esteemed and respected, and his loss will be felt, not only by his family but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was at one time a sergeant in the local corps of Volunteers, and was also a member of the Bromley Fire Brigade.

PODO PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.—The third meeting of the present season held under the auspices of the Lewisham Polo Pony and Galloway Club, took place at Barnett Wood Field, Oakley-road, Bromley Common, on Bank Holiday, and attracted quite a large number of spectators. The course was a fairly good one. The card contained seven events, and with the exception of the Bromley Galloway Cup, which resulted in a walk over, some good finishes were witnessed. All the races were just over three quarters of a mile, except the Castle Stakes the course for which was about two miles. The officials were: Judge, Mr. Hulls; starter and hon. sec., Mr. T. W. Watts; clerk of the scales, Mr. J. Robins.

GERMAN REED AT BROMLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. German Reed and Mr. Corney Grain gave their third entertainment in the Bromley Grand Hall on August 16th, by special desire, but to a smaller audience than on either of the previous occasions, this doubtless being

due to the excessive heat. The programme was divided into three parts, the first being a sketch written by Malcolm, with music by Alfred J. Caldicott, entitled "An Odd Pair," the characters being taken by Miss Fanny Holland, Miss Gertrude Chandler, Mr. Avalon Collard, Mr, Arthur Helmore and Mr. Alfred German Reed. This piece was received with much favour, the antics of the odd pair—the two twins—being especially amusing. The second part consisted of a new musical sketch by Mr. Corney Grain, the society humourist, entitled "Piano on Tour," introducing the most popular features of sketches produced by him since his last visit to Bromley in September last—"Poor Piano," "Boys and Girls," "The Silly Season," and "Echoes of the Opera." At the close of the performance he was very loudly applauded. The evening's entertainment was brought to a conclusion with a musical trifle entitled "Box B," written and composed by Mr. R. Corney Grain. The scene was laid in a room at the back of a box at San Carlos at Naples. Mr. W. German Reed, who presided at the piano during the evening, played the overture "Reminiscences of Naples" as an introduction to this piece. The characters were taken by Mr. Corney Grain, Mr. Avalon Collard, Miss Fanny Holland, and Miss Gertrude Chandler. The piece was most amusing, and was replete with satire on some of the prevailing society customs. A Neapolitan song was introduced and very favourably received.

SUSPENSION OF A SURVEYOR.—At a Meeting of the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority on August 4th, the Deputy Clerk reported the suspension of Mr. I. Cribb, the surveyor of new buildings and inspector of sewers.—The Chairman said he might say, without going into detail, that it had come to his knowledge that Mr. Cribb had been guilty of neglect of duty for some time past, particularly in having allowed the sewers to go unflushed for one whole week, and in accordance with his instructions Mr. Dyer had served Mr. Cribb with a notice suspending him from further duty.—The Board approved the notice of suspension of Mr. Cribb and it was further resolved that Mr. Winter, managing clerk to Messrs. Wood and Snelling, auctioneers and surveyors, of Sidcup, be appointed to Mr. Cribb's office *pro tem.*

BECKENHAM.

BECKENHAM HORTICULTURALS SOCIETY'S SUMMER SHOW—On July 26th, the annual summer show of the Beckenham Horticultural Society, was held at the Recreation Ground, Croydon-road, Beckenham, and proved a most successful function. The exhibits, numbering some 130 in all, were arranged in two large marquees, two more marquees were devoted to the sale of refreshments, another to fruit, another to the "ladies," and another to the secretary and his assistants. Owing to the exceptionally dry season the fruit and vegetables were of course not so good or so numerous as would have been the case with a less "forcing" season, but they were very meritorious all the same, and the floral exhibits were excellent in both points of numbers and quality Especially were the large flowering and foliage plants—in the former of which fuchsias and begonias seemed to preponderate—worthy of mention, and the particular beauties called forth encomiums from all who beheld them. When the show opened there were present: the Rev. H. Arnott, rector and president of the society, and Mrs. Arnott, the Rev. S. W. Daukes, the Rev. H. Ernest Hill, the Rev. Charles Green, the Rev. Crowther Beynon, the Rev. G. O. F. Griffith, Dr. Kirby, Dr. Craig, the Rev. T. Saunderson and Mrs. Saunderson, Dr. Eyre, Mr. Boulcott Newth, Mr. W. Lovelock, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Carr, Mr. Davis, Mr. F. Stevens, Mr. S. Brindley, Mr. John Patrickson, and others.—The Rev. H. Arnott briefly remarked upon the presence of the Rev. W. W. Wilks, the secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society among them, and said it was a sort of reflected honour to themselves, and tended to show that the Beckenham Horticultural Society was taking its place among other societies of its kind. He then asked Mr. Wilks to open the show. — Mr. Wilks said that nothing pleased him more than to see local societies giving a good account of themselves as Beckenham was doing that day. He had been looking over the exhibits of flowers, vegetables and fruits and could tell them that their show was decidedly above the average. Some of the floral exhibits were most meritorious and could hardly be beaten by some of the metropolitan shows. Many people scarcely recognised the amount of hard work such shows entailed on the executive officers of a Society and the Beckenham people were to be congratulated that they had such earnest workers in the cause of horticulture. After expressing the hope that when next he visited one of the Society's shows—as a humble dependent rather than the unworthy representative of the Duchess of Teck—he would see a better exhibit of hardy annuals which no doubt this exceptionally dry season had prevented. Mr. Wilks complimented the exhibitors upon the quality of the vegetable exhibits and then finally declared the show open. During the afternoon the band of the Grenadier Guards, under the direction of Lieut. Dan Godfrey, played some excellent selections of music. In the evening, when popular prices prevailed, the number of visitors swelled to large proportions and dancing was engaged in to the strains of the Beckenham Brass Band and the Beckenham Temperance Band. Mrs. H. Arnott distributed the prizes.

BECKENHAM COACHMAN AND GARDENERS CRICKET MATCH—The annual cricket match of the Coachmen and Gardeners took place on the 16th. ult., and after a pleasant match, was won by the latter on the first innings 105—55. The Beckenham Brass Band played on the ground during the afternoon. The eleventh annual dinner took place at Public Hall in the evening, when not far short of 150 members and guests were present. The dinner consisting of good English fare, was provided by Mr. Baxter, of High-street. Mr. A. J. Baker, K.C.C. occupied the chair, and Dr. Barton the vice- chair. The Chairman was supported by Mr. A. H. Baker, K.C.C., and Messrs. A. A. Baker, C. M. Baker, H. Baker, C. Baker, and H. J. Ford. The vice-chairman was supported by Dr. Giddings, Dr. Blake and Dr. Williams.

CHISLEHURST.

X Y.Z.—Your request that we should keep the name you mention out of our columns, and receive remuneration from you for so doing is most improper. Had the case been of sufficient public interest we should have reported it.

THE tower of the St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, which has been undergoing repair under the the directien of Mr. J. Otway, is now completed and the scaffolding has been removed. The clock has also been done up and looks greatly improved. The men are now employed in making some improvements to the chancel.

DOWNE.

DOWNE COTTAGERS FLOWER SHOW.—The tenth annual exhibition of flowers, fruits, and vegetables held under the auspices of the Downe Horticultural Society, took place on August 16th, in a field kindly lent by Mr. Smith. There was a fair attendance during the afternoon, and the continued fair weather brought out a number towards the evening. The exhibits were staged in three large marquees, by the Committee, while Mr. W. H. Morter was hon. sec., and was assisted in his arduous duties by Mr. J. Town. Two of the tents were devoted to competitors' exhibits, while a third was given to the exhibits of non-competitors. A number of decorations and baskets of flowers were exhibited, not for competition, by Misses Smith, Miss Snow, Miss Ffinden, Miss Bloor, and others. In the competitors' classes much merit was shown, considering the bad season. The amateurs did not overlap the cottagers a great deal, it being the opinion of the judges that the exhibits were of very even merit. The show was opened by Miss Smith, of Downe Court, who was presented with a splendid bouquet on behalf of the Committee by Mr. W. H. Morter. The Orpington Brass Band, was in attendance and played a number of selections. The garden exhibits were judged by Mr. Brooks, Grove Nursery, Edmonton, Mr. Pascoe, gardener to Capt Torrens, Baston House, Hayes Common, and Mr. Tapper, gardener to Lady Scott, Sundridge Park, Bromley, and the lady judges were Miss Bloor, Miss Smith and Miss Ffinden. A dinner was given to the Committee, judges, nurserymen and other officials at the "Queen's Head" Hotel, at which Mr. J. Smith presided, and a vote of thanks to the judges was proposed by Mr. Smith, and heartily accorded. Another feature of the day's entertainment was a number of sports which were inaugurated for the first time this year. Mr. Josiah Smith was the judge, and was assisted by Mr. Weaver and Mr. W. H. Morter, Mr. Tapper was the handicapper, and Mr. John Smith was the starter. The following were the results:

150 YARDS RACE, for Downe only.—1 F. Marshall, 2 Packwood, 3 C. Tunbridge.

150 YARDS HURDLE RACE (Open). — 1 F. Marshall, 2 J. Bennett, 3 C. Miles.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, Downe only.—1 G. Sales, 91½ yds., 2 J. Ousley, 90 yds.

250 YARDS BOYS' RACE.—1 P. Duck, 2 A. King, 3 Eggleton.

QUARTER MILE (Open).—1 Mills, 2 Marshall, 3 Bennett.

ONE MILE (Open).—1 Best, 2 Elliott, 3 Sparks.

150 YARDS CONSOLATION RACE.—1 Francis, 2 Browning, 3 Gorham.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Miss Floyd.

HAYES.

SCHOOL TREAT, SPORTS, AND FLOWER SHOW.—The annual treat to the scholars of the Hayes Church Sunday School, and Hayes National School took place on July 27th, and at the same time with the village sports and the annual flower and vegetable show, all taking place in the Glebe Field, near the Rectory. The weather was somewhat dull and threatening at times during the morning, but towards mid-day the sun shone out with intense power and brilliancy, and the remainder of the day was beautifully fine. The proceedings commenced at 1.30 p.m., when the school children assembled outside the schools, and having been marshalled by Mr. W. Plant, the genial and energetic shoolmaster, were marched to the church, where a short bright service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. George Clowes. After the service children were marched to the Rectory field, where they at once proceeded to indulge in the various kinds of amusements provided for them—donkey-riding, cocoa-nut shies, and swings, all being largely patronised. Just before four o'clock the youngsters were grouped together on the greensward and regaled with a bountiful tea, consisting of an unlimited supply of cake, bread and butter, and tea. After the children had done full justice to their meal the mothers were similarly entertained, they being accommodated with tables and seats. Shortly after five o'clock a capital programme of athletic sports was gone through, consisting of 16 events. These were carried out under the active supervision of Mr. W. Plant, the officials, who discharged their duties most satisfactorily, being:—Starters Messrs. Nigel Smith and Torrens; judges: Sir Robert Leighton and Mr. Pettit; referee: Mr. Wood. There was also a tug of war, Married v. Single. Not the least interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the cottagers' annual show of flowers and vegetables. This show was instituted for the first time last year, but only on a small scale. Then the number of entries was 32, the classes being limited to eight. So successful was the result, however, that it was determined to make the show more extensive, and this time the classes numbered 51, and the entries over 150. The exhibits were staged in one large marquee, and they really made a most charming show, reflecting very considerable credit upon the cottagers of Hayes, several of whom, indeed, were amongst those who contributed "not for competition." The flowers and vegetables all round were an excellent lot, whilst the exhibits in the industrial classes were more than creditable The first prize in the handicraft class went to H. Bowles for a splendid model of a railway carriage, and the second to baskets made at the Hayes Basket Class, which is under the superintendence of Miss Selby. The judges of the show were Mr. Whalley (gardener at Addington Park), Mr. Whittall (gardener to Mr. G. J. Goschen), and Mr. Lyddiard (gardener to Mr. A. C. Norman, The Rookery, Bromley Common). At the close of the day Mrs. Hambro distributed the prizes for the winning exhibitors in the flower show, and Mrs. Clowes the prizes for the winners in the sports, and the proceedings terminated with three cheers for the Rector and Mrs. Clowes, Mr. Plant and the Sports' Committee. Each child on leaving the ground received a small present. Dancing found plenty of followers, the Hayes Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Robjant, playing a capital selection of music.

ORPINGTON.

THE COMMON LAND.—A specially convened Vestry meeting was held on August 11th, the meeting being presided over by the Vicar. There were present: Messrs. Wm. May, H. B. Howard, Francis, W. Sutton Simmonds, W. Vinson, Matthews, F. Pollard, R. and W. P. Taylor, Townsend, Day, Morley, G. T. Petty, and G. Culbertson (churchwardens). — The Chairman having read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Wm. May explained at some length the scheme of the Conservators appointed under the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 to 1878, and Mr. Howard moved and Mr. Day seconded a resolution to the effect that the "scheme of the Conservators for the management and preservation of the Orpington Commons having been read and explained, it was resolved by the parishioners of Orpington, in Vestry assembled, that a rate be levied for such sum as 1d. in the £ will produce on the rateable value of the parish, and be paid by the Overseers, to the Conservators of the Orpington Commons, for the purposes of the Orpington Commons Scheme Confirmation Act, 1892." After

discussion the proposition was agreed to, but four or five of those present abstained from voting. The preliminary expenses for carrying out the scheme were estimated at about £130.

Fatal Accident.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward Tremaine, at the age of 72 years, on August 3rd, from concussion of the brain, as the result of being pitched from a cart, in which he, with two other men named Hendon and Hawley, were riding on the previous evening. They were taking a cart to be repaired, and when rounding the corner by the "Albert" public-house by some means the damaged cart swerved off and Mr. Tremaine was picked up in an unconscious state. Hendon sprained his ankle, but Hawley was not injured. An inquest was held at the Youths' Institute on Friday evening by Mr. E. N. Wood, deputy coroner.—Dr. A. L. Curtis, of Orpington, said he attended the deceased. He gave it as his opinion that the unfortunate man died from concussion of the brain. On opening the skull he found pieces of the bone pressing into the brain.—Verdict: Accidental death.

ST. MARY CRAY.

Messrs. Joynson's Employes' Athletic Sports.—On August 5th the eleventh annual athletic sports for the workpeople of the St. Mary Cray Paper Mill and visitors were held on the Recreation Ground. There were a large number of persons present, and with the exception of a shower in the afternoon the weather was favourable. The committee of management were Messrs. E. H. Joynson, J. Moore, W. Kibble, and G. Bull, with Mr. M. McFarlane as starter, Messrs. H. Williams and G. Tyrer judges, and Mr. Malpress, time-keeper. The handsome challenge cup was won by Mr. J. Bennett for the second year in succession. The Crays Temperance Brass Band was in attendance, under the leadership of Mr. J. Phillips. Mrs. Joynson distributed the prizes to the successful competitors, and before separating hearty cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Joynson. Subsequently the visitors sat down to a capital hot supper at the Institute, which was kindly provided by Mr. Joynson, who presided. The following is the prize-list:—120 yards hurdle handicap.—1 J. Bennet, 2 A. Carlow. Boys' 100 yards handicap.—1 D. Hayes, 2 S. Taylor. Visitors' half-mile scratch.—1 A. Y. Strathie, 2 W. Loweth, 3 J. Crease. Boys' Sack Race.—1 G. Burchell, 2 A. Hollands. Visitors' 120 yards hurdle race, scratch.—1 J. Black, 2 H. Crawford. One mile walking race.—1 J. Bennett, 2 A. Carlow. Boys' 220 yards handicap, 15 years and under.—1 F. Cooper, 2 D. Hayes. Quarter-mile handicap.—1 G. Carlow, 2 J. Bennett. Visitors' 100 yards handicap.—1 W. Loweth, 2 J. Black. Boys' three-legged race.—1 G. Wheeler and G. Cooke. Half-mile handicap.—1 J. White, 2 J. Mills. Boys' 100 yards handicap.—1 G. Carlow, 2 J. Blundell. One mile handicap.—1 G. Smith, 2 W. Tyler, 3 J. Underhill. Half-mile race, scratch.—1 R. Taylor, 2 Strathie, both in the employ of Messrs. Masson and Scott. Consolation race.—F. C. Leechman.

St. Mary Cray Flower and Poultry Show.—The annual show of the St. Mary Cray and District Cottagers Horticultural Society, was held on Thursday, August 4th, and the exhibits, considering the adverse season we have had, were quite up to the average standard of excellence. As usual, a number of gentlemen in the neighbourhood, through their gardeners, sent lovely groups of greenhouse and stove plants, which were greatly admired. Those sent were from Messrs. A. Spicer, E. H. Joynson, W. Brown, H. P. Barraud, and W. Vinson, and Lieut.-Col. Lake. A word of praise must be again given to those who entered for the Cottagers' Classes for flowering plants which were a feature of the show. Mr. Burrows, of Ladywood, sent some fine poultry, not for competition. The Orpington Brass Band attended and the prizes were distributed by Col. Lake. The show, as a whole, was looked upon by the judges as being quite equal to any which had been held this season in the neighbourhood. The judges were, for the flowers, fruit, and vegetables, Mr. Baxter (gardener at Foots Cray Place); Mr. D. Windsor, of Bexley Heath; and Mr. Morter (gardener at High Elms, Downe). Mr. William Cook fulfilled the duties of judge in regard to the poultry and rabbit classes; Mr. H. S. Hutchings judged the honey classes: and Mr. Dann (gardener at St. Paul's Cray Hill), Mr. Thorndycroft (gardener to Mr. William Vinson, junr., of Orpington), and Mr. Eke (gardener to Mr. Soames), carefully inspected and judged the cottagers' gardens and allotments.

KENT ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The last annual congress of the Kent Archæological Society was held on the 25th and 26th July at Edenbridge, and excursions were made into the lovely country which lies to the east and south of that town. Those who are familiar with the beautiful country and interesting buildings about Penshurst, Hever and Cowden, will not be surprised that a very large party of archæologists assembled from all parts of the district to take part in the proceedings, and those among the party who had not already made the acquaintance of this charming Kentish district experienced a pleasant surprise.

The oaks and beeches were in full foliage, the dense underwood and broad hedgerows were clothed in summer dress, warm sunshine tempered by a few cooling showers, and the delicious fragrance which arises from fields and trees after recent rain, joined with the romantic interest inseparable from archæological investigation, combined to make an extremely enjoyable session.

Of the first portion of the proceedings—the Business Meeting—it will be sufficient to say that the annual report showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The Society has increased in numbers, now possessing nearly nine hundred members, and the next volume of *Archæologia Cantiana* will be sent very shortly to the members.

Edenbridge Church was then visited—a building of stone and flint, consisting of a nave, chancel, north aisle, and fine western tower, surmounted by a large shingled spire. There is a good deal of perpendicular work, but no particular features calling for special mention. In the churchyard I came across a very interesting old man, who told me he would be eighty-five years old next Christmas. He was reverently trimming up the grass which grew on the grave of his wife, who had been dead thirteen years. I found him wonderfully communicative and very intelligent for a man who had spent all his life in one village and worked hard as long as he was able. His local knowledge was very precise, but what was most astonishing was that he seemed to know nothing about neighbouring parishes. Asked what was the general opinion about the origin and use of the Chiding Stone, I was surprised to hear that he had never seen it, and knew scarcely anything about it. His excursions into the immediate neighbourhood must have been of a very limited extent. I enquired whether in his opinion the condition of a farm labourer's life had improved since the time when he was a boy. The answer was an emphatic affirmative. "When I was a young man," said he, "there were only five hands employed in the tanyard; now there are fifty. The farm labourer's life, when I was a boy

was a terrible struggle for life, many a man has been killed by the hard work he was expected to perform, and such luxuries as tea and sugar were entirely beyond his reach."

It is interesting to know that there was a tanyard at Edenbridge as early as 1457. The town itself takes its name from the bridge which spans the River Eden, a tributory of the Medway. Besides the church there is nothing particularly ancient about the general appearance of the place, but there are one or two curious fragments of antiquity in unexpected places. At the Crown Hotel there are a few interesting pieces of old ironwork in the form of door-knockers, and some quaint old timbers in various parts of the house.

At Hever Church, which the party next visited, the Rector gave an account of the building, and progress was made to Hever Castle, a fine specimen of the fifteenth century mansion, built round a quadrangle, with a fine gateway and portcullis. This building is of course chiefly remarkable from the fact that it was the house of the Boleyn family, and was often visited by King Henry VIII., when he came to see Anne Boleyn, whom he afterwards made his wife. "The great stair-case," says Hasted, "leads up to several chambers and the long gallery, the ceiling of which is much ornamented with foliage in stucco; the rooms



HEVER CASTLE.

are all wainscotted with small oaken pannels unpainted. On one side of the gallery is a recess, with an ascent of two steps, and one seat in it, with two returns, capable of holding ten or twelve persons, which, by tradition, was used as a throne when King Henry VIII. visited the castle."

This fine old building is now simply a farm-house. It is surrounded by a moat supplied with water from the River Eden.

After a visit to Chiddingstone Church, the old timbered houses were inspected. We find that the Anglo-Saxon name of this place was Cidingstane, and it is so named in the Textus Roffensis. It is not a little singular that this place for so many years should have borne a name derived from the "Chiding Stone," which still exists there—a stone which apparently marks the place where various offences were expiated by chiding or whipping. It is a large, well-worn mass of sandstone about 18 feet high. The probability is that a whipping-post was fixed in this stone where offenders were brought for punishment. This relic of old-time cruelty was duly inspected by the enquiring archæologists, after which a return was made to Edenbridge, when the annual dinner, followed by a meeting, was held.

The second day's proceedings commenced with a drive through the beautiful scenery south of Edenbridge towards Cowden. Rain fell during the first part of the morning in considerable quantities, but fortunately the sun came out soon after mid-day. The delay caused by the inclement weather necessitated a change of programme. Crippenden, the ancient home of Richard and Dorothy Tichbourne in 1607, with its fine pannelled hall, had to be omitted, and Cowden Church was the first halting place. Although this church is described by Hasted as "a small mean building," no one who examines it now can form such a poor opinion of it. The recent removal of a mass of lath and plaister has opened out to view a magnificent series of massive oaken timbers forming the framework and support of the western tower, and this, with the fine rood-screen and richly moulded wall-plates of the chancel and nave, gives an air of solidity and durability which is entirely opposed to any appearance of meaness. It is not a large church, but probably its size is amply sufficient for the needs of the population of a small country parish such as it is.

Among other interesting features we may mention the wooden Jacobæan pulpit with its very curious hour-glass placed upon an ornamental iron bracket for the purpose of showing the time occupied by the sermon. It is interesting to know that this glass runs only for twenty minutes. The iron "tombstone," dated 1622, in the floor of the nave, reminds us that we are in the neighbourhood where the wealden iron-works were once extensively carried on. In the churchyard may be seen some later examples of iron memorials to the departed. The spire, the upper part of the tower, and the western gable of the church are covered with oak shingles.

A long, winding, and steep road leads up to the ancient fortress called Lingfield Mark Camp, which was the next place to be visited. As soon as we emerge from the undergrowth of wood we find we have reached a pretty considerable altitude, and every step forward opens up to our view a rapidly increasing panorama of glorious scenery. From a point close by the camp itself we get a very fine view indeed, extending over large portions of Sussex, Surrey and Kent, and embracing such well-known heights as Leith Hill, Chanctonbury Ring, the Devil's Dyke, Ditchling Beacon, and Gill's Lap. Miles and miles of forest scenery, beautifully diversified by hill and dale, are spread out like a map at our feet, and one can easily understand how important such a site as this must have been in the military operations of the Britons who threw up these still existing ramparts.

Births.

ANDREWS.—On the 4th August, at Hayes Common, Kent, the wife of Edwin Austin Andrews of a son.

APLIN.—On Aug. 10th, at The Common, Chislehurst, the wife of Weston Aplin, of a daughter.

BROOKS.—On the 9th Aug., at Francesca, Queen Anne Avenue, South-hill, Bromley, Kent, the wife of William Henry Brooks, of a daughter.

DAY.—On Aug. 5th, at 3, Longfield, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Arthur Day, of a daughter.

LAWSON.—On the 7th Aug., at Chislehurst, Kent, the wife of Hugh Lawson, of a son.

LEIGH.—On the 5th August, at Mayfield, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of Alec H. Leigh, of a son.

MUIRHEAD.—On Aug. 12th, at St. Margaret's, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of F. L. Muirhead, of a daughter.

SATTERTHWAITE.—On Aug. 15th, at Windermere, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Edward Satterthwaite, of a daughter.

Marriages.

LINDSAY—HOSE.—On August 9th, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, by Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A., Vicar, Benjamin Lindsay, Bengal Civil Service, to Mary Gertrude Henley, only daughter of John W. Hose, of Bromley and Carey-lane, E.C.

SMITH-PARSLOW.—On the 5th Aug., at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, by Rev. F. W. Haines, M.A., Vicar, Wallace Arthur, second son of Mr. William Smith, of Bromley Common, to Minnie Louisa Parslow, of Downe, Kent.

WALKER—STIDOLPH.—On Aug. 16th, at Orpington Church, Kent, Captain Alexander Lamond Walker, Royal Artillery, to Alice Mary Stidolph.

Deaths.

BOOTH.—On the 13th July, 1893, at Bromley, Kent, Alfred James Booth, Lieutenant (Retired) Royal Navy, late Commander of the Fei-Hoo, Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs, youngest son of the late Captain J. R. Booth, Royal Navy, aged 48 years.

COMPTON.—On the 7th August, at The Chase, Torquay, Arthur Compton, youngest son of the late George Alfred Compton, of New Beckenham, Kent, in his 41st year.

FOX.—On Aug. 11th, at Chelsfield, Kent, Edwin, the younger son of William Beardsworth Fox, aged 36 years.

FULLER.—On Aug. 16th, at Coombe-Martin, N. Devon, very suddenly, John Mee Fuller, M.A., Vicar of Bexley, and Rural Dean, aged 57.

GREENE.—On the 2nd August, at his residence, Fairholme, Beckenham, Kent, Colonel George Nuttall Greene, H.E.I.C.S., formerly of Newtown House, Kilkenny, aged 81.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1893.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st—*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
,, —Harvest Festival Services at Bromley Parish Church, St. Mark's, St. John's, St. Mary's, Plaistow.
2nd—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —"Billy the Buccaneer" at the Bromley Grand Hall, 7.45, and two following days.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 7.30.
3rd—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30.
,, —Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Nursery Stock at Westerham, and two following days.
4th—Costume Entertainment, Bromley Swimming Baths, 7.30 p.m.
,, —Public Meeting of Bromley Ratepayers at Co-operative Hall, East-street, 8 p.m.
5th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, "Ebberlee House," West Street, Bromley.
,, —Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, at 8 p.m.
,, —Opening Lectures of Bromley University Extension Association, 3 and 8 p.m.
8th—*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
,, —Continuance of Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common; services 8.30, 11, 3, and 6.30.
9th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
12th—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Furniture at Fairnalie, Foxgrove-road, Beckenham, 12 p.m.
,, —Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
15th—*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.*
16th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.
17th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30.
18th—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's sale of Freehold House at Orpington, The Mart, E.C., 2 p.m.
19th—Bromley Bible Flower Mission, Ebberlee House, West-street, Bromley.
22nd—*Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.*
23rd—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
29th—*Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*
30th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Three meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting of the Board on Sept 5th. The minutes of a special meeting of the Board held the night previous for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the post of Assistant Surveyor to the Board were read, from which it was gathered that the Board had appointed Mr. W. A. Cope from the Borough Surveyor's Office, Richmond, to the post lately held by Mr. Robert Findlay, who has obtained a district surveyorship at Eltham, under the Plumstead Board of Works.

Assistant Surveyorship

At the same meeting of the Board the Highway Buildings and Recreation grounds Committee reported they had again had under consideration the question of the strip of land at Oakley Road Recreation Ground, at present used by the occupier of the cottage adjoining the ground as a garden, and they recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to take possession of the land on the 29th, inst., and throw the land into the Recreation Ground. The report was then adopted. At the meeting on Sept. 19th. the following letter was received.—DEAR SIR,—We have been consulted by Mrs. Lisney respecting the question of the strip of land adjoining her cottage, No. 18, Gravel-road, Bromley Common, and we have had brought to us your letter to her of the 7th inst., announcing the intention of your Board to take possession of it on the 29th inst. As we believe you are aware Mrs. Lisney and her sister, Mrs. Bryant who died in 1866 have been in undisturbed possession of the strip of land since the year 1858 during which period we have not been asked for, neither have we, nor anyone on their behalf paid any rent to any person. Under those circumstances, we think that your Board will only require to be reminded of the facts to abandon this claim which cannot be sustained; but in order to prevent any misunderstanding we shall be glad to hear from you in the course of the present week, what course your Board ultimately decides to take, as in the event of their persisting in their claim we shall take the necessary steps to prevent any such action as they threaten.—Yours truly,

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Disputed Land at Oakley Road.

The Chairman: These people are certainly misinformed. They say that they have never paid rent, but we have had rent for the land. I think it is a matter for us to place in the hands of a solicitor. It was unanimously decided that Messrs. Latter and Willet be asked to advise the Board in the matter.

At the meeting on Sept. 5th, it was decided by the Board that it was unnecessary to read the first report of the Technical Education Committee, as it was very lengthy and full of details, the whole of which were embodied in the syllabus just issued. The report of the meeting held on August 2nd, was then read.—The Committee reported that at that meeting Mr. G. Dayrell Reed reported to them that the Committee of the Lad's Industrial Institute, Sherman's-road, had resolved to offer it to the Local Board to be used for Technical Education classes, and that he was empowered to treat with the Local Board securing that if the building was not used for Technical Education Purposes it should be returned to the Committee, and also that the members of the Institute should be allowed to join the classes at the lowest scale of fees, and that the Order of Juvenile Oddfellows should be allowed to hold their monthly meetings in one of the rooms at a charge not exceeding 5s. a year, the Local Board to pay all rates and taxes, and the ground rent to the South Eastern Railway Company. The Committee recommended that such offer be accepted, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement for the transfer of the premises. The Committee further resolved that ambulance classes be held at the Institute on Tuesday evenings, at eight, and Mechanical Drawing combined with carpentry and joinery at the Institute either Monday, Wednesday or Friday; and that M. Goujon conduct French classes at the Science and Art School on Saturday evenings. The

Technical Education.

Committee decided that a general fee of a penny per lesson be charged for pupils in the higher standard in the elementary schools, and a higher fee of 5s. per term for others; that the fee for the cookery lessons be 1s. per term, and for the commercial classes 2s. 6d. per term. It being the wish of the Committee to encourage all students to sit for examination in the respective subjects at the end of the session it was resolved that prizes be given to those students who pass the best examination.—Mr. Davis said the Committee had been obliged to assume that the Board would approve the action of the Committee in order to close with the offer in time for the ensuing session.—On the motion of Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Woodward the Board approved the action of the Committee, and adopted their report and recommendations. At the meeting on Sept. 19th this Committee reported that at the last meeting a letter was read from Mr. W. Walkling, the secretary of the Bromley Trades and Labour Council, stating that they considered that Technical Classes should be started for the various branches of the building industry and not for one class and trade alone. The Committee instructed the Clerk to inform Mr. Walkling that they fully agreed with the principle contained in his letter but that the arrangements they had already made would absorb all the money at their disposal for the present session but that they would be pleased to arrange for an interview at a convenient time with a view to making arrangements for another session.

Sherman's Road Carriage Way.

At the meeting of the Board on Sept. 5th, the Special Committee appointed in the matter of the suggested carriage-way between Sherman's Road and Palace Road reported that they had carefully considered the memorial and letter received in reference to this matter, and having inspected the locality, they were of opinion that it would be advisable to open up communication through Horsley Road, and they recommended that the owners be approached with a view of ascertaining if they would be willing to dispose of land for the purpose, and if so, upon what terms.—The report was adopted.

Mr. Fielding and the Board.

At the same meeting, in considering the letter received from Mr. Fielding before the recess, the Chairman said that it appeared to him that the letter was such as it was impossible to reply to with any kind of consistency. Mr. Fielding simply asked if such a thing had been done, and "if not why not?"

Mr. Grinsted: We have a lot of business to transact tonight, Mr. Chairman, and with your permission I should like to move that we proceed to the next business.—The Chairman: Is that your pleasure, gentlemen?—The members of the Board signified that such was their pleasure.—The Clerk said that during the vacation Mr. Fielding had called at the Offices and requested to be allowed to inspect certain documents—the deed of transfer of the Science and Art Schools, and the Board's agreement with the headmaster—but that he had replied that such a request could not be granted in the absence of instructions from the Board.—The Chairman: He did not see them?—The Clerk: No, Sir.

Tenders for Free Library Annexe.

At the same meeting, twenty-one tenders for the erection of the addition to the Science and Art Schools, Tweedy Road, for the purposes of a Reading Room and Free Library were opened as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Duthoit, Bromley...	2,718	0	0
T. D. Graty, Bromley	2,749	0	0
Balaam Bros., Old Kent-road ...	3,081	0	0
W. Pryor, Kilburn	2,840	0	0
Batley, Sons, and Holness ...	2,872	0	0
T. Crossley, Bromley	2,700	0	0
J. T. Bellamy, Burton-on-Trent	3,350	0	0
G. Parker, Peckham	2,510	0	0
W. A. Grubb, Bromley	2,763	0	0
Osborne and Co., Orpington ...	2,814	0	0
Morgan, Peckham	2,714	0	0
D. Payne, Bromley	2,726	0	0
T. Lingfield, Peckham	3,361	0	0
Lawrence Seager, Sittingbourne	2,667	0	0
Rochelle, Gover and Smith ...	3,122	13	8
Arnaud and Son, Bromley ...	2,876	0	0
Akers and Co., South Norwood	2,565	0	0
Mid Kent Building Works, Beckenham	2,576	0	0
Somerford and Son, Orpington...	2,735	0	0
R. A. Lowe, Chislehurst... ...	2,699	0	0
Lorden, Upper Tooting	2,687	0	0

Mr. Davis said that Mr. T. Crossley's tender was the lowest of the local tenderers, and he was a man in whom the Board had every confidence. They at the Science and Art School had had experience of what it was to accept the lowest tender, for the work at last cost more than if they had given it to a local builder, and indeed a local builder had to be called in to complete the work. He moved that Mr. Crossley's tender be accepted.—Mr. Selby seconded.—The Chairman said that Mr. Lowe's tender was one pound lower than Mr. Crossley's.—Mr. Davis said that was so. Mr. Lowe, he believed, lived at Chislehurst.—The Chairman: He is a Bromley ratepayer.—Mr. Scott: I will move that his tender be accepted.—Mr. Woodward seconded.—The amendment "that Mr. Lowe's tender be accepted" was put to the vote, but received only two votes—those of the mover and seconder—while four were recorded against it. The Chairman declared it lost, and on Mr. Davis's motion "that Mr. Crossley's tender be accepted," being put to the vote, it was unanimously carried.—A letter was received from the Local Government Board stating, in reply to the Board's letter asking sanction to the borrowing of £3,000 for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts, that before they decided to give the required sanction an enquiry must take place. The Board would be informed of the date as soon as the present engagements of their Inspectors permitted.

Mr. Causton and the Board.

At the same meeting was read a letter from Mr. Samuel Cawston of Bromley Hill, acknowledging the Board's demand for £730 due from him as a frontager, being the amount of his apportionment of the expenses incurred in the making up of Oaklands-road. Mr. Cawston asked if the Board would undertake to take over the road after he had paid up their demands. He contended that the road had not been in an unsanitary or dangerous state, and that therefore he could not see the reason for making it up. Would the Board agree to accept the money demanded in three payments?—The clerk said that during the vacation he replied to that letter stating that no doubt the Board would accept deferred payments if he would execute an agreement with the Board to pay five per cent. on the outstanding balances.—Under date August 19th Mr. Cawston reiterated his former statements and complained that he could see no reason for the Board making a profit out of delayed payment.—The Clerk said he had simply acknowledged the receipt of the letter and awaited the instructions of the Board.—Mr. Selby: That means in plain English that he can't see why we should charge him interest.—The Board after some discussion decided that they could not depart from their usual practice and give Mr. Cawston such an undertaking, though it was customary for them to take over the roads after the payments were all paid up. They declined to pledge themselves.—The Clerk was instructed to prepare an agreement for Mr. Cawston to enter into if he so wished it. At the meeting on Sept, 19th, Mr. Causton wrote that he had consulted a friend, a member of a neighbouring Board, and so far as he could gather the Board had no right to call upon him to make up the road unless it were in a dangerous or defective condition and to spend unnecessary money thereon. By the Board's present contention they argued that they could call upon him to make up the road and still refuse to take it over and upon a future occasion call upon him to make it up again and again. If the Board would be willing to give him an undertaking to take the road over as soon as it was made up he would be willing to pay £250 at once, £250 in December and the balance in March.—Mr. Selby said it was not necessary to consider that letter as the matter had been settled before—the Board declined to pledge themselves. In all probability the Board would take the road over but they could not give any undertaking in the matter.—The Chairman: We shall carry out the law whatever it may be. The letter will not be answered then.

At the meeting on Sept, 5th. Messrs. Waterer and Dickins wrote on behalf of the various owners and residents in Glebe and Station Roads calling attention

Glebe and Station Roads.

to the very uncomfortable condition of those roads and asking that the Board would take the necessary steps to put them in repair and take them over. The Board having acquired the larger portion of the unoccupied frontage there could now be no reason for delay.—The letter was referred to Committee who at the meeting on Sept, 19th, recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specifications and estimate of cost for making up the roads in question.

The Ordnance Survey.

At the meeting on Sept, 5th, a letter was received from the Board of Agriculture asking if the Board would kindly co-operate with the Ordnance Survey department in securing the accuracy of the pending new survey by furnishing them with information as to new roads in the Board's district or important alterations to old ones.—The Chairman said a similar letter had been received by the Rural Sanitary Authority but they had declined to accede to the request.—Mr. Davis said he did not agree with the Rural Sanitary Authority in that course. He thought the Board should co-operate with the Department to get the new maps as accurate as possible. It was not much they asked.—Mr. Grinsted said the Board must decline all responsibility.—Mr. Davis said there would be no responsibility. The Board would simply have to say such a road had been made, or altered, as the case might be, and the Department would survey it.—Ultimately the Clerk was directed to furnish the Department at Southampton with such information as was required.

Contractors and the Drought.

At the same meeting Messrs. Tuff wrote that when they entered into their contracts with the Board it was not possible for them to take into consideration the drought which in the past summer had been such as had not before been experienced in the memory of living man. As a result the prices of hay and horse-fodder had increased by 50 per cent. making it very hard for owners of horses. Would the Board give them some increase on their prices in the past and ensuing quarter and assist them as other authorities were doing with their contractors?—Mr. Davis: If the price of horse-fodder had gone down would they have returned us anything?—Mr. Grinsted said there could not be much doubt about that, but still he thought there was some reason in what Messrs. Tuff asked.—The letter was referred to the Finance Committee who on Sept, 19th, reported that they had considered the letter and they recommended that the Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Tuff that as their estimates were based upon their tender the Board had no power to increase their prices. Having considered a similar letter from Messrs. Peill and Sons the Committee recommended that a similar reply be given.

Alleged Diversion of a Footpath.

At the meeting on Sept, 5th, Mr. Devon Astle, of the Cedars, Southlands-grove Bickley, wrote to enquire if the Board had sanctioned any diversion of the footpath leading from Oldfield to Southborough A strong iron fence had been erected across the path, diverting it for some distance, and if the Board had not sanctioned it, would they see that it was removed, or give the writer the "authority to do the needful"?—The matter was referred to the Surveyor who at the meeting on Sept, 19th, submitted a plan showing the original path and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

The Estimate and the Rate.

At the meeting on Sept, 19th, the Finance Committee reported they had considered the Clerk's estimate of the probable expenditure by the Board for the ensuing half year—of which the following is a summary—and recommended that it be approved and a General District Rate at 1s. 7d. in the £ be made to meet the requirements specified in such estimate.

Summary.

	£	s.	d.
Principal of loans and interest on balances	2231	0	0
Highways:—			
Main	2218	0	0
District	3642	19	7
	5860	19	7
Contributions to other authorities... ...	2751	0	0
Public lighting	1465	8	0
Scavenging	760	0	0
Drainage	731	0	0
Public Pleasure grounds	200	14	0
Salaries of Officers	694	0	0
Sanitation	100	0	0
Compensations	20	0	0
Establishment charges	395	0	0
Legal and Parliamentary expenses ...	190	0	0
Fire Brigade	65	0	0
Food and Drugs	25	0	0
Dairies and Cowsheds	25	0	0
Bye-laws and contingencies...	25	0	0
Contingency	61	6	5
	15,650	0	0
Estimated balance in hand on 29th Sept.	2909	0	0
	12,750	0	0
Credits:—Miscellaneous and new properties £180; proportion of officers salaries per county, £150; on account of main-roads £2,000	2330	0	0
To be provided for	10,420	0	0

The Audit.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Mr. E. S. Harris giving notice to the Clerk that he claimed his statutory right under Section 247 and 257 of the Public Health Act 1875 and article 13 of the general order of accounts of March 1880, "to inspect the settled and apportioned expenses by the Board's Surveyor, and ledger containing the apportioned accounts of the expenses due from the owners as their share of the cost for making the 34 private-roads to compare any interest due from each owner thereon at Lady Day, 1893 with the sum of £567 7s. 11d. appearing in the ledger."—The Chairman, to the Clerk: Is it a fact that all the books and documents which should properly be produced have been laid upon the table.—The Clerk: Yes, Sir. All that ought to be produced have been laid on the table during the past five days, and Mr. Fielding and Mr. Harris have been and inspected them.—Mr. Selby: Mr. Harris will want one or two gentlemen to explain what he has to say.—The Clerk: They say they are entitled to see other documents.—Mr. Grinsted: I will move then that Mr. Harris's request be not entertained.—Mr. Selby: I'll second it.—Mr. Curtis: He makes no request, he claims a statutory right so that it does not require an answer.—The Clerk: I think they are trying to get a penalty out of the Clerk. They have their remedy in that way.—A letter was then read from Mr. John Fielding claiming a statutory right to see some 25 documents, most of them relating to Technical Education and the Science and Art School including the deed of transfer of the school and the agreement between the Board and Mr. Harris, the head-master.—The Clerk said that the documents were most of them of a private nature and such as were not ordered to be produced. The section clearly specified what books and documents must be produced.

Upper Park Road.

At the same meeting the Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Board he had served notices under the 150th section of the Public Health Act calling upon the owners in Upper Park-road to have that road made up but the notices had not been complied with and it now remained for the Board to do the work and charge the owners with the cost. He asked for authority to advertise for tenders for the execution of the work.—On the motion of Mr. Selby seconded by Mr. McIntyre the required authority was given.

Sub-Post Office: Masons Hill.

A letter was received from Mr. Beale, Post-master of Bromley, stating that it was desired to open a sub-office at Mason's Hill and to that end an arrangement with Mr. Ranson had been entered into for the erection of a wall box at 2, Mason's Hill. The box would be placed in a brick pier which would stand on Mr. Ranson's ground projecting out on the footway 18 or 20 inches and the width of the pier would be about two feet. He enclosed tracings from Mr. Ranson and himself and formally asked the Board to

give their sanction to the erection of the pier.—The Chairman asked it it would be an obstruction and the Surveyor informed him that Mr. Ranson had some private ground in front of his shops and that it it was upon that that the pier would be built.—It was decided to give the sanction of the Board to the erection of the pier.

At the same meeting, the Surveyor submitted the apportionment on the frontagers in Hope Park for the making up of that road, the contract cost being £526 15s. 9d.—They were approved.

Hope Park.

A meeting of the Bromley Local Board, sitting as a Burial Board, was held on Sept. 19th, Mr. J. Batten, J.P., presiding, but the only business of public interest was a report from the General Purposes Committee that the consideration of the letters from Rev. A. G. Hellicar and the Rev. P. Barker with regard to interments from Districts A and B had been adjourned.

Bromley Burial Board.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Three meeting of this Board, have been held during the past month. At the meeting of the Board on Aug, 28th, the clerk submitted a report with sections from Mr. Stanley Hawkings, surveyor, as to the soil of the site of the new school in Haxted Road. Mr. Hawkings' report was to the effect that he had sunk trial holes in accordance with the instructions of the Board, and he found that at Freelands-grove, opposite the end of Haxted Road, the depth of the sewer was 9ft. 6in. below the surface, and at Wharton-road at the bend the sewer was 12ft. below the surface. The accompanying tracings showed sections of the trial holes which were sunk, one at the northern and one at the southern end of the site. The soil was of a porous nature, and no difficulty need be apprehended in dealing with the foundations for the proposed new buildings.—Several members: That is satisfactory.

The New Site.

At the same meeting the Clerk refering to letters he had written to the parents of absent children, said that in several cases he had had replies that the children were away at the seaside, and likely to remain there sometime.—The Chairman: And then we hear so much of the depression in trade, and the distress among the industrial classes.

At the Seaside.

The Clerk reported that the award in the examination at the Valley School was "Good," but the examiner reported that the free-hand drawing of Standard IV. was weak. In reply to the Chairman, he said the medium grant had been earned—1s. 6d. out of a possible 2s.

Drawing Award.

At the meeting on Sept, 11th, a letter was read from the Education Department approving the plans, specifications and tender for the additions to the Raglan-road School and sanctioning the borrowing of the sum of £1,025 for the work. The lords of the department requested that when the works were completed the architect would forward to them a certificate showing that the work had been executed in accordance with the approved plans. They also requested the Board to communicate with the Public Works Loan Commiesioners for the loan, the repayments to be spread over a period of 30 years.—The Chairman said that the Education Department assumed that the works would be carried out by the borrowing of the money from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, but it was the Board's intention to borrow the money from the Prudential Assurance Company from whom they would get it at the same rate of interest and spread the repayments over 50 years.—The Clerk said he had been obliged to separate the items of the tender and take off the £75 set apart for the furniture and fittings so that the net amount would be £109. the estimated expenditure of the loan was made up thus: £909 for the work of building the additions, £63 for heating apparatus and £53 for architects fees, stamps, and other fees. At the meeting on Sept, 18th, the Finance Committee reported that the necessary steps were being taken for obtaining a loan of £1,951 from the Prudential Assurance Company at 3½ per cent for 50 years for the purchase of the Wharton Road site and for the extensions at Raglan Road Schools.—The report was adopted.

Enlargement of Raglan Road School

At the meeting on Sep, 11th, the Clerk submitted a syllabus which had been drawn up for the proposed evening continuation schools and the Board decided to advertise the same in the local newspapers.

Evening Continuation Classes.

At the meeting on Sept, 18th, the Clerk submitted the following returns of attendance during the past week at the various schools in the district as follows:—

School Attendance.

School.	Recog'd Accommodation.	On Register.	Attended at all.	Per Cent.	Aver. Attendance.
Valley Board—					
Boys ...	200	168	165	94	156
Girls ...	200	167	155	86	144
Infants...	250	170	158	89	151
Raglan-road Board—					
Boys ...	250	293	278	86	251
Girls ...	250	263	247	84	221
Infants...	200	232	228	91	211
Aylesbury-road Board—					
Boys ...	250	199	186	84	168
Bromley National—					
Boys ...	330	306	276	79	242
Girls ...	217	248	236	83	207
Infants...	162	195	191	91	178
Mason's Hill National—					
Girls ...	181	197	189	87	173
Infants...	126	201	193	91	183
Plaistow National—					
Mixed ...	185	205	181	81	167
Infants...	110	140	130	88	123
Widmore National—					
Boys ...	173	121	118	87	106
Girls ...	160	115	107	82	95
Infants...	188	203	179	80	163
Bromley Common—					
Mixed ...	110	99	90	84	83
Infants...	76	96	84	80	77
Addison-road National—					
Infants...	240	159	149	87	139
Sundridge Park National—					
Infants...	66	80	74	88	71
Total...	3967	3857	3614	1802	3309

The schools were opened 10 times during the week It will be seen from the above that the number who attended at all was 3,614; the highest percentage was 94 at the Valley Boys' School, and the lowest 79 at the Bromley National School, but the percentage for the whole district was 87.

At the same meeting the Clerk submitted his estimate of the probable expenditure for the half year ending Lady Day, 1894, with probable assets and the amount required from the rating authority to meet the deficiency. The following is a summary.

Half-yearly Rate.

Expenditure :—

	£	£
Administration Expenses... ...		250
Maintenance Expenses——		
Teachers' Salaries	1444	
Books, &c., fuel, lighting and cleaning, rates, taxes and repairs to buildings and furniture.	445	
		1889
Evening School		75
Miscellaneous		180
Loans and Interest		580
		2974

Assets :—		
Grants	984	
Fee Grants...	265	
Drawing Grants...	38	
		1287
To be made up — ...		1687

The Committee recommended that the Board issue a precept on the rating authority for £1730, which is equivalent to a rate for the half year at 2½d. in the £ on a rateable value of £166,000.—The estimate and the precept were approved.

ANNUAL BREWSTER SESSIONS.

The Annual Brewster Sessions for Bromley and District, were held on Monday, Sept, 4th, at the Court House, Bromley, before Messrs. S. P. Low, (in the chair) C. F. Devas, Gerrard Norman, J. Batten, E. J. Elgood, F. W. Haigh, and Captain Vansittart. Considerable interest attached to the Sessions from the fact that it was known an application was to be made by the L. C. & D. Railway Co., for a licence for Refreshment Rooms at Bromley Station. The application was made by Mr. J. P. Grain, while Mr. L. W. Gregory opposed in the interests of "The Trade" and Mr. T. Lamb in the interests of Temperance Societies, and generally of the town. Mr. Grain presented a memorial in favour of the granting of a licence, signed by 1,300 persons drawn from all parts of England, while Mr. Lamb had charge of a counter memorial, signed by 2,700 residents of the district. Mr. Morgan, secretary to the L. C. & D. Railway Company stated that the licence if granted would be held by Messrs Spiers & Pond. He further mentioned that in 1892 there were 670,000 booking in and out of Bromley, not including season-ticket holders of whom there were 4,000. Replying to the objection that a refreshment bar at the station would be used by others than travellers on the railway, he stated that a man would always be stationed at the entrance to the staircase to prevent others than ticket holders having access to the platforms, but he admitted it would be impossible to prevent persons taking cheap tickets for the sole purpose of getting to the bar. Mr. Lamb in opposing the grant said there were already refreshment bars at Herne Hill and Swanley stations between which Bromley is midway. He offered to call evidence to show the needlessness of the licence but the Bench said it was unnecessary and refused the application.—An application for a "full" licence at present held by the Chatterton Arms, Bromley Common was also refused. — With reference to the licence of the "Royal Oak," Farwig the renewal of which the magistrates had instructed the police to oppose, it was stated that a new tenant had been put in and as the protection order expired that day the Bench renewed the licence, the chairman remarking they would be "jealous in their conduct of the licensing for the future."—No fresh licences were granted but all old licences were renewed. In the whole division which comprises seventeen parishes the total number of fully licensed houses is 90 and of beer-house and other licences 95. The statistics as to the principal parishes in the division are as follows:

	Full Licenses.	Beer, etc.,
Beckenham ...	10	13
Bromley ...	28	30
Downe	2	1
Farnborough ...	4	6
Hayes	1	2
Keston ...	3	1
West Wickham ...	3	2

In St. Mary Cray there are 13 full licences, in Chislehurst eight, and in Foots Cray six.

ELECTION OF RURI-DECANAL DELEGATES — A meeting of communicants of Bromley Parish Church was held at the Parish Room, West-street. on September 26th, to elect four delegates to the Ruri Decanal Conference. The vicar presided, and there were also present Messrs Dewey and Grinsted, churchwardens, the Rev. J. M. Tamplin and Messrs. Baxter, Bush, Churchill, G. Weeks and others. The gentlemen elected as delegates were Mr. Justice Bruce, Mr. Dewey. Dr. Beeby and Mr. T. N. Crafer, the latter gentleman taking the place of Mr. C. E. Soames, retired.

BROMLEY GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.—The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company was held at the "Bell" Hotel, on August 24th. Mr. Robinson Latter, chairman of the directors, presided, and there were also present: Mr. J. H. Ilott (vice-chairman), Mr. Alexander Dickson, Mr. B. H. Latter (directors), Mr. Woodward (engineer), Mr. H. W. Amos (secretary), Mr. Porter (clerk), and several shareholders. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report referred to the bereavement which had fallen upon the house in which they met. There seemed to be considerable misapprehension as to the issue of the new stock, indeed, they had had several applications from gentlemen who wished to be alloted several of the debentures shares. He dared say they would be glad to get them, but all that the report said was that they would have to raise the money wanted by four per cent. debentures; and there was no doubt if gentlemen wanted to make sure of them they would have to pay a premium on them. It was probable that further shares would have to be issued to carry out the important works which they were now about but that would not be till later in the year. The works he was glad to say were going on satisfactorily. He might mention that they had resolved to adopt a system of new prepayment meters, for the benefit of poor people. An ingenious device had been invented, by which people had gas laid on, put in pence as they wanted gas, 23 feet being supplied for one penny. The company would put up the fittings free of cost, and charge 8d. per cubic thousand above the ordinary cost to recoup them for their outlay and as rent for the meters. The system had worked very well in other districts and it was hoped it would do so in Bromley. They were also making arrangements for several new extentions —to West Wickham, and to Keston Mark from Holy Trinity Church—and were entering i to negotiations for improving the supply to Shortlands. In conclusion he proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, and the declaration of the usual dividends, which was agreed to *nem. con.* —The Chairman proposed that the secretary's salary be increased to £450 per anuum, as from July 1st last. Mr. Amos had been a long time in the service of the company, and got along uncommonly well as their secretary.—Mr. Dickson seconded the proposition, which was carried, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the directors for their past services.

BROMLEY AND PLAISTOW SPORTS. — The annual amalgamated Athletic Sports of the Bromley Lawn Tennis Club and the Plaistow Cricket Club took place on the ground of the former on September 23rd, in bright but cold weather. The attendance, owing to the weather, was somewhat smaller than usual, but those who were present were rewarded by witnessing some close races and good finishes. The programme comprised eighteen events of the usual character, carried out with commendable punctuality. Atty was the most successful competitor, carrying off no less than 4 prizes. The Veteran's race was won by Lepper wh keeps his form astonishingly. The Three-legged race was only won by a neck by P. Solbé and W. B. Smith after a dead heat with F. Solbé and Nash. The duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr. A. A. Bourne, while Mr. J. H. Lepper acted as starter and the stewards were Messrs. H. C. Bond, F. E. Gibbs, W. B. Larkins, R. S. Mayne, S. A. Smith and F. Solbé. The Band of the Bromley Foresters were in attendance and played several selections during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were distributed by Mrs. R. G. Mullen.

2nd VOL. BATT. QUEEN'S OWN (ROYAL WEST KENT) REGIMENT.

The Shooting for the Tradesmen's Prizes.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd Vol Batt. of the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment at the Bromley Ranges, to shoot for the prizes given by the tradesmen of Bromley, took place Aug. 23rd, under the superintendence of Major Latter, Captain commanding the Bromley Detachment, and Lieut. Hitchins, Lieut. Matthews, and Sergt-Instr. Morgan. The top score was made by Colr.-Sergt. Perry with a total of 41 points, being two points over the top score last year—his own—and one point above the highest in 1891. There was little or no wind to interfere with the shooting, and the day was on the whole bright and sunny, although rain fell at intervals. Appended is the list of the prize-winners, with their points and prizes :—

FIRST COMPETITION.

Five shots at 200 yards, and five shots at 500 yards. Bisley targets. No competitor allowed to to take a prize who does not make 15 points.

Names.	Points.	Prizes.
Colour-Sergeant Perry	41	25s., given by Co-operative Stores.
Lieutenant Hitchins	40	21s., ,, Mr. Howard.
Sergeant H. J. Davis	38	21s., ,, Mr. Uridge.
Private Napier	38	15s., ,, Co-operative Stores.
Sergeant Towell	36	Half-ton of coals, given by Mr. Mersh.
Corporal Fawsitt	35	10s. 6d., given by Messrs. Strong and Sons.
Sergeant Bulleid	33	200 Cigars.
Private Ferris	33	Prize, given by Mr. Sharp.
Lance-Corporal Brown	32	10s., ,, Co-operative Stores.
Private Lovell	31	Wine or Cigars, given by Mr. Pamphilon.
Sergeant-Instructor Morgan	30	10s. 6d., given by Mr. Fawsitt.
Lieutenant Matthews	30	Eau de Cologne, given by Mr. Shillcock.
Private King	28	A prize of 10s.
Private Player	28	A prize, given by Mr. Burr.
Private Verrells	28	A Prize.
Bugle-Major Heaysman	27	A Cake, given by Mr. Maunder.
Lance-Corporal Field	27	A Prize, given by Mr. Weeks.
Corporal Owen	26	10s., given by Mr. Hunter.
Private R. Smith	26	10s., ,, Messrs. Russell and Co.
Corporal Taylor	25	Half-ton of Coals, given by Mr. D. Grinsted
Private Yellam	25	10s., given by Mr. R. Hunt.
Corporal H. Smith	24	10s. 6d., ,, Mr. Dutton.
Private Threadgold	24	Photo of Winner, given by Mr. Davey Lavender.
Private Bishop	24	,, ,, Mr. Harman.
Private Ralph	24	10s., given by Mr. Burgess.
Private W. G. Hill	23	10s., ,, Mr. Griffin.
Private H. Muncey	23	Silk Umbrella, given by Mrs. Davis.
Sergeant Dunford	23	Folding Chair, ,, Mr. Dunn.
Sergeant S. Davis	23	Meerschaum Pipe.
Private W. G. Simpson	22	10s., given by Messrs. Arnaud and Sons.
Private Engles	22	10s. 6d., given by Mr. Lansbury,
Corporal Park	22	10s., given by *District Times*.
Lance-Corporal Lane	22	10s., ,, Mr. Dudding.
Private Stanton	21	Prize ,, Mr. H. M. Ennor.
Private S. Marchant	21	10s. 6d., given by Messrs. Hornby and Smith.
Private Stringer (A)	21	10s., given by Mr. W. J. Brown.
Private Stringer (C)	20	10s., ,, Mr. Taylor.
Pioneer Winn	20	10s., ,, Mr. McKenzie.
Private F. Marchant	20	10s., ,, Messrs. Broadley Bros.
Private F. Brown	19	A prize, given by Mr. Lowrence.
Private R. E. Davis	18	Cigars, given by Mr. Steele.
Private Ralfe	18	Pipe and Case given by Mr. Sills.
Private R. Hills	18	Wine given by Mr. Sutton.
Corporal Crowhurst	17	Prize ,, Mr. Steiert.
Private Tuffin	17	Prize ,, Mr. Pyrke.
Private Crowhurst	17	Prize ,, Mr. Tosland.
Private E. Muncey	17	12lb. Beef given by Mr. Wallace.
Sergeant Weller	16	Prize given by Mr. Ferriss.
Private A. Heaysman	16	Silk Umbrella given by Mr. King.
Private H. Palin	16	Half dozen Hose given by Mr. Keer.

SECOND COMPETITION.

Five shots at 700 yards, class targets. Any position. Open to first 30 in First Competition.

Names.	Points.	Prizes.
Sergeant Bulleid	18	Cigars, given Mr. Newell.
Lance-Corporal Field	18	Prize, given by Mr. Dotter.
Private Verralls	17	Prize, given by Mr. Gore.
Sergeant G. Davis	16	Two Bottles of Spirits, given by Mr. Ebdon.
Sergeant H. J. Davis	14	Pair of Razors, given by Mr. Filby.
Private Lovell	13	Three Bottles of Spirits, given by Mr. Wheller.
Bugle-Major Heaysman	13	A Curiosity Prize, given by Mr. Hambleton.
Private Ferris	12	Joint of Meat, given by Mr. Cooper.
Corporal Taylor	12	Picture, given by Mr. Collings.
Lieut. Hitchins	12	Silver-mounted Stick, given by Mr. Sales.
Sergeant-Instructor Morgan	11	Silver-mounted Stick, given by Mr. Bourdon.
Private R. Smith	10	Silk Umbrella, given by Mr. Medhurst.
Colour-Sergeant Perry	9	Rug, given by Mr. Ingles.
Corporal Fawsitt	9	Kilderkin of Ale, given by Mr. Lovibond.
Sergeant Dunford	8	Three Bottles of Spirits, given by Mr. J. H. Sanders.
Private Napier	8	Ham, given by Mr. Marsh.
Private Player	7	Inkstand, given by Messrs. Clarke and Son.
Private W. King	5	Two Bottles of Spirits, given by Mr. Jayes.
Sergeant Towell	5	A Prize.
Corporal Owen	4	Two Shirts, given by Mr. Quick.

THIRD COMPETITION.

(A) Recruits' Prizes, five shots at 200 yards kneeling.

(B) Consolation Prizes, open to all competitors, not prize winners. Range to be fixed by Committee on the ground.

Recruits.

Private Ralphs	13	Joint of Meat, given by Mr. Covell.
Private Willett	8	A Prize.
Private Oswald	4	Joint of Meat, given by Messrs. Heaysman Bros.

Consolation Prizes.

Private A. J. Smith	24	A Prize, given by Mr. Mayhew.
Private W. T. Pearce	15	Joint of Meat, given by Mr. Borer.
Corporal Bagwell	14	A Prize.
Lance-Corporal Sanders	14	A Prize, given by Mr. Romary.
Private C. H. Brown	12	Saddle of Mutton, given by the London and Provincial Meat Stores.
Corporal Burbridge	10	A Prize, given by Mr. T. Davis.

DONORS' PRIZES.

(A) Open to those Donors who have never served in any branch of the service. Five shots at 150 yards. Non-winners in previous years to be given two points. Three prizes.

	Points.
Mr. D. Dutton	22
Mr. R. L. Gore	21
Mr. E. Steiert	18

(B) Open only to those who have served in some branch of her Majesty's Forces. Five shots at 200 yards. Three prizes.

Mr. R. Griggs	18
Mr. Borer	17
Mr. Sales	16

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

Six competitors making best aggregate scores in the first and second competitions.

Sergeant H. J. Davis	52	Two Bottles of Spirits, given by Mr. Thomas.
Lieut. Hitchins	52	A Prize, given by Mr. Kirby.
Sergeant Bulleid	51	Kilderkin of Ale, given by Messrs. Cooper Bros.
Colour-Sergeant Perry	50	Lady's Dress, given by Mr. H. Collins.
Private Napier	46	A Prize, given by Mr. Parsons.
Lance-Corporal Field	45	Joint of Meat, given by Mr. Ruegg.

SWEEPSTAKES.

Five shots at 800 yards.

Lieut. Hitchins	18
Mr. R. Griggs	18
Sergeant G. A. Davis	17
Corporal Fawsitt	16
Mr. Sales	16
Private Verralls	15

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THE PAST MONTH.

Licensing Sessions.

The licensing sessions have again passed and demonstrated once more the unfitness of the present tribunal for the functions entrusted to them. It is difficult to understand upon what general principle the Magistrates act with regard to the granting of licenses, but it certainly has no regard to population. Bromley and Beckenham have practically an equal number of inhabitants, and yet we find from the Police Inspector's figures, that the former possesses fifty-eight licenses of all kinds, and the latter but twenty-three, or more than fifty per cent. less. The Bench's action in particular cases in which the conduct of the license-holder has been complained of is equally unsatisfactory. In a notorious case in Bromley in which the publican was convicted of brawling in a neigbbouring public-house, they tamely allowed the brewers to substitute another tenant, who with a renewed license starts with a clean slate. It is well-known that granting a license in respect of a "tied" house is an infringement of the spirit of the licensing laws, and in various northern towns the magistrates have rigidly enforced the law. In Bromley, the magistrates, not content with their exhibition of laxity, went out of the way to pay themselves the compliment of "not being the unfit body, a portion of the public thought they were."

Local Audits.

The annual audits of the Bromley Local Authorities are becoming the recognised occasions for giving expression to views which have no opportunity of finding utterance upon the Boards themselves. There is also, it must be admitted, some suspicion that the examination of books and accounts is made use of for the purpose of paying off old scores. To a certain extent the public reap the benefit of any ill-feeling that may be entertained by aggrieved ratepayers against a public authority, in the ingenuity it arouses on the part of the aggrieved ones, in detecting extravagancies and irregularities on the part of the Authority. It may be doubted, however, whether the abilities of the critics would not be used to greater advantage in assisting in the carrying out of the work of the Board from the inside.

School Rates.

From the report of the Committee of Council on Education recently presented to Parliament, we gather the following particulars relating to this district. The total receipts of the Bromley School Board during the year amounted to £5,464 7s. 3d. The receipts included £1,087 16s. 2d. as grants from the Committee of Council on Education, and the sum of £4,150 from the local rating authority, this amount representing a rate of 6d. in the £. The expenditure included, in addition to the salaries of teachers, &c., and the general working and maintenance expenses, the sum of £176 2s. 2d. towards repayment of, and £823 18s. 4d. as interest on, loans amounting in all to £22,922 10s. 2d. In the whole county of Kent, extra metropolitan, with a population of 807,209, the total number of schools was 567. Of these 100 were Board Schools. These provided accommodation for 141,413. The number of scholars on the register was 131,703, and the average in attendance 102,575. The average cost per scholar in attendance was £1 19s. 1d. The average cost per scholar in Bromley is considerably in excess of this, being £2 3s. 9d. per head.

University Teaching in Bromley. — The prospectus of the seventh session of the Bromley Association for the Extension of University Teaching has now been issued and we learn from it that during the autumn two courses of lectures will be given, the afternoon course being by Mr. P. H. Wicksteed, M.A., upon Dante, and the evening course by Mr. F. W. Rudler, F.G.S., upon the Earth. The lectures will each commence on October 5th, at the Parish Room, the first lecture in either case being free. The time of the afternoon course is 3 p.m., and of the evening 8 p.m. From the balance sheet of the Association it appears that the total income last year amounted to £137 1s. and the expenditure to £146 13s. 4d., the balance in the hands of the Treasurer being £1 16s. 5d.

Church Parade at Bickley.—The annual church parade of the Oddfellows of Widmore took place on Sunday Sept, 4th. The members of the local lodge, the "Lord Holmesdale," together with the members of the "Star of Keston" Lodge, and the juveniles attached to the local body, each carrying their beautiful banners, paraded the various streets of Widmore and Bickley, and parts even of Bromley, making the customary collections by means of boxes *en route* on behalf of the Convalescent Home at Dover, and the Bromley Cottage Hospital. The procession was headed by the Bromley Volunteer Band, and proceeded to the Bickley Parish Church. Here at half-past three a service consisting of shortened evensong was held, after which the Rev. G. S. Reaney, vicar-elect of Christ Church, Greenwich, preached an eloquent sermon on the work of the Friendly Societies. The offertory taken amounted to £8 2s. 3d.

Bromley Cycling Club Long Distance Ride.—Great interest was taken in the attempt of C. L. Newland to ride from Bromley to Charing and back in 6 hours, on Sept, 20th. for the Gold Medal of the Club, the previous best being 6h. 43min. and the standard time for Gold Medal being 7 hours. Newland, however, did the distance, 90 miles, in 5h. 52m. 30sec., beating previous best time by 50min. 30sec. The course is a very hilly one—Bromley to Ightham and Maidstone to Charing, back to Maidstone and Ightham on to Bromley. The outer journey was done in 2h. 34min. and the return in 3h. 18min. 30sec, notwithstanding the fact of the rider encountering a heavy tempest at Maidstone and getting wet through in a few minutes which made the last 30 miles very uncomfortable. Newland again rode his "Vivid" safety. Messrs. S. T. Norfolk R. A. Marples, J. Uridge and F. Hincheliffe acted as pace-makers, while Mr. Bourdon started the ride at 1.30 p.m. and took the times at the finish.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

Aug.

25th—Vestry Meeting at Hayes to sanction Diversion of Footpath at the Grove.

24th—Half-yearly meeting of the Bromley Gas Consumers Company at "Bell" Hotel.

26th—Shooting Match at the Bromley Range between the Bromley Volunteers and the "N" Company of the London Rifle Brigade; won by the visitors.

Sept.

2nd—Annual Cricket Match: XI. of Kent v. XVIII. of Bromley.

3rd—Friendly Societies' Church Parade at Bickley Church: Sermon by Rev. G. S. Reaney.

4th—Annual Licensing Sessions at Bromley. No new licenses granted.

6th—Twenty-five Miles Championship Race of Bromley Cycling Club: Won by C. L. Newland.

7th—Annual Shooting Match between Sergeants of Bromley Volunteers and Sergeants of Maidstone Depôt, West Kent Regiment: Won by Bromley.

13th—Cricket Match, Bromley Town C.C. v. the President's team played at Plaistow.

„ Annual Cricket Match and Dinner of Shortlands Gardeners and Tradesmen.

14th—Meeting of Temperance Workers, at Bromley Co-operative Hall when it was resolved to form a Bromley and District Temperance Union.

15th—Chislehurst Annual Cottagers Flower Show.

18th—Entertainment to the inmates of the workhouse by the "Blackbird" Minstrels.

20th—Bromley Cycling Club, Gold Medal Race, won by C. L. Newland.

„ Up Town v. Down Town Cricket Match at Bromley, followed by dinner at "The Bell."

21st—Audit of Bromley Local Board's books and accounts.

24th—Bromley Lawn Tennis Club and Plaistow Cricket Club Amalgamated Athletic Sports.

27th—Audit of West Kent Main Sewerage Board's books and accounts at Bromley.

27th—Revision of the Voters Lists at Bromley before Mr. John Shortt.

Bromley Local Board Audit.—Mr. Boggis-Rolfe commenced the audit of the accounts of the Bromley Local Board on Sept. 21st.—Mr. J. Fielding objected that on a solicitor's bill of Mr. Grundy's there were several documents he wished to see, but the Clerk declined to allow him to do so.—The Auditor said he would see the documents, and decide as to whether Mr. Fielding could see them.—Mr. Harris objected that a balance in the Treasurer's account was not brought forward, and the Auditor said he could not allow objections on the old audit which was closed. Mr. Harris pressed the point, and after a passage at arms with him, the Auditor adjourned the audit until later in the day.—On resuming the audit, Mr. Fielding went at some length into the accounts of the Science and Art School, and was allowed by the Auditor to see the deed he had been refused inspection of by the Board. The Auditor's decision on the points was reserved. With reference to a sum of £50, paid to the Treasurer of the Board as salary, to which Mr. Fielding objected, the Auditor surcharged the Board the amount. Various other objections were made by Messrs. Fielding and Harris, and the decision of the Auditor reserved.

Evening Continuation Classes in Bromley.—The Bromley School Board have issued particulars of the evening classes that will be held at their schools during the winter. The subjects include reading, writing, arithmetic, human physiology, shorthand, science of common things, botany, vocal music, geography illustrated with a lantern, chemistry, mensuration, magnetism and electricity. The fees are very moderate, being 3d per week, or a reduced fee in advance for the session.

The Bromley Musical Society this month enters upon its fourteenth session, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas. The practices will commence on Saturday, the 14th, for the orchestra, and Monday, 16th, for the chorus, in the Upper Room, Drill Hall. Four concerts will be given during the season, and further particulars will be found among our advertisements.

Temperance Union for Bromley.—A meeting of the Bromley Temperance workers was held at the Co-operative Hall, East Street, Bromley, on September 14th, last, convened by circular, its object being to discuss the advisability of forming into a permanent organisation the Mission Council, inaugurated to carry out the Temperance Mission conducted in this town last February. Mr. W. Green, as the president of the Council, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Coombes, acting secretary, and Mr. Jesse Hawkes, secretary to the newly-formed Kent County Temperance Federation. There were also present Mrs. Mackenzie, who had promised to give an address, introducing the subject, and Messrs. W. Hicks, Edgar Soames, G. T. Boxall, W. A. Dickinson, D. Avis, S. Collins, F. R. Swan, S. Wilson, H. B. Field, R. Field, J. Walker, T. J. Davis, H. Ellis, G. W. Gilbert, H. Barnes, W. J. Gibbs, W. Amos, G. Symmons, D. Johnson, Miss Green, Miss C. Ellis, and others.—The Chairman, in opening the meeting, spoke of the object for which the last meeting was called, which was the opposing of the granting of any new licenses at the Licensing Sessions, and he was very glad they had succeeded. (Applause.) They were indebted very much to the active energy of the *Bromley Chronicle*, and he was very glad that they had a paper in the town so conducted as to help them in their great work. A paper advocating the formation of the proposed union was read by Mrs. Christie Mackenzie, and after a general discussion it was resolved to form a federation of local societies, under the name of the Bromley and District Temperance Union and a sub-committee was formed to draft a constitution.

Bromley Cycling Club Championship.—This club held its 25 Miles Championship Race on Sept, 6th, for Challenge Shield presented by Mr. Coles Child, J.P., and gold medal of the club. A sealed handicap was also decided, the winner of the Championship not to take a prize in the handicap. C. L. Newland has now won this event four times. The following are the positions in the Championship

		Times.		
1	C. L. Newland	1	24	6
2	J. Green	1	32	50
3	W. Wilson	1	32	51
4	R. A. Marples	1	35	12
5	J. E. Carter	1	35	15
6	F. Hinchcliffe	1	44	40
7	B. J. Filby...	1	44	43

Positions in handicap.

		start received	hdcp. time		Net time.		
1	C. L. Newland	scratch	1	24	6	1	24 6
2	J. Green... ...	7	1	25	50	1	32 50
3	J. E. Carter...	8 30	1	26	45	1	35 15
4	B. J. Filby ...	17 0	1	27	43	1	44 43
5	R. A. Marples	7 0	1	28	12	1	35 12
6	W. A. Wilson	4 30	1	28	21	1	32 51
7	F. Hinchcliffe	11 0	1	33	40	1	44 40

C. L. Newland not being allowed to take Championship and handicap, J. Green took first in handicap, J. E. Carter, second; B. J. Filby, third. The roads were very loose and a stiff wind faced the riders. Mr. H. W. Bradbury handicapped. Mr. W. Bourdon started, and took the times with Mr. W. L. Crossley. Mr. R. P. Grinsted and Mr. H. J. Green acted as marshalls. C. L. Newland and J. Green both rode "Vivid" safeties, and Newland made faster time by 3min. 46sec. than he has done in previous years.

CRICKET.

BROMLEY TOWN C.C. v. WESTMINSTER WANDERERS.—This match was played on the ground of the Plaistow C.C. on August 30th, and won by the Town team.

BROMLEY TOWN.

H. C. Hopton b Wallace	75
A. Romary c Armstrong b Borham	5
J. E. Jeary hit wkt. b Absolom	81
H. Foxley b Wallace	3
H. Draper lbw. b Absolom	8
W. J. Hopton not out	11
A. Ranson not out	24
R. Girling, C. Sanders, R. C. Fawsitt, R. Leaney	did not bat
Extras	9
Total	216*

* declared closed

WESTMINSTER WANDERERS.

Clifford b Foxley	5
Armstrong c H. Hopton b Foxley	21
Wilson b Foxley	23
Wallace c H. Hopton b Draper	15
Absolom c H. Hopton b Draper	1
Borham b Foxley	3
Wilson not out	16
Wise b Foxley	3
Page b Foxley	0
Wyatt c Fawsitt b Foxley	5
Hobbs b Foxley	1
Extras	4
Total	97

XI OF KENT V. XVIII. OF BROMLEY.—This annual fixture for the benefit of H. Draper, the club's professional—was played off on the ground of the Bromley Cricket Club, Widmore-road, Bromley, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, but only one of of the regular team—Fred Martin was comprised in the eleven. The eighteen proved the victors.

EIGHTEEN OF BROMLEY.

A. H. Hewett c Frank Martin b Martin	1	not out	7
C. Earnshaw b Martin	6	b Martin	7
C. P. Hewett b Martin	5	b Taylor-Jones	0
A. E. Earnshaw b Frank Martin	2	b F. Martin	21
R. H. Smith c Bouch b Martin	3	not out	31
F. E. Gibbs b Martin	7		
M. Baker c and b Martin	0	b Taylor Jones	20
A. H. Bennett b Sales	7		
A. F. Gadsdon b Martin	4		
J. B. Batchelor b Martin	0		
W. R. Willson c Foxley b Martin	22		
R. S. Mayne b Sales	1		
F. E. Clarke c and b Martin	2		
S. E. Pamphilon b Sales	10		
M. Dewey c Martin b Foxley	5		
H. A. Cape lbw b Foxley	13		
W. G. Beach c S. A. Smith b Martin	16	b Hughes	0
W. L. Crossley not out	0		
Extras	26	Extras	17
Total	130	Total	110

ELEVEN OF KENT.

Rev. E. Taylor-Jones b C. P. Hewett	2
Fred Martin c Crossley b Mayne	10
J. E. Jeary c A. E. Earnshaw b C. P. Hewett	8
S. A. Smith c Bennett b Mayne	9
C. Draper b Gadsdon	37
H. E. Bouch b Gadsdon	8
H. B. Smith c Mayne b Gadsdon	0
Frank Martin b Gadsdon	7
Foxley b A. E. Earnshaw	4
Sales not out	3
Hughes c Gibbs b Gadsdon	5
Extras	10
Total	103

KENT.	wkts.	runs.
Frank Martin	1 for	22
Fred Martin	11 ,,	46
Sales	3 ,,	30
Foxley	2 ,,	3
Bouch	0 ,,	3

Second Innings	wkts.	runs
Fred Martin	1 for	15
Hughes	1 ,,	25
Taylor-Jones	2 ,,	1
Frank Martin	1 ,,	31
Bouch	0 ,,	21

BROMLEY.	wkts.	runs.
C. P. Hewett	2 for	28
R. S. Mayne	2 ,,	26
Gadsdon	5 ,,	28
A. E. Earnshaw	1 ,,	11

BROMLEY TOWN C.C. V. PRESIDENT'S XII.—The return match between a team of the Bromley Club and a team selected by the President, Mr. E. Gorden Mullen, was played off on the 13th, ult., on the ground of the Plaistow Cricket Club in the presence of a large number of spectators. This time the weather was all that could be desired and the meeting was a decided success. The town club showed the advantage and won somewhat easily on the first inning. During the afternoon the band of the 2nd V.B. The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) under Bandmaster Church played several choice selections of music and a capital tea was provided and dispensed to all present, Mr. Wood, of Farwig, being the caterer. Appended are the scores :—

TOWN CRICKET CLUB.

W. Hopton b Keighley	0
H. Taylor b b Hewett	2
F. Gedney b Hewett	0
C. Simmonds b S. A. Smith	37
A. Romary c and b Hewett	11
H. C. Hopton not out	32
W. J. Hopton b Taylor	2
A. Ransom S. A. Smith	13
T. Knight b T. Hodgson	2
H. Draper b Hewett	10
Sanders run out	4
Fawsitt b Keighley	0
Extras	5
Total	114

PRESIDENT'S XII

H. B. Smith c and b Ranson	13
T. Hodgson c Knight b Ranson	0
F. de L. Solbé c Knight b Fawsitt	6
B. A. S. Keighley b Ranson	1
C. P. Hewett b Ranson	10
W. R. Larkins b Fawsitt	1
H. Bouchier b Ranson	0
H. A. Cape b Fawsitt	1
J. Gibson not out	1
J. H. Lepper b Ranson	8
L. Lepper b Ranson	0
Extras	11
Total	52

S. A. Smith was absent.

Second Innings.—H. B. Smith absent 0; S. A. Smith c Fawsitt b Ranson 7; T. Hodgson b Fawsitt 2; Solbe b Fawsitt 4; Keighley b Ranson 3; Hewett c and b Fawsitt 8; W. R. Larkins c and b Ranson 4; H. A. Cape c H. Hopton b Fawsitt 1; J. Gibson c W. Hopton b Ranson 1; J. H. Lepper b Ranson 13; G. F. L. Lepper not out 0; H Bouchier b Fawsitt 10; Extras 15; Total 68.

SHORTLANDS GARDENERS V. TRADESMEN.—This annual fixture, arranged by the members of the Shortlands Valley Cricket Club, was played off on the Shortlands Ground on the 13th, ult., in the presence of a large company, and resulted in favour of the Tradesmen. Each team played 16 men, the Tradesmen being captained by Mr. J. Davies and the Gardeners by Mr. James Bryant, the nurseryman of Shortlands. The Foresters' Brass Band was in attendance and considerably added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. The following were the scores :—

TRADESMEN.

A. Simpson c Ramsey b Coulling	19	c Coulling b Hill	26
Coles lbw b James	14	b Coulling	7
Goad st Ramsey b James	0	run out	10
Davies b Coulling	3	not out	0
F. Darby b Coulling	8	b Seymour	5
S. Pearce lbw b Coulling	3	c Hill b Coulling	31
F. Rogers run out	1	c James b Bryant	3
Wallace jun. b Coulling	0	b Hill	3
Pike c Ramsey b Seymour	4	c Jackson b Bryant	5
Fromings run out	3	b Seymour	1
R. Porter run out	0	c James b Seymour	0
G. Roger b James	0	run out	0
Turner c Coulling b Seymour	2	b Seymour	0
Pickard c Ramsey b Seymour	0	b Coulling	0
H. Rogers not out	0	run out	6
Smith jun. c Hope b James	0	b Hill	3
Extras	10	Extras	16
Total	67	Total	116

GARDENERS.

H. Wynn c Fromings b Darby	0
Jackson b Darby	9
Coulling c Pike b Davies	22
James b Darby	8
Hill b Darby	0
Golder c Rogers b Davis	0
Hope run out	0
Seymour b Goad	3
Ramsey c Ridley b Davies	0
Ives b Darby	0
Dewsell c Hill b Darby	4
Bryant run out	0
Jones st Coles b Darby	0
J. Wynn st Coles b Goad	0
Wells not out	0
Church st Coles b Goad	0
Extras	5
Total	51

At the conclusion of the match, the party adjourned to the "Railway Hotel," East-street, Bromley, where an excellent dinner was prepared by host T. Graley, which was much enjoyed. Mr. Fry, president of the Club, presided, and Mr. J. Bristow, captain of the team, was the vice-chairman. After the tables were cleared, a somewhat lengthy toast list was gone through, the programme being interspersed with songs.

UP TOWN V. DOWN TOWN.—This match, a revival of a time-honoured fixture in Bromley was played on the ground of the Bromley Cricket Club, Widmore Road, Bromley, on Sept, 20th, and resulted in a win for the former by 34 runs. By "Up Town" is understood residents north and east of the Market Square, while "Down Town" comprises the Market Square, and south and west of it. Prior to the match a single wicket match was played between R. Leavy and J. Lowrence. The former was dismissed for a duck in the first innings but made 28 in the second. Lowrence made 14 on the first attempt and 15 not out in the second thus winning the match. In the Town match Knight played a fine innings of 57 not out.

DOWN TOWN.

H. C. Hopton run out	7
H. Foxley run out	7
A. Ranson b Romary	12
H. Y. Lansbury b Romary	0
W. Hopton c Crossley b Draper	3
G. W. Hopton c Knight b Draper	11
G. Santer b Darby	26
J. Jupp b Knight	7
Will Hopton c Romary b Draper	5
Groombridge b Knight	4
Dr. Buck run out	6
A. Elliot b Darby	1
R. C. Fawsitt c Prebble b Knight	5
R. Leavey run out	0
Bert Gedney c Prebble b Draper	1
Knight not out	0
Extras	6
Total	112

UP TOWN.

W. Tapper c Knight b Ranson	13
S. Pocock b Ranson	6
A. Romary b Ranson	4
W. Crossley b Fawsitt	6
J. Lowrence b Ranson	4
T. Over b Fawsitt	1
H Draper b Fawsitt	12
F. Darby b Fawsitt	0
M. Prebble b Fawsitt	0
Ellis b Foxley	4
Smith c Gedney b Fawsitt	2
S. Sanders b Fawsitt	6
W. Baxter b Fawsitt	2
A. E. Collings b Foxley	2
J. Davis b Fawsitt	0
T. Knight not out	57
Extras	27
Total	146

At the conclusion of the match the players together with a number of friends to the number of about 40, adjourned to the "Bell" Hotel, where a capital and well-served dinner was provided. Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen, presided, Mr. J. H. Lepper occupied the vice-chair, and there were also present. Messrs. James Batten, J.P., F. Medhurst, D. Payne, J. Hopton, T. Blundell, J. Draper, E. Strange, Walter Hopton, E. J. Hambleton, A. Romary, H. J. Lansbury, H. Hopton, F. Lowrence, R. Gordon Mullen junr, and others. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman proposed the toast of "Success to Cricket," and pointed out the great advance which had been made in cricket since the first match between the Up-town and Down-town teams, which they had that day revived. He then read the report of a match played on the "White Hart" field on Tuesday September 27th, 1859, from the *Bromley Record* of October 1st of that year when the Up-town team made 68 runs, and the Down-town 41. A dinner followed the match on that occasion, but was held at the "Rising Sun," He ventured to congratulate the town of Bromley on reviving one of the ancient institutions of the town, and he must also congratulate the Up-town team in emulating the example of their predecessors of 34 years ago in beating the Down town team. He would ask them to couple with the toast the names of Mr. Draper and Mr. Walter Hopton, the captains of the day, the first of whom was well known as an exponent of the game of cricket. In reading the report he had not noticed that death had left only about three of the players of 34 years ago, but he had no doubt but that 34 years hence more of the players of that day would be present. (Applause).—In responding, Mr. Draper, spoke of his connection with the county, and then in speaking of the day's play he said that he was sure they had all, whether as spectators or players, thoroughly enjoyed them-

selves, and he hoped that they had fairly won the match, he could not say how, but they had won it. (Applause). Mr. Hopton also spoke of the pleasure he felt in the resuscitation of the old time match, and referred to the presence of Mr. T. Blundell, who he believed was one of the players in some of those fixtures 30 years ago.—Mr. James Batten then proposed "Success to the town of Bromley," coupling with the toast the names of Messrs. Blundell, Medhurst, Hopton and Lowrence, as representative tradesmen of the town and they briefly responded. Mr. Lepper then proposed the "Health of the Chairman," who he said was "a jolly good fellow all round." The toast was drunk with musical honours and Mr. Mullen suitably replied. Other toasts followed and the remainder of the evening was spent in conviviality.

BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB, 1893.

The season of 1893 has not been one of unqualified success for the above club, and their record of six wins, 11 losses, and 10 drawn games is not entirely satisfactory. The batting has not been entirely the fault, as several good averages will show, but the bowling has not been equal to the task of bowling good men out on the "billiard-table-like" wickets we have had to play on this summer, and several of the bowlers have been "banged" to a good tune. In the batting averages the list is headed by A. H. Hewett (captain) with a good average of 31·14 for 14 innings; also the highest innings has been secured by the "skipper," 104, C. P. Hewett, 103 not out, and J. E. Jeary, 102 not out, being very close up. The highest aggregate goes to the credit of C. P. Hewett, with 473 as a result of 21 innings. In bowling the best analysis has been secured by A. F. Gadsdon, the most wickets being taken by C. P. Hewett, but in analysis, 16·22, is very different to last year, 9·45. J. Weeks has also to be content with less wickets at a higher cost. Good scores have been made by the following:—

A. H. Hewett	104	88	64	64
C. P. Hewett	103*	84	57	74
J. E. Jeary	102*	49		
W. G. Beach...	47*	44	43	

* Not out.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Matches played 27, won 6, lost 11, drawn 10.

	No. of Inns.	Total Runs.	Times n't out.	Hgh'st no. scr'd in inns.	Aver-age.
A. H. Hewett	14	436	0	104	31·14
J. E. Jeary	11	231	2	102*	25·6
C. P. Hewett	21	473	2	103*	24·89
J. B. Batchelor ...	6	72	3*	32*	24
M. Dewey	7	79	3	25*	19·75
W. G. Beach	18	291	3	47*	19·4
A. H. Bennett... ...	13	140	4	29	15·5
R. H. Smith	16	196	3	39	13·6
F. E. Gibbs	19	181	5	40	12·92
J. Weeks	11	100	2	21*	11·1
B. J. Hellyer	7	71	0	34	10·14
M. Baker	9	71	2	16	10·14
S. E. Pamphilon ...	7	60	1	12	10
A. F. Gadsdon ...	9	88	0	26	9·76
N. B. Baker	6	45	1	32	9
D. Payne	6	29	1	13	5·8
A. D. Tennant ...	8	38	0	14	4·75
F. S. Hewett	9	31	2	15	3·87
J. H. Lepper	15	47	0	12	3·16

The following have batted on less than six occasions:

	No. of Inns.	Total Runs.
P. D. Kelleway	4	13
W. T. Heaysman... ..	2	2
J. W. Recordon	3	15
W. G. Hewett	5	11
C. T. Apthorpe	4	21
W. L. Crossley	5	3
A. Moore	4	21
W. R. Wilson	5	26
W. H. Bosanquet... ..	2	8
W. H. Sharland	3	30
R. G. Reid	5	31
E. T. Evans	2	14
R. S. Mayne	2	2
F. Clark...	1	12
E. T. Mitchell	1	0
W. J. Pamphilon... ...	1	0
H. S. Hewett	1	1
E. G. S. Hose	1	0
J. F. Arnaud	1	7
A. H. Squire...	2	5
A. W. Harvey	3	7
E. Clark...	1	0
A. Boosey	1	0
G. P. Sharland	5	26

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	No. of Inns. b'wl'd in.	No. of Overs.	M'den Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver-age.
A. F. Gadsdon	10	183	32	370	33	11·21
S.E.Pamphilon	6	49	6	156	12	13
C. P. Hewett	18	305	79	779	48	16·22
J. Weeks ...	14	154	32	537	27	19.8
W. G. Beach	13	135	17	397	14	28·35
J. E. Jeary..	8	86	16	298	8	37·25
R. S. Mayne	3	47	11	110	9	12·2
F. E. Gibbs...	2	9	2	29	4	7
B. J. Hellyer	3	25	5	84	2	42

BLACKBIRD'S AT THE WORKHOUSE.—The inmates of the Bromley Workhouse were entertained by the above troupe of minstrels on the 18th. ult., last in the large dining hall, there being an audience of over 200, composed of old folks, men and women, able bodied and children. The last named looked as bright and healthy as possible and thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The first part consisted of solos, part songs and choruses, the second part of a stump speech, step dance and a screaming farce, "Rum 'uns from Rome." At the conclusion Mr. Gregory, the master, on behalf of the inmates, thanked the members of the troupe for the splendid entertainment they had given them and called for three cheers which were heartily given. Mr. T. Ranson on behalf of the troupe suitably responded.

BECKENHAM.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.—A new course of ten weekly lectures, by A. H. Fison, D.Sc., on the solar system, will be commenced on Thursday, Oct, 5th, at the Beckenham Public Hall.

A parish room for St. George's Parish Beckenham, has been erected within the rectory grounds, immediately opposite the Parish Church. The building is of red brick with white stone facings, and is of handsome and substantial appearance.

The annual Town Dinner of Beckenham will take place on Wednesday the 4th, inst., at 7.30. Tickets, price 5s. 6d. may be obtained at Thornton's Library

CHISLEHURST.

CHISLEHURST COTTAGER'S FLOWER SHOW.—The annual show of fruit, flowers and vegetables, held under the direction of the Chislehurst Cottagers' Show, was held on September 16th. at the Chislehurst Village Hall. This Society has always been successful in placing an excellent exhibition before the public hitherto, and this year was by no means an exception to the rule. The Rev. Canon Murray, vicar of Chislehurst, is the president, while the vice-presidents are Mr. R. Foster, Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., Mr. W. Murton, and Mr. H. F. Tiarks. The Committee whose efforts this year were more evident than ever, consisted of Messrs. A. F. Nussey, E. A. Webb, G. B. Wollaston, L. Wigram, Christison, Durling, Lyne, Harvey and Willis, while the lion's share of the work fell as usual upon the shoulders of the energetic secretary, Mr. E. C. Waters. The

exhibits were staged upon three tables, one at each side, and one down the centre of the hall, running the entire length of the building. The judges were Mr. Baxter, gardener to Sir John Pender, Mr. Abbott, gardener to Sir W. Dyke, and Mr. W. Lyddiard, gardener to Mr. Norman, The Rookery, Bromley Common. The schedule was divided into two classes the first and second, the first class being confined to gardeners, and the second to cottagers. To the exhibitors in the first class must be given the palm for general excellence, although several of the second class individually excelled them. There was a large number of "not for competition" exhibits, not the least being a collection of cooking apples by Mr. C. H. Kenderdine. Mr. Ringer also showed a number of eating apples, and Miss Crowhurst showed a quantity of apples and pears. These were placed on the stand of the second class. On the other side of the hall, Mr. J. Nicholls, gardener to Miss Campbell, showed some large and fine apples, as well as some hot-house pears and grapes. In the vegetable classes, some specimens of white elephant potatoes, grown at Southhome, were exhibited, and marked "very highly commended," There was a very small show of cucumbers, but those that were shown were very fine. Leeks were large and well grown. In the floral classes, the window boxes and various collections were well-assorted and well-grown specimens, the flowers being plentiful and large. Calceolarias were fully flowered, the globules being of very fair size, For the best specimen plant, Mr. G. Garrett took the first prize with a splendid pot of maidenhair fern.

CHISLEHURST C.C., 1893.

Matches played 25, won 7, lost 9, drawn 9.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver.
Chattell, W. J.	10	0	356	73	35·6
Dun, R. H.	13	1	266	75*	22·1
Nussey, J. M.	22	2	303	77	15·1
Camroux, G. F. M. ...	19	1	259	80	14·3
Chattell, D. G.	27	6	237	31	11·2
Rock, E. H.	25	0	273	47	10·9
Peter, J. C.	12	4	86	40	10·7
Budworth, D. P. D. ...	16	0	154	26	9·6
Mason, H.	16	3	107	20	8·2
Russell, H. F. G. ...	13	1	89	14	7·4
Spreckley, T. F.	9	0	62	31	6·8

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Coode, C. P.	92	37	150	16	9·3
Nussey, J. M. ...	104·4	25	244	21	11·6
Chattell, W. J.	88·2	13	235	19	12·3
Budworth, D. P. D. ...	67	20	175	13	13·4
Camroux, G. F. M. ...	215	67	490	35	14·0
Mason, H.	170·3	37	449	31	14·4
Dun, R. H.	64	6	178	9	19·7

HAYES.

EVENING DELIVERY OF LETTERS.—Arrangements have been made for extending the evening delivery of letters from Hayes Post Office, so as to include Hayes Common and Keston. The inhabitants of the district have previously had an interval of twenty-two hours between the two morning deliveries, and the change when sufficiently known, will be duly appreciated. It commences immediately.

THE DIVERSION OF A FOOTPATH.—A Vestry of the parish of Hayes was held on August 24th at the Parish Room, St. Mary's-cottages, the Vicar presiding. There were also present Lord Sackville, and Messrs. Mann, Chapman, and Russell.—The footpath in question was that which runs through Grove-cottages, Hayes, consisting of an archway running under a part of the cottages, where it had been found that a great nuisance was committed by tramps and others sleeping out. The plans which were put in showed that the proposed diversion would consist in closing that archway, and in running an open footway outside the walls.—This was agreed to without discussion.

HAYES MARRIED V. SINGLE.—This annual fixture took place on Hayes Common on Sept, 2nd, and excited no little interest in the village. Mr. W. Calder captained the married team and Mr. L. Poynter the single. The former, although they played three men short, won the match on the first innings by 47 runs. At the conclusion of the match a supper was provided at the "Alma Arms" Inn by host Robjant, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Mr. Russell presiding. The following were the scores :—

SINGLE.

F. Reeve b Boxall	1	b Boxall	6
J. Rutherford b Heath	0	c and b Boxall...	10
R. Brazier c Russell	15	b Russell	0
F. Gover b Heath	16	run out	9
L. Poynter (capt.) b Heath ...	0	b Boxall	1
C. Jennings b Boxall	4	b Boxall	7
R. Saxton c and b W. Warner	11	c New b Warner	1
F. Friend lbw b Boxall	0	b Warner... ...	0
E. Howard b Boxall	4	b Warner... ...	4
E. Sethbridge b Boxall	0	b Heath	0
J. Johnson b W. Warner ...	0	c Heath b Warner	3
W. Ward b W. Warner... ..	0	c Boxall b Heath	0
T. Stacey c Clarke b Warner	0	b Heath	3
J. Williams b Warner	9	b Heath	7
W. Footman c Calder b Warner	0	not out	6
A. Nicholls c & b Warner ...	1	c Boxall b Boxall	23
Extras	11	Extras	7
Total	72	Total	87

MARRIED.

W. Clarke run out	0		
C. Heath b Poynter	1	b Rutherford ...	0
E. Boxall run out	56		
J. Russell run out	8		
C. Charman c Jennings b Nicholls	7		
W. New c Poynter b Reeve...	20		
B. Jones c Gover b Brazier ...	1		
W. Warner c Poynter b Brazier	0	not out	7
W. Calder (capt.) lbw b Friend	2		
J. Goldsmith b Rutherford ...	2		
F. Warner b Rutherford ...	5		
N. Boxall run out	6	not out	16
E. Langstone not out	0		
Extras	11	Extras	2
Total	119	Tota	25

KESTON.

MARRIAGE OF DR. SHANNON.—The marriage was solemnized in the Parish Church of Keston, on the 14th, Sept, of Dr. Shannon, of Orpington, with Ella Constance, daughter of the late Mr. Anthany Morgan, C.E., Borough Engineer of Wolverhampton. After the wedding Mrs. Buchanan held a reception at Towerfields, Keston, which was numerously attended.

WEST WICKHAM.

SNOW-FLAKES CRICKET CLUB ; MARRIED V. SINGLE.—This match was played on the Rectory field and resulted in a victory for the Single, who scored 51 in the first innings and 92 in the second, against 35 (first innings) and 65 for four wickets, scored by their opponents. Mr. Plant captained the married team, and Mr. Santer the single. At the conclusion of the match the party adjourned to the Lecture Hall where a substantial supper was prepared by Mr. Creed of the Railway Hotel Mr. Fry, one of the Vice Presidents of the Club, presided. After supper the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by various members of the club and others. The proceedings terminated at a rather late hour, all agreeing that a very enjoyable evening had been spent. During the evening the Rector presented on behalf of the members of the club a handsome silver mounted walking stick to Mr. G. Dumbrell who has acted as umpire to the club throughout the season.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

ELTHAM PALACE.

Eltham, "the old home," as its name indicates, has an antiquity, and in the ruins of the ancient palace there are indications of an importance, which entitle this spot to a foremost place in any account of the notable houses of our district. The growth of modern Eltham has been very rapid, and the tendency of the increase of new buildings is to put old landmarks in the shade.

One writer has said of this old pile, "perhaps there is no place celebrated for its antiquity, its architectural magnificence, and the rank of its owners, of which there remains less certain or valuable information." It is certain that no house could have seen greater vicissitudes of fortune, or fallen lower from its ancient state of grandeur. Once the abode of monarchs, and the scene of state festivals, of royal receptions and other stately functions, Eltham Palace at length became deserted; its materials were sold for what they would fetch, and the noble banqueting-hall, which



Eltham Palace.

happily still remains, was spared on account of the fact that its large size would make a commodious barn for the storage of corn, and other farm produce. As a barn it existed for many years and it is to that fact alone probably that its preservation to our time is due. It has now been rescued from the condition of a barn, and care is taken to prevent further decay, but its hollow-looking, unglazed windows, and the general state of desolation which reigns around, bear silent but impressive testimony to the fact that the glory has departed, and that the days of joust and tourney, of high festival and courtly throng have passed for ever away.

From time immemorial the manor of Eltham belonged to the Crown. There was probably a manor-house here in early times, and this with a portion of the manorial estate was given by Edward I. to John, first baron de Vesci, of Alnwick, who died in 1288, leaving his possessions to his brother, William de Vesci. In 1297, William died also, making over his possessions, including the manor of Eltham, to Anthony Bek, Bishop of Durham, in trust for his little natural son. By a species of roguery Bek kept the possessions in his own hands, and then, probably about the year 1300, he commenced the building of Eltham Palace. The bishop made this his favourite residence, and here he died in 1311. Before this date Eltham had become associated with royalty. In 1308 Edward II., on his arrival from France with his bride, Isabella, stayed for fifteen days at Eltham Palace. After the death of the bishop, however, Eltham became a regular royal residence, and in the course of time two other royal brides were brought here to await coronation; they were Isabella of Valois, Queen of Richard II., and Elizabeth Woodville, Queen of Edward IV. Three royal births have taken place within the walls of Eltham Palace, the first being that of Prince John, second son of Edward II., in 1316, who was created Earl of Cornwall, and is better known as "John of Eltham." The two other royal births were those of Phillipa, daughter of Lionel, Duke of Clarence, in 1355, afterwards the Countess of March, and Bridget, the Seventh daughter of Edward IV., in 1480, who became the prioress of Dartford. During the reign of Edward III., three parliaments were held in Eltham Palace, and in 1386, Richard II. here received a deputation from the Houses of Parliament opposing his intended invasion of France. In 1395, the same King held an important council at Eltham. For these and other large gatherings the magnificently proportioned banqueting-hall must have been a very suitable council-chamber, and it was probably with a view of providing accommodation for large companies that met here either upon state business or at the Christmas feasts which were once prevalent, that so large a hall was constructed.

About one-hundred-and-sixty years after Bishop Bek's building, Eltham Palace was re-built, and the existing hall—with its beautiful timber roof and elegantly formed windows, as well as the ancient bridge which still spans the moat, date from that period. Before that time a wooden drawbridge spanned the moat. The main enrance to the Palace is a massive and well-executed doorway in the spandrils of which figures of the *rose en soleil*, the badge of Edward IV., are carved in stone.

Eltham Palace was a quadrangular building, and its principal courts were very spacious, and the moat unusually broad. The bank of the moat was a work of great labour and expense, and when completed proved a bulwark of considerable importance. On the south side it formed a terrace fully a hundred feet broad.

It is impossible to ascertain much about the ancient form of the palace and its adjacent offices, for everything save the great hall has been swept away. The

space enclosed by the moat was upwards of an acre in extent, but its sides and angles were irregular. The external wall (within the moat) was built with great care and strength, and its foundations are likely to remain long after all other traces of the palace have disappeared.

The most valuable records which have been preserved of the actual character of this interesting residence of England's earlier kings are, first a ground plan made at the time when some alterations were effected in 1509; and next the parliamentary survey, taken immediately after the death of Charles I. From the survey it appears that "Eltham House," as it is here called, had a capital mansion built of brick, stone and timber, and that besides the great hall, it contained one fair chapel, the site of which is not now known. There were thirty-six rooms and offices below stairs, with two large cellars. Above stairs there were seventeen lodging-rooms on the side called the king's, while on the Queen's side there were twelve others; on the Prince's side there were nine lodging-rooms. In all there were thirty-eight rooms, together with various other necessary rooms and closets. There were thirty-five bays of building round the courtyard, which contained above seventy-eight rooms.

The plan already referred to shows only that part of the Palace which was called the court-yard, and which, as we have just said, contained a large number of buildings, many of which are described as decayed, even at this date, 1509. According to the plan there was a great bake-house, a privy bake-house, a store-house for the works, coal-house, scalding-house, chandery or store-house, slaughter-house, pantry, spicery, my lord's buttery, &c., &c.

The decadence of Eltham may be traced pretty clearly to the rival attractions of Greenwich, a locality easily reached from London via the river Thames. Henry VIII. generally seems to have preferred Greenwich to Eltham, nevertheless he spent Christmas at the latter place on three occasions. One of these festivals was of great historic interest. Just before Christmas, (some say on Christmas Eve) Cardinal Wolsey took the oath as Lord Chancellor, in the place of Archbishop Warham who had resigned. The Epiphany festival of 1525 was held at Eltham, because of the prevalence of an epidemic in London, and there were so few guests present that it was called the "still Christmas." It was on this occasion that Wolsey presented the King with the lease of Hampton Court Palace. At the same time he drew up a most minute and elaborate set of "Articles devised by the King's highness, with the advice of his council, for the establishment of good order and reformation of sundry errors and misuses in his most honourable household and chamber." These rules known as "the Statutes of Eltham," are still preserved among the State Papers.

VOLUNTEER SERGEANT'S SHOOTING MATCH.—The annual match between the Sergeants' of the Bromley Detachments of the 2nd V.B Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regt. and the Sergeants' of the Dépot at Maidstone, took place at Bromley on Sept, 7th, and resulted in a win for the Bromley team. The weather was dry, but a hard wind made shooting rather difficult. The visitors were entertained to lunch by the Bromley team at the headquarters, and also in the evening after the match.

CURTAINS FOR THE WINTER.—With the advent of chilly days and still colder nights comes the necessity of change in our window draperies. One of the first things to be considered under such circumstances is "What can I get to harmonise with the furniture, carpets, and general tone of the room?" This question can only be satisfactorily solved by a visit to a large emporium where there is a variety in pattern, price, and color to select from. We have had the advantage of an early view of the large stock of curtains recently laid in by Messrs. Batchelor & Sons, Widmore-road, Bromley, a stock comprising every variety of Art Serges, Plushettes, Tapestries, Silks, Chenilles, Brocatelles, Reps, Genoa Velvets, Damasks and others—and, therefore, are in a position to speak unhesitatingly of their value for money demanded. Each and every taste can be suited at reasonable cost; and housewives can choose at will from curtains at prices ranging from 5s. to 20 guineas per pair. The same materials, too, can be had by the yard at almost any width. Messrs. Batchelor invite comparison and defy competition.

Births.

ALLAN.—On the 3rd Sept, at 57, Sloane Gardens, the wife of James M. Allan, The Knole, Beckenham, Kent, of a son.

CORBIN.—On the 20th Sept., at Merivale, Beckenham, Kent, the wife of E. R. St. Clair Corbin, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., of a son.

EXTON.—On Sept. 2nd, at South Bank, Bromley, Kent, the wife of G. Gaskell Exton, of a son, stillborn.

GROPIUS.—On September 8th, at Heidelberg Villa Chislehurst, the wife of W. Gropius, of a son.

HUDSON.—On Aug. 22th, at Terracina, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, Kent, the wife of James Hudson, of a son.

KNIGHT.—On September 6th, at 16, Hope-park, Bromley Kent, the wife of Alfred H. Knight, of a son.

LEWIN.—On the 25th September, at Birchdale, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Harold Chaloner Lewin, of a son

LUBBOCK.—On the 24th September, at the Gables, Crofton, Orpington, the wife of Hugh N. Lubbock, of a daughter.

MONRO.—On September 13th, at Sunny Ways, Chislehurst common, the wife of H. T. Monro, of 28, Harewoodsquare, London, of a son.

O'BRIEN.—On Aug. 25th, at Gordon Lodge, Bickley, Kent, the wife of Henry O'Brien, of a son.

VANSITTART.—On September 8th, at North Cray-place, Foot's Cray, Kent, the wife of Captain Vansittart, of a son.

Marriages.

BENTLEY—COMYNS.—On the 20th September, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. H. W. Reynolds, M.A., uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A., Vicar, Harrie Middlebrook, eldest son of Henry Bentley, Esq., of Muswell-hill, and formerly of Bradford, to Helena Louise, eldest daughter of William Comyns, Esq., of Bromley.

COCKSHUT—MESTON.—On Aug. 30th, at St. Paul's New Beckenham, by the Rev. He. E. Bicknell, assisted by the Rev. Charles Green, Harry Cockshut, son of John Cockshut, Esq, of Glenmore, Willesden, to Catherine, third daughter of the late Joseph Fyfe Meston, Esq, of Branxholm, Beckenham, Kent.

GORDON—TOLHURST.—On the 21st Sept., at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by the Rev. Prebendary L. E. Shelford, M.A., Rector of Stoke Newington, assisted by the Rev. Henry Lloyd Russell, M.A., Vicar, Frederick John, second son of the late John Down Gordon, of Stoke Newington, to Edith, second daughter of George Edmeades Tolhurst, of Heathfield, Chislehurst.

GROVE—HARVEY.—On the 5th September, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. George Grove, B.A., Rector of Llanwenarth, Ultra Mon., Father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. James White, M.A., Chaplain of Bromley College, Edmund Philip Grove to Helen Cassan, second daughter of Charles Harvey, of Ivanhurst, Bromley, and grand-daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel M. Cassan, H.M. 84th and 57th Regiments.

HARRIS—HARRIS.—On the 21st Sept., at the Parish Church, Bromley, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Miller, rector of Wootton, Northamptonshire, William Frederick Daniel Harris, eldest son of the late J. W. D. Harris, of Wootton, Northamptonshire, to Annie Eliza, daughter of the late O. H. C. Harris, of Wootton Hall, Northamptonshire, and Mrs. Marsden, "The Hatch," Redhill, Surrey.

KIRBY—HARE.—On the 19th Sept., at the Parish Church, Marylebone, by the Rev. Canon Kirby, M.A., R.D., Rector of Barnsley, Yorkshire, uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. W. Weldon Kirby, M.A., Vicar of Curry Rivel, Somersetshire, brother of the bridegroom, Horace Woodburn Kirby, F.C.A., of The Crofts, Harrow, eldest son of Edmund A. Kirby, M.D., of Kelsey Park, Beckenham, to B. Lilian de Courcy, youngest daughter of Charles J. Hare, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Berkeley House, Manchester-square, W.

LIVINGSTON—COOPER.—On the 19th Sept., at St. George's, Bickley, by the Rev. A. G. S. Raynor, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. R. Wood, Vicar of Bickley, and Rev. G. S. Reaney, Vicar of Christ Church, Greenwich, William James, eldest son of James Livingston, Esq., of 7, St. Germau's-place, Blackheath, to Cicely Whitaker, second daughter of John Whitaker Cooper, Esq., of The Firs, Bickley, Kent.

MAYNE—WILLIAMS.—On September 9th, at St. Mary's, Plaistow, Kent by the Rev. William Gibbons Mayne, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. P. Barker, M.A., brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Vicar of St. John's, Bromley, and the Rev. W. Hodgson, M.A., Vicar of the parish, Robert Sedborough St. George, younger son of the late Rev. William Gibbons Mayne, M.A., Vicar of Ingrow-cum-Hainworth, Keighley, Yorks. to Alice Florence, youngest daughter of the late James William Williams, Esq., of Claverton-street, London, S.W., and Mrs. Williams of Glascoed, Bromley, Kent.

PLUMMER—MOIRA.—On September 7th, at All Saints', Notting-hill, by the Rev Rowland Taylor Plummer, brother of the bridegroom, Cyril Plummer (youngest son of the late Rev. John Taylor Plummer, formerly Rector of Hartley Maudit, Hants), of Chislehurst, to Maria Thereza Eugenia, eldest daughter of the late Chevalier Edward Lobo de Moira and Mrs. Moira, of Colville House.

STEVENS—TAYLOR.—On the 17th December, 1892, at St. Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton, Richard Herbert eldest son of Richard Stevens, Esq., J.P., of Maywood, The Park, Beckenham, to Phoebe, daughter of the late James Taylor, Esq.

STOCKER—LOFTUS.—On Aug. 23rd, at St. John's Church, Shirley, by the Rev. W. Wilks, Vicar, John Watson Stocker, of Edenhurst. Croydon-road, Beckenham, to Agnes Helen, daughter of the late Thos. Alexander Loftus, and Mrs. Loftus, Outram House, Addiscombe.

THOMASSET—CHAPLIN.—On the 13th Sept., at the Church of St. Joseph, Plaistow, Kent, Victor Thomasset, West Wickham, Kent, sixth son of the late Theodore Thomasset, of Walthamstow, Essex, to Julia Eualie Chapin, neice of Mr. and Mrs. James Duff, Bickley, Kent.

WILSON—WRIGHT.—On Aug. 23rd at the Parish Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. A. J. Fletcher, John Alfred, only son of John Wilson, of Northfield, Birmingham, to Katharine Mounsteven, eldest daughter of Edward Mounsteven Wright, Lancarfe, Beckenham.

Deaths.

BLUETT.—On Aug. 20th, at the College, Bromley, Kent, Sybilla, M. M. Bluett (née Anstruther.), widow of the Rev. Francis R. P. C. Bluett, Vicar of Abersychan, Monmouth, in her 85th year.

HOPKINS.—On the 21st Sept., very suddenly, at 48, Park-road, Bromley, Ethel May (Dot), youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Hopkins, in her 18th year.

MILLMAN.—On September 10th, William Millman, of 4, Great James-street, Bedford-row, and Beech Brook, Chislehurst, Solicitor.

SUTTON.—On Aug. 24th, after many years' patient suffering, Mrs. Sutton, wife of William Sutton, of the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, Kent, in her 75th year.

WALLROTH.—On Aug. 25th, at Woodclyffe, Chislehurst, Louisa Wallroth, widow of the late Charles William Herman Wallroth, aged 82.

WHITLOCK.—On September 6th, at Dainton, Bromley, Kent, George Whitlock, of Bromley, and of Allen-street, E.C., after a few hours' illness, in his 62nd year. Friends, kindly accept this, the only intimation.

IN MEMORIAM.

MARGETTS.—On July 9th, at Lower Camden, Edmund Margetts, aged 48 years.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1893.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st—"Lights of Home," Bromley Grand Hall.
2nd—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Nursery Stock, Hind's Nursery, Grove Park, 12 noon.
3rd—Lecture at Farwig Wesleyan Mission, by Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, on "My recent experiences on the Congo."
,, —Bromley Church Reading Society's Lectures commence, at Parish Room, West Street, 3.45 p.m.
4th—"Called Back," Bromley Grand Hall.
5th—*Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.*
,, —Dr. Paton delivers three addresses in Bromley—in the morning at the Congregational Chapel, in the afternoon at Farwig, and in the evening at Mr. Hodder's Iron Room, Great Elms Road, Bromley.
6th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East Street, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
7th—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of Furniture at St. Clements, Orpington.
,, —Dramatic Entertainment by distinguished London Amateurs, at Bromley Grand Hall, in aid of the East End Lodging House Mission.
,, —Beckenham School of Music evening Concert, at Beckenham Public Hall.
8th—Opening of Bromley Wesleyan new Sunday Schools, by Mrs. R. W. Perks.
,, —Bromley Chrysanthemum Show, Drill Hall, Bromley.
9th—Ditto
10th—Address at Farwig Wesleyan Mission, by Madame Thoumaian from Armenia.
12th—*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.*
13th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
14th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
,, —Beckenham Horticultural Society's Show, Public Hall, Beckenham.
15th—Ditto
,, —Annual Dinner of Bromley Town Cricket Club, "Bell" Hotel, Bromley.
19th—*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.*
20th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
,, —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East Street, Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
22nd—West Kent Ornithological Society's Annual Show, Town Hall, Bromley.
23rd—Ditto
,, —Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
24th—Grand Musical Entertainment in aid of Phillips Memorial Hospital, at Bromley Grand Hall.
26th—*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.*
27th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
28th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

BROMLEY LOCAL BOAD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the first meeting on Oct. 3rd, Mr. Davis said that with regard to the alleged diversion of the footpath from Oldfield, Bickley, to Southborough, he did not think it would be worth while for the Surveyor to prepare plans, as he had been instructed to do by the Board, for the footpath in question was now just as it used to be several years ago. Within the past eight or ten years the footpath had been several times diverted.—Mr. Selby said that was so.—The Chairman said that had been his opinion all through.—The Surveyor said he had received a plan some eight or ten years old from Mr. Wilson, the agent to the estate, and the course of the path was shown precisely as it now was.—The matter then dropped.

Alleged Diversion of Footpath.

At the same meeting, on a discussion of the plans submitted by Mr. Burr for alteration to his premises in High-street, Mr. Grinsted asked if it was the intention of the Board, having regard to the fact that the widening of the High-street was a question which could not be put off for all time, to establish a building line which could be rigidly adhered to when plans for alterations were sent in and to which any new buildings or new fronts must be set back.—On the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr. Grinsted said he would give notice of motion on the subject.

Improvement of High-street.

At the same meeting, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board re-appointed Mr. George Stone as collector of the General Rate District at a salary at the rate of £156 per annum.

Rate Collecting.

At the same meeting the Technical Education Committee recommended that Mr. Henry Dawes be appointed shorthand teacher at a remuneration of 7s. 6d. per lesson in the place of Mr. S. A. Atkins resigned.

Shorthand Classes.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Mr. G. P. Roach, engineer to the L. C. and D. Railway Station, stating that a quantity of foul water was exuding from the Board's 12in. sewer close to the retaining wall at the Bromley Station, and he asked that the Board would have the matter remedied. The Surveyor said the upper portion of the sewer had been attended to, but the lower portion would have to be relaid on account of its close proximity to the retaining wall.—In reply to Mr. Selby, the Surveyor said he could not say that the works being carried on there were the cause of the leakage; the ground was a moving mass of quicksand.

A Leaky Sewer.

A lengthy letter was received from Mr. John Fielding. The District Auditor, he said, had already allowed him to see a number of documents Mr. Fielding the Board had said he should not see, and his right to see the remainder had been and the Board. clearly admitted. He asked the Board whether it was not unwise and undignified to continue to treat public documents as if they were private property and concluded by inviting the Board to attend his meeting at the Co-operative Hall on the following evening, promising them every opportunity for clearing themselves, and of moving an amendment to the resolution which would be proposed. After some discussion it was decided to simply acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Mr. E. S. Harris also wrote a very long letter reiterating his complaint at the audit as to the balances of the Board being at variance with the amounts certified respectively by the Treasurer and the Auditor and asking to be furnished with full particulars with regard to them that he might lay the same before the Local Government Board. After some remarks by Mr. Grinsted it was decided to simply acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Mr. E. S. Harris and the Board.

A memorial, to which were attached the signatures of 25 ratepayers in and around Heathfield-road, was received calling the Board's attention to the bad lighting of the London-road entrance to that road, and asking for the erection of more lamps to prevent annoyance from the frequent commission of nuisances at that dark spot.—The letter was referred to the Lighting Committee.—Mr. George Bishop, wrote asking the Board to erect some lamps in Garden-road, Plaistow. The letter was referred to the Lighting Committee, who at the meeting on Oct. 17th recommended that the application be not entertained at present.

More Light Wanted.

At the meeting on Oct. 3rd, the following letter was read from the Hon. Roger Dawson Yelverton, Chief Justice of the Bahamas.—"Dear Sir,—I am the purchaser of the lease of 6, Hope Park, I have your notice on the 27th, inst. Before I deal with it I should be glad to hear from you if the road is now taken over by the parish or forthwith going to be. The condition of it is perceptibly inferior to that of Highland and other roads and it is manifestly unfair to expect, as I suppose may be the case, the owners and occupiers in Hope Park to pay rates and taxes the same as in other parts of Bromley, and then in addition to surcharge them now and again with the cost of repairing the road, and in the meanwhile have it made worse than that of other roads. But I am I fancy in error in assuming that what was told me by a neighbour is correct. He told me that it was not the intention of the Board to take over Hope Park-road, but merely to repair it and continue to rate it and repair it again and so on. Kindly let me know the position." On the suggestion of the Chairman, the Clerk was instructed to reply, as in previous cases, that the Board would give no pledge, but would carry out the law.

What is the Position?

At the meeting on Oct. 3rd, Mr. E. J. Whiffin, of 57, London-road, Bromley, wrote that the Board had called upon him to pay about £40, as his apportionment of the cost of making up the Park End-roads. He repudiated their right to do so, as when his brother purchased the property, he paid for the whole of the land on which the houses stood including the roads, and for seven or eight years kept them in repair at his own expense, while at the same time he was paying rates to the Local Authority. Mr. Whiffin also complained that the cost of the work was inequitably apportioned.—The Clerk said Mr. Whiffin was one of the frontagers on whom final notices were directed to be served.—Mr. Davis said that the law as it stood had many inequalities, and he was afraid Mr. Whiffin could not do anything but pay.—The Clerk applied for authority to take summary proceedings against 35 persons for neglecting to pay their private street improvements accounts after the receipt of several notices from the Board. The required authority was given.

Private Street Improvement.

At the same meeting the official seal of the Board was affixed to a General District Rate of 1s. 7d. in the £.

Rate.

Mr. Davis said his attention had been called to the action or rather the absence of action on the part of the Board in not filling up the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. H. Payne. The delay was at first caused, it would be remembered, to give Mr. Payne an opportunity of re-considering his decision and, it was hoped, of withdrawing his resignation. Another view which influenced the Board largely—it was held strongly by himself and also by several other members of the Board—was that it was not desirable to fill up any vacancy by simply nominating some person whom they might think proper but rather that it should be left to the ratepayers to decide who should represent them on the Board. He was influenced largely by that consideration and it was in consequence of that that he suggested no steps for filling up the vacancy. It now appeared, however, from a careful reading of the section that the Board should have filled up that vacancy within a certain time and the only thing for them now to do, it seemed, was to ask the Board's permission to allow the vacancy to remain open until the annual election, or to fix some definite time for the filling up of the vacancy. He moved that the Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for permission for the Board to allow the vacancy to remain open until the annual election. Mr. Selby, formally seconded, and the motion being carried unanimously the matter dropped without further discussion.—At the meeting on Oct 17th, the following letter was received from the Local Government Board:—Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to advert to yours of the 4th inst. respecting a vacancy which has occurred in the Bromley Local Board, and to point out that in accordance with the provisions of Rule 65 of Schedule II. to the Public Health Act 1875, the vacancy should be filled up within six weeks of its occurrence, but if this is not done—in the absence of an order of the Board extending time for filling it up, the vacancy will remain to be filled up by owners and ratepayers at the next annual election under Rule 62 of the Schedule referred to. I am to add that the Board's power in such cases is limited to extending the period during which casual vacancies may be filled up by the Local Board themselves.—I am &c., ALFRED ADRIAN, Ass. Sec.—Mr. Davis said that letter was perhaps slightly involved but the meaning was tolerably clear: the Local Government Board did not propose to extend the time for the filling up of the casual vacancy, therefore the matter remained just as it was until the next election. (Laughter.)—The following letter was then read:—156, Homesdale Road, Bromley, 16th October, 1893. Gentlemen,—Having noticed in the newspapers, that you do not intend to fill up the vacant seat on your Board I beg to submit that if you do not do so it will be most unfair to the ratepayers, for when the full number is on the Board it is my contention that there are not enough to manage the affairs of the parish, which has now increased its population to more than double the number than when the Local Board was first appointed. It was on these grounds alone that I last year solicited the Board and the ratepayers to adopt the Borough Corporation Act, and I now submit that the vacancy should be filled up at once. At the last contested election when I offered myself as a candidate for a seat on the Board I had the honour to receive over 1,300 votes from 1,100 voters (in round numbers) out of a total of 2,200 voters who actually recorded their votes, and of this number over 600 were single votes or plumpers, and although I was not elected I stood next highest on the list. I think therefore under these circumstances I am entitled to the first offer of the seat and if I accepted it, I should be looked upon more as the elected of the ratepayers than as a nominee of the Board.—I am, &c., HENRY PODGER.—Mr. Davis: That is disposed of by the previous communication.

The Vacancy.

At the meeting on Oct. 17th the Sanitary Committee reported that at their last meeting the Sanitary Inspector submitted a long detailed report upon the condition of the premises known as 40, East-street, Bromley, application to register which as a lodging-house had been made. After mentioning the overcrowding of each room, the Inspector said: "As to the general condition of the house the rooms mentioned above as occupied by families in which all their cooking is done and in which they sleep, are in a filthy condition, the walls and ceilings dirty, the floors filthy, the smell from which was most disagreeable. All the walls and ceilings of the house from the top to bottom require cleansing and repairing and all wood work requires cleansing. . . . . The house was in an unsanitary condition and taking into consideration the class of people who frequent common lodging-houses—ill-fed, ill-clothed and often dirty—they are less able to resist the evil effects of foul air, and therefore he thought extra precautions should be taken to ensure cleanliness and protection to the surrounding inhabitants. He therefore asked them to disapprove the application whilst the house was in its present condition. The walls should be stripped and

An Unsanitary Lodging House.

cleansed, and not papered, all ceilings limewashed, all wood work cleansed and painted, drains efficiently ventilated, prohibition of same rooms being used as living and sleeping rooms, outside premises cleansed, a proper and sufficient supply of bowls for washing, and clean towels in convenient situations, the soil-pipe from up-stairs w.c. exposed and a proper vent pipe carried above the roof. He also asked for sanction to issue notices immediately to abate the overcrowding. The Committee re-comended that notice be served upon Mrs. Hurley, to comply with the Inspector's requirements and that the application be refused until the necessary works have been carried out; also that a further notice be served to abate the over-crowding. The Board adopted the report.

Vote of want of Confidence.

At the same meeting Mr. H. Nye, of 36, Palace-road, Bromley, wrote that he had the honour of sending to the Board a copy of a resolution unanimously passed at a crowded meeting of ratepayers at the Co-operative Hall, on October 4th.—The resolution ran :—"That this meeting of ratepayers hereby expresses its want of confidence in the Local Board and calls upon them to take steps for the holding of an enquiry into the affairs of the recent audit."—Mr. Selby: Does Mr. Nye know they were all ratepayers at that meeting?—The Chairman said he would suggest that a reply be sent to Mr. Nye stating that Mr. Nye not having made the Board acquainted with the statements upon which the resolution was based, the Board therefore assumes that they were identical with those which have at various times been reported in the Local Press, and as these are directly contrary to the facts, as will be abundantly evident when the Auditor is allowed to complete his work, the Board do not think it necessary to take any steps to comply with the terms of the resolution.—This was agreed to and without any further discussion the matter dropped.

The Lad's Institute.

A letter bearing date October 2nd was read from the S. E. Railway Company stating that they could see no objection to the proposed transfer of the site of the Industrial Institute, Sherman's-road, to the Bromley Local Board, but seeing that the Institute had now passed out of private hands, they thought the rent should not be less than £10 per annum. Upon hearing that the Board would agree to those terms, a new agreement would be prepared and sent down for signature.—The Clerk said he had sent a copy of the letter to Mr. G. Dayrell Reed who wrote, under date October 4th :—"Referring to your letter of September 28th, relative to the Industrial Institute, I have communicated with the South Eastern Railway Company and now enclose their reply for the consideration of your Board. I must confess to considerable astonishment at their proposal to increase the ground rent." Mr. Davis said the Board could at once express their opinion on it he thought. There was some reason in it. When the Company charged £5 the institution was almost, if not entirely a philanthropic one, so they charged a nominal rent. At the same time it seemed to him that £5 was an ample rent for the building, for although it would not be used now for purely philanthropic purposes still it was for the good of the ratepayers and the S. E. Railway Company might be satisfied. Naturally the Board should protest against any increase of the rent. The rent being only £5 materially influenced the Board in taking over the building, for if they had had any intimation that the rent would have been increased, they might have hesitated.—The Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Davis as Chairman of the Science and Art Committee will draft a reply.—Mr. Davis: It won't alter our agreement except that it will be worded so that we pay the ground rent.—It was agreed that Mr. Davis and the Clerk should draft a reply.—Mr. W. Footit, of the Sun Assurance Company wrote that his office would allow of the holding of classes for carpentry and joinery in the Lad's Industrial Institute without extra premium.

Oaklands-road.

At the same meeting the following letter was read from Mr. S. Cawston:—Dear Sir,—I find that I am too late to object to the charge made upon me for making up roads which did not require such a heavy expenditure, so I find I must pay for my ignorance. But with regard to the other point by the Private Street Works Act, 1892, I read Chapter 20 "If any street is now or shall hereafter be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, and made good, all such works being done to the satisfaction of the urban authority, then on the application in writing of the greater part *in value* of the owners of the houses and land in such street, the urban authority shall within three months from the time of such application, by notice put up in such street, declare the same to be a highway reparable by the inhabitants at large and thereupon such street shall become a highway reparable by the inhabitants at large." It appears to me that the injustice is removed by this act, the Local Board having no option in the matter, nor can they wait until all instalments be paid. As the largest owner upon this Oaklands-road, I hereby apply to your Board to take over this road and make such a public highway. To save any further trouble, I enclose a cheque for £751 6s." —In reply to Mr. Davis, the Clerk said the requirements of the act had been complied with. At the same time he pointed out that Mr. Cawston was an error in referring to the Private Street Works Act as it was not in force in this district. It was an adoptive act.—Mr. Davis said he thought it would be a very wise thing to adopt that act and he thereupon moved that it be referred to the Committee of the whole Board to consider the question of adopting it.—Mr. McIntyre seconded and it was agreed to.

Numbering of High-street.

Mr. J. W. Hose, of Wakefield, Tweedy-road, Bromley, wrote suggesting that it would be much more convenient if the Board could see their way to have the names "Aberdeen Buildings" and "Broadway" abolished and number the houses in the High-street consecutively right down. Mr. Davis said he thought it a very reasonable suggestion.—Mr. Grinsted asked that the matter be referred to the Surveyor to bring up a report and to consider the question of the numbering as there were one or two vacant places and it would require careful consideration. He thought it a very desirable thing and hoped it would be carried out.—The matter was referred to the Committee, the Surveyor to bring up a report thereon.

Siding at S.E.R. Station.

A letter was received from the Secretary to the South Eastern Railway Company, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Board transmitting copy of the formal sanction of the Local Government Board to the purchase of the land for the depôt and stating that their Surveyor should be instructed to construct the siding as soon as possible.

The Public Gas.

A letter was received from Dr. G. S. Rideal, gas-examiner to the Board, stating that on Oct. 11th, at half-past five in the afternoon, he visited the Bromley Gas Works and tested the public gas, when he found that the illuminating power was 17·3 candles corrected for pressure and temperature. He found no trace of sulphuretted hydrogen in the gas.—Mr. Selby asked if the Clerk would say when the contract with the Gas Company ceased. He thought it was time there was some better arrangement for the lighting and extinguishing of the lamps. The Chairman said that Mr. Selby would remember that the matter came before his Committee and that it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until next April.

Claim for Compensation.

Mr. M. Lloyd, of the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, wrote that through negligence a hole had been left open in Holwood-road, at the back of the Wesleyan Chapel, and that on Saturday last one of his fly-horses fell into it and sustained serious injuries, so that it had had to be put in a sling. He gave the Board notice that he should claim compensation as soon as he knew the amount he would be out of pocket by the horse being laid up. He also submitted a report from Mr. Moore, a veterinary surgeon. — The Surveyor said that it was not through any negligence on the part of the Board's servants that the accident happened. It was through a private individual not properly filling in the ground after a connection with the sewer had been made.—The letter was referred to Committee.

At the same meeting the following tenders for making-up Upper Park-road were received :—

Tenders.

	£	s.	d.
David Marchn (Bromley)	373	17	2
Mowlem and Co. (Westminster) ...	322	19	7
M. W. Lansbury (Bromley)	343	4	4
Richard Ballard (Kilburn)	439	18	3
Peill and Sons (Bromley)	499	12	6
Thomas Adams (Wood Green) ...	470	16	3
W. H. Wheeler (Blackfriars) ...	443	16	0

In reply to Mr. Davis, the Clerk said that that was the road for which on a previous occasion the Board could get no tenders. Mr. Selby moved, and Mr. Grinsted seconded, that the tender of Messrs. Mowlem and Co. be accepted. This was agreed to.

Mr. Selby again raised the question of the nuisance arising from the cries of hawkers in the streets on Sundays. The Chairman said the matter had before been very fully discussed. Nothing could be done it seemed except what the police could do. He believed that the names of the objectionable people had to be obtained. Mr. Selby said that the cries "up his way" were almost unbearable; he wished something could be done. After some desultory discussion on the suggestion of Mr. Davis it was decided that the whole of the past correspondence on the subject be brought up for further consideration.

Street Cries.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee the Board accepted the tender of Messrs. J. C. Arnaud & Sons, of £65 13s. 5d. for repairs to the cemetery chapel.

Burial Board.

At the same meeting a committtee of the whole Board reported at their meeting on Oct. 10th, a letter was received from Mr. H. R. Collins with reference to the proposal to purchase a piece of land to open up vehicular communication between Palace-grove and Palace-road. The writer stated that although the proposed way might be a benefit to some people yet it would be anything but an improvement to his end of Palace-grove and it would materially reduce the letting value of his property—so much so that he felt he would not be justified in disposing of it for less than £500. The Committee recommended that the terms be not accepted and that the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.—The report was adopted.

The desired Carriage-way.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Four meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on Sept. 25th, a letter was read from the Education Department asking the Board to fill up the enclosed form, and their Lordships would then be prepared to sanction the Wharton-road site without waiting for plans of the school buildings.—The Clerk said that had been done. —A further letter was received from the Education Department stating that if the Board would fill up the enclosed form they would be prepared to sanction the raising of the necessary loan, the repayments to be spread over 50 years, on the understanding that the money was not borrowed from the Public Works Loan Commissioners.—The Clerk was instructed to fill up the form giving the necessary undertaking on behalf of the Board.—At the meeting on October 2nd., on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Captain Richards, it was decided to affix the seal of the Board to a conveyance, from Mr. Thomas Heaysman and others to the Board, of 4484 square yards of land near Wharton-road, New Bromley, for the sum of £926, as a site for the proposed Wharton Road Board Schools and to sign a cheque for balance of the purchase money.

The New School.

At the meeting on Oct. 10th, the Clerk reported that 27 sets of designs for the new school had been received, and the same would be forwarded to the assessor in due course. Mr. Peill objected that the Board ought to see the designs first, but it was pointed out that it had already been decided, and published in the terms of instructions, that all the designs should be forwarded to the Board's professional assessor, who should select five, and having marked them in order of merit, return all the designs to the Board, who would then view them. Mr. Peill contended that this course was a shirking of duty by the Board, but several of the members replied that they could not afford to give up a whole day for the consideration of the plans, even if they felt competent to select the best, which they did not. It was finally decided to adhere to the course originally resolved upon.

The Design.

At the meeting on Sept. 25th, the Board went into consideration of the applications for the post of shorthand teacher at the Evening Continuation Classes about to be started.—A letter was read from Mr. F. Lewis suggesting that only one experienced in teaching should be appointed.—The Clerk said he had four applicants. The first was Mr. J. H. Widgery, who asked a fee of 7s. 6d. for the three evenings a week; Mr. C. R. Plant, whose fee was 10s.; Mr. Walter Barnes, whose fee was 12s. 6d.; and Mr. Henry Davies, who asked 15s.—On the motion of Mr. Peill, seconded by Mr. Loly, Mr. Walter Barnes was appointed.

Shorthand Teachership.

At the meeting on Oct. 2nd, the Clerk submitted the following annual financial statement, which was approved and signed by the Chairman :—

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Fee Grant	265	5	0
From Rating Authority	2,000	0	0
School Fees	3	0	
Interest	14	19	10
Evening School Grant	10	16	0
Sale of Food : Cookery Classes ...	6	18	0
Rent of Schools	1	0	0
Fines and costs recovered	3	16	0
	2,302	17	10
Balance at Bank	1,806	19	11
	4,109	17	9

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Administration expenses—						
Salaries	96	10	0			
Other expenses	64	6	11			
				160	16	11
Maintenance charges—						
Salaries of teachers ...	1,234	19	0			
Books and apparatus ...	75	10	2			
Fuel and lighting, cleaning and repairs	275	16	4			
Rent, rates, taxes, and insurance	41	7	3			
				1,627	12	9
New furniture...				14	1	4
Repayment of loans				85	17	6
Interest				382	15	6
Cookery lessons expenses ...				30	6	5
Evening school expenses ...				8	3	0
On account purchase of land				92	0	0
				2,401	13	5
At Bank				1,708	4	4
				4,109	17	9

The present outstanding liabilities of the Board are £22,740 1s. 10d.

At the same meeting a further letter was read from the Education Department extending the period of the repayment of loan for the extension of the Raglan-road Schools from 30 to 50 years and sanctioning the raising of a loan of £1,951 which the Clerk said would be borrowed from the Prudential Assurance Company with whom negociations would be completed in about 10 days.

Raglan-road Schools.

At the same meeting Mr. Peill asked that the Clerk might call the attention of the Local Board to the dirty condition of Raglan-road before the very bad weather set in. — The Chairman said it certainly should be done.

Condition of Raglan-road.

At the meeting on Oct 3rd, a reply was received from the Local Board stating that the Surveyor

was engaged in preparing plans and specifications for the making up of the road.

Continuation.

At the meeting on Oct. 19th, the School Management Committee reported that at their meeting on the previous Monday it was resolved that the fees for the Evening Continuation School should be 2s. 6d. for the term, or 4s. for the whole session ending in April next.—The report was adopted.

Attendances.

The Clerk reported that the per-centage attendance for the whole parish for the past week was 89, and he added that the per-centage of attendance at the Valley School in the three departments respectively was 96, 94, and 91.—Several members of the Board: Excellent, excellent; we shall get the attendance up presently.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOARD.

Plumstead Board and the Drainage Scheme.

At the usual monthly meeting of this Board on Oct. 3rd the Clerk read the following letter from Mr. George Whale, clerk to the Plumstead District Board of Works:—"Dear Sir,—Enclosed I beg to forward you copy of plan and draft of scheme of filtration which this Board is advised should be used in order to prevent risk or injury to the public health. While reserving their rights this Board instructs me to request that your Board will take steps to have this scheme of filtration adopted, and all other steps necessary in the interest of the public health. The request contained in this letter is made in order, if possible, to avoid litigation, but of course all rights are reserved.—The Clerk said he had simply acknowledged the receipt of the letter.—On the proposition of Mr. Neale, seconded by Mr. Pellett, the Clerk was instructed to request the Surveyor to report upon the matter.

The Estimate.

The Clerk presented an estimate of the probable expenditure by the Board for the current half-year which set forth that the sum of £266 17s. 6d. would probably be required.—Mr. Neale suggested, and it was agreed to, that a sum of £200 should be asked for, and if upon further examination it was found that another £50 would be required, that the precept should be increased by that amount.

NEW MUSIC.

From Messrs. Phillips and Page we have received:—"All the World to me," by H. C. Tonking, a well-written and effective song which will be acceptable to tenor and baritone vocalists. "When Sunny Summer ripens Corn," and "Jericho's Jams," two songs from the operetta "Mr. Jericho," by Ernest Ford, which has lately been performed at the "Savoy." The first is a pleasing and melodious sentimental song, the other a comic of the more popular order, while both would be effective even away from their context. The melodies from this operetta have also been arranged by Warwick Williams as a set of Lancers. Among other dance music received from the same publishers are two waltzes "Love and Beauty," by Fabian Rose, and "Salvadora," by Juan Gomez, which, without doubt, will be among the most popular dances of the season; they both may be had arranged for orchestra and military or brass band. Messrs. Phillips and Page's "Dance Album" contains as usual both quantity and quality. Among the principal contents of the latest number are "Adoration" waltz, and "Tantivy" polka by Fabian Rose, "Santa Fé" waltz by Juan Gomez, the "Chicago" lancers by Warwick Williams. The set of six sonatinas by Sarakowski may be recommended to pianoforte teachers as giving a welcome change to their pupils from the severer style of Clementi, Kuhlau, &c.

Messrs. Wickins & Co. send four of their Grosvenor College Albums. They are admirably printed, full music size, and certainly are a most wonderful shilling's worth. The last few numbers contain comic and sentimental Christy Minstrel songs; dance music, and well-known ballads and a fine selection of bass and baritone songs.

LECTURE ON DANTE.

In connection with the Bromley Association for the extension of University Teaching, Mr. P. H. Wicksteed, M.A., gave the first of a course of afternoon lectures on "DANTE," at the Parish Room, West Street, on October 5th, when there was a very good attendance.—The Lecturer commenced his discourse by quoting a passage of Dante's "Convito," which referred to the thirst for knowledge and to the various impediments to satisfying it, such as a want of suitability, either of physical organs, or of morally depraved tastes. Dante spoke of the great longing in the minds of those privileged few who were able to sit at a table where the bread of angels was served, and to convey to those who hungered some crumbs of what they themselves picked up. Dante spoke of himself as one who was not amongst those who sat at that table, but who having gathered some crumbs, was filled with a desire to share his treasure with those who were suffering from the hunger of the soul. He, therefore called to his feast all who have been prevented by civil or domestic claims from satisfying their human passion for knowledge, and would even admit to a lower place those who had been restrained by sloth. He (the Lecturer) was glad to be able to commence these lectures by calling to mind the fact, which was apt to be forgotten that had not a single line of the "Divine Comedy" been written, Dante would still have been the greatest of poets and scholars, and one of the greatest philosophers of his age. Let them run through the works Dante had written, apart from his letters and some minor poems. There was the "Vita Nuova," the work of his youth, and rivalling Petrarch's most perfect sonnets in form and inspired by a far deeper glow of sincerity. He considered that Dante's "Vita Nuova" entitled him to a place in the first rank of the Lyric poets of love. When they took the poems of the "Vita Nuova," together with the precise and naïve self-delineating text, they had on the whole, a work, which was, of its kind, unique, and which had raised Dante and Beatrice into the very symbols of romantic and idealising love. The lecturer then touched on Dante's treatises on the relation between the Civil and the Ecclesiastical power and on the dialects of Italy; the "Convito," and the treatise on the levels of the sea and land. But after all it was the 'Divine Comedy," that made Dante still a living force and so multiplied the numbers of those interested in his works, day by day. It was not the subject of the poem (which had been treated often enough before) but the treatment of it that made Dante's poems unique. It was the complete and symmetrical presentment of the whole range of thought, knowledge, and faith of Mediæval Europe. The greatest representatives of every phase of mediæval thought had already lived, and it was Dante's task to present to the dignity of their aspirations, their thought as a single whole. In this work Dante had no predecessor, and no rival. In detail, however, he owed much, from an artistic point of view, to the Troubadours, and his Italian predecessors. The closing portion of the lecture was devoted to an attempt to illustrate the way in which Dante had absorbed and transfigured the material of the Latin poets; and to convey some conception of the figure and beauty of the vernacular of the literature already in existence. Particular attention was called to a beautiful dirge by Bertram de Born, the friend of our Richard 1st—"On the young English king" (Henry 2nd's eldest son).—The lectures will be ten in number.

BROMLEY TOWN C.C. AVERAGES.

SEASON 1893.

The past season has been a very successful one for the above club, they having a record of 16 wins, five losses, and five drawn games. Thirteen matches were scratched in most cases on account of the unfit state of the ground. As will be seen H. C. Hopton heads the list of batting with an average 27·4 and also with highest score 75, E. J. Gedney being second with an average of 23.7 and 63 top score. F. Bean, W. J. Hopton, C. Simmonds and A. Ranson run each other very closely. In the bowling F. Allen has the best analysis he having taken 26 wickets at a cost of 90 runs—six innings—but R. C. Fawsitt really shows best form, bowling in 15 innings taking 58 wickets at a cost of 321 runs. A. Ranson has bowled well but has not played in sufficient matches to figure in the averages.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	Total Runs.	Times n't out.	Hgh'st no.scr'd in inns.	Aver-age.
Hopton, H. C... ...	13	274	3	75	27·4
Gedney, E. J.	8	191	0	63	23·7
Bean, F.	6	99	0	15	15·3
Hopton, W. J. ...	15	189	2	37	14·7
Simmonds, C.	9	129	0	37	14·3
Ranson, A.	7	86	1	24*	14·2
Lowrence, J.	14	177	1	56*	13·8
Knight, T.	17	216	1	48	13·8
Sanders, C.	11	95	4	24	13·4
Girling, R.	12	106	3	19	11·7
Strange, J.	7	43	2	15	8 3
Simpson, G.	6	50	0	17	8·2
Romary, A.	7	58	0	36	8.2
Taylor, H.	10	53	0	26	5·3
Gedney, F.	8	42	0	20	5.2
Eliott, A.	8	30	2	12	5·0
Allen, F.	8	41	0	25	5·1
Lowrence, F.	8	37	0	14	4·5
Pocock, S.	13	51	1	19	4·3
Payne, G. H.	6	21	0	9	3·3
Fawsitt, R. C.... ...	14	19	0	5	1·5

* Not out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	No. of Inns. b'wl'd in.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver-age.
Allen, F. ...	6	90	26	4·6
Hopton, W. J.	9	150	27	5.15
Fawsitt R. C.	15	321	58	5.31
Taylor, H ...	6	80	9	8.8
Knight, T. ...	6	141	16	8.13

A VISIT TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.—A very interesting and instructive lecture, entitled "The World's Fair at Chicago," was delivered by Professor B. J. Malden, F.R.G.S., in the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom, before a large and appreciative audience. The whole of the proceeds were devoted to the Shortlands Congregational Mission, and Mr. Lovell, at the commencement of the proceedings, made a few remarks concerning the good work which is carried on in that district.—The Professor then commenced his discourse, which was replete with eloquence, humour, and descriptive force, and rendered doubly fascinating by some dioramic dissolving views. The lecture commenced with the departure of the passenger from Liverpool on board a Guion mail steamer. The pursuits of the passengers, and the way in which they live on board were described in a graphic manner. The Atlantic having been crossed, New York Harbour looms in sight, and Mr. Malden went on to describe the magnificent statue of Liberty, which at night, with the electric light, gives forth a glorious radiance. Then other views of this great city were displayed, and the traveller was safely conducted to the object of his journey.

FOOTBALL SUMMARY.

Sept. 30th.—Bromley v. Tulse Hill.—Played at Plaistow and won by Bromley, 5 goals to 1.

" " —Bromley "A" Team v. Anerley Athletic.—Played at Plaistow and drawn, 2 goals each.

" " —Bromley Excelsior v. Central Croydon.—Played at Plaistow and won by Croydon, 5 goals to 0.

" " —Beckenham v. Old Brightonians.—Played at Beckenham and drawn, no goals scored.

" " —Cray Wanderers v. North Kent.—Played at St. Mary Cray and won by Wanderers, 6 goals to 2.

" " —Cray Wanderers "B" Team v. Bromley Rovers.—Played on the Queen's Mead and won by the Cray Wanderers, 8 goals to 0.

" " —Cray Wanderers Reserves v. Crouch End.—Played at Cray and won by the Reserves, 6 goals to 2.

Oct. 7th. —Bromley v. Bostal Rovers. —Played at Plaistow and won by the visitors, 4 goals to 2.

" " —Bromley "A" Team v. Heber.—Played at Plaistow and won by the home team, 6 goals to 1.

" " —Bromley Rovers v. Crescent Rovers.—Played on the Queen's Mead and won by the Bromley Rovers, 6 goals to 3.

" " —Cray Wanderers "A" Team v. Sevenoaks Town Reserves.—Played at St. Mary Cray and won by the Wanderers, 19 goals to 0.

" " —Beckenham v. Guy's Hospital.—Played at Beckenham and won by Guy's Hospital, 2 goals to 1.

" " —West Kent v. Tonbridge. —Played at Chislehurst and won by Tonbridge, 3 goals to 2.

Oct. 14th. —Bromley "A" Team v. Anerley Reserves. —Played at Plaistow and won by Bromley, 5 goals to 3.

" " —Bromley Rovers v. Sidcup Hornets.—Played on the Queen's Mead and won by the Rovers, 5 goals to 0.

" " —West Kent v. Tunbridge Wells.—Played at Chislehurst and won by Tunbridge Wells, 3 goals to 1.

Oct. 18th.—Bromley v. Windsor and Eton.—Played at Windsor and won by Windsor, 3 goals to 1.

Oct. 21st. —Bromley Reserves v. Cray Mill Athletic.—Played at Cray and won by Bromley, 2 goals to 1.

" " —Quernmore House School v. Shirley House School.—Played at Bromley and won by the home team, 13 goals to 0.

" " —Beckenham v. London Hospital.—Played at Beckenham and won by the home team, 2 goals to 0.

" " —West Kent v. Tonbridge. —Played at Tonbridge and won by West Kent, 1 goal to 0.

" " —Cray Wanderers v. Erith. —Played at Erith and won by Cray, 2 goals to 0.

KENT SENIOR CUP.

Oct. 7th. — Royal Ordnance Factories v. Cray Wanderers. —Played on the Invicta Ground and won by Royal Ordnance, 2 goals to 1.

" " —Dartford v. Erith.—Played at Dartford and won by Dartford, 8 goals to 3.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Oct. 14th.—Bromley v. Anerley.—Played at Elmers End and won by Bromley, 5 goals to 1.

Oct. 21st.—Bromley v. East Laboratory Swifts.—Played at Bromley and drawn, no goals scored.

Bromley Temperance Union.—At a meeting held at the Parish Room, Bromley, on October 3rd, Mr. W. Green presiding, the following constitution was agreed upon for the newly-formed Bromley Temperance Union :—

1. That this Association be called "The Bromley and District Temperance Union."

2. That the Executive power be vested in a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and three delegates from each affiliated Society, and that such President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary be elected by the delegates annually.

3. That all members of Executive be total abstainers.

4. Quorum (Left open).

5. That every Temperance Organisation in the district be entitled to become affiliated on payment of 5s. per annum for each Adult Society, and 2s. 6d. per annum for each Band of Hope.

6. That all delegates be elected annually, the first week in October, and that all the officers be elected at the first meeting of the delegates.

7. That the objects of the Union be :—

1. To encourage, promote, and protect Temperance interests in the neighbourhood.

2. To arouse and educate public opinion on Temperance questions, by holding special united meetings in the town and district, and by other means.

3. To circulate Temperance literature.

4. To advocate such fresh legislative measures as the Union may approve by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a meeting.

5. To support enforcement of existing laws by assisting the police and licensing justices in dealing in the interests of Temperance with (*a*) badly conducted houses ; (*b*) illegal Sunday trading ; (*c*) the transfer of licenses ; (*d*) the application for new ones.

6. To promote the election of Temperance Candidates to Boards of Guardians, Schools Boards, and other local bodies.

7. That notice of approaching meetings be sent to delegates fourteen days previously in case of contentious business being proposed.

8. That all meetings be opened and closed with prayer.

Bromley Temperance Society.—The annual meeting of the Bromley Temperance Society took place at the Congregational schoolroom on October 14th, the President the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer presiding, and there were also, among others, present Captain Richards, Messrs. Robt. Whyte, jun., H. W. Amos, T. Martin, Fraser, Allen Barrell, Follett, T. C. Coombes, Field, Monkhouse, W. Amos, and J. T. Grubb, co-secretaries. Mr. W. Amos, read the report which stated that during the year 12 meetings had been held among which was the notable Local Option Meeting at the Grand Hall. During the year 133 members had paid their subscriptions and there were some thirty or forty more who had not paid. The expenditure for the year had greatly exceeded the receipts. The report went on to state that the attendance at the meetings was small, but that the secretaries hoped for a decided increase. Mr. Allen Barrell, the treasurer, then presented his report. During the year ending October 17th, the total receipts had been £28 12s. 3d., and the expenditure, starting with a balance due to the treasurer of 3s. 11d., had been £31 8s. 8½d., leaving a balance due to the treasurer of £2 16s. 5½d.—In reply to Mr. Robt. Whyte, Junr., the Secretary said that the total membership of the society was about 163.—Mr. Whyte said that it was extraordinary that with 163 members they could only get a sum of £7 5s.—In reply to a further question from Mr. Whyte, Mr. W. Amos said that the donations amounted to £15 14s., and that the greater part of that sum was received from outsiders, last year the subscriptions amounted to £9 8s. —The meeting then proceeded with the election of President. Two nominations were received : Mr. William Green and the Rev. R. H. Lovell, but the former gentleman's name found but little support as it was thought he would certainly be elected president of the Bromley Temperance Union. On being put to the vote the Rev. R. H. Lovell was elected president for the ensuing year by a large majority.—The Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, the Rev. Hugh Rodger, Mr. M. H. Hodder, Mr. Francis Horner, Mr. Edgar Soames, Captain Richards, Mr. Robert Whyte, junr., Mr. F. Digby, Mr. C. Bell, and Mr. T. Martin were elected vice-presidents ; Mr. W. Amos and Mr. J. T. Grub were elected co-secretaries and Mr. Allen Barrell was elected as treasurer.—The following ladies and gentleman were elected to serve on the Committee : Mrs. H. Amos, Miss Beauchamp, Mr. M. Blackburn, Mr. T. C. Coombes, Mrs. T. H. Fraser, Mr. Wm. Hicks, Mrs. M. Blackburn, Mr. H. Nye, Mr. I. Walker, Mr. W. Gomer, Mr. D. T. Ross, Mr. Robt. White, Jun.

Bromley Temperance Council.—The following is a list of Delegates elected by the branches of the Church of England Temperance Society to serve on the Bromley Temperance Council for the ensuing year :—Bromley.—Rev. J. M. Tamplin, Mr. Edgar Soames, Mr. Broom. St. John's.—Mr. W. Hicks, Mr. Baly, Mr. G. Yorke. Plaistow.—Mr. Thos. J. Davis, Mr. J. Hartridge, Mr. B. A. Hall. St. Luke's.—Mr. H. Ellis, Mr. G. T. Boxall, Mr. W. Speller. Shortlands and Bickley.—Not yet elected.

Bromley Common Baptist Church.—Sunday and Monday, Oct. 15th and 16th, were days of special rejoicing at this church, for, as such, its first anniversary was celebrated. Before last year, the building was used as a Mission Hall, and thirty years ago, or thereabouts, Mr. Nettleton was its pioneer. On Monday evening, a public meeting was held at which there was a very large attendance, tea preceding at six o'clock. Mr. M. H. Hodder took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Dr. Usher (of Orpington), the Rev. H. Burleigh, (of Bermondsey) and the Rev. J. T. Briscoe, (of Peckham). The Rev. J. T. Briscoe, who was received with much cordiality, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present that evening to congratulate the Pastor and the church on the fact of their being one year old. They represented most healthy infants, and he was delighted they had made such excellent progress.—After a few cheery remarks from the Chairman, the Rev. Hugh Rodger, who received quite an ovation, addressed the meeting. They had been able to make the place a little more convenient and like a Baptist Church. There had been 19 baptisms, and they hoped to have another service shortly. These figures might not seem very large, and their scope was not large there, but if they believed in what they professed, and in the value of influence which was wielded by Christian love, they would not look to numbers, but to quality. The speaker then went on to mention they had raised £260 for repairs and improvements, but there was a slight account of some £25.—The Rev. Dr. Usher then gave an excellent address, in the course of which he bore testimony to the character of Mr. Rodger. He rejoiced with them over the work which had been done at the chapel in the name of the Lord during the past year, and he said there were indications of hearty work in the future.—After a few remarks from the Chairman, the Rev. H. A Burleigh next spoke, giving an address which was replete with humourous anecdote and encouragement.—A collection was made during the evening, which amounted to £20 13s. 6d., including £10 from a member of the congregation, and £1 from Mr. Creasey.

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THE PAST MONTH.

CHISLEHURST LIGHTING.

Chislehurst is about to decide the important, but rather belated question, whether or no the village shall be efficiently lighted by the local authority. Until about twelve months ago Chislehurst maintained its character for rural simplicity by revelling in utter darkness every night, but for the last year the roads have been tentatively lighted by oil, paid for by a voluntary rate, and now the question is whether the result has been sufficiently satisfactory to induce the inhabitants generally to impose a local rate upon themselves to perpetuate this boon of civilization. Outside Chislehurst there could hardly be much doubt upon such a matter, and even West Wickham with its 1,200 inhabitants, has recently adopted a system of public lighting by gas; but in view of past experience it would be rash to predict what the inhabitants of this benighted suburb may decide.

OPPORTUNITIES OF CULTURE.

The charge of want of culture has, rightly or wrongly, been sometimes brought against Bromley and its inhabitants. With the opportunities now within their reach, it will be their own fault if there should be any truth in the charge in the immediate future. In addition to the classes and lectures organised by the Local Board in different centres of the town, on a great variety of subjects, ranging from book-keeping and shorthand to dress-making and cooking, and including French, Geography, Drawing and Ambulance classes, the School Board offer supplementary teaching in their evening continuation classes on almost every subject, from the "three R's" to singing and science. Then come the University Extension Lectures, whereat Mr. P. H. Wicksteed, late warden, and present president of University Hall, in his course on Dante, provides a treat of no common order for his audience, and Mr. F. W. Rudler, a no less able lecturer on scientific subjects, with equal success expatiates to an interested room-full on how the face of the earth is destroyed and renewed. Lest any taste should not be catered for by what may be rightly termed this Feast of Intellect, the Church Reading Society provides at the hands of Canon Holland a course of lectures on the History of the Church of England. It may be hoped that with the choice spread before them everyone will find something to his taste.

BROMLEY COUNTY COURT.

The announcement of the resignation of His Honour Judge Homersham Cox Judge of the extensive County Court Circuit in which Bromley is comprised, and which is officially known as "No. 48," will be received with mixed feelings. Concurrently with the news of his resignation, or nearly so, comes the information that for the future one of the Mid Kent Courts will be taken out of the circuit and one of the Metropolitan Courts added to it; and it is surmised that this alteration may have been the immediate cause of the Judge's resignation; but the fact that he has served twenty-two years as a Judge of County Courts, though only the last few of them have been passed in this district, is quite sufficient reason for a determination to retire. His chief characteristic during his administration of justice in Bromley has been an extreme kindliness of heart, a trait which has sometimes been so pronounced as to resemble weakness, and which has been taken advantage of by the less scrupulous class of the advocates practising before him. His Honour has repeatedly held up Bromley as the most disorderly court over which he was called upon to preside, and it must be admitted that it would require a powerful imagination to picture one in which less decorum prevailed. With the advent of a strong successor to the departing Judge there is reason to hope that this evil reputation will be got rid of. His Honour Judge Cox will carry away with him the best wishes of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and there is no doubt that though retiring from practice of his profession his active mind will not permit him to be idle, but will discover for itself some new field of useful labour.

MR. FIELDING AND THE LOCAL BOARD.

The duel between Mr. Fielding and the Bromley Local Board continues unabated, though the former is by far the most active combatant of the two, and the Board's attitude to the casual observer might easily be mistaken for that of a disinterested spectator. Starting against the heavy odds which a newcomer must expect when entering into conflict with a powerful local authority, Mr. Fielding has had the satisfaction of extracting a confession from the Board that they were wrong in their reading of the law as to the filling up of casual vacancies. In addition to gaining this advantage, he has been assisted by the coarse abuse of one who aspires to champion the cause of the Board; and he has now succeeded in convincing against their will many of those who at first regarded him with something more than a suspended judgment, that there is something in what he says. He has wisely disclaimed any wish to act as a Board-baiter, and has only demanded that the affairs of the parish shall be conducted in a straightforward and business-like manner.

THE annual dinner of the Bromley Town Cricket Club will take place at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on November 15th.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

Oct.

2nd—Lecture by Professor Malden on "The World's Fair at Chicago," at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.

„ —First Smoking Concert of the season of Bromley Volunteers.

3rd—Annual General Meeting of Chislehurst and District Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Society, Chislehurst West Parish Room.

4th—Costume Swimming Entertainment at Bromley Swimming Baths.

„ —Meeting of Ratepayers at Bromley Co-operative Hall, addressed by Mr. John Fielding on "Revelations of the Audit."

5th —Commencement of courses of University Extension Lectures at Bromley, by Mr. P. H. Wicksteed, on Dante and Mr. F. W. Rudler, on "The Earth."

9th—First meeting of the season of the Bromley Baptist Literary Society: paper by the Rev. J. Flemming Shearer, on "John Bright."

10th—Twelfth Anniversary of the Bromley Common Iron Room Mission, Mr. M. H. Hodder presiding.

11th—Audit of the books and accounts of the Bromley Board of Guardians: objections made by Mr. John Fielding and Mr. E. S. Harris.

16th—First Anniversary of Bromley Common Baptist Chapel, Mr. M. H. Hodder presiding.

„ —Special service for Sunday School Teachers at the Parish Church, sermon by the Rev. Henry Dawson.

17th—Annual Meeting of the Bromley Temperance Society at the Congregational Schoolroom.

19th—Tenth Anniversary of Orpington Baptist Chapel.

21st—Sir Charles and Lady Halle's Concert at Beckenham Public Hall.

„ —Trades' Unionist Demonstration in Bromley to collect funds for the locked-out miners: £12 collected.

23rd—Lecture at Chislehurst Village Hall by Mr. John DeFraine, on "Our Young Men and Young Women."

25th—Meeting of Chislehurst Branch of Cornish Coast Mission, at Christ Church School, Lower Camden.

„ —Presentation to ex-P.c. George Burgess by the Bromley and Farnborough Police.

„ —Anniversary of Bromley Baptist Church.

THERE are several alterations in the local train service this month, both on the Chatham and Dover and South Eastern Lines.

Tubbendens, Orpington, the residence of Mr. F. H. Evans, M.P., was broken into last month and property to the value of a few pounds stolen.

AT a gathering of the Tin-plate Workers' Company, Mr. S. P. Low, J.P., the immediate Past Master, was presented with a jewelled badge as a token of their appreciation of the satisfactory way in which he had presided over the Company during the past year.

THE Rev. F. N. Style, who has been vicar of Crockenhill since 1880, has been presented by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the living of Pluckley, near Ashford, vacant by the death of the Rev. E. J. Selwyn. The value of the living is £450.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Herbert Stanger, son of Mr. P. J. Stanger, of Bromley, at the age of 25 years. At an inquest which was held, a verdict of "suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

THE Women's Franchise League, Bromley Branch, is arranging a Public Meeting to be held in Bromley this month, when it is hoped that several well-known politicians from both sides of the House of Commons will be present and deliver addresses.

THE Rev. G. S. Reaney, late curate of Bickley, who has been appointed to the Vicarage of Christ Church, Greenwich, has been presented with a purse of one hundred sovereigns by the members of the Bickley congregation.

MESSRS. Robt. Whyte, W. Vinson, and Augustine Spicer, three of the new magistrates for Kent, were sworn in at the Quarter Sessions held at Maidstone last month.

HIS Honour Judge Homersham Cox, Q.C., has resigned his position of County Court Judge on the West Kent Circuit.

Mr. Alfred Hicks, of Plaistow, won the monthly handicap and medal of the Eltham Golf Club last month.

THE Phillips Memorial Hospital Management announce a grand Musical Entertainment to be given at the Bromley Grand Hall on the evening of Nov. 24th. Among the artistes will be Miss Kate Cove, Madame Hope Glenn, Mr. Henry Lindsey, Mr. Alexander Tucker, and the Zauber Vocal Quartet; violin, Mr. Arthur Payne; piano, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas; humourous songs, Mr. Fred H. Cozens; and handbells, Mr. R. B. Hopkins.

THE RAILWAY LICENCE APPLICATION.—Mr. William Hicks, of Plaistow Hall, Chairman of the Bromley Temperance Council, writes:—"Your readers must be aware that a certain amount of expense was incurred in getting up the monster petition against the licence at Bromley Station, and in retaining a solicitor to oppose, and I feel sure that many would wish, as some have already done, to contribute towards such cost. Donations limited to 5s. will be thankfully received by Mr. Edgar Soames, 102, Widmore Road, the hon. treasurer; Mr. T. Davis, 56, High Street, the hon. secretary, or by myself."

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—The Bromley School of Music, which is a branch of the Beckenham School of Music and Art Studios, which was established in 1883, has now been opened just over a month, and has made an excellent beginning, having already enrolled fifty pupils. The school supplies a want long felt in our neighbourhood, as lessons on all kinds of musical instruments, as well as singing, harmony, and elocution are given by the most eminent professors, at fees much smaller than would be possible if they came for one pupil only. The president of the School is His Grace the Duke of Fife, K.T., while the examining visitors include Sir J. Barnby, principal of the Guildhall School of Music, Dr. A. C. Mackenzie, principal of the Royal Academy of Music, and Messrs. H. C. Banister and G. Henschel; Mr. Ridley Prentice being principal of the School. The half-term begins on November 6th.

A HISTORY OF BROMLEY CHURCHES.—We are glad to see that the Vicar of Bromley has republished in book form his "Notes on the Parish Church of Bromley," which originally appeared in the "Bromley Parish Magazine." The title of the little book is a modest one—"Notes on the Parish Church of Bromley and matters connected therewith" These notes the author is careful to mention "make no pretension to originality"; but, as he truly remarks, they "mention matters drawn from various sources which have not hitherto been brought together; and, specially, they give an account of the events of the last thirty years, of which people have sometimes less knowledge than they have of events much more remote." The "matters connected therewith" include the origin of the five district churches of Bromley, a fact which renders the booklet of interest to the members of these churches, as well as to those of the Mother Church. But a history of a church which dates back to Norman times, like Bromley Church, is of interest to every inhabitant of the parish, dealing as it does with matters both ecclesiastical and civil which occurred while the Church was "national" in a true sense. The book, which in its arrangement leaves something to be desired, deals first with the structure of the church itself, then with its ornaments and monuments, and next with the parochial registers, which commence in 1558, and contain much interesting matter. A list of former rectors, vicars, and curates, com-

mencing in 1226, is given, and we are reminded of the fact that the present vicar has now been connected with the parish as curate and vicar for the long period of 32 years. It may be observed that the history of Bromley Church has had a good deal of attention paid to it, as, in addition to this account, there is Dr. Beeby's history, and fairly full mention of it has been made in Wilson's, Dunkin's, Freeman's, and Strong's Histories of Bromley. The book is published by S. Bush and Son, of Bromley, at the price of one shilling.

BROMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.—Anniversary services were commenced at this Church on October 22nd, when the Pastor, the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, preached morning and evening.—In the afternoon, Mr. Garret, of Bradford (Yorks), gave an address to the united Bible Class and school.—On Wednesday the services were continued. In the afternoon the Rev. J. T. Briscoe, of Peckham preached at the chapel to a fair congregation. Following this there was a tea meeting in the Schoolroom, Shermans-road, when about 160 members and the friends sat down. At a quarter past seven a public meeting was held in the chapel when there was a good attendance. Mr. W. H. Strudwick occupied the chair and he was supported by the pastor, the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, Mr. Thos. Richardson, Mr. Joseph Clarke, Mr. F. W. Pearce and others. After the opening hymn and prayer by the Rev. J. Fleming Shearer, the Secretary, Mr. F. W. Pearce, read the report which was of a most encouraging character. Progress, it stated, had been made in nearly every department of the work. They had now 181 members as against 162 last year. In the Sunday Schools they had now 25 teachers and 166 scholars; the Christian Endeavour Society had 23 active members and four associates; and the Band of Hope reported 24 pledges taken and 141 members with an average attendance of 77. Two slate clubs had been started and they had now 35 male and 28 female members. Altogether the church had only one cause of complaint, and that was as to their financial status. Their receipts had been £430 and their expenditure £60 above that amount and they therefore asked for liberal contributions to at least reduce if not entirely clear off that debt.—The Chairman said that was distinctly a birthday gathering, the church had been decora'ed by loving hands for the occasion, and they had eaten their birthday cake together.—Mr. Joseph Clarke, Mr. H. Richardson, and the Pastor, also delivered stirring addresses.

VOLUNTEER SMOKING CONCERT AT BROMLEY.—The first smoking concert of the season, in connection with the Bromley detechment, was held on October 3rd. The talent was exceptionally good and the evening was a thorough success. Lieut. Matthews, the canteen president, being absent through illness, the chair was taken by Sergt. H. J. Davis, assisted by Corpl. P. Melrose and Private Benfield. The officers of the detachment looked in during the evening and rendered a valuable service to the programme. It is intended by the committee to arrange a series of smoking concerts during the coming season, and all particulars can be obtained of Corpl. P. Melrose, Drill Hall, or Sergt. P. Davis, Tregenvor, Bromley, Kent.

PRESENTATION TO AN EX-POLICE-CONSTABLE.—There was a large gathering of the officers and men of the Bromley and Farnborough police at the Bromley Police station, on October 25th, when on their behalf Superintendent George Carr, of the P. Division presented ex-Police-constable George Burgess—who, has just completed 25 years service in the Metropolitan Police, the whole of which has been spent in Bromley—with a handsome marble clock on his retirement. In the course of his remarks Superintendent Carr said it gave him very great pleasure to make the presentation as it convinced him that Mr. Burgess was held in high esteem by his late colleagues.—The inscription on the clock was as follows:—Presented to Ex-P.-c. GEORGE BURGESS by the Officers and Men of Bromley and Farnborough Police as a mark of their esteem on his retirement 28th August, 1893, after 25 years' service. Mr. Burgess suitably replied, and a vote of thanks was then given to Superintendent Carr for his attendance.

DEATH OF SIR S. A. BLACKWOOD.—We regret to announce the death of Sir Stevenson Arthur Blackwood, K.C.B., Secretary of the General Post Office, which occurred about 11 o'clock on October 2nd, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Parkeston, Harwich, whither he was brought recently in a prostrate condition from Rotterdam. Sir Stevenson was the son of Mr. Arthur Johnstone Blackwood, and cousin both of the Marquis of Dufferin and of Sir Francis Blackwood. He was born in 1832 and married in 1858 Harriet Sydney, daughter of Mr. Conway Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, Antrim, and widow of the sixth Duke of Manchester. He served as Deputy Assistant-Commissary-General of the Brigade of Guards in the Crimea; and in 1874 was appointed financial secretary to the Post Office. In 1880 he succeeded to the secretaryship, the post which he has since held. Sir Stevenson was well-known in this neighbourhood, having resided at Shortlands House for some 10 or 11 years, commencing in 1881. He afterwards took Plaistow Lodge, Lord Kinnaird's place, for a short time.

SWIMMING ENTERTAINMENT AT BROMLEY.—A costume entertainment (under A.S.A. laws) was given at the Bromley Swimming Baths on Oct. 4th, when there were a fair number of spectators present, who loudly applauded the successful competitors of each race. Results:—

BOYS UNDER 17 (2 lengths) one prize.—Winner, C. Perry.

BROMLEY (LOCAL BOARD DISTRICT) CHAMPIONSHIP (4 lengths) two prizes.—1, P. G. Purvis; 2, S. C. Grimmond.

PLATE DIVING COMPETITION, (two prizes).—1, Purvis; 2, Borer.

BROMLEY HANDICAP (2 lengths) two prizes.—First heat: 1, [illegible]arner; 2, Churchett. Second heat: 1, Pyrke; 2, Moffatt. Third heat: 1, Grimmond; 2, Leavey. Final heat: 1 Moffatt; 2, Grimmond.—Owing to a misunderstanding, Leavey did not start in the final.

HANDICAP RACE (2 lengths) one prize.—For members of the Lewisham Polo team.—Dead heat; final winner, Stafford.

LIGHTED CANDLE RACE (2 lengths).—Competitors to swim to end of bath, fetch hat, night shirt, and candle, and wear and carry same to finish.—First heat: 1, Borer; 2, Winn. Second heat: 1, Churchett; 2, Darwell. Final heat: 1, Winn; 2, Borer.

HANDICAP RACE (2 lengths) one prize.—For members of the Croydon Polo team.—Won by A. E. Ward, scratch.

POLO MATCH.—Croydon Dolphin v. Lewisham.—Result: won by Croydon by four goals to Lewisham's one.

At the conclusion the prizes were presented by Mrs. Gordon Mullen.

THE FAGGOT VOTERS STRUCK OFF THE REGISTER.—At the Offices of the Lewisham Board of Works, Catford, on Saturday, September 30th, Mr. John Shortt, sat to revise the lists of out-voters of this division. Mr. John Pearce, the Liberal Agent, objected on a very extensive scale to a number of names which he said had cumbered the ownership list for St. Paul's, Deptford, for the last quarter of a century. The faggot voters were originally about 70 in number but about 32 survivors appeared on the current list. The property from which the votes are claimed is properly designated as "slum property," being situated at the corner of Church-street, Deptford, and inhabited by a colony of wood-choppers. It was at this spot there stood the old "Roman Eagle" of great notoriety formerly and indeed the entrance to part of the property, Copperas-lane, was made underneath that notorious house. The death of Sir Charles Edward Lewis, who appears to have been the ostensible owner of the property out of which the votes were created, rendered it possible to object to the whole of them with little risk of incurring costs. Accordingly Mr. Pearce objected to some 32 names 20 of whom voted at the last general election Only one — the very Rev. Canon Gregory — made any attempt to defend his vote and he wrote that he had never sold his interest in the property. 31 names were struck off by the Revising Barrister including the following:—The Hon. Henry Lorton Bourke, the Rev. Francis Ambrose Gregory, the Rev. George Stewart, Lieut.-Col Arthur Charles Greville, the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, Sir Charles Edward Lewis, the Rev. Jacob Joseph Marsham, Mr. Herbert Monckton, Mr. William Monckton, the Hon. Ralph Pelham Neville, and Sir John Archibald Shaw-Steward.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BICKLEY.—On September 29th, at about twenty minutes to one, an accident attended, we are sorry to say, with fatal results, occured to Joseph Douglas Weston, coachman to Capt. Nicholls, when returning from Bromley. It appears that Thomas William Grover, carman to C. P. & Co., observed the horse which deceased was riding start suddenly forward at a furious pace and immediately afterwards both horse and rider fell over on to the pavement close to Southlands Grove; he immediately obtained assistance and extricated the unfortunate man, who had been severely kicked on either side of his head. Weston was still alive and a cab was procured and he was conveyed to Bromley Cottage Hospital, where he was seen by Dr. Chatterton, but he expired shortly after admission, (about 3 o'clock). At the inquest, which was held at the St. Mark's Institute, a verdict was brought in of accidental death, Dr. Chatterton stating that death was due to fracture of the base of the skull. The deceased man had been in the employ of Capt. Nicholls for the last seven years, and the latter stated that deceased had considerable attachment to the horse which was a usually quiet animal, and he could not understand how it was the horse bolted with him. He had been to Bromley for the purpose of registering the birth of his second child, then about five weeks old.

FOOD FOR THE STARVING MINERS.— On Saturday, October 21st, there was a demonstration of the members of the various trade organisations in the town, organised by the Bromley Trades and Labour Council, for the purpose of collecting funds to provide food for the wives and children of the locked-out miners, who, now that the funds of their unions are exhausted by the prolonged struggle, are suffering intensely from lack of the bare necessities of life. A procession was formed up outside the Local Offices, and then to the strains of the Hayes Brass Band and the Sydenham Gasworkers Band the principal streets of the town, Bromley Common, and Widmore were paraded, some sixteen men with sealed boxes collecting all along the line of route, and not a few even far beyond it. Fortunately fine weather favoured the good work. After some two and a half hours' hard tramping—about six o'clock—the Market-square was again reached, and there, while the bands played their concluding airs, a final whip-round was made. The collectors then adjourned to the large room at the "Rising Sun," where the Committee were awaiting them to count the proceeds. Mr. H. Hudd, the Chairman of the Bromley Trades and Labour Council, was in the chair. One member of the Committee unfastened the boxes, and four other members counted the contents in the presence of a good number of brother-tradeunionists; the secretary of the Council, Mr. W. Walkling, recorded the name of each collector and the amount found in his box, it having been checked by the Chairman. One man was so fortunate as to have secured a piece of gold. The whole sum collected by the effort was £12.

BROMLEY COMMON IRON ROOM MISSION.—The 12th Anniversary of this Mission was celebrated by a special meeting, which took place in the Mission Hall, Great Elms-road, on Oct. 10th, when there was a very good attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. M. H. Hodder, and there were also present Mr. George Williams, founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Rev. T. B. Pandian (a native Pastor from Southern India), and Rev. Hugh Rodger. — The Chairman presented the report for the past year, which stated that the receipts had been £85 3s. 4½d., and the expenditure £91 17s. 11½d. The amount due to the Treasurer was £6 14s. 7d. as against £33 14s. 4¾d. in the preceeding year (Loud applause.) Of the amount receiced £12 8s. had been received in children's boxes, and in the amount paid out was £4 for a China Mission and £2 for the Rev. J. S. Aaron Rangoon, Burmah. The amounts deposited in the Penny Bank were £175 16s. 8d. as against £162 1s. 11d. last year showing an increase of £13 14s. 9d. (Cheers). The amount received in the Coal Club was £16 2s. as against £14 1s. last year, showing an increase of £2 1s.—Five per cent. interest is given to depositors placing money in this bank, a bonus of 2s. on each ton of coal.—Mr. Williams then gave an earnest address, and was followed by Mr. Pandian, who received a hearty reception.

KENT AND SURREY ROADS CLUB.—A well attended and representative meeting in connection with the above newly-founded club was held on October 13th, at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, Mr. Harold Smith (London B.C.) in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. H. W. Bradbury, Tostevin, W. Bourdon, Carter, C. L. Newland, Cowell, Nash, Davis, H. W. Poupard (Sidcup C.C.). Wilson, Wilkinson, R. Cardwell, R. Keily, C. E. Burton, J. Grafton (Alleyn C.C.) and others. The Chairman, after making a few remarks on the special features of the club, called upon Mr. W. Bourdon, who in an excellent speech explained the advantages that the Kent and Surrey Roads Club offered to members. The club's programme, he said, included (1) Use of Club Room where there were maps, amusements, and cycling papers for use of members. (2) Sunday runs (whole or half day). (3) Long distance road riding for time medals (4) Winter riding. (5) Subscription dating from election, which is a great advantage, and (6) Relay riding which is comparatively unknown in this country. There was, he said, in some quarters a strong feeling that this club was

opposed to existing local clubs, which was entirely wrong, as it desired to do the utmost to avoid any clashing with them or to hurt their interests in any way. After other speeches, the Chairman put the following resolution : "That those present at this meeting are of opinion that as the objects of the Kent and Surrey Roads Club are in no way antagonistic to other local cycling clubs, it is well worthy of support." Mr. C. E. Burton seconded and it was carried unanimously. A dozen or more members then adjourned to the Club Room, 2, Town Hall Buildings.

Death of an Old Resident. — We greatly regret to announce the death, from consumption, of Mr. Mason, of Longfield, Bromley, which took place on October 24th. The deceased was an old resident of Bromley, and afterwards, with his family, went to live at Shortlands, but eventually returned to this town, where he died. Twelve years ago, he was attacked by Pleurisy, and that is supposed to be the origin of the complaint, from which he has suffered for the last two years. Some time ago he was under the care of Sir Andrew Clarke, but Dr. Beeby had been his contant medical attendant during his last illness, Deceased was 48 years of age, and was engaged in the city, besides being one of the trustees of the Bromley Bowling Club. He was laid to rest in Plaistow Cemetery on Saturday, and the Rev. W. Hodgson and the Rev. F. Haslam officiated at the burial service, Mr. Burr carrying out the funeral arrangements. There were a great number of floral tributes, among them an Irish Harp with broken strings from the members of the Bowling Club and a heart of white roses from his children.

The Annual Show of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society will take place at the Bromley Drill Hall on Nov. 8th and 9th.

A series of popular entertainments are to be given during the winter every Saturday, at the Co-operative Hall, under the auspices of the 'British Women's Temperance Association."

A Dramatic Entertainment will be given by distinguished amateurs from London on Tuesday, November 7th, at the Grand Hall, in aid of the East End Lodging-house Mission.

At the next monthly Foreign Missionary Prayer Meeting, of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission (Friday, November 10th), the address will be given by Madame Thoumaian (wife of Pastor Thoumaian, recently exiled from Armenia). A collection will be made for the Christian work in Armenia.

Dr. Paton, the veteran missionary, of New Hebrides fame will preach in Bromley on Sunday, November 5th—in the morning at the Congregational Chapel, in the afternoon at Farwig, and in the evening at Mr. M. H. Hodder's Iron Room, Bromley Common.

On behalf of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, special sermons were preached at St. John's Church, Bromley, on Sunday last. The preacher in the morning was the Lord Bishop of Mauritius, and the Rev. Charles Crosslegh, D.D., who is chaplain and lecturer of the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, preached in the evening.

The second annual show of the West Kent Ornithological Society, of Canaries, Mules, and British and Foreign Cage Birds, will be held at the Town Hall, Bromley, on Wednesday and and Thursday, November 22nd, and 23rd. The judges will be Mr. J. North, for canaries, and mules, and Mr. J. Jenner Weir for British and Foreign birds.

The Excelsior coach horses which have been running through Bromley, on the road from London to Tunbridge Wells during the season were last month sold by auction, at Aldridge's, St. Martin's-lane. There was a fair attendance of buyers, but the business was somewhat tame. Surprise, a skewbald mare, made the highest price of 105 guineas ; Walter, a roan, realised 65 guineas; Captain, a bay, 60 guineas ; Sweep, a black, 73 guineas ; Limerick, a grey, 59 guineas ; and Blue Peter, a roan, 66 guineas. The total sum obtained for forty-five horses was 1.941 guineas, an average of rather over 43 guineas each.

BECKENHAM.

A small drinking fountain has been erected in Rectory Road, near Beckenham Junction Railway Station, to take the place of the one lately removed to the Penge recreation ground. The site is granted during the pleasure of the Rector and the Eclesiastical Commissioners, and the expense, (about £30), has been borne by a few friends of Temperance.

Annual Town Dinner.—The third Annual Town Dinner took place on October 4th, and was even more successful than its predecessors. Covers were laid for over 200 gentlemen, while a number of ladies were present in the balcony. The company included the Rev. H. F. Wolley, Rev. T. Sissons, and Messrs. A. H. Baker, A. J. Baker and W. H. Lendon, chairman of the Beckenham Local Board. The usual toasts, interspersed with music, were given, and several speeches were made by those connected with local affairs in the town.

University Extension Lectures.—The Autumn course commenced October 5th, when Dr. A. H. Fison delivered the first of a series of lectures on the "Solar System" to a large audience. Dr. Montague J. Sturges presided.

Beckenham Liberal Association. — At the first smoking concert of the season, in connection with the Beckenham Liberal Club, Mr. A. J. Baker offered, in the event of new premises being secured, to find the money for a new club, which should be afterwards taken over by a limited company in £1 shares.

Resignation of Two Members of the Beckenham Local Board.—At the meeting of the Local Board on Oct 23rd, the resignation was announced of Dr. Eyre, who is leaving Beckenham to reside in Rome, and of Mr. P. Secretan. who, we understand, has taken a place at Redhill. The resignations were accepted with regret.

CHISLEHURST.

Church Missionary Society.—An interesting meeting was held on October 9th, in the Christ Church Schoolroom, Chislehurst, when addresses were given by Mr. Eugene Stock, editorial secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and by Dr. J. O. Summerhayes, who is shortly to sail for India, where he will undertake the work of a medical missionary on the Afghan Frontier. The meeting was in the nature of a farewell to Dr. Summerhayes, who is being sent out to India by the Bickley and Chislehurst Gleaners' Union, whose own missionary he will be. The Rev. W. W. Cox presided, and there was a large attendance.

Chislehurst Fire Brigade. — The annual drill competition took place on the Cricket Ground, on Sept. 26th, when the Single Man Drill Challenge Cup was won by Fireman Dawe, the Two Men Drill by Fireman Bulley and Foreman Otway, and the Metropolitan Single Man Drill by Fireman Foreman. In the evening the members and their friends. to the number of about 30, sat down to a well-served supper at the Crown Inn, Captain Harris presiding.

CHISLEHURST AND DISTRICT GARDENERS' MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of this association was held at the Parish Room, Chislehurst West, on October 3rd, when the president of the association, Mr. Lyne, occupied the chair.—He was re-elected president for the coming session, which is the third, and Mr. Lees, who has occupied the position of secretary and treasurer, retired, Mr. Filkins being elected secretary, and Mr. Pinyon, treasurer. A committee was elected, and the rules revised.

CHISLEHURST LIGHTING.—At the next meeting of the Chislehurst Parochial Committee, to be held at the National Schools, Chislehurst, on Monday, the 6th November, Mr. W. Campbell Russell will move—"That this Committee having heard Mr. Slade's explanation, and being satisfied that the lighting arrangements as carried on by his Voluntary Committee have given general satisfaction, and that the scheme can be taken over, continued, and extended for a sum which can be covered by a rate not exceeding 3d. in the £, recommend that the scheme should be taken over by the Rural Sanitary Authority as from the 1st January 1894. That the stock and plant belonging to the Voluntary Lighting Committee should be purchased at cost price, less 25 per cent. for depreciation, the purchase-money to be paid by equal instalments during the next three years, and that the lighting scheme be continued by the Authority, the cost, including the purchase of plant and stock, to be defrayed by means of an annual rate not to exceed 3d. in the £. The control of the expenditure and the future working of the lighting arrangements to be left with the Parochial Committee, for the time being, of the District."

ELECTION OF A GUARDIAN.—The special election of a Guardian for the increased representation of the parish of Chislehurst on the Bromley Board of Guardians took place last month. There were two candidates:—Mr. Charles Halstaff Kenderdine, of Scadbury Park, agent to the Hon. Robert Marsham Townshend, and Mr. Douglas Thomas White, of Chislehurst West, and in the result it was found that Mr. Kenderdine had received 660 votes, and Mr. White 292. Mr. Kenderdine has, therefore, been declared duly elected by Mr. Robert Gordon Mullen, the returning officer.

THEATRICALS AT THE VILLAGE HALL.—In spite of the torrents of rain, which fell on October 14th, the performance of a musical farce, and also an operetta, attracted a considerable number of Chislehurst residents to the hall, who, by their applause, evidently highly appreciated the acting and vocalism, which was admirable all round. To particularise the performance would be invidious, but suffice it to say that "The Cabby's Courtship"—the musical farce—and "The Golden Days"—the operetta aforesaid, are highly diverting and we hope to have the pleasure of witnessing them again. We append the programme which was as follows:—(I), "The Cabby's Courtship," a musical farce, written by W. Teignmouth Shore, music by Frank Davey. Characters: *Tom Whipple*, a cabdriver, Mr. S. H. Hamer; *Eugène de Montmorency*, Mr. W. Teignmouth Shore; *Marie* (his daughter), Miss Annie Lawrie; scene: Eugène's back parlour; conductor Mr. Frank Davey. (II), "The Golden Days," an operetta, written by P. Shaw Jeffrey and W. Teignmouth Shore, music by Harold S. Moore. Characters. *John Hawthorn*, Mr. J. Baring Ranalow, (Medallist R. A. M.); *Sir Edward Digby*, Mr. J. W. Edmond; *Sir Walter Rochester*; Mr. W. Teignmouth Shore; *Ruth*, Miss Lilian Burden (Cert. & Medallist R. A. M.); *Rose*, Miss Annie Lawrie. Scene: a hall in Sir Walter's Country House. Time: a Christmas Eve in "Good King Charles' Golden Days." Conductor, Mr. Harold S. Moore.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.—On Sunday Oct. 22nd, at the Parish Church, Mr. Webb and Dr. Cockcroft were elected lay representatives at the Rural decanal Conference.

CORNISH COAST MISSION.—Enthusiasm was the prevailing feature at a meeting of the Chislehurst Branch of the Cornish Coast Mission which was held on Oct. 25th at the Christ Church Schools. Captain Wisley, R.E., of the Castle Line, occupied the chair, and among those also present were Mr. H. W. Maynard, Union Steamship Company, Mr. John Bell, Orient Steamship Company, the Rev. W. Fleming, L.L.B., Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. S. Boys, of Sidcup, and the Secretary, the Rev. G. J. Hill.—There was a large audience, and some jack-tars—splendid specimens of British seamen—were present and rendered valuable assistance in various little matters—not the least being that of assisting in the collection, which amounted to £7 16s.—The Secretary, in his report, stated that last year they felt somewhat discouraged, owing to difficulties having arisen, but they were now in a position to state that these had been entirely overcome, much more local help and sympathy in the work at Fowey having been received. Allusion was made in the report to the satisfactory work which had been accomplished, but regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Admiral H. D. Grant, C.B. His testimony, however, was worth much, and this was framed in the letter which was received from that gentleman, and which was read before the assembly during the evening. The report further stated that the annual meeting was held in the Fowey Institute on September 19th, which was the most successful that had been held. The debt on the Fowey Building Fund, in connection with the Cornish Coast Mission, was £117 2s. 10d.

HAYES.

CARRIAGE ACCIDENT AT HAYES.—Hayes-lane was the scene of a somewhat alarming accident on Tuesday, Oct. 24th. It appears that Mr. Bullivant, of Beckenham, was returning from Bromley in a phæton, where he had been to fetch his daughter, Mrs. Heseltine of 33, Hammelton-road. While coming down Hayes-lane, one of the horses stumbled, and in doing so broke the pole. All control of the animals was lost and they bolted with the carriage in the direction of West Wickham. The occupants of the vehicle were thrown out but the coachman escaped unharmed. Injuries of a somewhat serious nature were sustained by Mr. Bullivant and Mrs. Heseltine, who each broke their left arm, both of them also receiving scalp wounds. Some passers-by hastily summoned medical assistance and Dr. Sturges and Dr. Randall conveyed the sufferers home and attended to their injuries.

KESTON.

PRESENTATION TO MR. DRAKE.—Mr. Drake, the Superintendent of the Keston Wesleyan Sunday School, who had been identified with many good works in this parish, sailed last month for New Zealand. He was present at a farewell

meeting, convened in his honour on October 9th at the Wesleyan Chapel, when his friends took occasion to present him with a testimonial in the shape of a beautiful copy of the "Biography of John Wesley," and a cheque for £25. The children of Mr. Drake's class and a few friends also presented him with an Oxford Teacher's Bible. Mr. Drake has been in Keston for many years and has taken a prominent part in the Band of Hope work there.

ORPINGTON.

In Memoriam.—A brass is about to be erected in the parish church to the memory of the late wife of Colonel Grant, sister to Mr. R. B. Berens, J.P., of Kevington Park, St. Mary Cray.

Baptist Chapel: Tenth Anniversary.—Special services to commorate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the above chapel were held on October 19th. At four o'clock in the afternoon the Rev. W. Williams, of Lambeth, preached on "The Call of Moses." There was a large congregation, the chapel being profusely decorated with plants, and winter flowers by Mrs. W. Vinson, junr. After the service about 100 persons partook of tea in the schoolroom, the tables being presided over by Mrs. Usher, Mrs. Vinson, senr., and Miss Wright. Subsequently a public meeting took place in the chapel, which was well filled. The pastor, the Rev. Dr. Usher, who presided, stated that the present membership of the church numbered 175. Since the chapel was built ten years ago, school premises had been erected and paid for on the same site, and a mission hall had been opened in connection with the church. He looked forward to a time when the chapel would not be large enough for his people. He was very pleased, from the first, with the bright appearance of the building, and the rev. gentleman added that he felt thoroughly at home the first time he opened his lips on that platform. (Applause.)—The Rev. O. H. Mackey, of London, who was the next speaker, referred to the good work which was done at Orpington by Dr. Usher's predecessor, the Rev. J. Scilley.—The Revs. Hugh Rodger, of Bromley Common, and J. H. Marshall, of Crockenhill, also delivered stirring addresses.—The choir rendered one or two anthems during the evening. under the guidance of Mr. J. Jenkins, organist.

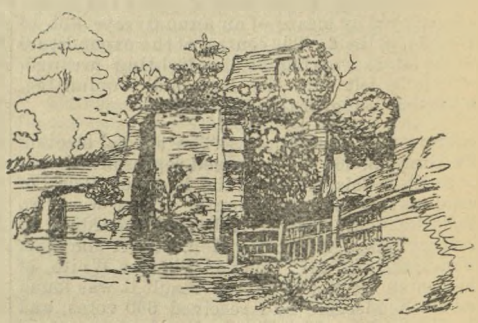
Concert at St. Andrew's School-room.—A most successful concert was given in St. Andrew's Hall, Anglesea-road, Orpington, on October 5th, the proceeds of which were devoted to the Building Fund. The room was well-filled with an appreciative audience, including many of the principal residents of the parish The arrangements for the concert were made by Messrs. W. R. Lane and W. J. Couch, to whom praise is due. The following was the programme:—waltz, "Myosotis," St. Andrews Band; song, "The Toilers," Mr. P. Townsend; song, Mrs. Trench; song, "A thousand a year," Rev. J. F. Groves; reading, "Skating scene" from *Pickwick*, the Vicar; songs, "Best of all," Mr. S. Gale; "The Soldier's Tear," Mrs. Groves; "Alone on the raft," Mr. P. Townsend; "Spinning," Mrs. Couch. Selection, "Pantomania," St. Andrew's Band; songs, 'Queen of the earth," Mr. S. Gale; 'Punchinello" Mrs. Groves; pianoforte solo, "Fantasia," Mr. E. M. Gain; song "The children's home," Mrs. Couch; reading, the Vicar; songs, "Home, sweet home," Mrs. Trench; "Tom Bowling," the Rev. J. F. Groves; National Anthem

NOTABLE HOUSES.

SIMPSON'S PLACE.

About a quarter of a century ago one of the chief points of antiquarian interest in Bromley was comprised in a small plot of ground close by the stream of the Ravensbourne, whereon were a few crumbling brick walls and the remains of a half dry moat once fed by the neighbouring watercourse. In popular parlance this was known as "Bromley Castle."

Looking backward to almost the earliest period of which our memory retains any trace, we can distinctly recall the feelings of wonder and profound reverence which filled our minds upon first beholding this ruinous pile, dimly indicating, as these shattered remains did, the former grandeur and strength of what was once an important and semi-fortified manor house, whose master held a large portion of the surrounding districts of Hayes, West Wickham and Beckenham, as well as a certain portion of Bromley. We can remember many visits subsequently paid to the old ruins as occasion offered. The place had great attractions for us. It had the reputation of having



"Simpson's Place," S.E. Side.

sheltered monarchs and other important personages Our imagination essayed to recall the royal pageants of former times, the courtly throng and the compan around the festive board, which were traditionally associated with this ancient house. Moreover, the place possessed the additionally attractive reputation of being "haunted,"and that fact was quite sufficient to endow the locality with an importance which aroused a deep and absorbing interest in our mind.

The flowing tide of bricks and mortar, of villa residences and new roads, has swept away every trace of the actual fabric. The local name of "Simpson's Road" is all that remains; and were it not for the records of history and traditional information, communicated from father to son, Simpson's Place might never have existed for all that can now be seen of it.

Philipot, the quaint author of *Villare Cantianum*, a valuable antiquarian work published in 1659, considered Simpson's Place as entitled to rank second only to the chief manor (Bromley Palace) of Bromley. "Simpson's," says he, "is the second seat of account, though in ages of a later inscription it contracted that name, yet anciently it was the demesne of *Bankewell*, a family of signall repute in this track, *John de Bankewell* held a Charter of Free Warren to his lands in

Bromley, in which this was involved in the thirty-first of *Edward* the first, and *Thomas de Bankewell* dyed feifed of it in the thirty-fifth year of *Edward* the third, and when this family was shrunk at this place into a finall extinction; the next who were eminent in possession of it, were the *Clarks*, and one William Clark, that flourished here in the reign of *Henry* the fifth, that he might not be obnoxious to the Statutes of Kernellation, obtained licence to erect a strong little pile of Lime and Stone, with an embattell'd wall encircled with a deep moat, which is supplied and nourished with a living spring; but this man's posterity did not long enjoy it, for about the latter end of *Henry* the sixth, *John Simpson* dwelt here by right of purchase, and he having much improved the ancient Fabrick, settled his Name upon it, and indeed that is all that's left to evidence they were owners of it, for in an Age or two after this, it was conveyed to Mr. *John Stiles*, of *Beckenham*, Esquire, from whom descends Sir *Humphrey Stiles*, Knight and Baronet, Cupbearer to the late K. *Charles*, and him does Simpsons confesse for its owner."

Sir Humphrey Style, of Langley, Esq., a descendant of the before-mentioned baronet of the same name, died without male issue, and Elizabeth, his only daughter and heir, carried this estate in marriage to Sir John Elwill, Bart., who dying in 1727, Edmund, his brother, succeeded him, and about the year 1732 conveyed Simpsons to Hugh Raymond, of Great Saling, in Essex. Subsequently the estate passed by marriage into the Burrell family, who were seated at Beckenham. Sir Peter Burrell, Knight and Baronet, was the owner at the end of the 18th century. A lease of the estate was granted to Samuel Rickets, Esq., who sold it to Colonel Jackson, about the year 1803. In 1830 Simpsons was sold by Lord Gwydir to Robert Veitch, Esq., whose gardener occupied the house. In 1858 Simpson's Place was the property of Colonel Tweedy, of Bromley House, and in 1869 the place was pulled down, the moat filled up, and the site built upon by a building society. A writer describing the place at this time speaks of it as a scene of perfect ruin and confusion,

In the early part of the present century the whole extent of the foundation of the north-eastern wall together with two buttresses still remained perfect. The total length was was about thirty-four yards, and the breadth of the building, as far as could be ascertained from its ivy mantled walls on the south, was about fourteen or fifteen yards. The chief materials employed in these foundations were large flints, stone, and strong lime mortar. In its original condition the building was probably quadrangular, and was entered by means of a drawbridge on the northern side. There would appear to have been a small terrace on the north-east side, but the other sides were probably quite close to the deep moat which once protected the house, and which completely surrounded the house with a sheet of water 25 or 30 feet in width. The walls were strong and lofty, supported by very substantial buttresses at the sides and angles, and the facings were of dressed stone. The main structure has been pronounced work of the middle of the 14th century. In the middle of the wall on the north-east side was a huge and very handsome red-brick chimney, the date of which has been ascribed to about the middle of the 16th century.

The moat on the north-west and south-west sides of the ruins was filled up by Jeremiah Ringer, who was nearly if not quite the last tenant of Simpson's Place, where he had lived for more than 50 years.



"Simpson's Place," N.E. Side.

We have incidentally referred to the popular superstition that Simpson's Place was haunted by ghosts. The following extract in reference to this subject is taken from a foot-note in Dunkin's *History of Bromley* (1815):—

"This time stricken mansion offers a favourable opportunity for any daring ghost to play his vagaries; and it does not seem to have been neglected, for I was solemnly assured that noises had been often heard in and about the house, sometimes as if the furniture fell down and broke to pieces; and that once a lady appeared dressed in white, with a lighted torch in her hand, accompanied by a gentleman in dark clothes, with a high-crowned broad-brimmed hat which flapped over the sides of his face."

The traditional story to the effect that visits to Simpson's Place were paid by Henry VIII. and Charles II., is generally discredited, but nothing is actually known about the matter, and for ought one can say, both these monarchs may have called here for a temporary lodging on some of their journeyings through this district.

The accompanying illustrations are rough pen-and-ink sketches from old drawings, showing the house in its ruinous condition; as far as we can ascertain there is none representing the place at an earlier stage in its history.

Births.

ELIE-LEFEBURE.—On the 12th Oct., at Essington, Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Albert Elie-Lefebure, of a son.

MEDCALF.—On the 6th Oct., at 9, Rectory-road, Beckenham, the wife of Henry S. G Medcalf, of a daughter.

NORMAN.—On the 14th Oct., at Bromley Common, Kent, the wife of Archibald Cameron Norman, of a daughter.

THOMAS.—On the 7th Oct., at Elim, Shortlands, Kent, the wife of Commander C. W. Thomas, R.N., of a daughter.

Marriages.

COOMBS—CUMMING.—On the 5th Oct., at St. John's of Jerusalem, Hackney, by the Rev. J. H. Louthwaite, Alfred Coombs, of Ellerslie, Beckenham, to Emily, youngest daughter of Alfred Cumming, of Wanstead.

DAVENPORT—HUBBARD.—On October 11th, 1893, at the parish chucch, Westerham, Kent, by the vicar, Rev. H. C. Bartlett, B.A., Richard Cartwright Davenport, chemist and druggist, Bromley, to Anna Hubbard, eldest daughter of James Hubbard, Westerham, Kent.

PHREN—THORNTON.—On the 11th Oct., 1893, at the parish church, Chislehurst, by the Rev. Canon Murray, rector of the parish, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Cumberlege, rector of Halstead, Kent, Edmund Phren, eldest son of James Phren, Esq., of St. Petersburgh, to Helen, third daughter of William Lee Thornton, Esq., of Sunnymead, Chislehurst, and late of St. Petersburgh.

Deaths.

BEL.—On the 8th October, at Colonia, South Hill, Bromley, Kent, Clementine Bel, wife of August Bel, in the 82nd year of her age.

BOEME.—On the 22nd October, at 32, Tweedy-road, Bromley, Kent, Martin Alex Boeme, Esq., formerly Joint General Manager of the Northampton Union Banking Company, aged 80.

DRESSER.—On the 16th Oct., at Topclyffe Grange, Farnborough, Kent, Phyllis Caroline, the beloved daughter of Henry E. Dresser, aged nine years and five months.

FARWIG.—On the 16th Oct., at her residence, Rolandsek, Beckenham, Marie Caroline Wilhelmine, widow of the late J. F. Farwig, aged 50 years.

GREENWOOD.—On the 8th Oct., at Ravensleigh, Beckenham, Kent, Harriette, widow of the late John Greenwood, Esq., aged 80 years.

HIGHT.—On the 16th October, at 14, Holmesdale-road, Bromley, Kent, Charles Hight, F.C.A., aged 54 years.

KINSMAN.—On October 24th, at 8, Crescent Road, Bromley, Kent, very suddenly, Josephine Banfield Mends, widow of the late Lieut. Hugh M. Kinsman, R.N., in her 79th year. Much regretted.

POTTER.—On the 6th October, at the Railway Hotel, Sidcup, Kent, Joseph Potter, aged 50 years.

RICHARDSON.—On the 9th October, 1893, at Bromley, Kent, after a long illness, most patiently borne. Amelia (Maxsted), the loving and dearly loved wife of Robert Henry Richardson, of 3, Serle-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields.

TATTERSAL.—On the 15th Oct., at Bickley, Kent, John Tattersal, aged 74.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1893.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st—Sale of Fancy Articles and Work in aid of Church Missionary Society, St. Mark's Club-room
3rd—*Advent Sunday.*
4th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East Street, Bromley, 7 p.m.
5th—Students' Concert, Beckenham School of Music, at Beckenham Public Hall.
6th—Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper's Sale, "The Corner," and Bromley Gas Shares, "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, 8 p.m.
„ —Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale of "Beechbrook," Chislehurst, at the Mart, E.C., at 2 p.m.
„ —Grand Evening Concert, Bromley Baptist Chapel, 8 p.m.
„ —Annual Meeting of Bromley Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society, Wesleyan Chapel, High-street, Bromley.
10th—*Second Sunday in Advent.*
11th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
12th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
„ —Smoking Concert at Volunteer Recreation Room, 8 o'clock.
„ —Annual Meeting of Widmore Foreign Missionary Association, Widmore Wesleyan Chapel.
13th—Sale of Work, New Wesleyan Schools, High-street, Bromley.
15th—Senor Sarasate's Concert at Beckenham Public Hall
17th—*Third Sunday in Advent.*
18th—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.
„ —Bromley School Board Meeting, Local Offices, East Street. Bromley, 7.30 p.m.
19th—Bromley Local Board Meeting, Local Offices, East-street, Bromley, 5.30 p.m.
20th—Bromley County Court, Court House, Bromley, 11 a.m.
24th—*Fourth Sunday in Advent.*
25th—*Christmas Day*
26th—*Bank Holiday.*
27th—Bromley Petty Sessions Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY LOCAL BOARD.

Two meetings of this Board have been held during the month. At the meeting on October 31st, the Technical Education Committee recommended that as the course of lectures on Technical Education. "Health" were ended on the 27th ult., that lectures on "Home Nursing" be arranged for, to be delivered in St. Luke's Institute, and the Co-operative Hall. An account for £61 18s. 6d. from the Whitechapel Craft School for fitting up the Industrial Institute was passed for payment. The report and recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

At the same meeting a letter was received from Mr. W. Hicks, of Plaistow Hall, hon. sec. of the Bromley Charitable Society stating that he was instructed by the Woodyard Committee of the Bromley Charitable Society to ask, if the Society decided to open a woodyard this year, whether the Board would be kind enough to lend them their yard again and also to thank the Board and their officers for their kindness last year.—The Surveyor said he was afraid he must strongly advise the Board not to grant the use of the woodyard to the Society this year as from their experience last year a great deal of damage was done to the Board's water-vans by them standing outside. The vans had only just been done up. In reply to Mr. Selby, the Surveyor said that the accommodation which the Board gave to the Society last year, was the shed used for the water-vans, and that was now over-full and the old vans had to stand outside, and he was coming to the Board to ask their permission to build more sheds and that provision should be made in the next estimate for it.—The Chairman said he would like the Board to express some opinion on a similar matter with regard to the Guardians. He thought that if the Board refused that application they must also decline to accommodate the Guardians.—At the meeting, on Nov. 14th, the Committee of the whole Board, having considered applications for wood-shed accommodation from the Bromley Board of Guardians and the Bromley Charitable Society, recommended that in both cases permission be given to erect a portable shed, subject to consent to remove it when called upon to do so.

Woodyard Accommodation.

At the meeting, on Oct. 31st, a letter was read from Mr. Redgrave, the Inspector under the Factories and Workshop Act stating, in reply to a letter from the Board, that it was precisely in the case of workshops used for millinery and dressmaking that the special attention of the medical officer was most necessary.—The Clerk was directed to send a copy of the letter to the Medical officer of Health.

Factory Inspection.

At the meeting, on October 31st, a letter was read from Mr. Henry Podger, 156, Homesdale-road, stating that he had the honour of forwarding to the Board a copy of the resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the ratepayers the previous Monday, over which he presided. The Clerk then read an enclosed resolution of censure.—At Mr. Selby's request Mr. Podger's letter was read a second time. He then asked if the resolution was indeed passed unanimously. A friend who was there had told him, he said, the meeting was by no means unanimous.—The Chairman: What do you propose? That the letter lie on the table?—Mr. Grinstead: I would move that it be not acknowledged. It is utterly unworthy of the Board's consideration for a single moment. The votes given for the resolution were all given upon gross misrepresentation of facts.—"All in favour of the letter being laid on the table," said the Chairman, and all hands were held up for the suggestion.—The matter thus dropped.

Ratepayers and

At the meeting, on November 14th, the Committee of the whole Board reported that they had considered the question of adopting the Private Streets Works Act. The Clerk reported the changes in the administration of the Board which would occur if the Act were adopted and the Committee unanimously resolved to recommend that the Board do not adopt the Act. The Committee also reported that they had considered the

Adoptive Acts.

question of adopting the Barbed Wire Act and the Committee recommended that the Board at once take steps to put the Act in force in the district. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Bye-laws contravened.

At the same meeting the Highways Committee reported that the Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Brown had in the construction of certain drains in connection with a new house he was erecting in the London-road, infringed the 61st bye-law with respect to water-tight drains which on being tested were found to be very defective. The Committee recommended that proceedings be taken against Mr. Brown to recover the penalty to which he had made himself liable and to enforce compliance with the Board's bye-laws. In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Selby said that Mr. J. Brown was relaying his drains in an efficient manner and on his suggestion the report of the Committee was adopted with the exception of the paragraph relating to proceedings being taken against Mr. Brown which matter it was decided should stand over until it was seen if Mr. Brown complied with the wishes of the Board.

A Heavy Overdraft.

At the same meeting the Chairman said that the total amount of the Board's overdraft on the Treasurer was £2012 0s. 4d., and cheques were to be drawn for £542; he asked the Clerk what chance there was of getting any more money.—The Clerk said the old rate was exhausted entirely.—The Chairman: It seems too early to begin the collection of the new rate, but only £83 have been paid in and cheques to the amount of £543 are to be paid.

Non-payment of Rates.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered a letter from Mr. G. Stone, the rate collector, stating that several distress warrants issued against persons for the non-payment of rates had been returned *nulla bona* and also the Clerk's report as to the position of the Board in the matter and the Committee recommended that summonses be issued against those persons to show cause why they should not be committed to prison in default of distress. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Board's Siding.

Mr. J. Scott, junr., said that while on the subject of communcations with the S. E. Rly. Co. he would like to ask if the Board had any news as to the siding.—The Clerk said he had no news whatever.—The Surveyor said that he knew that the Company had already made arrangements with their representatives for the setting out of the boundaries and their inspector had had instructions to commence the work at once.

Extension of a Sewer.

At the same meeting the Drainage and Sanitary Committee reported that tenders for the extensions of the sewer in Southlands-road had been received as follows:—Messrs. E. Peill and Sons, £33; and Mr. H. W. Lansbury, £21 10s. On the recommendation of the Committee the Board accepted the last.

Sanitation in Waldo-road.

A letter was received from the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse forwarding some particulars as to the defective state of the drains in Waldo-road—particulars which he said had been taken from the residents in the road themselves and written down by his curate.—The Clerk said he had sent a copy of the letter to the Sanitary Inspector and also of the enclosure.—The Sanitary Inspector said that a house-to-house inspection of the houses in Waldo-road would be made with a view to ascertaining the true state of all the drains there.

Nuisance in London-road.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Dr. Beeby drawing the attention of the Board to what he said might become a serious nuisance and perhaps detrimental to the public health. There was a piece of vacant ground in the London-road which had for a long time been a depositing place for all sorts of refuse, but of late a quantity of garden refuse had been deposited there which as it decomposed would be liable to give rise to a serious nuisance. He would suggest that if the Board could not prevent the accumulation of such refuse there, they should clear it away. In a P.S., Dr. Beeby mentioned that he had heard that sewer smells had of late been very prevalent and he suggested that as the number of houses in the district increased it might be found necessary to also increase the flushing.—The Chairman: No, just the reverse.—Mr. Selby: Yes, as the number of houses increases so the flushing of the sewers is increased.—A short conference took place between the Chairman and the Sanitary Inspector as to what could be done to prevent the recurrence of the nuisance complained of in the London-road, and in the result the matter, which for the time being had been previously settled by the Inspector and the Committee, was again referred to Committee.

Sewer Smells.

The following memorial, dated Oct. 31st, 1893. was then read:—"Gentlemen,—We the undersigned beg respectfully to draw your attention to the sewer manholes in Park End, the foul stench from which is both obnoxious and dangerous. Within the last week there has been a fatal case of diphtheria in this street and unless some remedy is adopted it is more than probable that others will follow. Flushing is of little or no use as the sewers are as bad as ever a few hours afterwards. As an instance of this the one opposite No. 60 was flushed this afternoon and at eight o'clock it was as bad as before it was done. Dr. Codd is aware of the condition of things and on one occasion sent the flushing cart up specially." The Clerk said that the signatures of 36 residents in Park End were appended to the letter.—The matter was referred to the Drainage and Sanitary Committee, Mr. Selby remarking that the Board would have to erect ventilating shafts where they could do so.

An Unsanitary School.

At the meeting on Oct. 31st, the following letter was received from the Medical Officer of Health.—"Gentlemen,—In view of prevalence of diptheria in the district, I hereby order the closing of schools at St. Mary's, Plaistow, until such time that complete alterations in the system of drainage at the Schools have been carried out. I am, &c., A. CODD.

Oaklands Road.

The Clerk applied for instructions with regard to Oaklands-road. He said that the whole of the money for the making up of the road had been recovered and he asked if steps were to be taken to declare it a highway reparable by the inhabitants at large.—On the motion of Mr. Loftus, seconded by Mr. McIntyre, the Clerk was instructed to serve the necessary notices on the owners with a view of taking over the road.

Public Gas.

Mr. Selby again called attention to the very early hour at which the gas lamps were extinguished and asked that a letter be written to the Gas Company in the matter.

BROMLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

Loans.

This Board has been unusually busy during the month, having held five meetings. At the meeting on Oct. 30th, upon the motion of Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Bragg, it was unanimously resolved to borrow from the Prudential Assurance Company the sum of £926 to defray the cost of the purchase of the site for the Wharton-road Schools; and £1,025 to defray the cost of enlarging the Raglan-road Schools.

The New Schools.

At the same meeting it having been resolved—Messrs. Peill and Cooke dissenting—that the resolution of the 14th of August be adhered to, the following report was read:—"Report on the designs sent in competition for the Wharton-road schools for the Bromley School Board.

Gentlemen,—I have examined very carefully the whole of the 27 sets of plans you sent me. Have read much of the reports and specifications, and have examined the estimates. Some of the latter I consider as rather doubtful, but with very slight and reasonable modifications, I am of opinion that the five I have selected fall fairly within the Board's requirements, and that anyone of them could be executed for the sum named. In selecting, my difficulties have been very considerable—as out of the entire number there are not more than three or four sets that I was able to reject after a cursory examination; so that I was left with about twenty-three sets, each of which I had to examine again and again. By repeated examinations I got

down to ten, and of these, five had to be set aside. I very sincerely trust I have arrived at a just selection, but if I have failed it has not been from want of care or thought. Looked at as a whole, the designs were extremely common-place—with an almost entire absence of originality. To a certain extent the nature of the building inclines the designers towards a certain uniformity, or rather to a certain acknowledged type—but this should be to a limited extent only. There is ample opportunity for originality—did any originality exist. The one exception to this dull uniformity—if I might be allowed to use such an expression—is a design marked with two circles with a triangle in the intersected parts, and which I have included amongst the five—though I have not been able to put it first, as the plan to my mind, is not perfect, though good. The defects might easily be modified, but as a matter of fact, they are there, and I should not be justified in ignoring them. A rough perspective sketch which the author sends is drawn in a most unattractive style, but one can see at a glance that the designer is above the average, and that his building would be distinctly an interesting one, but in all, convenience of arrangement and adaptation of requirements must ever take precedence of external aspect. I should only weary you were I to go over, at any length, the various points in the other designs, and I do not see that anything would be gained by it. I have arranged the five designs in the foregoing order: 1, "A B C," (in red ink); 2, "The Code"; 3, "Two Circles"; 4, "Experience"; 5, "Manners maketh man." It is melancholy to reflect on the extremely narrow line that in many cases divides one designer from another—that in fact divides success from what must be considered failure, but this is almost always the case in all competitions. If at any future time I can render your Board any further assistance in the matter of this scheme I shall be glad to do so. I am, gentleman, your obedient servant,

R. NORMAN SHAW, R.A.

10, Hart Street, Bloomsbury, Oct. 30th, 1893.

Upon opening the envelopes containing the names of the competitors it was found that Mr. C. Bell was the author of the design "A B C," Mr. Hellicar of No. 2, "The Code," Messrs. Cooksey & Cox., of No. 3, Mr. Pincher of No 4, "Experience," and Mr. C. Nicholson of No. 5, "Manners maketh man." It was resolved—Messrs. Cooke and Peill dissenting—that the plan No. 1, "A.B.C." be forwarded to the Educational Department for their provisional approval. It was further resolved that a cheque be drawn for £42 in payment of Mr. Norman Shaw's fee.

The Plans Approved. At the meeting on Oct. 13th, a letter was read from the Education Department forwarding their formal approval to the plans of the new school from the designs of Mr. C. Bell, providing accommodation for 360 boys, 310 girls, and 396 infants. The letter also contained several emendations which the Department requested the Board to make in them, and also the request that the Board would at once proceed to obtain tenders for the execution of the necessary work.—The Rev. A. G. Hellicar said he presumed that the Board were going to comply with the request of the Education Department to at once obtain tenders for the erection of the new schools and of course he concluded from what had passed at previous meetings that the minds of the majority of the Board were fully made up as to the expediency of erecting the whole of the buildings at once. He himself was strongly of opinion that the boy's school was not required at the present time. The Bromley National School was certainly not full and he very much doubted whether in even a year's time the new boys' school would be required. — Some argument ensued, but it was thought more economical to build all the schools at once, and the Board resolved to apply for tenders at an early date.

The Quantities. At the meeting on Oct. 20th, the Chairman said that the Board would have to consider the question of instructions to architects for the preparation of specifications, working drawings, and conditions of contract. Everything, he said, was in favour of placing the matter in the hands of an impartial man, not that he meant to imply that Mr. Bell was not an impartial man, but the thing might work out over the £10 limit and if the Board allowed Mr. Bell to get out the quantities and then had go to another man they would be placed in a very unfortunate position. If they found the first designs adopted could not be carried out within the £10 limit and adopted a second and found his designs like the first, outside the limit, they might have to go on so indefinitely and as they would have to get out quantities every time they would increase the cost of getting out quantities to the amount of the building of the schools. They must employ a man and pay him themselves.—On the motion of Mr. Loly, seconded by Miss Heppel, it was decided to ask Mr. Bell to supply the specifications, the working drawings, and the conditions of contract.—The Chairman said that he thought that the matter of getting out the bills of quantities should be separated from the matter they had just discussed. He thought that the surveyor who got out the quantities should be a man or a firm beyond all possibility of influence and altogether out of the district.—After some discussion it was said that as the quantities could not be got out until the working drawings were prepared, which would not be for another fortnight, there was no immediate hurry for th Board to decide as to their quantity surveyor, and in the result it was decided that Messrs. Bull, of Craven-street, Strand; Messrs. Ashby; Mr. Stanger, of Bromley; and Mr. Herbert Ladds, of Tunbridge Wells, be written to, asking on what terms they would undertake the work.

The Raglan-road Schools. Some difference of opinion was manifested upon the point whether or not the plans of the additions to the Raglan-road Schools had been adhered to, and some charges were made by Mr. Peill against the architect, but they were afterwards withdrawn.

Scripture Examinations. The Rev. E. M. Nunn presented his reports on the Scripture examinations at the various schools, which were on the whole highly satisfactory.

Plaistow Schools. A discussion arose on the question of the opening of Plaistow Schools.—The Chairman said that the Education Department had called upon the managers to do something—to expend £200—and that they were not in a position to do promptly; it remained to be seen what would be raised by subscriptions.—The Clerk said that the children formerly in attendance at these schools had not been to any school now for three weeks but that room would be found for some at other schools, but that there was most room at Widmore.—Mr. Loly said the managers, he believed, had already signed a contract for the execution of the necessary work and he believed the schools would be opened within the month.

The Attendance. The Clerk said the attendance was very bad at the various schools; there was a little sickness and a good deal of play.—The Chairman said the Board should take immediate notice of such a report from the Clerk, and on his suggestion it was directed that the matter be put down for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

PLAISTOW BURIAL BOABD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board took place on Nov. 7th, when Mr. Neale reported that in company with Mr. Pellett he had visited the cemetery and inspected the drainage, and as far as he could see it had been carried out in a very satisfactory way and that it answered the purpose for which it was laid down.—Mr. Pellett said that whereas previously water was found at seven feet near the chapel they had now dug a grave twelve feet deep and found no water, which clearly proved that the drainage answered its purpose.

The Drainage.

The Chapel. The question of certain improvements at the chapel, including the construction of a fire-place and some ventilation was referred to Mr. Pellett and the Surveyor to report to a sub-committee, who would subsequently report to the Board.

Fees. It was resolved that the fees for brick graves and vaults, exclusive of the digging fee, be fixed at £25 for six coffins and £35 for twelve coffins, those being stated to be the usual fees.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Bromley Musical Society have decided that with their fourteenth season they will inaugurate a new system as regards their concerts. Hitherto, during each season, two invitation and two public concerts have been given, the latter being freely advertised and the tickets being on sale in the usual manner. In future none of the concerts will be advertised, and tickets will be issued only through the society's members and subscribers. The new plan appears to promise good results, judging from the attendance at the Drill Hall on Saturday, Nov. 18th, when an excellent programme, chiefly of orchestral music, attracted a large and appreciative audience. It might be worth considering, whether, while changes are being made, the order of the performance could not with advantage be somewhat modified. Following the usual custom of the Society, the Symphony (Mozart in D), which was undoubtedly the most important item, was placed first in the programme, with the result that to many of the audience its enjoyment was greatly marred by the entrance of late comers. This was the more to be regretted, as the work is one of great interest, both from its intrinsic merit and from the circumstances connected with its first production. It is known as "The Parisian Symphony," having been composed by Mozart in 1778, in Paris, for the *Concerts Spirituels*. These concerts were the principal musical institution of Paris at that time, and to be invited to compose a work for performance at one of them was the greatest honour that could be conferred on a composer. The symphony in D cannot of course rank with the great E flat or G minor (which have both been heard at former concerts), for not only is it of much earlier date, but Mozart evidently knew that the deeper emotions expressed in so many of his later compositions would be thrown away on his French audience. But for bright, sparkling and effective music the "Parisian Symphony" can hardly be surpassed. Considering that the great majority of the executants were amateurs, the rendering of the fine work was deserving of great praise, and indeed for the few defects noticeable both here and in some of the subsequent pieces, the professional wind appeared to be chiefly responsible.

Among other orchestral pieces were Rossini's jubilant Overture to "Tancredi," which was received with the favour this popular work usually evokes, and the gorgeous Ballet Music from Gounod's "La Reine de Saba," which gave evidence of the executive power of the orchestra, and especially of the talented leader, Mr. Norman Bath, whose solo was most effective. The same opera also furnished one of the most attractive vocal solos, Mr. B. H. Latter giving with admirable effect the Recit. and Air, "She alone charmeth my sadness."

Miss Mabel Engelhardt, who possesses a well trained soprano voice of much promise, made her debut with Sullivan's "My dearest heart," and Saint Saëns "Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix," and was well received, though her extreme nervousness prevented her from doing full justice to her powers. Mr. W. C. Hann contributed two 'cello solos, and received the hearty welcome which is always accorded to him by a Bromley audience, and Mr. B. H. Latter in the second part gave a new song, composed for him by the popular conductor of the Society. Mr. Thomas has chosen for his subject Sir Walter Scott's lines, entitled "The Cavalier," and has caught the spirit and rhythm of the words most admirably, the result being a song that will certainly increase his reputation as a composer. It is needless to say it received every advantage from Mr. B. H. Latter, and a most enthusiastic reception from the audience.

The well known March from Meyerbeer's "Le Prophète" closed the concert. Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, who conducted throughout with his usual ability and success, is to be congratulated on a most successful opening of the new season. FORTISSIMO.

Presbyterian Church for Bromley.—A site for the erection of a Presbyterian Church in Bromley has now been purchased at the junction of Freelands and Park-roads, and it is stated that the work of building will be commenced immediately. A strong committee has been formed.

NEW MUSIC.

We have received for review from Mr. J. Williams' Album of Songs by *Gwen Lewis*. This set of six songs may be warmly recommended to vocalists, in every case the voice part is decidedly interesting and by no means difficult, while the accompaniment is in admirable keeping with the feeling of the words.

Ballet D'Autrefois. An effectively written scene for two performers, the music composed by *Benjamin Godard*. The plot is as follows: "The dancer comes out from behind the scenes pursued by the young lord; she is supposed to come from the stage where she has just finished dancing. She listens to his compliments with mockery, then, while the young man describes the ballet he has just seen, she mimics the principal performers in it. At the end, she lets herself relent towards him." We are afraid that the words will prevent the music from becoming as popular as it deserves to be.

Those in search of an operetta for performance during the coming festive season will be glad to be introduced to "The Maid and Blackbird." Words by *M. C. Gillington*, and music by *Edward Solomon*. The plot is founded on the old nursery rhyme, "Sing a song of sixpence," and the music, which contains solos for the Farmer's Boy, King, Queen, Maid, and choruses, for Blackbirds, Councillors and Doctors, while as bright and lively as possible, is never vulgar or childish in character.

The "St. Cecilia" collection of two-part songs, published by Mr. J. Williams, is still keeping up its high standard. The latest number "When mortals are at rest," by *A. E. Horrocks*, is one of a series of two part canons, and is not only clever but melodious. "Two little Owls," a cheerful setting by *G. W. H. Jago*, of some words by F. E. Weatherly, suitable for light soprano voices. The minuet song, "In the Olden Time," would, we think, meet with more popularity as a pianoforte solo than in its present form. The music certainly is worthy of less puerile words.

Florian Pascal's set of "Twelve Christmas Carols" is well worthy of the attention of all who are in quest of modern specimens of carols. The words written by M. C. Gillington, are appropriate, and the music both easy and effective. FORTISSIMO.

Bromley Cycling Club—Prize-giving.—On November 22nd, the members of the Bromley Cycling Club held a Grand Smoking Concert at the "White Hart" Assembly Room. The room had been tastefully decorated with bunting by Mr. Medhurst, and over the platform was suspended a racing jigger as if to denote the character of the assemblage. After the first part of the musical programme had been gone through with, Mr. Coles Childs presented the prizes won by the members during the past session, as follows:—

25 Miles Championship, 1892.—1st Prize, C. L. Newland.

7½ Miles Handicap.—1st Prize, W. R. Relf; 2nd, presented by C. L. Newland, T. Green.

10 Miles Handicap.—1st Prize, J. E. Carter; 2nd, B. J. Filby.

5 Miles Handicap.—1st Prize, J. Green; 2nd, C. L. Newland.

25 Miles Handicap.—1st Prize, J. Green; 2nd, presented by Mr. F. W. Reinhard, J. E. Carter; 3rd, B. J. Filby.

25 Miles Championship, 1893.—For Challenge Shield presented by Mr. Coles Child, won by C. L. Newland.

Bromley to Charing and Back, time competition.—Winner of Gold Medals completing the distance within 7 hours:—

	hrs.	mn.	sc.		hrs.	mn.	sc.
C. L. Newland	5	52	30	R. A. Marples	6	45	0
J. W. Tostevin	6	41	20	T. Green ...	6	48	0
W. H. Willson	6	44	45	W. R. Relf...	6	48	0
J. Green ...	6	44	45	J. E. Carter	6	50	40

Winner of Silver Medal with gold centre, completing the distance within 8 hours. F. W. Reinhard, 8 hours.

FOOTBALL SUMMARY.

Oct. 28th.—Bromley v. North Kent.—Played at Plaistow, and won by Bromley, 2 goals to 0.
" " —Bromley Reserves v. Beckenham Y.M.C.A.—Played at Plaistow, and won by Beckenham, 2 goals to 1.
" " —West Kent v. Crusaders.—Played at Chislehurst and won by West Kent, 3 goals to 2.
Nov. 1st.—Bromley v. Swanley Horticultural College—Played at Swanley and ended in a draw, 3 goals each.
Nov. 4th.—Bromley Reserves v. Westminster Reserves.—Played at Wandsworth and ended in a draw, 3 goals each.
" " —West Kent v. Old Rossallians.—Played at Chislehurst and won by West Kent, 2 goals to nil.
Nov. 8th.—Quernmore House School v. Anerley College.—Played at Bromley and ended in a draw, 2 goals each.
Nov.11th. Bromley Reserves v. Tooting Eversleigh.—Played at Balham and won by Bromley, 2 goals to 1.
" ". —Mottingham v. Junior Polytechnic Old Boys.—Played at Mottingham and won by Mottingham, 4 goals to 2.
Nov.18th.—Bromley "A" v. Cray Mill Athletic.—Played at Plaistow and won by Bromley, 2 goals to 1
" " —Bromley "B" v. Beckenham Argosy.—Played at Plaistow and won by Bromley, 3 goals to 0.
" " —Bromley Rovers v. Annunciation.—Played at Chislehurst and won by Bromley, 1 goal to nil.
" " —West Kent v. H. H. Guy's XI.—Played at Chislehurst and won by West Kent, 4 goals to nil.
Nov.22nd.—Quernmore House v. Shirley House.—Played at Blackheath and won by Quernmore House, 7 goals to 1.

LEAGUE MATCHES,

Nov. 4th.—Bromley v. Erith Avenue.—Played at Belvedere and won by Bromley 1 goal to nil.
Nov.18th.—Bromley v. Champion Hill.—Played at Denmark-hill and won by Bromley, 3 goals to 1.

KENT JUNIOR CUP.

Nov.11th—Bromley v. Cray Reserves.—Played at Plaistow and won by Bromley, 3 goals to 0.

THE ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP COMPETITION.

Nov.11th.—Cray Wanderers v. Royal Ordnance Factories.—Played at Cray and won by Royal Ordnance, 3 goals to nil.

Bromley Town Cricket Club Dinner.—The annual dinner of the Bromley Town Cricket Club took place at the "Bell" Hotel on Nov. 15th, when a large company partook of a substantial repast. Mr. R. Gordon Mullen, the popular President of the Club, occupied the chair, and Mr. J. King the vice-chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. J. H. Lepper, G. Loly, H. C. Bond, H. Podger, D. Grinsted, F. Medhurst, W. Hopton, and many other tradesmen and gentlemen of the town. Dinner over the loyal toasts were duly honoured.—The Chairman proposed "The health, prosperity, and success of the Bromley Cricket Club," and, in the course of his remarks, he said that they all knew as townsmen what the Club had achieved, and he thought there was every possibility that the Club, in the future, would achieve a still greater success even than it had in the past. (Hear, hear.) There had, in the past, been a difficulty in obtaining a good ground to play on, and notwithstanding that the Club had played up so brilliantly, the members had been hampered by several disadvantages. The old ground was a bad one, but notwithstanding that the Club managed to hold its own against all opponents, and he was happy to say that owing to the good feeling shown—he hoped he would not seem invidious in mentioning the names of Mr. Strange, the hon. sec., and Mr. Leavey, the hon. treasurer—a good ground had, at last, been obtained. In conclusion, Mr. Mullen said that he had no doubt that in the future the Club would not only make its mark in the town, but in the county. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. Strange and Mr. Leavey and the Committee.—The toast was cordially drunk. Mr. J. Strange then replied, thanking all for the way in which they had received his and his colleagues' health. He then proceeded to read the report, which showed that the Club had played 24 matches, of which they had won 16, lost four, and drawn four. The Club tendered their best thanks to the Plaistow Cricket Club for the loan of their ground, and had to acknowledge the deep interest taken in the Club by the President, vice-presidents, and patrons. In conclusion, Mr. Strange asked the president to present a bat to Mr. H. C. Hopton for the best batting average, and one to Mr. F. Allen for the best bowling average.

Bromley Cricket Club.—Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the above club was held on October 31st, at the "Bell" Hotel, Mr. W. H. Bosanquet presiding, and there were present Messrs. A. H. Hewett, J. Weeks, C. P. Hewett, J. H. Lepper, F. E. Gibbs, J. S. Gibbs, J. B. Batchelor, H. H. Hewett, A. D. Tennant, R. H. Smith, M. Baker, H. S. Hewett, F. S. Hewett, W. Hewett, and others.—The report of the Committee was read, shewing that 37 new members joined the Club during the season; owing, however, to the extra expense in providing new hose, there was a small deficit in the accounts of £2 12s. 11d. The Committee reported with pleasure that the President, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., had been kind enough to repeat his liberal donation of £10 toward paying off the debt of the Club, and that a circular had been issued to the members, which had resulted in reducing the debt of the Club on the Ground Fund to £3 17s. 8d. The lease of the ground had been renewed by the trustees of the late Sir E. H. Scott, Bart., for a further seven years.—Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., was re-elected president of the Club.—On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. W. L. Crossley, Mr. A. H. Hewett was re-elected Captain of the Club.—Mr. J. Weeks, who has performed the duties of hon. treasurer to the great advantage of the Club for some years past, stated it was his desire, owing to increased pressure of business, to retire from the office, and on the proposal of Mr. F. E. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. J. H. Lepper, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. J. B. Batchelor and Mr. J. S. Gibbs be appointed treasurers for the ensuing season.—It was proposed by R. H. Smith, seconded by M. Baker, and carried unanimously, "That the best thanks of the Club be given to Mr. J. Weeks for his long and valuable services to the Club."—On the proposal of Mr. F. E. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. J. Weeks, Mr. C. P. Hewett was re-elected hon. secretary.—The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing season: Messrs. W. H. Bosanquet, B. J. Hellyer, R. H. Smith, W. L. Crossley, J. Gibson, J. H. Lepper, M. Baker, J. Weeks, F. E. Gibbs, A. F. Gadsdon, T. F. Harris, and F. Clark.—Mr. F. Payne was unanimously re-elected hon. auditor, on the proposal of C. P. Hewett, seconded by W. L. Crossley.—Mr. F. E Gibbs drew attention to the playing portion of the cricket ground, and a discussion took place as to the best manner in which the same could be extended by further levelling, and thus doing away with the slopes which are noticeable—The meeting then discussed the best manner in which the money necessary for

the above work should be raised, and it was resolved: "That in order to raise the money for this purpose members should be invited to subscribe for £5 Bonds, which bonds would entitle the holders of same to the reduction of their subscription of £1 1s. to 10s. 6d. while holding the bonds. The bonds to be redeemable at the discretion of the Committee."—The sum of £60 was promised in the room as soon as the above resolutions were passed.

The Proposed Public Library for Bromley.—Major-General Phipps Carey, one of the Local Government Board Inspectors, held an enquiry at the Local Offices, on October 31st, upon an application from the Bromley Local Board to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £3,000 for the purposes of a Public Library in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the ratepayers expressed at a poll for the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts in May of last year. There were present Mr J. Batten, J.P., Chairman of the Local Board, Mr. D. Grinsted, Mr. G. H. Payne; Mr. Fred H. Norman, and Mr. Stanley Hawkings, Clerk and Surveyor to the Board repectively; Mr. Hennings, the architect of the Science and Art School; Mr. J. Fielding was the only ratepayer present strictly in that capacity.—Prior to the sitting the Inspector had viewed the site.—The Clerk having proved the posting of the notices he went on to say application had been made to the Local Government Board by the Bromley Local Board, acting as the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of Bromley, for sanction to borrow £3,000. The amount would be made up as follows:—Buildings £2,100, heating apparatus £100, contingencies and architect's commission £300, library fittings £300, and books £200. If the two things were taken separately, the amount for building of the library premises were estimated at £1,200, but he had allowed £1,400, fittings £300, portion of the heating apparatus £60 and books, £200; in all £1,960. As to the suitability of the site, it was in a central position, and he handed the Inspector a plan of the town Assuming that the Board were allowed to borrow the money they would borrow £2,500 for 30 years, £300 for 15 years, and £200 for five years, at 3½ per cent.—the amount the Board were at present paying for their loans—and that would be repaid in annual instalments—principal and interest—of £222 6s. 8d. A penny rate produced a net amount of £570, so that there would be ample left for all expenses. After some remarks from Mr. Fielding the enquiry was concluded.

Smoking Concert at Bromley Drill Hall.—The smoking concert, which was given at this hall on October 31st, in connection with the Bromley Conservative Club, proved a success, both from an artistic and a financial point of view. Mr. Edward Packe C.C, occupied the chair, and the programme was of a most varied and excellent description. Everybody was charmed with the artistic singing of Mr. Maldwyn Humphreys, A.R.A.M, who, among his songs, rendered "Good Company" with splendid effect. The glassophone solos by Mr. George Nelson were particularly sweet, and Mr. Norman R. Bath must be congratulated on his skilful execution of some violin solos. The comic element, too, played a most prominent part during the evening, and the palm must be given to Mr. F. Wilson and to Mr. Fred W. Stevens, each of these gentlemen being a veritable *lion comique*. Mr. Wilson, in his song "The Recruiting Sergeant," for instance, displayed a talent for clever patter, while Mr Stephens was equally amusing in "The Irish Parliament." Among other gentlemen who contributed greatly to a successful evening, were Messrs. F. Fertel, Egbert Roberts, Alfred W. French and Tom Taylor. Messrs. Fertel and Noakes admirably performed the duties of accompanists.

Bromley Chrysanthemum Society's Show.—The Twelfth Annual Show of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society was held at the Grand Hall, Bromley, Nov. 8th and 9th, and proved to be one of if not the most successful shows the society has ever had, which was due in no small degree to the fact that the classes were this year open to the whole of England. The exhibits in every class were excellent, and the Grand Hall presented quite an imposing spectacle. The judges were Mr. John Doughty, of Angley Park, Cranbrook; Mr. J. Wright. of Middle Temple Gardens, E. C., and Mr. E. G. Whittle, of The Ballards, Addington. H. Shoesmith, gardener to Mr. M. Hodgson, of Croydon, won the silver cup and two other first prizes; J. Blackburne, gardener to Mr. J. Scott, jun., Elmstead-grange, Bickley, was very successful, winning six first and one second prizes. R. Leadbetter, gardener to Mr. A. G. Hubbuck, of Bickley, carried off four first and three second prizes; and G. Brister, gardener to Mr. F. Charlesworth, of Bickley. four firsts—including that for a collection of chrysanthemnm plants, £5—and two seconds. J. Lyne, gardener to Mr. Tiarks, Chislehurst, took four first, six second and and five third prizes, and C. Jordan, gardener to Mr. Hoskier, Coney-hill, for fruit, three firsts and one second.—The prizes for table decorations were won by Miss Collier, Miss Chase Parr, and Mrs. Devon Astle, while Mr. A. P. Jackson carried off the prize for button-holes.

West Kent Ornithological Society.—The second annual show of the West Kent Ornithological Society of Canaries, mules, British and Foreign cage birds was opened at the Town Hall, Bromley, on Nov. 22nd, by Mr. H.W. Forster, M.P. for the Division, when that gentleman congratulated the Society on the show and wished them every success. He was presented by Mr. A. G. Filby, the hon. sec., on behalf of the Society with a canary and cage which our Member received with pleasing gratitude. There was not a large attendance. The judges were Mr. J. North for canaries and mules and Mr. J. Jenner Weir for British and Foreign classes. Mr. A. G. Filby, of Bromley, as before stated is the hon. sec., and he is to be congratulated on the success of the show so largely due to his untiring enthusiasm in the movement.

Ballad Concert at the Drill Hall.—A Ballad Concert was given at this hall by Messrs. Walter E. Stark, organist of St. Luke's Church, Bromley-common, and Alfred Ranson, on November 16th. Mr. Walter Stark must be commended for his pianoforte solos, which he performed with excellent touch—Wollenhdupt's "Scherzo Brilliante" and "Second Mazurka" being the two pieces which he played during the evening. A quartette, 'In this hour of softened splendour," by Pinsuti, rendered by Madame Florence Morgan, Miss Mary Stiven, Mr. Alfred Ranson and Mr. Meyrick James, was much appreciated. Madame Morgan may be said to have been one of the successes of the evening. She possesses a charming rippling soprano voice, and her songs "Carita" and "A Woodland Serenade," were applauded so enthusiatically that she had to give encores. Miss Mary Stiven was also very pleasing in her songs, and Mr. Meyrick James and Mr. Alfred Ranson—Mr. Ranson especially—also received enthusiastic receptions in some excellent songs. A new song "Evermore," by Mr. Stark, was sung by Mr. Ranson, who, in response to an encore, afterwards gave the last verse. Judging by the manner in which the audience

received this composition, it should meet with every success. Mr. Norman Bath's violin solos were admirable, and other duets and songs were performed by the artistes we have mentioned with creditable skill.

Bromley Wesleyan New Sunday Schools.—On November 8th, the new Sunday Schools erected by the Bromley Wesleyans behind their Church in the High Street, were opened by Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., of Chislehurst. Mrs. Perks was to have performed this work but she was unavoidably absent. A few remarks were made by the Pastor in the old schoolroom, and then the company repaired to the new room, brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion. Near the platform stood a profusion of various pretty flowers, including chrysanthemums and marguerites, and altogether the room looked exceedingly pretty. A gold key was presented to Mr. Perks to give to Mrs. Perks, and after a little while Mr. Perks proceeded to open the new buildings. He referred humourously to the part ladies took in the work of the church, comparing the ladies of to-day with those of a former period. He had advanced views, which he thought he got from his father, but he remembered how horrified his mother, who was not so advanced in her views, was, when she heard of a methodist lady attending a quarterly meeting. Mr. Perks then went on to allude to the more active part which the nonconformists might take in the future especially with regard to the bill which his friend Mr. Fowler had brought forward in the House of Commons. It contained a clause which would enable the Parish Councils of the country to hold their meetings in Wesleyan day schools, and he hoped that was not an alarming suggestion for some of the reverend seniors as he hoped that the Methodist schoolrooms would be the centre of public life. Mr. P. Henwood moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Perks for his kindness in opening the building.—Mr. Gibbs seconded, and in the course of a few remarks, said that it was his pleasure to hand to the Chairman, a cheque amounting to £10 10s. from Mr. and Mrs. Perks, and also another cheque for £25 on Mr. Perks' own account.—After the new buildings had been inspected, the devotional service and meeting took place at which Mr. S. D. Clippingdale presided, that gentleman being suppported by the Rev. Walford Green, (chairman of the third London district), Rev. T. B. Stephenson, D.D., L.L.D., and the Rev. John S. Simon, (former Pastor), Rev. George Charter, (president of the circuit and Pastor), and the Rev. T. Sanderson, (of Beckenham). Mr. H. Y. Boreham, who represented his father, the architect, was also present. The *Te Deum* was sung, after which the Rev. G. Charter read a portion of scripture, and the Rev. T. Sanderson offered up a dedicatory prayer. A hymn having been sung by the children, Mr. Paul Henwood, the treasurer, submitted the financial statement, which showed that about £1575 had been promised as subscriptions, while the proceeds of bazaar amounted to about £905. and the gifts at the laying of foundation stones amounted to about £200. The proceeds of the ladies' sewing meeting amounted to about £124 while other receipts amounted to about £116. As regards the expenditure, the land cost £450, and the contract £2,345. The architect's fees amounted to £130, and the furnishing cost £100. Drainage and warming cost £177, while other expenses amounted to £105 — leaving a deficit balance of about £425. An anthem having been well rendered by the choir, the Rev. Walford Green, the Rev. John S. Simon, and the Rev. T. B. Stephenson, L.L.D., addressed the assembly, after which a collection was made on behalf of the building fund.

Bromley District Temperance Union.—At a meeting of the delegates elected to the Bromley and District Temperance Union last month, Mr. W. Green, of Bickley, was elected President and Mr. T. C. Coombes, hon. sec. for the ensuing year. The following ladies and gentlemen were elected vice-presidents, Revs. J. M. Tamplin, T. George, R. H. Lovell, J. F. Shearer, and A. M. Armstrong, Messrs. E. Soames, W. Hicks, Stoneham, C. Bell, Dence, R. Whyte, jun., M. H. Hodder, J. Williams, F. J. Hughes, F. W. Reynolds and Lewes, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Coombes, subject to consenting to act.

The Delegates elected to represent the various societies were as follows :—

Widmore Temperance Society.—W. Green, F. R. Swan, H. South.

Widmore Band of Hope.—Rogers, Green, J. H. Willby.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—A. Henwood, J. Shortlands, C. Shortlands.

Bromley Baptist Band of Hope.—T. C. Coombes, Gilbert, Philpott.

British Women's Temperance Association Union.—Mrs. Shearer, Miss Green, Miss C. Benham.

Bromley Temperance Society and Band of Hope.—Gomer, H. Amos, W. Amos, F. Field, Jno. Grubb, J. Walker.

Bromley Common Temperance Society.—Rev. H. Rodger, H. Westbrook, Gascoigne.

Rechabites.—G. R. Amos, W. Broom, C. F Pfeil.

"Invicta" Lodge Good Templars.—A. G. Hellier, E. T. Davall, Miss L. Gandy.

Farwig Temperance Society.—Miss Ellis, J. Swinstead, W. J. Gibbs.

Farwig Band of Hope.—Alfred Hersee, Miss Hilder, Miss Rose.

Dr. Paton in Bromley.—Dr. Paton, the well-known missionary to the New Hebrides, preached three times at Bromley, on Sunday, Nov. 5th. In the morning he spoke to some 1000 persons at the Bromley Congregational Church, in the afternoon to a like number at the Farwig Wesleyan Mission and in the evening he was at Mr. M. H. Hodder's Iron Room, in Great Elms-road, Bromley Common. Throughout each service his hearers listened with wrapt attention, and with some evidences of emotion to the story he had to tell. At all, the result of his pleading for funds to fit and send out a ship for the Mission, was most satisfactory. The appeal at the Congregational Church in the morning, realized £80 5s., after one of the services an anonymous donor gave £50, another £10 was promised for 15 years. At the Farwig Wesleyan Mission £22 was collected. Dr. Paton was the guest of Mr. Hodder while in Bromley.

The Flora of Kent.—This is a well got up, neatly printed pamphlet by Mr. A. D. Webster, F.R.S.E., author of "British Orchids" and "Forest Flora of Carnarvonshire," just published by E. Strong & Sons, 14, Market-square, Bromley. The little book contains the names of some seven hundred wild plants, to be found in the Garden of England, with their *habitats*. Though not the whole of the county has been traversed in search of its flowers, yet the author has dealt with several parts of Kent differing widely in their environments. The district, however, most fully treated of is that round Bromley. The pamphlet is published at the modest price of one shilling, and can be obtained through any bookseller, or of the publishers, 14, Market-square Bromley.

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THE PAST MONTH.

Sewers and Fever.

The sad outbreak of typhoid fever at Beckenham, which has deprived the parish of two valuable public men in the prime of life, and brought sorrow to many families, must give pause to every sanitarian, and cause grave doubts in the mind of every householder. There had for some time been a suspicion that the drainage of Beckenham was seriously out of order, and the Local Board had recently engaged the services of an eminent engineer to thoroughly inspect the sewers. But it is possible that if he had already delivered his report, the defects of which have caused the present catastrophe would not have been detected. It seems as if those who enjoy the luxury of water-carriage for the disposal of their sewage, will always remain liable to periodical visitations of virulent disease. Charles Kingsley's scathing indictment of the system remains just to this day—"The sewers vomit their pestilential riches into the river, hurrying to the sea vast stores of wealth which might be elaborated by nature's chemistry into the ready materials of food, proclaiming, too, by their foul smell, God's will that their contents should be buried out of sight in the fruitful, all-regenerating earth." With others, possibly, the opinion of the late Lord Derby will have more weight. He was no alarmist, but he uttered the warning that it was "quite on the cards that the next generation would find out that the gigantic drainage works on which so many millions have been spent are comparatively useless."

Chislehurst Lighted.

Chislehurst has unanimously resolved that the lighting of the parish on the system now carried on by voluntary subscription, shall be taken over by the Rural Sanitary Authority, and the costs paid out of the rates, and everyone is to be congratulated upon the fact. The public-spirited Lighting Committee who for the past three years have conducted the experimental lighting of the parish, with so much credit to themselves, and with such advantage to the village, will be glad to be freed from a too heavy burden, while the inhabitants in general are relieved from the delicate position of availing themselves of a public benefit to which they do not contribute. It may seem strange that a proposal that was rejected at a poll o the parish so lately as December 1890, by a majority of 294 to 243, should have been unanimously accepted last month, but there is, it must be stated, a considerable difference between now and then. Then it was proposed to adopt a scheme involving the erection of about 200 gas-lamps. Now a scheme of oil lighting, which has proved both economical and successful, is to be taken over in full working order, and when the existing 100 odd lamps have been slightly increased, it is estimated that the cost will not exceed £276 per annum—a sum equal to a rate of 1½d. in the £. Anyway the maximum to which the future Lighting Authority can go is 2d. in the £, but seeing that the rate produces £490 it is thought that there will be ample to carry out the scheme. These changed conditions, without the mellowing influence of time, are alone sufficient to account for the alteration of opinion in the ratepayers.

County Cricket.

It does not appear that there will be a county cricket match played at Beckenham this year, as the fixture against Sussex last summer on the Beckenham Club's ground was not a success from a financial point of view. This is very much to be regretted, but at the same time it must be admitted that Bromley and Beckenham folk have not in past seasons turned up on the pretty cricket ground in at all promising numbers. The County Club calculate the average cost of a home match is £109, which renders it necessary for 4,360 persons to pay at the gate in the three days in order to prevent a loss. If local lovers of the game cannot, even with the help of Londoners, secure this moderate attendance, they can hardly blame the county managers for going elsewhere. Catford, Tunbridge and Blackheath matches all show a profit, and they, accordingly, will divide five matches between them in the coming season.

School Escapes.

It seems that it is still possible for children—or rather parents—in this district to escape the vigilant eye of the School Attendance Officer. In a recent case of over-crowding at Bromley, where several families were found herded together in an unsanitary coffee-house, some of the younger inmates were removed to the Workhouse. It is not, perhaps, very surprising to learn that the laws of sanitation were not the only laws set at nought by these same inmates, and two of the children, aged respectively 13 and 14, were found to be unable to either read or write. The philosophic ratepayer does not object to having to pay for "free" education, but he expects to see value for his money.

The sale of work from the Bromley Dorcas Society will be held in St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Wednesday, December 13th.

A Grand evening concert will be given by Senor Sarasate, assisted by Madame Bertha Marx, at the Public Hall, Beckenham, on Friday, December 15th.

The Beckenham School of Music will give a student's concert on December 5th, at the Beckenham Public Hall.

The Rev A. Tessier took the services at the Bromley Baptist Church last Sunday, in the absence of Rev. Fleming Shearer, who conducted the Sunday School Anniversary at Middlesborough.

The annual tea and public meeting of the Bromley Common Temperance Society will be held on Monday evening, December 11th, at the Bromley Common Baptist Church.

The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society will be held at the Wesleyan Chapel, High-street, Bromley, on Wednesday, December 6th, when addresses will be given by Rev. W. H. Finley, M.A., from Karur, the Rev. Geo. Charter and other gentlemen. The chair will be taken by Mr. Wm. Male.

A Japanese tea will be held in St. Luke's Institute on Thursday evening next, in aid of St. Luke's Winter Charities. A variety entertainment will be given both afternoon and evening.

DIARY.

October.

26th—Lecture at West Wickham by Miss Goodrich Freer, on "Men and Monkeys."

29th—Forty-ninth Anniversary of Opening Temple Congregational Church: Sermon by Dr. Newman Hall, LL.B.

30th—Meeting of Bromley Ratepayers at Town Hall, Mr. J. Fielding presiding: Vote of censure on Local Board passed.

31st—Annual Meeting of Bromley Cricket Club at the "Bell" Hotel, Mr. W. H. Bosanquet presiding.

31st—Local Government Board Inquiry at Bromley into application for loan of £3,000 for Public Library and Science and Art Purposes.

31st—Smoking Concert at Drill Hall of Bromley Conservative Club.

November.

2nd—Annual Meeting of the Bromley Charitable Society, Rev. A. G. Hellicar presiding.

5th—Sermons in Bromley by Dr. Paton, Missionary to the New Hebrides.

6th.—Meeting on behalf of China Inland Mission at Beckenham Public Hall, addressed by the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor and others.

7th—Dramatic Entertainment at Bromley Grand Hall in aid of East End Lodging-house Mission.

7th—Beckenham School of Music Concert at the Public Hall.

8th—Twelfth Annual Show of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society opened at the Grand Hall,

8th—Opening Ceremony of Bromley Wesleyan New Sunday Schools performed by Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P.

11th—First Smoking Concert of Beckenham Football Club, at Public Hall, Mr. A. J. Baker, K.C.C., presiding.

14th—Annual Autumn Show of Beckenham Horticultural Society, opened by the Rector.

15th—Annual Dinner of Bromley Town Cricket Club, at "Bell" Hotel, Mr. R. G. Mullen presiding.

15th—Debate at Bromley Liberal Club on the Local Veto Bill.

15th—Primrose League Meeting at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, addressed by Mr. T. H. Bolton, M.P.

16th—Ballad Concert at Bromley Drill Hall by Messrs. W. E. Stark and A. Ranson.

18th—Bromley Musical Society's Concert at the Drill Hall.

21st—Entertainment at Bromley Grand Hall by the Blackbird Minstrels.

22nd.—Circuit Convention at Bromley Wesleyan Chapel.

22nd—Second Annual Show of the West Kent Ornithological Society opened at Bromley Town Hall by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.

22nd—Presentation of Prizes to Bromley Cycling Club by Mr. Coles Child, J.P.

23rd—At a Meeting of Chislehurst Vestry, a Resolution was carried to light the Parish on Public Rate.

A GYMNASTIC display will be given on Tuesday, December 12th, at the Widmore Schools, under the direction of Mr. W. M. Fardell, the instructor.

A SALE of Work will be held at the Bickley Parish Room, on Friday and Saturday next, in aid of the funds of the Bickley and Widmore Institute.

THE subjects of the Rev. R. H. Lovell's sermons at the Bromley Congregational Church, on Sunday next, will in the morning be "Island lives and experiences," in the evening "The Cross still calling for a bearer."

A POPULAR lecture was delivered on Monday evening last, in the Drill Hall, Bromley, entitled "Amongst the Trawlers," by Col. W. N. Wroughton (Deputation Secretary). The chair was taken by the Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce.

A CONCERT will be given at the Bromley Baptist Chapel, on Wednesday, December 6th, when Farmer's oratorio, "Christ and His Soldiers" will be performed. The following artistes are announced:—Miss Kate Cove, Miss Bessie Dore, Mr. John Walters, Mr. Fitz W. Read (solo pianoforte). The Conductor, Mr. B. Pearce and accompanists: Miss E. Plumbridge (pianoforte), and Mr. H. W. Sharland (organist).

UNDER the auspices of the Committee of the Western Kent Sunday School Union, on Thursday evening next at the Congregational School room, will be given a special Exhibition of 100 Dissolving Views, shown by the aid of a Triunial Oxy-hydrogen lantern from the magnificent and in some respects unique collection of the late Mr. Cecil V. Shadbolt, with a biographical sketch by Mr. P. Harper. The Rev. R. H. Lovell will preside

THE 23rd Anniversary of Court and Sanctuary "Pride of Masons Hill," No. 5545, A. O. F. and A. O. S., will be celebrated by a knife-and-fork tea and social evening at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th.

BROMLEY CHARITABLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting in connection with the Bromley Charitable Society was held at the Science and Art School, Tweedy-road, on November 2nd, when there were present: The President, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar (in the chair), the Rev. F. Haslam, and Messrs. M. H. Hodder (hon. treasurer), T. C. Dewey, G. Weeks, J. T. Williams, Judd, W. Hicks, J. W. Hose, Howard Williams, and W. H. Bosanquet (hon. secretary). The report of the General Committee, which was taken as read, of the operations of the society from 1st May, 1892, to 31st March, 1893, commenced with an expression of deep regret at the very serious loss which had been sustained by the society in the death of Mr. T. Adams Phillips, their late honorary secretary. It also stated that the Committee were pleased to be able to report that the special appeal sent out at the close of the year 1892, met with a large measure of success, there having been a substantial increase both in the number of subscribers and in the total of subscriptions. At the same time there had been a diminution in the amount distributed in relief, with the result that the balance in hand at the end of the last financial year amounted to £180 18s. 4d., as against £72 15s. 4d. on 1st May, 1892.—The Vicar was re-elected president, Mr. M. H. Hodder, treasurer, and Mr. W. H. Bosanquet, hon. secretary. Some discussion took place as to the qualification for membership, the hon. secretary mentioning that out of a total number of about 70 on the committee 32 neither subscribed a penny nor attended the meetings. Eventually it was decided to appoint a committee, subject to the members thereof subscribing a sum of not less than one shilling. The Local and Woodyard Committees were then appointed, the old members being re-elected, almost without exception.

WESLEYAN CONVENTION AT BROMLEY.—A circuit convention was held afternoon and evening November 22nd., in the Schools of the Bromley Wesleyan Chapel, the object being "to deepen the spiritual life, to promote the work of God, and

to afford an opportunity for friends from all parts of the circuit to assemble together for Christian intercourse." The churches and Congregations of Bromley, Beckenham, Widmore, Keston, and Farwig were represented at both sessions of the Convention. The Rev. George Charter, Wesleyan Minister at Bromley, presided over both gatherings.

Accident to a Bromley Resident.—Mr. Henry Griffith of "Ashcot," Elmfield-road, Bromley, was riding on horse-back on Keston Common, on Nov. 11th, when the animal backed, and threw him on to another horse attached to a cart which was passing at the time. The result was that one of his ribs was broken. He was conveyed home by Mr. Henwood, whose carriage was passing at the time. Dr. Codd attended to the sufferer, who, we are glad to say, is now progressing favourably.

East-end Lodging-house Mission Theatricals.—A dramatic entertainment was given at the Grand Hall, on November 7th, by a company of distinguished amateurs from London, in aid of the East End Lodging House Mission. The first part of the programme was devoted to a performance of "The Open Gate" (an original drama in one act, by C. Haddon Chambers), in which the following characters appeared: *Aunt Hettie*, Miss Alicia Leith; *Jessie*, Miss Mary Johnstone; *Uncle John*, Col. Herbert Mitchell, R.A.; *Garth*, Mr. C. Berkley Jeaffreson. The second part of the programme was commenced by a laughable comedietta by W. R. Walkes, entitled, "A Pair of Lunatics." In this, Mr. Allen Stowe assumed the rôle of "He" and Miss Mary Johnstone of "She." Following the comedietta was a farce in one act, entitled, "Domestic Economy," in which the parts are assigned as follows: Mr. Stanhope as *John Grumley*; Mr. Allen Stowe, *Sergeant Tom Brown*; Master B. Woodhead, *Joey* (*Grumley's son*); Miss Alicia Leith, *Mrs. Grumley*; Miss De Lorez, *Mrs. Shackles*; Mrs. Meggie Symes Thompson, *Peggy Brown* and Miss Smith, *Polly*. Mr. Herbert Mitchell undertook the direction of the music. Mr. G. Pyrke lent the stage furniture. A full audience thoroughly appreciated the performance from beginning to end, as was evident by their hearty applause. We are pleased to learn that after all expenses had been paid, the company were enabled to hand over to the East London Lodging House Mission, the very respectable sum of £36 12s.

The will (dated April 25th, 1893) of Mr. John Henry Daniell, C.B., late of Fairchildes, near Warlingham, Surrey, and of 102, Eaton-square, who died on May 20th, was proved on October 20th by Henry Averell Daniell and Arthur Stewart Daniell, the sons, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to upwards of £125,000. The testator bequeaths £25,000 each to his sons, Henry Averell, Arthur Stewart, and John Alan Le Norreys, an additional £1,000 to his son Arthur Stewart; £15,000 each to his daughters, Sybil Mary Katherine and Maud Evelyn Tessa: and his plate to his sons Henry Averell and Arthur Stewart for distribution in accordance with any memoranda he may leave. His mansion house, Fairchildes, and Fairchild, Fickleshole, and Scott's Hall farms in the counties of Surrey and Kent, with all his furniture and household effects, horses, carriages, and farming stock at Fairchildes, he leaves to his son Arthur Stewart; and his mansion house, the Ledgers, and Broom Lodge, and Little Farleigh Green farms, in the county of Surrey, and all other (if any) his freehold, copyhold, and leasehold estates in the counties of Surrey and Kent, with all his furniture and household effects at the Ledgers and 102, Eaton-square, to his son Henry Averell. The residue of his property he gives to his three sons.

BECKENHAM.

Death of the Rev. S. W. Daukes.—It is with much sorrow that we report the death of the Rev. Samuel Whitfield Daukes, vicar of Holy Trinity, Beckenham, which occurred on Nov. 24th, from typhoid fever, after about a month's illness. The reverend gentleman was appointed vicar of Holy Trinity when the church was consecrated in 1878, having previously been in charge of a mission in the Alexandra district. He was a graduate of Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1870, proceeding to his M.A. in 1872; he was ordained deacon in 1870, and priest in 1871. The vacant living of Holy Trinity is in the hands of trustees, and receives an annual grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of £200.

Death of the Surveyor to the Local Board.—We regret to record the death, from typhoid fever, of Mr. George Brodie Carlton, C.E., the engineer, surveyor, and superintendent of the fire brigade, to the Local Board, which took place on Nov. 23rd. About three weeks previously Mr. Carlton, in the performance of his duty, was directed to make good the defects in the sewer which had been badly laid about twelve years ago, and from which sewage had been escaping and saturating the ground for several years, and there is little doubt that he contracted the fever on this occasion. The deceased gentleman, who was about thirty-seven years of age, was appointed to the surveyorship in the year 1882. He leaves a widow and one child ten years of age.

The Archbishop's Mission to the Assyrian Church.—On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th, there was a very fair attendance in St. George's Church House on behalf of the above mission. The chair was occupied by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and amongst those present on the platform and in the body of the Hall, were the Revs. H. Arnott, C. Green, H. F. Wolley, G. O. F. Griffiths, John Harding, and other clergy connected with the Society. Addresses were given by the Chairman, Mr. Athelstan Riley, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blackiston, hon. sec. to the Society.

Beckenham School of Music Concert.—The first of the series of five concerts arranged by the Beckenham School of Music was given on November 7th, at the Public Hall, Beckenham, before a full audience. An inviting programme had been prepared, including works of Beethoven, Weber, and other eminent composers, and also some scores from modern composers—Messrs. German, Henschel, Clay, and Senor Sarasate. The sole vocalist was, Madame Isabel George. Possessed of a voice, rich and pure, and of a good compass, Madame George gave good renderings of the aria "Und ob die Wolken" (from Weber's "Die Freischütz"), and also in the second part Henschel's "Spring." The latter (the London conductor's latest song) includes, in the form of a refrain, imitations of the cuckoo and other birds, and in this the soloist gave evidence of the flexibility of her voice. To slightly atone for the items eliminated from the programme by Mr. Lindsey's absence, Madame George gave "Nymphs and Shepherds" (Purcell). The trill at the end of this was as clearly executed as any we have heard. Instrumental performances filled the remainder of the programme:—Mr. John Saunders (violin), Mr. W. C. Hann ('cello), Miss Fanny Davies and Mr. A. Izard (piano). Messrs. Izard, Saunders, and Hann opened with a Trio in C by Schütt, which was very finely executed. Mr. Saunders gave as solos an Air from Concerto (Goldmark), "Sarabande" (Edward German), and Sarasate's "Spanish Romance." For all these the performer received a recall. Mr. Hann was also recalled after fine performances of two pieces by Popper: (a) "Feuillet d'Album" and (b) "Elfentanz; he also very tastefully played the obbligato to Weber's Aria given by Madame George. Mr. Alfred Izard played all accompaniments with excellent judgment. Leaving the best till last, it is unnecessary for us to comment upon the pianoforte performances of Miss Fanny Davies, who—fresh from the Lord Mayor's banquet—gave brilliant performances of Beethoven's Grand Sonata in C; Brahm's Intermezzo (Cradle Song) and Etude de Concert (de Schloesser). For us to state that these pieces were in Miss Davies' hands is sufficient, and lovers of music will know that they were elegantly and artistically rendered. In response to recalls, Miss Davies kindly responded in the second part.

Beckenham Horticultural Society's Show.—The Annual Autumn Show of this Society was opened at the Beckenham Public Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, by the Rector, the Rev. Henry Arnott, who also is president of the Society. In so doing, the rev. gentleman congratulated the society upon the excellence of the show, although he noted the absence of a great deal of fruit which had been a special feature at last year's show, but at the same time it must be said that the chrysanthemums were very much finer. This year they had ten groups of plants as compared with five last year, and he thought that would compare favourably with any other show of a similar character. One thing was very characteristic of the Beckenham Society, and that was that the competitors did not come for the thought of the money in prizes they were likely to win, for the total amount given in prizes would not be very much more than some of the medium prizes themselves would be at some other shows. The Society was plucky in holding two shows a year in addition to other branches of work which they carried on, but they must have increased support, or they would be obliged to curtail some of its usefulness. He proposed a vote of thanks to the judges—Messrs. Talley, Reid, Berkshire, and Cole.—The secretary, Mr. Thornton, in the course of a few remarks, announced that a magnificent offer had been made to the Society for next year by Mr. E. H. Hayes, in the form of a £10 10s. silver challenge cup.—The exhibits included some 60 classes, and, excellently staged as they were, they made a very attractive and pleasing show. Mr Thos. Crosswell, gardener to Mr. W. M. Bullivant, Q.C., won the silver medal of the Society for the best chrysanthemum bloom, and also a certificate of merit from the National Chrysanthemum Society, for the most meritorious group of chrysanthemums.—Mr. Leadbetter, gardener to Mr. Hubbuck of Elmstead Lodge, Bickley, also took a similar certificate for 12 chrysanthemum plants, and three other first prizes and three seconds. Mr. Leadbetter also had some very fine blooms not for competition.

CHISLEHURST.

A Lighting Rate Agreed to.—On Nov. 23rd, a meeting was held at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, to consider "whether the lighting of the parish on the system now carried on by voluntary subscription should not be taken over by the Rural Sanitary Authority and the costs thereof paid out of the rates."—The Rector, the Rev. Canon Murray, presided, and there were also present: Mr. H. F. Tiarks and Mr. A. F. Nussey (Churchwardens), Sir Patteson Nickalls, (Chairman of the Parochial Committee), Messrs. H. J. Willis, H. J. Clarke, and D. T. Corke (members of the Rural Sanitary Authority), and F. C. Dobbing, C. H. Kenderdine, Whur, Pinion, and others to the number of about 120.—The Rector having explained that Mr. Edmund Slade who had hitherto managed the lighting was leaving the parish, Sir Patteson Nickalls, after a tribute to the zeal, tact, and hard work of Mr. Slade, moved the following resolution:—

"That the inhabitants of Chislehurst in Vestry assembled approve the lighting scheme, initiated by Mr. Edmund Slade, being taken over and continued by the Parish Authority, provided that the total cost of doing so shall not exceed such an amount as is covered by a two-penny rate."

Mr. Campbell Russell seconded the resolution. A copy of the resolution, he said, had been sent to each of the subscribers to the Voluntary Rate and since then he had received approvals from ratepayers who were owners of property to between £7000 and £8000. He went on to give details of the cost of the purchase of the existing lamps, and the fitting and maintaining of new ones, adding that it had been proposed that if the existing lamp-posts were purchased, they should be handed over at 25 per cent. less than cost price, and all that would involve a total expenditure of £276 5s. A two-penny rate produced £490, and a penny rate £245. If they incurred an expenditure of £276 for the purchase of the existing lamps and 37 additional new ones, it would be very little more than the amount realized on a penny rate, and the outside sum they expected to expend was £276. Mr. Whur and Mr. Willis having spoken, the resolution was put to the vote and carried unanimously.—On the motion of Mr. Whur, seconded by Mr. F. C. Dobbing, it was also unanimously resolved "that a hearty vote of thanks be conveyed to Mr. Edmund Slade for his past services, great tact, and unflagging energy in regard to the lighting of the parish and that he be pointed to the satisfactory result of the meeting as the best evidence for the thanks due to him."

Popular Readings.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the Village Hall on November 4th, when the first popular reading was given before a crowded audience. Part I. consisted of vocal and instrumental music, and part II. of a farce entitled "My lord in livery." Among those ladies and gentlemen who rendered valuable assistance in an artistic way were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balme, Miss Pearse, Mrs. Steele; Messrs. Ashfield, Charrington, Devonshire and Wood.

The many friends of Mr. Henry F. Tiarks an old resident of this parish and a churchwarden will be sorry to hear that he has lost his eldest son, Lieutenant H. F. Tiarks of the 5th Dragoon Guards. The deceased gentleman was stationed with his regiment, at Meerut in India, and he had only been there about two months when he was seized with enteric fever, from the effects of which he succumbed. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

ST. MARY CRAY.

Conservative Meeting.—The third quarterly meeting of the Orpington and Cray Habitation of the Primrose League was held at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Wednesday evening, November 15th. There was a fair attendance. The Ruling Councillor (Lieut.-Colonel B. G. Lake) presided, and he was supported on the platform by Mr. T. H. Bolton, M.P. for North St. Pancras, Captain H. Hart-Davis, R.E., Mr. R. Berens, Mr. F. Brett, Mr. G. St. Pierre Harris, Mr. C. Wood, and others. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, regretted that there was such a small attendance. Referring to the Government, he said this was a record year

when they came to consider that the present Parliament had been in session eleven out of twelve months. It was also a record year in that a Parliament, elected slightly more than fifteen months ago, had not passed a single measure of the first importance. The only two measures which they were going to pass this session were the Employers' Liability Bill and the Parish Councils Bill, which were now practically agreed upon by both parties. Mr. Bolton, M.P., said when Colonel Lake asked him to come down and speak on Home Rule he knew he would be coming among people who were not altogether strangers to him. Referring to the Irish question, the speaker said that up to 1885 both parties were willing to deal with the Irish question on perfectly independent lines. But the Liberal party of 1885 was not able to be independent of the Irish vote. The Home Rule Bill of 1886 was experimental, and many of the Liberal members had grave doubts about it. There were men in the party who felt themselves in a difficulty and they waived their objections and accepted the Bill for a time, reserving to themselves the right of acting independently on this Bill when it was re-introduced. There was a desire in the country to settle the Irish question, if possible, and that when it was re-introduced it should be drawn up on more practical and moderate lines. The Liberal party put forward other questions in the election of 1892, and in scarcely any constituencies was the Home Rule question the only question on which the people voted. It was true he (Mr. Bolton) was elected as a Liberal member (voice, "Old Turncoat"), but he said repeatedly at his meetings that he must see Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill before he voted for it. He was not pledged to support the Home Rule Bill. He said he should exercise his judgment upon the Bill. Capt. Hart-Davis, Mr. R. Berens and others also spoke.

The Lighting of the Parish.—An adjourned Vestry meeting was held in the National School-room on Thursday evening, the 26th Oct., to consider the advisability of handing over the lighting of the parish to the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority.—Mr. R. B. Berens, J.P., of Kevington-Park, presided, and there was a large attendance of ratepayers, including the overseers: Messrs. G. Ogburn and H. S. Heath. The notice convening the meeting having been read by the Chairman, Mr. W. Epsom moved, and Mr. G. C. Fultcher, seconded a resolution to the effect that it was desirable to transfer the lighting of the parish to the R.S.A., as under the present system only about one-third of the rateable value of St. Mary Cray contributed to the cost of lighting the public street lamps. Mr. Herbert Figgess moved an amendment that the matter be allowed to stand over until the passing of the Parish Councils Bill. This was seconded by Mr. J. Unwing Wing, who contended that the proposed vote was an unfair charge upon the land which, he said, was already heavily burdened with rates and taxes. The amendment was supported by Mr. F. Stanger, who, however, withdrew his support, on Mr. Figgess suggesting that a poll of the parish should be taken, on the ground of expense On the question being put to the meeting, 29 voted for the motion and 12 for the amendment. The proposition was therefore declared carried.

Anniversary.—The 42nd Anniversary of the opening of the Temple Congregational Church was celebrated on Sunday, sermons being preached morning and evening by the Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, L.L.B. The rev. doctor was listened to with the greatest attention by crowded congregations. The Rev. Wm. Lewis assisted in the devotional part of the services. Collections were made at the close of each service in aid of the church funds.

KENT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Bromley Record."

Sir,—As President of the Kent Beekeepers' Association, I shall be thankful if you will allow me the opportunity, in your columns, of advocating the claims of the beekeeping industry. At the last annual meeting of the Association, the Chairman said "Kent ought not only to be called the garden, but also the 'Apiary' of England," for, as a field for beekeepers, the county is probably unsurpassed. Sir James Whitehead, at the Mansion House, on the 1st inst., cited the remarkable yield of 142 pounds of honey from a single hive by a member of the Association, a farmer, near Farningham. A lad who took the prize hive offered by the Association at the Swanley Beekeeping lectures last year, removed from the same hive this year 73 pounds. A lady beekeeper in the county has recently taken 733 pounds from eleven hives. In one village the members of the Association have realized in the aggregate £50's worth, but instances could be multiplied, if necessary, to prove that beekeeping is, undoubtedly, a source of considerable income, and it is the duty of the Association to encourage its extension in the county. For the purpose of preparing statistics of Kentish bee culture, the Association has taken a beekeeping census in 49 parishes of the county, shewing 511 beekeepers, owning 1,986 hives, of which 853 are the old-fashioned straw skeps. If this be taken as a basis of calculation for the other parishes of Kent, the county total approximates to 4,000 beekeepers owning 16,000 hives but a large proportion of the hives are straw skeps, and probably more than half the beekeepers unskilled, so that nothing like a proper yield of honey is obtained in proportion to these numbers. In some parishes a ton of honey or more is obtained every average season, and there are at least from three to four hundred parishes in which this quantity could be raised, if there were the beekeepers. In all probability not much more than a tithe of this quantity is collected, it is therefore obvious that scores of tons are annually lost to the county. The Association, especially in the present year, has much reason to be satisfied with the encouragement it has received, but its income is totally inadequate for the work it has to do. There has been a very considerable increase in the number of its members, but as the beekeeping literature gratuitously supplied every month to every member, costs the Association 2s. 6d. out of the minimum annual subscription (5s.), the increase of income is too slow to keep pace with the expenditure which the work demands. In addition to the monthly literature, there are the Exhibition privileges—Prizes, free admission to County Show—and the privilege of applying to the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Local Secretaries, or the Expert when necessary, for advice and assistance. I therefore appeal to the beekeepers of Kent, as well as to all who are, or ought to be interested in the County progress, to steadily support the Kent Beekeepers Association in its endeavours to extend and encourage the beekeeping industry. Our Chairman, the Hon. Secretary at Meopham, the Hon. Treasurer, or the Local Hon. Secretaries, whose names are at foot will be happy to receive subscriptions. Apologizing for the length of this letter,—I am, yours faithfully,

SACKVILLE,
President.

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The Rectory, Sevenoaks.

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Rev. F. T. Scott, The Cedars, Hythe.
Mr. T. Badcock, Southfleet.

NOTABLE HOUSES.

BASTON MANOR.

From very early times it would appear that Hayes Common has been a favourite place of residence. Its dry soil, its extensive and beautiful views, and, probably above all, its elevated and commanding situation marked it out even in times antecedent to the Roman occupation of our island, as a desirable spot whereon to pitch the tents of temporary residence, which were the usual kinds of abodes of the nomadic races who spread themselves over the area of Britain in very early times. The vast numbers of flint implements found on and near the place afford abundant testimony to this fact, and the actual hut circles, or "pit dwellings," as they are popularly called, of which many remains exist to this day, although not necessarily of an equally early age, are indisputable evidences of man's temporary abode here in ancient times.

Of the existing houses at Hayes Common, some portions of Baston Manor House are probably the most ancient, and until this century the house contained some remains of considerable artistic merit, dating back to a highly respectable antiquity. This manor of Baston, although subordinate to that of Great Orpington, extended over the chief part of Hayes parish. It was formerly in the possession of the Squeries, once an eminent family in West Kent, who bore upon their arms the singular charge of "a squirrel brouzing a hazel nut"—a somewhat clumsy rebus upon the family name. Sir John de Squerie was seated at Squerie's Court, near Westerham, as early as the reign of King Edward III. One of his descendants "Thomas Squerie, died in the seventeenth year of King Henry VI, possessed of this manor of Baston, as well as of the adjoining manor of West Wickham, and left them to his son and heir, John Squerie, who dying without issue, in the fourth year of King Edward IV, his two sisters became coheirs, of whom, Margaret was married to Sir William Cromer, of Tunstal, and Dorothy to Richard Mervin of Fontel's in Wiltshire, who in her right became possessed of both these manors." (Hasted). Thus it was that the manor of Baston became attached to that of West Wickham, and has been held for a very long period by the families of Heyden and Lennard.

The site of Baston Manor, once called Baston Court, was at some unrecorded period sold, and it would appear to have passed through the hands of many different families. Toward the end of the last century, it was in the possession of a family named Luxford, and in 1795, William Luxford alienated "Baston Court" and the demesne lands adjoining to it, to Mr. James Randal. It has been thought by some that the present house dates from about the year 1795, but if so, we must infer that that building replaced a still earlier structure. It is scarcely conceivable that the manor had no manor-house before the end of the eighteenth century; but apart from this, we have evidence of a more positive nature which goes to show that a house existed here probably as early as the 15th century.

The evidence we refer to is a series of most interesting painted panels of the latter part of the fifteenth century, which were discovered by Mr. Alfred John Kemp in 1813. The panels had been used to form the wainscot of a small closet, and in order to fit the vacant spaces of the wall, they had been mutilated by the saw, and arranged without regard to the correct sequence and subject of the pictures, so that some of the figures were represented as standing upon their heads instead of their feet. A paper-hanger and stencil-painter from London, employed in the house, was directed to "beautify" the old paintings, "supplying them with new beards and noses as he might think necessary, renovating the lustre of their eyes, or accommodating them with new ones if the old should appear beyond repair." Upon discovering the antiquity and interesting character of the paintings, the panels were rescued. Two sound panels, nearly six feet long, each bearing a representation of a regal figure, escaped almost uninjured. One represents King Athelstan seated upon a stone or marble bench beneath a cloth of estate. His robe is of a rich crimson hue, and powdered with the letter A in gold. He holds a sceptre and globe in his hands, and has a crown upon his head. The background represents tapestry in which is wrought a shield charged with a *cross patée*. Fragments of an inscription in Latin, of which the following is the substance, remain at the base of the panel:—"Athelstane, the son of Edward the elder, reigned fifteen years; holy Wulfstan consecrated him. He conquered the Kings of Wales and Scotland, received them to his peace, and suffered



Baston Manor, Hayes.
(The Residence of Captain Torrens.)

them to govern under him." The other large panel is adorned with a painting of an erect regal figure, with crown and sceptre, conjectured to represent Edward IV. Others have supposed that it is intended for Constantine, King of Scots. A much narrower panel, evidently a portion of a picture, shows a youthful figure, crowned as a prince, and in the attitude of prayer.

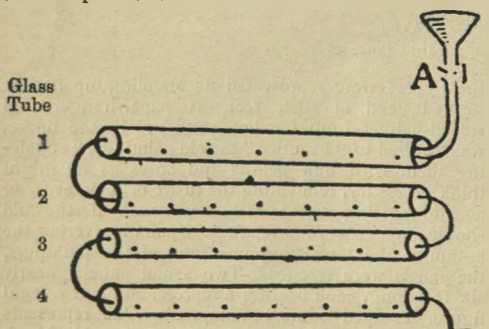
These three panels and three small fragments, the date of which has been fixed at about 1480, have been deemed of sufficient antiquarian interest to adorn the walls of the rooms of the Society of Antiquaries of London, at Burlington House, where they may now be inspected. They are members, probably of a series of painted panels representing historical personages or events, which once adorned the walls of some important apartment. It is of course difficult to say whether that apartment once formed a portion of a house upon the present site; but from the circumstance that they were *discovered* here early in the present century, it is evident that if they were brought from some other house, the removal must have taken place many years before—long enough, in fact, for them to have become forgotten.

Some portions of the present house are ancient, as we have already mentioned, but during the present century the structure has received frequent additions and modifications, and, as will be apparent from the accompanying illustration, there are no external marks of antiquity. For the photograph of Baston Manor, upon which this illustration is based, and for some of the facts relating to its history, we are indebted to the courtesy of Captain Torrens, the present occupier.

The views from the gardens around the house are very extensive and beautiful, and the plantations of trees and shrubs are of peculiar interest, from the fact that they were, in part at least, carried out under the direction of Mr. Pitt.

OXYGEN NECESSARY FOR THE GERMINATION OF SEED.

—At the Experimental Committee Meeting, Swanley College, Nov. 17th, Professor Cheshire gave a description of a simple experiment which he saw tried when visiting the French Horticultural Schools this summer. It was to shew that seeds did not require to be in earth to germinate and grow, but that the process went on in water on condition that the supply of oxygen was not withheld. The following diagram explains the process of the experiment.



Dots represent seeds in the tubes. A very slow current of water passed in at A runs through all the tubes and out at B.

The seeds next the inlet germinate and grow best—the vigour diminishes gradually the farther away the seeds are from the inlet, until perhaps at tube 3 germination ceases, and the seeds in 3 and 4 rot. This proves that seeds nearest to inlet seize on the oxygen, and the seeds farther on are deprived of a supply. Where the seeds rot the oxygen is not in sufficient quantity to supply life, and it proves that seeds cannot germinate without oxygen. In the same way if you exclude oxygen by varnishing a seed it will not germinate. Stagnant water retards vegetation because deficient in oxygen. Water-logged soil requires draining and aerating. Stagnant water in soil is a veritable "dog in the manger," neither improving itself nor assisting the land.

The above is a very simple experiment to try. Of course, if there were too rapid a flow oxygen would be carried to all the seeds. The flow must be gradual and feeble so that the supply of oxygen in the water may be no more than can be entirely appropriated by the seeds in nearest proximity to the inlet. The tubes should be set at extremely slight inclination. The advantage of covering seeds with earth is to secure constant moisture and the proper chance of obtaining oxygen rapidly. A good seed bed is necessary for good germination. Of course covering with soil protects to a great extent the seed from birds, but seeds will germinate without earth and grow up to a certain point by taking oxygen from the water.

The infant plant carries its own store of food. The grain of wheat is almost all stored up food for the plantlet. The germ in comparison is exceedingly minute, and is external to the grain. By water and oxygen and chemical action the store of food laid up in the grain of wheat is made fit and available for the living and growing germ. The germ has been likened to an infant with its feeding bottle at hand. After this store of food has been all used up, the plant has to get its own living, and the first evidence of that is the appearance of root hairs, by which nourishment is extracted from the soil.

A plant will always obtain its own living under the most ordinary and adverse conditions. How unfortunate it is that man so often fails at the very point where the plant attains to independency! Parental solicitude provides constant supplies of food until the child becomes a youth, and then, alas for want of will, there is never an independent exchequer, never that manly independency which is necessary to a healthy existence! Parental subsidies are never dispensed with! How instructive is it to see the small rootlet pushing out its root hairs into the soil in order to provide for healthy growth. The "feeding bottle," attending the plant germ, has been emptied of its contents, has done its work, and now the energies of life assert themselves and provide for an independent existence.

How numerous are the infants in arms who in time come to be men in size and age, yet who never attain to healthy independence—in fact are in "infancy" all their days!

Births.

Bower.—On the 7th November, at Newquay, Bromley, Kent, the wife of G. Clifford Bower, of a daughter.

James.—On the 31st October, at Beckenham, Kent, the wife of Mortimer E. O. James, of a daughter.

Mann—On the 10th Nov., at Hazeldene, Bromley, Kent, the wife of James Saumarez Mann, of a son.

Spence—On the 11th Nov., the wife of Horace R. Spence, of 93, Albemarle-road, Beckenham, and Clacton-on-Sea, of a son.

Stewart.—On the 25th Oct., Alexgate, Sandford-road, Bromley, Kent, the wife of A. B. Stewart, of twins

Marriages.

Cox-Moore—Vaughan.—On the 7th Nov., at S. Mary's Bocking, by the Very Rev. the Dean, Edward William Cox-Moore, L.D.S., of 1, Bloomsbury-square, London, W.C., and Sevenoaks, Kent, to Clara Gertrude, second daughter of the late Thomas Vaughan, of Bromley, Kent, and of Mrs. Vaughan, Bocking, Essex.

Dolby—Wagner.—On the 25th Oct., at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands, Kent, by the Rev. Archer G. Hunter, Vicar of Christ Church, Epsom, assisted by the Rev. Henry F. Wolley, Vicar of the parish, William Walter, younger son of John Dolby, of Southport, Lancashire, to Isabella Clara, only child of Henry Adams Wagner, of Shortlands, Kent.

Kuhn—Speyer.—On the 26th Oct. at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, by the Rev. Lloyd Russel, Vicar of the parish of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Alfred Frederick, second son of the late Jacob Kuhn, to Johanna Marie Charlotte, elder daughter of the late C. A. Speyer, of Timaru, Ch lehurst.

VON ZIMMERMAN—HOYACK.—On the 26th Oct., at St. George's Bickley, by the Rev. Robert Wood, Vicar, August Johann Alexander Von Zimmerman, youngest son of the late August Friedrich Von Zimmerman, of Riga, to Dora Hoyack, fourth daughter of the late C. W. Hoyack, of Rotterdam, Holland.

Deaths.

BUSSELL.—On the 23rd. October, at 59, Widmore-road, Bromley, Kent, Thomas Bussell, aged 76 years.—"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn *many* to righteousnes as the stars for ever and ever.—DANIEL, xii., 3rd. verse.

GALL.—On the 17th inst., at 9, Hope-park, Bromley, the residence of her friend, Themas W. Critchett, Ann Gall, late of Darjecting, College.road, Bromley, formerly of Thurlow-place, Lower Norwood, last surviving daughter of the late John Gall, Surgeon of Biggleswade, Beds., aged 74.

HUGILL.—On the 5th November, at Bromley, Francis Joseph, the dearly-beloved fifth son of John and Esther Hugill, of Chislehurst, in his 29th year.

KINSMAN.—On the 24th Oct., at 8, Crescent-road, Bromley, Kent, very suddenly, Josephine Banfield Mends, widow of the late Lieut. Hugh M. Kinsman, R.N., in her 79th year, much regretted.

LEES.—On the 29th Oct., at Thornbury, Beckenham, William James Lees, formerly of the War Office, aged 88.

LOVE.—On the 1st November, at Widmore, Halstead, Kent, Peter Love, aged 78 years; formerly of Naseby and Northampton.

SHORTER.—On the 5th inst., at 24, Burland-road, Clapham-common, S.W., Winifred, the dearly beloved child of Charles and Nellie Shorter, aged 2 years 1 month.

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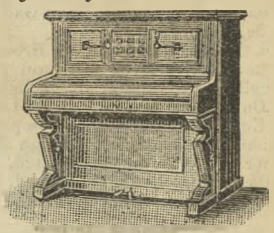
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