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Last Quarter, 9th, 9.10 p.m. | First Quarter, 23rd 8.41 p.m.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

3rd—*Second Sunday after Christmas*

4th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee.

7th.—Private dance given by the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), at the Royal Bell Hotel.

10th.—*First Sunday after Epiphany.*

11th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at Court House, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Beckenham Urban District Council.—Concert by Mrs. Madeline Hardy and others, followed by an entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capper, at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.

12th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, of about 100 loads of hay and miscellaneous farming stock, at the Estate Yard, Orchard-road, Bromley.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Urban Council.

13th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, of valuable oak timber, at the "Railway" Hotel, Beckenham.

14th.—Spring term begins, High School of Girls, Elmfield-road Bromley.

15th.—Monthly sitting of Bromley County Court, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10,30 a.m.

16th.—Prize distribution by the Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith), at Bromley School of Science and Art.

17th.—*Second Sunday after Epiphany.*

18th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 am.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee.

24th—*Third Sunday after Epiphany.*

25th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Beckenham Urban District Council.

26th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Borough Council, at 7.30 p.m.

31st.—*Septuagesima Sunday.*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The first fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 1st., the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

THE MAYORAL AND ALDERMANIC ROBES.

The Mayor and Aldermen (the Mayor entering last, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Mace, bearing the Mace) appeared for the first time in their robes of office, with the Town Clerk in wig and gown.

THE NEW COUNCILLORS.

The five new Councillors elected to the vacancies caused by the appointment of Aldermen, took their seats, and the several certificates of their election were presented and taken as read, and were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

BOROUGH ARMS.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, 24th Nov. A letter was read from Mr. G. Ambrose Lee, Bluemantle, asking for a cheque for £76 10s., the amount of the fees on the patent of arms for the Borough, and the Committee recommended that a cheque for that amount be drawn.—The report was adopted.

A VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

The Drainage and Sanitary Committee reported that they had taken into consideration the steps to be taken to comply with Section 35 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, which provides that "every local authority shall keep appointed at all times at least one Veterinary Inspector," and recommended that Mr. A. W. Reid, F.R.C.V.S., of Brunswick House, High-street, Bromley, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under that Act for the Borough of Bromley to be paid by fees whenever his services are required.—The report was adopted.

THE CHARTER MAYOR'S PORTRAIT.

The Charter-Mayor (Mr. T. C. Dewey) wrote as follows:—

My dear Mayor,

Your very kind letter has taken me quite by surprise.

To have my portrait placed in the Council Chamber is an honour which seems to me to be quite beyond what I can have deserved for any services I may have rendered as Charter Mayor.

I very gratefully accept the offer, and may I ask you to convey to the Council an expression of my thanks for what will be to me and to my family a most gratifying evidence of the kindly esteem of the burgesses of Bromley.

Believe me to be,

Yours very truly,

T. C. DEWEY.

The Mayor of Bromley.

Alderman Davis: I beg to propose that a small Committee be appointed to consider the best way to proceed in this matter, and I would suggest that the Committee consist of the Aldermen representing the different Wards. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman James: I second that.

This was unanimously agreed to.

A QUESTION OF DRAINAGE.

Mr. W. B. Sadgrove, of Walton Knoll, wrote that he was desirous of coming to some arrangement with the Corporation in order that a sewer might be put down in Walton-road, opposite his lodge, connecting with the sewer in Yester-road. In order to enable this to be done he was agreeable to guarantee the interest on the capital necessary for the work, provided that a proportion of the rate received from houses which joined should go towards the reduction of the interest payable by him. He was given to understand

that similar arrangements had been made with others, and he would be obliged if the Council would take the necessary steps to secure the co-operation of Chislehurst.

The Mayor suggested that this had better go to the Highways Committee, which was agreed to.

THE GAS—BELOW THE STANDARD.

Dr. S. Rideal, the Gas Examiner, reported that on the occasion of a recent test of the gas at the Bromley Gas Works, he found that the illuminating power was 13.5 candles, the legal standard being 14 candles.

The Town Clerk said that at the suggestion of the Mayor he at once sent a copy of that certificate on to the Engineer to the Gas Company, who replied explaining that on the day in question the machine-stoking apparatus was out of use for the purpose of fixing a new part, and during the repairs the retorts had to be charged by manual power, which resulted in a slight temporary failure. That it was altogether exceptional was shown by the fact that this was the first time that the gas had not been above the standard. He trusted this would be considered an adequate explanation.

The Mayor suggested that the report and letter go to the Highways and Lighting Committee, which was approved.

PROPOSED LABOUR YARD.

Mr. E. Haslehurst, Clerk to the Bromley Board of Guardians, wrote inquiring whether, in the event of the Guardians being compelled to open a labour yard in Bromley, they would receive the co-operation of the Council, or as on the last occasion, whether the Council' depot would be available for the reception of firewood, and whether the Council would select some suitable person for superintendent of the yard; whether, in short, the old arrangements could be revived.

Alderman Lawrence proposed that permission be granted, as asked, and that they give what assistance they could in the matter.

Councillor Peill seconded the proposition, which was at once agreed to.

Mr. W. A. Dickenson, of Aylesbury-road, wrote drawing attention to the great need of some scheme for providing work for the hundreds of unemployed now in Bromley owing to the depression in the building trade.

Alderman James proposed that a Committee be appointed to consider the questions and to bring up a report to the Council.

Alderman Mallett seconded.

The resolution was carried, and the Committee was constituted as follows:—Councillors R. Whyte, W. J. Gibbs, A. A. Worley, G. Weeks, jun., E. G. Peill, G. Haywood, and W. H. Newton.

WHITEHALL RECREATION GROUND.

A letter was read from the Charity Commissioners, enclosing copy of notice with reference to the sale of the Whitehall Recreation Ground.

The Town Clerk said this had reference to an application made to the Charity Commissioners to form a scheme for the sale of certain land known as the Whitehall Recreation Ground on Bromley Common with a view to assisting the purchase of additional land, to be used as a Recreation Ground.

The publication of the necessary notices as directed by the Charity Commissioners, was ordered.

SWIMMING BATHS AND GYMNASIUM.—IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Baxter, of the Bromley Gymnastic Club, in which the writer referred to former correspondence with the late Urban District Council. In July last the Council kindly wrote saying they would be happy to consider any suggestions the Gymnastic Club might be able to offer either by receiving a deputation or by report, and he now invited the Borough Council to confirm that Council's expression. He urged the importance of the matter.

The Mayor said they would be asked to consider a resolution later in the evening with reference to Neelgherries, and as that would be the future site of any baths the further consideration of this letter might be deferred till this resolution was before them.

At a later stage in the evening,

Alderman James proposed a resolution to the effect that the Council adopt the Baths and Wash-houses Act. He reminded the Council that the late Urban District Council, in forming a scheme with reference to Neelgherries—which was submitted to the High Court and approved—the question of baths was included, and in the Committee of the late Council which was dealing with that property the question of the location of the baths on that site had also been considered. But before they could do anything in regard to this matter, it was necessary that the Authority should adopt the Baths and Wash-houses Act.

Alderman Mallett, in seconding, said that no doubt the question of baths in Bromley was a most important and most pressing one. But until the Act was adopted they could not do anything in the matter.

Councillor Homewood said that as one of the newly-elected members of the Council he would like to say that during the course of the canvass in the Ward which he represented—Bickley—they found a most pressing demand, not only for swimming baths, but for slipper baths also.

Councillor Newton would not dare to walk down Bromley Common if he did not support this resolution. (Laughter.) He sincerely hoped it would not be opposed.

Alderman Lawrence fully endorsed all that had been said on this question, but warned the Council that it would be a non-paying concern.

The resolution was then adopted nem. con.

BURNT ASH-LANE.—A TALE OF WOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Allchin, of Lynton, Avondale-road, as to the shocking condition of Burnt Ash-lane. Some who had to walk it night and morning were thinking of doing the journey in boats. (Laughter.) The road was in a terribly bad state, and it was also badly lighted.

Councillor Newton proposed that the whole question go to Committee, and this was seconded by Councillor Graty, and was eventually agreed to.

BROMLEY HILL MAIN ROAD STOPPED.

The Surveyor to the Lewisham Borough Council wrote forwarding notices which had been prepared with reference to the blocking of the main road between Bromley Hill and Southend, Catford, owing to the sewer having collapsed.

The Town Clerk said that a considerable length of the main road had subsided owing to certain works in connction with sewerage going on there. It would be a very long time before the road was in order for traffic, and he thought it very desirable that a representation should be made without further delay to the Lewisham Council, suggesting that some temporary road be constructed so that traffic might be resumed as soon as possible. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman James moved that a representation of the strongest character be made to get this temporary road constructed.

Councillor Taylor seconded the proposition, which was carried.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—A SPECIAL COUNCIL TO BE SUMMONED.

The Mayor said the next item on their agenda was to consider the appointment of an Education Committee, in accordance with a letter from the Board of Education. At that meeting it was impossible to give this question full consideration, and probably it would meet with their approval if a special meeting of the Council were called, on which occasion the sole business would be to consider this important question. (Hear, hear.)

Alderman Davis proposed, and Councillor Graty seconded, that a special meeting be convened exclusive'y for considering this question, and this was agreed to.

MUSEUMS AND GYMNASIUMS ACT.

Alderman Davis had given notice of a motion to adopt the Museums and Gymnasiums Act.

The Town Clerk explained that this Act might be adopted by any Urban Authority wholly or so far as related to museums or gymnasia only.

Alderman Davis, in moving his proposition, said he did not propose to discuss the question of the desirability of gymnasium or museum just now. He would merely remind the Council that this formed a part of the Neelgherries scheme and that it was one of the things that was particularly in the mind of Mrs. Dowling when making the bequest.

Councillor Gibbs seconded the proposition, which was, after discussion, agreed to.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

Alderman Davis had given notice of the following motion:—

"That a Committee be appointed to deal with all matters relating to higher education, until the Council makes permanent arrangements. Such Committee to consist of seven members, with power to appoint not more than four outside members."

In moving it he asked to be allowed to substitute the following:—"That a Committee be appointed to manage the existing Technical Education Classes and to prepare a scheme of higher education to submit to the Council at a future meeting, such Committee to consist of seven members, with power to appoint not more than four outside members."

Alderman James formally seconded in order to enable discussion to take place.

Councillor Worley pointed out that whereas the resolution on the paper contemplated a temporary arrangement there was nothing in the motion now brought forward which carried that into effect. He was desirous that when they set up their Education Committee that Committee would be vested with the power of dealing with the whole of the educational system, and that no part of it would be delegated to a smaller Committee. (Hear, hear.)

After discussion Mr. Davis moved his resolution in its original form, and it was carried.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Alderman James next proposed that a Public Library Committee be appointed, consisting of six members of the Council and five outside members. He briefly remarked that this institution was placed under their care, which required a Committee to carry on.

Councillor Powell seconded the motion, which was carried, and the following, after a ballot, were elected:—Councillor Bell (19 votes), Alderman Davis (18), Councillors Worley (18), Ingall (17), Harper (16), and Sparks (11).

The appointment of outside members was left to a future meeting.

NEELGHERRIES AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Pursuant to notice, Alderman Davis moved:—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the best means of utilising the Neelgherries property and report to the Council."

He briefly reminded them of Mrs. Dowling's bequest and also of the fact that Mr. Andrew Carnegie had placed £7,500 at their disposal for the purposes of a Free Library, which was to be provided on that site. It was important that they should make up their minds on what portion of the site to erect the Library and how it could be best made to arrange with the other buildings it had been decided to put there. He suggested a Committee of 12, with representatives from each Ward.

Alderman James seconded the resolution, which was carried, and the Committee was appointed as follows:—Aldermen Davis, James, Lawrence, Mallett, and Councillors Bell, Gibbs, Harper, Homewood, Hudson, Ingall, Powell, and G. Weeks, on the proposition of Alderman Mallett, seconded by Councillor Taylor.

COLLEGE SLIP.

Alderman James next proposed:—

"That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare the necessary plans and estimates with reference to that portion of College Slip which is not in the hands of the Local Authority with a view of putting into force the provisions of the 150th Section of the Public Health Act, 1875, at an early date."

This was agreed to.

THE DUST DESTRUCTOR.

A request was received from Messrs. Willett and Latter for a cheque for £1,200 and surveyor's fee of £10 in respect to the land brought from Lansbury's trustes for the purposes of a dust destructor at Waldo-road.

Alderman Davis: I second it.

Alderman James fomally moved that the cheques be drawn.

The proposal was then agreed to.

PROPOSED PROVISIONAL ORDER.

Alderman James next asked the attention of every member of the Council to a proposal which he had in view. There were many matters in the Borough which ought to be taken in hand at a very early date, which could, probably, be better carried out under powers obtained by a Provisional Order than by other methods. He, therefore, wanted to give notice formally that he proposed at an early meeting of the Council to put a resolution on the paper with reference to certain matters for which compulsory powers ought to be acquired under a Provisional Order. When the Council had decided to apply for that Order it would be quite competent for many matters to be included in it and therefore if any member desired that compulsory powers should be obtained for any particular matter he would ask that he take and early opportunity of acquainting the Mayor of his intention, so that all could be included in the same resolution.

The second fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) in the chair.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council contained the following records of matters dealt with in Committee:—

FOOTBALL GROUND, PLAISTOW.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas C. Dewey,

addressed to the Mayor, on the subject of the preservation as an open space, of the ground now used by the Town football and cricket clubs at Plaistow, and stating he had had an interview with Sir Owen Roberts, Chairman of the Trustees of the London and Parochial Charities on the subject, and that, although the matter was down for consideration at a meeting to be held this day, Sir Owen recommended that the matter be postponed until next February, and that if the Borough could see their way to purchase the land and secure its retention as an open space, Sir Owen would advise the Committee to contribute a thousand pounds to the cost. As, however, he (Mr. Dewey) apprehended the Borough was not in a position to devote even £5,000 to the desired object and assumed it would be necessary to apply for public subscription, he felt so strongly that the ground should be preserved as an open space that he woud be very glad to contribute £500, and he thought there would be no difficulty in obtaining a year in which to pay the amount at 3½ % interest from the date of the agreement.

It was unanimously resolved that a very cordial letter be written to Mr. Dewey thanking him for his kind offer and stating that the matter is receiving the earnest consideration of the Council.

COUNCILLORS' ROBES.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Ingall, that robes be worn by Councillors.

Upon being put to the vote there appeared five in favour and 12 against.

The motion was therefore declared to be lost.

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Higher Education Committee was held on Thursday, 10th December, Alderman T. Davis (Chairman) in the chair. In accordance with the terms of the resolution appointing the Committee they had appointed the following gentlemen as members of the Committee from outside the Council, viz.:—Mr. J. F. Arnaud, of Holwood-road; Mr. H. J. Helm, of Hammelton-road; Mr. J. Y. Hay, of Widmore-road; Mr. G. Loly, of Quernmore.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Public Library Committee was held on Wednesday, 9th Dec., Councillor Harper (Chairman) in the chair. They had under consideration the names of various gentlemen who were willing to act on the Public Library Committee. When the Committee was appointed on the 17th November it was resolved that five outside members be elected. The Committee submitted the following names of persons from whom the Council may appoint such outside members, viz.:—Mr. A. S. Gedge, Endsleigh, Holwood-road; Mr. W. Male, Nethercourt, Hope Park; Mr. George E. Cotton, Stobery Cottage; Mr. John Weeks, Iddesleigh, Homefield-road; Mr. George H. Payne, 4, Freelands-road; Mr. E. D. Wilson, Lullingstone, Park-avenue; Dr. H. Wynne Thomas, 79, Tweedy-road; Mr. John F. Arnaud, Fritzoe, Holwood-road; Mr. C. F. Nayler, 16, North-street. It was represented to the Committee that it would be desirable that the headmaster of one of the Bromley Schools should be appointed as a member of the Committee and also suggested that one of the outside members should be a head master, to be nominated by the various teachers of the borough.

Councillor Harper proposed and Councillor Worley seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

On a ballot, Messrs. Arnaud, Gedge, Wilson, and Male were elected.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

A meeting of the Special Committee re the Unemployed was held on the 5th Dec., Councillor Robt. Whyte (Chairman) in the chair. The Committee had considered a report from the Borough Engineer on works which have been already agreed to and the whole matter received the very careful consideration of the Committee. Resolved to recommend that the Council themselves undertake the work of surface water sewerage in Oaklands-road and Homesdale and other roads for which application has already been made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrowing the necessary money, by which the sum of £830 can be spent in wages.

The report was agreed to.

THE CHARTER MAYOR'S PORTRAIT.

A meeting of the Special Committee re Charter Mayor's Portrait was held on Tuesday, 8th Dec., the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith), Chairman, in the chair. They considered the best means to be adopted for carrying out the resolution to present Mr. T. C. Dewey with a replica of his portrait painted by Mr. Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., and have arranged for an appeal to be issued inviting contributions of any sums not exceeding one guinea. It was proposed that the appeal be sent out in the names of the Alderman and Councillors for the respective Wards. The Mayor will receive contributions at the Municipal Offices, and the Town Clerk has undertaken to act as hon. secretary.

ANOTHER GIFT TO THE CORPORATION.—A BADGE FROM MR. PAUL HENWOOD.

The following letter was read:—

Church House, Bromley.

Dear Sir,—If agreeable to the Council I shall have pleasure in presenting to the town a suitable badge to be attached to the Mayoral chain. If accepted I shall be glad to be furnished at your early convenience with a design of the armorial bearings of the Borough, so that they may be inscribed on the badge.—I have the pleasure to be, yours faithfully, P. HENWOOD.

THE MAIN ROAD SUBSIDENCE.—COUNCIL'S DETERMINED ACTION.

A letter dated December 4th was received from the Lewisham Borough Town Clerk stating that the Bromley Council's letter as to the subsidence in the main road, and the making of a temporary road was receiving the Council's most serious consideration.

A memorial was next read, signed by 42 residents in Bromley, principally tradesmen, urging the serious inconvenience of the roadway being blocked and asking for the construction of a temporary road across the fields. They believed that Mr. Dutton, the occupier, would not raise any objection to making such arrangements.

Alderman James said that in view of the fact that the London County Council were really the Authority having control of the road, he would move that a strong representation be made to that Authority with reference to the formation of a temporary road.

Councillor Lindsay Bell seconded, and the proposition was carried.

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.—BETTER ACCOMMODATION WANTED.

The next item on the agenda was as follows:—To consider, and if thought desirable, to appoint a Committee to report upon the question of obtaining improved accommodation, whether temporary or otherwise, for the meetings of the Council.

The Mayor, in asking the Council to consider it, said he need not emphasise the present state of the atmosphere in that room, which was not

conducive to good work. He need not emphasise its discomfort. There was absolutely no accommodation for the public, who would be welcome there in any numbers if there was room for them. He simply brought it before them to ask whether it was desirable to appoint a Committee to see if there was any temporary accommodation, or otherwise, could be provided.

Councillor Hudson moved that a Committee be appointed, and this was eventually agreed to.

FOR THE MUSEUM.

The Town Clerk reported that the 32 or 33 cases of stuffed birds, recently presented to the late Urban District Council by Sir Samuel Scott, had now been removed from Sundridge Park, and were temporarily housed at Neelgherries. He asked for instructions as to their disposal.

Alderman Davis suggested that temporarily they should be placed on the book-cases at the Public Library; and this was agreed to.

THE RECENT SERVICE AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

Councillor Harper obtained the permission of the Council to move a resolution that an expression of thanks be conveyed to the Rev. A. G. Hellicar for the opportunity which he afforded the Council of attending Divine service at the Parish Church on the 6th inst., and for the excellent and appropriate sermon which he preached on that ocasion. It was, Councillor Harper added, very pleasant indeed to find every member of the Council—or every member but one—attending that service—and he was sure not one of them would regret having done so. He was quite certain, also, that they would not soon forget the words of wisdom which fell from the Vicar as to the spirit in which their work on that Council should be done

Councillor Gibbs asked to have the pleasure of seconding the proposition.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The third fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, the Deputy-Mayor (Alderman James) occupying the chair in the absence of the Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith), through illness.

THE COUNCIL'S REGALIA.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered the question of insuring the regalia, robes, &c., and the furniture in the Mayor's Parlour, and had effected a policy of insurance with the Ocean Accident Guarantee and Corporation, Ltd., for the regalia, robes and mace bearer's uniform, in a sum of £400 at 17s. 6d. per cent., to cover all risks except fire, and with the Sun Insurance Office for loss by fire at 2s. per cent. With regard to the furniture in the Mayor's parlour it was resolved to increase the existing policy with the Sun Insurance Office by £100 at 2s. per cent.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS' ACT.

On the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee it was resolved that the regulations hitherto in force should be continued in the Borough of Bromley and they suggest that the Council should be recommended to make those regulations in accordance with drafts submitted. The General Order of the 2nd October, 1901, prescribes the fees to be paid to the Veterinary Inspector and also to the Ordinary Inspector, and the Committee recommended that the same fees should be adopted by the Council. With regard to the permanent appointment of the Ordinary Inspector, the Committee were of opinion that it was very desirable that the services of Mr. Eastwood should be retained, and therefore recommended the Council to appoint him as Inspector under Section 35 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and that he be paid the fees provided for in the General Order. With respect to Mr. Eastwood's duties under the Rabies Order a separate order was made by the Kent County Council, by which he was paid a fixed salary of 10s. per week with 6d. per day for each dog, which sum included the keep of the dogs. The district assigned to Mr. Eastwood included 19 parishes in the Metropolitan Police Area, and he estimates that about one-fifth of the dogs dealt with came within the Borough of Bromley. The Committee therefore recommended with respect to his duties under the Rabies Order, that he be paid a salary of £5 per annum with the same allowance, namely, 6d. per day in respect of each dog as heretofore.—Agreed to.

MOTOR CAR TRAFFIC: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. WEEKS.

A meeting of the Motor Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, 22nd Dec., Councillor Weeks, Chairman, in the chair.

They had given their careful consideration to the provisions of the Motor Car Act, 1903, and resolved to recommend that having regard to the suggestion contained in the circular letter of the Local Government Board, of the 20th November, 1903, the Council refrain at the present time from making any application to the Local Government Board, with respect to regulations under Section 9 of the Act.

With regard to the duties of the Council under Section 10 (2) of the Act, the Committee propose to inspect the whole of the district, with a view of making a recommendation with regard to the terms of that Section, and a further report will be submitted thereon.

Agreed to

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FROM THE VICAR.

The Vicar of Bromley (the Rev. A. G. Hellicar) wrote the Mayor in the following terms:—"I beg to thank you sincerely for forwarding to me the very kind resolution which the Borough Council have passed relative to their attendance at the Parish Church on Sunday, the 6th inst. I beg to congratulate you on the auspicious commencement of what I trust may prove a successful, happy, and honoured discharge of the important office of Mayor. It will always be a pleasure to me to be of any service to the town of Bromley, in which for so many years my lot has been cast.

THE MAIN ROAD SUBSIDENCE.

In reference to the representation made by the Council to the London County Council, urging upon them the desirability of the formation of a temporary road in order to do away with so far as possible, the great inconvenience caused by the road subsidence at Southend, the last-named Authority wrote stating that the temporary closing of the road by the Lewisham Borough Council was not a matter over which the London County Council had any jurisdiction. Under the circumstances the only thing they could suggest was, that the Council should again write to the Lewisham Borough Council with regard to the matter.

It was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the Lewisham Authority, strongly representing the urgency of dealing with the matter.

HURRAH!

Councillor Powell said he was sure all the members rejoiced in the great improvement in the lighting of the Council Chamber, which had been effected by the introduction of the electric light. The light was certainly very much better. Attention was also directed by Councillor Powell to

the disadvantage under which the Committee work of the Council was at present transacted.

BROMLEY BURIAL BOARD.

A CHAPEL FOR THE NEW CEMETERY.

A meeting of the General Purposes Committee was held on Tuesday, 22nd Dec., Alderman T. Davis, Chairman, in the chair. They had under consideration the question of erecting a chapel at the new Cemetery, at Bromley Hill, for which no provision was made when the scheme was prepared for dealing with the land in the first instance; resolved to recommend that a small chapel be provided at an estimated cost of about £600, and that the matter be referred back to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

The report was adopted.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The first meeting in the past month of the Bromley Education was held in the Council Chamber on Monday, Dec. 7th, Mr. G. Loly, Chairman, presiding.

APPOINTMENT.

Miss K. Collister, of Beckenham, was appointed assistant at Wharton-road Schools, from Jan. 11th, 1904, at a salary of £75 per annum.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

Intimation was received that the North of England Education Conference was to be held on Jan. 8th and 9th, and representatives of the Bromley Committee were invited to attend.

It was decided that Bromley should be represented, if possible.

The second fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held at the Council Offices, Bromley, on Monday evening, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly) presiding.

PUPIL TEACHERS' CENTRE.

The Kent County Council Education Committee wrote acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter with reference to pupil teachers' centre and training college, and stating that these questions were receiving the attention of the Conunittee.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS.

The following report was received from the Board of Education on the Aylesbury-road School, for the school year ending October 31st, 1903:—"There have been considerable changes in the staff, and below the first-class the work is still somewhat uneven. But the School is conducted with care and method, and a more settled year should produce a more uniform standard of attainments."

The report on the Bromley Common (Holy Trinity School), was as follows:—

"Mixed School.—The order is very good, and the instruction is well given. Neatness and accuracy of work are carefully cultivated."

"Infants' School.—The school is very well conducted and the children make good progress."

The following report was received as to the Bromley Common (Addison-road) School:—

"Girls' School.—The school is well taught and disciplined."

"Infants' Class.—The infants' class are also making good progress and are suitably disciplined. . . . . The staff should be at once strengthened so as to meet the requirements of Article 73 of the Provisional Code, which are not at present satisfied."

Mr. Alderman Alliston celebrated the seventy-first anniversary of his birthday on Dec. 27th.

BROMLEY'S NEW EDUCATION SCHEME

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, for the purpose of considering the preparation of a scheme for the constitution of an Education Committee under Section 17 of the Education Act, 1902, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) in the chair.

Alderman Davis, in order that they might have something definite to discuss, moved that any scheme they might decide upon should include all the education over which the Council had control —higher education as well as elementary education.

Councillor Weeks, jun., was very pleased indeed to second the motion, which he thought exactly coincided with the spirit of the new Act. The Act was ostensibly drawn up for the purpose of co-ordinating our system of education, and he thought if they had two distinct bodies dealing with separate branches of education, secondary and technical and elementary, it would be a thing to be deplored.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Alderman Davis, having regard to the various interests that had to be represented, next proposed that the members of the Committee should number 22, of whom 12 should be members of the Council.

Alderman McIntyre seconded.

Councillor Gray, as an amendment, moved that the number be 23. He thought it would be preferable for the Committee to consist of 12 members of the Council, with the Mayor as ex-officio member, making the number 13. It was only right and proper that they should have six Churchmen and six Nonconformists.

Alderman Lawrence seconded, because he thought it would be better for the Education Committee to include 13 members of the Council.

The amendment was then voted upon and lost, the voting being six in favour and 13 against.

Alderman Davis' original motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

Alderman Mallett begged to move that any Mayor be an ex-officio member, and one of the 12 to represent the Council.

Alderman McIntyre seconded.

Upon a show of hands being asked for, eight voted for and eight against the motion. A count was then demanded, whereupon the resolution was carried by a majority of one.

Alderman Davis said they had now to consider the constitution of the 10 remaining members, and as the Act required that the scheme should include women as well as men, among the members of the Committee, he would propose that two at least of the 10 should be women.

The motion was carried.

Alderman Davis said he saw no necessity to depart from the previous scheme, which provided that five of the 10 members should represent elementary education. He would therefore move that five represent elementary education.

Councillor Harper said he thought they ought to consider what they were doing in this matter. He suggested that they should proceed in a different way altogether. They should select persons of experience in education as members of the Education Committee and leave it to the Committee to exercise distinction. He thought this would be a far truer way of arriving at a just and wise decision in this matter.

Alderman Mallett concurred with what Councillor Harper had said.

Alderman Davis said with the consent of his seconder, he would withdraw his resolution and move it in the form adopted by the Beckenham Council, viz.: "That, in addition to the 12 members already suggested, nine of the members not being members of the Council shall be appointed by the Council from among persons of experience in education and persons acquainted with the needs of the various schools in the district. Provided that the interests of higher education, secondary education both for boys and girls, technical instruction, and commercial and industrial education, having special regard to the industries of the district, and elementary education, both in Council and in Voluntary Schools shall always be represented either among the members appointed from the Council or among the members appointed outside the Council." That seemed to him to be a very comprehensive scheme.

Councillor Haywood seconded, and the motion was at once carried.

In the end it was resolved by 17 votes to two that one member should be appointed on the nomination of the Kent County Council.

It was also resolved: (1) That the term of office of members of the Committee who are members of the Council appointed by the Council as such, shall be the same as their term of office as members of the appointing Council. The term of office in the case of members of the Committee not appointed by the Council as members of the Committee shall be three years. (2) Members appointed to fill casual vacancies shall be appointed only for the remainder of the term of office of the out-going member and subject to the same provisions as regulated the appointment of that member. (3) Any member who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the Committee a wish to resign or who is absent from all meetings of the Committee during a period of three months (except from some reason approved by the Committee) or who being a member of the Council when appointed a member of the Committee ceases to be a member of the Council shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Committee.

Finally it was agreed, on the initiative of Alderman James, that the Town Clerk have authority to send the scheme as drafted that evening to the Board of Education for approval.

CHRISTMAS SALE AT FARNBOROUGH.

With the object of clearing off the debt existing in connection with the Victoria Memorial Choir Vestry, a two-days' sale of work was held in the Parish Room, Farnborough, on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9th and 10th.

The sale was opened on Wednesday by Mrs. Parr, the wife of the Vicar of Chertsey, and mother of Mrs. Lombard. The Vicar of Farnborough, the Rev. G. Lombard, briefly explained the object of the sale, and in so doing he observed that the sale held the previous year was in aid of the fund for the Choir Vestry then proposed. Now, however, he was glad to say that the vestry was completed and partly paid for, and it was hoped that they would be able to pay off the remainder of the debt as the result of this year's sale. Tribute was also paid to those who had laboured with such steadfast zeal to remove the incubus of debt.

The report of the Diocesan Inspector on his annual inspection of the Bickley and Widmore Schools has been received. It is of a most satisfactory character.

THE CORPORATION AT CHURCH.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.

The members and officers of the Bromley Borough Council attended Divine service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 6th, and considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings. The Corporation assembled at the Municipal Offices, at 10.45 a.m., and the Mayor and Aldermen having robed, the body proceeded to the Church, the public having assembled in large numbers to witness them. The junior officers went first, then came the seniors, and after them Councillors, the representatives of each of the several Wards being together. Then came five of the Aldermen in their robes and hats, the sixth, Alderman R. W. James, coming immediately behind as the Deputy Mayor. The Sergeant-at-Mace, bearing the Mace, walked next, immediately preceding his Worship the Mayor, in his robes, and the Town Clerk in wig and gown. They were met at the west door by the Churchwardens (Mr. T. C. Dewey and Mr. H. G. Dunn), and the officers lined up to enable the members of the Council to enter the Church first. Several of the front pews in the nave had been reserved for their accommodation. The Mayor, who was accompanied by the Mayoress (who had previously taken her place) and the Town Clerk, occupied chairs in front, the handsome Mace being placed on a table immediately before his Worship. Then came the Aldermen and Councillors and officers. The whole of the Corporation were present as follows: The Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Aldermen T. Davis, W. R. Mallett, Dr. Price, T. C. McIntyre, and George Lawrence; Councillors W. J. Gibbs, T. D. Graty, R. Whyte, jun., P. Harper, C. E. Ingall, G. Haywood, F. Hudson, R. Taylor G. Weeks, jun., W. J. Homewood, M. H. Newton, A. A. Worley, A. Sparks, J. Rogers, E. Peill, W. Powell, and Lindsay Bell; the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), the Borough Engineer (Mr. Stanley Hawkings), the Borough Librarian (Mr. J. Harrison), Mr. G. Wall (Education Committee Clerk), Mr. George Stone (Assistant Overseer), the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Codd), the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. T. Butler), the Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. E. Trower), the Assistant Engineer (Mr. W. Cope), the Assistant Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Wickham), the Second Assistant (Mr. Mills); with the Sergeant-at-Mace (Mr. D. Aiers).

The service was a most bright and impressive one. The first lesson was read by Mr. B. H. Latter, and the second by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Hellicar). The hymns included "The Old Hundredth" and "O God our help in ages past." The choir, under the able direction of the talented organist and choirmaster (Mr. F. Fertel) ably led the singing, and also sang an anthem.

The sermon was preached by the Vicar, who delivered a most able and practical sermon from the text, Phil. iii., 20 (Revised Version), "Our citizenship is in heaven," and I. Peter iv., 10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." A full report was given in the BROMLEY CHRONICLE on Thursday, Dec. 10th.

The offertory was in aid of St. Mark's Tower Completion Fund.

The Corporation left the Church in the reverse order to that in which they arrived and proceeded to the Municipal Offices, where they unrobed.

THE MAYOR'S BANQUET.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

Undoubtedly the most successful and most brilliant gathering of the kind ever held in Bromley was the first Mayoral Banquet of our newly Incorporated Borough, which took place in the spacious banquetting-hall of the Royal Bell Hotel on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. The company, which was a very representative one, numbered over 140, and included not only several distinguished visitors, but also the members and staff of the Bromley Borough Council, the members of the Bromley Incorporation Committee, and representatives of neighbouring Authorities. The guests were first received in the reception room by the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Aldermen and Town Clerk in their robes, and with the Sergeant-at-Mace, bearing the Mace. Punctually at half-past seven, the large company proceeded to the banquetting-hall, which had been most charmingly decorated with flowers and foliage. Mr. Norman Bath, with an efficient orchestra, discoursed sweet music in the minstrels' gallery, from which point of vantage the Mayoress and party, including Mrs. James, the wife of the Deputy-Mayor, viewed the proceedings.

His Worship the Mayor presided at table A, supported on his right by Mr. T. C. Dewey, Charter Mayor), Mr. Coles Child, J.P., Mr. E. Packe (Deputy Charter Mayor), the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor-Smith (Chaplain-General of the Forces), Alderman Davis, Mr. A. J. Baker, Alderman Mallett, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A. (Vicar of Bromley), Mr. Wm. McKewan, J.P. (Borough Treasurer), Alderman Lawrence, Mr. Deputy Woodman, J.P. (Chairman of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board), Mr. W. Campbell Russell (Chairman, Chislehurst Urban District Council). On the Mayor's left were Sir G. Hayter Chubb, Bart., Mr. H. W. Forster (M.P. for the Sevenoaks Division), Sir G. Wyatt Truscott, J.P. (ex-Sheriff of the City of London), Mr. A. J. Lees, J.P. (Chairman, Beckenham Urban District Council), Alderman McIntyre, Mr. G. Loly, B.A. (Chairman, Bromley Education Committee), Dr. R. M. H. Randell (Chairman, Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board), Alderman Dr. Price, Mr. Paul Henwood, the Rev. J. Bond, M.A., Col. E. Satterthwaite, V.D., and Mr. W. Morton Smith.

The vice-chair was occupied by the Deputy-Mayor (Alderman R. W. James).

Table B: Mr. John Weeks, Mr. Douglas Payne, Mr. R. S. Mayne, Dr. A. W. Henly, Mr. F. E. Webb, Dr. J.Oldfield, Mr. T. E. Goodyear, Mr. E. Davey Lavender, Mr. C. B. Clarke, Mr.G.H. Payne, Mr. S. Bush, Mr. H. G. Dunn, Mr. H. H. Milstead, Mr. J. M. Crouch, Mr. G. G. Epps, Mr. W. Hutcherson, Mr. A. Rouch, and Mr. J. N. Curwood.

Table C: The BROMLEY CHRONICLE, the "District Times," Mr. T. Butler, Mr. R. W. Harris, Mr. W. A. Cope, Mr. G. Stone, Mr. J. Harrison (Borough Librarian), Mr. G. Wall (Clerk, Bromley Education Committee), Mr. W. J. Carlyon, Mr. J. F. Croome, Mr. A. W. M. Dickins, Mr. L. Beeston, Mr. J. D. Kincey, Mr. John King, Mr. E. Bragg, Mr. F. H. Gedney (Clerk, Joint Hospital Board).

Table D: The Town Clerk of Lewisham (Mr. E. Wright), Mr. F. Stevens (Clerk, Beckenham Urban District Council), Mr. S. Hawkings (Borough Engineer), Dr. A. F. G. Codd (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. S. Rideal, Mr. H. J. Helm, I.S.O., Mr. C. Harris (Chairman, Bromley Board of Guardians), Mr. C. R. Ford, Rev. R. Silvey, Mr. E. Haslehurst (Clerk, Bromley Board of Guardians), Mr. H. W Amos, Mr J. F. Bowen (Clerk, Chislehurst Urban District Council), Mr. H. F. Priter (Secretary, West Kent Main Sewerage Board), Mr. D. Grinsted, Mr. A. Wright, Mr. E. Trower (Assistant Town Clerk).

Table E: Mr. F. H. Norman (Town Clerk), Councillor P. Harper, Councillor W. Powell, Councillor R. Taylor, Councillor C. E. Ingall, Councillor G. Haywood, Councillor A. Lindsay Bell, Councillor J. Rogers, Councillor E. Sparks, Councillor G. Weeks, jun., Councillor E. G. Peill, Councillor W. J. Gibbs, Councillor T. D. Graty, Councillor R. Whyte, jun., Councillor A. A. Werley, Councillor M. H. Newton, Councillor W. J. Homewood, Councillor F. Hudson.

Table F: Mr. H. Griffith, Mr. J. Hudson, Mr. F. W. Bowater, Mr. E. L. White, Mr. A. Henwood, Mr. E. T. Lea, Mr. A. J. Hall, Mr. C. R. Warde, Mr. A. Sims, Dr. P. Randall, Mr. E. Aisbitt Gibson, Mr. W. W. Stocker, Mr . J. Howard Moore, J.P., Mr. G. E. Cotton, Dr. Ilett, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas.

Table G: Dr. P. Cook, Mr. J. T. Helby, Mr. A. S. Gedge, Mr. T. Lamb, Mr. F. Medhurst, Mr. E. F. Watts, Mr. J. F. Arnaud, Mr. J. A. Evans, Dr. Lewis, Mr. J. B. Matthews, Mr. W. L. Crossley, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. W. C. Bassett, Mr. F. W. Peill, Mr. W. Baxter, Mr. G. L. Pyrke.

Table H: Captain Schlesinger, Captain Evans, Rev. F. W. Gusterson, Rev. W. A. Carroll, Rev. C. D. Thomas, Mr. G. M. Kenyon, Mr. C. F. Nayler, Mr. E. E. Sampson, H. Chapman, Mr. H. Podger, Mr. Robt. Peill, Mr. W. R. Gunton, Mr. W. Collings, Mr. F. Lewis, Mr. S. H. Gilbert, T. S. Ayling, Inspector Coster, Mr. S. C. Gramger, Mr. W. E. Tapley.

Grace was said by Bishop Taylor-Smith, and the usual loyal toast was given in brief but appropriate terms by the Mayor, and the National Anthem was sung, Miss Lenora Sparks singing the solo.

"THE INCORPORATION COMMITTEE."

Mr. A. J. Lees, in a singularly able speech, submitted "The Incorporation Committee." It had, said he, given him the greatest possible pleasure to come there that evening, and to participate in that the first Mayoral banquet of the new Borough of Bromley, for two reasons in particular. (Applause.) In the first place he thought the presence of no less than four representatives of the Beckenham Council there that evening—he alluded to his friends, Dr. Randell, Mr. Alfred J. Baker, and Mr. F. Stevens—was some small evidence, if evidence were needed of the friendly relations which existed for all time between the town of Bromley and the adjoining town of Beckenham. (Applause.) There was another reason why it gave him so much pleasure to be there, and that was that it enabled him to extend to the Chairman as the first Mayor of the new Borough of Bromley, as he did to Mr. Dewey, their worthy Charter Mayor, a few weeks since at Beckenham, the hearty congratulations of the Beckenham Council, and of the ratepayers of Beckenham on the success which had attended their application to the Privy Council for a Charter of Incorporation—(applause)—and also on the magnificent manner in which the celebration of the inauguration of the new Borough of Bromley took place owing to the lavish hospitality of Mr. Dewey in September last. He understood that they were to-day occupying the proud position of the first Borough of the County of Kent—at any rate in alphabetical order (laughter)—and he presumed that they would continue to occupy the position until the ratepayers of Beckenham followed the

lead which they had given them, and emulated their example and themselves applied for a Charter of Incorporation.

Mr. Alderman James, whose name was coupled with the toast, said it was somewhat interesting to note that probably the time that elapsed between the first public meeting and the actual acquisition of the Charter was one of the shortest on record. (Applause.) The time really occupied was a little over 18 months. The work of the Committee had, from its commencement, been carried on most smoothly, which was probably due first to the commendable toleration of other people's opinions and a ready acquiescence with the votes of the majority, with a ready acceptance of the ruling of the gentleman who occupied the chair, with so much ability, so much geniality, so much courtesy, and so much firmness, and whose work on that Committee had been rewarded with the very highest honour that the Borough could confer, viz., the honour of being the first Mayor of the new Borough. Then their success was due in a large measure to the hearty co-operation of the Committee. It was within his knowledge that the worthy Hon. Secretary had spent many days and even nights in dealing with the magnitude of detail absolutely necessary to carry through the festivities on Charter Day to the successful issue they were carried through. (Applause.) He wished, therefore, to take that opportunity of giving his testimony to the value of the work of Mr. Watts as hon. secretary. (Applause.) Another pleasing feature of the movement was the very large support the Committee had received from the inhabitants, and when a requisition was sent round for signatures they obtained no less than 3,469 signatures out of a possible 4,800. (Applause.) He also wished to refer to the magnificent hospitality of the Charter Mayor, Mr. T. C. Dewey, on Charter Day. The action of the Committee had been fully justified by the general interest that had been shown in the recent elections.

"THE CHARTER MAYOR."

In proposing this toast, the Mayor said it was a luxury to have to express a common sentiment which at once arouses an enthusiastic response. Words took a second place when their deepest and sincerest sympathies were powerfully stirred by the mere mention of a name. The toast was "The health, long life, and continued happiness of our Charter Mayor, Mr. T. C. Dewey." (Applause). The Charter Mayor had achieved an unconscious triumph. He had compelled the admiration and affection of all. It was indeed fitting that his name should be handed down, in the records of Bromley, for all time as the Charter Mayor—a permanent distinction which time would not tarnish and a name which our successors will not forget to revere. (Applause.) The foundation stones of this fame were set in the cement of wide and almost universal sympathies—philanthropy, charity, genial forbearance, public-spirited generosity, and a good heart that enabled all classes to call him friend. (Renewed applause.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Charter Mayor, who again was accorded an enthusiastic reception on rising, thanked his Worship for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the warmth of their welcome. He then proceeded: I am glad of this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the proof I have just had of the good-will of the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Councillors. I can assure them that I shall always regard it a great favour to have my portrait hanging in the Council Chamber and their kind and thoughtful action will ever be highly appreciated. I really feel that the Charter Mayor receives more credit than he deserves—("No")—for we must not forget that he had a strong Committee working with him, and if you look around the tables you will detect the members of that Committee by their elegant badges. These souvenirs of the Incorporation were kindly presented by Mr. Griffith, the Chairman of the Committee, now our Mayor and our excellent host. (Applause.) Everyone recognised the very able manner in which he guided the Committee, and we were fortunate in having Mr. Alderman James, the Deputy Mayor, who must be a born organiser, and Mr. Ernest F. Watts, our most indefatigable honorary secretary, who to me personally was a tower of strength in connection with Charter Day. (Applause.) The burgesses of Bromley are to be congratulated on the representatives they have as Councillors, who without doubt, feel the responsibility of their office, and therefore their desire will be that the town of Bromley may be ever foremost in all that will promote the happiness and the well-being of its inhabitants. (Loud applause.)

"THE BOROUGH OF BROMLEY."

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., who was received with loud cheers, proposed "The Borough of Bromley." Bromley had done well—done well in the present and done far better for herself in the future by securing the Charter of Incorporation which she enjoyed at the present moment. (Applause.) He believed it to be a fact that they found no purer administrative body throughout the world than the Councils and Boroughs of Great Britain—(applause)—and he thought everybody would agree with him that they should be so. He wished also to say one word with reference to the gentleman who occupied the chair as their host that evening, and who occupied the highest place in the Council of Bromley. That evening they were enjoying his generous and boundless generosity, and they certainly owed him a debt of gratitude. They wished him well. (Applause.) They recognised the difficulties which anyone who was called upon to initiate an administration as he was called upon to initiate, had to encounter. They also recognised the tact and the ability which he displayed in his administrative capacity. (Applause.) They hoped and they confidently believed that his tenure of office would be marked by everything that was good for himself and everything that was good for Bromley as a whole. (Loud applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Mayor, who was most cordially received, acknowledged the very valuable assistance which Mr. Forster rendered to the Incorporation Committee. He was proud that night to welcome amongst his guests the members of the Incorporation Committee, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for their continuous kindness and cordiality to him. He welcomed also to his table his colleagues on the Borough Council, and he would say to them: Mark these gentlemen of the Incorporation Committee, for they are the authors of our Municipal existence. To his colleagues on the Incorporation Committee he would say with equal emphasis: "Mark these Aldermen and Councillors, for they are our creation, and unlike some parents, we are proud of our progeny, for they do us credit." (Laughter and applause.) That was not the occasion to attempt a defence of the principles of Incorporation, but one of the claims put forward in its favour had been realised. It was claimed that public interest in Municipal work would be stimulated, and he would remind them that at the recent elections 80 per cent. of the burgesses recorded their votes, and they could compare that with the 30 per cent. or less of a year ago. He

was afraid he must not claim the munificence of the Charter Mayor on Charter Day, nor his gift of that beautiful Mace, nor even his magnificent offer of £500 towards the purchase of the Plaistow Cricket Fields as a sports ground, as the result of Incorporation, for such acts as those were only characteristic of that public-spirited generosity which had always marked Mr. Dewey's association with Bromley. But the Incorporation had been the occasion of those gifts. Mr. Paul Henwood had followed in the same generous spirit by offer- to provide a splendid Badge to be attached to the chain worn by the Mayor, and he was confident that these great examples will find emulation.

"The Visitors."

The Mayor next proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Sir George Hayter Chubb and Sir George Wyatt Truscott.

"The Mayoress."

Mr. Morton Smith rose and said he had noticed that there was one very grave omission in the toast list, and that was the toast of "The Mayoress of Bromley." He would, therefore, ask them to drink the health of the Mayoress. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and the Mayoress gracefully bowed her acknowledgments from the gallery.

The excellent programme of vocal music under the direction of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, was contributed to by Miss Lenora Sparkes and Mr. Robert Dennant, whose songs were beautifully rendered and heartily encored.

The banquet, which was of a recherché character, was splendidly served, under the personal supervision of Mr. W. James.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHISLEHURST CAVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in the November issue of the Bromley Record a paragraph referring to the visit of the Earl and Countess Stanhope to the galleries in the chalk at Chislehurst, in which those excavations are spoken of as "these wonderful works of a pre-historic age." It would interest many of your readers besides myself, I have no doubt, to be informed upon what evidence this statement is made. I feel quite convinced that the Chislehurst "Caves," or chalkpits, are modern, or possibly mediæval, but certainly not pre-historic; and I venture to suggest that the time has now arrived when those who claim for them such a great antiquity should give some evidence, upon which their opinion is based. If this is not forthcoming the public will be able to form its own opinion on the question.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE CLINCH.

Addiscombe, 25th November, 1903.

At the Bromley County Court on December 4th, Judge Emden said it was one of the weaknesses of this country for working people to spend too much on funerals when they wanted the money for bread and butter to keep themselves. In cases of compensation for the loss of a husband he had said that he would not allow large sums of money for funerals. In the case before him the expenses amounted to £15, and he was very sorry to see it so much. Compared with their means, the working class spent more money on funerals than any other class of people.

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAZAAR.

On December 8th the annual bazaar in aid of various charities was held at the Bromley High School for Girls. The stalls looked even fuller and prettier than in previous years, one of the most charming being that of the Old Girls, held by the Misses Bullen, Miss Dence and Miss Cobb. Other stall-holders were Miss Heppel herself, with Miss Shute, helped by Miss D. Williams, Miss D. Downes and Miss N. Cardwell, Miss Wishart and Miss Scobel, helped by Miss D. and R. Jones; Miss Brown, who held the Plain Needlework stall, assisted by Miss F. Addiscott and Miss M. Boncey. Two other very attractive stalls were respectively for stationery and sweets, the former under the management of Miss D. Brock and Miss E. Jefferies; the latter, with its big bright Japanese umbrella, under that of Miss V. Blyth, Miss W. Clark and Miss N. Cardwell, while Miss N. Young sold tickets for the various entertainments. Then there was a Fish-pond, presided over by Miss D. Braginton and Miss W. Addiscott, and trays of various pretty knick-knacks were carried around by the smaller children. Miss Powell's Orchestra of Old Girls gave a delightful selection, and Miss M. Matthews and Miss W. Reitz went round "with the hat" for the music. The comfort of the visitors was secured by a Parcel Stall, under the management of Miss Exton with Miss Gedge and Miss K. Selby. The hall was a really charming kaleidoscope of colour and motion in the middle of the afternoon, and the effect was enhanced by the tasteful drapings of coloured muslin. Miss Tibbits and Miss Pollock drove a thriving trade in the customary 6d. tea-room, and Mademoiselle Merier and Miss Weiste provided a delightful Café Chantant, where artistes from town were heard with great appreciation. There was as usual a dramatic performance—this year under the able direction of Miss Hitchcock, with the assistance of Miss Sadler. It was a living disproof of the axiom that "Shakespeare spells ruin" to theatrical managers, as the proceeds of the Scenes from "As You Like It" exceeded any made on former occasions.

The afternoon of the bazaar was, as it always is, thoroughly happy and successful. The sum of £108 was taken in the various rooms, and after the promoters have paid their usual amount for their cot in the Victoria Hospital, they will be able to send contributions to the Bromley Cottage Hospital, the Invalid Children's Aid Association, and the Broadstairs Children's Convalescent Home. The characters in the dramatic performance, which were so cleverly sustained, were as follows:—Orlando, Beatrice Matthews, Mary Lee; Jacques, Irene Hubbard, Constance Smith; Touchstone, Sasha Kropotkin, Gladys Johnson; Corin, Dorothy Dickins; Audrey, Doris Taylor; Celia, Dorothy Goodwin, Julia Mann; Rosalind, Priscilla Parker, Elsie Bell. Chorus of Foresters and Pages: Marjorie Clark, Cecil Cocks, Dorothy Marshall, Mildred Bevan, Augusta Yeates, Elsie Hadlow, Lina Wright. The contributors to the excellent programme of music provided in the Café Chantant and Dutch Tea-room, included the following:— Miss M. Young and Miss K. Morum, Miss E. Payne, Miss D. Elliston, Miss Mawson, Miss Dorothy Rawson, Miss Lizzie Patten, Miss Mabel Skipworth. Miss Cecile Nash, Contessina Renata, Miss Elliston, Miss M. Williams, Mrs. Elliston, and Miss Burnie.

Sir Francis Evans, Bart., M.P., of Tubbendens. Farnborough. has given £60 10s. to the funds of the Church Institute. Maidstone, which Borough he represents in Parliament.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

2nd.—Bromley Railway Servants' annual concert at the Drill Hall in aid of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

5th.—Commencement of series of popular concerts at the Drill Hall.

9th.—Annual Bohemian concert at the Bromley Conservative Club.—Liberal meeting at the Drill Hall re proposed fiscal reform.—Primrose League meeting and address by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., at the "White Hart" Assembly Rooms.—Annual Christmas sale at Farnborough Parish Room.

11th.—Chevalier at the Grand Hall.

14th.—St. Luke's (Bromley Common) annual vestry meeting.

15th.—Pianoforte Recital by Arthur Newstead at the Grand Hall.

16th.—Volunteer Prize Distribution by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., at the Drill Hall.—First Mayoral Banquet of the newly incorporated Borough of Bromley, given by the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), at the "Royal Bell" Hotel.

21st.—Speech Day at Quernmore School.

22nd.—Second concert of the season of the Bromley Musical Society.

28th.—Entertainment at Bromley Co-operative Hall in aid of the Missions to Seamen.

Prominent among the prizes for competition at the Australian fire brigade jubilee celebration next March is a fine bronze statuette given by Sir George Williams, the founder of that well-known institution, the Y.M.C.A.

A branch of the "King's Messengers," which is a nursery society for children in connection with the S.P.G., has been formed for St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Mrs. Howard Williams and Mrs. Evelyn Hellicar are the hon. secs.

THE MAYOR'S HOSPITALITY.

COUNCIL'S WORKMEN ENTERTAINED AT DINNER.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) with characteristic generosity, entertained the workmen of the Borough Council, numbering 120, to a dinner at the "White Hart" Hotel.

After the repast, and the loyal toast,

Mr. J. R. Smith (labour superintendent) said it was his pleasure and privilege to propose "The health of the Mayor," the kind donor of the feast. (Applause.) He was sure that they were all deeply sensible of his kindness and generosity, and he was also sure they all very much regretted his absence that evening through indisposition. (Hear, hear.) The workmen were, he thought, very much indebted to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the spirit in which they had received them that evening.

The toast was accorded musical honours.

The Deputy Mayor replied on behalf of the Mayor, and in conclusion, proposed the health of the Permanent Officers of the Council, coupling with the toast the names of Mr. Norman and Mr. Hawkings.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Hawkings and Mr. Norman each suitably acknowledged the compliment, and at a later stage in the proceedings, Mr. Norman, in felicitous terms, submitted "The Deputy Mayor," a sentiment which was received with great cordiality, and duly acknowledged by Alderman James.

The contributors to a much appreciated programme of music, &c., included Mr. E. M. Garnar, Messrs. Walter J. Mills. J. R. Smith, J. Stenning, H. Day, A. Atwood, and W. Milstead, jun. Mr. A. Lawrence was the excellent accompanist.

REV. THOMAS NICHOLSON.

The Rev. Thomas Nicholson, of Bromley Congregational Church, has accepted the Pastorate of Paddington Chapel, and will begin his ministry there on the first Sunday in March next. Mr. Nicholson, who has been minister at Bromley for eight years, is a Welshman, and during a five years' pastorate at Denbigh in the early eighties made a reputation throughout the Principality by the forceful eloquence of his preaching. Rev. J. Morlais Jones once declared that if Mr. Nicholson had remained in Wales he would have been one of the "giants" of the Welsh pulpit. Before settling at Bromley, Mr. Nicholson spent nine years at Above Bar Church, Southampton. Paddington Chapel has been without a pastor since Rev. J. Ossian Davies retired, owing to ill-health, at the close of last year.

On Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at a smoking concert held in the Bromley Volunteers' Recreation Room, Mr. D. Jones, the Steward, was presented with a handsome marble timepiece subscribed for by members of the Detachment, as an appreciation of the unfailing tact and courtesy with which he has discharged his duties during the 18 months he has held the office.

A beautiful alabaster reredos has now been added to the Beckenham Parish Church at a cost of about £500, and adds not a little to its ornamental interior. This is the gift of Mrs. Arkell, of Maidstone (the mother of the late Mrs. Lendon), and her brothers and sisters. The handsome gift was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. H. Arnott, in Christmas week.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

Mr. T. C. Dewey presided at the third of this season's series of Club house suppers, held at the Bromley Conservative Club, on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.

During a lull in the proceedings, Mr. A. C. Norman rose to propose the health of the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Dewey. They knew Mr. Dewey in a great many capacities in Bromley, and although not strictly and geographically a Bromley man, as he happened to reside outside the border, his sympathies and associations had for many years been with them and their town. There was no movement with a good object or for the good of any part of Bromley, with which Mr. Dewey did not take a foremost and leading part, without ostentation and with generosity and with tact. (Applause.) Mr. Dewey was at home on a good many platforms and amongst a good many companies, but he ventured to say that he was never more enthusiastically welcomed and received than he was by the Bromley Conservative Club. (Applause.) He knew, therefore, that they would drink his health with heartiness without invitation from him. Before inviting them to do so, however, he wished to express to Mr. Dewey a wish and ambition which had been in the hearts of the members of that Club. If he glanced round upon the walls of that room he would see a great many portraits of vice-presidents, more or less worthy, some of them, happily, still with them and some of them, unhappily, not. The walls were pretty well covered with portraits, but with a little re-arrangement space could be found for another one or two, and he did not think they would contradict him when he said space should be found for Mr. Dewey's own portrait. (Applause.) Such a portrait would undoubtedly help to adorn the walls, and help to give pleasure to the members. He hoped Mr. Dewey would pardon him for introducing a possibly irrelevant topic into his remarks, and, in conclusion, he would ask the members to drink his health.

The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, who was most cordially received, said he assured the members that he did thank them most warmly for the very hearty way in which they had responded to the toast so kindly proposed by Mr. Norman. He, at once, wished to say that he should be delighted to conform as quickly as possible with the suggestion made by Mr. Norman that his portrait should be hung in that room, as he should consider it a very great honour to have his portrait hanging side by side with the portraits of such distinguished men as now adorned its walls. (Applause.) He had spent very many happy hours there, and he hoped he should be spared to spend many more in the Club. Since he was there last year a new era had risen in Bromley and they were now on the highest level of municipal life, and in introducing that subject he must say how pleased he was to find that some of the members of their new Borough Council were sitting round that evening's festive board. He knew they were sorry that some who ought to have been on the Council were not there up to the present time, and, therefore, they must see to it at the annual elections which would take place, that the quality of their representatives did not deteriorate. (Hear, hear). He repeated they were fortunate in having a Club like theirs, and such a Member as Mr. Forster. (Applause.) In having Mr. Forster to represent them in Parliament they could not help feeling that they were in some way connected with the Government of the country. At the present time, the Government required all the help they could give them, because they were now really living in a vital period, and they must see to it that the Conservative Party was kept well together and ready for every emergency. (Hear, hear.) An important and far-reaching question was now in the minds of all men, and it was his firm conviction that the Government were working on the right lines in regard to fiscal reform.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE MEETING AT BROMLEY.

The idea of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League to combine business with pleasure was a particularly happy one, and the gathering held at the "White Hart" Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, when Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., was the principal speaker, was numerously attended, despite the showery weather experienced, the room being filled. The interior of the room had been tastefully decorated, for which thanks are due to Mr. T. D. Graty and Mr. G. Pyrke. During the evening, subsequent to the speeches, Miss Lewis contributed a song, for the tasteful rendering of which she was heartily applauded, and Miss Fowler was encored for a violin solo, which was rendered in a most artistic and finished manner. Mr. MacPherson gave a sword dance and the remaining item of the entertainment was the production of a comedietta, entitled "A Happy Pair," the characters being sustained by Miss C. W. Gripper and Mr. E. C. E. Sharpe. The full spirit of the piece was exceedingly well elicited, and throughout the audience were kept thoroughly amused, whilst at frequent intervals the efforts of the amateurs induced the heartiest of applause. Over the business portion of the programme Mr. H. H. Bothamley (Ruling Councillor) presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., and Mr. Guy St. B. Barker (the valued hon. secretary of the Habitation). In the body of the hall were many of the leading residents.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Packe, J.P., C.C., regretting inability to be present in consequence of having to be present at a Masonic gathering that afternoon and evening.

Mr. Coles Child announced that the Dame President, Mrs. Coles Child, was unable to be present through indisposition, and that she wished Mr. Bothamley to act in her capacity that evening. She also hoped that the gathering would be a successful and enjoyable one. (Applause.)

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., who was received with cheers, then gave an interesting and instructive address on the proposed important change in our fiscal policy.

Mr. T. K. Crossfield moved and Mr. T. D. Graty seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Forster for his excellent address, and the motion was carried with enthusiasm.

A similar compliment was also accorded Mr. Bothamley for presiding, on the initiative of Mr. Coles Child.

The annual pound sale in connection with St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was held at St. Luke's Institute on Monday, Dec. 14th.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Debating Society, an interesting debate took place in the Guild-room of the Congregational Church on December 7th concerning England's taste, which was alleged to be unwarrantably bad. Mr. Bourne was the proposer ,and Mr. Hellyer the principal opposer to a motion to this effect, which in the end was defeated by a large majority. Mr. L. G. Brock, the excellent hon. secretary of the Society, occupied the chair.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Once more the arrival of the Christmas vacation in connection with Quernmore School, Bromley, is marked by an addition to the long list of high educational successes gained by pupils of the above school, and the large and fashionable attendance at the annual entertainment and prize distribution on Monday, Dec. 21st, again abundantly testified to its popularity. The exceptional amount of accommodation which the large room in which the gathering took place, offers, was taxed to its utmost, and a number of the parents and friends of the Schools found it no easy matter to find even standing room. The Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided, and supporting him on the platform were the Deputy-Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Alderman Dr. Price, Mr. G. Loly, B.A. (the headmaster), Major Pead, Mr. J. Gibson (the founder of the school).

The first item on the programme was the entertainment by the pupils, whose efforts testified to the high class of education they receive. Needless to say the entertainment was listened to with much pleasure.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, by the Mayor, Mr. Loly said he had been requested by Canon Ainger to express his deep regret that he was unable to be present that afternoon to distribute the prizes, after a long-standing engagement extending more than 15 months, owing to indisposition. They were extremely indebted to the Mayor for his great kindness in filling Canon Ainger's place at the last moment. In reference to the work done in the school during the past year he should like to say that one of the chief tests was the Oxford Local Examination, and he thought they had reason to be satisfied with the performances of the boys on the last occasion. Twenty-three were sent up, and practically all passed. (Applause.) Then he wished to make a special reference to the really splendid performance of the late captain of the School, Alfred Meier. During the previous term he went up for three different examinations, all fairly severe. In the first place for the examination in chemistry held by the Science and Art Department, which he passed with a double first in practical and theoretical chemistry. (Applause.) He also entered for the London Matriculation Examination, which he passed in the first Division. He entered also in the City and Guild Science Examination at South Kensington, and passed it with great ease and with distinction and honour. (Applause.) They were having good accounts from the Army, the Universities, and the Hospitals of boys from Quernmore, and they felt that perhaps they were not altogether unsuccessful in their efforts. Some of the old boys had done extremely well. W. M. Phillips had recently taken a Scholarship at Trinity Hall; E. M. Woodman had won the first Junior Scholarship and the Treasury's Prize at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and K. H. Digby had done very brilliantly at Guy's Hospital. (Applause.)

The Mayor then handed the prizes to the successful students, according to the following prize-list:—

FORM PRIZES.

Classes ii. and iii., F. K. Griffith; Class iv., T. F. C. Marriott; Shell, L. V. Johnsen; Remove, S. W. Davis; Juniors i., A. Mackenzie; Juniors ii., J. R. S. Proud; Juniors iii., A. D. Whittle; Preparatory, H. Connett; Transition i., A. F. Adkin; Transition ii., T. Moore.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

Latin, W. L. Harvey; Greek, W. C. D. Maile; German i., W. L. Harvey; German ii., W. C. Johnsen; French i., O. C. Johnsen; French ii., R. M. Bruce; Mathematics i., B. H. Tucker, Mathematics ii., A. L. Dawe; Mathematics iii., T. F. C. Marriott; Mathematics iv., J. C. Hunter; Mathematics (Mr. Carr's Prize), A. M. Lewis; Mathematics v., S. W. Davis; Chemistry, Ian Mackenzie; the Rev. J. Bond's Divinity Prize, i., F. K. Griffith; the Rev. J. Bond's Divinity Prize, ii., W. C. D. Maile; English Essay, A. C. Jepson; General Knowledge, Seniors, S. H. Batty-Smith; General Knowledge, Juniors, A. Mackenzie; General Knowledge, Preparatory, E Norman; Drawing i., F. Arroyo-Caro; Drawing ii., E. R. Faux; Miss Loly's Progress Prize, B. C. Adkin; Mrs. Loly's House Prize, G. Airey.

OXFORD LOCAL CERTIFICATES.

W. L. Harvey, G. Masterman Loly, W. A. Slade, Honours; J. S. Bell, A. L. Dawe, F. K. Griffith, O. C. Johnsen, W. C. D. Maile, L. G. H. Muncey, W. G. S. Neely, R. Woodbridge, J. H. Young, H. J. Green, A. C. Jepson, F. G. Scott, B. H. Tucker, G. R. Airey, S. H. Batty-Smith, R. M. Bruce, P. A. Gedge, T. F. C. Marriott, C. F. Woodbridge.

The Mayor afterwards delivered an interesting address, in the course of which he said that it had given him extreme pleasure to come there that afternoon to give away the prizes. He and the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Dr. Price had come in their robes to do homage to those robes of scholarly achievements which they saw in such numbers there on that occasion—(applause)—and thus to do homage to that supreme aristocracy of education, upon which such a great deal of the success and prosperity of the country depended.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

A most interesting and gratifying exhibition of paintings, drawings, needlework, kindergarten, &c., the work of the pupils at Holmcroft School, Holwood-road, Bromley, for so long a period associated with the name of Miss Fertel, took place at the School on December 17th, and we cannot but congratulate Miss Fertel and all concerned upon the high standard of excellence which was attained all round. The exhibtion was visited during the day by many of the pupils' parents and friends, and they were all extremely gratified with what they saw. Special mention should be made of Miss Fertel's accomplished colleague, Miss Harrison, A.C.P., M.C.P., to whose talented instruction a large share of the credit for the exhibition is due.

ST MARY'S, PLAISTOW, WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

The St. Mary's Men's Club Room preesnted an animated appearance on Thursday, Dec. 17th, on the occasion of the annual supper of the above Club. The Vicar of St. Mary's (who is president of the Club) occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. Murray S. Richardson (vice-president), Mr. W. H. Bosanquet (who was for many years the esteemed hon. sec. and treasurer), Revs. C. A. and H. Curgenven, Messrs. H. Allan, the present, and H. Marks, the hon. secs.; and Mr. E. J. Gripper. About 50 members sat down to a capital repast.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

POPULAR CONCERT.

Notwithstanding the adverse climatic conditions which prevailed on Dec. 5th, there was a very fair audience at the Drill Hall, on the occasion of Miss Victoria Bath's concert.

And such a treat it was, particularly as regards the instrumental part of the programme. Here in Bromley we are not unused to most excellent orchestral playing, but our opportunities of hearing the delightful examples of chamber music which the great masters have bequeathed to us, are not so often vouchsafed to us. The excellent pieces rendered so well at this concert gave us a longing and desire for more in this direction. The programme opened with Mozart's Quintette for clarinet and string quartette, Mr. Leonard Beddome taking the clarinet part. His splendid playing in this work, so distinguished by all those estimable qualities of complete phrasing, full and warm tone, delicate light and shade, which go to make a perfect artiste, was probably the most striking feature of the evening's music. Messrs. Norman Bath, A. Borowski, Druan Bath, and Walter Hobday were the string players and performed their work very well in this and Haydn's Quartette, with which the concert closed. The latter was, I think, their best performance. Mozart is a stumbling block to many a good artiste. Of the four players, the brothers Bath on the first violin and viola were the best, the second fiddle being a little too restrained and the 'cellist a little scraggy. Mr. Norman Bath played a violin solo, Hubay's "Andante," and obtained an encore.

Very pleasant vocal pieces were rendered by Miss Haidee de Solla and Miss Ethel Spark. Miss de Solla was accompanied by her father, an highly esteemed Professor at the Guildhall School of Music. Her first selection was Macfarren's "Pack clouds away," a song which enabled her to show excellent execution and some clear head notes. The clarinet obligato by Mr. Beddome was equally successful. Miss de Solla repeated the last verse of this song and gave "The Minstrel Boy" as an encore to her second song. Miss Ethel Spark sang "A Summer Night" (Goring Thomas), in which the 'cello and piano were too noisy, and as an encore to her second song sang Nevin's "The Rosary." Miss Spark has a very pleasant voice and sings well. Miss Ethel Gannon was very successful in her presentation of "The Death of Sydney Carton" (Dickins) and "Our Ball" (Praed), the latter being rendered very piquantly and with much point. The "Ballade of du Desespere," in which she was associated with Miss Spark, Miss. Lois Barker (piano), and Messrs. Norman Bath and Walter Hobday, was not so satisfactory. The drift of the part sung by Miss Spark behind a screen was somewhat indistinct and the thread of the narrative therefore lost.—VIOLA.

PERFORMANCE OF "THE MESSIAH" AT BECKENHAM.

A capital rendering of the above oratorio was given by Mr. J. W. Lewis' choir at the Beckenham Congregational Church, on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. There was a very good audience present.

The choruses received most excellent renderings from the choir of about 60 voices. There was a most praiseworthy sense of intelligent reading, and in attack, general cohesion, clear enunciation, and good tone, they were also conspicuous. Such choruses as "And the glory" and "For unto us" one expects to go well. Here they were exceptionally fine, but in such trying choruses as "The Lord gave the word," "Surely," and "Glory to God," they were no less successful. In accordance with the announced intention, several numbers from the appendix were given, including the chorus "But thanks be to God," a duet for alto and tenor, and a long and thankless solo for the treble. Of the chorus, the basses were a particularly robust body ; the tenors worked hard; the altos somewhat overborne and the sopranos very bright and full until the last two choruses, when they went somewhat to pieces and were divided amongst themselves.

The soloists were Miss Edith Patching, Miss Margaret Lander, Mr. Bertram Pearce, and Mr. Edmund Cooper. Miss Patching gave a charming rendering of her solos, her fine voice being as successfully used in the brilliant "Rejoice, greatly" as in the consoling air, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," which had a most touching rendering. Miss Lander was most pleasing in "He shall feed His flock," but was obviously nervous. Mr. Bertram Pearce's voice is eminently suited for oratorio music and as he was evidently so greatly in sympathy with his work, it is no wonder that his singing was most satisfactory. Mr. Cooper likewise revelled in his truculent part and in recitatives was very fine. His forte passages were good, but his pianissimos sometimes misplaced. "Why do the nations" was a good piece of work.

It only remains to notice the excellent accompaniments of the orchestra, the great discretion shown at the organ by Mr. Partridge, and the firm and confident conducting of Mr. J. W. Lewis.

ST. LUKE'S MUSICAL SERVICE.

Braving a cheerless and rough afternoon, a large congregation gathered at St. Luke's, on Sunday, December 13th, to listen to the ever welcome Advent music from Handel's "Messiah." That such a large congregation should assemble is a tribute to the strong popularity of the work itself, but it is more than that, surely. Is not the willingness, the readiness, to foregather to listen to the sacred word, rendered in appropriate and most devout language, a testimony also to the deep religious instinct with which we are credited ? Let such works be announced whenever and wherever you will and a large audience is invariably the result. And that is even so, when, as on this occasion, there is nothing particularly promising announced. Where means are limited and resources meagre, there are bound to be shortcomings, but notwithstanding these, there are plenty only too glad to take advantage of the opportunities which such choirs gratuitiously and most generously give of hearing this most appropriate music at such a season of charity and goodwill. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the collection, which was taken on behalf of the choir fund, was quite worthy of the congregation, and that the amount was not less than the expenditure which the Vicar told us, had sometimes been the case.

MR. ARTHUR NEWSTEAD'S RECITAL.

There was not a very large audience at the Grand Hall on December 15th, when Mr. Newstead gave a very interesting and artistic concert. Our popular pianist has hitherto been successful in obtaining a good audience here, and therefore it was rather surprising, perhaps, that with the additional attraction of Dr. Lierhammer's name, there was not a larger audience present. The reason or reasons have, probably, no direct connection with the concert or concert-giver, but are due to extraneous causes. It was a pity, indeed, that this evening of the week was chosen for the

concert, for Tuesday is by custom the regular practice night of the Church bell-ringers. Our pleasure was somewhat marred therefore and our powers of appreciation somewhat curtailed, particularly with regard to Mr. Newstead's pianoforte playing. At the same time we were well able to again admire the many virtues of the concert giver's performances; his neat and clean execution, finely adjusted balance of expression; his phrasing, and, above all, his ability to obtain such clear and true insight into the deeper meanings of the composers whose works he approaches, and the interpretive faculty which enables him to do them such adequate justice.

Miss Irene Foster was, we were told, making her debut on an English platform. She has qualities which will, I am certain, make her welcome here. With a good presence, charming voice, and easy and confident style a successful future should be well assured. Her singing was delightful.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The performances of Coleridge Taylor's "Death of Minnehaha" and "Hiawatha's Departure," at the Drill Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, cannot rank as being amongst the best of the works done by the chorus of the Musical Society. They are by no means easy to read and it appeared to me that the members had taken such a long time to master their parts as regards notation that they had left Mr. Thomas little time in which to "polish off," or to obtain much in the way of expression or real feeling. This particularly refers to the "Death of Minnehaha," which was done as Part 1 of the programme. There was far too much singing from the note and book only, and the members did not get at all into touch with the story or scenes which they were singing about. The passages referring to the death of Minnehaha and Hiawatha's distress did not get that treatment which they call for. In the second part the chorus did much better and almost rose to their usual level. The music in this part is brighter and more reminiscent of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," which the Society did so well a season or so back. Consequently the whole work in this half of the programme went much better. A "joyous Hiawatha," with "smiles of joy and triumph; and looks of exultation," was evidently much more to the taste of the choir than a death-bed scene, for the average choir member dearly loves a shout! The music in which Hiawatha's actual departure is announced was very well given indeed.

The solo parts were undertaken by Madame Bertha Rossow, Mr. Ben Johnson, and Mr. Bertram Latter. The soprano was naturally best in the favourite air "Spring has come," which she sang very charmingly. In some of the passages there was far too much "feeling for" her upper notes. Mr. Johnson was most successful in the quasi recitative passages, "Peace be with you, Hiawatha." In a later passage he had a serious lapse and failed to take his part up. Mr. Bertram Latter was by far the most successful vocalist of the evening. He seemed to know his work so well and to have mentally imagined and grasped the whole story and scene. He was in fine voice and his upper notes, particularly some F's, were such that some tenors might envy. The long solo, "Hiawatha's vision," was a splendid piece of artistic and dramatic singing, and Mr. Thomas did well to make a pause to give the audience an opportunity of bestowing well-merited applause.

There was some excellent instrumental playing during the work and also in the "Ballade" which preceded it. The orchestra included such fine players as Mr. Norman Bath (at the leader's desk), Mr. Fransella (flute), Mr. L. Beddome (clarinet), Mr. John Solomon (trumpet), and the brothers Matt (trombones). The trumpet playing of Mr. Solomon was distinguished by sound judgment and restraint. The Ballade at the opening was so well played that I hope Mr. Thomas will repeat it at an orchestral concert.

I must once again compliment the talented conductor (Mr. Lewis Thomas), who acquitted himself with his wonted ability, and obtained a particularly fine rendering of the Ballade.—VIOLA.

BROMLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A short musical service followed the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 20th, when the choir sang a number of appropriate carols and anthems. Sullivan's "Hark, what mean those holy voices" was well sung, and also Stainer's "It came upon the midnight clear." The duett, "Love Divine," was sung with much taste by Miss Nellie Dunford and Mr. Bertram Pearce, both of whom had other engagements elsewhere the same evening.

BROMLEY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Taking into consideration the close proximity of Christmas Day and its many attendant calls, the congregation which assembled at the above church on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, was a very fair one, and the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie in his opening remarks expressed his satisfaction on that point. The service was, we understand the first of the kind held in this building, but the successful manner in which it was carried through and the evident satisfaction which it gave to the minister and congregation should certainly ensure that it will not be the last.

The nucleus of the service was found in Mendelssohn's 42nd Psalm, a short work for soprano, solo and choir, taking about 25 minutes to perform. The choir only numbered seventeen voices, but a good amount of tone was obtained, and no signs of faltering or hesitancy. Miss Eva Hardy sang the solos and recitatives very expressively indeed, and in addition to these rendered invaluable help in all the choir pieces. The male voice quartette, sung by Messrs. Bertram Pearce, J. A. Bacon, Ralph Reid, and W. Butcher, with the soprano solo above it was a very successful piece. The anthem "Hark, the glad sound" (M. B. Foster) was also well sung by the choir.

In addition to these Messrs. Ralph Reid and Bertram Pearce each sang solos with acceptance. Mr. T. H. Jarvis accompanied and the musical service was conducted by Mr. Pearce.

The sale of work held on behalf of the Beckenham St. Michael's Church Building fund, realised the substantial sum of £30.

The Bromley St. John's Athletic Club held their annual tea and concert at the Club-room, Freelands-grove, on Monday, December 7th. The President (Rev. P. Barker), occupied the chair.

A thoroughly interesting and in every respect highly successful concert in aid of the funds of the Bromley branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was given in the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.

A substantial sum has been raised by the Committee, of which Earl Stanhope was chairman, for a Kent County memorial to Regulars, Yeomanry, and Volunteers of County regiments who lost their lives in the South African War. A site has been selected at Canterbury, and the Duke of Connaught is to be asked to take the principal part in the inaugural ceremony.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. F. LEWIS THOMAS.

As marking the occasion of his approaching marriage, the members of the Bromley Musical Society, together with its subscribers have presented their valued conductor, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, with a very handsome dark mahogany sideboard and a beautiful solid silver rose bowl, inscribed with appreciative and congratulatory sentiments.

The presentation was made midway through the practice of the members of the Society at the Drill Hall, on December 21st, by Mr. Bertram H. Latter, and in so doing that gentleman said when it became known to them that Mr. Thomas was to be married, the first thought that struck them was that they should all like to participate in giving him some slight token of their great esteem and regard in the shape of a wedding present. He was happy to say that he had been requested to make the presentation on behalf of the Sub-Committee responsible for its promotion. The present was a little gift, not only from all the active members of the Society, but from the subscribers to the concerts of the Society. He was sure Mr. Lewis Thomas would be extremely gratified and proud could he read some of the letters he had received with regard to the notices that had been sent out. The answer to their appeal was absolutely unanimous and he was certain that Mr. Thomas would appreciate this. It was now some 23 years since the Society was founded, and he was sure that all interested in its welfare would agree with him when he said that such a career of good work would have been impossible, but for the energy, ability, and enthusiasm of Mr. Thomas. Every individual in Bromley generally owed him a deep debt of gratitude for the work he had done in the cause of pure, good music, and especially those who had participated in the practice of the Society.

Mr. Norman Bath gave the cue, and the members of the Society then sang most heartily "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Lewis Thomas said he was utterly unable to thank them at all adequately for their most beautiful presents, and for their more than kind feelings and good wishes. As Mr. Latter had said, it was now some 23 years since the Society was started, and he believed that he had worked truly and hard in its interests. However, it had been an absolute labour of love. No success could have been attained by the Society had he not been favoured with the kind, loyal, and hearty co-operation of many enthusiastic amateurs. He was delighted to see around him many who had joined the Society with him 23 years ago, and he could only hope that it would as the town grew, become more widely known and, might he say, more heartily supported. (Applause.)

On December 18th, previous to the practice at St. Mary's, Plaistow, the Vicar, Rev. J. Bond on behalf of himself and assistant clergy, churchwardens, and members of the Plaistow Church choir present, and many of those who were not present, presented to Mr. Lewis Thomas, their organist and choirmaster, a very handsome set of entrée dishes and an ornate silver lamp.

The death of Mr. Graham, builder, of Beckenham, aged 80, took place on Saturday, December 12th, and the deceased was buried at Shirley, on Thursday, December 17th.

The Grove Park Palace (as the Workhouse has been dubbed) actually cost £212,296, exclusive of furnishing, and the Children's Homes and Schools ran into £149,363—a total of £361,659.

BROMLEY BOWLING CLUB.

The twelfth annual dinner in connection with the Bromley Bowling Club, coupled with which was the interesting ceremony of the presentation of prizes won during the season, took place at the Royal Bell Hotel, on Nov. 30th, and passed off most successfully. Mr. E. Packe, J.P., the popular President, presided over a large attendance of members and friends of the Club, and the head places at the cross tables were filled by Mr. E. M. Garnar, Mr. C. J. Campbell, and Mr. J. King (the excellent hon. secretary). The attendance included the Rev. P. Barker (Vicar of St. John's, Bromley), Messrs. F. E. Packe, N. Hardingham, H. J. Selby, C. E. Panter, Councillors R. Taylor and W. Powell, Messrs. F. Medhurst, John Howard, G. Pyrke, D. Grinsted, E. T. Lea, J. D. Kincey, E. T. Pellett, H. A. Hudson, J. R. MacCallum, E. F. Evans, P. Sharp, J. Howard, jun., Rich, F. J. Hughes, H. Edger, E. F. Watts, Harding. J. H. Melling, H. Hoare, Martin, D. Markland, J. Maynard, E. May, A. Riley, A. Malham. R. Flux, R. Neville Flux, J. Hadden, F. H. Gedney, R. Cooper, J. Bretherton, John King. Jenner, Reeve, E. E. Sampson, F. P. Duthoit, A. Griffin, Clark, W. Darby Jones, S. Bush, H. C. Bush, G. Shillcock, E. Philpot, H. W. Levens, Beaumont, H. Heaysman, R. V. Harman, H. Harman, Symons, &c.

An excellent repast was served under the personal superintendence of Mr. James, the catering giving entire satisfaction. At its conclusion, the loyal and other toasts were submitted from the chair, and duly honoured, the singing of the National Anthem being ably led by Mr. E. M. Garnar.

The presentation of the prizes won during the season then took place, and as each successful competitor received his prize at the hands of the President, he was heartily applauded. The prize-winners were Mr. F. Medhurst, winner of the Championship Cup and Championship Woods; Mr. H. A. Hudson, who won the President's Woods; Mr. J. R. MacCallum, winner of the Woods presented by the late Mr. G. W. F. Loftus, and the Woods presented by Mr. E. M. Garnar; Mr. E. T. Pellett, the Woods presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell; and Mr. E. F. Evans, the Comyns Shield and a prize given by Mr. H. Edger. At the conclusion the health of the prize-winners was enthusiastically drunk, on the initiative of the President.

We understand that a sufficient sum of money has been voluntarily guaranteed by members of the Bromley Bowling Club to entirely re-turf the charming green of the Club at Sundridge Park, and the work is now in hand.

At the Christmas show of the Croydon Dairymen and Cowkeepers' Association, Mr. R. H. Bullen, dairyman, of Bromley Common, was awarded second prize in the open class for milch cows.

Dr. Samuel Rideal, the Gas Examiner to the Bromley Corporation, has been appointed by the Rochester Corporation as an advisory expert as to the best form of treatment to be adopted with regard to the sewage of that ancient city.

Mr. Stephen Sellon, M.I.C.E., who acted for the British Electric Traction Company, in their recent negotiations with Bromley, has been retained by the Maidstone Corporation as consulting engineer in connection with their tramways scheme.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BROMLEY BRANCH.

The annual business meeting of the above Branch was held on Monday, Nov. 30th, at St. Mark's Church Room. The chair was taken at eight o'clock p.m. by the President (the Rev. A. G. Hellicar), who was supported by the Rev. L. J. Elwin, Mr. Hodgkinson, and Mr. Taylor. The annual report presented by the Secretary showed that since November, 1902, 27 new members had been enrolled, others had left the neighbourhood and a few had passed away. The present number was 142—88 belonging to the total abstinence section and 54 to the general section. Collections taken at the various meetings in aid of the Police Court Mision Fund amounted to £2 11s. 9d., and a special collection on behalf of the Archbishop Temple Memorial Fund realised £1 17s. The total given by the members amounted to £4 8s. 9d.—a distinct improvement, which it was hoped would be steadily maintained. The average attendance at the meetings was 130. Details of the year's work were given, and cordial thanks were expressed to those who had taken part and also to Miss Soames and Mr. Soames, who had permitted the Branch to make use of the Club-room.

In proposing Mr. Hodgkinson as treasurer, the Vicar stated that Mr. Hodgkinson had held this post since 1880, and always took the deepest interest in the Society. The entire executive were unanimously re-elected Miss West taking Miss Balchin's district, and Captain Abernethy taking the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Durham.

BROMLEY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

NEW INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Sunday, Dec. 13th, was an occasion of considerable interest to the congregation worshipping at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, for on that day the new installation of electric light was used for the first time. The work was entrusted to the Bromley Electric Lighting Co., and so successfully has it been carried out that the congregation now have the delight of knowing that they possess one of the best lighted churches in the town. In the body of the church there are 10 five-light fittings, each light being of 16-candle power. These are suspended 10 feet 6 inches from the floor, and are much lower than the 19-light gas fittings which were previously used, and of which three still remain connected with gas in case of contingency. A two-light fitting is provided for the pulpit, and the spare gallery will be illuminated with four three-light fittings, each lamp being of eight candle power. The gallery for the choir is supplied with two fittings, that in the front consisting of three 16 candle power lamps, and the one at the back three lamps of eight candle power. Four single points of eight candle power will be the illuminant for the organ, and under both north and south aisles are fixed five three-light fittings with lamps of eight candle power. Similar fittings appear under the gallery at the west end of the church. The vestibule, too, is well lighted, as also is the entrance to the church, where four three-light fittings, with eight candle power lamps, have been placed. The lecture hall, the Session room, the vestry, and all the other offices have likewise been supplied with the electric light.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT BROMLEY COMMON.

With the praiseworthy object of augmenting the Sick and Needy and Christmas Cheer Funds of St. Luke's Parish, a dramatic entertainment was given at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, and the ladies and gentlemen who united their efforts on this occasion in the cause of charity may be heartily congratulated on having secured a two-fold success —first, having produced a substantial augmentation of the funds referred to; and secondly, on having provided for the large audience which assembled at each entertainment, an evening of thorough enjoyment. Valued assistance was forthcoming from many quarters, but we shall not be creating invidious distinction in singling out for special mention Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Holmes, Miss Hilda Willett, Mr. Basil T. Courtney, Miss Courtney, and Mr. Hubert Courtney, their indefatigable efforts playing an important part in the production of such satisfactory results. They not only sacrificed considerable time in promoting the entertainments, but they also devoted their talents to the benefit of the funds in question, through the medium of the performances.

Each evening opened with selections by an orchestra, the nucleus of which consisted of the Band which lends such valued help at the St. Luke's Men's Hour, and afterwards the curtain rose for the production of a dramatic fancy in one act, entitled "Dream Faces," the characters being as follow:—Margaret, Miss Hilda Willett; Lucy, Miss Courtney; Robert, Mr. T. B. Holmes; Philip, Mr. Hubert Courtney.

The second half of the programme consisted of the production of the extravaganza "Ladies in Parliament," in which it was observed with something like consternation that the ladies had not only made their entry into Parliament, but had succeeded in forming a Government and putting the men in opposition.

PRESENTATIONS.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, two interesting presentations took place at the Wharton-road Schools. To mark the occasion of the approaching marriage of Miss Shelton, the valued headmistress of the girls department, and the consequent termination of her duties in that school, the members of her staff and the scholars of her school made her a presentation of a handsome black and copper standard lamp as a mark of their affection and esteem. The interesting ceremony was ably performed, in a few well-chosen words, by Miss Mattey, who has been for several years the colleague of Miss Shelton, and who has now been appointed by the Bromley Education Committee to be her successor. During her eight years' work at the school Miss Shelton has not only earned the affection and respect of those in her own department, but also of the staffs of the infants' and boys' departments, as was testified by their presenting her with a gold bracelet, accompanied by heartiest good wishes for her future success and happiness.

The will of the late Mr. Herbert Meyer, of Highfield, Bromley, has been proved at £3,011.

The dance which the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith and Mrs. Griffith) are giving at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, on January 7th, is entirely of a private character, its object being to mark the coming-out of their second daughter, Miss Mary Griffith.

Local Obituary.

MRS. CHATTERTON.

It is with sincere regret and sorrow that we have to record the death of Mrs. Chatterton, the wife of Dr. W. Chatterton, of Chepstow Lodge, Mason's Hill, Bromley, which sad event occurred on Saturday, December 19th. Few ladies were better known in the town than the deceased and by all with whom she came into contact she was very highly esteemed. By her kindly sympathies and good deeds she had endeared herself to all who knew her and the extent of the sympathy shown to Dr. Chatterton in his great bereavement has been strikingly demonstrated by the large number of expressions of condolence received by him through the post.

The funeral service was held at St. Luke's Church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, and the interment took place on the following day in the Chatterton vault at Dublin.

The principal mourners were: Dr. Chatterton, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Wybrants (brother-in-law, sister, and niece), Mr. John Green (brother), Mrs. Eardley Hill (cousin), the two servants, and two nurses. The coffin was met at the church door by the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, Vicar of St. Luke's, and the Rev. E. R. Webster and the Rev. C. de R. Wall, curates. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Webster reading the appointed lesson, I. Corinthians xv. The service concluded with the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er."

Along the route of the funeral procession blinds were down in token of sympathy and respect.

At the conclusion of the service, the coffin was allowed to remain in the church until five o'clock, when it was removed to the funeral car and was taken by road to Euston Station, en route for Ireland. The flowers were conveyed in three separate carriages, and Dr. Chatterton, Mr. Wybrants, and Mr. John Green also followed. Leaving Euston by the Irish mail at 10.15 p.m., Dublin was reached at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, and the interment took place at the Mount Jerome Protestant Cemetery at 9.30 a.m. The solemn service at the graveside was impressively conducted by the Chaplain, and in addition to Dr. Chatterton, Mr. Wybrants, and Mr. Green, there were also present a large number of relatives and friends who had joined the train at Crewe, and others resident in the city of Dublin and district, where Dr. Chatterton's family, and that of his cousin, the Vice-Chancellor of Ireland (the Right Hon. H. E. Chatterton) are well known and highly esteemed.

The body was enclosed in a lead shell, with an outer casket of oak, with massive brass furniture and a brass Latin cross and calvary on the lid, the inscription reading thus:

MARY HELEN CHATTERTON,
Born 19th January, 1852.
Died 19th December, 1903.

The whole of the funeral arrangements were undertaken and personally supervised throughout by Mr. S. F. Harris, of 6, Simpson's-road, Bromley.

MISS E. C. BRYANT.

Sincere sorrow has been caused by the altogether unexpected death of Miss Ellen Catherine Bryant, which took place suddenly at her residence, 22, Bromley Common, on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. The deceased lady attended the funeral service at St. Luke's Church to the memory of the late Mrs. Chatterton on Wednesday afternoon, and retired to bed in her usual health. Finding she was not about on Thursday morning, the discovery was made that the deceased lady had evidently passed away soon after entering her room the night before.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, in the family grave at Holy Trinity, Bromley Common. The first part of the service, which was choral, was held in St. Luke's Church, where the deceased lady had been a constant worshipper since it was built. There was a very large attendance of members of the present and previous congregation, among whom were noticed Dr. Chatterton, Dr. Yolland, Dr. Ilott, Mrs. H. Ilott, Mrs. Dodgson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Norman, Miss Soames, &c. The sentences were intoned by the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, and the lessons read by the Rev. A. A. Carré. The hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung at the close of the service. The concluding portion of the service at Holy Trinity was taken by the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke.

The body was enclosed in a shell with outer coffin of polished oak. There was a wood cross running the entire length of the coffin, with a brass plate at the foot, engraved:

ELLEN CATHERINE BRYANT,
Born January 24th, 1827.
Died December 23rd, 1903.

The coffin and car were almost hidden by beautiful floral emblems and the grave was lined with ivy.

The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. S. F. Harris, 6, Simpson's-road, Bromley.

CLAIM FOR £350 FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

SEQUEL TO A SCAFFOLD ACCIDENT AT SHORTLANDS.

Batt v. Philpott.—This case was tried at the December sitting of the Bromley County Court, before his Honour Judge Emden, and was of unusual interest to builders and their employees. The case was tried by a jury, and was the sequel to a scaffold accident at Shortlands in April last. Plaintiff, Sydney Batt, 251, Rommany-road, West Norwood, bricklayer, claimed £350 under the Employers' Liability Act, for personal injuries sustained in the course of his employment.—Mr. John O'Connor was counsel for the plaintiff, and defendant, a builder, residing at Swan Hill, Shortlands, was represented by Mr. W. Shakespeare, barrister.—Mr. O'Connor, in opening, said on the 3rd April last, plaintiff was working on a building at Shortlands, when the scaffold on which he and others were standing suddenly collapsed. It was claimed that the scaffold was negligently and improperly erected and with such unsuitable materials as to fall with and upon the plaintiff, whereby he sustained the injuries complained of.

After hearing the evidence, and legal arguments, his Honour said looking at the evidence there was nothing to support the plaintiff's contention that Mr. Philpot exercised or assumed any direct or personal control, so that it was impossible to bring the case within the Act. He very much regretted that it was impossible to bring it within the Act. Workmen ought to make themselves more acquainted with the Acts and ascertain the real employer to whom they were engaged, at the time of their employment. It was most important that they should know who their employer was, and this could not be too widely known amongst workmen. As a case had not been made out for the reasons he had mentioned the action must be dismissed.

BROMLEY VOLUNTEERS.

The headquarters of the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd V.B. "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regt.) presented a bright and animated appearance on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, the occasion being the presentation of the prizes won by the members of the Detachment during the past year. As in previous years the prizes were displayed on the platform at the end of the hall, and offered an attractive feature, the Dewey Shield especially being a conspicuous object amidst its splendid setting of handsome silver cups. The hall was well filled with members of the Detachment and their friends, and the various prize-winners were heartily applauded on advancing to receive their prizes at the hands of the Member for the Sevenoaks Division.

Captain Selby referred to the work of the Detachment during the past year, and mentioned that their present numbers were: E Co. 122 and F Co. 70, as against 138 and 83 respectively last year—a decrease of 29 for the two Companies. He then called upon Mr. Forster to present the prizes, the names of the various winners being called by Lieut. C. D. Clark, president of the Shooting Committee.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Colonel Satterthwaite, who was loudly cheered, said he desired to thank Mr. Forster for his self-denial in coming amongst them that evening in view of the fact that he was to have been a guest at the Mayoral banquet, but preferred to present the Detachment prizes.

Mr. Forster, who was warmly received, desired to thank them for the cordiality of their welcome, and said it gave him great pleasure to be there, not only as their Member, but as an old Volunteer of 14 or 15 years' service. As one who had served in and risen from the ranks to the command of a company, he thought he could claim to know something about Volunteer Battalions, and he fully realised the difficulties which many Battalions found in fulfilling the more onerous conditions laid down by the War Office and by Parliament.

A short smoking concert followed.

ST. LUKE'S BURIAL BOARD.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, presiding, a Vestry meeting was held at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Monday, Dec. 14th, for the purpose of electing members to fill vacancies caused by the statutory retirement of three members of the St. Luke's Burial Board,

The Board regretted that Mr. Adderley, who has been their Clerk since March, 1896, has found it necessary for business reasons to leave Bromley, and that consequently he has tendered his resignation of the clerkship. He has, however, consented to remain in office until the annual audit of the accounts in March next.

The Vestry next proceeded to elect three members to fill up the vacancies caused by the statutory retirement of Messrs. Brown, Norrish, and Judd, who were eligible for re-election, and for the three seats nominations were received as follows:—Mr. Norrish, proposed by Mr. J. Bloomfield, seconded by Mr. R. Peill; Mr. W. Judd, proposed by Mr. W. H. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Humphrey; Mr. J. W. Brown, proposed by Mr. E. Peill, seconded by Mr. W. J. Anthony; Mr. F. Field, proposed by Mr. H. Whaley, seconded by Mr. W. Collins; and Mr. C. Turner, proposed by Mr. G. Mogg, seconded by Mr. Basil Humphrey.

A ballot was then taken with the following result:—Mr. Judd, 48 votes; Mr. Norrish, 42; Mr. Brown, 38; Mr. Field, 17; Mr. Turner, 8. The scrutineers were Messrs. R. Peill and Smith.

LIBERAL MEETING AT BROMLEY.

A crowded meeting under the auspices of the Bromley and District Liberal Association took place at the Drill Hall, on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. The chair was occupied by Mr. H. W. Amos (president of the Association), and the principal speakers were Mr. Jas. Rowlands (ex-M.P. for Finsbury) and Mr. Beaumont Morice (candidate for Parliamentary honours in the West Kent Division). Amongst those present on the platform were Mrs. Beaumont Morice, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Aisbitt Gibson, Messrs. Wm. Cave, Jas. Caverhill, J. Howard Moore, J.P., Kenneth E. Chalmers, Wm. Male, Alderman G. Lawrence, Councillors P. Harper and J. Rogers, Messrs. H. A. Amos, E. Aisbitt Gibson, W. Tait, F. Devitt, J. T. Grubb (hon. secretary of the Association), &c., &c.

The Chairman, at the outset, first referred to the recent local elections, which he remarked offered a striking contrast to any that had gone before. We had now got a Council which fairly represented the people of the town, and he was pleased to see some of their Liberal friends returned to that Council.

Mr. Beaumont Morice, who was very warmly received, then moved:—"That this meeting emphatically declares that the present Government no longer enjoys the confidence of the country. The Government has seriously increased taxation without insuring national safety; it has passed Education Acts which conflict with religious equality and Liberal principles; and it has wantonly threatened changes in our fiscal policy which would increase the price of food, and which have already gravely demoralised commerce and finance." After thanking them heartily for the warmth of their reception, he went on to deal at some length with the general policy of the Government.

Mr. Jas. Rowlands condemned the Government policy during the past eight years, especially with reference to the conduct of the late war.

The resolution was supported by Mr. Kenneth Chalmers, and having been put to the meeting was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Cave, in a short speech, moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and speakers, which having been seconded by Mr. F. Devitt, was put to the meeting and carried by acclamation.

BECKENHAM RUGBY F.C.

BECKENHAM RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Dec. 12th by those who had the good fortune to attend the annual dinner of the Beckenham Rugby Football Club at the Public Hall, Beckenham. The President, Dr. R. M. H. Randell, who in his day was a well-known Hospital footballer, was in the chair, and the company, numbering about fifty, included Drs. E. R. St. Clair Corbin, G. R. Stallwell, and P. N. Randall, Messrs. W. B. Pattison, P. W. Pratt (hon. treasurer), E. H. Stenning (hon. sec. and captain), F. Furze (Beckenham A.F.C.), J. G. Gulliver (Beckenham Cricket Club), W. Gregory (Beckenham Golf Club) F. W. Brown (Beckenham Hockey Club), H. V. L. Stanton, S. B. Stenning, A. M. Reid, R. A. Ranson, R. Curwen, C. Curwen, E. C. Harris, H. W. Rhodes, E. W. Fuller, G. L. Baker, S. H. Rush, A. S. Wimble,, J. G. Lawrie, A. E. Clapham, &c.

Among those who contributed to the musical portion of the evening were Dr. P. N. Randall, and Messrs. A. E. Clapham, C. C. Dodd, A. M. Reid, A. Beck. C. A. Lidgey, &c.

BECKENHAM.

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

A two-days' sale of work opened at the Church House, Beckenham, on Dec. 2nd, the proceeds being in aid of the West Dartford Rural Deanery Fund, in connection with the Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays, which has under its control 89 homes, in various parts of England and Wales, and two emigration homes in Canada. There are no less than 3,200 children from the age of 12 months to 16 years under its jurisdiction.

The sale was to have been opened on Dec. 2nd by Lady Lennard, and on Thursday, by Mrs. Arnott, but Lady Lennard was, unfortunately, prevented from attending in consequence of her being called away to attend her sister, who was dangerously ill. Under these circumstances, the ceremony was undertaken by Mrs. Arnott, and it was decided that no formal opening would take place on the following day.

The Rev. H. Arnott explained the absence of Lady Lennard, and stated that he had just received a telgram from her ladyship, in which she said, "Be sure and say how sorry I am that I am unable to be present."

Mrs. Arnott then said she had much pleasure in declaring the sale open, and she hoped it would be successful.

Mr. A J. Baker, J.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Arnott, and congratulated those present on having such a good substitute in the absence of Lady Lennard. There was no lady in Beckenham who took a deeper interest in works of charity than Mrs. Arnott. (Applause.)

The Rev. E. de M. Rudolf, the secretary,, seconded the proposition, which was accorded very cordially.

VOLUNTEERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner in connection with "L" Co. of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion R.W.K.R was held at the "Crooked Billet," Beckenham-road, on Dec. 14th, and passed off most successfully. After an excellent repast partaken of by some 70 members and friends, the toast of "The King" was submitted by Capt. Moore, and loyally honoured. Later on Sergt.-Major Lalley gave "The L Company," and spoke in high terms of its efficiency, and expressed his appreciation of the progress the Company had made in this direction. Although the youngest Company it ranked third in figure of merit of the Battalion, and he hoped that many recruits from Penge would join this Company.—Captain Moore, in responding, gave an interesting history of the Company's formation, and said how pleased he was to command a Company that had so distinguished itself. He invited the able-bodied young men of Penge and Beckenham to come forward as recruits.—The toasts of "The Visitors" was submitted by Surgeon-Captain Stilwell, and responded to by an Indian Mutiny veteran.—During the evening an excellent musical programme was gone through.

PRESENTATION AT BECKENHAM.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Alexandra Hall, Beckenham, on December 17th, at a largely attended social gathering of members and friends of the Sons of Temperance, presided over by Mr. George A. Couch, Worthy Associate, when Bro. James Standing, who has been a valued worker and member of the Society for 29 years, was presented with an illuminated address.

Births.

ADAMS.—On the 13th December, at 30, Clock House-road, Beckenham, the wife of Francis Adams, of a daughter.

BATEMAN.—On the 17th December, at Heath End, Blackheath, S.E., the wife of F. J. Harvey Bateman, M A., M.B., C.M., of a son.

CHATER.—On the 24th November, at 3, Homefield-road, Bromley, the wife of Mr. F. Clive Chater, of a son.

CLARK.—On the 24th inst., the wife of George J. Clark, of "Telbrigg," Barnmead-road, Beckenham, Kent, of a daughter.

COLES.—On the 28th inst., at the "Hotel," Beckenham the wife of Tom F. Coles, of a daughter.

HARVERSON.—On the 19th December, at Alexandra Villa, Sidcup, the wife of Mr. Harverson, of a son.

LEMAITRE.—On the 6th Dec, at 55, Thornlaw-road, West Norwood, the wife of Frank William Lemaitre, of a son.

MILLER.—On the 21st December, at May Lodge, Park-road, Bromley, the wife of Arthur Miller, of a son.

TROTTER.—On the 24th November, at Ardath, Sidcup, Kent, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Trotter, a daughter.

Marriages.

NEWTON—HEWLETT.—On the 12th December, at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. D. W. Barrett, Rector of Barnet, assisted by the Rev. Canon Hammond and the Rev. Charles Green, Edgar Williams, youngest son of the late John Newton, of Sunderland, and of Mrs. Storey, of Paxton House, Berwickshire, to Muriel, Alice, second daughter of John Hewlett, of Hillside House, Beckenham.

THOMAS—MULLEN.—On Monday, December 28th, at Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex, by the Rev D. A. Stewart, M.A., Frank Lewis Thomas, to Mary Francis, widow of the late Robert Gordon Mullen.

WILLIAMS—WATSON.—On the 16th December, at Capetown, Edward Charles, son of H. C. Williams, of Capetown, formerly of Bishopston, Bristol, to Mary Agnes, daughter of the late John Watson, of Dyer's Hall, E.C., and 22, Highbury Newpark, N., and of Mrs. Watson, of Airlie, 13, Beckenham-road, Beckenham.

Deaths.

ASTLE.—On the 25th November, at Bexhill, Ellen Emily (Nellie) aged 41, wife of Mr. W. C. Devon Astle, of The Cedars, Bickley, and elder daughter of Henry and Ellen Smith, of Lothbury, and Iver, Kenley, Surrey.

ATHAWES.—On the 7th Dec., at Durlston, Sidcup, Alice Gertrude aged 28, the dearly-beloved fourth daughter of the late Edward James Athawes and of Mrs. Athawes.

BRYANT.—On the 23rd December, at Bromley Common, Ellen Catherine Bryant, aged 76 years.

BLANDFORD.—On the 29th November, 1903, at Rowsley, Bromley, Eliza, widow of Henry Blandford.

BURR.—On the 30th November, at 125, Burnt Ash-hill, Lee (the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Boughton). Mary Anne, widow of the late Thomas William Burr, F.R.A.S., F.R.M.S., aged 82.

CHATTERTON.—On the 16th December, at Bromley, Mary Helen, the wife of William Chatterton, M.D., aged 51 years.

GLEED.—On the 18th December, at 65, (late 9) Foyle-road, Blackheath, William, younger son of the late Thomas Gleed, of Somerset House, Scholar of Peterhouse, Cambridge, for 30 years on the staff of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, aged 52.

HUGHESMAN.—On the 27th November, T. Hughesman, aged 48 years.

SCRUTTON.—On the 18th December, at Worcester House, Sidcup, Kent, Emma, widow of George Conquest Scrutton, in her 81st year.

SKINNER.—On the 27th December, at the Manse, Westerham, after a long and painful illness, Sophia, the beloved wife of the Rev. J. A. T. Skinner.

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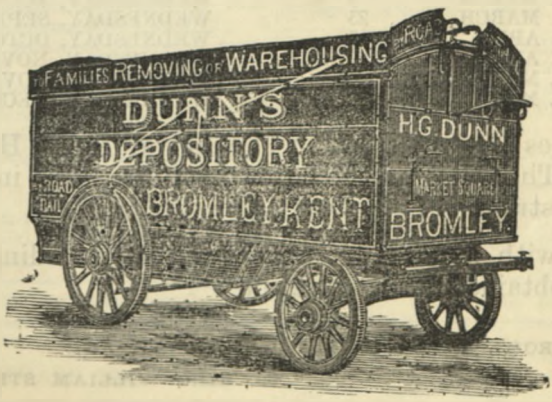
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee, at the Municipal Offices.

2nd.—Annual meeting of Bromley Licensed Victuallers and Beersellers Protection Society at the "Beech Tree" Hotel, Bromley.

3rd.—Masked fancy dress ball, at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.—Monthly house supper at Bromley Conservative Club.

4th.—Public meeting at Grand Hall, Bromley, in support of the Macedonian Relief Fund.—Meeting of the inhabitants of Bickley and Widmore at the Widmore Schools re the establishment of an Institute and Club.

5th.—Monthly meetings of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and the Joint Hospital Board at the offices, Park House Bromley.

7th.—*Sexa ima Sunday.*

8th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council at the Offices, Beckenham.

9th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

10th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the Mart, E.C., of valuable ground rents at West Wickham.—Annual ball of the Bromley Detachment, 2nd Vol. Batt. "The Queen's Own" (R.W.K.R.), at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

11th.—Sale at the Royal Bell Hotel, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, of six freehold houses on Kinnaird Park Esttate; also, three semi-detached cottages in Pope-road, Bromley Common.

12th.—Lecture on "Radium" by Dr. W. Hampson, M.A., at the Grand Hall, Bromley, at eight o'clock.

14th.—*Quinquagesima Sunday.*

15th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee, at the Offices, Bromley.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

21st.—*First Sunday in Lent.*

22nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Beckenham Urban District Council, at the Offices, Beckenham.

23rd.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

24th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the Mart, E.C., of freehold residence, Sherstone, Blyth-road; also, freehold detached residence, Rosebank, Shortlands.

25th.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's sale of furniture. at Sherstone, Blyth-road.

28th.—*Second Sunday in Lent.*

29th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee, at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

THE MAYOR'S BANQUET.

Councillor Bell said he thought it was a duty they owed to the Mayor and to themselves as members of the Council, that they should make an acknowledgment of his generous hospitality at the recent banquet, when he entertained them as his guests. He would therefore like to move the following resolution: "The members of this Council desire to convey to the Mayor their best thanks for his kind and generous hospitality at the banquet given by him on December the 16th, and wish to record their apreciation of the admirable manner in which he, on that and on other occasions, has carried out the duties of his high position. They also cordially endorse the sentiments he then expressed that the spirit and work of the Council should be animated solely by lofty ideals of public service and enthusiastic interest in the welfare of the Borough."

Councillor Newton rose with great pleasure to second the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

The Mayor, in reply, said he very heartily appreciated the kind expression of thanks proposed to himself by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Newton, and so unanimously accorded by the rest of the Council. He could assure them that it was even a greater pleasure to him to see them at the banquet than it was for them to be there, and he hoped the same cordial relations which promoted their happiness on that night would continue to promote their happiness in the future, and also their efficiency in the interests of the ratepayers of the Borough of Bromley. (Hear, hear).

A DISEASED HORSE.

The Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts reported that a horse belonging to Mr. Tolhurst, of 40, Napier-road, was certified by the Veterinary Inspector to be suffering from glanders. The horse was therefore ordered to be slaughtered, and under the

Glander or Farcy Order of 1894, compensation is to be paid by the Local Authority, which is provided for by Section 13 of that Order, which states that the compensation shall be such sum as the local Authority think expedient, being a minimum in the case of a horse of £2, and provided that in no case shall the amount of compensation if above the said minimum, exceed one-fourth the value of the animal immediately before it became diseased. The Veterinary Inspector valued the horse before it was affected at the sum of £40. Resolved to recommend that the compensation be fixed at £8, which was agreed to.

A SEWER WANTED.

A letter was read from Mr. W. B. Sadgrove, inquiring whether, provided the Chislehurst Urban District Council would put down the sewer in Walden-road, to the junction of the Yester-road, on the terms he suggested in his letter of the 19th November last, this Council would carry out the work on that basis for the small portion that would require to be executed in the Borough of Bromley. Resolved that under the suggested circumstances this Council would be prepared to do likewise.

THE OLD POUND.

A letter was read from Mr. W. E. Creasey calling attention to the condition of the land at the junction of the Mason's Hill and Westmoreland-road known as the Old Pound, and the slip or footpath running between that land and "The Two Brewers," stable wall, the path being in a very dirty condition. Resolved that the Town Clerk communicate with the adjoining owners on either side of the path calling their attention to the complaint received, and requesting that the path may be put into a proper state of repair, and also suggesting that a notice board be placed warning persons against committing nuisances, and further, that police attention be called to the matters complained of.

A HIGH STREET BUILDING.

The final letter of the correspondence between the Council and Mr. Stedman's solicitor as to bringing out the frontage of No. 145, High-street, was as follows:—

Dear Sir—I have this afternoon (Jan. 12th) had further instructions from my client to withdraw the last letter which I wrote to you, and I shall therefore be glad if you will kindly withdraw the same and substitute the following in its place:—"Since the meeting of the Highways Committee on the 5th inst., my client has carefully considered the terms upon which the Highways Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to pass the plans for the above (146, High-street), and he is prepared to accept the same, which are as follows:—(1) My client to set back the shop front at his own expense should the Council at any time require the forecourt for any public purpose. (2) To sell the forecourt to the Council at any time they may require to take the same for any public purpose without requiring them to take any other portion of the premises, such forecourt to be sold to them at forecourt price. (3) To submit to the payment of £50 as an agreed penalty in the proceedings before the Bench and to enter into an agreement at his own cost, carrying out these terms. Kindly let me know whether the Council confirm these terms by the Highways Committee."—Yours faithfully, W. Hubert Smith.

Alderman Mallett said they were now in full possession of the facts, and he thought they might congratulate themselves on the result of this their first effort to maintain the rights of the burgesses of the town.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday, 6th January, Councillor P. Harper, Chairman, in the chair. They reported that the cases of stuffed birds, &c., presented by Sir Samuel Scott had been removed from Neelgherries and placed in the Reading Room of the Library, and it appeared very desirable to the Committee that such cases should be labelled with a proper description of their contents and they accordingly recommended that this be carried out.

Councillor Harper moved the adoption of the report, and said no doubt some of them had noticed that the appearance of the library had been enhanced by the arrangement there of the 33 cases of stuffed birds which were some time since presented to the town by Sir Samuel Scott, and which until recently reposed in obscurity in an upper room at Neelgherries. Some of the public would naturally wish to know what those birds were, also their names, and that was why the Committee recommended as they did in the report. He now also had the great pleasure of announcing a further gift from Mr. Packe on behalf of Sir Samuel Scott, of 22 mounted stags' heads, and the skulls of two or three huge elephants. He understood that the elephants, of which there were the skulls, fell to the rifle of Sir Samuel Scott in Ceylon, and that the stags were shot by him in Harris in Scotland. The stags' heads had been disposed about the library in the best way possible with the limited space at their disposal. No place could be found for the elephants' skulls, but they would be taken care of till they were able to dispose of these and other treasures in a fitting manner. Finally he wished to move that the Town Clerk be instructed to write Sir Samuel Scott thanking him in appropriate terms, for his gift to the town.

Councillor Ingall seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported that they had held numerous meetings, and had given their careful consideration to the preparation of Standing Orders for the regulation of the proceedings and business of the Council, also in connection with the appointment, constitution, and business of the Standing Committees of the Council, together with the powers and duties of those Committees. They had had an opportunity of consulting the Standing Orders of the Councils of several well-known Boroughs, and now submitted a print of the proposed Standing Orders and recommended that the same be approved and adopted by the Council.—The adoption of the bye-laws was postso as to give members an opportunity of considering them.

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of temporary accommodation for the meetings of the Council reported as follows:—

The Committee have considered the different buildings in which temporary accommodation might possibly be provided for the meetings of the Council; and having come to the conclusion that the Town Hall is the only building which in any way meets the requirements of the Council, placed themselve in communication with Mr. Coles Child. The Committee accordingly inspected the Town Hall, and have to report that it would require a considerable sum to be spent upon it in order to fit it for the meetings of the Council. This would include an entirely new system of heating and lighting, and it would afterwards be very inconvenient. The Committee cannot advise

the Council to incur the expense which would be involved in changing the place of meeting to the Town Hall; neither do they recommend the Council to consider any further the subject of temporary acommodation until they have decided whether steps should not be taken to provide more commodious offices for the entire work of the Council. In the event of that being decided in the affirmative, it might be necessary to make different arrangements altogether for temporary accommodation; and the Committee suggest that the Council should appoint a Committee to examine into the whole subject of office acommodation.

Alderman Mallett said that the work of the officers was very congested on account of the smallness of the area in which their work was done. As the work was likely to grow, it would be necessary before many years to have new offices. If they adopted the suggestion of a Town Hall, they would want a very much larger area than if they had municipal buildings only, and therefore he thought they would have to consider that question first. He moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Davis seconded, and said Alderman Mallett's remarks favoured the appointment of a committee.

Later on, the question of appointing a committee was raised, and it was agreed to.

THE PROPOSED SPORTS GROUND.

The Mayor, alluding to the strong effort which had been made to benefit certain of the public in Bromley by retaining as a playing field for the Bromley Football Club and the Town Cricket Club, the ground adjoining the North Railway Station, explained that £1,000 was granted or promised towards its purchase by the London Parochial Charities and that Mr. T. C. Dewey, with his well-known generosity, had promised another £500 towards its acquisition, the total cost being £6,000. But the purpose for which it was intended to retain the ground necessitated that the present clubs should have, more or less, a monopoly of the ground, and although the charge made as entrance fee would have given pleasure to many of the ratepayers, he had found on inquiry that it would be illegal to use the Borough funds towards this object, because any ground purchased by the aid of the Borough funds would necessitate a free access to it to every ratepayer in Bromley. It was, he thought, a matter for regret that the good object they had in view—the encouragement of healthy sport, could not be secured in the way he had indicated. Still, he was not hopeless that the efforts in another direction might not be more successful, and in the meantime he would ask the Council to write both to Mr. Dewey and the London Parochial Charities, expressing their appreciation of their kind offer, and expressing the fact that it was unfortunately impossible for the Council to avail themselves of their generosity. He moved a resolution accordingly.

Councillor Worley seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE MAIN ROAD SUBSIDENCE.

On the proposition of Alderman James, seconded by Councillor Taylor, it was resolved to ask the Lewisham Town Council to receive a deputation on the question of constructing a temporary road.

BOOKS FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A letter was read from Mr. Walter H. Bosanquet, asking if the Council would accept three illustrated books for the Public Library.

On the motion of Councillor Harper, the Town Clerk was instructed to write and heartily thank Mr. Bosanquet on behalf of the Council for his most valuable gift.

HIGHLAND ROAD.

Alderman James said one of the tenders received that evening and referred to the Highways Committee referred to Highland-road. It would form, when made up, one of the most important thoroughfares from Shortlands Valley into the main road, and anyone who had any acquaintance with the locus in quo must recognise the very serious gradient which existed where Highland-road joined Beckenham-lane. It now devolved upon the Council to consider whether it was expedient or wise now that the road was being made up under the 150th Section, to spend a certain amount of public money in order to make the entrance to Highland-road with a much less gradient than it would have been when made up in accordance with the plans already prepared by the Borough Engineer. In order, therefore, that the Council might make itself fully acquainted with the matter, particularly with reference to the question of cost, he would move "That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimate of cost for the graduation of the gradient and necessary works entailed thereby, of the lower end of Highland-road, as a variation of the plans prepared for the Government enquiry."

Councillor Hudson seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

COLLEGE SLIP.

Councillor Taylor drew attention to the disgraceful condition of College Slip, and said how necessary it was that it should be made up as soon as possible. He moved that the plans, specifications, and estimates prepared by the Surveyor be referred to the Highways Committee.

The motion was carried.

The second fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

PRIVATE STREETS.

Alderman Mallett, in proposing the adoption of the Highway Committee's report, asked that the recommendation as to making up of various roads be withdrawn, and that Messrs. Mowlem's tender be substituted as follows: Bromley Gardens, £833; Bromley Crescent, £718; Gwydyr-road, £496; Ridley-road, £234, and Highland-road, £1,505. This was only a total increase of about £200 on the tender of Mr. Lamble. As showing the accuracy of the Surveyor's calculation, he mentioned that Mr. Hawkings' estimate for the first four roads was £2,526, and for Highland-road, £1,625.

Councillor Peill seconded the adoption of the report, which was then agreed to.

NEELGHERRIES.—THE SITE OF THE CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY.

A meeting of the Neelgherries Committee was held on 21st Jan., Alderman T. Davis, Chairman, in the chair. In accordance with the authority of the Council they had taken the opinion of Mr. J. M Astbury, K.C., on the question of the erection of Municipal Buildings on the Neelgherries site, and it was recommended that, having regard to Mr. Astbury's opinion, the Committee advise the Council that no portion of the property can be used for the purpose of Municipal Buildings. They considered the position the proposed Library should occupy on the Neelgherries site, and recommended that the new Library should be erected on the front portion of the site facing the High-street.

Alderman Davis, in proposing the adoption of this report, said that now that all question as to

the power of the Council to utilise a portion of the site of Neelgherries for Municipal offices had been settled in the negative, there was no impediment whatever to accepting the views of those who considered that a public gift of so much value and importance as that of Mr. Carnegie should be placed in the most prominent position in the town.

Councillor Powell seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

Alderman Davis asked that it be an instruction to the Committee to take steps with a view to carrying out the recommendations of the report in the way of obtaining plans, and so forth. He proposed accordingly.

Councillor Hudson seconded.

The Mayor ruled that such a resolution would require notice to be given. But in the absence of a resolution, the Committee had perfect power to proceed as suggested.

This ruling voiced the views of the Council on the question.

COMMON SEAL.

The Common Seal Committee presented a report recommending the adoption of the design of the Heralds' College, with one amendment, and this was referred to Committee on the proposition of the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Taylor.

MAIN ROAD SUBSIDENCE.

The Lewisham Town Clerk wrote that as the road works would be completed in a month or five weeks, and as a temporary road could not be constructed in less time, the Bromley Town Council would probably consider a deputation unnecessary.

The subject was not discussed.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION SETTLED.

Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper wrote, without prejudice, stating that they were instructed to accept the Council's offer of the 13th in Mr. Dutton's claim for compensation, and to say that their client considered the sum would not fairly compensate him.

Councillor Worley said that the efforts of the Council had saved the ratepayers £130.

OAKLANDS ROAD SURFACE SEWER.

The Borough Engineer reported that the work of surface water sewerage in Oaklands-road was now completed. It had taken four weeks and four days and cost:—Materials, £211; labour, including horse hire, £336; and establishment charges 2½ %), £15; total, £562. The original estimate for the work was £720, as was reported to the Committee appointed to consider the question of unemployed labour. The Council had thus effected a saving of £233, and the loan might be reduced by that amount. (Applause.) He would submit a detailed account of the expenditure at the next meeting. Mr. Hawkings added that he commenced the surface water sewerage in Homesdale-road on the 25th inst.

The report was received with general satisfaction.

Alderman James said it was sometimes their duty to criticise their officers; and it was equally their duty, when they deserved credit, to accord it to them. In the past they had on many occasions heard the statement made that when the Surveyor to the late Urban District Council undertook work with his own staff, under his own direction, it cost more than under an ordinary contractor. That night they had conclusive evidence to the contrary, and the greatest possible credit was due to their Engineer.

Councillor Whyte, on behalf of the Councillors at his end of the table, said they would like to join very heartily in the words of praise to which Alderman James had given expression.

The Mayor: It really is very satisfactory.

COLLEGE SLIP.

Pursuant to notice,

Alderman Mallett moved that notices be served on the owners or occupiers of premises in this thoroughfare to make it up in accordance with the plan prepared by the Engineer within one month.

Councillor Taylor seconded this, which was agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS.—A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE.

The Council next proceeded to consider the draft Standing Orders and duties of Committees, adjourned from the previous meeting for consideration.

Alderman Davis drew attention to the 95th suggested Order which provided "that no member of the Council shall be elected to or serve on a Committee before which it is probable that matters connected with his personal business or profession or that of any partner may frequently come." By a previous Standing Order any member was precluded from voting upon a question in which he was personally interested, and that, no doubt, was a very reasonable requirement. But when gentlemen were elected by their fellow burgesses to represent them on that Council they ought to be considered as being people eligible to carry out the duties of the Council, to exercise all the privileges of the position, and to sit on any Committee. He could not help thinking himself it was a mistake for them to impose any such disability as was thereby effected.

The Mayor impressed the fact that this clause had exercised the care of the Committee very much, and on several occasions it had been discussed with a grave sense of responsibility. But with the conclusions which Alderman Davis had drawn he was in total disagreement. There was no inference that any member of the Council as at present elected would violate any principle of honour at all.

Alderman Price moved the deletion of the paragraph, observing that while he appreciated the reasons for which it was inserted, yet he doubted the wisdom of such a course.

Councillor Haywood seconded the amendment, and was understood to say that he was in thorough agreement with it.

Upon a division nine voted for the omission of the clause and 13 against it, and it was therefore approved; and finally the Standing Orders were adopted; also the schedule prescribing the duties of the several Standing Committees, which are:—Health; Highways and Works; Buildings; Public Library; Recreation Grounds; General Purposes, and Finance.

It was decided to limit the numbers of the Committees to eight each; and eventually the Committees were constituted as follows:—

Highways.—Aldermen James and McIntyre, Councillors Harper, Haywood, Hudson, Powell, Sparks, and Whyte.

Buildings.—Alderman Price, Councillors Bell, Newton, Peill, Rogers, Taylor, Weeks, and Worley.

Health.—Aldermen Price, Lawrence, Mallett, and Davis, and Councillors Gibbs, Graty, Homewood, and Weeks.

Finance Committee.—Aldermen James and McIntyre, and Councillors Bell, Homewood, Hudson, Ingall, Powell, and Taylor.

Recreation Grounds.—Aldermen Lawrence and

Mallett, and Councillors Graty, Haywood, Newton, Peill, Rogers, and Whyte.

This concluded the Council meeting.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The fortnightly meetings of the Bromley Education Committee were resumed after the Christmas vacation on Jan. 18th.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The Chairman said he had to report that a special and very important Sub-Committee meet was held during the vacation to deal with the pressing question of the teachers' salaries. The members now had before them the result of their deliberations.

At a meeting of the special Sub-Committtte held on Monday, 4th January, Mr. Gustave Loly presiding, the Sub-Committee submitted and recommended for adoption the following revised scale of salaries to be paid to assistants in the service of this Authority, namely:—

Trained.—Assistant teachers certificated and trained in boys' schools to receive not less than £85 per annum, and in girls', Juniors' and Infants' schools., not less than £75 per annum, with an increase of not more than £5 per annum up to the maximum of £135 and £105 respectively.

Untrained.—Assistant teachers certificated and untrained in boys' schools to receive not less than £80 per annum, and in girls' juniors' and infants' schools, not less than £70 per annum, with an increase of not more than £5 per annum up to the maximum of £120 and £100 respectively.

Art. 50.—Ex-pupil teachers to receive: men, not less than £65 per annum; women, not less than £55 per annum, with an increase of not more than £5 per annum up to the maximum of £75 and £65 respectively.

Previous experience and qualifications will be taken into cosideration in fixing the initial salary. This scale applies to both Council and Voluntary schools.

They further recommended that the following assistant teachers be transferred, namely:—Mr. Charles E. L. Tickner, from Valley Boys' to Bromley Boys'; Miss Beatrice M. C. Baker, from Valley Girls' to Bromley Girls'; a certificated assistant, from the Raglan-road Girls' to the Bickley and Widmore Girls'; Miss Alice A. Lloyd, from Raglan-road Girl's to Plaistow Mixed; Miss Gertrude F. Hayes, from Raglan-road Junior to Mason's Hill Girls'; Miss May Whitebread, from Raglan-road Infants' to Bickley and Widmore Infats'; Mr. Joseph G. Chalmers, from Aylesbury-road Boys' to Bromley Boys'; Miss Marion Crowe, from the Boys' to the Girls' Department of the Bromley Voluntary School.

The report was adopted.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

The Chairman said the Special Sub-Committee had given this matter very careful consideration, and had come to the conclusion that it was quite unnecessary to recommend to the Council that special bye-laws should be created for Bromley. The Sub-Committee felt that the children were sufficiently protected already under the Act. They therefore recommended that no action be taken.

It was stated that no child could be employed between nine in the evening and six o'clock in the morning.

PUPIL TEACHER INSTRUCTION.

The Chairman announced that the Clerk had received a letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Kent Education Committee, intimating that Mr. E. B. Davis would probably be in the neighbourhood on the 18th inst., and that he would in all psobability call upon the Clerk for the purpose of discussing future pupil teacher instruction in Bromley.

INSTRUCTION OF PUPIL TEACHERS.—IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. F. W Crook, secretary to the Kent Education Committee, in the following terms:—

"The Kent Education Committee is anxious that the pupil teachers in the county should as soon as practically possible receive their instruction in accordance with the regulations recently issued by the Board of Education. It is to be noted that in the near future (1) No pupil teacher can be admitted before the age of 16 (save in rural districts where the age of possible admission is 15); (2) Intending pupil teachers i.e., those who are now called probationers, candidates, and first year pupil teachers, are to receive full time education at secondary schools wherever such are available; (3) Pupil teachers are to spend two years as half-time students at a day centre. The Kent Education Committee is endavouring to organise a complete system of centres for the county, and their task would be appreciably lightened if the Committee would be so good as to fill up and return to the office at their early convenience the accompanying form which will be of great assistance to the Committee in determining the extent of accommodation required in any day centre that may have to be provided in your neighbourhood. The Committee would further be glad to know if you have had any estimate of the probable number of pupil teachers that will be required annually in your area.

The Clerk said he had furnished the figures which were required.

MR. H. W. FORSTER, M.P., AT BROMLEY.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB HOUSE SUPPER.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., was the principal guest at the fourth monthly house supper of the season at the Bromley Conservative Club on Wednesday, Jan. 6, and like its predecessors, the gathering was of a thoroughly enjoyable character. Mr. Forster presided, and a large number of the members had assembled to meet him,

During a lull in the musical programme,

Mr. E. Packe proposed the health of their Member, observing that it was pretty certain that there would be an election before long, and it was their duty to do their very best to see him "through it." They must see to it that he was returned not as he was returned on the last occasion by a smaller majority than usual, but by a real thumping majority. (Applause.) When the time came, therefore, they must one and all work hard to see that this took place.

The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Forster, M.P., who was received with cheers, said he was extremely grateful to them for the kind way in which they had drunk his health, and thanked him for being present that evening. He had had four elections now, three of them contested and he had always been favoured with the most willing and the most loyal support on the part of the members of that Club. (Applause.) And he was perfectly confident when the next occasion arose, that he should meet with a renewal of that loyal support which they had always given him.

Mr. F. Medhurst will preside at the next monthly house supper to be held at Bromley Conservative Club on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

THE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

The annual distribution of prizes and certificates won at the School of Science and Art, Bromley, during the past year, took place at the School, in the spacious Art room, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, the ceremony being very graciously and gracefully performed by the Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith), in the presence of a large gathering of past and present pupils, and their parents and friends. The chair was taken by the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), who was accompanied on the platform by Alderman T. Davis, Chairman of the Science and Art and Technical Education Committee; the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Mr. G. Loly (Chairman of the Education Committee), Aldermen T. C. McIntyre, G. Lawrence, and W. R. Mallett, and the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), and most of the members of the Council and Committee were also present.

At the outset the Mayor called upon Alderman Davis to present the report of the Committee on the year's work, which was very satisfactory.

The Mayor, who was warmly applauded, then spoke. He first took the opportunity of saying how pleased he was to come in his representative capacity to that meeting; and also how heartily he personally realised the deep debt of gratitude that institution owed to the gentleman who had last spoken, Alderman Davis, the Chairman of the Science and Art and Technical Education Committee of the Council. (Applause.) He then traced the history of the School, and concluded by urging that energy, application, perseverance, industry were the qualities which the true student should seek to cultivate; and though he or she might not carry off the prizes in this or any similar institution, yet these were the characteristics—the truly character forming qualities which would win not only the battles of this, our life on earth, but would also equip them all more worthily for the life to come. (Applause.)

The Mayoress then gracefully presented the prizes and certificates. We append a complete list:—

FREEHAND DRAWING IN OUTLINE.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Louisa A. Bone, Gertrude A. Marks, Margaret A. Isard, Frederic H. Mather, Mary L. Hankins, Jennie E. Sturgeon, Lilian Fostall, Gertude E. Portway, Freda Flower, Ethel Griffin, Mary E. Portway, Stella S. Bevan, Alice A. Lloyd.

Second Class Certificates.—Charlotte S. Skinner, May Pinion, Delia Griffiths, Mary P. Walsh, Norman Dunford, Beatrice M. C. Baker, Sara Young, Reginald E. Dean, Charles Towell.

MODEL DRAWING.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Grace E. West, Norman Dunford, Sissie Hilder, Florence M. Grinsted.

Second Class Certificates.—Louisa A. Bone, Jennie E. Sturgeon, Mary L. Hankins, Lilian Fostall, Elsie M. Skinner, Frederic H. Mather, Margaret A. Isard, Beatrice M. C. Baker, Ethel Griffin, Gertrude E. Portway, Stella Bevan.

DRAWING IN LIGHT AND SHADE.

First Class Certificate and Prize.—Louisa A. Bone.

Second Class Certificates.—Sara Young, Annie V. Pope Marion Mattey, Florence M. Grinsted, Mary L. Hankins, Charlotte J. Skinner, Grace E. West, Frederic H. Mather, Gilbert E. Warner, Florence L. Collins.

GEOMETRICAL DRAWING (ART).

Second Class Certificates.—Margaret Hodgson, Annie V. Pope.

PERSPECTIVE DRAWING.

Second Class Certificate.—Margaret Hodgson.

DESIGN ELEMENTARY.

First Class Certificate and Prize.—Thomas W. Morley.

Second Class Certificate.—Mildred Davis.

PAINTING FROM STILL LIFE.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Grace E. West, Elsie M. Skinner.

Second Class Certificates.—Dora W. Pearsall, Francis Young.

MEMORY DRAWING OF PLANT FORM.

Second Class Certificates.—Annie L. Lee, Thos. W. Morley.

DRAWING FROM THE ANTIQUE.

First Class Certificate and Prize.—Thomas W. Morley.

DRAWING ON THE BLACKBOARD.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Florence H. Barfoot, Marian Crowe, Annie Mitchell, Annie V. Pope.

Second Class Certificates.—Florence L. Collins, Daisy Wells.

THEORETICAL INORGANIC CHEMISTRY.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Alfred F. Meier, Francis A. Jullie.

INORGANIC CHEMISTRY (PRACTICAL).

First Class Certificate and Prize.—Alfred F. Meier.

Second Class Certificates.—Francis A. Jullie, James G. Farr.

MATHEMATICS.

Second Class Certificates.—Gilbert E. Warner (Stage 1), Francis A. Jullie (Stage 2), Sydney J. Brown (Stage 2).

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

First Class Certificates and Prizes.—Archibald A. King, James Readshaw, Alfred S. Deadman, William H. Staples, Harry Granger.

Second Class Certificates.—Sydney L. Osgood, Robert H. Porter, Maurice Page, Edward L. Adams, Arnold G. Stanford, Maurice A. Battson.

BEST SETS OF ART WORK.

Mildred Davis, Annie L. Lee, Gertrude Marks, Ethel Willett.

FRENCH.

Advanced, Miss S. Shelton; Intermediate, Ethel Griffin; Elementary, Kate Short.

SHORTHAND.

100 words, Winifred A. Shafto; 70 words, Fred. Champion; 50 words, Lewis A. Kemp; elementary, Ernest W. Wimble.

BOOK KEEPING.

H. L. Beeston Benj. Warwick.

CARPENTRY.

First, Maurice A .Battson, James Bloomfield, Norman Dunford. Second, James Wm. Marchant, Edwd. H. English.

DRAWINGS FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

First, Maurice A. Battson, Maurice Page. Second, Wm. H. Staples.

The proceedings closed with votes of thanks, one of special heartiness being given to Mr. Davis for his long and valuable work.

BECKENHAM TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Beckenham Technical Institute took place. Mr. T. C. Cole presided over a large attendance in the lecture theatre of the Institute.

The Chairman said it was very gratifying to the Committee to see so large an assemblage, indicating that they took a lively and growing interest in the work. The total number of students last year was 577, as compared with 443 in the preceding year. (Applause.) A considerable portion of the students entered for more than one subject, the total being 817 against 661 for the previous session. The day school was in some respects the most important department. While in it the ordinary subjects received every attention, special importance was attached to the teaching of modern languages and natural science. The school was excellently managed and efficiently staffed. Manual training was a part of the regular course, and swimming had been made compulsory for all boys. (Applause.) The number of boys now was 86, compared with 36 at the end of the year. There was a provisional tariff in favour of Beckenham boys, but they had scholars from all the surrounding districts, whose parents were called upon to pay a higher scale of fees. The Education Committee desired to thank Mr. Watts and his staff for the zeal and ability with which they had carried on the work of the institution during the past year—(applause)—and they looked to the inhabitants generally to support them in the important work they had undertaken, and which they hoped would prove of great and lasting benefit to the people of Beckenham. (Applause.)

The prizes were then distributed to their respective winners by Mrs. A. J. Lees as follows:

DAY SCHOOL.

Science and Mathematics.—Form V.: Frederick Fuller and Arthur Allison. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs and Guy Ridge.

Foreign Languages.—Form V.: Hugh Gold and Percy Gold. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs and William Noble.

English.—Form V.: Hugh Gold and Frederick Fuller. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs (dis.), John Rowley and Edward Wass.

Manual Training.—Form V.: Stanley Churcher and Edgar Ellis. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs (dis.), Walter Porter and Guy Ridge.

Art.—Form V.: Victor Chilley, Hugh Gold (dis.), and Stanley Churcher. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs (dis.), John Rowley and Ernest Yates.

Home Work.—Form V.: Hugh Gold (dis.), Percy Gold and Melville Harris. Form IV.: Ernest Hibbs (dis.), John Rowley (dis.), Alfred White and Edward Wass.

Conduct and Punctuality.—Form V.: Maurice Webb. Form IV.: John Rowley (dis.) and Ernest Yates.

SCHOOL OF ART.

One prize for the most successful student of the year.—Miss Wedekind

Advanced Section.—Study in sculpture: Miss Wedekind (dis.). Best set of designs: Miss Grape. Woodcarving: Miss Turle

Elementary Section.—Set of studies of details from life and antique: Miss Potter. Best set of works for A.C.T.: Miss Grape. Best set of studies of flowers, &c., from nature, treated decoratively: Miss Squire.

EVENING CLASSES.

One prize for the most successful student of the science classes.—Mr. P. Middleton.

Building Construction.—Messrs. A. Cole, H. Ford, and W. Boorman.

Magnetism and Electricity.—Mr. P. Middleton (dis.).

Chemistry.—Mr. P. Middleton (dis.).

Physiology.—Miss E. Ballard, Miss E. Turner and Miss Robinson.

Hygiene.—Miss Worrell and Miss Duncan.

Prize for the most successful student of the commercial classes.—No award.

Shorthand.—Mr. G. H. Griffin, Mr. E. J. Bowman and Miss E. Searle.

French.—Mr. A. Shelton and Mr. F. Bleksley.

German.—Miss A. M. Elliott and Miss I. Weir.

Book-keeping.—Mr. W. J. Bailey and Mr. R. Ranson.

Dressmaking.—Miss Harris.

Millinery.—Mrs. E. Roberts.

Woodwork.—Mr. H. Honey.

Mr. J. Crease proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Lees, who, he said, had come there at some little inconvenience to herself, but her heart was thoroughly in the work, as was that of her estimable husband.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. A. J. Lees, in reply, said his wife regarded it as a great privilege and honour to have been asked to distribute the prizes, and it had given her great pleasure to do so, particularly as she was an old art student herself. (Applause.) As Chairman of the Council he would like to add to what Mr. Cole had said a word in testimony of the very able way in which their principal, Mr. Watts, had fulfilled his duties. (Applause.)

DRUIDISM IN BROMLEY.

The members of the "King's Own" Lodge, No. 548, of the Ancient Order of Druids, held an "open" evening on Jan. 26th, at the Lodge-room, the "Star and Garter" Hotel, High-street, Bromley, when a large number were present, including a good sprinkling of those who had had no previous insight into the advantages of Druidism. A good programme was provided by members and friends, and the comfort of all present was personally looked after by the genial Hostess, Mrs. Hamilton. Bro. R. Franklin, N.A., ably presided, supported by Bard J. Potter P.A., and Bard Harsum, while the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. A. Rutter, V.A., his supporters being Bard Baldock, P.A., and Bard Job, P.A.

At an interval, Bro. A. Adams, P.A., who temporarily occupied the chair, remarked that a very pleasant duty had devolved upon him. It was very pleasing to him, as the first P.A. and N.A. of the Lodge, to have the honour of presenting a jewel. It was a pleasure in any Order to present the first jewel of a new Lodge. He was proud of the honour of presenting the first jewel of the "King's Own" Lodge, No. 548, to P.A. Cooper.

Bro. B. Cooper, P.A., who was very heartily received, said he was entirely taken by surprise on receiving such a token of esteem on the part of the Lodge. He considered it a very great honour indeed to be the recipient of the first jewel of the Lodge.

The fourth annual prize distribution and concert in connection with the Beckenham and Penge (L) Company of Volunteers will take place at the Public Hall on Saturday, February 6th, when Lieut.-Col. Browne, R.E., will present the awards.

BROMLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society was held at the Parish Room, West-street, on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, when Mr. Lyne (Chairman of the Committee) presided over a large attendance.

Mr. W. Collings presented the report of the Committee which was as follows:—The year's work of the Society so far as the object for which it is formed has been most satisfactory; from a floral and artistic point of view it was most successful. The exhibits were quite up to the usual number, notwithstanding the fact that the show was held rather late, and the majority of the exhibitors' best blooms had gone. The quality of blooms staged was exceedingly good. The position of the Society is financially sound, but the balance is not so large as the Executive would like to see it, owing largely to the fact that they are too liberal with their prizes. The takings at the doors on the occasion of the annual exhibition dropped off considerably, owing largely to the inclement weather on the first day of the show. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking the subscribers and public generally for their kind support to the Society. The special prizes offered by Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. R. de Q. Quincey, Mr. A. G. Hubbuck, Mr. E. Peill, Mr. E. M. Garnar, and Messrs. R. and G. Cuthbert brought together some keen competition, which was fully appreciated by the donors. The Committee wish to accord their best thanks to the donors of special prizes for their deep interest in the Society, and their most generous support. They also desire to express their full appreciation of the kindness of Mrs. Coles Child, Mrs. H. Bennett, and Miss de Q. Quincey, who so kindly undertook the judging of the ladies' classes, which it should be stated were fully up to the average. In conclusion, it is hoped that all members will bring the Society before the notice of their friends and new residents of the neighbourhood, and by these means secure new subscribers to fill up the vacancies which annually occur.

Mr. Blick moved and Mr. Stent seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Mr. W. Weeks presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the receipts for the past year, including a balance brought forward of £3 2s. 10d., amounted to £172 12s. 4d. The balance in hand at the present time was 6s. 5d. He proposed the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. Blick seconded.

The accounts were adopted.

The Chairman said he had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing that Mr. Coles Child be re-elected President of the Society.

Mr. Pascoe seconded.

Mr. Collings wished to support the motion, because he considered it a great honour for the Society to have so admirable a President as Mr. Coles Child. He was a gentleman with considerable influence in the town, and they certainly ought to be proud to have him as their President. (Applause.)

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Weeks proposed that last year's Vice-Presidents be re-elected en bloc, and it was agreed to, and the names of the following gentlemen were added to the list, subject to their approval: The Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), Messrs. W. C. Gunn, W. R. G. Hay, T. C. Schooling, and E. M. Garnar.

The Chairman said the next business was the election of an hon. treasurer. Unfortunately, their friend, Mr. W. Weeks, felt it incumbent upon him to resign the post. They were well aware how ably and thoroughly he had carried out the duties of hon. secretary and how well he had also filled the office of hon. treasurer, and therefore, his resignation would be a great loss to the Society. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. King moved, and Mr. Blick seconded, that Mr. Collings be elected to the vacancy, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Collings, again rising, said he felt it a privilege to have the pleasure of proposing Mr. French as hon. secretary for the coming year. He had known Mr. French for some time past, and did not hesitate to say that a more thorough business man it would be almost impossible to find.

Mr. Weeks seconded.

The following were then elected to the vacancies on the Committee by ballot:—Messrs. Lyne, Stent, Jordan, Poole, Bates, Wills, Weeks, and Field.

FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

The first annual dinner of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society was held at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on Wednesday Jan. 27, and was attended with such success, both in point of numbers and conviviality that it may be safely prophesied that the fixture will become a "hardy annual." His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided with his customary geniality, and supporting him were Alderman T. Davis, Alderman G. Lawrence, Councillor Geo. Weeks, jun., Mr. A. Wright, Mr. E. N. Garnar, Mr. F. H. Norman (Town Clerk), Messrs. W. Baxter, W. Collings (hon. treasurer), R. G. French (the newly-appointed hon. secretary), E. R. Dyson, H. Marler, G. M. Bick, &c.

The Mayor submitted "The Chrysanthemum Society," the growth of which he traced in an interesting speech, specially eulogising the services of Mr. W. Weeks in connection therewith. It was not till about three years ago that Mr. Weeks relinquished the duties of hon. secretary, and then there was a balance on the right side of £45. (Applause.) Then their good friend, Mr. Collings, who had always been so courteous and enthusiastic in attending to the interests of the Society, came on the scene. (Applause.) Mr. Collings, however, was now compelled to relinquish the direction of the affairs of the Society, not because he had ceased to take an enthusiastic interest in its welfare, but because of his increased commercial affairs and the widening of his responsibilities. Therefore they now found themselves under the secretaryship of Mr. French. (Applause.) He was glad to tell them that the Society —probably they knew it better than he did—was in a very flourishing condition. He now hoped they would use their best endeavours to make the Society more successful in the coming year than it had been in the past, and he should be pleased, as the first Mayor of Bromley, to place at the disposal of the Committee a silver cup to be disposed of in any manner they thought fit. (Loud applause.) In that he was not being generous. He simply wanted to stimulate the efforts of all the individual members of the Society that they might feel that the coming year might have just a slight added interest of an association with the new Borough. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. W. Collings, in reply, said although he had been forced to relinquish the duties of hon. secre-

tary he should continue to do all he could to further the interests of the Society. (Applause.)

Mr. R. G. French also replied, and expressed the hope that he should prove a worthy successor to Mr. Weeks and Mr. Collings. (Applause.)

Mr. Alfred Wright propsed the toast of "The Executive," and Mr. J. Lyne replied.

Alderman Davis said he did not know much about chrysanthemums, but he did know something about the duties which devolved upon the gentleman who had to take the lead in managing the affairs of a place like Bromley. He knew that from painful experience. (Laughter.) They all thought no doubt that they were burgesses of no mean Borough—(applause)—and he was quite certain of this that they had got a Mayor who was worthy of the Borough of Bromley, and they were fortunate, he thought, in having for their first Mayor, Mr. Frank Griffith. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the first Mayor of Bromley, and though the present was the first time he had presided at that dinner he hoped it would not be the last. (Applause.)

The toast was accorded musical honours.

The Mayor thanked the company most heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast, so sympathetically proposed by Alderman Davis. He (the Mayor) had been trying to do his best for the Borough from his point of view, and Mr. Alderman Davis had been trying to do his best for the Borough from his point of view, and he had been generous enough to propose his health in the sympathetic terms they had just heard. He was perfectly certain in replying to the toast, that he was not exaggerating when he said that the new Borough Council, including every man on it, was determined to do the best it could for the ratepayers of Bromley. (Applause.) Then, if they came to the minor matter of his intentions he could only say that he had as an ambition that the Borough of Bromley would not regret that he was its first Mayor. (Applause.)

SUNDRIDGE LAUNDRY, BROMLEY.

The third annual New Year's party given by Mr. and Mrs. E. Gambrell, the popular manager and manageress of the Sundridge Laundry, Scott's-road, Plaistow, to their employees, took place at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, and once again proved a great success. The Hall had been very charmingly decorated by Mr. Gambrell and his staff, an excellent programme had been arranged, and there was no dearth of the good things which make for material comfort, and it follows, therefore, that the large company present, numbering fully a hundred, enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. Amongst the party were: Mr. F. R. C. Steele (general manager of the London United Laundries, Ltd.), and Mrs. Steele, Mr. Carss (auditor), &c.

At a suitable interval in the programme,

Mr. Steele proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gambrell for again entertaining then to that admirable party.

Cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Gambrell and also Master Gambrell.

Mr. Gambrell suitably responded.

Mr. Sidney J. Sandle, who was last month elected as a Common Councillor for the City of London (Farringdon Within Ward), resides at Aldersyde, Holmwood-road, Bromley. He is a partner in the well-known firm of wholesale and export stationers, fancy goods warehousemen and publishers, Messrs. Sandle Bros., Paternoster-row, and Lovells Court, S.E.

BROMLEY'S TEMPORARY MUSEUM.

The valuable collection of stuffed British and foreign birds recently presented to the town of Bromley by Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., upon his departure from Sundridge Park, is now temporarily housed in the Reading Room of the Bromley Public Library, and forms a source of much interest. There are some thirty-three cases in all, arranged around the walls of the Reading Room and on the book-cases, and they have been seen and admired by a very large number of the inhabitants. Owing to the limited space, however, they cannot be seen to the best advantage; indeed, many of the most valuable specimens are practically out of sight. Still, they are of such a character as to bring home to the minds of all that they form a most desirable nucleus to the Museum, which we hope to see established in Bromley very shortly.

A few notes as to the more remarkable of the specimens will be interesting. That which claims first mention is the case containing the complete bones of the leg and foot of the remarkable wingless giant of New Zealand, viz., the Giganteus Dinornis, or to use the Maori name, the Moa, now extinct. Some of these birds attained a height of over sixteen feet and judging by the size of the bones now to be seen at the Public Library, the Moa of which they form a part must have been one of the largest. We are not aware that a complete skeleton has been brought over to this country, but in the splendid museum at Auckland, N.Z., there are several perfect specimens and a large number of enormous eggs, measuring in some instances pretty well two feet in diameter. There are several other New Zealand birds in the collection now presented to Bromley, including several fine "Ka-Ka's," the scourge of the sheep farmer, and tuis, or parson-birds.

Immediately on entering the Reading Room, attention is attracted by a case, on the right, containing an exceptionally fine pair of King Penguins. At the extreme end of the room is a case containing a splendid pair of blackcock, and a pair of red grouse; and there are also some fine water-hens (purple), European bitterns, puffins, guillemots, a great gull, several of the dainty oyster catchers, a fish-hawk, a pair of owl parrots, and many others. Last, but not least interesting or valuable is a perfect specimen of the white crane, so dear to the feminine heart because of the ospreys which are plucked from it during nesting-time, and for the sake of which vast numbers are destroyed yearly. In addition to the birds there are also several cases of animals. A second gift from Sir Samuel comprises 22 mounted stags' heads and elephants' skulls, the former having come from North Harris, Sir Samuel's Highland estate, and the latter from Ceylon, shot by Sir Samuel himself. Altogether, the collection is a very great acquisition to the town, and one for which the inhabitants owe Sir Samuel Scott a real debt.

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REV. A. A. CARRÉ'S PREFERMENT.—The Rev. A. A. Carré, formerly one of the assistant clergy of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, has been nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the vacant Vicarage of Headcorn, Kent, recently held the Rev. J. H. Martin, formerly curate of St. James's, Elmers End, Beckenham. Mr. Carré was a most devoted worker, and he will have the best wishes of many Bromley friends in his new appointment. He was, it will be remembered, a member of the late Bromley School Board.

THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS' BALL.

On Jan. 7th, the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, was the scene of a brilliant social function, when the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley (Councillor Frank and Mrs. Griffith) entertained a large party to a ball, given to celebrate the coming-out of their second daughter, Miss Mary Griffith. The following is a list of the invited guests, who numbered about 200:—Mr. and Mrs. Aste, Mr. and Mrs. Best, Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, Rev. P. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. L. and Mrs. Beddome, Miss Beddome, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowater,, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Bowater, Mr and Mrs. Tom Bowater, Mr. and Mrs. W. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Cazeaux, Miss Cazeaux, Messrs. J. R. and V. Cazeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Cubitt, Mr and Mrs. Forster, Miss Forster, Mr. N. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Griffith, Miss B. Griffith, Mr. J. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Miss Grant, Messrs. R. P. and L. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Groser, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibbs, Dr. and Mrs. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. Hindley, Mr. and Mrs. James Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hudson, Dr. and Mrs. Ilott, Mr. and Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Loly, Mr. and Mrs. Lown, Mr. and Mrs. Lepper, Mr. and Mrs. Manger, Mr. and Mrs. Marsden, Mr and Mrs. Moger, Mr. and Mrs. Pain, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. H. Randell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Schooling, Miss Schooling, Messrs. L. and E. Schooling, Mr. and Mrs. A. Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. St. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Satterthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Sessions. Mr. S. Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Stocker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapp, Mr. and Mrs. Van der Beeck, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Mrs. Russell Oliver, Miss Oliver, the Misses Bowley, Mr. A. Bowley, the Misses Brown, Messrs. R. and C. Brown, the Misses A. and C. Denny, Mr. A. Denny, Miss Durler, Mr. R. Durler, Miss Grosmith, Mr. S. Grosmith, Miss Howe, Mr. A. Howe, Miss Jepson, Mr. F. Jepson, Miss Lewin, Mr. Lewin, Miss McIntyre, Messrs. H. and N. McIntyre, Miss M. Reid, Mr. R. Reid, Miss Stanger, Mr. S. Stanger, Miss Smith, Mr. K. Smith, Miss Wheatley, Mr. R. Wheatley, Miss E. Zimmermann, Mr. J. Zimmermann, Miss Beaumont, Miss Corneille, Miss Cooper, Miss Giblett, Miss Gibbs, Miss R. Gammon, Miss Hudson, Miss Murray, Miss Potter, Miss Powell, Capt. Bridges. Mr. Bingham, Mr. Birts, Mr. W. Carey, Capt. Evans, Mr. Gautschi, Mr. Huber, Mr. Hicks, Mr. G. Hodges, Mr. Arthur Hacker, Mr. Kelleway, Mr. Layton, Mr. Mahler, Mr. Orchin, Dr. Price, Mr. Price, Mr. W. Price, Mr. A. Proctor, Mr. A. Peters, Mr. Slade, Dr. P. N. Randall, Mr. P. Sharland, Mr. P. Wilson, Mr. Wise.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Bickley and Widmore Schools on Jan. 12th, when Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was presented by former scholars of the School. The proceeds will be devoted to the proposed Widmore Institute, whereby more room will be provided for concerts than is obtainable at the present time. The Vicar (Rev. W. A. Carroll) presided. The whole performance was a great success, and Miss Ella Mussell Miss Harrison, Miss Buxton, and all concerned are to be highly complimented upon the result of their efforts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHISLEHURST CAVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. George Clinch, having decided to his own satisfaction that the Chislehurst caves are comparatively modern, appears to consider the question as definitely settled by this his pronouncement, and takes exception to the temerity of Mr. W. J. Nichols, who has advanced a theory which is in sharp opposition to his. As an old resident in this parish, who takes a great interest in its history and antiquities, I feel that Mr. Nichols deserves our gratitude for having made the caves more widely known. He has devoted much time to research upon the spot, at considerable personal expense, and has put forward his views concerning them in a paper which he read before the British Archæological Association, of which he is a vice-president.

Mr. Clinch demands "evidence" for Mr. Nichols' theory; perhaps he will kindly state what "evidence" he has in support of his own. He gravely assures us that the prodigious amount of chalk removed from these galleries was used for building and agricultural purposes in a small, remote village from the 15th to the 18th centuries. In other districts of Kent more devoted to corn growing, there are many ancient excavations for chalk, but none are of such extent, nor do any exhibit the same curious planning and careful workmanship. The singular series of galleries, whose design forms, to my thinking, the strongest argument in favour of Mr. Nichols' theory, lie far under the hill. They contain a finely-constructed well of great depth, from which galleries radiate and are crossed by a transverse series. The whole forms a true labyrinth, which has evidently been carefully planned to prevent an intruder from obtaining a view of more than one section of their length. The floor is level, and the arched sides are of fine workmanship and elegant contour. This labyrinth lies within the compass of an irregularly circular gallery which presents the curious feature of a number of apsidal recesses; those on the east side contain squared altar-like projections, while those on the west are vacant.

The theory of Mr. Clinch seems quite insufficient to acount for the care with which this portion of the caves has been designed and executed; that of Mr. Nichols at least offers a possible explanation of the mystery, and unless the former gentleman can produce rebutting evidence, I see no reason why the proprietors of the caves, and the Press, should not favour the pre-historic theory rather than that formed by Mr. Clinch after a cursory and quite insufficient examination.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

GEORGE W. MILLER.

Chislehurst, Jan. 20th.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The following is a list of the harvest and other Church collections which have been forwarded to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1903, from this district:—Rev. J. J. Baddeley, Chelsfield, £9 0s. 7d.; Rev. Canon Hammond, St. Paul's, Beckenham, £16 11s.; Rev. W. H. Johnston, North Cray, £2 10s.; Rev. Graves Lombard, Farnborough, R.S.O., £6 7s.; Rev. W. D. May, All Saints', Orpington, £6 2s. 1.; Rev. W. D. May, St. Andrew's, Orpington, £1 17s. 1d.; Rev. W. D. May, St. Paul's, Orpington, £2 12s. 8d.; Rev. H. B. Roberts, West Wickham, £11 1s. 6d.

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

4th.—Police minstrel entertainment at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

6th.—Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., at Bromley Conservative Club monthly house supper.—Missionary address by Dr. Harry Guinness at Bromley Presbyterian Church.

7th.—Ball at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, by the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P., and Mrs. Griffith), in celebration of the debut of their daughter Miss Mary Griffith.

11th.—Concert at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of St. Luke's charities.

14th.—Addresses at Bromley Congregational School on the education question by the Rev. C. Sylvester Horne, and others.

15th.—Bromley Union officers' annual dinner.

16th.—Annual distribution of prizes at Bromley School of Science and Art by the Mayoress.

20th.—Concert at the Bell Hotel by the Shortlands Orchestral Society.

22nd.—Bromley "Buffs" annual dinner at the "Rising Sun," Bromley.—Dance and entertainment at the Bell Hotel for employees of Messrs. Medhurst, Ltd.

26th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Chrysanthemum Society.—Annual meeting of Bromley Motor and Cycling Club, at the "White Hart" Hotel.

27th.—First annual dinner of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society, at the "White Hart" Hotel.

28th.—Social evening at the Drill Hall, promoted by the Presidents of the Bromley Women's Liberal and the Bromley and District Liberal Associations.

29th.—Plaistow (Bromley) annual Vestry meeting.

31st.—Salvation Army Choir at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

"SPENLOVE" SCHOOL OF MODERN ART, BECKENHAM.

Mr. Frank Spenlove-Spenlove, R.B.A., R.C.A. (principal of "The Yellow Door" School of Modern Painting, Beckenham), has recently gained fresh honours on which his many friends in the district will warmly congratulate him. His beautiful and pathetic picture "The Little White Cross" (which created such talk among critics and artists at the Paris Salon last year) has just been purchased by the City of Manchester for the permanent collection at the City Art Gallery. It is only the other day that we had to congratulate Mr. Spenlove-Spenlove upon the magnificent honour and tribute paid to his work by the French and Belgium Governments. Mr. Spenlove-Spenlove will be represented at the St. Louis Exhibition—Art Section—by his last year's Royal Academy picture, "The Pilot's Funeral," which hangs at the Corporation Art Gallery, Liverpool.

BICKLEY & WIDMORE INSTITUTE.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Bickley and Widmore is to be held at the Widmore Schools next Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, with a view to ascertaining what is the real desire of the parishioners, and more especially of the working men, as to the proposal to establish some sort of institute and club for them. As we have already announced, a strong Committee has been formed with a view to promoting the scheme, and now a small Sub-Committee, consisting of the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Carroll), Rev. C. Drayton Thomas, Mr. Howard Williams, and Mr. A. P. Beaumont, has been deputed to go into details, and obtain information, which will be submitted for the consideration and guidance of the public meeting on Thursday. His Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) has kindly consented to preside, and he will be influentially supported.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A BROMLEY BOOTMAKER.

A painfully sudden death occurred about mid-day on Jan. 10th, the subject being Walter Ayles, a bootmaker, residing at 3, Napier-road, Bromley. It seems that the deceased was suddenly taken ill, and Dr. Price was summoned and rendered assistance, but shortly afterwards the unfortunate man expired. He was 42 years of age, and leaves a widow and several children to mourn their loss.—An inquest was held on Monday at the Municipal Offices by the Coroner, Mr. H. B. Sewell, when Dr. Price gave evidence concerning the post-mortem examination he had made, which showed that death was due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the vicinity of the heart. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

Sir Patteson Nickalls, J.P., has been elected Vice-President of the Sidcup Branch of the League of Young Liberals.

PRESENTATION TO SIR GEORGE HAYTER CHUBB.—At the annual conversazione on Thursday, Jan. 28th, of the Old Boys of the Leys' School, Cambridge, Sir George Chubb, Bart., was presented with a silver tea urn in recognition of his services as the vice-chairman and treasurer of the school. It was stated that, in addition, it was proposed to place a presidential table in the Great Hall of the School. Amongst those present on the occasion were: Sir Horace Marshall, C.C., and Lady Marshall, Lady Chubb, Mr. W. Runciman, M.P., and Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., and Mrs. Perks.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

The handsome tower of St. Mark's Church, Bromley, the building of which was completed in December, was dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 10, when special services were held. St. Mark's provides accommodation for about 580 people, exclusive of the chancel aisle, which has not yet been built. The nave is 84ft. long by 28ft. wide, and is divided from the north and south aisles by arcades of five bays on each side. The total width of nave and aisles is 49ft. 9in. Above the arcades are clerestories of single lights, two to each bay, lighting the upper parts of the nave. The ceiling is boarded in the "wagon" form, divided into bays, corresponding with those of the arcades below, by five principal and five intermediate roof trusses, and into smaller compartments by mouldings. This ceiling admits of considerable space between it and the outer roof covering, which very greatly adds to the comfort of the church by keeping out heat in summer and cold in winter. Extract ventilators are provided in the roof, and and connected with apertures in the ceiling, by which vitiated air is exhausted, its place being taken by fresh air admitted by flues built in the thickness of the walls under the windows. The west end has a small gallery with a stone screen, and above this a large six-light window. The aisles are lighted by three-light windows, one in each bay. The nave is divided from the chancel by an arch about 20ft. wide, and about 31ft. from the floor to the apex of the arch. The chancel is 34ft. deep by 22.t. wide, and is lighted by a seven-light east window, and small two-light clerestory windows in the north and south walls. The pavement of the chancel is of white, black, and grey marble, the steps (six in number) being in Portland stone On the south of the chancel is an arcade of two bays, which will eventually open into a chancel aisle, providing extra accommodation for about 60 persons. The church is heated by a low pressure hot water system. All the furniture and fittings have been made from the architect's designs.

From an architectural view the tower is a distinct acquisition to this part of the town, and with its handsome and distinctive clock will be a great public convenience. It is built on the north side of the north aisle, and contains in addition to the entrance storey, a ringing chamber, above this a clock storey, while the belfry, with provision for a peal of bells, occupies the uppermost storey. The height to the top of the pinnacles from the nave floor is 97ft. 1in., while the tower is 21ft. square at the base, exclusive of the buttresses. The materials are of brick walls faced with hand-made red bricks, the architectural features being Doulting stone from Shepton Mallet, Somerset, all worked on the site.

The foundations of the first 17ft. of the tower which has now been completed were built at the same time as the church. The remaining portion was commenced in March and completed in December, the amount of the contract being £2,520.

The total height from the nave floor to the top of the pinnacles is 97ft. 1in., as follows: 24ft. 9in. nave floor level to floor of ringing chamber; 18ft. 9in. ringing chamber to clock chamber; 11ft. 10in. clock chamber to belfry; 22ft. 6in. height of belfry; 7ft. 3in. from belfry ceiling to top of parapet; 9ft. top of parapet to top of pinnacles. For 55ft. 6in. in height the walls are 3ft. thick; square of tower, 21ft. by 21ft. There are 62 steps to the floor of the clock chamber in patent Victoria stone, and the centre part of each floor is made moveable for the purpose of hoisting bells, when occasion arises. There are 3,500 cubic feet of Doulting stone in the dressings, pinnacles, parapets, &c., and no less than 170,000 bricks have been utilised in the construction of the tower, as well as 96 green slates for the louvres in the belfry windows, not including the first portion built when the church was erected.

The splendid eight-day striking clock is the work of Messrs. Gillett, of Croydon, and is a truly magnificent piece of workmanship.

Mr. Evelyn Hellicar, A.R.I.B.A., of Bromley, and Serjeants' Inn, is the architect, and the building contract was carried out in the most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Crossley and Son, builders, Bromley.

Large congregations assembled at the dedicatory services on Jan. 10th, which were of a bright and joyous description. The hymns, "Deeply laid a sure foundation," "Now thank we all our God," "Lord, whose temple once did glisten," and "Hail to the Lord's anointed," were sung at the morning service, and the anthem for the day "Praise the Lord" (Elvey) was ably rendered by the choir. The proper Psalms, lessons, and prayers were used by permission of the Archbishop. Tallis's responses were used, and the "Benedictus" was to Woodward, and the "Kyrie" to Mendelssohn.

In the morning the pulpit was occupied by the Vicar, who delivered an eloquent sermon from the 122nd Psalm, verses 1 and 2: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem."

At the evening service the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. L. J. Elwin, and the lessons were read by Mr. Bruce. The hymns were "Jesu! where'er Thy people meet," and two of the hymns sung at the morning service. Mr. Youens again presided at the organ with his wonted ability, and at both services collections were taken on behalf of the Church tower.

BISHOP OF DOVER AT CUDHAM.

The new church at Aperfield, which has been erected on the Aperfield Court Estate, and which has been named after the Evangelist, St. Mark, was dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover, on Thursday, January 21st. The church, which is a temporary iron structure, supplies a long-felt want in the district and its erection is greatly due to the efforts of the Rev. H. A. Curtis, Vicar of Cudham who collected subscriptions from the gentry in the neighbourhood. The edifice was filled to overflowing during the service. It was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Curtis, the special lesson (I. Corinthians ii., 10-17) being read by the Rev. T. Gwynne Davies. The musical portion was led by the boys of the choir of the Parish Church, Mr. Crooks, the organist, presiding at the harmonium. The hymn before the sermon was "O God, our Help in ages past." The Lord Bishop gave a most eloquent address, and an offertory amounting to £6 4s. 2½d. was taken on behalf of the Building Fund.

Our system of education, remarks Lord Avebury, too often defeats its own object, and renders odious those things we wish to make delightful.

Sir James Whitehead, Bart., father of Mr. G. J. Whitehead, J.P., formerly of Bromley, who has been confined to his room for five months, is now making steady progress towards recovery.

THE REV. THOMAS NICHOLSON'S FAREWELL

The Rev. Thomas Nicholson's pastorate of the Bromley Congregational Church terminated on January 10th, when special valedictory services were held. The music and lessons were of an appropriate character, and in both his morning and evening discourses the rev. gentleman made direct allusion to his forthcoming departure, more especially in the evening, when there was a crowded congregation.

The rev. gentleman took as the text of his evening discourse, Acts xx., 32: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

PRESENTATION FROM THE CHURCH.

The warmth of the relationships subsisting between the Rev. Thomas Nicholson and the members and congregation was strikingly illustrated by the splendid gathering which took place in the spacious Schoolroom on Monday, Jan. 11th, for the

Mr. Edward Smith proposed the following resolution:—

"This meeting, in receiving the announcement of the acceptance by the Rev. T Nicholson of the invitation of the Church at Paddington, and of his consequent resignation, after a term of eight years, of his present pastorate, assures him of its esteem and regard, congratulates him upon the prospect of continued usefulness in the new sphere of work, and earnestly prays for his success therein, and for the happiness and prosperity of himself and his beloved family."

Mr. Wm. McKewan, J.P., who proceeded from the body of the hall to the platform, seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. Wm. Green, of Bickley, and was carried unanimously with acclamation.

The Chairman said that now he had to carry out a little business that had been entrusted to him. When they knew Mr. Nicholson was about to leave them they felt it would be an omission for them to let the occasion go by without some token of their regard. Judging from the response to the appeal which they made it would seem that everybody must have given something. First of all the Women's Gospel Meeting, which met there on a Monday gave him one present, the Christian Endeavourers another, and now they were there to make another presentation on behalf of the Church and congregation. Mr. Nicholson was going only about an hour and a half's journey from Bromley. He was following a succession of able and brilliant ministers, and they all trusted and earnestly prayed that he might have health, happiness, strength, and vigour to carry on the work for many years. (Applause.) They did not want Mrs. Nicholson to froget her friends at Bromley, so they thought they would like to make her some present which would require her constant care, and which would remind her when she wound it up of the striking influence of her pattern, her example, and her life here. (Applause.) So they had bought the clock which was now on the table, and they asked her to be good enough to accept it in the name of the church. The inscription was: "To Mrs. Nicholson, with kind remembrances and warmest good wishes from the church and congregation at the Bromley Congregational Church, Kent." There was a balance of the amount which had been collected, and he would now hand that in the name of the church and congregation to Mr. Nicholson, in the form of a cheque for £156 13s. 6d. (Applause.) "These things are yours," added Mr. Verrall. "May God bless you in the use of them, and may you find every happiness and prosperity." (Applause.)

The Rev. T. Nicholson, in reply, said that these gifts were but kindnesses among many others which he had received from individuals privately, from year to year as the years had come and gone.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE.

Under the auspices of the newly-formed Bromley Citizens' League, a well-attended meeting was held in the Congregational Church Schoolroom, on Jan. 14th, in support of Passive Resistance, when an address was given by the leader of the movement the Rev. C. Sylvester Horne, M.A. The Rev. T. G. Selby occupied the chair, and amongst those supporting him on the platform were Dr. Maxwell, Councillor P. Harper, Mr. W. Green, Mr. W. Vinson (Orpington), Mr. Brewster (Downe), Mr. Child (Farnborough), and the hon. secretary of the local League, Mr. W. Amos.

The Chairman said they were there that night not in a spirit of bigotry It was not their intention to excommunicate their fellow Christians of other communions. They were Christians in the best and the purest sense of the word. They held the simple truths common to the length and breadth of Christendom, and they were there because the day had arrived when their moneys were to be taken to subsidise one particular type of theology to be taught in their elementary schools. To that they could not possibly submit. They would be false to the principles of their forefathers and faithless to all the best traditions of the past, if they did not make the most impressive and emphatic protest within their power.

Rev. C. Sylvester Horne, M.A., next spoke and claimed that the line they were taking was the noblest and the most patriotic position they possibly could take. Another thing they had for their money was sectarian schools upon the rates with no possibility of controlling them. It would be impossible for any tradesman to keep in a state of efficiency any business he was not allowed to control.

Mr. Wm. Green (Bickley), in moving a vote of thanks to the Rev. Sylvester Horne, said they must fight this matter out to the end.

Mr. W. Vinson, J.P. (Orpington) seconded the motion which was carried with acclamation.

Councillor Harper said that there were over fifty prominent residents in Beckenham pledged not to pay it willingly, but to let the law take its course in the matter, and if Beckenham could show such a muster, surely there ought to be a hundred in Bromley. (Applause.)

Mr. Child (Farnborough) and Mr. Brewster (Downe) also briefly addressed the meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. T. G. Selby for taking the chair, proposed by Mr. Maxwell, brought the meeting to a close.

The annual ball in connection with "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) is fixed to take place in the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

At a recent meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council it was reported that the death-rate of the Beckenham district for the year ending 1903 was only 7.9 per thousand.

The will has been proved of the late Mr. John Sanderson, aged 65, of Bullers Wood, Chislehurst, and of Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Company, of 2, Gresham-buildings, Basinghall-street, Australian and wool merchants, at £95,328.

ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The most successful and certainly the most interesting meeting of any Lodge of Oddfellows in Bromley was that of the Loyal "Ratcliffe" Lodge, South London District, held at their Lodge-house, the "White Hart" Hotel, on Friday, January 22nd. It was indeed a unique occasion, as that evening the first Mayor of the Borough was initiated into the mysteries of Oddfellowship—which can only occur once in the history of any Borough. His Worship was accompanied by the Deputy-Mayor (Mr. Alderman James), the Charter Mayor (Mr. T. C. Dewey) and the following gentlemen: Mr. John Howard, Mr. Robert Ferris, Mr. W. R. Gunton, and Mr. A. Adams who joined as honorary members; and Mr. E. Salter became a benefit member.

The Lodge was most handsomely supported by brethren from many Districts, including the following: South London, West London, North London, Mitcham, St. Mary Cray, Ipswich, Godalming, Plymouth, and others. The attendance included many past District Officers of the South London and neighbouring Districts.

The proceedings were opened by the following officers: Bros. G. Mantell, G.M.; F. L. Pargeter, N.G.; E. S. Filby, V.G.; H. Richards, E.S., and the Secretary (Bro. W. W .Baden), with a good assembly of past officers and brethren. The fine initiation charge was most impressively given by the Lecture Master, Bro. F. W. Covington, P.G.

The N.G. opened the toast list by giving what is in every Oddfellows' Lodge the first, "The King and the Manchester Unity," which was drunk by all upstanding.

Bro. J. E. Nichols, P.P.G.M., Unity Trustee and Trustee of the South London District, in a most able speech, proposed "The newly-initiated Brethren."

His Worship the Mayor, in an earnest speech, tendered his best thanks to the officers and members of the "Ratcliffe" Lodge for honouring him by inviting him to become merged in the Brotherhood of so great and useful a Society as the Manchester Unity, and he expressed his gratification that the young "Ratcliffe" Lodge should be the channel through which he became connected with the Order.

The Charter Mayor (Bro. T. C. Dewey), in an impressive discourse, stated that he was much struck by the large number of young men he saw around him taking prominent parts in the good work of such a noble institution.

The Deputy-Mayor also replied, and Messrs. Howard, Gunton, Adams, and Ferris also in a few well-chosen words, gave voice to like sentiments.

The Mayor then expressed his great satisfaction in being selected to present to the Secretary (Bro. W. W. Baden, P.G.), on behalf of the Lodge, a Secretary's jewel, suitably inscribed.

Bro. Baden, in replying, expressed his great gratification at receiving the jewel, and especially so as he had received it from the hands of the Mayor of Bromley.

Bro. T. C. Dewey expressed his great pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Grand's Jewel to Bro. F. Essex Webb. The jewel, he said, was inscribed to the effect that it was a token of recognition of a continuation of good services rendered to the "Ratcliffe" Lodge by Bro. Webb since its inception, and he was still an ardent worker.

Bro. F. E. Webb suitably responded.

Bro. A. Wright, treasurer of the Lodge, said he had been entrusted with a most agreeable duty, which was to present to Bro. E. S. Filby a jewel won by him for introducing the greatest number of new members into the Loyal "Ratcliffe" Lodge during the past year.

In a few well-chosen words, Bro. W. Collings, P.G. (Trustee) welcomed the officers of the South London District, and thanked them for their kindness n making time amongst their many engagements to once more come down to the "Ratcliffe" Lodge.

Bro. F. G. Green, Prov. Deputy Grand Master, responded.

Bro. F. H. Norman proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. E. M. Garnar replied.

LOCAL ARBITRATION CASE.

BROMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL v. CHISLEHURST.

The fourth day's sitting in connection with the arbitration proceedings in reference to the claim of £40,054 15s. 1d. by the Bromley Rural District Council against the Chislehurst Urban District Council for loss alleged to have been sustained by the Bromley Rural District by Chislehurst becoming an urban district area, was held at the Law Courts, on Jan. 11th, before Sir Hugh Owen, G.C.B.

The Rural District Council were represented by Mr. Macmorran, K.C., and Mr. Keen, instructed by Messrs. May, Sykes and Co.; and the Chislehurst Urban District Council were represented by Mr. Bray, K.C., and Mr. Norman Craig, instructed by Messrs. Simpson and Bowen.

At the opening of the Court, Mr. Joseph Peill and Mr. Ed. Haslehurst were re-called, and further examined with reference to the contract work carried out by Messrs. Peill Bros., in 1899 in respect of the road between Orpington and West Wickham, showing that the contract cost the Bromley Rural Council about £175 per mile.

Mr. Fredk. Payne, of the firm of Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, then gave evidence as to the probability as regards the future as to increase of value, first as regards Chislehurst, and then with regard to the district other than Chislehurst.

Mr. B. l'Anson Breach, of the firm of Farebrother, Ellis, and Co., surveyors, valuers, auctioneers, &c., also stated what he thought as to the probability of Chislehurst increasing in value.

Evidence was afterwards given by Mr. James Foyster Bowen, Clerk to the Chislehurst Council; Mr. D. T. Corke, of Foots Cray, and Mr. Henry Line, manager of the Chislehurst Mineral Water Company.

The case was resumed and concluded on Tuesday afternoon, when both Mr. Bray and Mr. Macmorran addressed the arbitrator, who has postponed his award, pending the decision in a similar case now before the House of Lords.

NATIONAL DEPOSIT FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—This Society, which has a flourishing branch at Bromley, has during 1903, had another record of funds and members. The membership of the Society on December 31st, 1903, was 103,400. The number of members paying entrance fees during the year was 24,769, as compared with 18,955 in 1902. The number of divisions was 31, and the districts 1,100. 189 new districts were opened as compared with 156 in 1902. The total funds amount to about £430,000, as compared with £360,000 the previous year. The monthly contributions to the Common Sick Fund totalled £116,090. The members deposited during the year £44,557. The sick pay amounted to £33,040; medical pay, £13,035; old age pay, £1,369; and funeral pay, £935.

BROMLEY BUFFALOES AT DINNER.

The annual dinner in connection with the Royal Victoria Lodge, 1295, R.A.O.B., took place at the "Rising Sun" Hotel, on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, and proved an unqualified success—a result attributable to three facts. In the first place the hon. secretary, Mr. A. Gallop, assisted by Primos W. H. Ridges and T. Eden, had spared neither time nor trouble in perfecting the organisation of the event; secondly, an excellent programme of music was submitted; and thirdly, an ideal Chairman was secured in the person of the Deputy Mayor (Mr. Alderman James), whose genial occupation of the post contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening. The Chairman was supported by Messrs. T. Pantry, K.O.M. (Vice-Chairman), A. Smith, K.O.M., E. Dyson, Primos W. H. Ridges, T. Eden, E. Cornwall, A. Button, G. Ware, W. Fielding, and Scott, Bros. Percy Thomas, A. Adams, F. Pargeter, W. Pinion, J. Hankins, L. Spielmann, A. Jenkins, W. Burr, W. Bunting, P. P. Milbank, A. Stringer, G. Tong, G. Badder, Messrs. Prebble,, P. Pantry, A. Lawrence, W. Mayhew, H. James, T. Tolhurst, S. Mason, Gordon Bushby, Sherrin, G. Fleming, and others. After a substantial repast, admirably served by Host Ridges, had been disposed of, the loyal toasts, submitted from the chair, were heartily honoured.

Bro. Percy Thomas next submited "The Corporation of Bromley," on behalf of his father, Mr. A. S. Thomas, who is in Spain, and from whom a telegram was received wishing success to the Lodge, and regretting his inability to be present. In submitting the toast, Bro. Thomas said Bromley was to be congratulated upon having secured a Charter of Incorporation, for which they were particularly indebted to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, who had taken a leading part in the movement. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Chairman, in reply, said he felt it to be a privilege to respond to the toast, for the present was the first time he had had the opportunity of responding to such a sentiment in his capacity as a local administrator. (Applause.)

The Chairman next proposed "The Bromley Lodge of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Royal Victoria, 1295)," and the toast was drunk with great cordiality.

The Vice-Chairman, in acknowledgment, thanked the company for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and Alderman James for the kind way in which he had proposed it. He was glad to be able to announce that the Lodge now embraced over 100 members, compared with 20 when he first became associated with it.

Bro. Gallop also replied, and observed that new members would be heartily welcomed to the Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given, and received with enthusiasm, and

Mr. E. Dyson, whose name was coupled with the toast, said he regarded it as a great compliment to reply on behalf of the visitors.

"The health of the Chairman" was toasted with musical honours, and in response, Alderman James challenged the other visitors to join with him in putting up as candidates for membership in the Lodge.

The Chairman finally submitted "Mine Host," and voiced the company's hearty appreciation of Host Ridge's excellent catering.

The new Archdeacon of Mackay, Queensland, Australia, is the Rev. C. V. P. Day, formerly one of the assistant clergy of Beckenham.

BROMLEY UNION OFFICERS' DINNER.

Encouraged by the great success which marked the first dinner of the officers of the Bromley Board of Guardians and the Rural District Council, held a year ago, the second in what it is hoped and believed will be a long series of similar gatherings, took place at the "White Hart" Hotel, on Friday Jan. 15th, and proved an even greater success than its predecessor. Mr. Ed. Haslehurst, Clerk to the Guardians and the Rural District Council, presided, and the large and representative attendance included: Sir H. Lennard, J.P. (Vice-Chairman of the Rural District Council), Mr. W. Bowman (Vice-Chairman of the Board of Guardians), Mr. Alfred Wright (Treasurer to the Bromley Union Authorities), Mr. F. Hfl Norman (Town Clerk of Bromley), Mr. J. F. Bowen (Clerk to the Chislehurst Urban District Council), Messrs. W. Hough and William Sykes (representing Messrs. May, Sykes and Co.), Mr. P. Williams (representing Messrs. Alfred Williams and Son, engineers), Mr. A. E. Leonard (Clerk to the Foots Cray Urban District Council), Alderman Dr. Price, Dr. Yolland, Dr. Mathewson, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Tew (Medical Officer of Health to the Rural Council), Mr. P. Wiley (Assistant Clerk), Alderman G. Lawrence, Mr. Stanley Hawkings (Borough Engineer of Bromley), Mr. H. F. Priter (Secretary to the West Kent Main Sewerage Board), Mr. F. H. Gedney (Clerk to the Joint Hospital Board), Messrs. W. H. Banner, H. B. Hamlyn, W. Darby Jones, C. E. Manger (relieving officers), George Stone (rate collector, Bromley), H. E. Manger (rate collector, Beckenham), John Pollard (rate collector, Chislehurst and district), Robt. Craig (highway surveyor for the Rural Council), Andrew Dunlop and H. Nightingale (sanitary inspectors), E. B. Porter (second assistant clerk), H. Gooding (registrar of marriages, &c.), L. Beeston (assistant clerk to the Bromley Magistrates), H. Saint, H. Hedworth, G. H. Payne, jun., and others.

An excellent repast was served by Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Ferris, and at its conclusion a short toast list was gone through, the speeches being admirable. "The King," proposed by the Chairman in terms as felicitous as they were original, was warmly honoured, and then, in characteristically graceful terms, Mr. Alfred Wright proposed the "Board of Guardians and the Rural District Council," to which Mr. W. Bowman and Sir H. A. H. F. Lennard responded.

"The Chairman," proposed by Dr. J. Scott Tew in eulogistic terms which commanded the ready endorsement of the entire company, was musically honoured; and Mr. E. Haslehurst replied, not only ably, but also most wittily, demonstrating that to his other gifts he adds that of being an accomplished after-dinner speaker. The Town Clerk of Bromley (Mr. F. H. Norman) and Mr. Sergeant responded for "The Visitors" in well-chosen terms; and not the least appreciated toast was one which did not appear on the printed list, namely that of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. J. D. Wiley, Assistant Clerk), to whose admirable organisation the success of the function was mainly due.

An interesting programme of music and recitations varied the speeches, the most enjoyable items being those contributed by Mr. Norman Bath and Mr. F. G. Read.

A masked fancy dress ball will be held at the Bell Hotel on Wednesday.Feb. 3rd, and judging from the number of tickets already sold, the venture will be a great success.

BROMLEY CHARTER FESTIVITIES.

SUBSTANTIAL AID FOR THE HOSPITALS.

The final meeting of the Bromley Charter Festivities Committee was held at the Royal Bell Hotel, on January 2nd, when Mr. Alderman James was voted to the chair, and there were also present: Messrs. T. C. Dewey, John Howard, A. S. Gedge, J. M. Wyborn, J. Churchill, F. W. Foskett, W. Hutcherson, H. Marler, G. Weeks, jun., H. Podger, W. L. Crossley, W. R. Willson, T. J. Davis, F. E. Webb, W. Collings, E. R. Dyson, F. Lewis, S. Soan, A. Adams, G. W. Perkis, E. T. Lea, C. H. Gunton, with the Hon. Secretaries (Messrs. E. F. Watts and J. King), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Alfred Wright), &c.

The Deputy Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Mayor through illness, and of other members of the Committee who were engaged at other meetings that night.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Treasurer presented a statement of the accounts, of which the following is a copy:—

Bromley Charter-day Festivities, Sept. 2nd, 1903.

1904. RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 4th.		
150 General donations ...	267 3 0	
6 Special do., viz:—		
Phillips M.Hspl. £1 1 0		
Prize Fund ... 4 10 0		
Charity 1 1 0		
Bush & Son ... 2 0 0		
B. & Dis. Times 8 0 0		
Br. CHRONICLE 9 0 0		
	25 12 0	
		292 15 0
From Messrs. Podger's boxes	20 16 11	
General boxes	37 9 7	
Welford's Dairy... ...	6 10 8	
		64 17 2
Sale of Programmes		23 18 3
Entrance Fees		14 8 6
For Band		4 0 0
Per Thos. C. Dewey, Esq., being addition of 25 per cent. allotted to Local Hospitals	27 10 3	
Ditto to the Dover Homes	5 0 0	
		32 10 3
		£432 9 2

1904. PAYMENTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 4th.		
By Sports Committee... ...		58 19 3
Carnival Committee ...		44 16 6
General Committee (for Printing, Advertisements, and Prizes)		112 11 6
Special Payments, including bands		33 0 6
Stationery, Postages, and Cheque Book ...		14 0 7
Petty Disbursements, per Hon. Secretaries ...		6 12 1
Allocated—		
To Bromley Cottage Hospital...	110 15 5	
Phillips' Memorial Hospital	26 13 4	
Dover Homes	25 0 0	
		162 8 9
		432 9 2

Examined and found correct,

(Signed) ALFRED S. GEDGE, Hon. Auditor.
13th January, 1904.

ALFRED WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.
13th January, 1904.

Mr. Howard proposed, and Mr. Lewis seconded the adoption of the accounts, and this was at once agreed to.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks, and the Hon. Secretaries were authorised to call the Committee together again in May, with a view to holding another carnival this year.

BROMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT.

"A peaceful Christmas" is sometimes far preferable to "A merry Christmas," and the former phrase certainly applies to the period spent by the inmates of the Bromley Cottage Hospital during the reign of King Christmas. Under the kind regime of the Matron (Miss Carter), a lady whose kindness of heart is at all times manifested towards her charges, the internal arrangements of the Cottage Hospital are carried on in a manner which must commend itself to all who have the interests of afflicted humanity at heart, and which at the same time shall afford the greatest possible degree of comfort and contentment to those whom fate has ordained shall sojourn within the precincts of the institution. The Cottage Hospital is at all times shorn—by reason of kindly and sympathetic administration—of the gloom and oppressiveness which too often characterises the interior of institutions of a similar nature, but during Christmas week it has worn a more than ordinarily cheerful and bright aspect, as the result of the painstaking efforts of Miss Carter, and the members of the nursing and domestic staffs. On Saturday, Jan. 2nd, the annual Christmas tree and entertainment took place. Amidst the gay adornment of the wards (which were models of cleanly comfort) and the efforts made to secure the complete comfort and enjoyment of all, it is easy to understand that the gathering passed off, as it always has passed off, viz., in the most successful manner. Several local supporters of the institution lent their presence, and upon their arrival they were provided with light refreshments. The attendance included:—The Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith), Miss Griffith, Dr. and Mrs. Ilott, Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Playfair, Miss Mathews, Dr. Jaques, Dr. Seddon, Dr. Codd, Mrs. Colebrooke, Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. and Miss McKewan Mrs. and Miss Wheeler-Bennett, Mrs. and the Misses Huntley-Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Siddeley, Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Miss Vallings, Mr. and Mrs. Sargant, Miss Fothergill, Miss Carré, Mr. John Hay, and Mr. F. W. Foskett (hon. secretary of the Cottage Hospital), &c.

The Matron gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Christmas gifts from the following:—Mrs. Huntley-Walker, Mr. Wheeler-Bennett, Mrs. Dewey, Lady Lee-Warner, Lady Lighton, Mr. Willis, Miss Willis, Mr. Wyatt, Dr. Mathews, Mr. C. Soames, Mr. E. Soames, Mr. McKewan, Mrs. Wybrants, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Ilott, and Mr. Wybrants; and also from the following tradesmen: Mr. Medhurst, Mr. Uridge, Mr. Ackermann, Mr. Allen, Welford's Dairy, the Creamery, Mr. Peill, Mr. Heaysman, Mr. Lidstone, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Arnaud, and Mr. Weeks.

A confirmation will be held at Bromley Parish Church on Tuesday, the 8th March.

A Bohemian concert is fixed to take place at Bromley Conservative Club on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th. Mr. N. Hardingham will preside.

THE HARTFIELD SOCIAL SOCIETY.

MESSRS. F. MEDHURST'S, LTD., ANNUAL PARTY.

The annual New Year's party held in connection with the Hartfield Social Society—a most flourishing and successful organisation for the promotion of social enjoyment amongst the large staff of Messrs. F. Medhurst, Ltd., Bromley—is always a most delightful gathering, and that which took place on Friday, Jan. 22nd, was no exception to the general rule. Mr. F. Medhurst is the President of the Society, and both Mrs. Medhurst and himself take a real interest in its welfare—an interest which displays itself in a very practical manner, more especially in connection with the New Year's party. The handsome ballroom suite of the Royal Bell Hotel had again been engaged, and, with its charming floral decorations, the ball-room itself looked most attractive. The splendid floor, too, was in perfect condition. The large party, numbering, with friends, pretty well 120, were received by Mr. and Mrs. Medhurst at nine o'clock, and after an overture by the orchestra dancing at once commenced. Pleasing breaks were made by vocal contributions which were much enjoyed. Mr. Cowper sang very tastefully "Sing me to sleep," and Miss M. Wingfield rendered with much acceptance "The green is on the grass again." This lady has a rich and cultivated voice, which she employed to great advantage, and an encore was inevitable. She kindly replied with a song entitled "Dawn." Mr. Robert Green was very successful with "Isn't that like a man?" Mr. Neville Flux was to have given an instrumental solo but was detained in town and telegraphed his inability to be present.

At an interval in the programme,

Mr. E. R. Dyson, the energetic general manager of Messrs. Medhurst's, Ltd., voiced the feelings of all present when he invited them to join with him in wishing long life, and continued happiness and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Medhurst. He testified to the kindly consideration and good feeling which they always received from Mr. Medhurst, adding that notwithstanding the invaluable services of Miss Andrews, their hon. secretary, and the other members of the Committee, the Hartfield Social Society could not have been so successful as it had been but for the help and kindness they always received from their President and Mrs. Medhurst. (Applause.)

The proposal was received with acclamation and musical honours, and

Mr. Medhurst, in reply, assured them that it gave both Mrs. Medhurst and himself very great pleasure to meet them all once again at that New Year's party. He trusted that so far they had all enjoyed themselves, and that they would continue to do so till the programme ended. He wished the Hartfield Society all possible success. (Applause.)

Mr. Dyson also thanked the visitors for their attendance—though we have no doubt that the visitors felt that it was they themselves from whom the thanks were really due—and also those who had contributed to the musical part of the evening's proceedings.

The programme was then concluded, dancing being kept up well into the small hours of Saturday morning.

Refreshments were provided in the banqueting-room, and Mr. W. James personally superintended all the arrangements.

Messrs. E. R. Dyson, W. J. Hopton, and H. H. Riddolls were most efficient and courteous M.C.'s; Messrs. Chamberlain, Bollen, Newbould, Hawker, Mott, C. Bollen, Foster and Palmer were the stewards; and the following are the Committee: Mr. Dyson (Chairman), Miss Old, and Mrs. Bollen, Messrs. Chamberlain, Mott, Foster, Eddolls, and Hawker; with the popular and excellent hon. secretary, Miss A. R. Andrews.

BROMLEY CYCLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above was held at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on Tuesday Jan. 26th.

The Committee reported that the season was noteworthy from the fact that it was the first, for a very long period in the history of the club, that racing had been wholly abandoned, more attention having been devoted to the social side of club life in consequence. A small decline had taken place in the membership, which now includes 18 ladies and 41 gentlemen, totalling 65, but the Committee felt sure that this loss will be more Committee felt sure that this loss would be more than made good during the coming year. The attendances at the runs this year, except on the part of a few, have not been quite up to last year's average, the cause not being far to seek, viz.: the watery "summer." The competition amongst the prize winners was, however, exceedingly keen, as will be gathered from the respective scores:—Ladies: 1st prizes, Mrs. J. E. Carter, with 23 out of a possible 27, and Miss L. Hosler, with 23 out of a possible 28; 2nd prize, Miss A. Partridge with 20. Gentlemen: 1st prize, Mr. J. E. Carter, with 25; 2nd prize, Mr. G. E. Kirby, with 20; and, Messrs. H. Bellamy, F. W. Hopkins, and W. J. Tonking tieing for the special third prize with 16 points each. In conclusion, the Committee begged to thank the Patroness, President and Vice-Presidents for their continued and valued support, and also Mr. Albert Ferris for his kindness in allowing the Club the free use of Committee-room. From the balance-sheet it appeared that there was a balance in hand of £5 7s. 1d.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Gunton, seconded by Mr. Allen.

A letter was read from his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), accepting the position of a Vice-President of the Club, to which post he was elected with acclamation.

The following gentlemen were then re-elected as Vice-Presidents en bloc:—Lord Avebury, Dr. W. Chatterton, Dr. A. F. G. Codd, Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A., Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. E. Packe, J.P., C.C., Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., Mr. F. Schooling, Dr. J. Scott, and Dr. J. H. Yolland, M.R.C.S.

The following were elected as a Committee:—Messrs. H. Bellamy, E. Dunkin, F. S. Darby, C. H. Gunton, F. W. Hopkins, W. J. Tonking, W. Norrish, and F. Partridge.

Mr. G. E. Kirby was re-elected captain, and Mr. G. Allen was appointed vice-captain.

On the motion of Mr. Gunton, seconded by Mr. Bourdon, Mr. Carter was re-appointed hon. secretary, and it was also decided to grant him an honorarium of £4 4s. as an appreciation of the splendid services he has rendered the Club.

The Albemarle Choral Society, Beckenham, will give its first concert at the Public Hall, on Monday, February 8th.

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THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. LUKE'S INSTITUTE.

With the object of benefitting some of the charitable institutions of the parish of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, a most enjoyable entertainment took place on Jan. 11th, at St. Luke's Institute. The programme opened with a Trio for pianoforte, violin, and violoncello, in F major, by Gade, rendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston and Mr. T. B. Holmes. This received a capital interpretation, the different effects of light and shade being well marked, and all of the artistes keeping themselves well in hand, a most pleasing production was the result. A song, "Love the Pilgrim" (Blumenthal) was the next number, and this received a charming and finished rendering by Miss Hilda Howard. The audience would fain have had a repetition, but apparently the rule was "No encores," and judging by the length of the programme, this certainly proved a wise decision. Mr. Sidney E. Sargant gave a good rendering of "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" (F. Clay), followed by a couple of 'cello solos, by Mr. H. Johnston. Both were the compositions of W. H. Squire, and each was familiar. The first was "Chant d'Amour," the andante passages revealing a good appreciation of the spirit of the theme. But probably the most appreciated was the "Danse Rustique," which with its rippling melody and lively passages almost set the feet of the audience a-jig. A splendid rendering of Gounod's "Berceuse" by Mrs. Madeline Hardy followed, with a violin obligato by Mr. T. B. Holmes, and despite the fact, before mentioned, that Mrs. Hardy was suffering from a cold, it was given in such a manner that a repetition was demanded, but was not complied with. Mr. Charles Capper, who is not unknown in Bromley adds to his many accomplishments that of being a very skilful sifflеur, and his delightful contribution of the well-known "Il Bacio" (Arditi) was greatly enjoyed. Miss Hilda Howard gave a sweetly-pretty rendering of "Come, Sweet Morning" (A. L.), in which she was heard to even better advantage than in her first contribution. Mr. Sidney E. Sargant found favour with his song, "'Tis all that I can say" (Hope Temple), and Mr. T. B. Holmes' violin solo, "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms-Joachim), with its lively rhythm, combined with faultless execution, found much favour with the audience. The concluding number of the first part of the programme was a duett in which Mrs. Madeline Hardy and Mr. Sidney E. Sargant were associated, "Una notte a Venezia" (Lucantoni), in which both the artistes were heard to great advantage, and at its close the audience again emulated Oliver Twist. The second portion of the concert was an entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capper, which was much enjoyed.

POPULAR CONCERT AT THE DRILL HALL.

The second concert of Miss Bath's series which took place at the Drill Hall, on Jan. 16th, was replete with much that was good and worthy, particularly in vocal music. The instrumental music was somewhat limited, consisting only of a quintette, a quartette, and a violin solo. The first-named was the opening item of the evening, and the quartette closed the programme. In the quintette, which was by Taglichsbeck—a composer not very familiar to us—Mr. Leonard Reddome's clarionet playing was the outstanding feature. The work consisted of four movements, which were evidently put on the programme in misplaced order. The quartett was Haydn's No. 63 in D major, and it was very fairly played. Messrs. Norman Bath (violin) and Mr. Druan Bath (viola) were very efficient, and they were joined by Messrs. Vernon Addison and W. J. Hobday. Another good rehearsal would have improved this quartett. Mr. Norman Bath played Mrs. Dandridge's "Romance" again, and gained a very well deserved encore.

The Misses De Solla were heard in several duetts with great pleasure and satisfaction. It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of hearing such successful duett singing. Miss Blanche de Solla was, occasionally, a little overborne, but this was nothing in comparison to the perfect unanimity exhibited in phrasing, light and shade, and general execution. The duetts were "Lo, here the gentle lark" (Bishop); "Birds in the air" (by their father, Mr. Isidore de Solla, who accompanied), and an arrangement of Claribel's "Come back to Erin." Miss Blanche de Solla sang "When Celia sings" (Moir), and her sister "April Morn" (Batten), although not so successfully as on a previous occasion here. Her middle register is somewhat thin.

Mr. H. S Goddard is an American vocalist, who has recently arrived in this country. He has evidently been looking up a few new English ballads, and consequently such well-known songs as the "Border Ballad," Guy de Hartelot's "Because" were sung with rather too much attention to the copy. Mr. Goddard has a voice of remarkable fullness and power, possessing much good, resonant tone. He received a warm welcome. Mr. Cecil Hughes sang very effectively, although with no animation, Newton's "Lorna" and Gerald Lane's "Carmencita." Mr. Lewis Thomas assisted with the accompaniments.

VIOLA.

SHORTLANDS ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

This Society held its first concert of the present season on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, at the Bell Hotel, when a good number of friends and supporters gathered to listen with evident enjoyment to the work of the orchestra. Mr. C. H. Venning had set out a formidable list of pieces for his orchestra, including De Beriot's Concerto for Violin, and overtures by Rossini and Mendelssohn, and Marches by the last-named composer and Dr. Elgar. Their most successful performance was the "Vorspiel," included in one of Reinecke's Tone Pictures, which was very delicately played. The first violins and the wood wind instruments were very satisfactory. The 'celli and double bass were, unfortunately, often guilty of being out of tune, and particularly so in the Concerto.

Miss Mabel Skipworth's most pleasing and pure toned voice was listened to with abundant pleasure in several pieces, she being encored at each appearance. Her production is remarkably natural and free. In the air from "Samson and Delilah" considerably more feeling and dramatic power would have wonderfully improved the refrain. Handel's well known and ever-welcome aria, "Lascia ch'io pianga" was a very pleasing change from the usual ballad. The recitative was particularly well sung. The piece was announced as "Aria and Song"; probably "Recit. and Aria" was intended.

A novelty was introduced in the shape of a male soprano, Mr. Fred. Webster, who sang very well. Mr. Norman Bath led the orchestra, played the solo part of the Concerto, and was again encored for his playing of Mrs. Dandridge's "Romance."

Mention should be made of the charming accompanying of Miss Daisy Skipworth.

VIOLA.

ORGAN RECITAL AT BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.

The first of the four organ recitals which Mr. F. Fertel has arranged to be given at the Parish Church, was not held under very pleasant conditions, for the weather experienced on Jan. 23rd, and the previous day was enough to deter even the most enthusiastic amongst us from venturing out of our own accord. However, there were a fair number whose recollections of past recitals here led them to face the uninviting elements Mr. Fertel was himself the performer, and had arranged a programme of interesting and familar pieces. The opening item was Guilmant's Sonata in D minor (No. 4), the opening movements of which were all capitally played the Andante particularly being full of refinement and taste. Other pieces were an Andantino by César Franck; Fantasia by J. F. Barnett; Song without Words by Lemare; and Lemmens' popular Fugue on a Trumpet Fanfare. The Fantasia by J. F. Barnett (a name more often associated with vocal music), contained many runs which were played with much clearness and very neatly, without the slightest shade of any overlapping. The whole performance was such a one as might be expected of a thorough musicianly performer who was quite conversant with the instrument.

Mr. Bertram Latter was the vocalist, and sang, "Lead, kindly Light," by Pughe Evans, a Welsh composer of note, "For the mountains," from "Elijah," and "Like as the hart," a beautiful song which best suits a contralto voice.

VIOLA.

BROMLEY SWIFTS' FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL CONCERT.

As usual, a full Hall was the order on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, when the above Football Club gave its tenth annual concert. Mr. Bertram Pearce again directed the proceedings, and Miss Beatrice Cowley proved an efficient accompanist. A quartette of vocalists had been engaged, with Miss Cowley assisting with Coon songs, Messrs. Fred. Rome and Fred. Chester supplying the humorous element. Miss Claribel Hyde gave much satisfaction by her singing of "Dear heart" (Tito Mattei), and "Killarney"; and Miss Alice Stroud's beautiful rich voice was very welcome in such songs, particularly, as "The Promise of Life," for which she gained an encore, giving Mr. Geo. Clutsam's "Vanity Fair." Mr. Bertram Pearce sang two pleasant songs, and Mr. S. H. Bacon deserved a much better reception for his singing of "The Veteran's song" than the audience gave him. It went well, but the listeners were very slow throughout the evening. Two quartettes were also given by the foregoing artistes, viz, "You stole my love," and "Sleep, gentle lady." The former was encored, and Barnby's "Sweet and low" was then given very expressively. Miss Beatrice Cowley's coon songs have, on previous occasions won approval from local admirers, and at this concert they were well received and encored. Mr. Fred Rome's subtle humour proved, at times, far too good for his audience. For "Matrimonial bliss" he was very heartily encored. Mr. Fred. Chester is also well known as an efficient ventriloquist, humorist and raconteur.

DR. HARRY GUINNESS AT BROMLEY.

Dr. Harry Guinness, the well-known missionary worker, visited Bromley Presbyterian Church, Freelands-road, on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, and delivered a most interesting lecture, illustrated, on "The Congo of To-day," to a full audience.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, the Pastor, in a brief introduction, remarked that a church that was not a missionary Church was a contradiction in terms, and a Church that was not interested in missions could not live. If the love of Christ had constrained their own hearts they were compelled to seek the salvation of others, and it was a true indication of spiritual decline for the decay of spiritual life, if they had no interest in the salvation of the world.

The Leeturer prefaced his remarks by expressing the great pleasure it gave him to be there in that beautiful Church. He remembered it being built and Dr. Moinet's call there; and he congratulated them upon their progress, and upon the new labourer whom God had called to labour in their midst. He confidently hoped and believed that the blessing of God would be with all the efforts put forward there. The hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was then thrown upon the screen in a succession of characteristic coloured slides, beautifully illustrating the words of this well-known missionary hymn. Maps were then shown of the Congo district, with its wonderful waterways, and the immensity of the work which faced the missionary was fully realised by those present. But perhaps the illustrations which most stirred the hearts and aroused the indignation of the audience were the pictures of the natives with their hands chopped off—victims of the cruelty practised by the agents of the rubber monopolies which have been granted by the Belgian government. The whole system of Belgian administration was denounced in unmeasured terms and the worthy doctor's intimation that the whole subject is to be brought before the British Parliament when it meets this month gave the greatest satisfaction.

The lecture was illustrated throughout by magnificent slides shown through a triplelens oxyhydrogen lantern.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Special services in connection with the local Corps of the Salvation Army were held in the Drill Hall, on Jan. 10th, and in the afternoon the chair was taken by his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor F. Griffith, J.P.), who was supported on the platform by Brigadier Howe (who was in charge of the Salvation Army's work during the recent campaign in South Africa), the Commander of the Bromley Corps, Mr. McClure, and others.

The Mayor, who was warmly welcomed, said they were met there that afternoon to hear some account of the great work which was being done by the organisation to which they belonged, and he would like to say at the outset that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to accept the invitation of their officers to come and preside over that meeting. (Applause.) Because, as the Mayor of this Borough, he considered it his duty and at the same time his pleasure and privilege to assist in promoting any organisation that worked for the good of the community at large and Bromley in particular.

Brigadier Howe then addressed the meeting, and gave a most interesting account of the work which the Salvation Army had been doing during the late war in South Africa.

Local Obituary.

MR. W. C. HALFORD.

The death took place on January 5th, of Mr. William Charles Halford, at his residence, 5, Heathfield-road, Bromley. The deceased, who was well known and highly respected, had been ailing for some time past from heart affection, for which he had been attended by Dr. E. Brown, of London-road. On Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Halford rose about seven o'clock, she left her husband in the bedroom, in his usual state of health, and about half-past seven she was summoned to his room by the sound of knocking on the floor. Upon going there she found Mr. Halford out of bed, sitting on a couch, and he complained of giddiness. She at once went to his assistance, but a few minutes later he lapsed into unconsciousness. Dr. Brown was summoned, but the deceased never recovered consciousness, and passed away about eleven o'clock. Dr. Brown was able to certify the cause of death to be cerebral hemorrhage. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow and five sons and daughters to mourn his loss. For the past twelve years he had been in the service of Messrs. Willett and Latter, as conveyancing clerk, in which he possessed large experience and great ability. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and enjoyed not only the confidence and esteem of his principals, but also the respect of a large circle of friends.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 9th, at St. Mary's Churchyard. Amongst those present were Mr. A. E. Willett (Clerk to the Bromley Magistrates) and Colonel E. Latter, principals of the firm of Messrs. Willett and Latter, the well-known solicitors, of Market-square, Bromley, and in whose service the late Mr. Halford had occupied the position of conveyancing clerk for the past 12 years; Mr. W. J. Carlyon, Mr. W. W. White, and Mr. Cowley (his official colleagues); Mr. Andrews, Mr. Hinchliffe, Mr. Stanford, Mr Duke, Mr. Buttanshaw, Mr. Bourne, and many others. The principal mourners were Mrs. Halford (widow), Mr. Halford (brother), Mrs. Jones (sister), Mrs. Hulbert (daughter), Miss Ada Halford (daughter), Mr. Ralph Halford (son), Mr. Tidd (step-son), Mrs. Tidd (step-daughter). Amongst others wreaths were sent by Mrs. Halford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Kitchin, Miss Carlyon, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Butler, his colleagues at Messrs. Willett and Latter's offices, Mr. and Mrs. Buttanshaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Tidd and grandchildren, &c.

The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. H. G. Dunn, of Market-square.

MRS. BULLOCK.

The death of Mrs. Bullock, wife of Admiral C. J. Bullock, occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at her residence, Yoroshi, Bromley Common. The interment took place on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Old Charlton Cemetery, in the family grave of Admiral Bullock. The funeral was plain and simple, consisting of a close hearse and three mourning coaches, conveying among others, Admiral C. J. Bullock (husband), Major Hoskyn (nephew, Fleet-Surgeon Donald T. Hoskyn, R.N. (nephew), the Misses Hoskyn (nieces), Mrs. and Miss Towse, and Mr. M. Hodder (very old friends). The coffin was of plain polished oak and engraved on the breast-plate was the inscription:

MARY LOUISA BULLOCK,
Died January 5th, 1904.
Aged 72 years.

In respect to the wishes of the deceased lady and her family no flowers were sent to the funeral. The funeral arangements were carried out by Mr. S. F. Harris, 6, Simpson's-road, Bromley.

MRS. G. ROGERS.

The death of Mrs. Rogers, the respected wife of Mr. G. Rogers, the well-known carriage and fly proprietor, of Bromley, took place at her residence, Simpson's-road, Bromley, on Monday, Jan. 11th, at five o'clock. Mrs. Rogers had suffered for some very considerable time from a tumorous growth, and some thirteen months since she underwent a serious operation for the same at Guy's Hospital. She made slow, but hopeful, improvement, and about nine weeks ago, was able to leave the house and take short walks, but, unfortunately another growth developed. The funeral took place on Friday, Jan. 15th, and the deceased was interred in Bromley Cenetery.

BROMLEY GUARDIANS AND TRAMPS.

At a recent meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians, the question of the treatment of vagrants came under discussion.

In the report of the Sub-Committee, signed by Mr. C. W. Gedney, and which was presented to the House and General Purposes Committee and adopted by them, it was stated that careful inquiry had been made into the question of the administration of the Tramp Wards and the treatment of vagrants in the Bromley Union, and that they found the administration of the law in the Union to be defective, a state of things which was partly due to the character of the buildings utilised as casual wards, but chiefly, in their opinion, to the inadequate supervision of the casuals on and after their admisssion to the Workhouse. The Sub-Committee, therefore, made the following specific recommendations:—

(1) That a suitable place for storing the clothes of the casuals on their admission be erected, so that the regulations as to bathing and searching each tramp can be strictly carried out.

(2) That, subject to the discretion vested in the Master of the Workhouse with reference to bone-fide working men, all vagrants to be detained two nights, in accordance with the regulations of the Local Government Board.

(3) That it be an instruction to the Master to utilise the present stone-breaking sheds for task-work for casuals as far as possible.

(4) That, with a view to giving effect to the foregoing recommendations an assistant-superintendent of casuals be appointed temporarily for three months, at a salary of 15s. per week, with board, washing, lodging, and uniform.

(5) That a placard be posted on the notice-board outside the Workhouse gate that all casuals will be detained two nights.

The Sub-Committee had reason to believe that these measures, if adopted, would result in a considerable reduction in the number of casuals. The Sub-Committee had also considered other minor points, and made several recommendations.

The report was adopted.

Births.

BROWN.—On the 1st January, at Dower House, Langley-park, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hamilton Brown—a son.

LOCH.—On the 16th January, at Maythorn, Valley-road, Shortlands, the wife of Rudolf Loch, of a daughter.

PEMBROKE.—On the 4th Jan., at Lecklands, Eltham road, Lee, Kent, the wife of Sydney Pembroke—a daughter.

STILWELL.—On the 18th January, at Stanmore House, Beckenham, the wife of George R. Stilwell, of a son.

Marriages.

ROPER KLAASSEN.—On the 2nd Jan. at Emmanuel Church, William Thomas Roper, of Eqonce, Harewood-road, South Croydon, oldest son of the late William Roper, C.E., of Dover, to Lucy Wilhelmina Klaassen, youngest daughter of H. M. Klaassen, F.G.S., of Croydon.

SANDERSON—MACIVER.—On the 29th December, at Buenos Aires, Hugh Shortreed, son of the late John Sanderson and of Mrs. Sanderson, Bullers Wood, Chislehurst, to Maude Charlotte, widow of Robert R. MacIver, of Rothay Bank, Ambleside, and Buenos Aires.

TANNER—POWELL.—On the 9th of January, at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston-street, W., Arthur, younger son of the late R. T. Tanner and Mrs. Tanner, Heathfield, the Avenue, Beckenham, to Dorothy Maud (Bobs), youngest daughter of C. S. Powell, 42, Welbeck-street, Cavendish-square, W.

WOOLLEY—WITTLETON.—On the 20th of January, at the Parish Church, Bromley, by the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Captain Turner Severen Macleay Woolley, late Bengal Cavalry, and son of the late Dr. John Woolley, D.C.L. Oxon., to Miriam, only daughter of the late William Harvey Wittleton and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Eden Lodge, Beckenham.

Deaths.

BISHOP.—On the 12th January, at West Chislehurst, Arthur Bishop (actor) in his 27th year.

BREARLEY.—On the 9th January, at Richmond, James Edward Brearley, aged 53, late of Bromley, and Cannes, France.

BULLOCK.—On the 5th January, at Yoroshi, Bromley Common, Mary Louisa, the beloved wife of Admiral C. J. Bullock, R.M.

CHEVERTON.—On the 2nd January, at his residence, 23, Hillyfields-crescent, Brockley, S.E., George Cheverton, J.P., formerly of Tunbridge Wells.

CLARK.—On the 16th January, George Richard Clark, of 20, Pembridge-square, W., and Bayley's-hill, Sevenoaks, late of Darjeeling, India, aged 64.

COOPER.—On the 2nd January, at 67, Perry-hill, Catford, S.E., Caroline, widow of William Cooper, in her 85th year.

FRANCIS.—On the 2nd January, at his residence, The Laurels, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E., suddenly, Wallis Eglington Francis, aged 70 years.

HAY.—On the 22nd of January, at Bromley, at the residence of her brother, Mary Elizabeth (May), the wife of Frederick Edward Drummond Hay, of Bath.

HAWLEY.—On the 17th January, Mr. Alfred Hawley, of Ellerslie, Bromley, and Lloyd's, aged 40.

HEWETT.—On the 21st January, at Salcombe, South Devon, Robert Hewett, of Dovedale, Bromley (late of Barking, Essex), after two days' illness from angina pectoris.

HEYWOOD.—On the 23rd of January, at 13, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde-park, Benjamin Arthur Heywood, late of Beckenham, aged 68.

HICKMAN.—On the 4th January, at his residence, Linden-lodge, Lee-road, Blackheath, S.E. John Roe Hickman, in his 75th year.

LANGTON.—On the 31st December, 1903, at Capetown, South Africa, Mary Ann, widow of the late Herbert Charles Langton, Accountant, of Liverpool, and for many years resident in Upper Norwood, S.E. aged 81.

SOUTHCOTT.—On the 25th of January, at Neigarde-road, Catford, Edward Southcott, late of H.M. Victualling Yard, Deptford.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Meeting at Bromley Congregational School-room to discuss the fiscal question from a temperance standpoint.

4th.—Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Monthly meetings at Park House, Bromley, of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board.

5th.—Third concert of the season of Bromley Musical Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

6th.—*Third Sunday in Lent.*

7th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Beckenham Urban District Council, at the Offices, Beckenham.

8th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

9th.—Performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Bromley Congregational Church.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, at the Mart, E.C., of detached residence, "Rosenberg," Foxgrove-road, Beckenham; also, convenient residence, No. 49, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham.

13th.—*Fourth Sunday in Lent.*

14th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee, at the Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

15th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, of English and foreign timber and building materials, in Mr. Satterthwaite's meadow, at the corner of Orchard-road and Plaistow-lane.

18th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne & Lepper, of valuable furniture, at Willow Grange, Keston.

20th.—*Passion Sunday.*

21st.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Beckenham Urban District Council, at the Offices, Beckenham.

22nd.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Borough Council, at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

27th.—*Palm Sunday.*

28th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee, at the Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

Highland Road.

The Highways, &c., Committee considered the following resolution passed by the Council on the 12th Jan. last, viz.: "That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimate of cost for the graduation of the gradient and necessary works entailed thereby, of the lower end of Highland-road, as a variation of the plans prepared for the Government Inquiry." The Borough Engineer submitted plan and estimate of cost of the proposed works. Resolved that in view of the delay which would be occasioned and having regard to the bad state of the road at the present time, the Committee do not see their way to recommend any variation in the gradient at present, but that the surface water sewer be put in at a depth of 9ft. instead of 4ft. in view of the gradient being subsequently altered. Resolved that the Borough Engineer be instructed to report when the upper portion of the Highland-road can be repaired.

Discussion took place as to the making up of Highland-road, with special reference to the alteration of the gradient.

Eventually, on the proposition of Councillor Hudson, the latter part of the clause dealing with the depth of the sewer was deleted, and the report as then amended was adopted.

Caution Boards.

Councillor Weeks presented a report from the Motor Committee, recommending that caution boards be erected at points north and south of the town, warning drivers to exercise extreme caution, and this was approved.

Employment of Local Labour.

Councillor Homewood enquired whether the contract recently entered into with Messrs. Mowlem and Co. for the execution of certain street works made any and if so what provision for the compulsory employment of local labour. Further, whether the Highways and Works Committee followed any rule or policy with regard to the compulsory employment of local labour by contractors in carrying out works on behalf of the Council.

Alderman James said the answer to Councillor Homewood's first question was "Yes." Provision was made for the compulsory employment of local labour up to 75 per cent. As to the rule or policy which guided the late Council in this matter, he was able to say that it had invariably been the rule for 50 per cent. of the workmen to be residents. The number had now been increased to 75 per cent., owing to the special conditions prevailing, and he hoped that this would be satisfactory, not only to the members of the Council,

but also to the workmen of Bromley. (Hear, hear.)

Questions.

Councillor Graty enquired of the Borough Engineer why the recommendation of the Council for the erection of certain gas lamps in Farwig-lane, adopted some three months since, had not taken effect; and why the improvement of the footpath in Burnt Ash-lane as agreed upon three months ago, had not been carried out. And finally, he desired to know why it was that he did not receive a notice of the meeting of the High-street Improvement Committee held on Tuesday evening.

The Mayor said there was no knowledge in the office that notice of the meeting had not been sent out, and he might say that the notice of the meeting did not reach him.

The Borough Engineer said as to the gas lamps, he could not do more than he had done. He had ordered them from the Gas Company, according to his instructions, but why they had not been provided he could not say. As to the gravelling of the path in Burnt Ash-lane, instructions were given for the work to be done, but notice had been received from the Gas Co. that they desired to lay a main there.

The Mayor said he would have a letter written to the Gas Co. hurrying them up in reference to these matters.

The second fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

Borough Arms.

The Chairman of the Common Seal Committee presented two designs, which had been carefully considered by that Committee, and it was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Alderman Mallett, and unanimously resolved that the shield and quarterings of design No. 1 with the escallop shell as a crest, with the ribbon and motto, "Dum cresco spero," of design No. 2 be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the same to the College of Arms. Councillor Taylor also submitted an explanatory statement of the proposed arms, and it was resolved that the same be printed in due course.

Alderman Davis then said that as to the suggested motto, he hoped further consideration would be given to it. He did not want to be placed in the position of having to put a motion on the agenda, but he certainly thought they might find something much more satisfactory.

Councillor Taylor was not prepared to say from memory whether the exact wording was correctly recorded, but it was written down on the specimens sent to the Heralds' College. Until they had got a report from them as to whether or not they approved the design and the motto he did not think the Council could do anything further.

Alderman Davis: Can we do anything when they have accepted it?

Councillor Taylor: They have already been accepted by the Council and sent to the Heralds' College for their approval.

Alderman Davis: Can I submit an alternative motto?

The Mayor: That I must leave with you. But the Council have already approved this.

A Councillor's Loss.

The Mayor said his next duty was a very sad one. At the same time he felt it to be a duty incumbent upon him as their representative, and that was to move that a vote of condolence with Councillor Rogers be passed and entered on the minutes, sympathising with him in the loss he had sustained by the death of his wife. He would not ask Councillor Rogers to undertake the painful duty of responding to this vote of condolence. He would only say that the sympathy of those with whom one was associated was probably the greatest strength which a man could receive to bear any grief that he met with in life. They could not lessen their colleague's grief, but they could at least strengthen him in sustaining it. (Hear, hear)

The motion was at once agreed to in silence.

Higher Education Committee.

This Committee met at the School of Science and Art on 11th February, Alderman T. Davis, Chairman, in the chair. They reported that the Board of Education had made the School a Centre for Black Board Drawing Examination this year, and the Committee invite students and others not belonging to the school to send in their names to sit for such examination; the names should be sent in not later than Friday, 26th Feb.

In proposing the adoption of the report,

Alderman Davis emphasised the fact that, though 40 students attended the building class, only 15 presented themselves for examination, of whom no less than 11 passed.

The report was adopted.

Another Tramways Scheme.

The following letter was read:—

Feb. 13th, 1904.

To the Worshipful Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of Bromley.

Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen,

Electric Tramways.

I am about to prepare a scheme of electric tramways for Bromley and district, and the negotiations I had the honour to take part in with your Council convinces me that the wishes and intentions of your members must be consulted in this matter. I, therefore, take this opportunity of asking the Council if they will be good enough to give me an interview with the Council or a Committee in camera, in order that I may discuss this question with them fully before deciding upon any routes or other details of the tramway promotion. If you will appoint an early date for my attendance, I shall be glad, in order that ample time may be given to the consideration of the question. Thanking you in anticipation, and awaiting the favour of your reply, I am, Worshipful Sir and Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

W. Ivey.

The Mayor suggested that the best course would be to send this matter to a Committee, who would interview the writer and ascertain the nature of his proposal and report to the Council. They would then have something definite to consider.

Alderman Lawrence proposed that the matter go to the General Purposes Committee, and the proposal was agreed to .

The Education Rate.

The Clerk to the Education Committee (Mr. George Wall) wrote forwarding the Committee's report and estimate for the year ending 31st March, 1905.

Alderman James moved that the estimate be sent to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Councillor Worley seconded the proposition, which was at once carried .

The Incorporation Committee's Accounts.

The following letter was then read:—

February 6th, 1904.

Bromley Incorporation Committee.

To the Town Clerk of Bromley.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Bromley Incorporation Committee, held at the Royal Bell Hotel, on the 3rd inst., his Worship the Mayor

(Frank Griffith, Esq., J.P.), presiding as the Chairman of the Committee, the balance sheet, duly audited, was received and uanimously adopted;; and I was instructed to forward the same to you, together with the vouchers, &c., for submission to the Borough Council.

Councillor Powell said these accounts had been considered by the Finance Committee, and as a Council he did not think it necessary that they should go through every item. The ratepayers had called the tune and now they must pay the piper. The accounts had been thoroughly checked and audited, and he would move that they be discharged by the Council.

Councillor Worley seconded.

The resolution was passed.

THE MAYOR'S RESPONSIBILITY.—THE QUESTION OF ALLOWANCE.

Pursuant to notice, Alderman McIntyre proposed:—

"That in the opinion of this Council, it is not advisable to establish a precedent by voting a sum of money to the Mayor out of Borough Funds for the purposes of hospitality or of charity."

In discussing this question, he said, they ought to take high ground, and consider whether they were doing right, in the interests of the ratepayers, by the spending of money which belonged to them for the purpose of hospitality or for dispensing charity. The Council and the Borough were very fortunate indeed in having a gentleman of wealth as their first Mayor, and one who had lavished his hospitality with generous hand. The position of first Mayor of a Borough, and especially of a Borough like the ancient town of Bromley, was unique, and what the first Mayor had done should not be a precedent for what succeeding Mayors of Bromley should do. He maintained that future Mayors of Bromley should not be obliged to entertain, except on occasions of special public interest when the Council would take the matter in hand and deal with it in no niggardly spirit. If they began their life as a Corporation with the understanding that future Mayors were not expected to entertain, it would smooth the way and make it much easier for them to fill the position of Chief Magistrate of the Borough. (Hear, hear.) He had asked no one to second his resolution, but he trusted someone would do it.

After a pause,

Councillor Graty said that he would second the resolution with the very greatest pleasure. He came there with the intention of voting against any payment. Under present circumstances, the rates were already sufficiently high, without adding to them by voting a payment to their Mayor. (Hear, hear.)

The Mayor said he thought his own position was quite clear to them. Were it necessary for him to give a casting vote he should use it against any proposal for payment.

Alderman Lawrence asked whether, if the resolution were carried now, it would prevent them reconsidering the matter at any other time.

The Mayor replied in the negative, observing that it could be reconsidered at any future time.

Alderman Davis cordially supported the resolution.

Councillor Newton said there was a great deal to be said on the other side, but personally he objected to paying any voluntary officers, and he should, therefore, support the resolution.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

CROWN LANE CORNER.

Councillor Peill asked what, if any, steps had been taken with regard to a letter received from a ratepayer, some months ago, as to a dangerous corner in this lane.

The Surveyor said a plan would be submitted at an early meeting of the Highways and Works Committee.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

There have been two meetings of this Committee during the month, and on both occasions the chair has been occupied by the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.).

PUPIL TEACHERS.

At the meeting on Feb. 1, a letter was read from the Kent Education Committee, giving details of new arrangements as to pupil teachers.

In reply to Mr. Alderman Davis, the Chairman said that from what he gathered from Mr. Davis, the Chief Inspector of the Kent County Council Education Committee, the Committee were desirous of availing themselves of all that there was in Bromley, and they would meet them in every way in a most friendly spirit, and that, so far as he knew, they would be perfectly willing to put considerable powers of administration in the hands of the Bromley Education Committee. From what he heard from Mr. Davis, and generally, he should think that in the matter of the training of pupil teachers, Kent was in the very forefront of all the counties. He did not know any county that was tackling the question in a more practical and businesslike way than Kent. Indeed, he thought they had every reason to be satisfied with the way they were dealing with this matter.

A subsequent letter was then read from the Committee, intimating that steps were being taken to consider the questions raised by the Bromley Committee in their letter as to pupil teachers centres, and their Inspector was making practical inquiries as to the best means of providing for pupil teacher instruction. They asked for a plan of the Technical Institute, and suggested that when the present session closed in March, there would be nothing to prevent the removal of the present centre from Wharton-road School to the Technical Institute, if such a step was thought desirable.

Still another letter was read, in reply to a criticism by Mr. Alderman Davis, which was reported in the BROMLEY CHRONICLE, in which Mr. Davis complained of the very inadequate notice of the Inspector's visit. The Inspector took advantage of business engagements at Penge to pay Bromley quite an informal visit, knowing as he did that Bromley was anxious that the pupil teacher programme should be proceeded with as soon as possible. Before any definite steps were taken, however, the Committee would have every opportunity of expressing their views, and nothing would be done without full consultation. The Inspector would be very pleased to fix a date for an interview to discuss in detail this extremely important question.

It was decided to write suggesting dates for the proposed interview.

TEACHERS AND THEIR SALARIES.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that at the recent extraordinary meeting the Committee spent two hours in revising the salaries of all the teachers, and they made very considerable additions to the cost of elementary education, amounting to almost £1,000, which was more than a penny in the pound—a somewhat formidable addition to the rates.

In reply to a question,

Mr. Ford said that the provided schools had a larger increase than the voluntary by at least £150.

The Chairman's impression was that it was the other way.

Mr. Ford: The figures are £582 and £432 respectively.

The Chairman thought it was wisest not to dwell on these differences, which were probably capable of the simplest explanation.

Mr. Ford: I quite agree. In the first place they are smaller schools.

The second meeting was held at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Feb. 15th.

School Management Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee met at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Monday, 8th Feb., Mr. G. Loly (Chairman) presiding. The Clerk submitted statements of the organisation of the several Council and Voluntary Schools and same were considered, and it appeared desirable to postpone a final recommendation on the staffing until the results of the recent King's Scholarship examination is known. The Clerk submitted a return of the present salaries of the teachers of the several departments of the Council and Voluntary Schools, and the cost thereof per scholar, based on the average attendance of the last school year, and same was considered by the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee received communications from Mr. Searle, of the Boys' Department, and Miss Harrison, of the Girls' Department of the Bickley and Widmore Voluntary Schools, relating to the recent revision of the scale of teachers' salaries, but they had no recommendation to make on the subject. The Clerk reported the receipt of several applications to fill the vacancies on the teaching staff, but in view of the probable transfer of teachers from over-staffed schools, they did not recommend any action to be taken at present.

The Chairman moved and Miss Heppel seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Dearth of Teachers.

The Chairman said he had to report that Mr. Weeks and himself attended a meeting called by the Leicester Borough Education Committee for the purpose of considering the great question of the dearth of teachers in the country. He might say that of all educational conferences he had had the pleasure of attending, he thought this was, without exception, the most interesting. He considered the conference a very important one indeed, and he believed that the Association they formed was likely to be of very great benefit to the elementary education of the children of this country.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the report of his Majesty's Inspector (Mr. Holt White), concerning the central classes for pupil teachers at Wharton-road School, which was as follows:—

"Satisfactory discipline is maintained, and I think this centre, which will now be re-organised, has done useful work."

The New Motor Act.—At Bromley Petty Sessions, on Feb. 8th, Dr. Mowbray Taylor, of Dartford, pleaded guilty to failing to produce his licence while travelling on his motor car, when demanded by P.c. Bensted, and also to using his car without the identification plates affixed thereto.—Dr. Taylor explained that he had been abroad, and though he registered his car in proper time, yet he did not get the plates in time, though they were on order when the officer stopped him. His omission to have the licence with him was due to the fact that on the previous evening he had got wet through and changing his coat in a hurry he omitted to transfer the licence from one coat to the other.—The Chairman (Coles Child, Esq.) said that they were both technical offences, and fines of 5s. and 10s. with 9s. costs in each case, would be imposed.

BROMLEY'S FIRST MAYOR.

BUST PRESENTED TO THE TOWN.

A special meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, prior to the ordinary meeting, for the purpose of receiving and unveiling the marble bust of the first Mayor of Bromley, presented to the Council by Mr. Fredk. W. Bowater, of Copley Dene, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley. The Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith) presided, and the whole of the members of the Council were present. The Mayoress, Miss Griffith, Mrs. R. W. James (wife of the Deputy Mayor), and Mrs. F. W. Bowater were also present, together with Mr. E. T. Lea and others.

The Mayor said they were met there that evening on a unique and a very pleasant occasion. Had the accommodation of that room permitted, he had intended asking the Aldermen and Councillors to be accompanied with their wives, but it was inadequate for such a project, and, therefore, in order to convey a compliment to the donor of this gift to the Borough, he had invited the Mayoress, and the wife of the Deputy Mayor, and also the wife of the donor to be present to witness the very pleasant function that night.

Mr. Fred. W. Bowater said it gave him very great pleasure to present to the Borough of Bromley the bust of the first Mayor, and especially so because they had chosen to fill that onerous position his old friend Mr. Frank Griffith. Some five years ago he was one of Mr. Griffith's nominators at his first election, and he was sure they would all agree that the confidence which the ratepayers then placed in him by giving him such a big majority had been more than justified by the splendid work and the enormous amount of time he had given up for the benefit of the town. He (Mr. Bowater) would like to congratulate the Council on their selection, though he was sorry he could not congratulate them on the size of the room in which they were met. However, no doubt they would like an early opportunity of remedying this. (Applause.)

Mr. Bowater unveiled the bust, and thereby revealed an excellent and life-like representation of the Mayor, in marble, which was received with warm applause.

Alderman R. W. James, the Deputy Mayor, begged to propose that the Council express to Mr. F. W. Bowater their grateful acknowledgments of his handsome gift of a bust of the first Mayor of the Borough of Bromley, and its high appreciation of the generous feeling which prompted this public-spirited action on his part, and further that a suitable record of the matter be recorded in the minutes of the Council. (Applause.)

Alderman McIntyre seconded the motion. He was sure that the remarks made by Mr. Alderman James with regard to the services rendered by the Mayor would be heartily endorsed by every member of that Council. It was their sincere wish that he would be favoured with health and strength to continue to the expiration of his term of office the duties of the Mayoralty. The bust so presented by Mr. Bowater, to whom they certainly owed their cordial thanks, would always be a feature in that room or any other Council Chamber, on which they would always look with the highest regard. (Hear, hear.)

Councillor Whyte, on behalf of the Councillors, wished to support most cordially the resolution proposed by Mr. Alderman James.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. F. W. Bowater heartily thanked the Council for their expression of thanks. He thought, however, that his thanks were due to the Corporation for allowing him to present the bust.

The interesting proceedings then terminated.

BROMLEY INCORPORATION COMMITTEE

THE COST OF THE CHARTER.

The Bromley Incorporation Committee met for practically the last time on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to receive the financial statement before presentation to the Bromley Borough Council for payment. The Chairman of the Committee, his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided.

The Hon. Secretary, in the absence of Mr. Medhurst, then presented the balance-sheet, with the several books and vouchers, duly audited, with the Auditors' certificate attached thereto, as follows:

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions to Guarantee Fund ...	440	10	6
Printing Expenses re Banquet (per T. C. Dewey, Esq.)	12	8	0
Balance due to L.C. and M. Bank ...	266	11	9
	£719	10	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Expenses of Canvass re Petition ...	58	14	5
Expenses of Privy Council Inquiry ...	2	1	6
Rent of Halls for meetings, &c.... ...	25	5	6
Fees on Charter	106	18	0
Printing, Posting, Advertising, Typing, &c.	340	8	6
Charter Day Expenses	142	4	1
Postages and Telegrams	39	0	1
Petty Disbursements	4	18	2
	£719	10	3

The Mayor said they were there that night to perform practically the last act in connection with their successful work as a Committee—successful mainly because of the industry and courtesy which the Committee as a whole had brought to bear upon the work which had been undertaken. The total expenses, minus the legal charges, were £719 10s. 3d., and that sum compared most favourably, as regards economy, with the cost of similar efforts in other communities of a like nature. (Hear, hear.) That, no doubt, was because there was such unanimity in the desire for Incorporation, thus reducing the cost of meeting opposition to a minimum at the Inquiry. At the same time, as the Committee knew, they had not from first to last, spared expense to represent this matter in a responsible and dignified way. And more than that, even when the Charter was obtained, they did not stint a reasonable expenditure in starting the new Corporation, and by investing its inauguration with a degree of dignity and pomp which stimulated interest in the occasion amongst the ratepayers and carried into many a home interest in Municipal work which would otherwise not have existed. (Applause.)

In reply to a question,

The Mayor said that the Solicitor's bill amounted, with other charges included in it, to about £480, and this, with the full concurrence and even desire of Mr. Lea, had been sent to a taxing master of the High Courts for taxation.

Alderman R. W. James then moved the adoption of the balance sheet and accounts, as audited, observing that he did so because he was one of the few who had had the opportunity of going carefully into the accounts and of satisfying himself that the money had been expended for a proper purpose. He quite agreed with the Mayor that the total bill was a very small one having regard to the particular district. Whilst the Mayor was speaking, he had taken the trouble to work it out, and he found that the total cost represented about ½ % on the total rateable value, so that anyone living in a house rated at £100 a year would pay 10s. towards this movement.

Mr. Peill had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition, because he thought the whole thing had been carried out in a manner which would reflect credit on the Borough as long as it existed. (Applause.)

Dr. Madden, Mr. Hutcherson, and Mr. Gunton endorsed this view, and the motion was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Podger then proposed, and Mr. Gilbert seconded that the Hon. Secretary be requested to forward the audited balance sheet and vouchers to the Borough Council for payment, and this was carried.

Mr. Gilbert then proposed and Mr. Lea seconded a very cordial vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for the able and arduous way in which he has carried out the responsible duties of his office, and the vote was carried by acclamation.

Dr. Madden then proposed a cordial vote to the Mayor for his services in the chair, and took the opportunity of acknowledging not only his conspicuous ability in that office, but also his unvarying courtesy.

Mr. J. A. Evans seconded this with great pleasure, and the motion was carried most cordially.

The Mayor, in response, said he appreciated the vote of thanks very heartily indeed.

The Mayor said he would claim the privilege of himself proposing the next vote of thanks, and that was to the Directors of the London City and Midland Bank for their enterprise and kindness in coming forward at the time of need and practically guaranteeing the Committee against financial loss. They took upon their shoulders an expenditure of at least £400, thus relieving the Committee of the necessity of bothering the ratepayers.

Mr. Gunton seconded.

Mr. Evans, in replying, assured them that his own association with the movement for the Incorporation of Bromley, as a member of the Committee, and as one of the auditors, had given him the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. As to their finances, it had afforded the directors of the London City and Midland Bank very great pleasure to come to the aid of the Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the auditors, on the motion of Mr. Podger, seconded by Mr. Peill, and Mr. Evans replied in the absence of Mr. Gedge.

The Chairman next asked to be allowed to express their very real acknowledgments to Mr. Lea for the efficient and effective work which Mr. Lea had rendered as the Solicitor to the Committee.

Alderman James confirmed the Mayor's remarks, and the sentiment was warmly endorsed by all present.

Mr. Lea thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the Committee generally for that expression of their thanks and the compliment they had paid him.

The Mayor then, in appreciative terms, acknowledged the assistance of the Press in the matter, and the meeting terminated.

Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., formerly of Chislehurst, and at one time a member of the Bromley Local Board, has been elected a Vice-President of the Anthropological Institute.

Mr. Eugene Stock, Secretary to the Church Missionary Society, will be the speaker at the St. Luke's (Bromley Common) Men's Hour on March 6th, and his subject will be "The Bible in 400 Languages."

BROMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The 35th annual general meeting of the Bromley Cottage Hospital was held at the Parish Room, West-street, on Thursday, Feb. 11th, under the presidency of Mr. W. McKewan, J.P., the esteemed hon. treasurer.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, referred in very sympathetic terms to the great loss the Hospital had sustained by the death of Dr. Playfair, in whom they had lost, not only his valuable skill, but the companionship for more than 20 years, of an esteemed friend. But their sorrow was not confined to the lamented death of Dr. Playfair, as they had, unfortunately, to mourn the loss of Mr. Walsham, one of the hon. consulting surgeons, whose great skill had ever been available when its exercise was required in cases of a serious character. After alluding to the appointment of Dr .Howard Tooth, F.R.C.P., as hon. consulting physician; of Mr. D'Arcy Power, F.R.C.S., as hon. consulting surgeon, and of the addition of Dr. A.F.G. Codd, F.RC.S., to the staff of hon. medical officers, Mr. McKewan spoke in warm terms of the value of the services rendered by the members of the medical staff, who, he said, deserved the very best thanks of all interested in the welfare of the Hospital. They were also to be congratulated on having so efficient a nursing staff, and he certainly thought that Miss Carter was the best Matron they had ever had. (Hear, hear.) He took the opportunity of very warmly thanking all kind friends who supplied most valuable letters to the Convalescent Homes. Speaking on the question of finance, he said he was glad to be able to state that the subscriptions showed a slight increase. Still the subscriptions did not show an increase in proportion to the increase of the population, and he impressed upon those interested in the Hospital, the necessity of doing their utmost to increase the number of subscribers, which after all were the mainstay of the Hospital.

Mr. J. Y. Hay seconded the adoption of the report, and also alluded to the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Playfair, so feelingly alluded to by the Chairman. His acquaintance with Dr. Playfair was a long one, and within the last few years that acquaintance had ripened into friendship—a friendship which he valued very highly. Dr. Playfair was one who made a very good friend, for his qualities of heart and mind were just those which would make a true friend. (Hear, hear.) The Cottage Hospital had received great help at the kind hands of Dr. Playfair, and he was sure that the patients at the Hospital felt that they owed him a great debt of gratitude, as did the subscribers. He took the very deepest interest in its welfare and was never so happy as when doing something to serve it. He knew that during his illness when he was unable to go to the Hospital, that it was one of his keenest regrets that he was debarred from helping it, and his loss could not be over-estimated.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

Mr. A. Wright, on behalf of the subscribers, proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the Committee for the invaluable services they had rendered to the Hospital. Those services were very much appreciated by the subscribers.

Mr. Strong seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schooling proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary auditors, Messrs. Gerard Van de Linde and Son, observing that they were very fortunate in having the services of such a firm.

Mr. T. C. Dewey seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. C. Norman said that he had the pleasant duty of moving a vote of thanks to the Medical Officers.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, in seconding the resolution, briefly referred to the death of Dr. Playfair, and pointed out that during his illness the other members of the Medical Staff had had a very trying time, and that they could not but feel greatly indebted to them. He also like Mr. Norman felt regret that they could not formally include the nursing staff in the resolution, for they all felt intensely grateful to them for the very kind way in which they did their work. Especially were their thanks due to the Matron, Miss Carter. (Applause.) They never had a Matron who had given them more satisfaction. (Applause.)

Dr. Ilott, who was most cordially received, returned thanks on behalf of the Medical Staff.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Foskett, and referred to the great amount of time he devoted to his duties. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Wheeler Wheeler-Bennett seconded the motion, which was acknowledged by Mr. Foskett.

Mr. Hedder moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman, for the great interest he had continuously shown in the Hospital.

Mr. J. Wheeler-Bennett seconded the motion, and it was agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman briefly replied, and the meeting terminated.

BROMLEY WOMENS' LEAGUE.

A meeting was held on Feb. 9th, by kind invitation of Mrs. Heywood, at The Old Summer House, Burnt Ash-lane, when in spite of the inclement weather a large audience assembled to hear an address by Dr. Josiah Oldfield on "Humanitarian Ideals." The chair was taken by Mr. Henry J. Wilson, M.A.

Dr. Oldfield laid himself out to demonstrate that the reign of cruelty was the stage from which the human race was developing and that the stage of universal mercy was that towards which it was necessarily tending. He combatted the idea that humanitarianism was in any sense a fad or was in any way connected with the disease of hysteria, but claimed that it was essentially a scientific goal towards which the human race was inevitably tending, that every poet and prophet and inspired painter all taught the same lesson, that pain was a transcient evil and that the infliction of pain when necessary was to be regretted and when unnecessary was a crime. He suggested several lines on which this century might wisely spend time and thought and some self-sacrifice. In the first place war must ever be looked upon as an evil even when it appeared to be temporarily necessary and he sketched out the line of evolution by means of which he considered that the prophecy of Isaiah would ultimately be fulfilled. He then dealt rapidly with the future conception of the function of the Church with regard to criminals, the attitude which the race should take up with regard to blood sports and vivisection, and he finally dealt with the passing practice of butchery, which he considered must eventually pass away.

The lecture was followed by an interesting discussion.

All applications for membership of the League should be made to Mrs. Mann, Hazeldene, South Hill Park.

The Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, formerly Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, and now Rector of Merstham, Surrey, will preach at St. Luke's, on Sunday, March 6th.

BICKLEY & WIDMORE INSTITUTE.

One of the most enthusiastic parochial gatherings ever held in the neighbourhood of Bickley and Widmore took place at the Bickley and Widmore Schools on Thursday, Feb. 4th. The object of the meeting was to promote the scheme which has been previously outlined in these columns for the provision of an Institute and Workmen's Club for the parish. The Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) kindly presided,

The Hon. Secretary read letters of apology for unavoidable absence from several well-known residents.

Alderman McIntyre, speaking as the Alderman of the Ward, felt it to be the duty of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the town to do what they could to assist the working men of the district to secure a larger building. They wanted something useful and not merely ornamental. The £550 which the Vicar held in trust was a very good start—(hear, hear)—and he sincerely trusted that such enthusiasm and interest would be shown that night that it would result in enabling them to collect a sufficient sum to justify them in commencing work as soon as possible. He took it that what they wanted was a Club for recreation and for social and educational intercourse one with another. (Hear, hear.) In order to have this they wanted the working men to be taken away from the temptations which beset them in other places. He presumed they would want games, and also accommodation where the members could read the papers and make themselves acquainted with the topics and needs of the day, and, over a social pipe, hold social intercourse together. In his opinion it would be necessary to raise a sum of considerably more than £900, including the £550 already in hand, in order to provide a room large enough for concerts and meetings on a modest scale; as well as Club-room accommodation, bath room, and so forth. He trusted that the presence of the Mayor that night would stimulate interest in the undertaking and that they would form such a Committee of working men and others that would set about heartily to canvass the district, and collect funds so that they might soon be able to commence this very needful building. (Applause.)

The Mayor, who was given a most cordial reception, then addressed the meeting. He wished, he said, at the very outset to disabuse their minds of an evident misapprehension. It had not been any sacrifice to him to come there that night. On the contrary it had been an absolute pleasure. (Applause.) And he wanted to give them a motto for this enterprise which he hoped would cling to it from start to finish, and that was "short and sharp." (Applause.) The character of Bickley was absolutely unique. It was a district where comfort in living and every luxury that could surround the home lives of those who constituted the residents existed in an exceptional manner, and the residents of Bickley had long been famed for the generosity with which they had supported every charitable and philanthropic enterprise which had been promoted by good and sympathetic souls in Bromley and the neighbourhood. His earliest recollections of Bromley, now dating back nearly thirty years, were that most of such enterprises were prominently supported by the residents of Bickley. That was an incontrovertible fact. Now there was an opportunity for Bickley to support an enterprise, the need for which lay at its very doors—(applause)—and he made a strong appeal, in his representative capacity, to the wealthy residents of Bickley to see to it that this enterprise was so generously supported that it would be finished in as many weeks as it was commenced years ago. It was ten years since that £550 was first subscribed, and he believed that if the residents of Bickley were aroused to a sense of their responsibility towards this enterprise it ought to be finished in ten weeks. (Applause.) This was not a charity; it was essential to the interests of those who had to work hard to make a living for themselves and their families. The social conditions of such a district as Widmore provided only one place where, after a long and a very hard day's work, a man could go for recreation and amusement and social intercourse with his fellow men, and that was the public-house. The majority of them could even do that without coming to very much harm. But it was not a healthy state of things, and he was quite sure there would be far less anxiety at home if they had such an institution as that contemplated, where a man could meet his friends and neighbours, there to discuss the questions of the day, take part in rational games, and enjoy intercourse. He wished to issue from that meeting a polite challenge to the wealthy residents of Bickley to see lenge to the wealthy residents of Bickley to see to it that this £1,500 which he believed was required, and in addition to the sum in hand was subscribed generously and rapidly. (Applause.) To-day, Bickley, the wealthiest Ward in the Borough, was in the unique position of being the only one unprovided with such an Institute. He had every confidence that from that meeting the enterprise would receive all possible support, and that within a year, at the most, their building would be completed, and their membership nearly full, and that thereby their evenings would be rendered more pleasant and their homes brighter and happier. (Loud applause.)

Councillor Worley then proposed the following resolution:—

> "That this meeting of the residents of Bickley and Widmore district, whilst acknowledging the benefits and comfort derived from the present Men's Club for the past seven years, are of opinion that in view of the enormous increase in the population of the district, some energetic steps should be at once taken to find more adequate accommodation to meet the demands of the inhabitants, and the audience here assembled pledge themselves to use every effort to secure an Institute and Men's Club on the lines suggested at this meeting."

Mr. Joseph Walker said he was there on behalf of the working men of the district to second the resolution.

Mr. Sheriff and Councillor Homewood supported the resolution.

Mr. Henry Podger, in supporting the resolution, appealed to every working man present that evening to make up his mind to be a member of the proposed Club and also to secure one more member. With regard to the estimated cost of the building, he had already stated in his letter to the Bromley Chronicle that he believed it would be about £2,000, and he still thought so. The building which he contemplated would be of a substantial character, and would consist of a front hall, 40ft. long by 38ft. wide, which would be suitable for concerts, lectures, public meetings, dances, and so forth, and at the back a billiard room, 18ft. by 38ft., with three other rooms on the same floor, about 12ft. by 14ft., for reading room, and so forth; below would be a kitchen, tea and coffee rooms, and even a couple of slipper baths. Such a building would be worthy of their parish, and would meet a longfelt want. In conclusion, he promised his hearty support and trusted that the Mayor's motto "Short and sharp" would be abundantly realised. (Applause.)

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. A. P. Beaumont proposed that the following form the Committee, with power to add to their number: Messrs. F. F. Sheriff, Craker, Hillier, Holman, Elphick, Sunnucks, Bromham, H. Simmonds, T. Ellis, S. Holmes, W. Tennant, W. Penfold, F. Looker, R. Granger, R. Cole, H. Podger, sen. Messrs. A. P. Beaumont and G. Whiffin were elected joint hon. secretaries.

Mr. Elphick seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. J. C. Boyd then proposed that Mr. Councillor Homewood be elected Treasurer of the Fund, and in doing so congratulated the working men.

Mr. R. Granger seconded the resolution, which was carried.

THE CHURCH ARMY.

On Feb. 10th a well-attended gathering was held at The Lodge, Widmore-road, Bromley (the residence of Mr. E. Packe, J.P., K.C.C.), in support of the social work of the Church Army. The Mayor of Bromley (Councillor F. Griffith, J.P.), presided, being supported by Mr. E. Packe, Rev. J. Bond (Vicar of St. Mary's), Rev. J. White (Chaplain at Bromley College), the Mayoress (Mrs. Griffith), Miss E. Deedes, Rev. Henry Mercer (Metropolitan Secretary, Church Army), Capt. Spencer (Senior Prison Missionary), Capt. and Mrs. Abenethy (in charge of the Church Army Mission at Shortlands) and many others, including several ladies.

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, referred to the pleasure it gave him to be present that afternoon, and so associate himself with this good work. He would remind those present that the need of sympathy rather than money is the greatest incentive to all good work. It naturally followed that when called upon to aid in what was an unpalatable subject we are rather apt to hold ourselves aloof. His impression was that it was the Creator's idea that we were to aid in raising those who were very low. There was a tendency to squeeze lower and lower those who are under the tyranny of evil. The Church Army tried to lift up the fallen, amongst whom were many who, and they been trained aright, would have made great characters. This great society attempted to rescue from degradation those who were forced into such circumstances by the forces under which they were reared.

The Rev. Henry F. Mercer then gave a very interesting address upon the social work of the Army. They had at the present time 120 Labour Homes represented in all parts of the country, and £148,000 had been spent last year in their work. They had 1,600 men and women trained and equipped for work in the labour homes. He then went on to deal with their Mission Vans at work in every Diocese, and said with them there was no such case as could be considered hopeless. They knew no such word.

Captain Abenethy detailed his work at Shortlands Valley where he has laboured some four months. He was happy to relate that good progress was being made. At the first meeting there were not many present but at their last meeting on Sunday evening their room was full to the doors.

Captain Spencer followed with a very interesting account of his experiences in conducting missions at prisons and workhouses giving graphic descriptions of various visits to prisoners in their cells and telling how daily services were held to the benefit of the prisoners.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS IN COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers and Beersellers' Protection Society was held at the house of the Hon. Treasurer and Deputy Chairman (Mr. J. D. Kincey), the "Beech Tree" Hotel, on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, when a large company assembled in the spacious Lodge-room under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Adams.

The Chairman said they were there that day to transact very important business, and he was glad to see them present in such large numbers, thus showing that they were alive to the importance of the protective work in connection with their trade. The past year had been an anxious and an arduous one for them as licensed victuallers and in different parts of the country they had seen efforts made—and made successfully in some instances—to deprive them of their means of livelihood without any compensation whatever. As licensed victuallers he was sure they feared nothing in justice, and he was also sure that they had enough courage to even meet injustice and try to vanquish it.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the financial statement, which showed that after payment of all liabilities, including two years' legal charges, there was still a balance in hand of £63 11s. 7d. against £51 17s. 11d. last year.

Mr. Paul Joskey, in proposing the adoption of the report, congratulated the members of the Society upon their sound position, observing that it spoke well for the way in which their affairs had been managed.

Mr. H. Ryan seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Roberts, the Society's delegate, reported briefly on the work done by the Central Board during the year, stating that that Authority had worked and was still working most industriously in the interests of the trade. He paid a special tribute to the talents of their Chairman, Mr. Edward Johnson.

Mr. Kincey, as a life member of the Central Board, also bore his warm testimony to the work done by that Board.

The election of officers was next proceeded with.

Mr. Roberts proposed that Mr. Adams be re-elected to the office of Chairman, and this was seconded by Mr. H. Ryan, and carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Eyres, seconded by Mr. Brown, Mr. Percy Thomas was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. J. D. Kincey was re-elected Treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Eyres; Mr. Roberts was re-elected delegate to the Central Board, on the motion of Mr. Kincey, seconded by Mr. Brown; and then came the election of a Secretary.

A letter was read from Mr. Hadden resigning the office, but in response to general pressure he eventually agred to continue the office for another year—a decision which gave general satisfaction.

Mr. Kincey next proposed and Mr. Joskey seconded the re-election of the Trustees, and it was carried.

The Committee was elected as follows:—Messrs. Joskey, Cole, Ryan, McKircher, Spielmann, Fairchild, Brown, Botterill, Boyall, Martin, Webb, Ward, Davey, J. H. Hadden, Duck, Ridges, Waterman, and Eyres.

Messrs. H. Ryan and C. Roberts were elected auditors.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to arrange a Licensed Victuallers' Ball before the end of March, and a Committee was appointed for the purpose, Mr. J. Botterill being elected hon. secretary of the Committee.

It was also decided to hold the annual dinner about the same time as last year.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROMLEY.

The annual gathering of the officers, members, and congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, was held in the spacious Hall adjoining the Church in Freelands-road, on February 11th, and proved most successful. Prior to the more formal part of the proceedings an hour was spent in pleasant social intercourse, tea and coffee and light refreshments being served. Unfortunately, the valued Pastor (the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D.) was unable to be present, but Mrs. Mackenzie proved a most kind and entertaining hostess, and she was loyally assisted by the church officers in the promotion of what proved to be a very pleasant re-union. Music was contributed by the Misses Young and Miss Morum, whose services added much to the enjoyment of those present.

At the subsequent meeting, Mr. Mackenzie was, happily, able to preside, and he was supported by the Rev. Alexander McConnell, of Regent-square Presbyterian Church; Sir A. Wingate, K.C.I.E., Mr. George Simpson (Session Clerk), Mr. J. Caverhill (Clerk to the Deacons' Court), Mr. J. Christie Reid (Treasurer), Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., and the other Church officers. After a hymn and prayer,

The Pastor addressed the meeting. Referring to the past he said that since their last meeting of that character, he had come amongst them. A year ago he hardly knew that there was such a place as Bromley, and he certainly had no idea, then, that he would ever come to live here. Indeed, he must confess that when their call came to him he, in the first place, tried to refuse it. His first reason for removal was consideration as to the health of his wife and family, and he was very thankful to be able to say that on that score all their wishes and desires had been fulfilled, the change having resulted in great benefit to their health. (Applause.)

Mr. Bertram Pearce, the able choirmaster of the Church, here sang two solos, "God's rest" and "My love's a butterfly," with great taste and expression, following which

Sir A. Wingate, who was warmly received, moved the adoption of the reports, and in doing so expressed the pleasure which he had experienced by his association with them during the comparatively short time that he had resided in Bromley. He went on to congratulate them upon the evidence of prosperity which was contained in the reports which had been presented to them that night.

Mr. W. Walker seconded the resolution, in felicitous terms, and it was unanimously passed.

Miss Eva Hardy having sang a solo "Beloved, it is morn," with much acceptance,

The Rev. A. Connell then addresssed the meeting at some length. He referred, in opening, to his long personal friendship with their Pastor, with whom he was intimately associated in college life, in Edinburgh, and to whom he owed his first introduction to public speaking. He had always held Mr. Mackenzie in the highest esteem and admiration, and it was a matter of great personal joy and gratification to him when he knew that he was likely to have him such a near neighbour, comparatively, at Bromley. The Church at Bromley was indeed fortunate in having the services of such a man. (Applause.)

On the proposition of Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., seconded by Mr. Richard Hill, a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Connell for his address, the ladies who had superintended the refreshments, as well as to those who had provided the musical programme, and after a duet, "Love Divine," by Miss Eva Hardy and Mr. Bertram Pearce, the interesting meeting terminated with the Doxology and Benediction.

BROMLEY LITERARY INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Literary Institute was held on the 13th Feb., in the Reading-room of that Institution in Widmore-road, under the presidency of the Rev. P. Barker. —In the report which was presented it was stated that in the early months of 1903 considerable efforts were made to gain new subscribers by communicating to new comers to the neighbourhood the advantages the Institute had to offer. Though partially successful, the hopes the Committee entertained on this subject had not been fulfilled as completely as could be desired. The Committee had the pleasure of informing the members that Mr. Craik, late of Shortlands, had presented £10 worth of books to the Institute. In order to write off the deficiency of £135 on the account presented last year, it was decided to sell the gas shares, which realised £120, and the kindness of Mr. Dewey, in dating his family subscription four years back, enabled the Committee to remove the balance. The year's expenditure exceeded the revenue by about £30. Something would have to be done to meet this deficit, and the Committee hoped to be able to organise some entertainment or lecture by which a sufficient sum might be realised. But the only truly satisfactory solution lay in an increase in annual subscribers. If each member would try and bring them one fresh subscriber, they would flourish and abound.—The report, and also the statement of accounts, which shewed a balance of £35 15s. 11d. due to the treasurer, were adopted. —The following officers were unanimously re-elected:—President: The Right Hon. Lord Avebury; Vice-Presidents, Sir S. E. Scott, Bart., M.P., Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Mr. S. Cawston, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., Mr. E. Packe, J.P., Mr. T. C. Dewey, and Mr. W. McKewan; Treasurer, Colonel E. Latter; Auditors, Mr. D. Grinsted and Mr. G. Shillcock; Committee, Mr. J. F. Arnaud, Rev. P. Barker, M.A., Mr. J. I. Freeman, Mr. A. S. Gedge, Miss Heppel, Dr. H. J. Ilott, Mrs. H. S. Mann, Mr. G. H. Payne, Mr. A. G. Hall, Mr. G. Weeks, jun., and the Rev. J. White, M.A.; Hon. Secretary, Miss Hoyer; Librarian and Assistant Secretary, Miss Emma Oxlad.

WEDDING.—The wedding took place, at Bromley Parish Church, on Feb. 3rd, of Mr. Albert William Greenaway, son of Mr. Henry Greenaway, and Miss May Hambleton, daughter of Mr. E. W. Hambleton, of East-street, and West-street, Bromley. The Rev. F. Haslam officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Lily Hambleton and Miss Alice Beecher. The bridegroom's best man was Mr. Thomas Allen. The bride's dress was of cream voile, trimmed with Brussels lace, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white roses. The bridesmaids wore cream cashmere and carried shower bouquets. After the ceremony the relatives and friends were entertained at 18, West-street, and later in the day the newly-wedded couple left amid hearty congratulations. Their future home will be at Forest Hill. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

WEATHER FORECAST.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

Everybody knows that the 1903 rainfall established a record, viz., that of being the heaviest ever registered. But if January is any criterion of what we are to expect this year, then it is pretty certain that the 1903 record is going to be wiped out. The outlook is indeed a gloomy one. We have before us the eighteenth year's publication of the British Weather Chart, prepared by Mr. B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., for the year now current, and the forecasts there set out are sufficient to make one's blood run cold, especially, as is generally admitted, the prophet in this case is no mere guesser, but a scientific meteorologist who merits our serious attention, and the accuracy of whose forecasts in past years is a sufficient cause for anxiety in view of the pessimistic nature of the predictions now before us.

Last year the total depth of rain recorded by Mr. James Batten, J.P., of The High Field, Bickley as having fallen in this district was 38·79 inches. The previous heaviest fall was in 1880, when it yielded 37·82 inches, and on only one other occasion did it touch 30 inches, viz., in 1888, when it amounted to 30·03 inches, and in 1894, when it came to 30·18 inches. The figures since 1878 are as follows:—

1878, 29·52; 1879, 27·60; 1880, 31·82; 1881, 29·23; 1882, 26·61; 1883, 23·16; 1884, 19·19; 1885, 25·44; 1886, 28·38; 1887, 21·84; 1888, 30·03; 1889, 26·31; 1890, 24·43; 1891, 31·11; 1892, 28·05; 1893, 20·06; 1894, 30·18; 1895, 20·73; 1896, 25·50; 1897, 24·52; 1898, 18·17; 1899, 24·17; 1900, 24·02; 1901, 22·74; 1902, 19·85; 1903, 38·79.

And now January has gone more than one worse. The average rainfall for London in the first month is just over 2 inches and last year it came out at 2·33. This year January yielded 3·23, which has only once been exceeded in the last thirty years, viz., in 1886, when it came to 3·81. The following are the figures for January since the year 1878 inclusive:—

1878, 1·65; 1879, 2·50; 1880, ·45; 1881, 1·54; 1882, 1·38; 1883, 1·80; 1884, 2·32; 1885, 1·62; 1886, 3·81; 1887, 1·25; 1888, ·91; 1889, 1·18; 1890, 2·65; 1891, 1·98; 1892, ·51; 1893, 1·81; 1894, 2·54; 1895, 1·74; 1896, ·61; 1897, 1·90; 1898, ·59; 1899, 2·90; 1900, 2·93; 1901, ·65; 1902, ·63; 1903, 2·33; 1904, 3·23.

Mr. Jenkins' forecast for January was as follows:—

> Very unsettled cyclonic weather with snow and thunder in the first half. Then high barometer with frost and fog.

The months of March, April, May, June, July, and August are all set forth as "unsettled"; in September we are promised a little improvement, but October and November will be very unsettled, and the year will close with mild, but stormy weather. We can only hope that Mr. Jenkins will prove a false prophet, though in view of the accuracy of his past predictions we are afraid we are in for another bad year.

Lord Avebury is to preside at the annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce in March.

"The Messiah" performance is definitely fixed for Wednesday, March 9th, at the Bromley Congregational Church.

The Monthly Medal Competitions of the Bromley and Bickley Golf Club, played on Feb. 6th, resulted as follows:—Senior: Mr. R. C. Kerr, 87 less 5—82. Junior: Mr. R. C. Powell. 103 less 15—88.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT BROMLEY.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, a masked fancy dress ball was held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, the venture being attended by a gratifying degree of success. There was an attendance of about 120, and the proceedings were characterised by much heartiness and enjoyment. The fancy costumes worn were decidedly numerous, and the numberless hues adopted by the lady dancers all contributed to produce a scene of considerable brightness and picturesque effect. The spacious ballroom had been beautifully decorated for the occasion; the Imperial Quadrille Band, under the conductorship of Mr. French, supplied the instrumentation; an excellent supper was laid under the personal superintendence of Mr. W. James, and a splendid floor had been prepared, whilst another feature was the excellence of the M.C. arrangements discharged by Mr. W. E. Tapley and the stewards, Messrs. D. Balding, H. W. Richardson, G. W. Neale, and F. Stanford. The prize of £2 2s., presented by Mr. W. James for the most effective costume worn by a lady was won by Miss Day (Pictorial Post Cards) and Mr. P. Stanford (The Crusader) carried off the first prize offered for competition amongst the gentlemen.

THE RADIUM LECTURE.

The immense interest which the "mystery and marvel" of Radium have aroused in the public mind was strikingly demonstrated at Bromley on Friday, Feb. 12th, when, despite the extreme inclemency of the weather the Grand Hall was thronged by a large gathering representing practically all classes of the community to hear a lecture by Dr. W. Hampson, M.A., the distinguished chemist and scientist, who is also the Lecturer at University College, London. The title of the lecture was "Radium, its marvels, scientific, and practical," and it was illustrated by lantern slides and experiments.

Mr. W. Morton, the lessee of the Hall, is to be warmly congratulated upon his enterprise in making such an interesting engagement.

Volunteer Ball.—The annual ball in connection with the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd Vol. Batt. "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regt.) was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Feb. 10th, and was a most pronounced success. The attendance numbered about 150, and the fact of the sexes being pretty evenly balanced greatly enhanced the success of the gathering. The interior of the hall had been splendidly decorated for the occasion by members of the Committee and friends, the pleasing effect being considerably heightened by several groups of choice palms, kindly lent by Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., and when the proceedings were in full swing a striking and animated scene was presented. An admirable floor surface had been produced, and to the skilful execution of Bradbury's popular Whitehall Quadrille Band, the company danced merrily from 8.30 until the early hours of Thursday morning. The programme comprised 24 items. The duties of M.C. were efficiently and courteously discharged by Mr. J. Doyle and Sergt. H. Smith, and the whole of the excellent arrangements were in the capable and experienced hands of the following Committee:—Capt. F. K. Selby, Sergt. F. Hanmore, Sergt. J. Park, Sergt. C. G. W. Field, Sergt. S. Mansfield, Sergt. H. Smith, Corpl. E. G. Maynard, Corpl. T. Jenner, Pte. E. J. Amos, and Pte. H. P. Palmer, with Sergt. R. C. Fawsitt as the invaluable and energetic hon. secretary.

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

2nd.—Annual meeting of Bromley Licensed Victuallers Protection Society at Bromley.

3rd.—Masked fancy dress ball at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.

4th.—Public meeting in the Grand Hall, Bromley, to discuss the Macedonian Question.—Meeting at Bickley and Widmore Schools to consider the establishment of an Institute and Working Men's Club.

10th.—Annual Volunteer Ball in the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Fiscal question discussed at Bromley Co-operative Hall by Bromley P.S.A.—Bromley Brewster Sessions.

11th.—Bromley Cottage Hospital annual meeting.

12th.—Lecture on "Radium" by Dr. Hampson, at the Grand Hall, Bromley.

17th.—Bohemian concert at Bromley Conservative Club.

23rd.—Half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley Gas Consumers Company at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.

24th.—Bromley Wesleyan Church annual choir concert.

25th.—Sixth annual meeting of the Queen's Reign Commemoration Fund, at Bromley.

29th.—Annual general meeting of the subscribers to the Phillips' Memorial Hospital.

ST. JOHN'S (BROMLEY) CHOIR SUPPER.—A very enjoyable gathering of the adult members of the choir, together with the officials, of St. John's, Bromley, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. P Barker, M.A.), was held at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, on February 6th. The party, numbering about 24, did full justice to the capital supper provided, after which the toast of "The King and Royal Family" was submitted and duly honored, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. Other appropriate toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE CHISLEHURST CAVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was glad to see Mr. George W. Miller's letter on this subject in the last issue of the BROMLEY RECORD. It raises one or two points to which, with your permission, I should like to reply. First, with reference to the theories and suggestions which Mr. W. J. Nichols advances as to the "Druidical" purpose of the excavations, it seems to me that the burden of proof lies with that gentleman and not with those who, like myself, regard the Druids and all their works as almost entirely due to the vivid imagination of Dr. Stukeley and the antiquarians of his school. I think before advancing the opinion that these excavations are of pre-historic origin, some sort of archæological evidence should be produced.

Of course, everyone who visits the caves for the first time must be surprised at their great extent, but I cannot understand Mr. Miller's opinion that the theory of Mr. Nichols "at least offers a possible explanation of the mystery." I am bound to say that in my humble opinion it does not, because there still remains the difficulty of explaining what has been done with the vast quantities of removed chalk. My theory on the other hand does offer, it seems to me, a satisfactory explanation, both of the disappearance of the chalk, and the large size of the subterranean avenues which, I think, were obviously cut for the sake of the chalk and not as mere passage ways. The well is a remarkable feature, but it must be remembered that workers in extensive underground quarries of this kind need water and always obtain it from the nearest source. Moreover, they never go out of the quarry more often than is necessary on account of the injurious effect produced on the eyesight by frequent and violent variations of light.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

GEORGE CLINCH.

Addiscombe, 20th February, 1904.

BICKLEY RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER.

The 24th annual dinner of the Bickley engine-drivers and firemen of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway took place at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, on February 13th, and was associated with a conspicuous degree of success and enjoyment. This was the result of three facts. First, the spirit of unity and harmony prevailing amongst those present; secondly, the excellent organisation of Mr. George Hibbert, Mr. George Pearson, Mr. E. Taylor, and Mr. H. Green; and thirdly, the brief and appropriate character of the speechmaking. Mr. T. Light occupied the chair with his customary geniality, through the regretted absence of Mr. A. Benger, through indisposition, and supporting him amongst the large attendance were Messrs. Benger, jun., E. M. Garnar, T. Gallon (Vice-Chairman), F. Weeks (representing the Battersea Locomotive Department), F. Neil (representing Bickley Department), J. Maynard (the popular stationmaster of Bromley South Station), N. H. Lang, J. Deardon, W. Stark, J. Herbert, J. Coveney, J. Coe, J. Salter, W. Stacey, W. Edge, Taylor, J. Walters, W. Bushell, G. Whaley, H. Green, F. Manwaring, S. Oates, — Humphrey, &c. Subsequent to an excellent dinner, a long and varied programme of music was gone through. Mr. Percy Ranson accompanied with his wonted efficiency, and the contributors whose contributions gave the utmost delight, comprised: Messrs. Clementson, E. M. Garnar, Foster, Herbert, Ely, Coveney, Burgess, Miles, Rowe, Westlake, and Teasdale.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

ORGAN RECITALS AT BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.

The weather seems to have conspired against these series of recitals, for again on Saturday, Jan. 30th, the elements were decidedly unpropitious. However, the congregation was not absolutely meagre.

Mrs. G. A. R. Tatham, F.R.C.O., A.R.A.M., was the organist, with Miss Emmie Tatham as vocalist. The vocal items were four in number, and so were the organ pieces and it almost becomes a question of whether the service could be called an organ recital, where the honours were so evenly distributed. I should have preferred, indeed, to have heard more organ and less singing, and by this I mean to convey no reflection on the vocalist. Mrs. Tatham has earned such a good name elsewhere that some further examples of organ music, pure and simple, would have been welcome. The opening piece was a Toccata and Fugue in C of Bach's and the closing number a Concerto in G minor of Handel's. Bach's florid prelude and the effective Fugue were exceptionally well played and the gavotte in the Concerto was a very brilliant piece of execution. The other two organ pieces were somewhat interesting; a "Romanza" (Wheeldon) and a Symphonie Poem by Liszt.

Miss Tatham sang "Hear ye Israel" (taking the latter part somewhat slower than is usual), Henschel's "Morning Hymn," a song by Bach, and "A joyful Easter Hymn," the original of which is dated 1623. Miss Tatham has a beautiful middle register, and the last named piece was placed in the best part of her voice. Her enunciation is very good; there were some lapses in intonation, which were possibly occasioned by the want of correct tune in the organ.—Viola.

Improved weather and the fact that Mr. Percy Hodsoll was at the organ combined to draw a large audience to the Bromley Parish Church on February 6th, The Chislehurst organist is one of the best in the district, his recitals always being replete with thoroughly good selections, played in a most artistic and thoroughly satisfactory manner. Mr. Hodsoll does not incline (as is the manner of some) towards a display of mere strength and sound. To shake the foundations of the church and to expose the extent powers of a complex and extensive instrument, or to show what a tremendous noise one man can be the means of producing, are not his conceptions of organ playing. Rather does he tend to "soothe, comfort, and caress" by the more tender and beautiful utterances of the instrument under his control. He does, indeed, read deeply into the composers music and phrases and passages and hidden harmonies which by many would be simply blurred out of hearing, are brought to the top and treated as absolute essentials. Particularly was this observable in Rhopsodie of Lemares, a piece profuse with short solos; closely knit harmonies, and half-inarticulate utterances expressed in short ejaculatory phrases The Andante from Widor's 2 Symphany was a very fine performance, the finishing phrasing being good. Other items were an Overture and Brahms, a Fantasia by Parry, and an Andante by Fugue by P. E. Bach (or Bach ii, as Quernmore would have it).

Mr. George Urtley has a fine resonant voice of good quality, and he sang three solo very effectively.—Viola.

The attendance at Bromley Parish Church on February 13th was a greatly improved one and seemed to indicate that Mr. Fertel is leaving off the series just when he has begun to be sure of a good congregation.

Mr. Fertel himself appropriately brought this series to a close and played his instrument throughout with admirable discretion. Particularly commendable was his registration, the balance of tone always being well adjusted. In the two movements from Guilmant's Sonata this was particularly impressed upon me: the cantabile movement was so very compact and the tone always flowing through in the legato and singing style so particularly befitting it. A comparatively short piece "In the Arbour" (Hofmann) was presented very artistically, and although pretty it is not strikingly original in form. A Finale (op. 52) of Schumann's was quite the best piece of the programme.

Miss Mason sang "With verdure clad" with a great deal of refinement and taste. She has a sweet voice, not, as yet, very strong.

Mr. Norman Bath contributed some violin solos. The first, an Adagio (Merkal), was played in a very broad, majestic and sympathetic manner. The Allegretto (Grieg) was somewhat lacking in distinctiveness and individuality, a fault which could not, however, be said of Elgar's "Sursum corda," a piece which Mr. Bath has often played before and always, as again on this occasion, so very well. The suitableness of the violin to such an occasion was particularly impressed upon the writer during this piece. Between the organ and the solo instrument there was such a happy sympathy in quality and character of tone, as to convince one of the utility of the violin as a church instrument.—Viola.

MR. JOHN LEWIS'S CHOIR—GOUNOD'S "FAUST."

A large audience, and a good performance were the characteristics of the venture at Beckenham Public Hall on the 10th Feb. Gounod's "Faust" is not a new work by any means, although in this later day one does not hear it so often as was the case in the eighties. Still less does one hear it, as on this occasion, on the concert platform. Upon the appropriateness, the probabilities of success, and the wisdom and taste of so performing it no doubt there were divided opinions before it was finally decided upon. Upon the successful and capable singing of the work by the choir and—although not so markedly—by the soloists, there will, however, be no such divided opinions. The choir gave evidence of good, hard drilling. Their singing was distinguished by good tone, sharp attack, and exceptional articulation and enunciation. This last trait was very observable in several passages of consecutive semiquavers; occasions when indifferent singers always sing as if every word was connected by a hyphen to its successor. Occasionally, perhaps, the zeal of the choir overran their discretion and pianissimos were not duly noted. But their part of the evening's work was indubitably the most successful. The orchestra played generally very well. It included some players whose names are familiar as being thoroughly capable orchestral performers, such as Mr. W. Morrow (trumpet), Mr. Hambleton ('cello), and so on. Mr. E. W. Partridge at the organ had not a great deal of do, but played with much discretion and absolute taste, as was to be expected from his admirable playing on the last public appearance of this choir. Mr. H. Gibson, the leader, played the solo in the "Salve dimora" tenor solo very well indeed.

The soloists were Miss Florence Holderness, Miss Frederica Richardson, Signor Manrico Bacci, Mr. Arthur Walenn, and Mr. Edmund Cooper.

Of these, I thought Mr. Walenn appreciated and understood his work in a much greater degree than his colleagues. A more extended experience as vocalist and teacher no doubt conduced to this. The other vocalists each sang well, but often in a mere cantata or simple ballad style and with insufficient appreciation of their particular work. Miss Holderness is a very graceful and pleasing singer, with a pure voice, capable of more than would appear at first hearing.

Miss Richardson's voice was very happily selected for the part, being of extended compass, an absolute essential to success in the parts of Siebel and Martha. Her singing of the favourite "When all was young" was good. Signor Bacci had much to do and much that was also difficult. He, too, had a voice of good range, and a top C in "Salve dimora" was well taken. This cavatina was a good performance, although the English words took away from it much indeed of its natural beauty. This might, in fact, be said of much of the work. Mr. Cooper had not the most most grateful of parts, but often rose to the occasion very commendably.

Mr. Lewis deserves very much praise for a concert which was out of the beaten track, and was, nevertheless, so thoroughly successful.—Viola.

EVENING CONCERT AT ST. MARY'S INSTITUTE, PLAISTOW.

A grand evening concert arranged by Mr. Cubitt, the able and devoted hon. choirmaster of St. Mary's Institute Choir, Plaistow, was held in the Institute, Plaistow-grove, on Thursday, February 11th, and proved a great success, the appreciation which is felt for Mr. Cubitt's work being evidenced by an overflowing audience. Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the talented organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's, Plaistow, had charge of the musical arrangements, which is tantamount to saying that they left nothing to be desired. The programme opened with a capitally-played selection by the Mandoline Band from Balfe's ever-popular "Bohemian Girl." The mandolinists were Miss Rogers, Mrs. Filby, Mrs. Towns, and Miss V. Bertolla, with Miss Shepherd at the pianoforte, and their performance gave great pleasure, which was emphasised in the second part of the programme, when they contributed a waltz by Ivanovici, and were encored. A trio, "Memory," by Miss Dora Cubitt, and Messrs. W. J. Russell and Cubitt, was excellently rendered. Miss Skipworth's beautiful voice is ever-welcome, and on Thursday she was at her best. She sang "Spring Tide" (Edwin Greene) in faultless style, and she was no less successful, later on, with "Because" (Guy D'Hardelot). An action song "The Sweeping Brush Brigade," by Misses A. and E. Hughesman, F. Fairweather, E. Badder, D. Langham, and M. Sizmur, was another well-rendered item, and, like the part songs by the choir, reflected credit upon choirmaster and choir alike. The part song, it should be mentioned, was arranged by Miss E. Knowles. The Vicar (Rev. J. Bond) is a talented elocutionist, and his rendering of Tennyson's "Siege of Lucknow" and Hood's "Ode to my son, aged three," demonstrated his capacity in two totally distinct styles. He was warmly received. Miss W. Oliver sang with great acceptance "I know a lovely garden" (Guy D'Hardelot) and "My ships" (A. Barrett), and Mrs. Measor contributed two brilliantly executed violin solos, "Ancient and Modern" (A. Petterson) and "Allegro Brilliant" (W. Fen Hare). Dr. A. W. Henly was in capital form, and sang "Tatters and Tucks" (Morton) and "The Postillion" (Molloy) in excellent spirit and with sound judgment. The concluding item on the programme was a part song by the Choir, entitled "The Parting Kiss" (Sydenham), and this was deservedly encored.

MISS VICTORIA BATH'S POPULAR CONCERTS.

There was an excellent attendance at the Bromley Drill Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 20th, when the last of the present series of popular concerts arranged by Miss Victoria Bath took place. The programme submitted was a most enjoyable one. On this occasion there was no vocalist, but Miss Bath herself appeared as a pianist—on which instrument she is a talented performer—and Mr. C. Crabb, the 'cellist, also took part. The instrumental selections were all up to a high standard of perfection. Miss Bath, Mr. Norman Bath, and Mr. Crabb opened and concluded the programme with trios, and, particularly, in the latter, "Finale presto" in E flat major, op. 12 (Hummel) achieved real distinction. But the most enjoyable instrumental item was undoubtedly the trio for clarinet, violin, and piano, in which Mr. Leonard Beddome, Mr. Norman Bath, and Miss Victoria Bath were associated. They played "Allegro Sostenuto" (Eaton Faning), and with such conspicuous success that they earned the only encore of the evening. Mr. Crabb contributed 'cello solos, the best of which was undoubtedly a Meditation, by Mrs. M. E. Dandridge, of Grove Park, who herself played the pianoforte accompaniments. It is a charmingly characteristic work and was splendidly interpreted. The recitations by Mrs. Tobias Matthay completed the programme.

BROMLEY AND BECKENHAM SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.

The usual spring students' concert was held on Feb. 23rd at the Beckenham Public Hall, when a good audience of pupils and friends was present.

Of the vocalists, mention must particularly be made of the singing of Miss Daisy Collins, Mrs. J. A. Bacon, Miss Hilda Leeson, Miss Maude Wingfield, and Messrs. S. H. Bacon and William Miller. Of the pianists, Miss Dorothy Williams, L.R.A.M., and Miss Marjorie Pocock won much favour, whilst Miss Phyllis Knight (violin) and Miss Edith Hanson ('cello), were eminently promising on their respective instruments. Mr. Ernest Kiver accompanied.

BROMLEY WESLEYAN CHOIR CONCERT.

The handsome Schoolroom attached to the Bromley Wesleyan Church was well filled on Wednesday Feb. 24th, on the occasion of the choir's annual concert. Messrs. W. H. Luff (choirmaster), and Percy Sharland (organist) had obtained the assistance of several well-known vocalists, and a very interesting programme was put together.

Pianoforte solos opened each part of the programme, and they were very capably played by Miss Violet Beddome, who has a very charming legato touch. Miss Nellie Dunford renders valuable help to the choir and church here so frequently that she was sure of a hearty welcome. For her singing of "Damon" (Max Stange) and Mr. Noel Johnson's "The Rose" and "The River and the Sea," she was encored very heartily. Miss Aisbitt Gibson's winning manner carries her a long way with her audience, and she, too, was received with approving acclaim. Mr. Uzielli Ellen sang some tenor solos and joined Mr. W. H. Inglis in Cooke's duett "Love and War"—a somewhat strange selection for such an occasion. This duett was beyond the tenor's compass and powers. Mr. Inglis himself was very badly placed on the programme, being first and last. His singing of Sargeant's "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," was

distinguished by much that is highly commendable in good singing—appropriate tone, energy, and accent. Mr. Ralph Reid also kindly assisted by singing well good ballads, two of which by Amy Woodforde-Finden, were very well written. Mrs. Gilburt Howell recited with very great ability and taste and deserved a much more enthusiastic reception than she got. In fact, the audience was not always discriminating in its applause. Miss Maud Purday played some violin solos. The accompanists were many and varied, viz., Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Ellen, Miss Daisy Skipworth, Miss M. E. Reid, Miss Purday. and Mr. P. Sharland.—Viola.

MESSRS. COLLINGS' BROS.' FURNITURE ROOMS, BROMLEY.

Messrs. Collings Bros., auctioneers and estate agents, house furnishers, &c., of High-street, Bromley, inaugurated the opening of their remarkable furniture rooms at No. 82, High-street, on Feb. 17th, by a sale, by auction, of a large quantity of household furniture, &c. The building, which has just been completed, is absolutely the largest of the kind in the county of Kent—indeed it is questionable whether a place of similar size can be found anywhere around London. It measures 162 feet in length with an average width of 90ft. Above the ground floor is a gallery running right round the building, with floor-space of 34 feet wide, all round, with a well nearly 30 feet wide in the centre, at either end of which is a sweeping staircase, leading to the ground floor. The building is lighted by a Deard's patent glazed roof, 30 feet wide, and it is also plentifully fitted with incandescent gas burners. The walls are of brick, lined throughout with match-boarding, and notwithstanding the immense stock of furniture of all kinds which is now displayed there, intending purchasers have ample room in which to inspect everything. The place is fitted with lavatories, and is, indeed, in every way an up-to-date building, which cannot fail to prove extremely popular, not only amongst Bromley residents, but throughout this entire district. There is in all something like half-an-acre of floor space, and some idea of the size of the place may be gathered when it is stated that it is large enough to take in a hall of the size of the Drill Hall twice, and then leave a little over. It is built in the most substantial manner, with massive iron girders and stanchions. The builders were Messrs. J. Arnaud and Sons, of Bromley.

WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Catford, on Feb. 7th, the contracting parties being Mr. Herbert Charles Lambert, of Romford, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Greening, daughter of Mr. Denis Greening, of East-street, Bromley. The Rev. Thomas Naylor officiated, and the bridegroom's best man was Mr. Ernest B. Nixon, of Darlington. The bride, who was given away by Mr. G. A. Greening, her brother, was attired in a neat tailor made grey costume with train, her large white felt hat being trimmed with pale green and white silk. She carried a large bouquet of pink and white tulips and maidenhair fern, tied with pale green and white satin ribbon. The bridesmaids, Miss A. M. Greening, sister to the bride, and Miss L. Oakley, cousin to the bride, wore navy blue tailor-made costumes, with felt hats trimmed with green silk. After the ceremony, the relatives and friends were entertained at 3, Sangley-road, Catford. The newly wedded couple, whose future home will be at Romford, Essex, were the recipients of many useful presents.

BROMLEY LADY LIBERALS.

On Thursday, Jan. 28th, the Bromley Women's Liberal Association in conjunction with the Bromley and District Liberal Association held a social evening at the Drill Hall, Bromley, and the promoters are to be heartily congratulated on the success which attended the gathering. The interior of the hall was most tastefully arranged, on the platform being placed a quantity of flowering and foliage plants, whilst the body of the hall had been elaborately decorated and furnished under the personal supervision of Mr. J. Humerston, of East-street, a most pleasing, homelike, and comfortable effect having been produced. Subsequent to the transaction of the customary business in connection with the annual meeting, at which all the officers were re-elected and an encouraging report read by the zealous hon. secretary, Miss B. Harvey, an excellent programme of music, under the direction Mr. and Mrs. Beddome, was initiated. Mrs. E. H. Bayley presided.

Mrs. E. H. Bayley (the President) said the great fiscal problem was exciting the minds of all classes throughout the country. It was above all a woman's question. She only wished that women would realise what a blow Protection would be to this free and happy country. It was their turn to rouse up to save their homes and their children from a great danger. Mr. Chamberlain had painted a picture for them that at first sight looked very attractive. He had told them that although prices might become dearer, wages would go up, but there was no evidence to prove this. The one thing was a certainty—the other was an uncertainty. Where one trade might be benefitted by Protection others would be ruined and the market would be swamped by the men thrown out of employ. (Hear, hear.) She appealed to the women of this great country not to remain quiet if this infamous measure was ever brought before Parliament. They must resist it with all their might and main. (Applause.)

Miss Edwards, organising secretary of the Kent Union of Women Liberal Associations, in an able address on the fiscal question, said when this matter was first introduced, they were told by Mr. Chamberlain that there was a danger of our Colonies falling away from them. Still, the danger had not yet been realised, nor did it appear likely to be realised. (Hear, hear.) What had the inquiry which had been set on foot proved? It had proved that Free Trade had substantially helped forward the commerce of our great Empire. (Applause.) Mr. Chamberlain had not been able to face his own statistics. All had been triumphantly disproved.

Mr. Beaumont Morice, who was received with prolonged applause, said there was throughout the county of Kent an awakening, and an enthusiasm which was cheering to the highest degree. They had a Government at the present time which he thought only awaited a General Election to be swept away from power. The Government had given them an Education Act, which they believed was opposed to the best interests, not only of education, but of the well-being, freedom, and interest of every citizen of the country. Then they had the report of the Army Commission as to the mode in which the Government did not take care of the good name of the country at a time of our country's need. He regarded that meeting as a happy omen for what was before them in the future. There was no comparison between the Division now and what it was some 18 months ago. The energy, the interest, the enthusiasm, and self devotion amongst the rank and file of the

Liberal party throughout the Division was a glorious thing for one to contemplate. If they all worked together they would be able, by and bye, to show that the fair county of Kent was a fair county politically as well as otherwise—a county which would no longer tolerate members who supported measures that they (the electors) believed to be hostile to the best interests of the people. (Applause.) When the election came along he hoped that they would all be determined to do their best that the right men might be elected. (Applause.)

PLAISTOW ANNUAL VESTRY.

The annual Vestry for the transaction of Burial Board business was held at St. Mary's Schools, Plaistow, on January 29th. Mr. W. H. Bosanquet, who has presided at the Vestry meetings in the parish for very many years, almost without a break, was once again, unanimously voted to the chair.

The abstract of accounts, duly audited, showed an income of £762 12s. 11d., and after payment of £366 15s., principal and interest on loans, and the usual maintenance charges, fees, &c., there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £97 6s. 6d.

Th auditors certified the accounts to be in order.

On the proposition of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Marks, a very warm vote of thanks was passed to the auditors for their continued services in the interests of the ratepayers.

In replying, Mr. Bumsted took the opportunity of once again complimenting Mr. Carlyon, the excellent Clerk to the Board, on the perfectly clear and precise manner in which the books of the Board were kept and the accounts presented for audit.

Mr. Hewett warmly endorsed this compliment, which Mr. Carlyon suitably acknowledged.

On the proposition of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Loly, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Ritherdon, the retiring members, were unanimously re-elected, and thanked for their past services.

Mr. Loly then moved a very warm vote of thanks to their Chairman, not only for his services that night, but throughout the long period that he had resided in the town.

Mr. Ritherdon having seconded the proposition, it was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman briefly returned thanks, observing that he was always pleased to do what he could for the benefit of the parish.

Mr. Loly then moved a very cordial vote of thanks to Mr. H. W. Amos, for his valuable services as Chairman of the Board, and this having been carried, Mr. Amos replied, saying that he was always pleased to do what lay in his power to promote the interests of their parish.

Under the auspices of the Bromley and District Band of Hope Union, a successful temperance meeting was held in the Bromley Congregational Schoolroom, on Feb. 18th, under the presidency of the Rev. R. Silvey, the President of the Union.

The fifth of the series of Club house suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club was held on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, and the gathering like its predecessors, was of a successful and thoroughly enjoyable character. Mr. F. Medhurst presided.

The musical arrangements by Mr. C. H. Hills (hon. secretary of the Entertainment Committee) were of the best, and under his direction a most attractive programme was gone through, those contributing including Mr. Percy Ranson, Mr. J. Ripley, Mr. George Ellis, Mr. E. M. Garnar, Mr. G. M. Bick, Mr. Knoffler, Mr. L. Carter, and Mr. W. Burr.

HEALTH OF BECKENHAM.

Dr. George Carpenter, the Medical Officer of Health for Beckenham, has just presented his annual report for 1903, from which we extract the following:—

In my report for 1902 I stated that it gave me pleasure in announcing that the death-rate for that year was by far the lowest on record for the district. It is, therefore, most gratifying to be able to publish that the record death-rate which was established in 1902, and which I justly described as phenomenal, is eclipsed by that for 1903.

The death-rate amongst Beckenham residents whose deaths have occurred in the district is 7·3 per 1,000 of the inhabitants. If there be included amongst the death-rate of the residents those deaths which occurred in the Cottage Hospital of persons admitted thereto from other districts, and also the deaths of non-residents specially referred to in this report, the rate is increased to 7·7. The corrected death-rate is 7·8, that is one which omits the deaths of non-residents and includes those deaths in public institutions outside of the district which have occurred during the year amongst former Beckenham residents.

A populous urban district on the outskirts of London which can boast such a healthy condition, as evidenced by its persistently low death-rates, is to be congratulated on the good sanitary work which has been accomplished and which has led to such a happy state of affairs.

The closing of surface sewer gratings, and the erection of upcast ventilating shafts so as to allow sewer air to discharge into the higher atmosphere instead of at the street levels, is a matter upon which I have frequently advised the Council in previous reports. This practice has been, I believe, a not unimportant factor in producing the present satisfactory state of the public health of Beckenham. I would, however, draw the attention of the Council to the fact that a few of these surface-ventilating gratings unfortunately still exist. I am aware of the fact that it is owing to unwillingness on the part of owners or occupiers of the premises situated near these sewer gratings to sanction the erection of ventilating shafts against their tenements that these menaces to the public health are still allowed. I hope the Council will make strong representations to these persons, and will use all their influence to obtain their consent to the adoption of the precautions which I have for a long time insisted upon, and which are advised in their own interests as much as in those of the public.

Unremitting attention has been paid by the Sanitary Department to the district, and every condition suspected of being in any way prejudicial to the public health has been dealt with.

The total number of births registered in the district during the year was 629, being 308 males and 321 females. The birth-rate is therefore 21·19 per thousand, or slightly in excess of that of 1902, but still below the average for the past decade.

The number actually occuring in the district was 217, of which 113 were males and 104 females. This number gives a death-rate of 7·3 per thousand. A further correction must, however, be made, for to the above number must be added two deaths which occurred amongst patients removed from Beckenham to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Skym Corner, Bromley Common; and 15 deaths of former Beckenham residents at the Workhouse, Locksbottom. The number thus corrected, and upon which the death-rate of the district is based, brings the total to 234, of which 122 were males and 112 females, which makes the death-rate 7·8 per thousand, the lowest on record

for Beckenham. The previous best was in 1902, when the death-rate was 8·4 per thousand.

In 1889 the death-rate was 10·5, it was 10·9 in 1890, 10·5 in 1891, 11·2 in 1893, 10·7 in 1894, 11·0 in 1895, 9·7 in 1896, 9·9 in 1897, 10·1 1898, 10·8 in 1899, 10·1 in 1900, 9·9 in 1901, and 8·4 in 1902.

For the past decade 1893-1902, the average death-rate amounted to 10·1 per thousand. The average for the preceding decade, with a smaller population, was 12·7 per thousand.

THE LADY ARTISTS OF BECKENHAM.

"THE YELLOW DOOR" SCHOOL OF PAINTING.

The forty-ninth exhibition held by the Society of Women Artists, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, opened early in February displayed a high standard of excellence, indeed many of the works exhibited are far above the average. We were very struck with the many beautiful pictures and studies shown by students of the "Spenlove" School of Painting, Beckenham, and indeed we are inclined to consider that among the best and most attractive paintings were those sent by our local lady artists and those studying at "The Yellow Door." "A Passing Cloud" by Miss Dora Goddard, No. 466, is quite remarkable, both for sentiment and quality of colour. The figure of the girl as she stands with her back to a chair, looking ahead into a "space of thought" is full of tender expression and charm. No. 411, "Low Tide" by the same lady is a work showing skill in the rendering of atmosphere and light.

Miss R. Tapp shows several excellent examples of her work, No. 409, is a very strong rendering of a poetical composition. "Dreams" is the title. A shepherd girl tends her flock awhile she knits mechanically, as her thoughts drift away beyond. This picture should find an early purchaser. We have had occasion to speak of this lady's work in several previous notes on the students of "The Yellow Door," but this picture certainly calls for more decided praise than any of her previous efforts. No. 462 "The Empty Weir—Porlock" is also by Miss Tapp and shows a large feeling for handling and a true sense for design. The same qualities are shown in her "A Summer's Day," No. 369.

Miss C. Martin, an Associate of the Society, sends a large work, No. 370, "Flowers of the Field"—children playing in a poppy field, a picture with much truthful realisation of fact and sentiment. She also exhibits two figure pieces remarkable for cleverness in technique as well as poetical feeling. Two pictures, Nos. 312 and 347 by Miss Edith Vicary should not be overlooked, "An Evening Song" being particularly beautiful in colour and tone. Miss Constance Bradshaw's "Sussex Meadow," No. 345, is a work which exhibits power and truth of effect.

Lady E. Ford (of Norwood) sends two small pictures, both of which are painted with a free brush and are pleasant in colour. No. 361, "Safrano Roses" by Adeline Trier is a charming study of the flower, its cleverness is unmistakeable, and is a work which shows the painter to be a lover of the flowers themselves. "In Savoy" by Miss Helen Craig, No. 407, is excellent in tone and values, as is also her scene in Scotland, No. 391, "Cloudy Weather."

A picture by Mrs. E. Pring, No. 481, "A Summer Afternoon" will repay careful attention. The painting has a tender quality of colouring seldom met with in exhibitions of present kind. The scheme of green throughout the work suggested the freshness of Nature without that assertiveness so often felt in present day landscape pictures, representing summer greens. The composition is original and there is a poetical feeling in the line. Other pleasant works we notice as follows:—335, "A Sketch in Kent," by Mrs. Tolhurst, delightful in its freshness; No. 151, "Violets" by Mrs. Catherine Telfer; 160, "A Norfolk Cottage, "by Miss Eveline Witt; 3, Poppyland," by Miss Beatrice Paine, is a very delightful water colour drawing, full of light and air, as is also her "Cabbage Patch," 107. Miss Bessie Cooper sends a clever miniature, No. 776, which she call's "Sylvia" and Mrs. Leslie has a delicate water colour "Towards the Fold," No. 822. Miss M. Lovegrove sends an artistic work in No. 256, "Hyde Park," and we must not forget to mention another striking picture by Mrs. E. Pring, "Poppyland," No. 826; also Miss R. H. Hunt sends a capital work, No. 315, "O'er the Hills and Far Away." The aerial effect is well studied, and is very artistic in feeling.

WEST KENT YEOMANRY.

Major the Hon. Egremont Mills, D.S.O., who has been the officer commanding the Bromley ("A") Squadron, of the West Kent Imperial Yeomanry since the decease of the late Captain Hills, has, to the extreme regret of every member of the Squadron, retired from the office, and as a mark of the esteem and regard in which he is held he was entertained by the non-commissioned officers and men of the Squadron to a dinner, held at the Holborn Restaurant on February 17th. The chair was taken by Quartermaster Langlands, and amongst the large gathering of nearly seventy present were: Capt. Whitburn, the new officer commanding the Detachment; Captain A. Davison, Lieut. Sir Samuel Scott, and Lieut. Geoffrey Mills; and also many past and present members of the Squadron, or, as it was formerly known, Bromley ("A") Troop.

During the evening, the Chairman presented to Major Mills a handsome solid silver centre-piece, subscribed for entirely by the non-commissioned officers and men of the Squadron, the inscription on which bore warm testimoney to the gallant Major's services, and to his popularity with the Squadron. His health was drunk with musical honours, and Major Mills appropriately replied.

The health of the new Officer Commanding was also cordially honoured.

Captain Whitburn, the new officer commanding the "A" Squadron, has for a good many years held a commission in the Regiment, and he is well-known to and highly respected by most of the older members of the Squadron, and there is no question that under his regime the high traditions of the "A" Squadron will be worthily maintained. It is gratifying to learn that through retiring from the command of the Bromley Squadron, Major Mills will still remain an officer of the Regiment.

The sum of £16 1s. 5d. was collected in S.P.G. boxes in St. Mary's, Plaistow, parish from July to December.

The annual Licensing Sessions for the Petty Sessional Division of Bromley took place at the Court House, Bromley, on Feb. 10th, when the Court was, as usual, crowded with those interested in "the trade" and also a number of well-known local temperance workers. The Licensing Justices present were Coles Child, Esq. (Chairman), the Mayor (Frank Griffith, Esq.), Capt. Vansittart, R. Stevens, Esq., W. McKewan, Esq., A. C. Norman, Esq., and E. Packe, Esq., with the learned Clerk (Mr. A. E. Willett).

BROMLEY GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the above Company was held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley ,on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, under the presidency of Mr. Alexander Dickson (Chairman of the Directors). There were also present:—Messrs. Bertram H. Latter (Deputy Chairman), Alfred Sydney Gedge, H. S. Hughes, S. J. Wilde, A. E. Willett, and Hugh Wyatt, directors; Messrs. A. S. Hicks, F.C.A., and E. E. Price, F.C.A., auditors; Mr. Wm. Woodward, engineer; Mr. H. W. Amos, secretary; Mr. E. Porter, clerk; Messrs. G. Weeks, sen., G. Weeks, jun., Wm. Sutton, John Hadden, Wm. Burtt, H. Edger, Alfred Wright, J. D. Hayton, and others.

The report of the Directors for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1903, was as follows:—The Directors submit the half-yearly accounts, duly audited. The make of gas has been increased by 5,000,000 cubic feet as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The supply of gas, on prepayment for small quantities, by automatic meters, is now well established in the district, and applications for extension of the system continue to be received. The profit and loss account shows a balance of £10,586 8s. 2d. The Directors recommend the declaration of dividends, under the sliding scale, at the rate of 6 % per annum upon the 5 % A Ordinary Stock of the Company, and at the rate of 4½ % per annum upon the 3½ % B Ordinary Stock (both less Income Tax), payable on and after the 10th day of March next, which will absorb £6,728 5s. and leave a balance of £3,858 3s. 2d. to be carried forward to the next account. The Directors to retire by rotation at this meeting are Mr. S. J. Wilde and Mr. Hugh Wyatt, and the Auditor retiring by rotation is Mr. E. E. Price. All being eligible for re-election offer themselves accordingly.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Chairman moved and Mr. Bertram Latter seconded the adoption of the report, and it was carried.

The Chairman proposed that the retiring directors, Mr. S. J. Wilde and Mr. Hugh Wyatt, be re-elected. Mr. Wilde had, he thought, been one of the directors of that Company since its incorporation, and was very reluctantly compelled to be absent. He was very punctual and assiduous in his attention to his duties. As to their most recently elected colleague, Mr. Hugh Wyatt, he thought he might say on behalf of his colleagues, that his business acumen and his genial courtesy rendered him a most desirable colleague, and that they should quite hope that his re-election would be unanimous.

Mr. Sutton had very much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Chairman, in reply to Mr. Sutton's criticism of the undivided balance which appeared on the profit and loss account, said it was a very wise and safe thing to have a few reserve eggs in the basket.

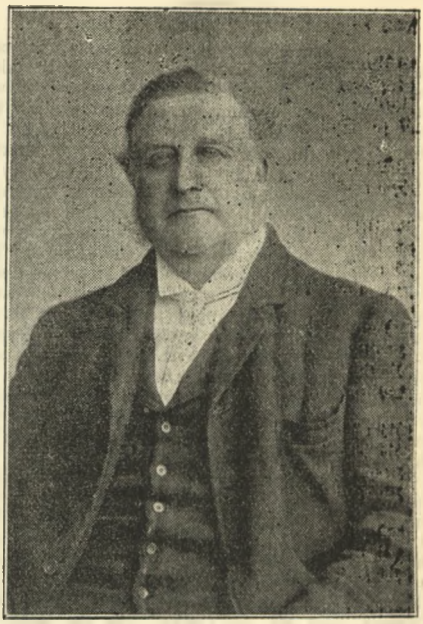
The motion was carried.

Mr. Hugh Wyatt said he had to thank them very much for re-electing him. He should continue to give his best attention and help to enable them to give as much satisfaction in their future business as they had in the past.

Mr. Burtt proposed and Mr. Alfred Wright seconded, that Mr. E. E. Price, the retiring auditor, be re-elected, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Price suitably returned thanks, and the proceedings then terminated.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES HARRIS.



With deep regret, which, we feel sure, will be shared by all our readers, we this month record the death of Mr. Charles Harris, of Orange Court, Downe, which took place at his residence on Saturday, Feb. 20th. For some time past he had been in indifferent health, and death was attributable to a disordered liver. He dropped peacefully into his last long sleep, and for nearly two days previous to the end he had been unconscious. The deceased gentleman was, we understand, 62 years of age.

Mr. Harris was the oldest member of the Bromley Board of Guardians. For about 36 years he has sat continuously as a Guardian for the parish of Downe, and ex-officio as its representative on the Rural Sanitary Authority, which on the passing of the Local Government Act in 1894 became the Rural District Council. He was a most regular attendant at the meetings of the Board. For 12 years he efficiently discharged the duties of Vice-Chairman, and upon the death of the late Sir John Farnaby Lennard, Bart., J.P., in December, 1899, he was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, since which time he has hardly missed a meeting. The last meeting he attended was on the 14th Jan. last. On that occasion his indisposition was most palpable, and it became evident that Mr. Harris was only discharging his duties under difficulties. He took a very keen interest in everything that affected the well-being of the particular class of people for whom the Poor Law legislates. Mr. Harris was well known in the district, and not better known was he than respected. He was a large-hearted man, and was a regular attendant at the annual summer outing given to the inmates of the Workhouse. He evidently was always delighted to assist in carving for and otherwise ministering to the needs of the old people with whom he was very popular. He has also rendered good service as a member of the Union Assessment Committee, and as a member of Downe Parish Council. He had been long associated with various institutions connected with his parish, and had been a manager of the Elementary Schools at Downe from the beginning.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Harris took place at Downe on Feb. 25th.

Local Obituary.

DR. D. T. PLAYFAIR.

If any evidence were required of the affectionate esteem in which the late Dr. Playfair, of Bromley, has been held by his fellow townsmen, it was abundantly forthcoming in connection with the funeral service held in the Parish Church on Friday, Feb. 5th, previous to the body being conveyed to Edinburgh for interment. The body of the church was filled by a sympathetic congregation, but it was not the numbers that spoke so pointedly as the sympathetic solemnity with which the public entered into the service. The most casual observer could not fail to be impressed with the fact that the attendance was not—as is too often the case—composed of sightseers, but of sincere mourners paying a last tribute of respect to one whose connection with them was mutually genuine. Sometime before the time appointed for the service the greater portion of the seating accommodation of the Parish Church was occupied, whilst large numbers had congregated in the churchyard and approaches.

The funeral cortege left the deceased doctor's residence shortly before 6.30, and on arrival at the Church it was met by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A. The service was choral, the choir being supplemented by several personal friends of the deceased gentleman, including Mr. Bertram H. Latter, Mr. H. Latter, Mr. Lewis Thomas, and Mr. L. Cocks. As the body was being taken into the Church, the organist and choirmaster, Mr. Frederic Fertel, rendered Chopin's Funeral March. The service was impressively conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. F. Haslam, the selected hymns "Peace, perfect peace" and "For ever with the Lord" being feelingly rendered by the choir and congregation. The principal mourners were Mrs. Playfair (the widow), the Rev. P. M. Playfair (brother), Dr. W. B. Winton, Mr. H. Winton, and Mr. D. Winton (brother-in-laws), Mr. John Playfair (cousin), Dr. Hugh Playfair (cousin), Dr. G. Ogilvie and Mr. Hugh Wyatt (old and valued friends of the deceased). It would be impossible to give anything like a complete list of those who marked their sympathy by being present at the service, but amongst the number, in addition to those whose names we have already mentioned, were: Dr. Chatterton, Dr. Codd, Dr. Kirby, Dr. Herbert Ilott, Dr. Grant-Wilson, Dr. Jacques, Mr. J. Y. Hay, Rev. Jas. White (Chaplain of Bromley College), Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fry (Shortlands), Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., Mr. Frank Solbé, Mr. J. H. Lepper, Mr. J. H. Vigne, Sub.-Lieut. Vigne, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. S. Neame, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Willett, Mrs. Hellicar, Miss Hellicar, Mr. and Mrs. Walker (Ethelbert-road), etc.

Subsequent to the service, the coffin was removed to the funeral car and was conveyed by road to Euston, en route for Edinburgh, which was reached at 7.30 on Saturday morning. Three hours later, the interment took place at Grange Cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, the committal being read by Rev. Mr. Muir, of Glasgow. The coffin was of waxed polished oak, with brass furniture, the inscription on the breastplate being:—

Dr. David Thomson Playfair,
Died 1st Feb., 1904.
Aged 48 years.

So numerous were the floral tributes that a separate car had to be provided for their conveyance. The senders included Mr. and Mrs. Coles Child, Mr. and Mrs. Devas, the Chaplain and ladies of Bromley College, Miss Carter (Matron of the Bromley Cottage Hospital), the staff of the Cottage Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Neame, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wyatt, Mr. S. and Miss Wyatt, the "Robin Hood" Court of Foresters, the Bromley Musical Society (a broken lyre), Mr. and Mrs. Winton, Dr. and Mrs. Winton, Dr. and Mrs. Scott, and others.

The funeral arrangements in Bromley and London were entrusted to and efficiently carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. H. G. Dunn, of the Market-square, Bromley.

Mrs. Playfair finds that it is impossible to answer all the kind letters of sympathy she has received in her great bereavement, or to acknowledge the many cards and flowers which have been sent to her, but trusts the senders will kindly accept this very inadequate expression of her sincere thanks.

LADY INGLIS.

One of the most distinguished residents of Beckenham has just passed away in the person of Lady Inglis, who died on Feb. 3rd, at her residence, 17, Rectory-road, Beckenham, after a short illness. Lady Julia Selina Inglis was the second daughter of the first Lord Chelmsford, and was born in 1833. She was the widow of the famous defender of the British Residency at Lucknow, Sir John Eardley Wilmot Inglis, K.C.B., who died in 1862, and in memory of whose services in the Indian Mutiny she had been in receipt of a pension. Lady Inglis herself went through the siege of Lucknow, and in addition to the terrors of the siege and the subsequent journey to the coast, she was shipwrecked on the voyage home to England. She afterwards published the diary she kept during her eventful life in the besieged city, where her husband, then Brigadier Inglis, commanded the garrison throughout the eighty-seven days the place was invested. She describes the entrance into the Residency, on a day when glad shouts rang through the tortured city, of "a short, quiet-looking, grey-haired man, whom I knew at once was General Havelock. He shook hands with me, and said he feared we had suffered a great deal. I could hardly answer him. . . . It was a moment of unmixed happiness, but not lasting. I felt how different my lot was to others. . . . I tried to write home, but could not. The relieving force had suffered most severely. . . . The wounded had been abandoned. . . . The enemy had loop-holed the houses and shot the poor fellows down by scores as they passed through the narrow streets." Once, while on the dangerous march from Lucknow to the coast, the sudden command "Halt!" rang out in the night. Lady Inglis had a baby with her at the time, and thus she writes:—"Silence was ordered, and all lights to be put out. . . . I shall never forget my anxiety lest baby should commence crying again and perhaps betray our whereabouts. Fortunately baby did not cry. On the way to England her ship was wrecked near the coast of Ceylon, and hope had been almost abandoned when the passengers, who had been drifting about in small boats, were picked up by a native vessel and taken into Trincomalee. Lady Inglis will be deeply missed in Beckenham, where her generous and sympathetic nature had won her friends among rich and poor alike.

MR. POWELL-WILLIAMS, M.P.

It is with sincere regret and sorrow that we this month, announce the death of Mr. Powell-Williams, M.P., which sad event occurred on Monday, Feb 8th. On the previous Friday, whilst in the House of Commons, the deceased gentleman

was seized with an apoplectic fit, and was removed to the Westminster Hospital, where every attention was given him.

The reports of the patient's condition some hours after admission could not be regarded as unfavourable in the serious circumstances of the case, but about ten o'clock on Monday morning a change was observed which gave rise to the worst fears. From this attack Mr. Powell Williams never rallied, and shortly after six o'clock he passed peacefully away in the presence of the members of his family and Mr. Austen Chamberlain

The deceased gentleman, who resided at 62, Albemarle-road, Beckenham, was a son of the late Mr. Joseph Williams, of Worcester, and was born in 1840, and though not a native of Birmingham, his life has been closely identified with the Midland city, his case in this respect resembling that of Mr. Chamberlain.

The body of the deceased gentleman was on Feb. 12th, removed to Birmingham for interment. A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at a quarter past one on Wednesday afternoon, and the funeral took place at Birmingham about the same hour.

BECKENHAM VOLUNTEERS' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The fourth annual concert and prize distribution in connection with the Beckenham and Penge Detachment, 2nd Vol. Batt. "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment), which proved a great success, took place at the Beckenham Public Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The prizes were presented by Lieut.-col. Browne, R. E., who was supported by Colonel E. Satterthwaite, V.D., and Captain A. C. Moore. The hall was suitably decorated.

The concert programme was under the direction of Mr. Eustace Turner, and was most enjoyable the contributors including: Mr. Robert Dennant, Misses Kay Clifford, Mr. Harold Montague, Miss Evelyn Amethe (Leadbetter), and Mr. Russell Canning.

Before asking Lieut.-Col. Browne to present the prizes, Captain Moore offered a few remarks upon the work done during the past year. The number of members now on the roll was 75, as compared with 91 in the previous year. But the falling off in strength was only in common with other corps. In every other respect, however, they could shew an improvement. In musketry, they had 78 % of marksmen this year; and 71 % of their strength went into camp for six days, which was very creditable to the company. The average number of attendances at the ordinary parades was 25.5, as against 18.3. He thanked the ladies and gentlemen present for coming to their annual gathering, thus shewing their sympathy; and also thanked the donors of prizes for their valuable help. They extremely sympathised with Mr. Powell Williams, whom they had hoped to see there that evening, but who was stricken down in the House of Commons the other night, and so prevented from coming.

Lieut.-Col. Browne, R.E., then distributed the prizes.

Colonel Satterthwaite said that Captain Moore had given them a very good account of the progress of the company, and it was not necessary for him to go further into the question, except to express the hope that they would go on with what they had been doing and attain greater efficiency in everything.

Lieut.-Col. Browne suitably responded.

MESSRS. H. PODGER & SONS' LTD., BROMLEY.

ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING.

The annual social party given by Mr. Henry Podger, the managing director of Messrs. H. Podger and Sons, Ltd., launderers, dyers, cleaners, &c., of Bromley, took place in one of the large rooms at the Homesdale-road Laundry, on Saturday, Feb. 20th, and thanks to the generous hospitality of the Host, and no less to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Podger, and other members of the firm, to promote the enjoyment of those present, the gathering once again proved a great success. The room in which the festivities took place had been charmingly decorated with flowers, streamers, bunting, and so forth, and after substantial refreshments had been partaken of, the programme began, under the genial charmanship of Mr. Podger. Dances were pleasantly interspersed by excellent songs by the Chairman himself, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. G. M. Bick, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Percy Ranson presided at the pianoforte with his customary tact and ability. During the course of the evening,

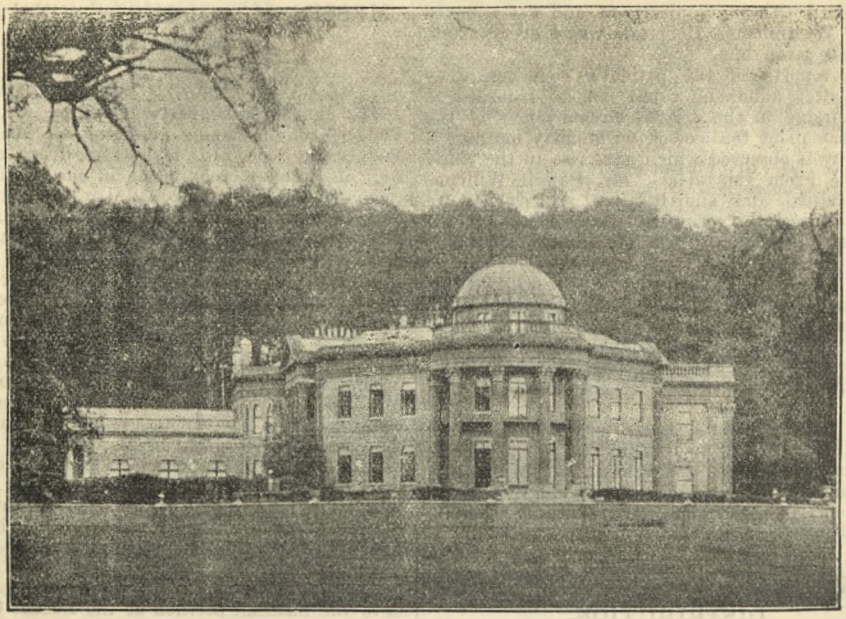
Mr. Beaumont made a satisfactory statement as to the financial position of the Benefit Club in connection with the firm, of which he is the hon. treasurer. The accounts showed that a sum of over £100 had been paid in contributions and fines, and nearly £40 paid into the deposit account which together with the honorary subscriptions of £6 6s., made a sum total of about £155. Out of this sum £21 was paid to members for sick pay, the withdrawals from deposit amounted to some £15, and after other necessary expenses had been paid there remained about £100 to be shared out amongst the 80 members of the Club and Deposit Society. He (the hon. treasurer) hoped the Club would continue to prosper in this way, and his remarks were supplemented by

Mr. Holmes, the hon. secretary of the Club, who appealed to the employees to rally round the Club, and take advantage of its benefits. He then took the opportunity of asking the President to accept a small birthday gift from the employees. Mr. Podger was seventy-two years of age that day, and he was sure they would all join with him most heartily in wishing him many happy returns of the day. (Loud applause.) Both Mr. and Mrs. Podger had always taken the most lively interest in the affairs of the employees, and it gave them in return great pleasure to take advantage of Mr. Podger's birthday to give him that mark of their respect and esteem. (Applause.)

The presentation consisted of a gold-mounted amber cigar-holder, enclosed in a silver case, and a handsome gold telescopic pencil.

Mr. Podger, who was taken quite by surprise, thanked them in very appropriate terms for their very kind thought. He assured them that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to do what he could to promote their welfare, and he was extremely gratified to receive that spontaneous expression of their appreciation. It would stimulate him to continue to do what he could for them.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—Less than £16 is wanted to complete the fund for filling in the five spaces over the arches in the east end of this church with opus sectile, similar to that in the reredos. The estimated cost is £80 and £64 13s. 6d. has already been subscribed or promised. Donations may be sent to the Vicar or Churchwardens.



From Photo by] Sundridge Park, Bromley. [*Harman, Bromley.*

THE FADING PAST.

Up from the past spring clear the days of childhood,
When freedom loves to nurture country boys,
Rambling in bliss by stream, through mead, and wildwood,
With ne'er a thought but for their boyish joys:
Those happy days which seem for ever linking
Present with past in one harmonious whole,
And which, when dwelt upon in fervent thinking,
Bring boyhood's joys to cheer man's drooping soul.

Sweet Sundridge, how thy glories have departed,
Thy sylvan beauties faded in the past;
Thy tenants and dependents have been parted,
And rustic joys are all decaying fast.
They who best knew thee lapse into reflection,
And dwell with pride on thy sweet state of yore,
Till cherished memories fade into dejection,
Because thy beauteous charms are now no more.

Time was when Bromley at thy sweetness wondered,
Nor dreamed of roads cut through thy smiling lands;
Imagination failed to see thee sundered
And given o'er to modern builders' hands.
Now 'mid thy pastures flocks have ceased their bleating;
No lowing herds browse through the peaceful day;
Thy broad expanse grows less as years are fleeting,
And thy fine mansion moulders to decay.

Those dear old times are oft to memory springing,
And Hall's Farm, Highgrove Woods, and Garden Lane,
Entwined with thoughts of Sundridge Hall are clinging
To many a cherished spot in thy domain.
Again reflection sees the garden homestead,
Where near the Basin quaint old Tandy's stood,
Freelands fine mansion, dense Logshill and Elmstead,
Steep Botany Bay, and charming Rockpit Wood.

Look back upon the past and ponder dwelling
Upon the waving fields of yellow gold,
Thy highly cultivated lands all telling
How ably Bailiff Black the farm controlled,
Whilst many a worker faithful service pledges,
Pickett and Essam caring the game to keep;
Kenward, the woodman, proud of his well-trimmed hedges;
Edwards and Barrett, mindful of folds of sheep.

And many an agricultural hand and ploughman,
Roberts, and blacksmith Gurr among the rest;
Winterman, Hart, Osborn, Kendall, Giles, Lush the cowman,
And Tom the Watchman, with his medalled breast.
Old times, old scenes, and old familiar faces,
Pass on in swift succession through my brain.
I see them all in their accustomed places,
And Sundridge in completeness once again.

Where rustic beauties form a snug retreat,
In sweet seclusion is a rural seat:
The carriage way within the entrance gate,
Leads past the margin of a pretty lake.
Which to the eye presents a charming sight—
Between the trees the water sparkles bright,
Pure snow-white cygnets on its surface float,
And in a nook is moored a pleasure boat.
A grove of weeping willows fringe the sides,
And in the centre three small islets rise.
Suggestive all of peaceful quiet rest,
Where wild ducks love to build their brooding nest;
There in their own small world they train their brood
To range the water seeking for their food.
Round this blest haunt, too, feathered warblers throng,
And in their freedom sweetly trill their song,
Until the neighbouring woods with echoes ring
Their thanks to Him Who gives them everything.
From this sweet spot the coachroad onward winds
Through clumps of fancy shrubs of varied kinds;
Then skirts upon the border of a wood,
Whose gloomy shadows cover many a rood,
Till merging from a stately avenue
Where scenes of splendour burst upon the view.

Before, and wide to left and right expands
Rich timbered swards and fertile pasture lands,
Forming a park, and in a valley lay,
Through which a glittering river wends its way;
Pouring its flood into an open lake,
And passing thence its onward course to take;
Its flowing, bubbling torrent, sparkling bright,
Till 'neath a grey stone bridge 'tis hid from sight.
Upon the slope which rises from the vale
Sheltered by woods from east and northern gale,
There stands a massive, venerable pile—
A handsome mansion in the Grecian style;
Round which some hand with skill the space adorns
With well-kept terraces, and level lawns,
And flower beds, to where the boundary mark—
A low stone wall—divides them from the park.
Down through the vale and o'er the water bridge,
Mounting the slope on to the wooded ridge,
The gravelled carriage drive is seen to go,
And lead up to a noble portico.

Within those portals, beauteous to behold,
All seems to tell of lavish use of gold,
To make the home attractive: thus around
Full many valued works of art abound;
Fine statuary in decorated halls,
And priceless paintings, too, adorn the walls,
Rare antique bronzes, with the costly dial,
Quaint carved oak furniture and velvet pile,
While curios, which men with skill have made,
In choice elaboration are displayed
In chambers all made delicately fair,
With fragrant blossoms and exotics rare.
Fair fortune with unsparing hand has thrown
Her richest treasures on this country home;
While Nature's beauties openly proclaim
The joys attendant on the squire's domain.

But what of him, possessed of all this wealth?
Though rich in this world's goods, yet poor in health,
For worldly pleasure having small desire
His life was such that many must admire.
Within his family circle held most dear;
His kindly smile would always banish fear,
Of cheery mood, enjoying hearty mirth,
His many friends all loved him for his worth.
Whilst his enormous store of wealth increased
He felt for those whom fortune favoured least,
And always was prepared to give his share,
For he had much of riches he could spare.
The poor and needy ofttimes to him came,
Appealed for aid—and ne'er appealed in vain—
With ready will he answered every call
His generous heart was open to them all.
Nor was he mindful of the poor alone—
To every charity was kindness shown:
In him, his ever willing help to lend
Each worthy object had a sturdy friend.
Toward the neighbouring town his heart was kind
The townsmen all admired his noble mind.
If for improvement any move was thought,
His sound advice upon the plan was sought,
And when the scheme for active work was laid
He backed his counsel with substantial aid.

But best of all, his character appeared,
Where in his home life he was most endeared,
And all his genial feelings seemed to yield
To those who toiled on garden, farm and field.
To be in his employ whose lot befel,
All strove to serve him faithfully and well,
Convinced that if they well performed their part
He always had their welfare at his heart.
With generous warmth of feeling for their good,
He marked their honest toil for daily food,
Their thoughtful care of children and of wife,
And sought to brighten up their lowly life.
Thus when with friends his woods were ranged for sport,
To use the spoils as food was his first thought:
His tenantry and workmen had their share,
He treated all with fairness and with care.
Then when the festive season came around,
The frozen snow lay crusted on the ground,
And bleak December's piercing winds blew chill,
His men were set to work with ready will
To deck his barn with loads of evergreen
And make huge fires to brighten up the scene.
For their enjoyment then he gave a feast,
Inviting all from greatest down to least;
And when the gathering warmed to mirth and song,
He with his lady graced the cheerful throng,
And gave to sturdy young and tottering old
Warm garments to protect their limbs from cold,
Wishing to all—the labourer and his wife—
The best of health and happiness in life.
Upon another day he sought to greet
Their children with a joyous Christmas treat,
Inviting them into his barn to tea,
And giving presents from the Christmas tree.
He loved to gaze on such a cheery sight
To see their bright eyes sparkle with delight;
And if he but their young affections won,
He felt at least his duty had been done.
The pleasure of such incidents as these
Could not but aid a rustic life to ease,
Whilst for their welfare it was e'er his aim
To cheer in health, or comfort them in pain.
Such kind considerate hearts are seldom seen;
Some such exist—but few and far between.

For him the warmest gratitude was felt,
And all seemed happiness round where he dwelt:
But time—which heeds not wealth, nor rank, nor fame—
Had its effect upon his feeble frame.
He sought the influence of a warmer clime
And every aid against his health's decline,
With best physicians from his native land,
But death's dark angel took him by the hand.
When it was known this friend of all was dead,
Hearts were bowed down, and bitter tears were shed.
All those whom he had left behind to mourn,
Who knew the part he had so nobly borne,
Felt the full keenness of that sudden blow,
And yet, while mourning him who then lay low,
Rejoiced that he was free from this world's pains,
And at his burial honoured his remains.

With his departure what a change appears?
Hearts, once so full of hope, are filled with fears.
And it was felt that soon as he was gone,
A noble, generous soul had been withdrawn.
On his estate where love so long had reigned
Full many a tenant's heart was galled and pained
And all the old impulsive ardour chilled.
When it was seen his place could not be filled,
And many an old and faithful labouring hand,
Whose toilsome life had been spent on the land,
Was forced to leave the spot he held so dear
To seek his living in another sphere.
No more was held the gathering on the farm,
Or joyous children's greeting in the barn,
And cherished customs vanished, till at last
They were but memories of a fitful past.

Fredk. A. Threadgold.

Bromley, Kent.

The Rainfall.—The year 1904 has started remarkably "strong" in the rain line. Of the thirty-one days in January no less than 22 were more or less wet, the closing six days being continuously so. The total fall for the month, as registered by Mr. James Batten, J.P., at The High Field, Bickley, was 3.23 inches, and of this quantity no less than 2.08 inches fell between Tuesday, the 26th, and Sunday, the 31st inclusive. The wettest day in the month was Saturday, Jan. 30th, when the fall exceeded half-an-inch, viz., .69.

Births.

Bonham Carter.—On the 28th January, at Woodside, Keston, the wife of Major Bonham-Carter, Royal Engineers, of a son.

Faber.—On the 17th February, at Lomond, Bromley, Kent, the wife of H. L. Faber, of a daughter.

Marriage.—On the 7th February, at 22, Cambridge-road, Lee, S.E., the wife of Percy J. Marriage, of a son.

Marriage.

Davenport—Shelton.—On the 10th February, at St-Mary's Church, Laisterdyke, Bradford, by the Rev. J. W. Dunne, M.A., Vicar, Richard C. Davenport to Sarah Jane, eldest daughter of Abel Shelton, Thornbury, Bradford.

Deaths.

Cramp.—On the 8th February, at Southacre, Sydenham, Alice Cooper Cramp, widow of the late Francis Cramp, of Beckenham, Kent.

Culliford.—On January 26th, Annie, the beloved wife of Charles Culliford, Claremont Villa, Southlands-road, Bromley, in her 71st year.

Hammond.—On the 10 February, Susan Georgiana (nèe Lucas), wife of the Rev. Joseph Hammond, Vicar of St. Paul's, Beckenham, and sometime Vicar of St. Austell, aged 54 years.

Jones.—On the 18th February, at "Wyvelsfield," Chislehurst, Kent, Edwin Jones, J.P. (senior member of Bayliss, Jones, and Bayliss, of Wolverhampton and London). in his 71st year.

Kenward.—On the 14th February, at Scott's Lodge, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, Amos Kenward, for upwards of 50 years servant on the Sundridge Park Estate, in his 80th year,

Playfair.—On the 1st inst., at Bournemouth, David Thomson Playfair, M.D., of Bromley, Kent. elder son of the late Rev. David Playfair, of Abercorn, N.B., aged 48.

In Memoriam.

Heath.—In sad and loving Memory of my dear son William Brooker Heath, R.M.L.I., who was drowned in the Forcadas river, Benin, West Coast of Africa, while returning to his ship after taking part in Benin Expedition, February 25th, 1897, aged 28 years.

I miss thee at a thousand times,
Along life's weary track;
Yearn for thy true and gentle heart,
Long thy bright smile to see;
Though some left to me are very dear,
Yet none can replace thee;
Since thou art gone the brightest day is sad.

MOTHER.

Nesbitt.—In loving memory of my dearly-loved husband, James Nesbitt, who passed away, March 20th, 1895. "Until the day dawns."

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May be viewed, and particulars, with conditions of sale, obtained of E. H. Burkett, Esq., Solicitor, Curriers Hall, 6, London Wall, E.C.; of Messrs. H. J. Austen and Sons, Estate Agents, Wadhurst; at the Mart, E.C.; and of Baxter Payne & Lepper, Surveyors and Land Agents, Bromley and Beckenham, Kent, and 69, King William-street, E.C.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 74,358, assuring the sum of £7,396,050, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £396,780.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,814,856, being an increase of £163,398 over the year 1902.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,523,686. The number of Deaths was 6,611, and 5,685 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 712,097.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,846,554, being an increase of £155,647.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,100,824. The number of Deaths was 210,839, and 3,246 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments, was 95,938, the number in force being 912,984. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 19,788.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,200,390: their average duration exceeds ten and a quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £51,217,377, being an increase of £4,062,176 over those of 1902.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £127,077.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1903.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	1,000,000	0	0
Reserve Funds	2,000,000	0	0
Life Assurance Funds...	48,089,275	12	8
Claims under Life Policies admitted	128,102	2	7
	£51,217,377	15	3

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government Securities... ...	3,347,873	8	10
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	4,948,183	17	11
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks	3,998,845	1	3
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other Rates	11,685,354	18	4
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	3,736,819	13	3
Freehold and Leasehold Property ...	2,993,758	2	2
Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom	6,468,014	13	1
Railway, gas, and water stocks ...	6,882,479	5	4
Suez Canal Shares	166,414	7	10
Telegraph and other shares	88,889	15	3
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	272,062	4	7
Bank of England Stock	200,559	18	6
Colonial and Foreign Corporation Stocks	938,374	18	4
Foreign Government Securities ...	1,349,488	10	9
Reversions and Life Interests ...	1,080,425	6	2
Loans on the Company's Policies ...	1,606,633	12	1
Rent Charges	296,445	14	10
Outstanding Premiums and Agents' Balances	448,080	11	4
Outstanding Interest and Rents ...	416,658	15	10
Cash—In hands of Superintendents...	35,972	1	6
Ditto—On Current Accounts, and in hand	256,042	18	1
	£51,217,377	15	3

THOS. C. DEWEY, WILLIAM HUGHES, *Joint General Managers.*

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D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*

HENRY HARBEN, PERCY T. REID, *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1903, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above Account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1903.

17th February, 1904. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co., Chartered Accountants.

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MOON'S CHANGES.—April.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—*Good Friday.*
3rd.—*Easter Day.*
4th.—"Quernmore" annual sports.
5th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, 10.30 a.m.—Bromley Parish Church Vestry, 9.30 a.m., Parish Room, West-street.
6th.—Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Society Ball, Royal Bell Hotel.—Volunteer annual smoking concert, Drill Hall, Bromley.
7th.—Meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, 7.30 p.m., Bromley Municipal Offices.
8th.—Monthly meetings of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board, at Park House, Bromley.
10th.—*Low Sunday.*
11th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee.—Quernmore Assault-at-Arms.
13th.—Bromley Volunteers' Assault-at-Arms and Gymnastic Display, at Drill Hall, East-street, Bromley.
15th.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court.
17th.—*Second Sunday after Easter.*
18th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.—Annual meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council, after re-construction.
19th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council.
24th.—*Third Sunday after Easter.*
25th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, Court House, Bromley, 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee.
28th.—Annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society (Bromley Auxiliary).

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The first fortnightly meeting was held on March 8th, the Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith) presiding.

The Auditors.

The Mayor announced that Messrs. A. S. Gedge and E. E. Price had been elected auditors at the recent election, and he now added that he appointed Alderman T. C. McIntyre as the Mayor's Auditor for the ensuing year.

The Year's Estimate.

The Finance Committee met on 2nd March, Councillor W. Powell, Chairman, in the chair. They had under consideration the amount of remuneration to be paid to the Borough Auditors in respect to the half-yearly audit of the Council's accounts; resolved to recommend that each of the Auditors be paid three guineas for every day in which he is employed in such audit. The Committee had received from the various Committees of the Council the estimate of the whole of their requirements from the General District Rate for the year ending the 31st March, 1905, as under:—

	£	£
Finance Committee—		
Interest on loans and repayment of principal	7309	
Contributions to other Authorities	5970	
Salaries (two-thirds)	1580	
Legal expenses	200	
	——	15059
Health Committee—		
Collection of house refuse	1689	
Underground convenience	29	
Disinfection	20	
Sanitation	185	
	——	1925
Highways and Works Committee—		
Highways repairs, main roads ...	3251	
,, ,, other ,, ...	7183	
Road watering	981	
Drainage	931	
Lighting	3429	
Miscellaneous	100	
	——	15875
Buildings Committee		409
Pleasure Grounds Committee		800
Total		£34,066

It is estimated that there will be an available balance in hand at the end of the current year of £500; the amounts estimated to be received from various other sources during the year is £3,421, and after giving credit for these amounts a nett sum of £30,145 remains to be provided for; resolved to recommend that two equal rates at 1s. 7d. in the £ be made during the year and that the necessary statutory notices be given of the intention to make the first of such rates for the half-year ending the 30th September next.

The Committee also considered the various requirements from the Borough Rate for the year ending the 31st March, 1905, as under:—

	£	£
Finance Committee—		
Repayment of principal and interest	49	
Salaries (one-third)	765	
Establishment charges	1075	
Election expenses and legal and Parliamentary charges, &c.	400	
Expenses of obtaining Charter of Incorporation	1185	
	——	3474
Public Library Committee		878
Higher Education Committee		450
Elementary Education Committee ...		8600
		£13,402

This sum represents a rate of 1s. 3d. in the £ on the full rateable value of the Borough; resolved to recommend that the necessary orders be made on the Overseers of the parish to pay such sum as a contribution to the Borough Rate out of the Poor Rate made or to be made for the parish; resolved further to recommend that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the first order to pay the sum of £6,701 by two moieties for the half-year ending the 30th September, 1904.

The Committee drew cheques amounting to £1,184 11s. in payment of the Incorporation Committee's accounts, as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Medhurst, F., Incorporation accounts...	719	10	3
Lea, E. T., costs re Incorporation ...	465	0	9
	£1184	11	0

The report was adopted.

The Fire Brigade.—A Sweeping Reform.

The Town Clerk then read a supplementary report of the Buildings Committee (which embraces the Fire Brigade Committee), stating that the Committee regretted to have to record the receipt of the resignation of Mr. J. Ingles, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, after having been associated with the Brigade since 1868, owing to inability to devote the time and attention to the work the position involved. They had given very careful consideration to the present condition of the Brigade, which was established in 1897 under the existing conditions, and having regard to the growth of the district and the alteration of all the circumstances, it appeared that the present was a suitable opportunity for re-organising the Brigade on more modern lines, and they, therefore, submitted the following scheme for the approval of the Council:—

The Brigade to consist of a chief officer who must have had charge of a station of the London Fire Brigade, be qualified to work the steamer, and be under 45 years of age; a sub-officer, who has served in the London Fire Brigade, and is competent to take control in the chief officer's absence, and be qualified to work the steamer; three firemen, trained in the London Fire Brigade, who have had experience with a steamer; two auxiliary firemen, to be drawn from the Council's employees, and who are to be trained by the chief officer; the coachman already serving in that capacity, and an auxiliary coachman, to be selected from the Council's employees. The chief officer, under the control of the Committee, through the Chairman and the Borough Engineer, to have sole charge of the members of the Brigade in all matters relating to the extinction of fires and drills, &c., and to be responsible for the effeciency of the Brigade, to be in attendance throughout the whole day at the Station, and to live on the premises. The sub-officer to be responsible in his absence; to act as steam man at the drills, and when not so engaged during working hours to be in charge of all stores belonging to the Council. One fireman to act as gardener in the Queen's Garden, and the two others, with the coachman, to act as scavengers in the immediate vicinity of the fire-station. The sub-officer and these firemen will supersede four employes of the Council. Chief officer to be paid £2 5s. a week, rising by yearly additions of 2s. 6d. a week to a maximum of £2 12s. 6d., to be provided with quarters at the station and with coals, gas and uniform. Sub-officer to receive 7s. a week beyond his present wage of 25s., rising each year 1s. a week to a maximum of 11s.; the firemen to receive 5s. per week above their ordinary wage of 25s., with a yearly increase of 1s., to a maximum of 9s.; the coachman to receive 2s. 6d. a week beyond his ordinary pay; the auxiliary firemen to receive 2s. 6d. per week beyond ordinary pay, with yearly increases of 6d. a week to a maximum of 4s. 6d.; the auxiliary coachman to receive 1s. a week extra. This scheme would have the effect of entirely dispensing with the services of the firemen, who are acting as volunteers at present; and the Committee recommend that the Town Clerk inform Mr. Ingles of the proposed new arrangement with a request that he will convey the necessary intimation to the members of the Brigade, to take effect within a month.

This was agreed to.

Tramways.

The General Purposes Committee met on Thursday, March 3rd, Councillor Hudson, Chairman, in the chair. They considered the letter received from Mr. W. Ivey, stating that he was about to prepare a scheme of electric tramways for Bromley and district, and granted him an interview, on the distinct understanding that the Committee were not in any way in a position to intimate what the opinions of the present Council might be with reference to tramways. Mr. Ivey had an interview with the Committee on the 3rd March. As he had, however, no scheme to submit, the Committee had nothing further to report on the subject.

Proposed New Recreation Ground Abandoned.

A letter was read from Messrs. Walfords in reference to the proposed acquisition of land from Sir Samuel Scott for the purposes of a Recreation Ground near Plaistow Cemetery, and enclosing plan showing a piece of land containing rather over eight acres, which Sir Samuel Scott was agreeable to sell to the Council at the price arranged, namely, £450 per acre, subject to a contract to be prepared by them on condition that the Council pay half the cost attending the construction of the extension of Minster-road to Burnt Ash-lane, where the Recreation Ground faces on it, and further stating that the land marked "C" on the plan, being a part of that on which the Council propose the Recreation Ground, does not form part of Sir Samuel Scott's estate; resolved to recommend the Council to instruct the Town Clerk to reply that under the altered circumstances the Council does not see its way to continue negotiations.—Agreed to.

The Education Scheme.

It was decided that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Education Scheme.

The Mayor said it would thereupon become the duty of the Council at their next meeting to appoint the new Education Committee.

Refuse Destructor.

Tenders for the refuse destructor buildings were opened as follows:—Foster Bros., £3,720; Wellerman Bros., £3,510 17s. 3d.; F. P. Duthoit, £3,489; Moss and Co., £2,835; Davis, Ball and Co., £3,072 15s. 10d.; Crossley and Son, £3,520; J. L. Woodhams, £3,376 17s.; Ferguson and Co., £3,097; R. A. Lowe, £3,516.

The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Moss and Co. had not complied with the conditions in not supplying prices of quantities.

The Mayor: Then that must be struck out.

Alderman Davis thereupon moved, and Alderman McIntyre seconded that the tender of Messrs. Davis, Ball and Co., be accepted, subject to the usual inquiries, and this was agreed to.

The second meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Offices,

Bromley, on Tuesday, March 22nd, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

FINANCE.

The Committee met on Wednesday, 16th March, Councillor W. Powell, Chairman, in the chair. They drew cheques amounting to £232 14s. 4d. in payment of salaries, and examined and passed general accounts amounting to £4,698 5s. 9d. In accordance with the duties of this Committee, tenders for printing and stationery required for the ordinary use of the Council had been invited and received and a supplementary report will be presented with a recommendation on the subject. The Town Clerk submitted the particulars of the Borough Engineer's estimate of cost of works necessary for the completion of the widening of London-lane, amounting to £1,339. The original estimated cost of the whole of the works was £4,095, which was sanctioned by the Local Government Board in the year 1900. It was, however, decided to carry out the work in sections, and certain portions have been executed, and a sum of £2,589 borrowed from the Prudential Assurance Co. for that purpose; resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Prudential Assurance Co. for a further advance of the sum of £1,339 on the same terms as the original loan, namely, 3½ per cent.

A supplementary report stated that the Committee had considered tenders for printing and stationery for the year ending March 31st, 1905. Tenders were received from Messrs. Bush and Sons and Strong and Sons for the ordinary printing and stationery of the several departments, and they recomended that that of the latter firm be accepted. For account books, &c., tenders were received from Messrs. Knight and Co., Messrs. Haddon, Best and Co., Messrs. Strong and Sons, and Messrs. Shaw and Sons, and they recommended that that of Messrs. Haddon, Best and Co. be accepted. The Committee further recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary contracts for sealing.

The reports were adopted.

SOUTHBOROUGH SURFACE WATER.

The Highway and Works Committee reported that they had given their further consideration to the memorial received from certain inhabitants at Southborough, asking the Council to provide surface water drainage in the road in which their houses were erected. The Town Clerk submitted the agreement with Mr. Richard Creed in the year 1898, from which it appeared that the Urban District Council agreed to construct the foul water sewer only; resolved that no alteration be made in the report presented to the last meeting of the Council, namely, that the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the memorialists that it did not appear that the work suggested by them would produce the remedy desired. It may, however, be pointed out to the memorialists, in addition, that the cellars might drained into the existing foul water sewer in accordance with the Council's bye-laws.

After discussion, the matter was referred back to Committee on the proposition of Councillor Newton, seconded by Councillor Peill, to prepare an estimate of the cost of a surface sewer.

STREET NOISES.

The Highways Committee had under consideration the question of the suppression of street noises, more particularly with regard to hawking on Sundays. The Town Clerk reported that the bye-laws made by the Kent County Council, which are at present in force in the Borough, referred only to hawking, selling or advertising newspapers, noises from musical instruments on coaches, brakes, &c., and generally playing on musical instruments; resolved to recommend that the matter be left to the General Purposes Committee for consideration when dealing with the general consideration of bye-laws.—This was agreed to.

THE OLD FIRE BRIGADE.

The Buildings Committee reported that the Mayor had received from Mr. W. H. Bosanquet a cheque for £118 0s. 5d., being the amount of the balance of the old Volunteer Fire Brigade account. The cheque had been paid into a separate account, and the Committee were considering the best form in which the money can be used in acknowledging the services of the members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Councillor Worley moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

THE NEW LIBRARIAN.

The Public Library Committee met on March 21. Councillor Harper in the chair. They received 114 applications for the appointment of Librarian, and recommended the appointment of Mr. Ernest A. Savage, of the Public Library, Croydon, at a commencing salary of £150, rising by yearly increments of £10 to £200 a year, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.—The report was carried.

MOTOR CAR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on 15th March, Councillor Weeks, Chairman, in the chair. A circular letter was read from the Local Government Board in reference to the question of notices and sign posts which local Authorities are authorised to erect under Section 10 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, and stating that the County Councils Association and the Municipal Corporations Association, had proposed some uniform symbols for use for the purposes of such notices and sign posts, and it appeared to the Board that they might conveniently be adopted.

Councillor Weeks, in proposing the adoption of the report, stated that the caution boards had now been erected at the north and south of the town.

Councillor Taylor said he had taken particular notice of the motor traffic through the town, and it appeared to him that motorists either did not see the boards or they disregarded them entirely. The speed at which they often travelled in the busy parts of the High-street was, to say the least, extremely reckless. Some stronger measures would be required to suppress this reckless driving.

The Mayor quite agreed, speaking as a motorist himself. Some drove through the narrow parts of the High-street a great deal too fast, but the Council having agreed to the recommendations of the Local Government Board he thought that, if they sent a communication to the Police, stating that they had put up warning boards, and requesting them to take particular notice of reckless driving, in comparison with the traffic on the road at the time, one or two convictions would have a very salutary effect.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should communicate with the Police accordingly.

EX-COUNCIL V. DAVIS.

Councillor Graty, pursuant to notice, proposed the following:—

"That the Town Clerk prepare a detailed statement of all legal and other costs and expenses incurred by this Council and the late Urban District Council, in connection with sundry charges and law suits between Mr. F. C. Davis and the Councils."

Councillor Peill seconded.

Councillor Hudson absolutely failed to see any good reason for asking for it.

The resolution was lost by 16 votes to two, the mover and seconder alone voting for it.

The Borough Arms and Motto.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Ambrose Lee, Blue Mantle, Heralds' College, with final design for the arms.

In reply to Alderman Davis,

The Mayor said the question of the motto could not be re-opened.

Alderman Davis thought that was extremely to be regretted, for he was certain that such a motto as that proposed in connection with their coat or arms would make the Council ridiculous.

The Mayor and the Bench.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Hornsey, inviting the Council to contribute an equal sum with about 40 other Municipal Boroughs which were without separate Commissions of the Peace, in apealing against the recent decision of Mr. Justice Farwell that the Mayor of the Borough was not entitled to take the chair at a sitting of the County Justices in cases which related to the Borough.

The Mayor said he would like to take that opportunity of stating that through the extreme courtesy of the Chairman of the Bromley Justices there was no question at the time of his being appointed first Mayor as to him being given precedence over the County Justices in Borough matters. He came to the conclusion, because of the exceptional ability with which the Chairman of the County Justices was performing his duties that, although it might not, from his assumed right of precedence, have been an intrusion, yet from the point of view of efficiency, it would have been an intrusion to ask to supersede Mr. Coles Child.

Alderman James could not help feeling, after the Mayor's statement, and in view of all the circumstances, that they would be somewhat ungenerous if they took any steps to associate themselves with the Borough of Hornsey in helping them to fight their little quarrel. (Hear, hear.) He, therefore, moved that a reply be sent, expressing regret that they did not see their way to complying with their request.

Alderman McIntyre seconded.

The resolution was carried.

Overseers.

Councillor Newton proposed that Councillors Graty and Haywood and Mr. R. Peill be elected overseers.

Councillor Taylor proposed the name of Mr. D. Grinsted, who he said had served the town most faithfully. He was well up in the work, and it would be a pity to make any change.

Councillor Peill seconded, and heartily endorsed Councillor Taylor's remarks. It would, he said, be a slight to Mr. Grinsted to leave him out. He was a gentleman who had served the town well for 20 years. (Hear, hear.)

A ballot took place and resulted as follows:—

Peill	24
Grinsted	21
Graty	14
Haywood	13

The first three were declared elected.

The Education Committee.

The next duty was the appointment of the Education Committee.

The Mayor suggested that it would be wise first of all to settle the date upon which the new Committe would take office. Perhaps it would be well to elect only the eleven representatives of the Council that night, leaving the appointment of the outside members for a future meeting.

After some discussion, this was tacitly agreed to, though Alderman Davis wanted to elect the whole Committee that night; and on the motion of Councillor Harper, seconded by Councillor Gibbs, it was decided that May 2nd should be the date upon which the new Committee would come into office.

The Council then proceeded to elect their own eleven representatives, excluding the Mayor as an ex-officio member, and the ballot resulted in favour of the following:—Aldermen Davis, James, Lawrence, McIntyre, and Councillors Bell, Gibbs, Harper, Powell, Rogers, Weeks, and Whyte.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Bromley, on Monday, Feb. 29th, when the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.) presided.

The Estimate.

An extraordinary meeting of the Committee was held on 22nd February, Mrr. Gustave Loly, Chairman, presiding. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee, held on the 17th Feb., were brought up, read and ordered to be received. Moved by Mr. Alderman James, seconded by the Chairman, and resolved unanimously, that the report and recommendation of the Sub-Committee be and it is hereby adopted by the Committee. The following is a copy of the estimate referred to in the Sub-Committee's report, namely:—

	£	£
To administration expenses, salaries of officers, legal and other expenses		950
To maintenance of public elementary schools:		
Salaries of teachers	9800	
Books and stationery	610	
Apparatus and furniture	390	
Fuel, light and cleaning	1070	
Repairs to buildings	690	
Rates and insurance	250	
Other expenses	70	
		12880
To industrial schools	175	
To deaf and dumb	100	
To miscellaneous expenditure	55	
		330
To loans and interest		1940
		£16100

	£	£
By grants—Annual	3963	
Fee	1908	
Aid	1527	
	7398	
Agricultural rates	22	
	7420	
By miscellaneous receipts	80	
		7500
By amount required to be raised by a rate at 10d. per £ on an assessable value estimated at £226,500 ...		8600
		£16100

Resolved unanimously that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee, the above estimate be reported to the Borough Council.

Bromley Endowed Schools Fund.

The Rev. A. G. Hellicar wrote that on behalf

of the Governers of this Fund he asked the Board of Education whether this fund came under the provisions of section B of the Education Act, and their reply was that its provisions did not apply.

The second meeting of the Committee was held at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on March 15th, 15th, Mr. G. Loly, Chairman, presiding.

THE EDUCATION SCHEME.

The Chairman reported a letter from Mr. F. H. Norman, Town Clerk of Bromley, intimating that the Board of Education had approved a scheme for the constitution of the new Committee, and the appointment would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Council on the 22nd, after which he would again communicate with the Education Committee.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.—THE COUNTY SCALE.

A letter was read from the Kent County Education Committee, enclosing scale of salaries as adopted by the Home Counties Conference in all schools maintained by them.

The Chairman said he believed the scale was practically identical with that recently settled by the Bromley Committee. There were only slight variations.

The Clerk said that was so.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Kent Education Committee wrote asking to be furnished with information as to what provision, if any, was made in Bromley by endowment rates or other means, for the award of scholarships tenable at secondary schools or other places of higher education.

Alderman Davis presumed the answer would be that there was no scheme at present.

The Chairman said that the "Bosanquet" scholarships had now lapsed, though he had a little money in hand on these. There were two Co-operative scholarships now running.

Alderman Davis: For how long?

The Chairman: They expire this year.

Alderman James thought that Alderman Davis' suggested reply would be the correct one under the circumstances.

This was agreed to.

HOLY TRINITY INFANTS' SCHOOL.

The following letter was read from the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bromley Common:—

Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common,
March 11th, 1904.

Dear Sir,—Replying to yours of the 10th inst., I beg to state that the majority, at least, of the managers feel very strongly that if the Infants' Department is to be converted into an Infants' Class, Mrs. Moate's services should be certainly retained. The appointment or dismissal of head teachers rests with the managers, subject to the Education Authority in the matter of appointment, or their wishes in the matter of dismissal, on educational grounds alone. No quorum was made at the last meeting of managers, so the matter has not been formally discussed and voted upon, but I can speak very strongly as to the views of the majority on this matter, from personal knowledge, and my impression is that the feeling which I have expressed would be unanimous, but of this I cannot speak with positive assurance. At the present moment some of us feel very strongly about it. I will bring the question of the retention of the two ex-P.T.'s before the managers at our next meeting and report their views to you.

C. R. SHARPE.

P.S.—May I be allowed to add as a postcript to which we invite the special attention of the Authority, that the managers are wholly at a loss to see what would be gained by the proposed change, either in respect of economy or of efficiency, considering the scale of salaries of certificated teachers. Under these circumstances the managers appeal to the local Authority to allow things to remain as they are and to refrain from carrying out the proposed change.

C. R. SHARPE.

The Chairman said that the Rev. C. R. Sharp did not, apparently, understand the position. There was no question whatever of dismissing Mrs. Moate. But they found here a very tiny school of 80 children and according to their scale a teacher in charge of that department should receive £120 rising to £160 a year. Mr. Sharp did not see how economy entered into this question, but there was no doubt it did so enter very greatly. By changing that into a class, instead of a separate department, in which the Board of Education entirely concurred —the salary was £70 to £100 instead of £120 to £160.

Alderman Davis: That is more than she is getting now?

The Chairman: Yes.

After discussion it was decided that the matter could not be re-opened.

RATES IN DISTRICTS SURROUNDING LONDON.

The following is a copy of the return of rates in districts surrounding London with a population of 10,000 and over, for the year 1903-4, presented by Mr. F. Stevens, Clerk to the Beckenham Urban District Council, at the meeting on Monday:—

DISTRICT.	Poor Rate including Education.	General District Rate including Sewers.	Total.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Beckenham (Metro. Drainage Area) ...	2 8½	2 11	5 7½
Penge	2 10	2 10	5 8
Beckenham (W.K. Drainage Area ...	2 8½	3 2	5 10½
Surbiton	2 5	3 7½	6 0½
Richmond...	2 10	3 6	6 4
Wimbledon	2 5	4 0	6 5
Barnes	2 2	4 3	6 5
Teddington	2 10½	3 7	6 5½
Bromley (Kent) ...	2 9	3 9½	6 6½
Ealing...	3 2	3 6½	6 8½
Willesden (Metro. Drainage Area ...	3 6	3 1	6 7
Twickenham	2 10	4 0	6 10
Croydon	3 2	3 8	6 10
Dartford	3 0	4 0	7 0
Chingford	3 1	4 0	7 1
Hornsey	3 7	3 8	7 3
Willesden (Brent District)	3 6	3 9	7 3
Woodford	4 5	3 2	7 7
Chiswick	3 8	4 0	7 8
Great Ilford	3 8	4 0	7 8
Hendon	3 6	4 4	7 10
Southgate	3 10	4 0	7 10
Wood Green	4 2	4 0	8 2
Finchley	3 4	4 10	8 2
Enfield	4 3	4 0	8 3
Erith	3 10	4 6	8 4
Barking	4 2	4 4	8 6
Tottenham...	4 2	4 7	8 9
East Ham	5 3	3 10	9 1
Leyton...	5 6	3 8	9 2
Edmonton	4 10	4 10	9 8
West Ham	5 8	4 4	10 0

BROMLEY'S NEW RATE.

[Reprinted from the Bromley Chronicle.]

The financial estimate of the Bromley Borough Council for the coming year was presented at the fortnightly meeting of that Authority on Tuesday March 8th, and we must heartily congratulate the members of the Council, as well as the ratepayers, upon the very satisfactory nature of this, the first budget of our new Corporation. And at the very outset we would like to say that the thanks of the burgesses as a whole are due to Mr. Councillor W. Powell, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, for the very lucid and exhaustive statement which he made in introducing the estimate. Mr. Powell took the opportunity of paying a characteristically graceful tribute to the preceding Authority, the late Urban District Council, for the excellent work which, for some ten years, they carried on in behalf of the town, and the grateful acknowledgment which he made of the admirable services of the late Chairman of the Finance Committee (Mr. Alderman R. W. James) was undoubtedly well merited. The new Chairman of the Finance Committee is, however, by no means the novice in figures which his own natural modesty would have us believe. On the contrary he is a gentleman of ripe business experience and knowledge, and we have every confidence that under Mr. Powell's regime the work of the Finance Committee of the Corporation will lose nothing in efficiency.

With regard to the budget we cheerfully confess to an agreeable feeling of surprise. Burdened, or, at any rate, saddled, with a legacy of responsibilities, involving considerable expenditure, bequeathed to them by their predecessors, the new Council had also to deal with the costs of obtaining the Charter of Incorporation, as well as a variety of incidental expenses, small individually, but by no means inconsiderable in the aggregate, and it seemed almost impossible but that there should be in this, the first year of the Corporation's existence, a somewhat heavy addition to the local rates, quite apart from the expenditure on education. The proceeds of a penny rate are practically absorbed by payments of principal and interest on the new loans raised in connection with the dust destructor, new recreation grounds and various works of public improvement. The expenses in connection with securing the Charter represent the income of an additional rate of a penny farthing, while in comparison with the estimate of a year ago, an extra sum equal to the amount derived from a half-penny rate will be required in connection with the upkeep of our public recreation and pleasure grounds, and in the maintenance of the new Fire Brigade which is to be provided—a subject with which we deal more fully elsewhere. In one or two instances the estimated expenditure shows a slight decrease, but in the result the total increased expenditure which the Council have to meet, is, in round figures, £2,500, or just about the proceeds of a threepenny rate. Under these circumstances, it was not unreasonable to anticipate that even after allowing for the extra proceeds derived from the normal increase in rateable value, the burgesses would have to face an addition of at least twopence to the rates over and above the increase which was inevitable in connection with the cost of elementary education. Happily, however, our estimate in that direction will not be fully realised. It is expected that when the current year's accounts close, the Council will have a credit balance of £500 to carry forward, and the extra income derived from the increasing rateable value will, added to this balance, be sufficient to quite meet the increase in the ordinary expenditure of the Council as an urban Authority—i.e., for highway and sanitary purposes—leaving only the cost of the Charter of Incorporation—an item which cannot recur—to be met by an addition to the rates. We repeat that this is a matter for congratulation to the Corporation and to the burgesses alike. During their nearly six months' term of office the Council have not, of course, had many opportunities of considering the possibility of retrenchment and economy in the various sources of expenditure. But they are proving themselves a progressive body in the best sense of the term, and the moderation which they have shown in framing this, their first budget, should inspire their constituents with confidence as to the future.

BROMLEY HIGH-STREET BUILDING LINE.

BROMLEY COUNCIL v. STEDMAN.

The adjourned case of the Bromley Borough Council v. Stedman, in respect to an infringement of the building line at High-street, Bromley, came on again at Bromley Petty Sessions on March 21st, when Mr. E. T. Lea, of Bromley and London, appeared for the Council, the defendant being represented by Mr. W. Hubert Smith.

Mr. Lea said the Bench would remember that the case originally came before the Bench on December 21st, when they convicted the defendant of the offence alleged against him. The question of terms was then raised, and the Bench consented to an adjournment to this end, and expressed a hope that terms might be arranged. It would not be necessary to trouble the Bench with details, but terms had been come to, the defendant having agreed to submit to a penalty of £50 and £20 costs.

Mr. Smith said that with regard to the penalty, he had contended throughout the whole of the negotiations that it was the duty of the Bench to fix that and not the plaintiffs in the matter. As a matter of fact, the Council had given him a letter in which they agreed that should the Bench make the penalty greater than £50 they would give him the surplus, but should it be less he was to pay the £50 all the same.

The Chairman, after consulting with his colleagues, said that when the case was originally heard the Bench came to the conclusion that if an agreement was come to between the parties the penalties should be more or less of a nominal character. But failing that agreement then the penalty would have to be considered afresh, as a practical penalty. Under the circumstances they would now fix the penalty at 3s. 6d. a day, making £5 12s. in all, with costs £20, as agreed, and 9s. Court fees.

[The Mayor of Bromley, Frank Griffith, Esq., though he occupied a seat on the Bench subsequently, did not adjudicate in this case.]

Bromley Councillors will read with some amount of interest the estimate of the Baths Committee of the Beckenham Council, which was presented to that Council on March 21. It is estimated that in the coming year the Baths will cost the Beckenham public over £1,300, or nearly a two-penny rate, after allowing for all sources of income. Of the £900 estimated revenue, a not inconsiderable proportion is reaped from Bromley.

FOR DUMB ANIMALS.

R.S.P.C.A. MEETING AT BROMLEY.

The 6th annual meeting of the Bromley and District Auxiliary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, on March 19th, when the friends of the Society mustered in large numbers. The esteemed President, the Hon. Mr. Justice Bruce, presided, and the attendance included the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith), Lady Bruce, Miss Bruce, Sir Andrew Wingate, Miss Griffith, Mr. Ald. James, the Rev. John Bond, the Rev. P. Barker, the Rev. Frank and Mrs. Wood, Dr. Herbert Smith and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Poulden, the Misses Lees (the valued hon secretaries), Miss Jackson (Chislehurst), Mr. Benjamin Bryan (representing the parent Society), Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer), Inspector Tom Williams, Veterinary Surgeon Elliott, and many others.

The Rev. P. Barker announced the receipt of 120 to 130 letters of apology for non-attendance, the senders including Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Sir Francis and Lady Evans, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, and Mr. Tilling. He (the speaker) trusted they might look upon these absentees as a sort of reserve force to draw further contributions from as soon as the necessity arose. (Applause.)

Mr. Justice Bruce, who was received with applause, said he believed that the Society was never in a better position than it was to-day. (Applause.) It had done much useful work, and had largely extended its influence. Their's was a very large district. It not only included Chislehurst, but it extended so far as Downe, and included St. Paul's Cray, St. Mary Cray, and various other outlying districts. To cover the whole district their Inspector certainly had to work hard. Chislehurst had doubled its subscriptions, and had sent £60 to the parent Society. In the course of a little time Chislehurst would probably require a separate Inspector, and if so Bromley would be responsible for £30 more per annum to make up the deficiency.

Mr. Alfred Wright said on behalf of the hon. secretaries, he had the honour to read the sixth annual report of the Bromley and District Auxiliary. The report was an interesting record of the excellent work accomplished by the Society during the year.

After reading the report, Mr. Alfred Wright presented the financial statement, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £44 5s. 4d., compared with £13 9s. 9d. last year. The amount remitted to the Head Office to assist in paying the expenses of the Inspector was £110. The hon. treasurer further reported that the receipts in connection with the chain horse provided for use on Swan Hill as well as that for Burnt Ash-lane, amounted to £26 0s. 6d., and the expenditure £23 13s. 6d. 187 carts had been helped, making a total with those which were helped free of charge, of over 200. The desirability of making similar provision next winter would be considered by the Committee in due course.

The Mayor thought he should, before he actually moved the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulate the Bromley Branch of this excellent Society, upon their privilege in having such a distinguished Chairman to preside over them that afternoon. (Applause.) It was not easily calculated what an impulse was given to any philanthropic endeavour by the assistance of such distinguished support. (Hear, hear.) The prevention of unnecessary suffering to dumb animals was the key-note of the foundation of their Society, and it was the main foundation upon which its work was carried out to-day. He only had to move the adoption of the report and accounts, and he did not intend to refer in detail to any of the statistics therein contained, because they had been read to them in such a form by Mr. Wright that they could all hear and understand them. It was quite unnecessary for him to try and prove the usefulness of the Society. Its need was well known and its vast work had had the approval of all thoughtful people. In conclusion he asked for their enthusiastic support during the coming year for the Society, and formally moved that the Committee's report and the hon. treasurer's statement be adopted, printed and circulated in the usual manner. (Applause.)

Sir Andrew Wingate, in seconding the motion, said his appreciation of the usefulness and importance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was not drawn from England, but from the want of it in India. From watching the attitude of the natives in India, he had come to the conclusion that it was true that the animals were made for men, and not men for the animals, and that the important point to recollect was that it was not the harm which they did by the infliction of pain and suffering to the animal so much as the harm which they did by that infliction to themselves. He thought this was seen by all of them, especially in the case of slavery. The great harm that resulted from slavery was not so much to the slaves as to the owners.

The Rev. John Bond said he had been deputed in the absence of the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, through illness, to move that the ladies and gentlemen whose names appeared on the frontispiece of the report be elected to serve on the Committee of the Bromley auxiliary of the Society, and that the best thanks of the meeting be given to them for their services in the past. The list included three new members, viz., Mr. J. T. Freeman, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, and Miss Scott.

Mr. Benjamin Bryan seconded the motion.

The Rev. P. Barker proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to their Chairman and the speakers.

Dr. Herbert Smith most heartily seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman having suitably replied,

Mr. Alderman James said it was with very great pleasure that he rose to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the two ladies who had acted from the very initial stages of the Bromly auxiliary as the hon. secretaries.

Mr. Alfred Wright said he had very great pleasure indeed in seconding the resolution.

The motion was carried with enthusiasm, and the proceedings then terminated.

Lady Avebury has joined the Women's Free Food League.

Sale of Work.—A successful sale of work on behalf of the Church Missionary Society was held at the Parish-room, West-street, Bromley, on Tuesday, March 15th. The sale was really the outcome of the enterprise and work of Miss Nurse, who received much valued assistance from friends whose names appear below as stall-holders. The stalls were laden with both useful and fancy articles of an artistic description, and the following ladies are entitled to hearty thanks for the splendid services they rendered as stall-holders:—Plain work stall—Mrs. and Misses Hodgson; cake and sweet stall—The Misses Collins; medical mission stall—Mrs. and Miss Fitter; basket, &c., stall—The Misses Collins; fancy stall—Miss Clark and Miss Bennett.

THE CHISLEHURST CAVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. George Clinch's reply to my letter in the last issue of the Bromley Record contains at least one very surprising statement. With one stroke of the pen he quite disposes of the Druids, who are, it seems, mere figments of the imagination of Dr. Stukely, to say nothing of Julius Cæsar—fabulous as the peris, or the gnomes. This is quite a new idea to me, for I have always been under the impression that they were the priests of the ancient British religion, and that though very little of a precise nature was known concerning this religion, we might accept the statements of the classic writers that its rites were celebrated in caves and the recesses of forests. I do not know whether Mr. Clinch will allow the Druids so much existence as this, which is really all that is required in support of Mr. Nichols' hypothesis, in conjunction with the fact that Chislehurst occupied a central position in the country inhabited by three important and warlike tribes.

I should advise Mr. Clinch to visit the caves again; one ought not to judge hastily a new theory, however improbable it appears at the first glance, without a sufficiently close and careful examination of the facts on which it is based. He appears to think that the well is the only remarkable feature, and ignores the very marked difference between the galleries which lie far under the hill and those nearer the entrance. The outer galleries are much more spacious, their walls are roughly hewn, and they have evidently been used for chalk mining; but the inner portion is of a totally different character; the galleries are much narrower, the surface of their walls is finished to a level surface, the contour of the walls is elegant, there is the curious feature of a number of carefully shaped apsidal recesses, containing what certainly look like altars, and many of the passages appear to have been arranged in a labyrinthine manner, with intent. Can Mr. Clinch account for these peculiarities?

There is also another point, viz., the enormous quantity of chalk removed from them. Mr. Clinch is vastly satisfied with he explanation he gives of its disappearance, but this really seems to me to be his weakest point. He allows the caves no greater antiquity than the later Middle Ages. Now mediæval Chislehurst was a small remote village, in a thickly wooded district, and can never have been given to building or agricultural operations on a very large scale. It had, in the early 16th century, a population of only 500. In the first half of the 18th century, there was doubtless more building and agriculture than at any previous period; yet there was only one lime kiln at this spot, and the yearly output of chalk for agricultural purposes can have only been a mere drop in the ocean of the enormous quantity which has disappeared. Mr. Nichols has suggested that after the expulsion of the Druids, the Romans quarried the chalk here for the building of the great wall of London. Those who saw the colossal fragment recently unearthed at Newgate can realise the prodigious amount of materials required for it; all of which must have been brought from a considerable distance; and from what we know of the wonderful engineering works carried out by the Romans, the conveyance of this chalk to Deptford and its shipping to London, would have been well within their powers. It, therefore, seems to me that Mr. Nichols accounts much more plausibly for the disappearance of the chalk than does Mr. Clinch.

Another point which seems to have escaped this gentleman is the unique character of these excavations; I am not aware of any similar ones in this country. In Thanet and other great corn-growing districts there is nothing of the kind, though quarries and drawpits abound. There is nothing of similar extent, or exhibiting the same careful workmanship and curious planning. Yet if Mr. Clinch's theory were correct, such excavations ought to be found all over England, in every chalk hill.

We have to cross the Channel to find anything analogous, and we find them there, not in agricultural districts, but under the gloomy Breton forests, which were the last sanctuaries of the Celtic race (vide "Les monuments cryptiques du Nord de France; par Hypolite Verly"). And these French caves are equally destitute of any indication which would fix their age, though their prehistoric character is thoroughly accepted.

Whether the curious and finely-wrought galleries and recesses under Chislehurst Hill were used for Druidical rites, must, of course, remain a debatable point; but there can, at least, I think, be no doubt that they are not the mere tunnels left by chalk mining; and equally no doubt that the larger, rougher galleries which surround them were the chalk mines used for some great undertaking, and worked by persons accustomed to dealing with materials on a large scale, in a systematic and accomplished manner, rather than by the peasants of a small remote village.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE W. MILLER.

Chislehurst, March 24th.

QUEEN'S REIGN COMMEMORATION FUND.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting in connection with this excellent Fund was held at the Science and Art School, on the 25th Feb., Mr. Coles Child, J.P., presiding.

The report of the Committee of Management was as follows: "The Committee of Management have the pleasure of submitting their sixth annual report for the year ending the 31st January, 1904. As was the case in the previous year, 37 letters of admission to convalescent homes were issued, 35 having been provided at the cost of the fund, and the remaining two given by Mr. W. R. G. Hay. The Committee desire to express their acknowledgments to him, and to urge upon the friends of the charity how useful such gifts are, in view of the fact that, in accordance with the principles laid down for the administration of the Fund, no annual subscriptions are invited in aid of the revenue derived from the invested capital. The tabular statements appended to this report contain the particulars of the issue of the letters, and show that 10 were procured for Seaford Home, 12 for St. Andrew's Home, Folkestone, 10 for the Herbert Home, Bournemouth, and five for All Saints' Home, Eastbourne. The bulk of the letters were applied for during the first six months of the year, and, as usual, there were many more applications than the supply of letters could meet. It may be noted that 13 patients sent to homes other than the Herbert Home did not require their railway fare to the made chargeable to the Fund, and that the expensive fare to the Herbert Home was saved in the case of five patients sent to Bournemouth by a second letter being issued to each, so as to give them a stay of four weeks instead of two. There have been no additions to capital during the past year."

This was adopted and the officers were re-elected.

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DIARY FOR MARCH.

1st.—"Fiscal" meeting at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.

2nd.—Bromley Conservative Club House supper.

4th.—Monthly sitting of Bromley County Court.

5th.—Bromley Musical Society's third concert of the season.

6th.—Bible Society's centenary services in local places of worship.

8th.—Confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Bromley Parish Church.

9th.—Performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Bromley Congregational Church. — Adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Bromley Petty Sessional Division.

10th.—Last day for nominations for Bromley Board of Guardians' election.

13th.—Confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

14th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Branch of the National Deposit Friendly Society.

16th.—Sale of work at Widmore Wesleyan Chapel, opened by Mrs. W. P. Griffith, supported by her son, his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor F. Griffith, J.P.).

23rd.—Annual display of the Bromley Gymnastic Club; prizes presented by the Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith).

24th.—Students' concert (Bromley Academy of Music), at Royal Bell Hotel.

28th.—Polling day for local elections: Bromley Board of Guardians; Beckenham Urban District Council; Farnborough Parish Council.

29th.—Auction sale of "Passive Resisters'" goods at Bromley Drill Hall.

30th.—Annual dinner Loyal "Ratcliffe" Lodge of Oddfellows, Bromley, his Worship the Mayor presiding.—Lecture on "Trap Door Spiders," by Professor Enock, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in connection with the Bromley Naturalists' Society.

Mrs. Woodman, wife of Mr. Deputy Woodman, J.P., C.C., distributed the prizes at Mottingham Schools, on Friday, March 11, when 55 children received medals for perfect attendance during the year.

PROPOSED INSTITUTE FOR WIDMORE AND BICKLEY.

THE COMMITTEE'S APPEAL.

The following appeal has been issued by the Committee of the proposed Institute and Workmen's Club for Bickley and Widmore:—

In compliance with the terms of a resolution passed unanimously at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Bickley and Widmore, held in St. George's Schools, on Thursday, Feb. 5th last, his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding, a Committee was formed for the purpose of taking steps to raise the necessary funds for providing an adequate Institute and Workmen's Club for the district of Bickley and Widmore, and to that end your sympathetic attention is very cordially invited to the facts set forth herein.

The proposal is to provide a building with a front hall of about 40 feet by 32 feet, which could be utilised for the holding of public meetings, lectures, concerts and the like, and to have a back portion of two floors for the uses of a workmen's club, reading rooms, baths and healthy games for mental and physical recreation and social intercourse, and further the Club shall be conducted on non-political and non-sectarian lines.

The estimated cost is approximately £2,000, and an excellent building site has been chosen in the Tylney-road.

Towards this amount there is a sum of £550 in hand, in addition to generous donations, which have been promised or subscribed. [A list of donations appears in our advertisement columns.]

During the last few years the district of Widmore has very rapidly increased in population and the small club which has existed for the past seven or eight years in the Nightingale-lane, is now utterly inadequate to meet the larger demands of the inhabitants. These belong almost entirely to the working classes; they are doing their utmost to further the present scheme, but for the greater part of the funds that are required we must appeal to our more wealthy neighbours. We anticipate that the Institute, when once opened, will be self-supporting. There can, we think, be no question as to the value of such an Institute in building up a healthy form of social life which is, at present, in danger of running to waste for want of a home in which to develope its energies. The Committee sincerely trust that the scheme which has been herein outlined may commend itself to your kind perusal and support, so that they may be enabled at an early date to put in hand the building of this much needed Institution. Subscriptions may be paid to the London and County Bank, High-street, Bromley, or they may be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Homewood, Holmbury, Shawfield Park, Bromley.

In the list of successful competitors for Free Open Scholarships at the Royal College of Music appears the name of Edgar D. Macgregor, of Beckenham, who is a pianist.

On March 21 an inquest was held at Chislehurst on the body of Mr. B. J. White, a respected Chislehurst tradesman, who was killed by a bullet when cleaning a carbine. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Congregational Total Abstinence Society, a public meeting was held in the Congregational School, on Tuesday, March 1st, for the purpose of discussing the fiscal question from a temperance standpoint. Mr. W. Green, of Bickley, presided.

PHILLIPS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The 15th annual meeting of the Phillips' Homœopathic Hospital and Dispensary for Bromley and the district was held at the Hospital on Monday, Feb. 29. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided.

Letters regretting inability to be present were received from Messrs. F. C. Dobbing. J.P., J. Howard Moore, J. P., Alfred E. Beddow, B. C. Wates, and C. K. Rogers.

The Committee presented the report, including the accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1903, which stated:—

The in-patients have numbered 136, of whom 127 were new admissions, and nine were remaining in from the previous year. Of these 100 were discharged cured,and 24 improved in a greater or less degree, six still remaining under treatment, three left the Hospital unimproved, and three died. The number of visits to patients at their homes amounted to 669, while the attendances at the Dispensary reached a total of 1,995 as against 1.901 for the preceding year. The number of individual out-patients attending was 430. The cost of each in-patient per week, calculated on the basis adopted by the Committee of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, has been £2 15s. 8d.

The items which alone can be regarded as regular income, for the past year, consisting of annual subscriptions, dividends, rent, and the grant from the Hospital Sunday Fund, amounted in the aggregate to £545 15s. 2d. The donations, though less in number than in the preceding year reached a higher total. This was chiefly due to the fact that a generous friend, who desires to remain anonymous, handed to Dr. Madden a gift of £100, to be disposed of at his discretion, and after assisting other institutions and making sundry purchases for this Hospital, a balance in cash of £50 1s. 4d. was handed to the Treasurer by him. The list also includes the sum of £26 13s. 4d. from the Bromley Charter Day Festivities Fund. The Committee have again to record with regret that, in spite of the fact that a large proportion of the ecclesiastical districts furnish patients for the Hospital, the only special congregational collection shared in by it was that of St. John's Church. More than three years having elapsed since the new Hospital was completed, it became necessary to paint the outside of the building, at a cost of over £49. The setting up of our new dental department with the necessary instruments and anæsthetic apparatus and the purchase of a powerful new electric battery, has added this year considerably to the ordinary expenditure for keeping our stock of such appliances up to its usual state of full efficiency. These outlays, combined with increased necessity for special nursing and advances in the cost of other items, have caused an excess of expenditure over income of £14 10s. 9d., a condition which emphasises the appeal of the Committee for a larger number of annual subscribers.

In their last report the Committee estimated their liability in respect of buildings as £556 at least. At the end of the past year their indebtedness to the bankers and to the Children's Ward Furniture Fund together remained at £470 1s. 11d. While these obligations have still to be liquidated it is obvious to the Committee that any further development of their plans, either by opening the ward constructed for children only, or by other additions, however desirable, incurring fresh responsibility, would not be justified. It is therefore hoped that supporters of the Hospital will, during the present year, make special efforts to relieve the Committee from this burden.

The Mayor moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Wm. Walter had great pleasure in seconding the motion, which was carried.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Committee, the Ladies' Committee ,the hon. medical officers, the hon. solicitor, the hon. architect, and the hon. auditors for their respective services during the past year.

The Mayor said he had very much pleasure in proposing that the President and the Committee, with the Medical Staff and other officers be re-elected for the ensuing year according to the proposed alterations in the report. The removal from the neighbourhood of the Rev. Thos. Nicholson rendered it impossible for him to serve.

Mr. Western seconded the motion, which was carried.

Dr. Wynne Thomas returned thanks, and stated that he had that morning received a cheque from an old and very valued friend of that Hospital, to be spent in what ever way they thought most desirable. It was a cheque for £100 from Mrs. Leishman, and he thought he could not do better than hand it over to their treasurer, Mr. Charles. (Applause.)

Dr. Dyce Brown and Dr. Burford then gave interesting addresses.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley Conservative Club was held at the Club House, on Tuesday, March 8, when Mr. G. Loly, B.A., presided over a large and representative attendance.

Mr. Medhurst proposed and Mr. Hardingham seconded that Mr. E. Packe be re-elected President of the Club, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The Vice-Presidents, consisting of Mr. J. Batten, J.P., Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, Mr. Colin J. Campbell, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. P. Henwod, Mr G. Loly, Mr. E. Norman, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., and Mr. Gilbert Wood, were unanimously re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Hardingham, seconded by Mr. Garnar.

After some discussion, the report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. Ranson proposed that Mr. W. R. Richardson be re-elected hon. treasurer, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he had the pleasure of proposing the next resolution, and that was that his friend, Mr. Selby, be re-elected hon. secretary of the Club, and heartily thanked for the able and energetic manner in which he had exercised his office, and also for the great amiability and courtesy which he invariably displayed to every member of the Club.

Mr. Hills seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The retiring members of the Committee, consisting of Messrs. Medhurst, Hardingham, Hills, King, sen., and King, jun., were re-elected.

Mr. Adams moved and Mr. Hardy seconded, that the hon. auditors, Messrs. Crossley and Girling, be re-appointed, and heartily thanked for their past services, and the motion was carried nem. con.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation to Mr. F. G. Browne, who has occupied the post of steward and caretaker for 20 years, to the entire satisfaction of the members.

WIDMORE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

With the object of contributing £50 towards the recently acquired site for the erection of a new Wesleyan Church at Widmore, and also to raise a substantial sum for Circuit Funds, a two-days' sale of work was opened at the Wesleyan Church, Tylney-road, Widmore, on Wednesday, March 16. The idea of a sale for so good an object was an excellent one, and the stalls, which were contributed and presided over by members of the Widmore and Bromley Wesleyan Churches, were each full of goodwill in the shape of a thousand and one fancy articles and nick-nacks. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffith, Mr. and Miss Prebble, Mrs. and the Misses Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Mussell, Miss Gibbs, Miss Parkin, Miss Green, and Miss Lily Hilder (the zealous hon. secretary), and the Rev. C. Drayton Thomas had worked hard to make the bazaar successful, and it must have been cheering to all concerned to see so large a gathering as that which assembled for the opening ceremony. The various temptingly-arranged and well-laden stalls were under the supervision of the following, who proved adepts in the disposal of their wares to the best advantage:—United Bible Classes and Sunday School Stall, Mrs. H. Griffith, Miss Green, and Mr. W. Prebble; General Stall, Mr. and Mrs. Mussell; Christian Endeavour and Mission Band Stall, Miss Hope, Miss Robinson, and Miss Cornell; Refreshment Stall, Miss Parkin, Miss Henwood, and Miss Gibbs; Sweet Stall, Miss Mussell and the Misses Seymour; Flower Stall, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Clifford; Fish Pond, the Misses Neal. In the evening decidedly attractive concerts were given under the direction of Mr. Percy Sharland, the talented organist at Bromley Wesleyan Church.

The bazaar was formally opened by Mrs. W. P. Griffith at half-past three, and supporting her amongst the large attendance were her son, his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Mr. Alderman R. W. James), both wearing their robes of office; the Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith), the Rev. G. H. Shafto (Superintendent minister), the Rev. Walter Ainsworth (Beckenham), the Rev. C. Drayton Thomas (resident minister), Mr. Mussell and Mr. Hilder (stewards of the church), Mr. W. Prebble (superintendent of the Sunday School), Mr. Henry Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henwood, Mrs. Alfred Henwood, Mrs. Rawlings, Mrs. and Miss Powell, Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbs, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Arthur Smith, &c.

After the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. W. Ainsworth,

The Rev. Drayton Thomas, in introducing Mrs. W. P. Griffith, said the workers and friends of the church extended to the numerous visitors a very hearty welcome. One great point of interest in their anticipations was that Mrs. W. P. Griffith had kindly promised to come from a distance to open the sale of work that afternoon. Many of those present knew her and remembered her and her work in the years gone by, and to introduce her was perhaps a matter of form. He was also very much indebted to Mr. Henry Griffith for valued assistance. Ever since he had been minister there he had been his right hand in every matter concerning the welfare of the church. Whenever in want of assistance, sympathy or money he had always gone to Mr. Henry Griffith and had never come away without getting what he wanted. (Applause.) It was a great loss to the church and the neighbourhood, when Mrs. W. P. Griffith left the district, and they could not but be thankful that she had left behind her a son who had become the first Mayor of Bromley. (Applause.) He took it that they were highly favoured that he was able amid his many duties to come there on that occasion to support his mother. It gave them an intense pleasure to see him present, and he had also done them the kindness of bringing with him the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Alderman James. He would now ask Mrs. Griffith to kindly open the sale, and afterwards he hoped they would have the pleasure of hearing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor speak. (Applause.)

Mrs. Griffith said she experienced the greatest possible pleasure in being present that afternoon. She had very pleasant memories of that little chapel. Her son Samuel preached his first sermon there, and he had now been for more than 20 years preaching the Gospel in New Zealand. (Applause.) Her late husband had many happy seasons there as a preacher of the Gospel, and her son Henry was now endeavouring to do his very best to bring the men to his Bible Class. (Applause.) She had great pleasure in seeing her son in the capacity of Mayor, and it was her earnest desire that he would prove himself thoroughly worthy of the great honour that had been conferred upon him.

Mr. John Gibbs proposed that their best thanks be accorded to Mrs. Griffith for her kindness in coming there that afternoon to open the bazaar. He could not help feeling that he was in some sense entitled to speak on this matter, because he had had the privilege of knowing her late husband for many years. The late Mr. W. P. Griffith lived in their memory, and they still had the deepest regard for him. (Hear, hear.) It was a great pleasure and privilege to them to see Mrs. Griffith there on that occasion. They were delighted to see her in such good health and to see her acquit herself so splendidly in performing the opening ceremony, and most cordially did he propose the vote of thanks.

Mr. Prebble had great pleasure in seconding. He had not had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Griffith and her family anything like so long as Mr. John Gibbs had, but he was well aware of the fact that they had done an immense amount of benefit to that particular district, and not only that district, but the whole of Bromley. (Applause.)

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Mayor said it had given him very great pleasure indeed to come to that familiar building, and more so as in being there on that occasion he had the unique privilege of supporting his dear mother in another of those public duties which had been a joy to her for as long as he could remember. He was a very little fellow indeed when he first remembered being associated with his mother and father in work in connection with the Wesleyan Church. However, he need not, after all the kind words that had been said about his mother and her children, make any further personal references, except to re-emphasise the fact that he was delighted to be there, and that he wished the utmost success to the enterprise just commencing. After directing attention to the efforts that are being made to provide an Institute for Bickley and Widmore, the Mayor expressed the hope that the residents would put their shoulders to the wheel, and see to it that the Institute was finished off as quickly as possible. Proceeding, he said he would only remind them that that building was a continuation of the Wesleyan Church started in the district in 1776, and that the pulpit of the original church had been occupied by the founder of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, John Wesley. (Applause.)

The sale was continued on Thursday, March 17th.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY'S THIRD CONCERT.

The orchestral concert given by the Bromley Musical Society, on Saturday, March 5, contained one or two items at least of peculiar interest. The first incident had a pathetic touch, the opening piece being Sullivan's "In Memoriam" Overture, played as a respectful tribute to the memory of the late Dr. D. T. Playfair. The late President was an original member of the Society, and had been President since 1899. At the time of his death he was an active member of the Orchestra, and, therefore, it may truly be said that he died "in harness". Dr. Playfair was one of several who have been connected with the Society since its formation, and who are still to be found as active adherents. In the faithful services of this coterie of staunch friends, who are also zealous musicians, lies the Society's strength.

The opening movements of the Overture were not played with the expression and clear phrasing which we have learnt to expect from the Society's Orchestra, but after a little looseness, excusable under the circumstances, the instrumentalists soon fell together, and the later triumphant strains of the beautiful Overture were played as well as could almost be wished. The orchestra's share in the two movements from Mozart's Flute Concerto (the 2nd) gave them, I suppose, as severe a test as anything they had during the evening. In this they were perfectly safe, and there was a spirit of rapprochment between the soloist and orchestra which is sometimes lacking in such conjunctions. The careful manner in which soloist and conductor interpreted the other's wishes had much to do with a very successful piece of work. The Ballet suite of Gluck's, arranged by Mottl, placed at the close of Part I, was well played, but I cannot confess to much admiration for the music, which struck me as being thin and antiquated. Immediately after the interval, we had the Scotch Symphony of Mendelssohn's. This went as well as anything the orchestra has done for some time past. There is no need to specially mention any of the six movements: whether in the dashing and brilliant "Vivace," or the broad, sombre and dignified "Adagio" (typical, I suppose, of the rugged dourness of the Scotch character), the orchestra played with fine judgment and intelligence. There was a fine tone from the unisonious strings in the cantibile passages of the "Adagio," and Mr. Thomas here left the players somewhat to themselves in perfect safety. There was a fine finish in the closing movement to a work played throughout with so much that was worthy and commendable. In Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March, the players had a composition which has proved at once as attractive to play, as to listen to, and they approached it with a zest which ensured a sparkling performance.

The wood wind portion of the orchestra was a particularly capable one last Saturday. With Mr. Fransella (flute), Mr. Dubrucq (oboe), Mr. Leonard Beddome (clarinet), and Mr. T. Wooton (bassoon), Mr. Thomas had a quartett of artistes whose superiors as orchestral players it would be difficult to find. Messrs. Jellyman, B. H. Latter, and G. Hunter were efficient supporters in that department. Mr. Norman Bath was a tower of strength as leader, but his colleagues in the first violin ranks did not produce the full tone which their numbers led one to expect. Their methods and results did not appear to be sufficiently virile, and the bowing of many of the ladies was more tender than effectual. At the risk of being unchivalrous, I ventue to suggest that the masculine element might be strengthened to advantage. Not that I think that ladies cannot produce a good bravura, swinging, round tone; Lady Hallé, Marie Hall, and Dorothy Bridson emphatically prove the contrary. The four violas produced a very satisfactory amount of tone, and Mr. J. Ansell, the chief, particularly attracted my attention by his playing of some consecutive triplet passages, which I omitted to make a note of at the time. The two horns were very diverse in ability. Mr. Thomas conducted with great effectiveness, particularly in the symphony and concerto.

Mr. Fransella's playing of the solo part of the Mozart work was a pronounced success. As a flautist he holds a promanent position in all the chief London orchestras, and also as a teacher he has a great reputation. His phrasing was as perfectly artistic as his execution was clean and finished, and in the elaborate cadenza to the last movement his playing was superb.

Miss Aisbitt Gibson had, unfortunately, been seriously indisposed during the earlier part of the day, and consequently was unable to do herself justice in her singing. She was recalled after each of her appearances by a very friendly audience. I do not think Miss Gibson chooses the best material possible.

In Mr. Edgar Coyle we had a baritone with with an exceptionally sweet voice, who sang with as perfect articulation and enunciation as ever I have heard. No elocutionist would surpass it. Added to this a very natural expression was imparted to the words, and consequently it is not surprising that Mr. Coyle became such a hot favourite that he obtained a recall after his encore song. His songs were "The Sands of Dee," "The Arrow and the Song," and "Annabelle Lee" (Leslie).—"Viola."

PERFORMANCE OF "THE MESSIAH" AT BROMLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A crowded congregation assembled on Wednesday, March 9th, to hear Handel's oratorio given by the Congregational Church Choir. Many had perforce to listen from the not very favourable precincts of the lobbies and porch, whilst many others had to go away without hearing a note.

The composition and character of Mr. Harry Sharland's choir is pretty well known to the majority of people who frequent such places and follow musical doings in the town. The choir is, by this time, quite conversant with such works as the one under notice, and except in two cases where a soprano and tenor distinguished themselves by having solo notes by mistake, they sang the choruses through correctly indeed as regards notes and general expression. Their articulation was commendable and their entries and closes were fairly clean cut. The tone was not so round and full as such a large body should have produced, and the sopranos in particular, would greatly benefit by some hard drilling in production; their upper notes would then probably be not so hard to obtain and much more resonant and full when they were obtained. The altos were invariably firm—almost to monotony—but consistently safe. The tenors were limited in number, but excelled in the ardour which they imparted to the work; the basses also being steadfast and diligent, if a trifle gruff. The chorus was most successful in "Glory to God" and the Hallelujah." Some of the other choruses were treated somewhat perfunctorily and

taken, we thought, in some cases somewhat too slowly.

The soprano solos were taken by Miss Maggie Purvis, a soprano new to Bromley, but who has appeared successfuly in oratorio for the Royal Choral Society, where she is a more than annual performer. With such an experience and with such familiar music, she was bound to be successful. In "I know that my Redeemer liveth" she imparted a deep intensity and a very impressive effect the solo had. Her other solos were also capably sung. Miss Aisbitt Gibson was making her first appearance in a full oratorio here, and was evidently a little nervous at the start. In her opening air "O Thou that tellest" she was not happy in her breathing, but in "He shall feed His flock" and "He was despised ," her mellow and sympathetic voice was quite suited and her singing of these airs, more especially the latter, she reached a very high level of good oratorio singing. Mr. Bertram Pearce made a conspicuous success in the touching "Passion music." His voice again was again admirably suited to these—the most beautiful passages of the whole work; more so than in the trying air "Thou shalt dash them." The singing of "Thy rebuke" and "Behold and see" was imbued with a depth of fervour which made the words deeply impressive. Mr. Robert Grier proved a very resourceful bass, having a complete knowledge of and familiarity with, the work, and a voice of very even quality. He was uniformly successful. The quartettes at the end of the work were sung in a much better manner than is so often the case.

Mr. H. L. Balfour was at the organ, and played Best's accompaniments. What he can do on such a fine instrument as is here, he has already shewn us, and his accompanying of the work was as conspicuous an element of the success of the performance as on the last oratorio performance here. His playing for the choir was always most helpful, whilst in his accompanying of the soloists he showed most clear insight into their evident intentions and toned his organ to suit their varying degrees of force and tone most judiciously.

Mr. Harry Sharland conducted, and is to be thanked for the opportunities given of having oratorios given on such a scale. We think that such works might be commenced earlier, as so many had to leave before the close of the performance.

"BIBLE SUNDAY" IN BROMLEY.

In harmony with the arrangements made throughout the world, special services were held in the majority of the local churches on Sunday March 6th. in celebration of the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the following amounts were collected:—

	£	s.	d.
Bromley Parish Church	17	0	0
St. Mark's, Bromley	5	3	5
St. Mary's, Shortlands	24	9	6
St. George's, Bickley	16	0	0
St. John's, Bromley	6	0	1
St. Mary's, Plaistow (donations)	1	2	6
,, Mission Room...		4	6
Christ Church, Bromley Park...	7	14	0
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley	24	0	0
Bromley Wesleyan Church	31	1	8
Farwig Wesleyan Mission and Grand Hall Service	6	4	8

The annual athletic sports in connection with Quernmore School will take place on Easter Monday, when Mrs. John Bond will present the prizes. The assault-at-arms will be held in the Bromley Drill Hall, on the Monday following, April 11th.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT THE BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.

On Tuesday, March 8, there was a large congregation present at the Parish Church, Bromley, when his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury attended for the purpose of holding a confirmation. The candidates numbered 155, and comprised an unusually large number of boys and men. There were 89 from the Parish and St. Mark's Churches, and the remainder came from St. Mary's (Shortlands), St. Mary's (Plaistow), St. John's (Bromley), Christ Church (Bromley), and the Convalescent Home (Swanley). The clergy in attendance were the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Hellicar), the Rev. L. J. Elwin, the Rev. F. Haslam, Rev. Canon H. F. Wolley, and the Rev. — Moore (St. Mary's, Shortlands), Rev. F. V. Baker (St. John's Church), Rev. R. Moore (Christ Church), Rev. C. A. Curgenven (St. Mary's, Plaistow), and the Rev. T. E. Humphreys (of Swanley).

Before the laying on of hands, the Primate addressed a few suitable words to the candidates.

After the laying on of hands ,the Primate again briefly addressed the newly-initiated members of the Church.

The service was a most bright and impressive one. The choir, under the direction of the talented organist and choirmaster (Mr. Frederic Fertel), ably led the singing, the hymns being "Soldiers of Christ arise," "Come, Holy Ghost! our souls inspire," "Take up thy cross, the Saviour said," "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," "O Jesu, I have promised," and "Thine for ever, God of love," four of which were sung in the course of the laying on of hands.

NATIONAL DEPOSIT FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Branch of the National Deposit Society was held at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on Monday March 14. Mr. T. J. Davis presided, and the attendance, numbering about 40, included Messrs. H. P. Steer (secretary), S. Brown, H. Eden, H. Eagle, J. King, W. Cook, Coveney, C. Judge, Nutting, Tipping, F. W. Legg, Kirk, Godfrey, D. Akers, &c., and a number of lady members.

Mr. Steer read the annual report of the Committee, which was of a highly encouraging nature.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was a matter for congratulation that the past year had been such a successful one. Each year increased success was reported, and it was their earnest wish to see the Branch even more flourishing in the future than it had been in the past. (Applause.) During the past year 131 proposal forms had been submitted, and after allowing for removals from the district, lapses, and deaths, of which, unfortunately, they had had three, there was a net gain of membership of 111. (Applause.) Already 50 new members had been enrolled this year.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Messrs. S. Brown (21 votes), C. Judge (19), Legg (18), and G. Brown (12) were elected to the vacancies on the District Committee for the next three years.

Mr. Davis was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee, on the motion of Mr. King, and heartily thanked for his past valuable services.

Nominations were then invited for the appointment of delegate to attend the next annual meeting of the Society, and Mr. Davis was unanimously re-elected to the vacancy.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

DEVELOPMENTS AT BROMLEY.

This great Institution, the ramifications of which extend to every part of the United Kingdom, and even into the most remote country districts, has just completed another remarkably successful year, and at the 55th annual meeting of the shareholders and directors held on March 10th, a most satisfactory report of the year's working was presented.

Tangible and visible proof—if proof were wanted— of the growth and development of the business which the Prudential is doing in this district has recently been afforded by the fact that the Company have lately transferred their offices from No. 5, Market-square, to a handsome suite of apartments in the Town Hall, exactly opposite. There are three spacious rooms—a general office for the use of the staff, a waiting room, and the private office of the superintendent of the district (Mr. Edward E. Sampson)—and these have been entirely redecorated and fitted, and are furnished in a manner worthy of so great an institution. From a public point of view there is, however, a feature of greater interest and importance connected with the change, and it is that now all claims in respect to the district are settled direct from the Bromley offices. Hitherto, the claims had to be submitted to headquarters, at Holborn Bars, and, notwithstanding the expedition which always marks the transactions of the Prudential, some slight delay was inevitable. Now, however, this is entirely obviated, and claims are now settled the day they are received.

In another column is set out a summary of the report and balance sheet, for the last year, and the magnitude of the business can best be guaged by the stupendous figures which are dealt with In the ordinary branch the number of policies issued during the year was 74.358, assuring the sum of £7,396,050, and producing a new annual premium income of £396,780. The premiums received during the year were £3,814,856, being an increase of £163,398 over the year 1902. The claims of the year amounted to £1,523,686. The number of deaths was 6.611, and 5,685 endowment assurances matured. The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 712,097. In the Industrial Branch, the premiums received during the year were £5,846.554, being an increase of £155,647. The claims of the year amounted to £2.100,824. The number of deaths was 210,839, and 3,246 endowment assurances matured. The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 95,938, the number in force being 912.984. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 19,788. The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 15,200,390; their average duration exceeds ten and a quarter years. The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the balance sheet, are £51,217.377, being an increase of £4,062,176 over those of 1902. The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £127,077.

It is extremely gratifying to know that in this growth and prosperity, the Bromley District has had its full share—a fact which testifies alike to the general prosperity of the neighbourhood as well as to the thrift of the inhabitants and also to the zeal of the local representatives of the Prudential. As a matter of fact Bromley has well maintained its position at the head of the Kent districts, and there is every prospect of this state of things being continued.

The importance of the Bromley District is shown by the fact that it covers an area of something like fifty square miles, and that Mr. Sampson has under his control six assistant superintendents, and no less than 45 agents.

BROMLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

THE NOMINATIONS.

Those who entertained the impression that no interest would be taken in connection with the triennial election of the Bromley Board of Guardians were totally disabused of the idea when, at mid-day on Thursday, March 10th, at the Office of the Clerk to the Guardians (Mr. Ed. Haslehurst), the list of nominations for such offices closed. It was then found that there was no sparsity of candidates, and that in several of the parishes the display of interest was of such a character that contests were inevitable. The persons nominated were allowed until noon of March 15th, to withdraw their candidature if they so desired, and it was then found that but one candidate had availed himself of the privilege, viz., Mr. Frederick Capon, one of the two persons nominated for the parish of Downe. At Bromley there are seven candidatess for the five seats; at Beckenham Mr. Ayles, Mr. Stenning, and Mr. Purchase are nominated in opposition to the sitting members; the ratepayers of Farnborough are confronted with the task of weighing the merits of Mr. Thos. Hubbard against those of the sitting member, Mr. J. M. Higgs; for the one seat available for the parish of Knockholt there are two candidates. No nominations have been received for the parishes of Chislehurst (three seats) and Keston (one seat), failing which Mr. J. Stockbridge and Mr. E. G. Turner will take office for Chislehurst and Mr. W. H. Haslett will continue to represent Keston. The "new blood" introduced unopposed on the Board will comprise: Mr. John Thomas Welch, who succeeds the late Mr. C. Harris (Chairman of the Board) at Downe; and Mr. S. H. Wright, one of the representatives for Foots Cray. The elections took place on the 28th March, and Mr. Ed. Haslehurst was the Returning Officer. The results will appear in our next issue.

The County Council Election.—The prescribed time for nominating candidates for the local County Council election expired at five o'clock on Friday, Feb. 26th, when it was found that the retiring members, Mr. A.C. Norman, J.P., and Mr. E. Packe, J.P., who soughtt re-election, had both been returned unopposed. Thus the ratepayers have again been saved the expense of a contest. Appended were the nominations with the nominators and assentors:—No. 3 Electoral Division—Edward Packe, 123, Widmore-road, gentleman: Nominators, John Howard and George Weeks; assentors, Michael Prebble, George Frederick Pamphilon, Joseph Burgess, Wm. Edward Matchett, Denis Greening, W. Bourdon, John King, and Arthur W. Dickins.—No. 4. Electorial Division—Archibald Cameron Norman, The Rookery, Bromley Common, gentleman: Nominators, Fredk. Fawsitt and Samuel Bush; assentors, Alfred Wm. Parsons, George Pyrke, Albert H. Nash, Fredk. Henry Hills, Fredk. Houghton Stanford, Walter Thomas Hopton, John Doyle, and Henry Marler.—The Returning Officer was his Worship the Mayor Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.).

BECKENHAM.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY DREW WOOD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Drew Wood, which took place at his residence at Meadow View, Rectory-road, Beckenham, on Sunday, Feb. 28th. Mr. Drew Wood was the head of the firm of Drew Wood and Son, stationers, of 16, Basinghall-street, and succeeded his father in the business. From his earliest association with the ward of Bassilaw he interested himself in its parochial and municipal life in an unostentatious way. For many years he was the treasurer of the Bassilaw Friendly Association, and at the time of his death was first warden of the Haberdashers' Company, serving also on the board of management connected with the guild. He was also a manager of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, while only a few weeks before his death he retired from the Veteran Company of the Honourable Artillery Company. The deceased was a P.M., and the treasurer of the Universal Lodge (181). He was 61 years of age, and leaves a son and daughter, besides a large circle of friends, to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday at Deal.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting took place at the Public Baths on Thursday, March 17th. Mr. R. Borrowman presided. The annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. R. Austin) stated that the work of the Association during the past season must be regarded in every way as successful in its endeavour to promote the teaching of swimming in elementary schools. An increased number of children received instruction in swimming, and 64 were awarded the certificate of ability to swim the distance prescribed. An arrangement made by Beckenham District Council whereby members of the school clubs were permitted to bathe at any time at a charge of one penny was much appreciated; 2,656 boys and 1,344 girls, a total of 4,000, availing themselves of the privilege.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £6 0s. 3d. out of a total income of £43 1s. 7d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

All the old officers were then re-elected, as follows:—President, Rev. H. Arnott; Vice-Presidents, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the District Council, and Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of the Baths Committee, Messrs. Lister (Beckenham), C. Blake, R. Borrowman, W. M. Bullivant, T. C. Cole, F. E. Cross, R. F. Fox, E. C. Harris, J. C. Hewlett, W. Potter, F. H. Searle, H. Sherley-Price, G. D. Stapleford, G. Sutton, S. Thirkell, Dr. Corbin, and Dr. Randell; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. W. Thornton and Mr. H. R. Austin, hon. secretary. Five members were elected to the Executive Council by ballot: Messrs. Austin and E. Powell Williams, Messrs. R. V. Brown and E. C. Mileham, and Dr. Randell.

SAD MOTOR FATALITY.

Mr. H. Boulton Sewell, the West Kent Coroner, held an inquest at the District Council Offices on Monday, March 21st, on the body of John Vincent Shaw, solicitor, aged 37, of Woodville, Inglemere-road, Forest Hill.

William Midmer, a porter, of Beckenham Junction, said he met the deceased in Croydon-road on Saturday afternoon, riding a motor tricycle at about eight miles an hour. He saw deceased fall off the machine, and then noticed a dog come from under the machine. He had not seen the dog before. He went to deceased and assisted to take him to the Hospital. He did not speak. Blood was coming from his nose and ears. He was near the Cottage Hospital at the time. Witness thought one of the wheels of the tricycle was damaged.

Thomas Cox, a shop assistant, said the deceased was going at a steady pace. A dog suddenly sprang across the road, and as the front wheel struck the animal the machine turned over and rolled over the deceased.

Dr. Randell said he saw deceased about three o'clock. The man was perfectly unconscious, and it seemed that he had very little time to live. There was a considerable discharge of blood from the right ear and both nostrils. The injuries pointed to fracture of the base of the skull. Deceased's left arm was withered, so that he was not able to save himself as an ordinary man. That was the reason probably his injuries were so severe. He died within an hour.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned, and the jury expressed sympathy with the deceased's family.

Amongst those just awarded the Volunteer Long Service Medal is Major B. H. Latter.

The will of the Hon. Julia Selina, Lady Inglis, aged 70, of Deepthorne, Rectory-road, Beckenham, daughter of the first Baron Chelmsford, has been proved at £8,850.

"I think," says Lord Avebury, "that the result of the war will be to render Japan's competition less dangerous for European industry by augmenting the economic burdens of that country."

The Bromley Conservative Athletic Club held their 10 miles championship and sealed handicap for the Dewey Challenge Cup, on Wednesday, March 16th. The winner was W. Osborn, who covered the course in the capital time of 56 mins. 50secs.

The Bromley Bakers Cricket Club held their annual conversazione and dance at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on Wednesday, March 9th, and the gathering was well attended by the tradesmen and their friends to the number of about 120. Mr. James Follett presided.

Lord Avebury and others have formed themselves into a Committee to secure funds for the purchase of six acres of land to be incorporated in Brockwell Park, S.E., the owner being willing to take £12,000 for this purpose rather than £15,000 offered by building speculators.

On Monday, March 7th, a threshing machine belonging to Mr. Thomas Wood, of Crockenhill, was found to be on fire, while standing under cover at the home foundry, Crockenhill. Damage amounting to over £100 was, however, done before the fire was got under. Captain A. Hewett attended with the Fire Brigade.

A big concert is being arranged by the directors of the Crystal Palace to celebrate the jubilee of the opening, the concert being fixed for Saturday, June 11th. The choral and orchestral forces will number 3,000 performers, and Madame Albani, Miss Agnes Nicholls, Messrs. Ben Davies and Santley will participate, whilst the veteran Manns hopes to be well enough to conduct.

On Sunday, March 6th, a fire occurred in a large central flue at Highcroft Hall, Crockenhill, the residence of Mr. Edwin Vinson, J.P., and the surrounding parts of the structure became very hot. The Swanley Fire Brigade was called, and Captain A. Hewett and his men were very quickly on the spot, preventing anything like a serious outbreak. The firemen remained on the premises throughout Sunday night.

Messrs. Podger's Stall at the Crystal Palace.—Messrs. H. Podger and Sons, Ltd., of Bromley, &c., have a most interesting stall at the International Exhibition of Trades, Clothing and Textile Industries now proceeding at the Crystal Palace. A full report is held over till our next issue.

Lecture.—A highly interesting lantern lecture was given in the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Tuesday, March 15th, by the Rev. F. W. Quinn, Deputation Secretary of the National Incorporated Waifs' Association, his subject being "A Thrilling Story of Life Rescue Work." At the close a collection was taken on behalf of Dr. Barnado's Homes, which are now maintaining over 7,200 orphan and waif children.

Gifts from the Mayor of Bromley.—It will be remembered that at the recent dinner of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society, his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) promised to present a trophy for competition at the annual shows of the Society. This has now been delivered and is an exceedingly handsome gift. It consists of an ornate silver flower bowl, 10½ inches high, and 8½ inches across, the top being of embossed silver. It rests on a plinth bearing a silver plate, inscribed: "Bromley Chrysanthemum Society. Presented by Frank Griffith, J.P. First Mayor of Bromley. 1904." The bowl bears the following appropriate Latin inscription: "Palmam qui meruit ferat." Recently, his Worship was made an hon. member of the loyal "Orphan's Friend" lodge of Oddfellows, and the lodge has now been enriched by a very handsome silver and ebony Chairman's mallet and sounding plinth. The mallet is heavily mounted with silver, with the inscription: "Loyal Orphans' Friend Lodge, No. 223, I.O.O.F. M.U." The ebony plinth has a silver inscription plate, being engraved: "Presented by Frank Griffith, J.P., First Mayor of Bromley, 1904." The two are fitted in a morocco velvet-lined case, with lock and key, and handle for carrying. The flower bowl was supplied by Mr. W. R. Gunton, of Bromley, and the mallett and plinth were personally designed and manufactured at the Victoria Arcade, by Mr. W. R. Gunton.

Births.

Asprey.—On the 20th February, at Orchard View, Bickley, the wife of George Kenneth Asprey, of a son.

Comins.—On the 2nd March, at Pembroke House, Bromley, the wife of Charles Comins, F.C.S., of a son.

Coris.—On the 6th March, at Springbank-road, Hither Green, the wife of Miguel Coris, of a daughter.

Leonard.—On the 7th March, at 282, Holmesdale-road, South Norwood, S.E., the wife of George Leonard, of a daughter.

Palmer.—On the 9th March, at "Belmont," Hampton-villas, Lincoln-road, S. Norwood, the wife of Stanley Palmer, of a son.

Rush.—On the 27th February, at The Haven, 34, London-road, Bromley, the wife of Chas. D. Rush, of son.

Marriage.

Parker—Mann.—On the 21st March, at St. Augustine's Church, Queen's-gate, by the Rev. R. R. Chope, M.A., uncle of of the bride, John Archibald Douglas, elder son of the late Archibald Parker, of Chislehurst, to Florence Dalziel Anna, elder daughter of L. E. Mann, of Bedford Park.

Deaths.

Ayling.—On the 11th March, at Comyn-road, Clapham-junction. Mary Ann, daughter of the late Thomas Ayling, of High-street, Bromley, in her 72nd year. Interred in Bromley Parish Churchyard.

Coleman.—On the 9th March, at Brafield, Berlin-road, Catford, Mary, widow of the late John Kemp Coleman, aged 61 years.

Collins.—On the 3rd March, at Foxgrove-road, Beckenham, William Pratt Collins, aged 60.

Dugon.—On the 7th March, at New Eltham, Kent, Francis Dugon, in his 72nd year.

Hughes.—On the 20th March, at Bexley, Edward Joseph Hughes, (late of 96, Elgin-crescent, W.), aged 42.

Kneebone.—On the 3rd March, at Ivydene, 3, Idmiston-road, West Norwood, Anne Louisa, widow of the late T. H. Kneebone, in her 79th year.

Levy.—On the 18th March, at Dartmouth Lodge, West Dulwich, Jane, the wife of E. N. Levy.

Morris.—On the 12th February, at 5, Eliott-park, Lewisham, Henry Grove Morris, of Kent Water Works, aged 62 years.

Saxton.—On the 16th March, at her residence, 18, The Court yard, Eltham, Ellen Cook Saxton, in her 79th year.

Sippe.—On the 7th March, at Sidney-road, Kent House, Beckenham, Eileen, beloved daughter of G. M. and F. E. Sippe, aged one year.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—*Fourth Sunday after Easter.*

2nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council.—Royal Academy opens.

3rd.—Performance of "The Gondoliers" by local amateurs under the direction of Mr. Montford Baker, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Bickley Park Cricket Club, and two subsequent evenings.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

4th.—Service of Sacred Music at Bromley Presbyterian Church.

6th.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court.—Monthly meetings of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and the Joint Hospital Board at the offices, Park House, Bromley.

8th.—*Rogation Sunday.*—St. John's Church (Bromley) Dedication Festival.

9th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the offices at 7.30 p.m.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

15th.—*Sunday after Ascension.*

16th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council at the offices, Beckenham, at 8 p.m.

17th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

18th.—Important sale of valuable Freehold and Leasehold Residential Properties at the Mart, City, E.C., by Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper.

20th.—Easter Law Sittings end.

22nd.—*Whitsun Sunday.*

23rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the offices at 7.30 p.m.

29th.—*Trinity Sunday.*

30th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council at 8 p.m.

31st.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Two meetings have been held during the month. The first was on Thursday, April 7th, when the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Hhe first business was the election of the Education Committee.

The Mayor said it was entirely within the discretion of the Council as to how they should vote, but probably the most expedient way would be to vote by ballot.

The Town Clerk said that the total number of outside members of the Education Committee to be elected was 10. One was to be elected on the nomination of the Kent County Council, leaving them to elect nine that evening, of whom two were to be women under their scheme.

Alderman Davis moved that the election be by ballot.

Councillor Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

The voting by ballot was then proceeded with, the following being elected in the order given:—Miss Heppel, Mr. Gustave Loly, Mr. H. J. Helm, Mr. Arthur Day, Mrs. J. S. Mann, Mr. Henry Allan, Mr. H. W. Amos, and Mr. W. Braginton.

The Mayor said there was a tie for the ninth place, with the result that another ballot would be required. The tie was between the Rev. R. Silvey, Mr. Hay, and Mrs. Williams.

In the end the Rev. R. Silvey was elected to the vacancy on the Committee.

The following were the persons nominated: Miss M. L. Heppel, B.A., Mrs. J. S. Mann, B.A., Mrs. J. Williams, Messrs. Henry Allan, Henry W. Amos, William Braginton, M.A., Arthur Day, Charles R. Ford, Alfred S. Gedge, J. Y. Hay, Henry J. Helm, Gustave Loly, B.A., and W. Male, the Rev. R. Silvey, A.T.S., Messrs. Beaumont Morice, LL.B., M.L.S.B., and Thomas Bennett.

SOUTHBOROUGH SURFACE DRAINAGE.

The Highways and Works Committee met on 29th March. The Borough Engineer reported that the cost of constructing a surface water sewer from the surface water sewer in Southborough-road along Southborough as far as the "Chequers" public-house, would be £248 6s. 4d. Resolved to recommend the Council to kerb and channel the road known as Southborough and to construct a surface water sewer for a distance of 220 feet from Southborough-road along Southborough with the necessary gullies, &c., which in the opinion of the Committee, will remedy the trouble complained of for the first time at the last Council meeting.

BECKENHAM LANE WIDENING.

The same Committee reported that a letter was read from Mr. Samuel Cawston, stating he was prepared to give the land required for widening Beckenham-lane by Highland-road on the following terms, namely: (1) that such land does not include any on which the cottage stands;

(2) that the Council remove and rebuild the wall so as to properly support the bank; (3) that the Council bear the expense of making up the road and path from the north-west side of Highland Lodge and round the cottage including the land proposed to be given. The Borough Engineer reported the estimated cost of the necessary works for widening Beckenham-lane would be £194 18s. 5d., and the estimated amount of Mr. Cawston's frontage charges on Highland-road was £106. Resolved to recommend the Council to accept Mr. Cawston's offer in accordance with the plan submitted herewith, a copy of such plan to be sent to Mr. Cawston.—Agreed to.

College Slip.

A letter was read from Messrs. Willett and Latter in reference to the notice served upon the Trustees of the Bromley College, under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, which notice the Trustees were, if necessary, prepared to comply with, so far as they might be legally liable to do so, but if they were to do the work they were advised they would have to take take exception to various matters in the specification or in the apportionment, and that if would be absolutely necessary for them to preserve the footpath from the additional wear and tear of carriage traffic over it by establishing a permanent bar across it to prevent the possibility of such traffic, the public having a right to a footway only. The local Trustees thought, however, that the time had now arrived when the Slip should be dedicated to the public throughout without obstruction. Subject, therefore, to the approval of the Charity Commission being obtained, the local Trustees would be willing to recommend the general body of Trustees of the College at their next meeting that the Slip should be made up by the Council in accordance with their notice, the Trustees to pay their portionable share of the expenses and to remove the bar at the west end upon the understanding that when the footpath was so made up the Council would take it over under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved to recommend the Council to reply that for the present they prefer the bar to remain at the west end of the College-slip and therefore are not prepared to take the Slip over as a public highway.—This was agreed to.

Bromley North and Sundridge Stations.

The General Purposes Committee reported they had had under consideration the desirability of addressing a communication to the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company in reference to the service of trains, the condition of the Bromley (North) Station, and also the insufficient accommodation at Sundridge Park Station. Resolved to recommend that the Council request the Mayor to address a letter to the manager of the Company, which was agreed to.

General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Newton proposed "That paragraph VII. of Standing Order No. 85, be amended to read as follows, after 'Buildings' add the words 'and Recreation Grounds Committee,'" the effect of which would be to secure the representation of every Committee of the Council on the General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Haywood seconded the motion, and it was carried by eleven votes to five.

The Treatment of Correspondence.

Councillor Newton next moved: "That after the word 'Council' in Standing Order No. 127 the following words be added 'also a summary of all correspondence received shall be read at the next Council meeting following the date of the receipt of the same with the name of the sender and the subject of the letter, and at the request of three Councillors present any letter shall be read in full.'" In moving it Councillor Newton emphasised the desirability of every member of the Council knowing what was done and what correspondence was received, in order that they should not be in entire ignorance when asked about things by their constituents.

Councillor Sparks seconded the motion.

Eventually the consideration of the matter was adjourned.

Resignation of the Librarian.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Harrison, resigning his position as librarian, and asking to be supplied with a certificate under the seal of the Council stating the number of years he has held the appointment, and the fact that he has resigned the post.

This it was unanimously agreed to do.

The second meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday, April 19th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

The Borough Engineer's Office.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman James) alluded to the congestion of the work in the Borough Engineer's office, and added that it behoved the Committee which would take in hand the staffing of the various departments of the Council to undertake the obvious duty of considering very carefully what should be done, particularly with regard to the Borough Engineer's department in the near future.

A Warning.

In moving the adoption of the report of the Buildings Committee, Councillor Worley said that recently the Fire Brigade were called out by the Homesdale-road alarm being maliciously broken and pulled. He said that all possible steps to prevent a continuance of that practice would be taken.

Martin's Hill.

The Recreation Ground Committee recommended that permission be granted to the Bromley Borough Band to play on Martin's Hill, as desired, and also that they be allowed to make collections from the public, such permission to be subject to withdrawal at any time the Council may deem it desirable. The Committee considered tenders for extending and completing the greenhouse on Martin's Hill, the cost of which is provided for in the estimates; resolved to recommend that the tender of Messrs. J. C. Arnaud and Son for the sum of £27 be accepted.

Alderman Lawrence moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Davis said that he trusted the public would not be badgered to give.

Alderman Lawrence said that they were taking steps to guard against this.

The report was adopted.

Higher Education Committee.—A Well-Earned Tribute.

Alderman Davis, in moving the adoption of the report, said that as that might be the last report of that Committee, he would like to take the opportunity of saying that throughout the period of that Committee's existence they had the assistance of several outside gentlemen who had taken a very great interest in the work and he would like to express their most grateful thanks to those gentlemen. Some had taken a greater interest than others, and if he were to single out any one he could not fail to remark how much assistance

they had received from Mr. Arnaud, who was himself a student of the School. He was sure the Council would agree with him in most cordially thanking those gentlemen. (Hear, hear.)

THE RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION QUESTION.

Councillor Hudson suggested that the letter written by the Mayor to the Railway Company should be made public, so that the town should know that the Council felt what was a very great evil in reference to the S.E. and C. Railway.

The Mayor said he would see that the Press had a copy of the correspondence. A reply had been received from the Company.

The full text of the correspondence appeared in the BROMLEY CHRONICLE of Thursday, April 21st. Mr. Vincent Hill's reply being received with applause.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Letters were received from all the outside members of the Education Committee, except Miss Heppel (who it was explained, had been away), accepting their nominations to serve in that capacity.

A letter was also received from the County Council, nominating Mr. A. J. Baker, of Beckenham, as their representative on the Committee, and he was duly elected.

THE COUNCIL'S EMPLOYES.—A SWEEPING PROPOSAL.

A letter was read from Mr. A. G .Taylor, general secretary of the Municipal Employees' Association, asking that similar conditions of employment as prevailed in connection with the Battersea Council, be adopted, as follows:—No able-bodied adult, male or female, to receive less than 30s. a week; a 48 hours' working week on the average; all to receive a holiday of 12 days per annum with pay; a sick fund to be formed by a compulsory deduction from wages, to pay 15s. for 13 weeks' sickness, and 10s. for 13 weeks, if the fund thus established should not be sufficient to enable this to be done, the Council to make good the deficiency; every employee who thought he had been wrongfully discharged to have the right to appear before the Committee; all employees to be superannuated.

The Mayor said that he had for some time been in correspondence with a gentleman on the question of the superannuation of the staff. But he had no report to make at present.

It was eventually decided to acknowledge the letter and defer its consideration to a later convenient date.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—A SWEEPING DELEGATION.

The next item on the agenda was to consider the desirability of delegating to the Education Committee with, or without any restrictions or conditions as the Council think fit, any of the powers under the Education Act, 1902, except the power of raising a rate or borrowing money.

After a lengthy discussion, a resolution was unanimously adopted, delegating to the Committee all the powers of the Council in respec tto education, except as to raising and borrowing money, and subject also to the provisions of the deed dated November 28th, 1892, by which the School of Science and Art was conveyed to the Bromley Local Board and its successors. The Committee are thus invested with full powers, both in regard to elementary and higher education.

GENERAL DISTRICT RATE.

Councillor Powell moved that a general district rate of 1s. 7d. in the £ be made and the seal of the Council be affixedthereto; which was seconded by Councillor Ingall, and carried.

MOTOR OMNIBUSES.

Councillor Newton gave notice of the following motion:—"That a Committee of the Mayor and seven members be appointed to consider the cost and the advisability of establishing a system of motor omnibuses or other means of transit from one part of the borough to the other."

SUNDAY LABOUR

Alderman Davis asked what was the present position of affairs in regard to Sunday watering. He was sorry to see some of the Council employees with the water carts as late as three o'clock on Sunday last.

The Borough Engineer replied that they watered till four o'clock on Saturdays. Watering on Saturday was absolutely useless as a provision for Sunday.

The Mayor said it was essential in the interests of the public health that scavenging should be done.

It was understood that the matter would be dealt with at a later stage.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Bromley, on Monday, March 28th, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.), presiding.

THE TEACHER DIFFICULTY.

Correspondence was read from the hon. secretary of the Conference of Education Committees, stating that the Provisional Committee appointed at the last Conference had carefully considered the various matters relating to (1) salaries of teachers, (2) training of teachers, (3) new regulations for training of teachers, and (4) the formation of an Association of Education Committees; and intimating that a further meeting of the Education Committees would be held in London on Wednesday, April 13th, at half-past two o'clock to receive and consider the suggested rules and for the transaction of other business.

The following members were re-elected as delegates: The Chairman, Mrs. Williams, Councillor Weeks, and Mr. Ford.

PUPIL TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor Weeks directed attention to the scholarships offered by the Kent County Council for intending pupil teachers, and emphasised the desirability of the Clerk being instructed to make them known in the schools, so that the necessary forms might be sent in at the proper time. It was essential that their pupil teachers should receive the best education available.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain leaflets with particulars of the scholarships and have them posted throughout the schools.

Two meetings of the Committee have been held during the month.

At the first, on the 11th, Mr. G. Loly presided, and the business in public lasted exactly three minutes.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The only business was to receive the report of the School Management Committee, which had previously met the same evening; which recommended the engagement of a supply teacher at the Wharton-road Infants' School, in the temporary absence of Miss Pritchard, through illness. A letter was reported to have been received from the Town Clerk of Bromley (Mr. F. H. Norman), giving the names of the members who had been appointed on the new Education Committee.

The report of the second meeting held on the 25th is held over till next month.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

BECKENHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Polling for the election of Urban District Councillors for the several Wards in the district of Beckenham took place on March 28th, and the proceedings throughout were marked by considerable animation, and not a little excitement. In almost everyone of the seven Wards the poll was a heavy one, and in the Manor House Ward some 75 per cent. of the total strength of the electorate exercised the suffrage. Beckenham can, fortunately, boast of a plethora of gentlemen willing, and certainly well qualified, to sit upon the governing body, and on the present occasion no fewer than 33 candidates were forthcoming for the 19 available seats.

Polling began at eight o'clock and concluded at eight p.m. The Returning Officer was Mr. F. Stevens, whose arrangements reached the characteristic degree of perfection.

The counting up of the votes was commenced at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, and so expeditiously was the work carried out that the whole of the results had been announced by half-past one. Subjoined is the result of the poll:—

COPERS COPE WARD.

Elected.

HEWLETT, J. C.	184
*THIRKELL, S.	161
*LENDON, W. H.	138

Not Elected.

Moore, A. C.	118
Silby, I. F.	70

EDEN PARK WARD.

Elected.

*CREASE, J.	277
*MOSS, A.	270
HYSLOP R. MURRAY	253

Not Elected.

Grant, C.	240
Wardle, J.	210

KENT HOUSE WARD.

Elected.

HOW, T. W.	344
*BLAKE, C.	318
*COLE, T. C.	317

Not Elected.

Finck, F. J.	234
Chalk, C.	171

LANGLEY PARK WARD.

Elected.

SUTTON, G.	136
*ROBSON, E. H.	106

Not Elected.

*Rippengal, J. A.	95

SHORTLANDS WARD.

Elected.

*GURNEY SMITH, A.	181
*BAKER, C. E.	120

Not Elected.

Warmington, L. B.	69

MANOR HOUSE WARD.

Elected.

NORRIS, W. J.	377
*RANDELL, R. M. H.	340
*LEES, A. J.	323

Not Elected.

Collister, John	294
Dyball, J. R.	253
Dymond, H. R.	82

LAURIE PARK WARD.

Elected.

SEAGER, J. R.	289
BRUNNING, J. S.	242
*NEVILLE, J.	241

Not Elected.

Ambrose, F. G.	206
Harbert, F. P.	177
*Mann, Alfred	146

* Signifies retiring member seeking re-election.

After the declaration of the results, Mr. Lendon proposed a vote of thanks to the Returning Officer for the courtesy and ability with which he had conducted the proceedings.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gurney Smith, and carried unanimously.

BROMLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Polling for the triennial election of the Bromley Board of Guardians took place March 28th. There are now four urban parishes in the Poor Law Unions in which the representatives at Locksbottom sit simply as Guardians of the Poor. In the other thirteen parishes the Rural District Councillors are ex-officio members of the Board of Guardians.

BROMLEY.

Elected.

*GEDNEY, C. W.	397
*LAWRENCE, G.	330
*PEILL, F. W.	312
*HALL, Mrs. E.	277
HOYER, Miss M. A.	250

Not Elected.

Rogers, J.	181
*Payne, G. H.	157

BECKENHAM.

Elected.

*GRANT, C.	1491
*CONWAY, S.	1295
STENNING, Miss	1169
*VIAN, Miss	1147
*DENNIS, JOHN	1046

Not Elected.

Ayles, S.	804
Purchase, P. W.	603

CHISLEHURST.

In the case of Chislehurst, the retiring members, Mr. E. G. Turner and Mr. J. Stockbridge, have been returned unopposed.

FOOTS CRAY.

Foots Cray sends two representatives to the Board of Guardians, for which there were but two nominations, the result being a "walk over" for Mr. T. Knight (a retiring member seeking re-election) and Mr. S. H. Wright.

* Signifies retiring member seeking re-election.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHELSFIELD.

* WARING, E. L. (unopposed).

CUDHAM.

*SMITHER, CHAS. (unopposed).

DOWNE.

WELCH, JOHN THOS. (unopposed).

FARNBOROUGH.

The return of Mr. J. M. Higgs, the retiring candidate, was challenged by Mr. Thomas Hubbard. The result was as follows:—

Elected.

*HIGGS, JOHN MAY	176

Not Elected.

Hubbard, Thomas	59

HAYES.
*RUSSELL, JAS. (unopposed).

KESTON.
*HASLETT, WM. H. (unopposed).

KNOCKHOLT.
Here there were two candidates for the one seat, and the result of the poll was as follows:—

Elected.

HAMMOND, W. J.	82

Not Elected.

Wells, A.	30

MOTTINGHAM.
*PAGE, S. P. (unopposed).

NORTH CRAY.
*BOWMAN, W. (unopposed).

ORPINGTON.
(Two seats.)
*VINSON, WM., sen. (unopposed).
*HIGGS, JOHN (unopposed).

ST. MARY CRAY.
(Two seats.)
*JOYNSON, E. H. (unopposed).
*HARLOW, T. (unopposed).

St. PAUL'S CRAY.
*MAY, THOS. (unopposed).

WEST WICKHAM.
*LENNARD, Sir H. A. H. FARNABY (unopposed).

PARISH COUNCILS.

CHELSFIELD.

Elected.

WARING, E. L.	144
SMITH, J.	118
BAILEY, W. E.	117
DOWLER, J.	116
MILLER-HALLETT, A. ...	115
TUNSTALL, G. R.	107
NORMAN, E.	106
ROWLEY, J. W.	98
COLLINGS, D.	94

Not Elected.

Dawson, J.	82
Abrahams, D.	81
Bird, G.	70
Eyres, A. J.	43
Wilson, R.	36

FARNBOROUGH.

Elected.

HIGGS, J. M.	192
FOX, W. St. JOHN	161
SAWYER, JESSE	156
GRIFFIN, R. J.	155
WEATHERLEY, THOS. ...	153
WHITE, J.	152
STOW, J. W.	151
WILSON, HENRY	131

Not Elected.

Hubbard, Thos.	89
Batchelor, Geo.	63
Ballard, Isaac Hiram...	54
Weatherley, W. G.	40

KNOCKHOLT.

Elected.

BOND, H.	70
BOWEN, A.	65
SMITHERS, A. W.	62
HAMMOND, W. J.	55
CONSTABLE, S. N.	49
JONES, F. H.	46
PEPPERCORN, A. J.	43

Not Elected.

Root, H.	33
Strugnell, R.	28
Pinniger, C. B.	28
Brooker, H.	27
Wood, J.	20
Dell, V. J.	17

MOTTINGHAM.

Elected.

PAGE, S. P.	132
POLLOCK, W.	125
EDWARDS, GEO.	124
BOND, THOMAS	115
CAIN, ALFRED	101
HYDE, GEORGE	96
NORMAN, A. E.	96
GRANT, WALTER	94

Not Elected.

Smith, J. N.	84
Cannon, T. G.	84
Minstrell, Thomas	81
Neville, R. C. G.	81
Westlake, B.	80
Ambler, H.	78
Beavis, Alfred	66
Barber, Lewis	55
Maurice, Jesse	55
Allen, F. R....	44

WEST KENT SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The annual Convention of the Western Kent Sunday School Union was held at the Temple Congregational Church, St. Mary Cray on Good Friday, and attracted a large number of Sunday School workers from West and North Kent, those attending coming from Bromley, Dartford, Gravesend, Swanley, Bexley, Bexley Heath, Orpington, Sidcup, and the Crays. The feature of the Convention was undoubtedly the part taken by Mr. G. Hamilton Archibald, of Montreal, which included an hour of Child Study at the morning session, and a lucid explanation of the Montreal method of Sunday school work, which, if carried into effect in Kent, means a complete reformation of the existing sytem. The conference opened at 10.15 a.m. with a prayer and praise meeting, over which the Rev. G. R. Y. Fearn, of Orpington, presided. Subsequently there was a Band of Hope demonstration, with the Rev. J. E. Martin, of Erith, in the chair.

The annual smoking concert of the Bromley Detachment took place on Wednesday, April 6th, and proved very successful and enjoyable. Capt. F. K. Selby (O.C. Detachment) presided.

A number of ratepayers from Farnborough, Orpington, Downe, Cudham, and Knockholt, made their appearance for the second time in the capacity of "passive resisters" before the Bromley Bench of Magistrates on April 5th, in respect to the non-payment of that portion of the Poor Rate levied for educational purposes.

A handsome clock has been presented by his late comrades to Station-sergeant Goose, who recently retired from the Police Force after 25 years' service, eight of which he spent at Penge.

A costume swimming entertainment was arranged by the Beckenham Urban District Council, assisted by the Beckenham Baths Club and the Beckenham Swimming Club to open the current season, and was carried out under A.S.A. laws, at the Baths on Wednesday evening, April 13th. There was a large attendance.

TRAP-DOOR SPIDERS.

LECTURE BY PROF. F. ENOCK.

[Reprinted from the Bromley Chronicle.]

Professor F. Enock, F.L.S., F.E.S., F.M.H.S., F.R.H.S., the well-known authority on Trap-door spiders, lectured at the Bromley Grand Hall on Wednesday, March 29th, under the auspices of the Bromley Naturalists' Society. In the unavoidable absence of the esteemed President of the Society (Mr. Justice Bruce), the chair was taken by Mr. T. C. Dewey, one of the Vice-Presidents, but owing, no doubt, to the extremely inclement weather, the attendance was very sparse.

The Chairman, in opening, voiced the feelings of all present in expressing sincere regret at the unavoidable absence of their distinguished President, who had been called to the north of England. There was, he was sure, no need of anything more than the briefest introduction of Prof. Enock, who was so widely known as a recognised authority on the subject upon which he was to lecture that night.

Prof. Enock, who was cordially welcomed, then spoke, observing that a great many people would doubtless, be very much surprised to know that we had in England at the present time over 400 different kinds of spiders. Many entertained the impression that spiders were "uninteresting and horrid things." But, as a matter of fact, they were very interesting and very beautiful if they only had the eye to appreciate their beauty and the knowledge to grasp their intelligence. They were ,indeed, wonderful creatures. That night he would have the time to tell them the life history of only one, viz., the British representative of the trap-door species. This particular representative does not make a trap-door, but if they were to put one of them alongside of the true trap-door spider, they would not be able to tell the difference unless they had very sharp eyes and knew where to look. Although much had been ascertained with regard to this creature, by a great French naturalist, much remained to be found out, and he himself had devoted more than twenty years to the study of the British representative. The only information he had to go upon was that it was found at Carlisle and somewhere near London, and he set himself to work, he hardly knew how many years ago, to find it near London. The only guide he had was that it looked something like the cocoon of a caterpillar or a dirty glove finger. He came to the conclusion that the most likely place to look for it would be on the famous Hampstead Heath, and finally after long and patient research he found it; and since that time he had gone on working out its life history; and he had succeeded in finding out everything except one thing, and that was the age of the female spider. That, however was not altogether remarkable, for it was difficult to ascertain the age of any female. (Laughter.) That night he proposed to give them the result of his twenty years' hard work at the one British trap-door spider.

The lights were then turned own, and a very beautiful illustration was shown on the sheet of a true trap-door spider, with its wonderful silk-lined tube-nest, burrowed out of the solid earth, and its even still more remarkable bevelled-edge practically invisible trap-door, padded on the inside with silk, and fitted with its truly wonderful hinge, by which it opens with perfect ease. The tube itself is lined with the spider's natural silk, and when danger threatens, the occupant, seizes the silk under-padding of the trap-door with its upper claws, and the lining of the tube with its lower claws, and is thus enabled to keep its home quite safe from the attacks of any of its ordinary foes. The British representative of this wonderful animal was then pourtrayed on the sheet. It burrows and lines its tube-nest in the same way as does the true type, but instead of the trap-door, there is a continuation of the tube above the surface woven by the spider, and fastened to a suitable place in the surface, generally in the side of a sand bank. A number of illustrations of such nests were given, and the lecturer then proceeded to detail, dealing first with the structure of the nest, secondly with the anatomy of the spider, and then its life history and economy, including quite a sensational chapter on love, courtship, marriage, and, last but not least, murder. It is an interesting fact, in the first place, that the lady of the household does most of the work, and her marvellous skill in the construction of the home was first illustrated. Then came a lucid description of the anatomy of the spider, with its strikingly muscular jaws and fangs, its no less remarkable system of spinnerets, and its extraordinary intelligence. The great question for a long time, was as to how the spider lived. The illustrations on this phase of the subject were most interesting, showing, as they did, with the utmost clearness, how it struck the fly, right through the aerial portion of its nest, with its powerful and poisonous fangs, and then, with its remarkable lower jaws, armed with a formidable array of spines, it tore a hole in its nest, through which it dragged the fly, and finally deposited it in the bottom of the tube. The lecturer's description of how he found out this operation, and thus solved the spider's means of living, was amusing as well as interesting. Having deposited the fly at the bottom of the tube, the spider returned to the torn portion of the nest with a view to "darning" it with its remarkable spinnerets. But he (the lecturer) had anticipated the movement and was there holding another captive "blue-bottle" right in front of the opening. The spider promptly seized it, dragged it through the opening, and took it to the bottom of the nest. Again, it returned to complete repairs, but again the lecturer was there with his "blue-bottle." And so he continued until the spider had no less than eight of such savoury morsels in the domestic pantry. By this time the spider was tired and so was the lecturer, to say nothing of the dearth of bluebottles. The spider completed its repairs, refused to be tempted by any more flys, and instead got below the level at which he was holding the ninth fly, and dragged the interior of the aerial part of the tube across to the other side, and thus closed the orifice, practically intimating that it had got a sufficient supply of "bluebottle." (Laughter.) His story of the matrimonial traits of the spider was also amusing. The male spider knocked at the door of the home for a long time, but the prospective bride would make no response, and eventually he tore open the door and entered. For three months they lived happily together, but then the female developed the natural tendencies of the sex. She scratched her husband's face, then struck her fangs into him, killed him, ate him, and finally carried his old clothes—in the shap of his outer covering —to the top of the tube and threw them out. The self-made widow was left with a large family—150 in all, and no sooner had they taken their natural form then they were obliged to start life for themselves. They left the maternal domicile one by one, and proceeded to establish their own homes, and woe betide the unfortunate one that ventured on a visit to one of its brothers or sisters, for it was promtply killed, and very often the first meal

of one of these young colonists was made off one of its own family. (Laughter.) In conclusion, the lecturer impressed upon all Naturalists the desirability of each one doing his or her best to increase the sum of human knowledge in whatever branch of study they took up.

The Chairman expressed the hearty thanks of all those present to the lecturer, and also acknowledged the debt which they were under to the Bromley Naturalists' Society for arranging that lecture, which he trusted would be followed by others. When he knew that he had to take the chair, he was face to face with the fact that he knew little or nothing about trap-door spiders. Over the dinner table he inquired if any member of his family could give him any information on the suject. He was able to get a description of this wonderful creature, and from what he had heard that night he was able to realise that the account he received was an accurate one. That was from his own youngest daughter, which proved to him that to-day the study of natural history was not neglected in schools. (Applause.) He commended the Bromley Naturalists' Society to their hearty support, observing that their excellent and indefatigable secretary, Mr. H. H. Mellon, would be most happy to give them all possible information concerning it. (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated.

FREE CHURCH FEDERATION.

ANNUAL MEETINGS AT BROMLEY.

The annual meetings in connection with the Free Church Federation for Bromley, Beckenham, and the Crays District took place in the Bromley Baptist Church, on April 13th. The afternoon gathering was well attended, and a powerful sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, M.A. In the evening, Mr. R. Murray Hyslop, of Beckenham, the outgoing President, presided over a numerously attended public meeting, supported by the Rev. T. Eynon Davies, of Beckenham, the hon. secretary of the Federation, the Revs. J. Morgan Gibbon, J. H. Shakespeare, and R. Silvey, and Dr. Alexander Brown, the President-elect for the year.

The proceedings opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer said by the Rev. Robert Silvey.

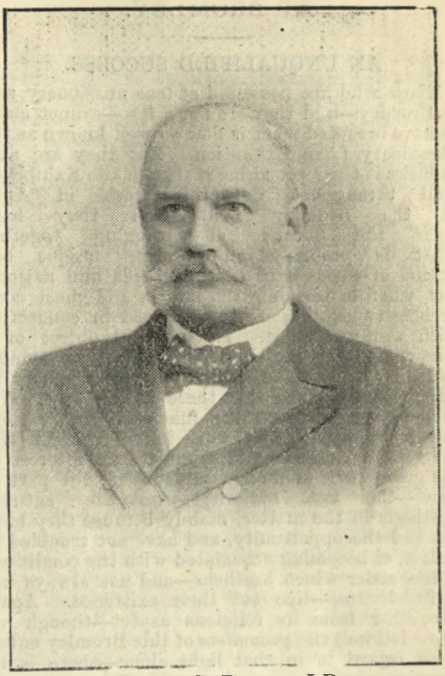
The Rev. T. Eynon Davies then presented an interesting report of the year's work of the Federation. At the outset a warm tribute was paid to the Rev. T. Nicholson, on his departure from the district, and gratification expressed at the acquisition of the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie on the Council. Referring to the education controversy the report stated that the Council had no connection with the so-called passive resistance movement, but several of the members had felt compelled, on conscientious grounds, to refuse to pay the sectarian rate. The report concluded with an appeal for heartier co-operation than ever. (Applause.)

Addresses followed by the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, Mr. Hyslop, Rev. J. Morgan Gibbon, and others.

The number of visitors to the Crystal Palace on Easter Monday reached a total of 78,631. The number last year was 78,003.

The marriage took place at St. George's Church, Beckenham, on April 14th, of the Rev. John William James, of Chevington, Bungay, Suffolk, to Mary Katharine Howard Munro, eldest daughter of Mr. John Edward Munro, of Oak Lawn, Bromley-road, Beckenham. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry Gee, D.D., Master of University College, Durham, assisted by the Rev. Edward Moore, of St. Mary's, Shortlands.

HONOUR FOR MR. T. C. DEWEY.



MR. T. C. DEWEY, J.P.

At the West Kent Quarter Sessions on April 7th, Mr. Thomas Charles Dewey, of South Hill Wood, Bromley, was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Kent. Mr. Dewey will sit on the Bromley Bench.

ODDFELLOWS DINNER AT BROMLEY.

The annual dinner of the Loyal Ratcliffe Lodge (No. 7486) of the Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F., was held at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on Wednesday, March 29, and was a great success. His Worship the Mayor (Bro. Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided with characteristic geniality, and supporting him amongst the large attendance were the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Councillor M. H. Newton, Bro. Alfred Wright, Bro. H. M. Vyall, P.P.G.M., Bro. W. H. Chinn, P.P.G.M., Messrs. W. Collings, E. Barrow, D. Balding, Pittman, H. Chapman, Richards, F. E. Webb, W. R. Gunton, Baker, W. W. Baden (the excellent Lodge secrtary), B. J. Filby, H. Hems, A. Lawrence, Brown, F. Pargeter, C. T. Thewlis, T. H. Heaysman, H. R. Hill, Rowland Hill, P. Millbank, H. Johnstone, G. W. Perkis, F. W. Peill, J. Darby, Jones, R. Ferris, A. Spielmann, F. Darby, G. W. Hopton, W. E. Matchett, and others.

Several complimentary toasts were honoured.

Three performance of "The Gondoliers," in aid of the funds of the Bickley Park Cricket Club, will be given by local amateurs under the direction of Mr. Montford Baker, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

SUNDRIDGE PARK GOLF CLUB.—The list of members of this Club is now within less than 10 of the limit, and it has been decided that the entrance fee shall be increased from £5 5s. to £10 10s., which will take effect as soon as the limit has been reached.

MISSIONARY LOAN EXHIBITION AT BROMLEY.

AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

Those who are possessed of true missionary zeal in Bromley—and they are not a few—cannot claim to have invented what is now so well known as the Missionary Loan Exhibition. But they are able to make it their proud boast that in the Exhibition held throughout the third week in April at the Bromley Drill Hall they have been the means of bringing together what is probably an absolute unique collection of curios from heathen lands and nations, and what is certainly the largest and most comprehensive exhibition yet organised in connection with the movement. The primary object of a missionary loan exhibition is not to make money. True, it is desirable that the enterprise should be self-supporting, and that there should even be a surplus for assisting the funds of the various missionary agencies at work in the world. But the essential object is to stimulate an interest in the great work of foreign missions on the part of those—the vast majority—who are entirely apathetic in the matter, mainly because they have not had the opportunity, and have not troubled to seek it, of becoming acquainted with the conditions of life under which heathens—and not always uncivilised races—live out their existence. Apart altogether from its religious aspect—though we know full well the promoters of this Bromley enterprise regard it in that light alone—there is no question whatever that the world, and particularly that large part of it which comes under British dominion, owes an enormous debt to the work of the missions. And not in the least measure is that debt due from those who stay at home. Many of our most flourishing Colonies like those in the Dark Continent and in Australasia are what they are to-day in no small degree owing to the work of foreign missions. It has been the mainspring to very much of the great colonising activity of the British nation, and on this ground alone, it is a work which commands a far larger measure of support than it receives.

However, in the effort held at Bromley the missionary enthusiastists did not appeal to commercial motives. They took a higher stand than that, and based their appeal on Christian and humanitarian grounds.

A great feature of the Exhibition and its accompanying spheres of activity, was that it was "United." Every denomination—and almost every single representative of each commuion in the Borough—had worked for months past, hand in hand, to make the enterprise a great success—and this it undoubtedly was. The proposal was made known as long ago as last November, and was at once taken up with avidity. A thoroughly representative and influential executive was formed, with Mr. Theodore Howard as President, Mr. T. Lamb and Mr. J. Christie Reid as Vice-Chairmen, Sir Andrew Wingate, K.C.I.E., as Treasurer, and Miss Clara Benham and Mr. W. Stannard as Hon. Secretaries. The Vice-Presidents included almost every clergyman and minister in Bromley, together with the Chaplain-General of the Forces (Bishop Taylor-Smith)—himself a distinguished missionary—his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), and other leading laymen. A guarantee fund to cover the expenses was speedily forthcoming, and the following departments were organised:—India, Miss E. Ellis and Mrs. Silvey; Zenana, the Hon. Mrs. O. Jones and Lady Wingate; China, Miss Edith Benham; Japan, Rev. G. H. Pole; Africa, Mrs. D. F. Mackenzie; Islands, Mr. Bumsted and Mrs. E. Unwin; South America, Mrs. Stephens; Bible Lands, Sir Andrew Wingate, K.C.I.E.; Industrial Missions Aid Society, the Mayoress and Mrs. Goodyear; Medical Missions, Dr. J. Preston Maxwell; Leper Mission, Mr. H. Y. Kelleway; British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. E. T. M. Dennes; Bookstall, Mr. E. Williams; Intelligence Stall, Dr. J. L. Maxwell; Stewards, Mr. S. J. Romilly; Choir, Mr. J. Swinstead; Prayer Meetings, Rev. C. D. Thomas and Miss E. Wilkinson; Refreshments, Miss K. G. Scott and Miss N. Symington; Speakers, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D.; Printing and Advertising, the Secretaries; Finance, Mr. D. A. Bumsted; Children's Choir, Mr. J. P. Medwin; Organiser for Sunday Schools, Mr. F. R. Ball.

Before concluding we should like to congratulate the army of workers who had been engageqd upon the outcome of their efforts. We understand that something like 300 ladies and gentlemen had been working continuously for months in the effort, and we can well believe that the variety of scenery and association which were so graphically pourtrayed in the Drill Hall constitute the best reward for their labours. All worked splendidly, and those who did most will be the very first to acknowledge the splendid zeal and organising powers of the Hon. Secretary, Miss Clara Benham, and her colleague, Mr. Stannard.

The opening ceremony on April 19th was performed by his Worship the Mayor of Bromley, who attended in his robes, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Mace, and accompanied by the Mayoress. There was a large and influential gathering including: Sir Andrew and Lady Wingate, Rev. A. G. Hellicar (Vicar of Bromley), Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, the Rev. G. H. Pole (Chislehurst), the Hon. Mrs. Orlando Jones, Mrs. Hudson, and others.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn "All hail the power of Jesu's Name;" after which, the Vicar of Bromley (Rev. A. G. Helicar) said prayer.

BROMLEY DRUIDS' ANNUAL DINNER

The members of the King's Own Lodge (548) of the A.O.D. assembled in large numbers at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, Bromley, on Wednesday, April 13th, the occasion being their second annual dinner. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) is an ideal Chairman, and it goes without saying that under his genial sway the gathering passed off most successfully.

The catering, which gave entire satisfaction, was admirably carried out under the personal supervision of the Hostess, Mrs. J. Hamilton, and the excellent dinner was thoroughly enjoyed. At the conclusion the usual loyal toasts were aptly submitted from the chair, and received with enthusiasm. Other appropriate toasts were ably given and suitably responded to.

Mr. Weist-Hill, who was playing at the Drill Hall, on April 14th, is a son of the late Weist-Hill, who was Principal at the Guildhall School of Music, prior to the late Sir Joseph Barnby. He is a pupil of Mons. Ysaye, the eminent violinist, conductor and composer.

A large gathering of members and friends of the National Deposit Friendly Society met at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, for the annual tea and entertainment. This event is alway looked forward to with much interest by the large circle of sympathisers amongst whom this rapidly-increasing Friendly Society is a popular institution.

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DIARY FOR APRIL.

4th.—Seventeenth annual athletic sports at Quernmore School.—Annual Easter concert at the Parish Room, Freeland's-grove, under the auspices of the C.E.T.S.

6th.—First annual Ball of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley.—Last of the season's series of House Suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club.—Bromley Volunteer smoking concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

13th.—Annual dinner of the King's Own Lodge (A.O.D.) at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, Bromley.—Bromley Volunteers' annual gymnastic display at the Drill Hall.—Free Church Federation annual meeting at Bromley Baptist Church.—Wesleyan Home Mission meeting at Wesleyan Church Schoolroom, Bromley.—Women's Protestant Union meeting at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley.

14th.—Concert by the Shortlands Orchestral Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

15th.—Concert by the eminent violinist, Kreisler, and party at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Farewell dinner and presentation to the Bromley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

18th.—Great united missionary exhibition at the Drill Hall, Bromley, and five following days.

22nd.—Garden City Association meeting at the Grand Hall, Bromley.

25th.—Missionary thanksgiving service at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

26th.—Last concert of the season of the Bromley Musical Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

27th.—Meeting at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, to consider the need for Protestant work and legislation.

28th.—Annual meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, of the Bromley auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. F. W. Gusterson, of Bromley Common, has accepted a call to be co-pastor with the Rev. J. Mountain, at Tunbridge Wells. He commences his work there on Whit Sunday.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley Swimming Club was held on Monday, April 18th, at the Victoria Hall. The meeting, which was well attended, was presided over by Mr. W. R. Gunton. The secretary read the minutes of the last general meeting, and these having been passed, the balance sheet was then submitted showing a small balance in hand. The next business dealt with the election of officers for the ensuing season, and Mr. C. H. Gunton, who, since the formation of the club, has so ably filled the post of hon. treasurer, was unanimously re-elected. The Chairman then read a letter from the hon. secretary, Mr. B. Choat, who said that owing to pressure of business he regretted having to tender his resignation. Mr. W. R. Gunton expressed his regret that Mr. Choat was unable to carry on the secretaryship, and remarked on the painstaking and zealous way in which Mr. Choat had carried out his duties. Nominations were then asked for the vacant post, and it was proposed by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. W. Baxter, that Mr. B. Ayling be elected hon. secretary, which was carried There being several vacancies on the Committee, these posts were balloted for, and the following gentlemen duly elected: Messrs. W. R. Gunton, R. Ayling, A. Hunt, H. W. Richardson, H. Choat, Strong, W. Baxter, Austin, and T. S. Ayling, the captain, Mr. H. Deadman, and vice captain, Mr. C. Stark, being ex-officio members. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Bromley Swimming Club, which was founded in 1901, is now entering on its fourth season, and in view of the very strong probability of Swimming Baths being provided in Bromley, this should be a great inducement for new members to join. Applications for membership should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. Ayling, 15, Broadway, Bromley.

A very handsome "eagle" lectern, worked in brass, with oak stand and brass rails, was dedicated at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lennard-road, Beckenham, on Easter Eve. It bears an inscription on a brass plate, as follows: "In affectionate memory of Walter Church. Easter, 1904. Walter J. Latham, Vicar."

WOMEN'S PROTESTANT UNION.—Quite a large number of ladies gathered in the Bromley Co-operative Hall, East-street, on Wednesday, April 13th, to hear an address by Miss Rouse on "The Confessional, its origin and working." Mr. John Flower also gave a short address.

BROMLEY CYCLING CLUB.—The members of the Bromley Cycling and Motor Club had their initial outing of the season on April 6th to Chislehurst Caves, and the trip proved a most enjoyable one. Upon returning to Bromley, tea was partaken of at the "White Hart" Hotel, after which dancing took place in the Assembly Rooms, the duties of M.C. being courteously discharged by Mr. F. S. Darby. Various games were indulged in, and songs were sung at intervals and much appreciated. In the course of a few complimentary remarks the Chairman (Mr. G. E. Kirby) proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the artistes and all those who had in any way contributed to the success of the evening, and the motion was carried with enthusiasm. Anyone desirous of becoming a member of the Club is invited to communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. J. E. Carter, 10, Hawes-road, Bromley.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAYS.

BROMLEY GYMNASTIC CLUB.

The third annual gymnastic display in connection with the Bromley Gymnastic Club was held at the Grand Hall, on Wednesday, March 23rd, when unmistakeable proof was again afforded of the enviable position which the club has attained.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, the valued President, who is one of the keenest in his desire to foster and enhance the welfare of the club, occupied the chair

Midway through the programme the Mayoress gracefully presented the Challenge Cups, "Ladies' Shield," and medals won by the members at the recent competitions (whose names have already appeared in our columns), after which,

Mr. T. C. Dewey rose and said he was going to propose that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Mayores for presenting the emblems of merit. Before doing so, however, he wished, on behalf of those present, to congratulate most heartily the Committee and the officers of the Club for the admirable display they had given them that evening. (Applause.) He had been present at each of the annual displays and although he was not an expert in such matters, he could testify that each year had shown a marked improvement all along the line. (Applause.) He noticed that there were no fewer than 82 names on the programme, and this he thought showed more than anything else that that kind of athletics was progressing in a remarkably rapid manner in the town. Proceeding. Mr. Dewey congratulated the able instructors, particularly Miss Andrew, who came from some distance outside Bromley to act as hon. leader for the Ladies' Classes without any fee or reward—(applause)—and in referring to Mr. Baxter he observed that there would never be a lack of enthusiasm as long as he was a member of the Club. On their behalf he also thanked the Mayor for his attendance. He knew that he could ill afford the time, and, therefore, they must recognise what an honour it was to them for him to be present. (Applause.) The Mayor was most regular in his attendance, not only at the Council meetings, but also at every gathering connected in any way with the public life of the Borough. His personal magnetism was most highly valued, and they very much appreciated the personal interest he took in the welfare of the various clubs and organisations in the town. In the name of those present he thanked the Mayoress for distributing the prizes with her usual grace and kindness, and formally tendered to the Mayor and Mayoress their most hearty thanks for their presence that evening. (Applause.)

The Mayor said it was a very difficult matter for him to adequately reply to the vote of thanks, because of the extraordinarily kind way in which it had been proposed by Mr. Dewey, and because of the extraordinary enthusiasm and cordiality with which it had been endorsed by those present. (Applause.) His wife and himself had looked forward with much pleasure to that evening's display, and he could assure them that they had enjoyed it immensely.

Finally a word of thanks is due to the Misses F. Bollen, J. Worth, and D. Heaysman, and Mr. Percy Ranson for the valuable assistance they rendered as pianists, their descriptive morceaux adding largely to the enjoyment and success of the evening.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL.

There was a large attendance of parents and present and past pupils of Quernmore, Bromley, and their friends at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Monday, April 11th, when the annual assault-at-arms and gymnastic display in connection with the School took place. The importance of physical exercises has always been prominently recognised at this excellent institution, and the work accomplished by the members of the Cadet Corps and gymnastic squad on Monday, under Lieut. J. H. Bradshaw and Sergt.-inst. G. Burge, gave the greatest satisfaction. Neatness and smartness characterised all their movements. The juniors also indulged in some very pretty and effective figure marching to music, carrying Chinese lanterns in their hands. The Gymnastic Squad, under their Instructor, Mr. H. E. Lee, did a number of highly creditable things, performing on the vaulting horse, the parallel bars, the horizontal bar, and the rings with clean action and precision. Keen competition was manifested throughout and the applause was frequent and well deserved. At the conclusion of the competitions the following result was announced: School House, 81½ points; Bromley, 61½; Plaistow and South Hill, 49. The Gymnastic Cup was accordingly handed over to A C. Jepson on behalf of the School House. The Football Cup was also presented, Plaistow and South Hill being the winners of this. Corporal J. T. Breese acted as judge ,and Miss Loly did great service at the piano.

At the conclusion of the display the Headmaster, Mr. G. Loly, after briefly referring to the health of the school during the past term, commented upon the success of the display that evening, and then presented the form prizes won during the term.

Second and Third—F. K. Griffith.
Fourth—T. F. C. Marriott.
Shell—L. V. Johnson.
Remove—A. Mackenzie.
Juniors—I., J. R. S. Proud; II., A. D. Whittle; III., H. Connett.
Preparatory—A. Peachey and H. N. Pulman.
Transition—I., G. Dean; II., J. R. Willows.
German—Set I., T. F. C. Marriott; Set II., L. V. Johnsen iii.
Greek—W. C. D. Maile.
Mathematics—Set I., W. L. Harvey; Set II., A. L. Dawe; Set III., P. A. Gedge; Set IV., F. Arroyo Caro; Set V., A. Mackenzie ii.
Drawing—E. O. Prize and F. Arroyo Caro.
Mr. Carr's Geography Prize—S. H. Batty-Smith.
Mrs. Loly's House Prize—A. C. Jepson.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

In the variety of subjects so excellently taught at Holmcroft School, Holwood-road, Bromley, the value of physical culture is abundantly recognised, and the efficiency of the training which is given in this highly-important department of education—for its essential importance is becoming more and more accepted—was manifested in a most gratifying manner in the altogether admirable display which was given by the pupils in the Parish Room, West-street, on Wednesday, April 13th. We heartily congratulate Miss Fertel and her accomplished instructress Miss Stempel, M.G.T.I., upon the work done. There was a large and interested gathering of parents and friends. The first item on the programme was figure marching, followed by fancy marching, all the evolutions being carried out with striking precision and accuracy, the leaders being Miss Powell, Miss L. Mason, Miss J. Clark, and Miss D. Hill. Following this came a display of balancing on a beam about 18 inches above the ground. The next number was a clever exhibition with Indian clubs by the Class, and here again the time and rythym were perfect. Miss Stempel next gave a very skilful display of solo club swinging, and hearty applause greeted

her efforts. Then came a short interval, during which Miss Kathleen Thoburn gave an excellent recitation, "The Newsboy's Debt," for which she was loudly applauded. Dumb-bell drill opened the second part, which was followed by a display of high jumping by the Class, Miss Powell reaching the height of 4ft. 8in. Miss Stempel gave a very clever exhibition of skipping, which was much enjoyed, and the performance concluded with a running exercise, Miss Powell being the leader. The display, as a whole, was most thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

BROMLEY VOLUNTEERS.

Of the many enjoyable functions which take place annually in connection with the Bromley Detachment of the 2nd V.B. "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment), there is none which invariably proves to be more appreciated than the annual assault-at-arms and gymnastic display. Since its inception, now some six or seven years ago, each display has been notable by the increased degree of skill in manly exercises exhibited by our citizen soldiers. Hitherto, a considerable amount of professional assistance has been imported in the shape of members of the Army Gymnastic Staff. This year, however, Sergt.-inst. Burge, the popular instructor of the Detachment, boldly resolved upon a new departure, and decided to limit those taking part to actual active members of the Corps, whom he had personally trained. That this step was amply justified was proved by the very large and enthusiastic audience which gathered in the Drill Hall on Wednesday, April 13th, the Hall being taxed to its utmost capacity, a large number being unable to obtain admission. Those present, however, had a rich treat, as a long and well varied programme was provided, and all the items were excellently given and eloquently testified to the skill attained by our local Volunteers. Amongst those present were Major B. H. Latter, Captain F. K. Selby (O.C. Detachment), Lieut. G. R. Edey, Lieut. J. H. Bradshaw (Quernmore Cadet Corps), &c.

Altogether the affair was a decided success, and although shorn of some of the more ornamental features of previous years, exhibited a marked advance on all preceding displays, being more interesting and instructive as showing the material of which the Bromley Detachment is composed, and clearly demonstrated the physical advantages, to say nothing of patriotic considerations, accruing from membership of the Volunteers. To Sergt.-inst. Burge, who has worked extremely hard in connection with the gymnastic training of the men under his charge, the greatest credit is due for the gratifying result of his labours, while the members of the Class themselves and all who have assisted no less deserve congratulation for the loyal and painstaking manner in which they have supported him.

The Vicar of Bromley has left home for some weeks by medical order.

"THE CREATION."—At the Parish Room, Beckenham, on Thursday, April 14th, a highly successful performance of "The Creation" was given by the St. Michael's Choral Society. There was a large and appreciative audience, and under the capable guidance of Mr. Edwin Smyth, the chorus, numbering 60 voices, acquitted themselves excellently. The soloists were Miss Ada Barnett (soprano), Mr. Wilfred Pepper (tenor), and Mr. James Haworth (bass). Credit must be given to the accompanists, Mr. Tom Sutton (piano) and Mr. Lamb (organ), for the admirable way in which they accomplished the by no means easy task which had been set them.

VOLUNTEER CHURCH PARADE

The Church parade of the Bromley Detachment on March 27, at St. Mary's, Shortlands, was very successful, despite the early hour—for Sunday morning—nine a.m. Capt. F. K. Selby was in command, and others present included Lieut. C. D. Clark, Lieut. A. N. W. Clark, Lieut. G. R. Edey, ex-Bugle-Major T. Heaysman, and Sergt.-inst. G. Burge. There were about 110 on parade, which, considering that the strength of the Detachment is now only about 170 (including Chislehurst) was certainly a very good muster, and proves incontestibly the popularity of these parades. On Sunday there was a capital band, and they played well. A selection was performed outside the Drill Hall while the Companies were assembling, and then the Band, which was most ably conducted by Bandmaster J. B. Church, to the strains of "The Challenger" March, led the Detachment through the High-street, down Swan Hill, to nearly opposite Shortlands Station, when a horse attached to a milk cart evinced a sudden desire to join the ranks. However, its military ardour was soon nipped in the bud, and with a strong hand on the rein, it soon became a very passive resister.

Shortly after passing Shortlands Station the Band struck up the march "Hosanna," which with its introduction of excerpts of the "Hallelujah Chorus," was very appropriate both to the day and the occasion. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon Wolley, was much enjoyed. It consisted of a shortened form of Morning Prayer, the special Psalm being the 132nd, and the lesson taken from the 27th chapter of St. Matthew. The hymn before the sermon was the well-known Palm Sunday one, "Ride on, ride on, in majesty." An excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Wolley, who took for his text, St. Mark x., 32 (Revised Version).

BROMLEY P.S.A. BROTHERHOOD.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

There was a splendid gathering of members and friends on Sunday, March 27th, at the Grand Hall, the occasion being an "open Sunday." The movement had just completed ten years' existence in Bromley, and is now commencing its eleventh year.

Mr. Robt. Whyte addressed the meeting. He said they had now reached 520 meetings of brotherhood—520 Pleasant Sunday Afternoons, which was equal to a space of time of 22 days of 24 hours each, during those ten years. They looked back upon the time spent in that hall with a good deal of pleasure. They had been helped by those meetings and it was true to say that by this the whole course of their lives had been changed. They looked back upon the past with gratitude and determination as they faced the future. There rested upon them a grave responsibility. Their mission was to men, and should they go among them mailed in scorn? How he wished he could on this last Sunday of another year sum up the past, and give to them the point of all that was gone before. He could only say a few lines of Bartlett's familiar quotations—

> "To look up, and not down,
> To look forward and not back,
> To look out and not in,
> And to lend a hand."

At the meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians, on Tuesday, April 19th, Mr. W. Bowman was unanimously elected Chairman and Mr. S. Conway Vice-Chairman.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS.

There have been exceedingly busy and happy times at Quernmore School during the past month in connection with the annual athletic sports, which were for the most part carried through in fine weather, and as the result the proceedings passed off most successfully. The sports were begun on Wednesday, March 30th, continued on Saturday, and concluded on Easter Monday. Fine weather was experienced on the two first-named days, but showers attended Monday's events, and made fast times impossible. In comparison with last year, however, the day was a fine one, and the parents and friends of the scholars took full advantage of it, and attended in large numbers. But the success of the sports does not depend upon the weather alone, for the esteemed Principal, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., and his staff of capable assistants do all that is possible to provide good sport. They did so on the present occasion, and those who were present enjoyed themselves in a quiet way. As usual, the races were exceedingly keen, the majority of the finishes exciting, and the obstacle races and tugs of war proved highly amusing. To carry out all the work attached to such a big programme as that arranged an efficient body of officials is absolutely requisite, and Mr. Loly is fortunate in possessing an enthusiastic and capable lot of workers, prominent amongst whom is Mr. B. W. V. King. The officials comprised:—Referee, Mr. J. H. Bradshaw; Judges, Messrs. A. Carr, F. de L. Solbé, J. Lafittee, C. Courtney, Russell Edey, B. W. V. King, F. P. Jepson, and P. Strudwick; Competitors' Steward, Mr. P. Reynolds; Starter, Mr. J. M. Bernauer; Committee, Messrs. G. Davies, A. C. Jepson, A. T. Harvey, and B. H. Tucker; Timekeepers, Mr. S. Fowler Dixon, L.A.C., and Dr. P. N. Randall. The labours of the Press were considerably lessened by Mr. H. E. Lee, who again discharged the duties of Press Steward with characteristic courtesy and with complete ability. A word of praise is also due to the groundman, George Summerfield, who was responsible for the splendid condition of the turf on which the races were decided. Refreshments were again kindly provided, and on Monday some capital selections of music were discoursed by Howard Morley Phillips' Bijou Orchestra.

As the result of the competitions, the House Sports Cup was rather easily won by South Hill and Plaistow with 45 points, Bromley being second with 33, and School House third with 18 points. Davies won the School Challenge Cup and Medal with 33 points, and proved himself a fine sprinter. He won the 100 yards in 11 1-5 seconds, the quarter mile in 63 seconds, the 100 yards hurdles in 16 2-5 seconds, and the dribbling competition. Whyte won the Junior Cup with 18 points, and he is also to be congratulated on his success. The Blackburn Shield will not be awarded until the result of the approaching gymnastic competition is announced.

The interesting ceremony of presenting the prizes to those who had distinguished themselves was the concluding item on the programme, being kindly undertaken by Mrs. J. Bond.

Mr. Loly expressed his pleasure at seeing present Dr. Lewis, the secretary of the Kent County Council Chess Association, to which they had become recently affiliated, and of which the Archbishop of Canterbury was a patron, and Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke, M.P., the President. The tournament recently held there between Tucker and Griffith was won by Tucker, and he had pleasure in asking Mrs. Bond to pin the medal on the successful player.

After this pleasing ceremony,

Mr. B. W. V. King announced that the Old Boys' Sports took place on March 16th with the following results: 100 yards for Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. C. Courtney, won by W. Nops; high jump for Challenge Cup, won by F. P. Klinkhardt; Challenge Cup for the long jump, won by C. Courtney; quarter-mile, won by W. Strudwick; hurdles won by L. A. Tucker.

PRESENTATIONS TO POLICE OFFICERS

On Wednesday, April 6th, an interesting double event took place at the Beckenham Police Station, when two of the men received a hearty send-off from their colleagues. Ex-Police-sergeant Edwin Stedman is probably the better known of the two, as he has seen a lengthy service at Beckenham. He joined the Metropolitan Police on the 10th March, 1879, and was sent to H Division, Whitechapel. In 1884 he was selected for special duty at West Hartlepool at the time of the dynamite scare and returned to Whitechapel the same year, and was on duty there throughout the time of the "Ripper" outrages. He was transferred on promotion to B Division, Chelsea, on the 3rd Sept., 1890. On 27th October, 1890, he was transferred to Beckenham Station, where he has remained until the present time. Superintendent Carr attended the Station, and in the presence of a large gathering of Sergeant Smith's colleagues presented him with a fine black marble clock, to which the following inscription was attached:—"Presented by the officers and men of Bromley Sub-Division Metropolitan Police to ex-Sergt. Edwin Stedman, on his retirement after 25 years' service, 14th March, 1904." A second presentation also took place to ex-P.c. Alfred Hawkins, who has been stationed at Addington for over 20 years. The presentation in this case took the form of a chronometer, thermometer, and baromter, which were attached to a massive carved oak hanging bracket, and bore a similar inscription to that given above.

At the first meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council after re-constitution, Mr. C. Blake was elected Chairman, and Mr. J. Neville Vice-Chairman.

The children of the late Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, the Rev. William Hodgson, have presented to that church, in memory of their father, a very handsome paten and chalice, which were dedicated and used on Easter Day.

C.E.T.S.—There was the usual Bank Holiday meeting at the St. Mary's, Plaistow, Institute, on Monday, April 4th, at which there was not a seat to spare, and the audience plainly shewed their warm appreciation of the entertainment provided for them.

Encouraged by the artistic success attending a similar effort last December the Presbyterian choir have arranged to hold a service of music on May 4th. On this occasion a great improvement will be effected by bringing the choir down from the gallery to the front of the pulpit, and the pleasure of many will be greatly increased thereby. The organ will be discarded and accompaniments supplied by Mr. J. W. Lewis, of the Beckenham Congregational Church (at the piano) and Mr. T. H. Jarvis (at the American organ). The principal work will be Mendelssohn's 95th Psalm, and vocal solos will be sung by Miss Eva Hardy, Messrs. Bertram Pearce, R. E. Reid, and S. H. Bacon.

BROMLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

FAREWELL DINNER AND PRESENTATIONS.

A most interesting function took place at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on Friday, April 15th, the occasion being a complimentary dinner and presentation to the Bromley Volunteer Fire Brigade upon their retirement from public service. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided.

An excellent dinner was served under the personal superintendence of Mr. James, and gave entire satisfaction.

The Mayor said, for many more years than he could remember, Mr. Bosanquet —(applause)—had undoubtedly thought for others rather than for himself, and had identified himself with the prosperity of the town, and with the many interests which belonged to it. It was common knowledge that he was the host of a great number of those present, and therefore, it was manifestly their first duty to drink most cordially and gratefully to the health of Mr. Bosanquet, not only for that evening's evidence of his goodwill to Bromley, but for all the evidence they had of his interest in the welfare of Bromley in the past. (Applause).

The toast was drunk with cordiality.

The Mayor next said he would ask them to drink to the remembrance of the Bromley Volunteer Fire Brigade. One feature stood out pre-eminent in the history of Bromley, and that was that work and that personal risk which had been undertaken for so many years by the Volunteer Fire Brigade. The Mayor spoke in warm terms of the smartness shown by the Brigade whenever they were summoned to a fire—a smartness in regard to which he believed some of them were justly proud. He hoped that their connection with the Brigade would ever be reminiscent of pleasure, as it would be in the hearts of the ratepayers, and reminiscent of sound, honest service, which was not less appreciated because of the necessity for alteration, which those who had the responsibility felt bound to carry out. With the toast he coupled the name of their Captain. (Applause.)

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Capt Ingles, on behalf of the Brigade, heartily thanked the Mayor for his high appreciation of their services, and also the company for the kind way in which they had received the toast. On their behalf he also desired to thank Mr. Bosanquet for his generosity in entertaining them. (Applause.)

The Mayor then presented to Capt. Ingles a gold watch and cheque.

The inscription on the watch was as follows:— "The Borough of Bromley. Volunteer Fire Brigade. Presented to Capt. J. Ingles upon his retirement after 36 years' honourable service. March, 1904."

Presentations to the other members of the Brigade were then made as follows:—

Fireman D. Vass, 22½ years' service, silver watch and cheque.

Fireman G. Amos, 18 years' service, silver watch and cheque.

Fireman G. Minter, 17 years' service, silver watch and cheque.

Fireman C. Towell, 15 years' service, silver watch and cheque.

Fireman H. Weatherall, 15 years' service, silver watch and cheque.

Fireman E. Vass, three years' service, silver watch.

Fireman E. Amos, three years' service, silver watch.

Fireman E. Maher, three years' service, silver watch.

Engineer Bennett, 10 years' service, marble clock.

The Mayor prefaced each presentation by a word of commendation to the recipient, after which the proceedings terminated.

AFTER FORTY-THREE YEARS' SERVICE.—The Bromley County Court district has lost one of its oldest and most respected officers in the person of Mr. James Cowley, who for the past twenty-one years has served the Court in the capacity of sub-bailiff. His resignation dates from Friday, April 15th when he attended the monthly sitting of the County Court for the last time in his official capacity. Prior to becoming sub-bailiff Mr. Cowley was connected with the Police Force. He joined the Hampshire Constabulary more than forty-three years ago, and after two years service he entered the Metropolitan Force. His excellent qualities secured ready appreciation, and when he retired, through illness, after twenty-two years' service, he was granted the full pension. During the last fourteen years of his service he was a first-class sergeant of the Criminal Investigation Department, and he left the Force with the highest credentials. He then came to reside in Bromley and almost immediately was appointed sub-bailiff of the County Court, the late Mr. Robinson Latter then being High Bailiff. The kind and tactful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office—not always pleasant and frequently quite the reverse—have gained for Mr. Cowley great regard and esteem, and he may be quite sure that he carries with him in his honourable retirement, after forty-three years of useful public service, the best wishes of many friends. Early this month Mr. Cowley is proceeding to Canada for a long summer holiday, and we heartily wish him bon voyage and a safe return.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' BALL.—The first annual ball of the Licensed Victuallers' Society for this district took place at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, on Wednesday, April 6th, and proved a great success, thanks no less to the admirable provision made by Messrs. James and Co., the proprietors of the Hotel, than to the excellent arrangements of the Committee. The handsome ball-room suite had been charmingly decorated and prepared for the occasion, and the large company present enjoyed themselves most thoroughly. Excellent music was provided by Mr. Rowland Clark's efficient string band, and the duties of M.C. were most ably discharged by Mr. J. Doyle. At an interval supper, which was splendidly served under the personal supervision of Mr. James, was partaken of, and at the conclusion, Mr. H. Ryan gave the loyal toast, which was warmly received. Mr. J. D. Kincey then proposed "Continued success to the Licensed Victuallers' Ball," and this was responded to by Mr. A. Adams, the Chairman of the Society, who was responsible for the initiation of the ball. "The Ladies" were subsequently toasted, on the proposal of Mr. T. P. Thomas, the Vice-Chairman of the Society. Dancing was then resumed, and was continued well on into the small hours of Thursday morning. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Committee, of which Mr. Adams was Chairman, Mr. Thomas Vice-Chairman, and Mr. J. D. Botterill, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary; and the duties of Stewards were courteously undertaken by Messrs. J. D. Kincey, H. L. Nichols, A. Ayres, H. Ryan C. Davey, and W. Harvey.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS A. L. CAUSTON AND MR. G. S. ELLISTON.

The marriage of Miss Alice Louise Causton, third daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Causton, of South Barrow, Bickley, and 4, Craven-hill, with Mr. George S. Elliston, M.D., J.P., of Stoke Hall, Ipswich, and Villa Sandia, Felixstowe, took place on Tuesday April 12th, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, Vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, who was assisted by the Rev. Prebendary Ridgeway, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster Gate. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Causton (sister of the bride) and Miss Mabel Elliston (neice of the bridegroom). The trainbearers were Master Norman Elmslie(nephew of the bride) and Miss Dorothy Elliston (neice of the bridegroom); the bridegroom's best man being the Rev. S. R. Elliston, brother of the bridegroom and Vicar of Killinghall, Yorks. The bride was given away by her mother, and was led to the chancel by Mr. Joseph Causton.

The bride wore a lovely dress of white satin, trimmed with Honitan lace, the gift of her mother and a veil of Honitan lace, worn by her mother at her own marriage. Her bouquet was of choice white flowers, and she wore a diamond pendant given her by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were attired in white dresses, with green sashes, white fancy straw hats, with shaded green feathers, and carried bouquets of white lilies tied with green chiffon, the gifts of the bridegroom. Their presents from the bridegroom were pendants set with green stones and chains; the children wearing pearl brooches.

At 4.30 Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliston left en route for the continent. Many handsome presents were received.

MISS AMY BOUCH AND THE REV. F. N. PICKFORD.

A wedding in which a great deal of interest was displayed, took place at St. George's Church, Bickley, on April 13th, the bride being Miss Amy Dorothy Bouch, of Bromley, and the bridegroom the Rev. Francis Newland Pickford, Vicar of Denfold, in Northamptonshire. The chancel of the church had been decorated in an exceedingly pretty manner with white flowers, palms, and ferns.

The bride entered the west door with her father precisely at two o'clock, and advanced to the chancel steps while the choir sang the hymn, "Lead us, heavenly Father," the ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. E. Law, Vicar of Raunds, Northamptonshire, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, Vicar of Bickley, and the Rev. J. Lowther Bouch, brother of the bride. The bride wore a beautiful robe of ivory velvet trimmed with mother-of-pearl sequin appliqué. Her Court train of spangled chiffon, ruched with tulle and decorated with horseshoes of white lilac, fell from under a large fichu of Brussels lace, and she wore as her ornament a diamond and enamel brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Eva Browne and Miss Marjorie Betts, cousin of the bride; and two of her little nieces, Miss Joan Burrows and Miss Dorothy Carey-Bouch, acted as train-bearers. The bridesmaids wore picturesque costumes of white muslin and lace, and pale blue chiffon hats, trimmed with pale mauve wisteria, with broad chiffon strings, tied on one side of the face. They carried bouquets of white lilac, with pale blue ribbons, and wore gold and turquoise Liberty bracelets, the gifts of the bridegroom. Before the arrival of the bride, Mr. Cecil Clark, organist of Bickley, played a Fantasia by Calkin, and the "Marche Triomphale" by Lemmens, the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" merging into Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bride and bridegroom left the church. Mr. Osborne acted as best man, and the bride was given away by her father, Mr. Bouch. After the ceremony, a reception was held at Mrs. Carey's (aunt of the bride), Hillside, Sundridge Park, and at four o'clock the Rev. and Mrs. F. N. Pickford left for Torquay, the bride's going-away dress being of white cloth, with a pale hat trimmed with pink roses. The presents to the bride and bridegroom numbered nearly 200.

MISS C. F. L. BUNBURY AND MR. H. S. MARSHAM-TOWNSHEND.

The little Suffolk town of Mildenhall, was en fete on Tuesday, April 19th, when the marriage was solemnised, at the Parish Church, of Mr. Hugh Sydney Marsham-Townshend, of Frognal, Chislehurst, with Miss Cecilia Frances Laura Bunbury, elder daughther of Sir HenryBunbury, of the Manor House, Mildenhall. The day was regarded as a general holiday. The ceremony was fixed for 2.30, and the London guests arrived about five minutes before then, and passed to the already well-filled reserved seats in the nave. With the arrival of the bride, accompanied by her father, the procession to the chancel was commenced, the choir leading the singing of the hymn, "Thine for ever." The Rev. W. Wood, Vicar of Mildenhall, and uncle of the bride, undertook the duties of organist. After the address, the hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung, and a very pretty four-fold Amen was sung after the Benediction. Mr. Julian Clifford played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bride and bridegroom left the church, amid the merry pealing of the bells. A basket filled with rose leaves, ingeniously arranged at the entrance to the covered way, showered its sweet-scented petals over the bride and bridegroom as they passed beneath on their way to the carriage. The bride wore a gown of rich white satin, opening over white chiffon, and having a fichu of chiffon and deep waist belt. Her veil, of beautiful old Brussels lace, which was worn by the Hon. Mrs. Robert Marsham-Townshend at her wedding, fell well over the shoulders, and the long train had an effective trimming of chiffon. She wore in her hair a cluster of orange blossom, and her bouquet was composed of lilies of the valley and orchids. Immediately following her as page walked Master Gervase Maude, attired in Empire costume of white satin, and carrying a white wand. The ten bridesmaids were Miss E. Bunbury (sister), Miss Freda Wood, Miss Elyned Wood, Miss Sylvia Campbell, Miss D. Jeune, Miss Noreen Bunbury, Miss Ana Fitzroy (cousins of the bride), Miss Olive Buchanan-Riddell, Miss Violet Hoare (cousins of the bridegroom), and Miss Vivian Burke. The bridemaids' dresses and quaint lace caps were copied from an old Bunbury family picture by Hopner. The dresses were of soft cream muslin, with lace frills and old rose panne velvet belts. Their lace caps were trimmed with a twist of rose velvet, and each carried a wand bouquet of red roses, tied with long streamers of white silk ribbon. They also had heart brooches of blue enamel, with initial centre of diamonds, and the gold chain connecting the two hearts had a true lovers' knot outlined in diamonds, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Ferdinand Marsham-

Townshend accompanied his brother as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Manor House, the guests numbering about 300. The handsome presents numbered about 400.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

SHORTLANDS ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The audience which assembled on April 14th looked very scant in the Drill Hall, but this did not at all damp the ardour of the instrumentalists assembled on the platform, and interest in the programme was thoroughly sustained throughout. Interesting as the Society's concerts have always been in the past, it was felt that on this occasion, the prospect of hearing what impression Mr. Norman Bath had made upon the pliable and susceptible material at hand, made the concert almost noteworthy, marking, as it did, a decidedly progressive step in the development of a young and energetic organisation. As to the influence of Mr. Bath's training there could be no two opinions. The orchestra seemed rejuvenated and infused with new and bright impulses which made their orchestral play quite refreshing. In general interpretation of good works their ideas and conception had been perceptibly widened, and in selections which were quite sufficient to test them fully, they came out full of promise of future sound work. The violas took my fancy as being the best of the stringed instruments, they playing with most artistic phrasing, and producing a splendid tone. The violins were variable, the 'cellos disunited in tone, tune, and phrasing, and the double basses both noisy and "scrapey." For record's sake let me mention that the orchestral numbers were as follows: Overtures, the "Egmont" (Beethoven); "Raymond" (Thomas); an Entracte to Act 3 of Gounod's opera, "La Calomb"; the "Unfinished" symphony; a "Pizzicato" for strings (why not have a mandoline and guitar band?), and a Festal March by Mrs. M. E. Dandridge. Mr. Bath and Mr. C. H. Venning shared the conducting, and Mrs. Dandridge was called upon to accept the congratulations of the audience for her composition.

Mr. Ferdinand Weist-Hill's violin playing was the most interesting and appreciated of the solo work. His playing is quite distinguished, and his reception was hearty.

Vocal solos were agreeably rendered by Miss Aisbitt Gibson and Mr. Michael Henry, the latter of whom was not greatly assisted by his accompanist.

Mention should have been made of the excellent work of Mr. Leonard Beddome and Mr. Dubrucq and Mr. Hinchliffe in the wood-wind of the orchestra."VIOLA."

KREISLER AT THE GRAND HALL.

Unfortunately, one cannot go on to say that there was also a good attendance at the Drill Hall on Friday evening, April 15th. Indeed, the attendance was very sparse, and not at all complimentary to the great violinist or to the musical taste and discernment of Bromley music lovers. A player equipped with all the arts, accomplishments, and graces, necessary to make a perfect artist; with a reputation quickly made, but firmly held, and a programme of the best violin pieces; one would have thought all this sufficient to draw a crowd. Possessing the power of producing a splendid round tone, with the finest gradations of delicate expression and a technique which, even in these days when giants are in the land of fiddlers, is unsurpassed, it was little wonder that Kreisler succeeded in arousing much enthusiasm amongst an audience whose environment was calculated to do somewhat the reverse The programme has been mentioned in these columns, and we must only add that the superb manner in which it was carried through, enticed the small audience to ask for, and obtain, more Mr Zulueta sang, and Mr. Hamilton Harty accompanied.—"VIOLA."

Mr. Arthur Newstead announces a pianoforte recital at St. James' Hall on May 30th. This will almost be the last occasion on which the Hall will be used for public performances.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB HOUSE SUPPER.—The last of the season's series of monthly house suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club was held on Wednesday, April 6, when a most enjoyable evening was spent by the members present. Mr. J. G. Doyle presided, and the attendance included Dr. Cook, Messrs. H. J. Selby, E. M. Garnar, N. Hardingham, C. H. Hills, M. L. P. Orozier, E. West, C. Panter, F. Stanford, T. Ranson, T. G. Hancock, E. A. Cannell (Swanley), J. Hankins, J. Atkins, F. Philpott, H. Marler, G. W. Perkis, Fielding, and others. A capital repast was provided by the Steward and Stewardess (Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Browne), after which an excellent programme of music was gone through under the direction of Mr. C. H. Hills. Mr. Percy Ranson presided at the piano with his wonted ability, and the contributors to the programme were Messrs. E. M. Garnar, J. G. Doyle, A. Thomas (whose contributions proved exceedingly acceptable), R. Debonaire, Fred May, George Wayne, and G. T. Hancock. During a lull in the proceedings, Mr. Selby, in warm terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, and the toast was accorded musical honours. Mr. Doyle suitably replied, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

WHIST TOURNAMENT: SUCCESS OF THE BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—Under the auspices of the Games Committee of the Bromley Conservative Club, many happy evenings have been spent, and probably the most enjoyable and noteworthy of the series was that carried through at the Bromley Conservative Club on Tuesday, April 12, when the final tie in the Whist Tournament (London Metropolitan Group) was played between representatives of the local Conservative and the Limehouse, Ratcliff and Stepney Constitutional Clubs. So evenly matched were the contestants that the issue was in doubt right up to the last moment, the result of a most pleasant encounter being a narrow but well deserved win for Bromley by 11 games to 10. The value of the first prize is £5 5s. and the second two and a half guineas, besides which the members of the winning team are each presented with a pendant. The successful players were Messrs. C. G. Neale and W. Bulleid; T. Ranson and J. King, jun.; and A. P. Langford and W. Butcher. The Limehouse Club was represented by Messrs. W. Davis and A. Garnar; J. Soby and W. Soby; and Gover and Dobbin. In the course of the tournament teams representing the following Clubs have been vanquished by Bromley:—Peckham, at Peckham, won by 13 games to 8; Croydon, at Bromley, also won by 13 games to 8; Plumstead, at Plumstead, won by 14 to 7; Chelsea, at Bromley, won by 11 games to 9; and Limehouse (final), 11 games to 10. At the close of the competition the visitors and their friends were unanimous in their opinion as to the excellence of the arrangements and the cordiality of the hospitality extended to them by the management of the Games Committee, of which Mr. W. Butcher is the enthusiastic hon. secretary.

Local Obituary.

LADY McCULLOCH.

We regret to have to record the death of Lady McCulloch, which took place at her residence, Elmstead Wood, on April 4th. The deceased lady, who was in her 78th year, was the widow of Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., and had resided for many years at Elmstead Wood. She was of a most kind and philanthropic disposition, a generous supporter of all good works, quite irrespective of sect or creed, and many in the humbler walks of life will lose a good friend by her death. She was a seat-holder at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley.

In her lifetime, the late Lady McCulloch was much beloved, and the sincerity of this feeling was evidenced in the spirit which pervaded the funeral, which took place on Saturday, April 9th. At 1.45 p.m., and previous to the interment at St. Luke's Cemetery, Bromley Common, a service was held at the deceased lady's residence, where the principal mourners, whose names are given below, assembled. The service was feelingly conducted by the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, the esteemed pastor of the Bromley Trinity Presbyterian Church, at which the late Lady McCulloch was a seatholder. The body was afterwards conveyed to the Cemetery in an open car, followed by the mourning coaches containing the following mourners:—First coach, Mrs. R. A. Gillespie, Miss Inglis, and Miss B. Inglis (nieces); second coach, Mr. R. A. Gillespie and Mr. John Gray (nephew of the late Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G.); third coach, Mr. McCaul and Mr. Hugh Stirling; fourth coach, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie and Mr. Christie Reid; fifth coach, Mr. B. Oliver and Mr. J. Woodhouse; sixth coach, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre and Nurse Beaton; seventh and eighth coaches, Mr. Smith (butler to the deceased lady), Mr. Brockwell (head gardener), and household servants. Mr. John Inglis, brother of the deceased lady, was unable to be present through indisposition. On the arrival of the funeral cortege at the Cemetery, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie impressively took the remaining portion of the service, which concluded with the Benediction.

The coffin was of polished oak, with silver mountings, the inscription on the breastplate being as follows:

Margaret Boak McCulloch,
Aged 77.

It was the request of the deceased lady that no flowers should be sent, but several beautiful wreaths were received from the nearest relatives in token of affectionate regard to the memory of the departed.

MR. J. S. FORBES.

By the death of Mr. Staats Forbes, whose remains were interred in West Wickham Churchyard on April 8th, one of the best-known figures in the railway world is removed. The deceased, who was the chairman of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company, had reached the advanced age of 81 years. He entered the railway service at an early age in a quite subordinate position on the Great Western Railway. His first important appointment was not in England, but on the staff of the Dutch Rhenish Railway, an English company which, not many years ago, was bought up by the Dutch Government. In the service of the Dutch Company Mr. Forbes rose to the top, and when in the panic which followed the failure of Overend and Gurney in 1866, the London, Chatham and Dover Railway collapsed, he was called in to endeavour to reduce its affairs to some kind of order. Some years later he assumed the control of another equally bankrupt undertaking, the Metropolitan District, and for the next quarter of a century the rivalry between Mr. Forbes, of the Chatham and the District, and Sir Edward Watkin, of the South Eastern and the Metropolitan, was, as the "Times" says, a constant source of lamentation to the shareholders, of interest to journalists, and of profit to lawyers.

Mr. Forbes was Chairman of another Railway even more unfortunate than the Chatham and the District—the Didcot and Newbury. He was Director, and at one time Deputy-Chairman, of yet another concern that has been in great difficulties, the Hull and Barnsley. A fifth Railway Company, the Regent's Canal, City, and Docks Railway, of which he was Chairman, was incorporated in 1882 for the construction of a line along the Regent's Canal from Paddington to the Docks. So far, however, nothing has been done to carry out the scheme. Nor does even this list by any means exhaust Mr. Forbes' multitudinous activities. He was Chairman of three important Electric Lighting Companies, Director of the Lion Fire Insurance Company, and President of the National Telephone Company. From the boards of many of these undertakings he retired towards the end of his life.

MR. WILLIAM JAMES.

It is with sincere regret that we this week have to record the death of an old and esteemed inhabitant of Bromley in the person of Mr. William James, who passed away at his residence, Stanhope Villas, Bromley, which overlook the Queen's Garden, on Monday, April 11th, just after eleven o'clock. The deceased gentleman, who was the father of the respected Deputy-Mayor of Bromley (Alderman R. W. James), was in his seventy-fifth year, and had been ill for about a fortnight, an attack of influenza being the primary trouble. Unhappily, pneumonia supervened and he gradually sank under this, the end coming quite peacefully just after eleven o'clock. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow, three sons, one daughter, and thirteen grandchildren, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt, and by many outside the family circle he will be sincerely mourned, for his genial social qualities no less than for his sterling worth of character.

Mr. Wm. James was born on November 26th, 1829, and entered the Commercial Bank (Covent Garden Branch) in 1845. Six years later he received an appointment in the Bank of England, Threadneedle-street, and after an honourable and valuable career in that institution, extending over a period of forty-three years, retired in November, 1894. For a considerable portion of the time he was in the Private Drawing Office of the Bank, and for many years he held the responsible post of superintendent of the Bankers' Section, which has to deal with the business of other banking establishments which keep their accounts at the Bank of England. In 1887 he entered the Treasury of the Bank as one of the cashiers, and this position he continued to fill until his retirement.

He came to Bromley in June, 1858, residing with his father at Fairlawn Villas, Bromley Common, until he married in July, 1861, when he went to live at 14, Bromley Common. In 1879 he removed to Brockley. Soon after coming to Bromley he, in conjunction with his sister, started the Stanley-road Sunday School, which began in a cottage, and was subsequently carried on in a school house built by the late Mr. Goswell Johnson. When the Mason's Hill Schools were built he was the

first superintendent of the Sunday Schools held there. He was one of the original members of the Bromley Choral Society, and followed Mr. Balchin as the hon. sec. of that institution, Mr. Alfred Wright being the hon. treasurer. He was also a founder and active member of the Bromley Sketching Club, and belonged, also, to the "Friends in Council," with which, in their day, most of the older and more influential residents of the town were associated. While at Brockley, he took a very active interest in the Wickham Park Choral Society, and in work connected with St. John's Church, Deptford, particularly with reference to the Penny Bank, St. John's Sunday School and St. John's National Schools, and for many years he audited the parochial accounts. On coming back to Bromley in September of last year, he received a very warm welcome from many old friends, who thoroughly appreciated the gratification which he himself felt at seeing his son, Alderman R. W. James, continuing in his native town the useful career which he himself, though in a somewhat different sphere, had commenced some forty years before.

The funeral took place on April 14, in the preesenc of a numerous gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. The first part of the service was conducted at Bromley Parish Church by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A., and the interment subsequently took place in the family grave at Norwood Cemetery, the concluding portion of the service, at the graveside being read by the Rev. W. Wade.

The mourners were: Mr. R. W. James and Mr. S. D. B. James (sons), Rev. W. Wade (cousin), Mr. J. Willis (Fintlley), Mr. Llewellyn Atkinson, and Mr. Claude Atkinson, and other members of the family.

Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the following: Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. James and family, Mrs. F .Horsford and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. B. James and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. James and family, Mrs. J. Horsford, Mr. W. Wade and Miss Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, the Misses Rogers, Harriet England.

The funeral arrangements were in the efficient hands of Mr. H. G. Dunn, Market-square, Bromley.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT BECKENHAM.

General sympathy will be elicited in connection with the fatal accident that befel Mr. Shirley Price, engineer, of 41, Beckenham-road, on April 19th. It appears that Mr. Price was riding a motor bicycle along Albemarle-road, Beckenham, when he accidently collided with a horse and cart coming out of Westgate-road, with the result that he was violently thrown to the ground. He was picked up in an insensible condition and conveyed to the Beckenham Cottage Hospital, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Randell, but medical skill prove dof no avail, and death took place about three hours after the accident. We understand that the deceased gentleman is a married man, and 33 years of age. The motor bicycle was considerably damaged by the collision, but the horse and cart were not damaged. At the inquest, the verdict was that death was caused by fracture of the skull caused by an accidental collision between the motor bicycle and the cart.

MR. POWELL WILLIAMS' ESTATE.—Mr. Joseph Powell Williams, P.C., M.P., of Beckenham, who died in the Westminster Hospital on February 7th, after an apoplectic seizure in the House of Commons, left estate of the gross value of £19,352 18s.

THE CHISLEHURST CAVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am much obliged to Mr. Miller for his letter in which he expresses disagreement with my views as to the origin and cause of the chambers in the chalk. I recognise that he is as much entitled to his opinion as I am to mine, but neither he nor Mr. W. J. Nicholls, I think, are likely to convince many people that the Chislehurst chalk galleries were made either for Druidical rites, or for hiding places, or were produced in digging the chalk used in the Roman wall of London, unless some sort of archæo logical evidence be produced in confirmation of their speculations. If Mr. Miller, or anyone else, can produce definite evidence in this direction, I shall be one of the first to offer my humble congratulations. As the matter stands at present, I am bound to say that I see no evidence of the great antiquity which has been claimed for these galleries.

I am, Sir,
Yours, etc.,
GEORGE CLINCH.

Addiscombe,
25th April, 1904.

The Rev. Ythil A. Barrington, vicar of St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, since 1890, who died suddenly in a cab, recently in London, was formerly rector of West Wickham.

The twelfth annual congress in connection with the Kent County Temperance Federation was opened at Dartford on April 9th, and after a most successful series of meetings, terminated on April 13th.

A severe bereavement has been sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Horton, of Hayne House, Beckenham, by the death of their eldest son, Captain Percy Thornton Horton, which took place suddenly on April 15th at Mullingar, Ireland. The deceased was an officer of the 1st Battalion the Connaught Rangers.

Another sale of "passive resisters'" goods took place at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on March 29, the ratepayers whose goods were thus disposed of because of their refusal to pay that portion of the Poor Rate which is levied for the purposes of education, coming from the parishes of Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, St. Paul's Cray, Foots Cray, and North Cray. The attendance included many of the leaders of Nonconformity in the several districts named.

ST. JOHN'S, BROMLEY.—Ample proof, if it were needed, of the numerous agencies actively at work in connection with this church, may be found in the annual report and statement of accounts for 1903, which has recently been issued by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Barker, M.A.).

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Marriage.

FIELDSON—WEDLAKE.—On the 9th April, at St. Laurence Church, Catford, S.E., by the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. F. Iliff, William Fieldson to Annie Augusta Wedlake, of Catford.

LEWTY—RICHARDS.—On the 7th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. S. R. Camble (brother-in-law of the bride), James Stanley, son of John Alexander Lewty, of Spondon, Derby, to Mary, youngest daughter of the late Lewis Richards, of Simla, India.

MEERS LEGG.—On the 26th March, at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, by the Rev. Samuel Bickersteth, M.A., vicar, Harry Meers, of 13, Hervey Road, Blackheath, to Edith Emily, eldest daughter of Sidney Archer Legg, of Catford.

SEARLE-HAWKINS—SHELTON.—On the 2nd April, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, by the Rev. W. J. Salt, M.A., vicar of St. Laurence's, Catford, George Searle, Hawkins, to Jane Francis Leslie, eldest daughter of James Alfred and M. A. J. Shelton, of Lewisham, Kent.

SINGER—DAY.—On the 6th April, at St. James's, Kidbrook, Blackheath, by the Rev. G. E. Jelf, Canon of Rochester, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Morris, vicar, Harold Douglas, eldest son of the late Charles Douglas Singer, of Palmer's-green, to Edith Mary, second daughter of Sydney Townsend Day, O.L., of 18, Kidbrook-grove, Blackheath.

SNOW—WORMLEIGHTON.—On the 12th April, at St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, by the Rev. Cannon Kelly, Rector, Robert T. Snow, of "Rosel," Eliot-park, Lewisham, to Edith, daughter of Edward Worm, leighton, of Downe, near Farnborough, Kent, late of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington.

YOUNG—JACKSON.—On the 19th April, at the Congregational Church, Tewkesbury, by the Rev. W. F. Durant, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Davies, Robert Hellyer, younger son of William Young, of Beckenham, to Eveline Sophie, younger daughter of Walter Jackson, of Tewkesbury.

Deaths.

ADYE.—On the 12th April, at 64, King's Hall road, Kent House, Beckenham, Sidney Herbert Adye.

BROOKE.—On the 6th April, suddenly, at 17, Versailles-road, Anerley, Sarah Jane, elder daughter of the late Zachary Brooke, formerly of 51, Lincoln's Inn fields, solicitor, and Queen Adelaide-road, Penge, in her 63rd year.

HANCOCK.—On the 12th April, at the residence of her brother-in-law, G. F. Nixon, Sandhurst, Sidcup, Edith Hancock, after many months of patient suffering.

HANCOCK.—On the 19th April, at Woodlands, 39, Burnt Ash-road, Lee, Elizabeth Butler, widow of the late Thomas Hancock, of Eltham-road, in her 76th year.

HEARNDEN.—On the 31st March, at Eltham, Kent, Emma, the beloved wife of Edward Vaughan Hearndon, in her 73rd year.

MCCULLOCH.—On the 4th April, at Elmstead Wood, Chislehurst, Margaret Boak, widow of Sir James McCulloch, K.C.M.G., in her 75th year. No flowers, by request.

POOLE.—On the 7th April, at 233, High-street, Lee, Kent, Arthur, son of the late John Poole, of Walworth-common, aged 61.

STREEK.—On the 6th April, at 57, Tranquil-vale, Blackheath, after a short illness, of acute pneumonia, Frank Hone Streek, in his 24th year.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Sale of work at the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley, in aid of that institution, to be opened by Lady Truscott.—Gymnastic display at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, by the Young Men's Society Gymnastic Class.

3rd.—Monthly meetings at Park House, Bromley, of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board.

5th.—*First Sunday after Trinity.*

6th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m. — Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the Offices, Bromley..

7th.—Distribution of prizes and certificates at Bromley High School.

8th.—Twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, at 6.30 p.m.

10th.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

12th.—*Second Sunday after Trinity.*

13th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

14th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

19th.—*Third Sunday after Trinity.*

20th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

22nd.—Presentation of the "Dewey" Portrait at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

24th.—Midsummer Day.

26th.—*Fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

27th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

28th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Council, held on the 28th April, contained the following records of business transacted in camera:—

OFFICERS AND THEIR SALARIES.

Town Clerk.—Mr. Frederick Henry Norman be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a salary of £450 per annum, such salary to constitute inclusive remuneration for all work, and the proportion of such salary attributable to his office as Clerk to the Burial Board to be £50 per annum.

Assistant Town Clerk.—At a salary of £175 per annum (to be subsequently appointed).

Second Assistant Clerk.—Mr. Thomas Jordan Fawdry be employed at a salary of £100 per annum.

Junior Clerk.—Arthur Stone be employed at a salary of 10s. per week.

Borough Treasurer.—Mr. William McKewan be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment.

Borough Engineer.—Mr. Stanley Hawkings be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a salary of £450 per annum, such salary to constitute inclusive remuneration for all work, and the proportion of such salary attributable to his office as Surveyor to the Burial Board to be £10 per annum.

Assistant Engineer.—Mr. W. A. Cope be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a salary of £200 per annum.

Building Inspector.—Mr. Harold Charles Hedworth be and is hereby appointed at a salary of £120 per annum

Second Assistant Engineer.—To be subsequently appointed at a salary of £100 per annum.

Engineer's Clerk.—Mr. Sidney James Brown be employed at the rate of £70 per annum.

Shorthand Clerk and Typist.—To be subsequently appointed at the rate of £1 per week.

Office Boy.—Horace Green be employed at 7s. per week.

Borough Accountant.—Mr. Ernest Trower be and is hereby appointed at a salary of £175 per annum.

Assistant Inspector of Nuisances.—Mr. Robert Wickham be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a salary of £100 per annum .

Second Assistant.—Mr. Frank Mills be employed at a salary of £80 per annum.

Gas Examiner.—Dr. S. Rideal be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a remuneration of £10 per annum.

Collector of Rates.—Mr. George Stone be and is hereby confirmed in his appointment at a salary of £220 per annum and a commission of 2½ per cent. on Private Works Collections, and subject to his making proper arrangements for dealing with all monies promptly.

These minutes were confirmed.

During the month two meetings of the Bromley Borough Council have been held, the first on May 5th, the Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith) presiding.

BECKENHAM LANE WIDENING.

The Highways Committee reported that a letter was read from Mr. Samuel Cawston, returning plan of proposed widening of Beckenham - lane, and signed in accordance with the arrangement already approved by the Council; resolved to recommend that the Finance Committee be requested to provide the necessary means for carrying out the work in question.

CATTLE TROUGH FOR BROMLEY HILL.

A letter was read from Dr. Herbert Smith, stating that a movement had recently been started

by public subscription in Bromley for the erection of a Cattle Trough with a fountain at the end for human beings, which it was proposed to erect at the top of Bromley Hill, and that it was proposed to offer the same when erected, to the Council on condition that they agreed to maintain the same, and supply it with pure drinking water.

This was agreed to.

A Memorial.

The Health Committee reported that a memorial was read from the dustmen and dustboys in reference to the order that they were not to be allowed to take bottles, jars, &c., from the dust bins, but that they must be deposited with the dust at the Brickfield, which meant a small loss to them every week, and applying for an increase of wages to recompense them for the loss. The Borough Engineer was instructed to point out to the men that the order referred to was not a new one and must be observed. With regard to the question of wages, the Committee suggest that the matter be cnsidered at the proper time.—Adopted.

The Public Library Committee.

Meetings of the Special Public Library Committee were held on the 10th and 30th March and the 14th and 21st April, at which careful consideration was given to the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on the 9th of February, 1904, as under:—

> "That Alderman Davis and Councillors Bell, Harper, Ingall, Sparks, and Worley, being the members of the Council on the Public Library Committee, be and they are hereby instructed to take such preliminary steps as may be necessary to enable the Council to act on their resolution of the 26th January last with reference to the building of a Public Library on the Neelgherries site."

With a view of carrying out the object of the resolution, the Committee propose to invite six Architects to submit designs for the new Library in accordance with the instructions which are laid on the table. The Committee had selected the following gentlemen, who have had either local knowledge or particular experience in designing Library Buildings, viz.:—Mr. Maurice B. Adams, F.R.I.B.A.; Mr. Henry T. Hare, F.R.I.B.A.; Mr. Evelyn Hellicar; Messrs. Potts, Son and Hennings; Messrs. Rogers, Smith and Son, A.R.I.B.A.; and Mr. S. B. Russell, F.R.I.B.A. It was proposed to pay a honorarium of Twenty Guineas to each competing Architect submitting a design in accordance with the instructions. It is also proposed to appoint an Architect of established reputation nominated by the President of the Royal Institution of British Architects, to act as Assessor in the Competition at a fee of Fifty Guineas. The Committee recommend that these suggestions be approved, and that it be referred back to them to take the necessary steps for the erection of the proposed building.

Councillor Harper moved the adoption of the report, which was, after discussion, agreed to.

"Open Access" at the Library.

A special meeting of the Public Library Committee was held on Thursday, 21st April, 1904, Councillor Harper (Chairman), in the chair. They reported as follows:—With a view to increasing the popoularity and the usefulness of the Library, your Committee had given careful consideration to a suggestion which had been made, that a new system of issuing books should be inaugurated with the opening of the new building, and they had felt it necessary to decide this question thus early in order that the internal arrangement of the new Library may be made in every respect to suit the system adopted. And your Committee have decided, nemine contradicente, to adopt what is termed the "open access" system, by which the public, under certain necessary regulations, are freely admitted to the Library shelves to examine and compare books if they wish to do so, before choosing them for home reading or for consultation in the Reading Room. Your Committee have not ignored certain difficulties and dangers which may result from the admission of the public to the bookshelves of the Library, but they are alive to the limitations and defects of the present "indicator" system, and they think that under the new system which they have decided to adopt, the educational value of our collection of books will be enhanced and the usefulness of the Library extended.

The report was adopted.

Neelgherries and Baths.

A meeting of the Neelgherries Committee was held on Monday, 25th April, 1904, Alderman Davis (Chairman), in the chair. They reported as follows:—Your Committee have for some time past given their consideration to the desirability of erecting Public Baths on a portion of the Neelgherries site, and the Borough Engineer has prepared alternative plans and estimate of cost of the necessary works in connection therewith. Seeing, however, that the provision of baths as contemplated would involve an annual addition to the rates of at least 1½d. in the £, your Committee recommend that steps be taken to ascertain the views of the Burgesses as to their provision or not.

Alderman Davis said he was in a somewhat awkward and anomalous position, having to move the adoption of a record with which he disagreed. (Laughter.) Being in that position, it was manifest that he could not give any reasons why they should adopt the report, but, as a matter of form, he would move its adoption.

After discussion, Alderman James moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Whyte seconded the proposition, which was agreed to.

Sunday Labour.

Alderman Lawrence moved that the general question of road watering and scavenging on Sundays be referred to the Highway sand Works Committee for consideration.

Councillor Gibbs considered the watering of the side roads very unnecessary, and seconded the motion.

In the end, the motion was carried nem. dis.

Bromley and Motor Busses. — Important Movement.

Councillor Newton moved that a Committee of eight members of the Council and the Mayor be appointed to consider the cost and advisability of establishing a service of Motor Omnibuses, such Committee to consist of Aldermen James and Lawrence, and Councillors Weeks, Rogers, Haywood, Homewood, Harper, and Newton. If the Council wanted him to talk about this proposal he would do so.

The Railway Accommodation Question.

The Town Clerk said he had written to Mr. Vincent Hill, the General Manager of the South Eastern Railway Company, thanking him for his letter, and stating that the Council would be very pleased to again hear from him as to the date of the proposed meeting between them. To that letter he had not yet received a reply.

The Borough Seal.

The Mayor said the Seal of the Borough Council had been delivered, and as the Seal of the late

Urban District Council was now invalid, he should like their instructions as to the disposal of the obsolete Seal.

It was unanimously resolved that the Seal be deposited in the Library.

THE BOROUGH ARMS.

The Mayor said he also wanted their instructions to have a die prepared of the Borough Arms, in order that it might be applied to the note paper and other correspondence paper of the Council.

Councillor Newton moved that a die be prepared and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday May 17th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

THE SUNDAY LABOUR QUECTION.

Having considered the Schedule of roads scavenged on Sunday mornings, before nine o'clock, the Highways Committee were of opinion that the work of scavenging the roads in question is the minimum that can be undertaken, having regard to the public health and decency. The Committee also considered the Schedule of roads watered. It is proposed to extend the watering in London-lane to Plaistow Green, Freelands-road, and Chislehurst-road from Pines-road to Elmstead-lane. It is also proposed to omit Bickley Park-road, Southborough-road, and Bickley-road. With these alterations the proposed watering is the minimum which can be recommended, having due regard to the public health.

Alderman James, in moving the adoption of the report, with regard to Sunday road-watering and scavenging, the Committee spent some considerable time in considering this very vexed question; and after having the report of the Borough Engineer, and, through him, the reports of the foremen of the various districts, they could not see their way to recommend any limitation with reference to Sunday labour. In fact, in regard to road-watering, they had found it desirable to some extent to extend it—viz., from the "Beech Tree" to the Cemetery, and from Kinnaird-avenue, in London-lane, down to Plaistow Green. London-lane was one of the main roads from the Sevenoaks road to Chislehurst, and it seemed illogical to have a portion of the road unwatered, especially as it was bounded by residential property.

Alderman Lawrence moved that the report of the Committee be referred back for considering as to extending the watering to the boundary of the parish, or at any rate, to beyond the houses on Plough Hill.

Councilor Peill seconded.

Councillor Newton said that if the amendment was to continue the watering to the "Plough," he would support it.

Alderman Lawrence was content to do that.

Councillor Whyte could hardly understand that they were in the same Council Chamber that night, which they occupied a fortnight before, because, unless his memory was altogether at fault, it seemed to be the general desire that Sunday labour in this Borough should be limited as much as possible; whereas now there seemed to be no desire for limitation, but rather for a re-consideration of the whole subject with a view to extending it.

Alderman Davis proposed to vote for the amendment, for a totally different reason—not with a view to extending the labour, but to limiting it. He held most strongly that not only their men, but also the animals which they employed were entitled to their one day's rest, as far as it was possible to secure it for them.

Councillor Graty supported the amendment for the same reasons as Alderman Davis.

Councillor Rogers strongly protested against the proposed increase of Sunday labour as being quite unnecessary. If the roads were watered once on Sundays that was as much as could be expected.

Councillor Peill wished to explain that he was opposed to Sunday labour.

Councillor Ingall concurred with Alderman Davis' views, holding that, as far as possible, they should limit Sunday labour. In some of the main roads it might be necessary to water, but it should be done as early as possible in the morning.

Councillor Bell was very disappointed at the result the Highways Committee had come to. He would like to know what time Sunday watering ceased.

The Mayor: Four o'clock.

Councillor Worley said it was curious that although the majority of theCouncil were in favour of Sunday labour being limited they were going to vote for its extension.

The amendment was defeated by 17 votes to 4.

Alderman Davis then moved the deletion of the paragraphs in the report recommending the extensions.

Councillor Gibbs seconded, and there voted for the amendment, 11, and against, 11.

The Mayor: I give my casting vote in favour of the retention of the paragraph.

The report was then adopted.

STREET MUSIC.

Alderman Mallett suggested that the bye-laws be considered seriatim, and then specially alluded to clause 3, which read as follows:—

> "No person shall sound or play upon any musical or noisy instrument or sing or without reasonable cause make any loud noise whatever in any forecourt public place or highway within 100 yards of any dwelling house after being required to desist by an inmate of such house personally or through his servants or through a constable or by any person acting on his behalf and any person shall at once stop playing when any horse or vehicle is passing if so required by the person in charge of such horse or vehicle. But this Bye-law shall not apply to bands belonging to any branch of His Majesty's Army, Navy or reserve forces."

That, he said, would preclude any band parading through the town, such as the Salva tion Army, Farwig Mission, and so forth. The late Council always avoided interfering with such bands, and he thought they should follow their example in this matter. He proposed that the exempting sentence should include "or any local Band which may be approved by the Borough Council."

Councillor Newton: Would it exclude the Salvation Army playing in the street?

The Mayor: No.

Councillor Newton presumed that if the Salvation Army was playing in the Market-square, as it usually did on a Sunday, it would be within the province of any one to remove them? ("Yes.") He did not think it fair. The Salvation Army were doing a good work, and he would be the last to do anything to oppose it.

Alderman Lawrence said there was no desire on the part of the Committee to deal with bands of the kind suggested. But the bye-law would enable them to move a German band, for instance,

if it happened to locate itself under their windows.

Councillor Hudson said these bye-laws were for the suppression of nuisances, and that covered the whole thing. The proverbial good sense and tolerance of the English people prevented them from abusing such bye-laws; if they had a fault it was that they tolerated too much rater than too little.

The amendment was lost, the mover and seconder only voting in its favour.

Councillor Whyte moved that the bye-law be referred back for further consideration. It was quite possible for some one to stop the Salvation Army, or any other band, playing in the Market-square, and that was opposed to the desires of the Council. (Hear, hear.)

Councillor Newton seconded.

In the end, Councillor Whyte withdrew his amendment, and the report was adopted.

NEELGHERRIES.

A meeting of the Neelgherries Committee was held on Wednesday, May 11th, Alderman Davis (Chairman), in the chair. They considered the recommendation of the Highways and Works Committee with reference to the building line of the new Public Library on the site of Neelgherries, and it was resolved that the Committee concur in such recommendation. They did not submit a report upon the subject of baths, as there is a definite motion on the agenda dealing with the matter, but for the information of the Council, a return was submitted giving full particulars as to the cost of the provision and maintenance of baths in many other towns.

This report was received, on the motion of Alderman Davis.

MOTORISTS BEWARE.

A meeting of the Motor Traffic Committee was held on Tuesday, May 10th, Councillor Weeks (Chairman), in the chair. They reported that the sign posts arranged to be erected in various parts of the district have now been placed in position. They recommended that the Police authorities be requested to warn motorists who drive through the town at an immoderate speed.

Councillor Weeks proposed the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

THE BURGESSES TO BE POLLED.

Pursuant to notice, Alderman James moved:—

"That the Council take the necessary steps to provide Public Baths, comprising one covered Swimming Bath and six Slipper baths (with provision for increasing the number of Slipper Baths as may be required), if the annual payment of Sinking Fund and Interest on the necessary loan for the constructional cost of the works does not exceed an amount raised by a one penny rate."

He said the suggestion had been made that this matter should be referred to the Burgesses for them to decide, but he could not help feeling that that would be a retrograde step, because they were sent there to exercise their judgment for the benefit of those who sent them; and on a matter which affects the welfare of the community, surely a Council such as that was far better able to form a reliable judgment, and to deal with it in an impartial manner, than any vote which they might get from a body of Burgesses who would largely deal with the question from their own individual selfish standpoint. He had put in his resolution a penny rate as the amount of the actual repayment they would have to pay in sinking fund and interest, but he did not suggest that that was a proper basis upon which the capital cost of the baths should be taken. He believed the Council could provide one covered bath and six slipper baths for about £10,000, and that on the thirty years basis, at 4 per cent., would mean an annual repayment of £575. A penny rate produced £900, which would leave £325 to go towards the maintenance expenses. The nearest approach as a parallel, was Beckenham, where they expended nearly £16,000 on their baths, and the loss to the rates there was 1½d. or 2d. in the £. However, there they had much larger capital expenditure to deal with, and a much larger establishment to maintain.

Councillor Whyte seconded the proposition.

Alderman Davis, as one who had taken a great interest in the question of baths from its inception, supported the resolution, and said that he thought Alderman James had been very liberal in his estimate of the amount required.

Councillor Weeks supported the resolution, and gave a series of interesting figures showing the extent to which Baths were used in other places, as to which he had made enquiries—about 30 in all, with population varying from 17,00 to 40.000. In every case the reply he had as to whether the benefit derived by the community had been commensurate with the cost had been in the affirmative—even where the rate was 2½d. in the £ and the cost to the ratepayers was twelve times as much as the receipts, the ratepayers considered the Baths well patronised, and that the benefit was at least commensurate with the cost. He was surprised to find that instead of the greatest number of users of the baths being found in manufacturing districts in which the property was small, it was in the residential districts where the property was comparatively large that the Baths were most numerously used.

Councillor Powell congratulated the Council upon the quick-change policy they seemed to be acquiring (Laughter.) They had already passed through it in regard to Sunday labour, and they were passing through it now on the Baths question. He was told, as being somewhat responsible for the referendum suggestion, that if the question was referred to the Burgesses, baths were doomed so far as the Borough was concerned—that they would not have baths at the cost suggested. Now a resolution was submitted providing that baths should be established if the annual payment was covered by the proceeds of a penny rate. What guarantee was there that they would not exceed one penny? Mr. Weeks had furnished him with a copy of his exhaustive record as to other towns, and he (Councillor Powell) failed to read it in the same light that he did. At Dewsbury they had a rate of 2½d., and Whitehaven 2d. Why should it be only a penny at Bromley? He believed in cleanliness, and that it would be a good thing to have slipper baths in certain districts. But he did not think that the time had arrived when the Borough should incur this risky charge of 2d. and possibly 3d. in the £.

Councillor Worley favoured the provision of slipper baths, which would be as valuable, from a sanitary point of view, as the others, and infinitely less costly.

Councillor Haywood moved as an amendment that the ratepayers be polled on the question.

Councillor Newton, as one who was pledged to baths, seconded the amendment.

Alderman McIntyre said the sting of Alderman James' motion was in what was left unsaid. There was no guarantee that the penny rate would not be

exceeded. He was pledged to swimming baths, but not at a great cost to the ratepayers. He believed the total charge on the rates would not be less than 2d. He did not think they should refer the matter to the ratepayers, but they should have the courage of their own convictions.

Councillor Graty cordially supported the resolution, as he considered that swimming baths would be a great blessing and a boon to the ratepayers, even at the cost of a 1½d. rate.

The amendment in favour of a poll was then put, and carried by 12 votes to 11, and on being put as the substantive motion, was agreed to by 13 votes to 8.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The last meeting of the old Bromley Education Committee was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Monday evening April 25th, when the Chairmon (Mr. G. Loly) presided.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.—RETURN OF ATTENDANCES.

From the School Sub-Committee report it appeared from the summary of the Returns of Attendance that 4.542 children are on the rolls, with an average attendance of 4,007, or 89 per cent.

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

Communications were received from the Town Clerk of Bromley, forwarding the terms of the resolution passed by the Council in reference to the delegation of duties to the new Committee, it was also intimated that Mr. A. J. Baker, of Westgate, Beckenham, had been appointed on the Committee as the County Council representatives.

VALEDICTORY.

Mr. C. R. Ford said that as that was the end of the business, and the last meeting of that Committee, he would like to take the opportunity of thanking the Chairman and members of the Committee generally for the uniform courtesy and kindness he had received from them since he had been a member of the Committee. He came there labelled as representing "only sectarianism," but he trusted that the label had not been shown. He did not think it had. (Hear, hear.) He wanted to say how entirely he agreed with all he had seen on the Education Committee, whether in regard to provided or non-provided schools.

Alderman Davis said that in reference to what Mr. Ford had said, he would like to move a resolution to acknowledge their indebtedness to those gentlemen who had not been elected directly by the burgesses, but who had been indirectly so elected in that they had been appointed by the elected representatives. No one could have attended the Committee long without having noticed how very large a part of the work of the Committee had been undertaken by those ladies and gentlemen. Indeed, he thought it had been quite the exception that there had been a majority round the table of the members of the Council sitting as such; and during the whole time that the Committee had been sitting, the yeoman's part of the work had been done by those gentlemen who had been nominated by the District Council. (Applause.) He therefore moved that the cordial thanks of this Committee be given to Mrs. Williams and Mr. Ford for their excellent services during the time they had been with them.

Councillor George Weeks seconded the proposition, and fully endorsed all that had fallen from Mr. Alderman Davis.

The Chairman said he would like to associate himself very warmly indeed with all that had fallen from Mr. Alderman Davis and Mr. Councillor Weeks. Mr. Ford, by the words he had spoken that night, had shown how very suitable a man he was to occupy the post to which he was originally appointed. He had brought to them ripe experience as a manager of Mason's Hill School, and they must all view his departure with very great regret. Mrs. Williams came to them with no experience of School work, and it was quite remarkable how, in so short a time, she familiarised herself with the duties of the office. They also, in her, had the great advantage of having a lady in close proximity to probably the most important of their schools, containing junior, infants' and girls' and boys' departments, and Mrs. Williams was ever ready to go upon any investigation they liked to place in her hands. The Committee had, undoubtedly, sustained a very great loss in Mrs. Williams, and he hoped it might be possible at some future date—if he might be permitted to say so—for the Borough Council to see their way to enlist her services, as well as those of Mr. Ford, if they would be good enough to place them at the disposal of the Committee. (Applause.)

The proposition was carried unanimously.

THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CLERK.

Alderman Mallett thought they should not part without passing a resolution acknowledging the very excellent way in which Mr. Loly had fulfilled the duties of Chairman. (Applause.)

Alderman James seconded with very great pleasure, and endorsed all that had been said as to the ability with which the Chairman had conducted the affairs of the Committee. He would like to express his admiration for the Clerk, and to acknowledge the great assistance he had always received from Mr. Wall.

Miss Heppel supported the proposition.

Mr. Helm cordially agreed with and warmly supported everything that had been said as to the admirable way in which the Chairman had performed the duties of the chair.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman, in responding, confessed to feeling deeply touched by the more than kind words used in reference to himself. He did not think he should have undertaken the duties of the Committee had it not been for the fact that he felt encouraged to do so by the unvarying kindness he had always received at all times from his late colleagues on the School Board. He thanked Miss Heppel for the kind words which she had been good enough to use, and from no one could words fall which he more deeply appreciated than from her, with whom he had been associated for many years, and from whose hands he had received kindness and encouragement. The task had been a somewhat arduous one because they had to bring into administrative operation an Act which had many enemies, and which he thought in all its bearings could hardly be said to have any enthusiastic admirers. It spoke well for the Committee that they had been able to pass through the transition period absolutely without any friction. They had been able to break the back of the work and to hand over the machinery running smoothly, so that their successors could not only deal easily with the elementary education, but equally well with the important duties devolving upon them in other branches of their work. He would like to associate himself with what had fallen from the other members, and notably from Alderman James, whose opinion Mr. Wall would value very highly, as to the admirable way in which the Clerk had performed his duties. He could hardly trust himself to speak of Mr. Wall, because his relations with him were not merely official, but had reached

the point of absolute friendship. He had the very deepest regard for Mr. Wall, at whose hands he had received much kindness, and by whom he had been initiated into very much that he had been able to learn of educational work of this kind.

The Clerk said he begged to return his most sincere thanks for the very kind words which had been uttered with regard to himself. (Applause.)

The first meeting of the Bromley Education Committee, appointed under the scheme of the Bromley Borough Council, was held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, May 2nd.

THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Mayor, who presided, said that before they proceeded to the election of Chairman he would like to say that the new Committee had inherited a reputation for excellence, industry and efficiency which it would be hard to beat; and he could only hope, as Mayor of this Borough, that the work of the Committee in the future would be carried on with the same harmony, the same courtesy, and the same consideration one for the other that had characterised the work of the old body.

Alderman Davis said that what the Mayor had just indicated as to his hopes for the future would be shared by them all, and there was no greater security to their attaining such a future than by them availing themselves of the services of those who had so ably served them in the past. They need not go far to seek for a suitable Chairman. He had much pleasure in proposing Mr. Gustave Loly as Chairman of the Committee.

Alderman McIntyre rose with very great pleasure to second the proposition.

The Rev. R. Silvey and Miss Heppel supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman returned thanks.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

Alderman James said the Chairman had referred in very truthful terms to the very great services that had been referred to by Mr. Alderman Davis. Therefore it gave him very great pleasure to propose that he be elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Helm seconded, and this was agreed to.

THE SUB-COMMITTEES.

It was resolved to follow the old list of Sub-Committees, and they were constituted as follows:

Finance. — Messrs. James, Weeks, Amos, McIntyre, Bell, Powell, and Allen.

Log Books and Requisitions.—Rev. R. Silvey, Miss Heppel, Mrs. Mann, and Messrs. Helm and Rogers.

School Attendance.—Some discussion took place as to whether the Committee should work by a rota, or a Sub-Committee should be appointed. Eventually, it was agreed to have two Sub-Committees—one for the Bromley Common district, and the other for the town district, and they were appointed as follows:—

Bromley Common: Mrs. Mann, Messrs. Rogers, McIntyre, and Braginton.

Town: Miss Heppel, and Messrs. Loly, Allen, and Amos.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Again, a discussion took place as to whether separate Sub-Committees should be appointed for elementary and higher education.

The Chairman urged that it would be desirable for a time, at least, to have one general purposes sub-committee of the whole of the members, and this was eventually agreed to on the proposition of Alderman James, seconded by Mr. Gibbs.

DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

The Chairman and Mr. Weeks were appointed delegates to this Association.

OFFICERS.

The old officers were re-appointed, viz.: Mr. G. Wall, Clerk; Mr. Edward Norman, Treasurer; and Mr. Lennard, School Attendance Officer.

STANDING ORDERS.

On the proposition of Mr. Weeks, seconded by Alderman Lawrence, it was decided to refer the question of preparing a revised series of standing orders of regulations to the following Sub-Committees:—Miss Heppel, Messrs. Loly, James, Day, Harper, and Weeks.

MANAGERS AND VISITORS.

Some discussion ensued on the principal to be adopted in regard to these appointments, and it was eventually decided, on the suggestion of Mr. Harper, to appoint as follows:—

Managers and Visitors.:—Bromley National, Messrs. Davis and Amos; Mason's Hill, Mr. Bell and Mrs. Mann; Plaistow, Mr. James and Mr. Silvey; Bickley and Widmore, Alderman McIntyre and Mr. Whyte; Bromley Common, Alderman Lawrence and Mr. Braginton; Addisno-road, Mrs. Mann and Mr. Rogers.

Visitors:—Wharton-road, Miss Heppel and Mr. Gibbs; Raglan-road, Mr. Allen and Mr. Weeks; Valley, Mr. Helm and Mr. Day; Aylesbury-road, Mr. Harper.

This concluded the meeting.

The second meeting of the newly-appointed Bromley Education Committee was held on May 9th, Mr. G. Loly (Chairman) presiding.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY SCHOOLC.

A letter was read from the Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, stating: "We are holding our Sunday School treat on Tuesday, June 21st, and this will draw 200 to 250 children from Plaistow School. Will the Education Committee sanction the closing of the School on that day?"

The Chairman presumed there would be no objection to that.

Mr. Amos: The practice has been not to do that, but to keep the school open for those who were unable to go elsewhere. Do I understand this is the whole of the school?

The Chairman: This is practically the whole of the school.

Mr. Amos said that in previous years they had decided against shutting the schools altogether. Of course, they could not prevent children going to the treat. But there were probably some who would not go.

Councillor Weeks said this was a Voluntary school, and to that extent was different from a Council school.

Alderman Davis said this was the first occasion they had had to consider this question. They might assume that the Sunday schools connected with the different Voluntary schools would have their treats at different times in the year, and not always in the same month. Some of the children who went to these schools might have nothing whatever to do with the Sunday School treat, and if they closed the school they would be forced to be idle.

The Chairman thought they might take the Voluntary school as being quite different in this respect to the Council school.

Mr. Silvey: From whom is this application?

The Chairman: From the Vicar.

Mr. Day: I think this was mentioned by the Vicar at the last meeting of the managers. I think he is writing on behalf of the managers. There were only three managers present at the last meeting, and I think it was taken for granted they would acquiesce in this.

Councillor Gibbs: I propose that it be granted.

Miss Heppel: I will second that.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Subsequently a letter was read from Mr. H. A. Vallings, intimating that he was requested to inform the Committee that the managers of Addison-road School proposed to follow the practise hitherto prevailing in this school, and to grant a half-holiday on the afternoon of Ascension Day.

Councillor Powell said it was either right or wrong to grant a holiday, and they should decide it on those grounds. In his opinion it was altogether wrong. As Miss Heppel had pointed out, the children would not be able to go to church as it was in the afternoon they were to have the holiday.

Mr. Braginton thought they should grant the application. In all the Voluntary schools they should have regard to what had previously been done, and in Church of England schools it was a very common thing to give a holiday on Ascension Day. Whether they approved or not, he would suggest that they agree to the application on the ground that it had been the practise to grant a half-holiday. He proposed accordingly.

Alderman James seconded, but in doing so would like to emphasise the point that it was very desirable that the managers of the Voluntary schools should make a request to that Committee before they proposed to do things.

Councillor Powell wished to propose an amendment, observing that they must be exceedingly careful as to what precedents they established on these questions.

The Chairman said that direct negative would meet Mr. Powell's views.

Mr. Silvey proposed that the Committee failed to see its way to granting this request—though, by the bye, no request was made—because sufficient reason had not been given for differentiating this school, on this particular point, from any other school.

The Chairman: Well, your point will be met by a direct negative.

Alderman Davis pointed out that they were not asked to sanction the closing of the school, and suggested that the best way would be to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, stating that the Committee noted they had made arrangements for the closing of the school, and requesting that in future, before taking any such step, they should first of all obtain the sanction of the Committee. He proposed accordingly.

Councillor Weeks seconded Alderman Davis' proposition.

The amendment was lost.

The Mayor then proposed another amendment that the managers be informed that the proper procedure is to ask the sanction of the Education Committee for all holidays in the school; that this particular application be granted; but that all the school managers be informed that it is necessary to ask permission of the Committee before making arrangements for similar holidays.

Mr. Day seconded.

Councillor Whyte said it seemed to be the general feeling of the Committee that they should guard most jealously the position of the Committee; and to impress upon managers of the Voluntary schools that in future they must ask permission before making arrangements of this kind. Then he was sure the members of the Committee would be only too anxious that schools which had observed Ascension Day in this particular way should not be harshly dealt with on this particular occasion. (Hear, hear.)

The amendment was carried by 11 votes to 2, and was then adopted as the substantive resolution.

The second meeting was held on Monday, May 16th, Mr. Loly (Chairman) presiding.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

Pursuant to notice, Alderman Davis proposed:

"That a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the subject of secondary and technical education and to draw up a scheme for submission to the Education Committee of classes which should be held during the Session 1904-5, such Sub-Committee to consist of seven members in addition to the Chairman of the Education Committee."

After alluding to the importance of acting speedily in this matter, he said he had long felt that a great deal of money that had been spent on so-called technical education had been practically wasted—he would not say the whole of it had been wasted, because money could not be said to have been wasted which had been productive of benefit even to a limited number of individuals. But what the contemplated Committee would have to do would be to consider as to whether the classes should continue as at present until a more perfect scheme was completed, or classes. Hitherto, the educational authority had been almost entirely concerned with elementary education, which was practically confined to children of a certain class. But the present Committee were bound to consider the educational needs, not of one class only, but of practically all classes. (Hear, hear.) They must not limit themselves, therefore, to children from the elementary schools, but such classes as they held must be open to any who chose to attend them.

The Chairman said he would be very happy to second the proposition.

The resolution was carried, and the Committee was appointed as follows:—Miss Heppel, Mrs. Mann, and Messrs. Davis, Harper, Braginton, Weeks, Bell, and Whyte, with the Chairman ex-officio.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE ATHLETIC CLUB.

Thanks, to a great extent, to the unfailing energies of the joint hon. secretaries, Mr. G. W. Perkis and Mr. T. J. Jarman, the Bromley Conservative Athletic Club has now become a flourishing organisation, and therefore it almost goes without saying that the annual dinner and presentation of prizes which took place at the Bromley Conservative Club on Wednesday, May 4th, passed off most successfully, additional eclat being lent to the proceedings by the presence of his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) who occupied the chair with his customary geniality. The tables, s well as the entrance to the guished themselves during the past year.

The Mayor presented the prizes to the members of the Athletic Club who have distinguished themselves during the past year

At the conclusion.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Athletic Club, presented to Mr. Selby a handsome framed photograph of its members, as a slight token of the regard and affection entertained for him, and also as a mark of their appreciation of the splendid services he has rendered the Club.

Mr. H. J. Selby expressed his high appreciation of the feelings that had prompted the members to make him this presentation, and said he should be pleased to make arrangements for the photograph to be placed in the billiard room. The remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner.

THE HEALTH OF BROMLEY.

DR. CODD'S ANNUAL REPORT REVIEWED.

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The fourteenth annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for Bromley (Dr. Arthur F. G. Codd) dealing with the health and sanitary condition of Bromley for the year 1903 is now in circulation, and apart from its usually exhaustive and comprehensive character, it possess a certain amount of sentimental interest from the fact that it is the first report presented to our Mayor and Corporation since Bromley received the dignity of being promoted to the status of a Municipal Borough. We always welcome Dr. Codd's Annual Report, for it is no mere recital of a lot of dry and uninteresting facts and comparative statistics. There are, necessarily, a great many figures set out in its pages, but Dr. Codd is not content with a mere statement of fact. Notwithstanding the demands made upon his time as a busy medical man, his Reports are invariably full of evidence of the high view which he takes of the duties and responsibilities resting upon him as the official medical and sanitary adviser of the Corporation. He is no perfunctory Medical Officer of Health, but a keen and practical sanitarian, who, having traced cases of infection to their source, founds upon his discoveries suggestions and proposals for minimising the risk of similar infection in the future, thus improving the general bill of health for the Borough.

The vital statistics are satisfactory in every way. The growth of the population is well maintained, being estimated at 28,655 in the middle of 1903, an increase of 901 since the census was taken in April, 1901. The birth rate was slightly greater than in the previous year, viz., 23.9 per thousand of the population, against 23.6 in 1902, and the marriage rate was 17.0 per thousand, being a fraction less than the average for Bromley during the previous ten years, which was 17.4. The number of deaths registered in the Borough was 287. To this number must be added the deaths of 27 Bromley persons which occurred in the Union Infirmary, which is just outside the Borough boundary, and six must be deducted, being persons not belonging to the district who died in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and other local institutions. This gives a total of 308 deaths, which is equal to a rate of 10.74 per thousand of the population, being the lowest on record, except that for the year 1897, when it was only 10.4 per thousand. The death rate of England and Wales was 15.4, and for the outer ring of London, 11.9; so that we have still excellent reasons for congratulation upon maintaining the character of the Borough as one of the healthiest residential districts of the extra-Metropolitan area. The statistics as to infectious diseases notifiable under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act are no less gratifying. Only 77 cases were notified during the year, and the mortality was exceptionally low. For the four previous years the cases notified numbered: 1902, 153; 1901, 134; 1900, 112; and 1899, 221. The figures as to the zymotic diseases, however, are not so satisfactory, for there were no less than 38 deaths attributable to these. The death rate works out at 1.32 per thousand, and while that is better than the rate for England and Wales (1.46), and also for the outer ring of London (1.48), yet it would have been infinitely lower but for the large number of deaths which occurred from zymotic diarrhœa, viz., 24, or nearly twice the number of deaths from all the other zymotic diseases put together. All these deaths, with two exceptions, occurred in young children, the majority of them between the 20th of August and the 20th September, which, as Dr. Codd observes, is always a fatal time for infants especially among the poorer classes. Dr. Codd's observations on this subject are so full of common-sense and practical suggestion that they deserve the greatest possible publicity, and we, therefore, quote them in extenso:—

"These are essentially deaths which could be prevented, but it appears hopeless to attempt to educate mothers to a clear understanding that the diarrhœa is almost entirely due to want of proper precautions in the careful and cleanly preparation of the children's food, and to the neglect of domestic cleanliness. I feel that some more active measure should be taken than has een done hitherto, and I propose, therefore, that with your permission a circular letter should be sent out to the ministers of religion, about the middle of August, asking them to call the attention of their District Visitors to this subject. They might impress upon the poor, especially at this time, the importance of observing the rules contained in the leaflets for the prevention of diarrhœa, which are distributed every summer, with the outset of the hot weather." There was a slight recrudescence of small pox during May and June, but happily there was only one death; and those who are disposed to take advantage of the "exemption" provisions of the Vaccination Acts would do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the report of Dr. Codd on this particular subject. The patient who died had never been vaccinated since infancy; and her daughter, who subsequently contracted the disease, but who, happily recovered, had also never been re-vaccinated.

During the epidemic of small pox the cases admitted to the Small Pox block at the Infectious Diseases Hospital proved a source of infection to some children admitted for other diseases; and, adds Dr. Codd, "in every case these children were unvaccinated, the vaccinated patients and nurses escaping."

We have not space this week to deal at length with the other details of the Report. But Dr. Codd's suggestions as to the arrest of consumption are very noteworthy. There were thirteen deaths from this baleful disease during the year, which is much below the mean for 1895-1902, viz., twenty-one. Consumption is not a compulsorily notifiable disease, but several towns have adopted a system of voluntary notification, the good results accruing from which lead Dr. Codd to advocate that a similar method be pursued in Bromley, so that the cases could be kept under proper observation, and sanitary precautions could be adopted for minimising the risk of infection. Dr. Codd also suggests the combination of Bromley with the surrounding districts for the provision of an open-air Sanatorium, and we may be quite sure that the proposal will receive the very careful consideration of the Corporation. Dr. Codd devotes several pages of his report to the subject of the milk supply, as to which he makes some very valuable suggestions, and also gives a résumé of the sanitary work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector and his staff, to whom he pays a well-deserved compliment. In conclusion, he says, "the report

for the year 1903 is on the whole very satisfactory. The public health has been good, and there has been very little infectious disease, which I attribute in a great measure to the free washing of the surface of the soil and the keeping down of the dust, consequent upon the heavy rainfall." We can only hope that so satisfactory a condition of things may continue to prevail.

BROMLEY BUILDING BYE-LAWS.

At the Bromley Petty Sessions, on April 25th, before Coles Child, Esq., and other Justices, Mr. J. L. Woodhams, builder, of Bromley Common, appeared to answer four different summonses issued by the Bromley Borough Council for breaches of the Building Bye-laws in respect to a building in Beaconsfield-road. The fourth summons was the crucial one. It was for constructing two rooms in the roof without delivering to the Council complete plans and sections of every floor, as required by the the Bye-law 103. The other alleged offences arose out of this omission, in respect to structural works as to the height of ceiling, and insufficiency of windows, and so forth.

Mr. F. H. Norman, the Town Clerk, said that if the defendant would plead to this last summons, he would deal with that first. He believed the facts were not in dispute.

Defendant said he would admit that he was wrong in departing from the plans as submitted. But it was nothing more than usual.

The Clerk: What do you plead to this summons?

Defendant said he must plead guilty.

After hearing the full facts stated by the Town Clerk, the Bench fined the defendant 20s. and 8s. costs for the main summons, and ordered him to pay 8s. costs on each of the other summonses.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the above club held its first race meeting of the present season at the Beckenham Baths, the event decided being a two lengths (66 2-3yds.) sealed handicap. There were eleven entries for the race, and a good number of members were present to witness it. A fine handicap was framed by Messrs W. Baxter, W. R. Gunton, and H. E. Strong, and resulted as follows:—

NAME.	Actual time. Secs.	Start. Secs.	Handicap time. Secs.	Position.
C. Stark	58	1	57	1
H. Deadman ...	58½	scr.	58½	2
R. Ayling	65	6	59	3
B. Ayling	62 2-5	3	59 2-5	4
D. M. Phillips ...	65 1-5	5	60 1-5	
S. B. Elcome ...	67	6	61	
T. J. Fawery ...	75	14	61	
A. Cocks	75	scr.	75	
A. M. Austin ...	98 3-5	15	83 3-5	
C. W. Watts ...	105	6	99	

The following gentlemen kindly officiated:—Starter—Mr. W. R. Gunton. Time-keepers—Messrs. C. H. Gunton, A. Hulbert, R. Skinner and H. W. Richardson.

The Rev. T. Eynon Davies has been elected Chairman of the Kent Congregational Association for the ensuing year.

Mr. Norman Mayhew, of Beckenham, has been awarded the Sterndale Bennett Scholarship at the Royal Academy of music for pianoforte.

Amongst the ladies presented at the Court held by their Majesties the King and Queen on Friday, May 13th, was Mrs. Hugh Carroll. She was presented by Mrs. Carroll.

THE JACKSON ALLOTMENTS, BROMLEY COMMON.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLDERS.

A gathering which will occupy a memorable position in the history of the Jackson Allotments Scheme, was that which took place at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Friday April 29th, when a large number of the allotment holders assembled for the dual purpose of doing honour to Mr. W. Judd—whose faithful work as hon. treasurer of the scheme has produced such splendid results—and of transacting the business of the annual meeting, with which was also associated the presentation of prizes for the best kept allotments. Mrs. A. P. Jackson presided.

The proceedings commenced with the transaction of the business of the annual meeting. Mr. W. Judd presented the auditors' report, which was of an entirely satisfactory character, after which Mr. G. Anderson and Mr. John Gregory were unanimously elected to fill the two vacancies on the Committee. Mr. Townsend was re-elected hon. secretary and heartily thanked for his past valuable services, and Mr. Juniper and Mr. W. Smith were re-elected auditors.

Mrs. Jackson was unanimously re-elected President, and the following were elected as Vice-Presidents:—Sir Justice Bruce, Mr, Beer, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Adam Walker, and Mr. Creed.

Mrs. Jackson said instead of giving her prizes through the Bromley Common Flower Show, it was her intention in future to offer them in the same way as Sir Justice Bruce, Mr. T. C. Dewey, and Mr. Adam Walker had had done.

Mr. Townsend said he had received a schedule from the secretary of the Bromley Common Flower Show, showing that they were to be excluded from competing for the prizes for the best kept allotments.

An allotment holder: It is nothing short of an injustice, and I will propose that our secretary write to the secretary of the Executive Committee of the Flower Show stating our views thereon.

Mr. J. Humphrey seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The prizes for the best kept allotments were then presented as follows:—

Sir Gainsford Bruce's prizes.—1, Fred Crow; 2, James Humphrey; 3. Thos. Chisholm.

Mr. Adam Walker's prizes.—1, William Lane; 2. James Butler; 3. John Gregory.

Mr. T. C. Dewey's prize.—Edward Isard.

Mr. E. Beer's prizes.—3. Samuel Tedman; 3. John Townsend.

Mrs. Jackson said the next business on the agenda was the presentation of a testimonial to their kind and esteemed treasurer, Mr. Judd. She need scarcely say how happy she was that it had fallen to her lot to make the presentation. Mrs. Jackson then presented to Mr. Judd a handsome silver goblet bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to W. Judd, Esq., by the holders of the Jackson Allotments—Mrs. A. P. Jackson, President, and J. C. Chapman, Esq., Vice-President—as a token of gratitude for his untiring service on their behalf. Bromley Common, April 29th, 1904."

Mr. W. Judd, who was received with applause, in very appropriate terms expressed his gratitude for the very handsome presentation they had made to him, and the kind words that had fallen from Mrs. Jackson on behalf of the allotment holders.

At the close, Mr. Alderman Lawrence announced, amid applause, that he should be pleased to give a prize for competition amongst the allotment holders

BROMLEY RURAL COUNCIL v. CHISLEHURST URBAN COUNCIL.

THE CLAIM FOR £36.900.

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The House of Lords, on May 2nd, gave judgment in the case of the Caterham Urban District Council v. the Godstone Rural District Council, pending which the award in the arbitration between the Chislehurst Urban District Council and the Bromley Rural District Council has been standing adjourned for some months. The question was whether, when a new urban district is under the Local Government Act of 1888 and 1894 created out of part of a previously existing rural district, the latter is entitled, under section 62 of the Local Government Act, 1888, to an adjustment of property, income, debts, liabilities, or expenses in respect of the loss of a ratepaying area caused by the severance. The Courts below held that the respondents were so entitled. Acting upon previous decisions of the Court of Appeal, and fortified by eminent counsel's opinion, the Bromley Rural District Council made a claim against the parish of Chislehurst, amounting in the aggregate to £36.900 in respect to the loss of profits sustained by the Union as a whole by reason of the secession of Chislehurst, and its creation as an Urban District. They claimed an annual profit to the extent of £1,141, which capitalised at thirty years' purchase amounts to £34,230, the balance of the claim being in connection with establishment expenses. The ruling case on the point was that of the Rochdale Union and the Haslingdon Union, decided by the Court of Appeal in 1899. The case of the Rochdale Union was that there had been taken away from it a portion of the rateable area formerly comprised in the Union. The taxation on that area was a gain to the Union because the character of the district taken away was such that the Union got more out of it in rates than was required to be expended on that portion of the Union for its poor. Inasmuch as Haslingdon Union got the benefit of that severance, an adjustment was held to be necessary. The same principle was affirmed in the case of Bucks v. Herts. Backed up by these cases, and in view of the fact that the Divisional Court and then the Court of Appeal had followed these decisions in the Godstone and Caterham case, the Bromley Rural District Council were undoubtedly found, in the interests of the smaller parishes of the Union, to bring their claim against Chislehurst, and also against Foots Cray, which seceded subsequently. At the same time, we cannot help feeling that on the grounds of equity, the judgment of the House of Lords in reversing the former decisions will be welcomed by all who are interested in the growth of municipal and local government institutions. We sympathise with the Bromley Rural District Council in the unsuccessful effort—for we presume that Sir Hugh Owen's award must follow the finding of the House of Lords—which they have been making on behalf of the parishes still left to them. But we still more heartily congratulate the ratepayers of Chislehurst on the result. We are quite prepared to admit that in many cases growing parishes seek autonomous powers in the matter of local government prematurely; and there is no doubt that the belief that compensation was payable to the parishes still remaining in the Union by the seceding parish has induced County Councils to take a more lenient view of these applications than would otherwise have been the case. In future, therefore, we may expect that such applications for urban powers will be very much more strictly investigated and combated than hitherto. At the same time, it is unquestionable that had it been established by the House of Lords that a parish like Chislehurst must face the possibility of paying nearly £40,000 compensation for the privilege of managing its own affairs the development of local government would have received a severe check. We do not lose sight of the other side of the question, but recognise that the secession of a rich and populous parish from a Union does increase the burdens to be borne by the smaller and poorer parishes which are left. But that increase is made up by loss of profits which these poorer parishes have been enjoying at the expense of the richer parish in some cases, like that at Chislehurst, for a good many years Obviously, that is a thing which cannot be expected to go on for ever. As Lord Justice Davey pointed out in giving judgment in the Godstone case, the very object of a scheme made under section 57 of the Local Government Act, is to enable the inhabitants of a district thus seeking urban powers, to rate their own district and to expend the rates so raised for their own benefit. That the rates derived from the several districts will be lost to the Union from which it is so severed is the inevitable consequence and intention of putting the Act in force. It is quite conceivable that certain common charges may have been incurred, partially on account of the seceding parish, in respect to which compensation would be payable. But to hold that the remaining parishes had a vested interest for all time in the rates of any parish that was entitled, by reason of its growth and prosperity, to autonomous government would surely be most unfair. And the decision of the House of Lords now establishes the fact that such a claim has no foundation in law.

FREEMASONRY.

HONOUR FOR THE MAYOR OF BROMLEY.

By the appointment of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Grand Master of Freemasonry in England, his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Frank Griffith, P.M.) is this year Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, and the investiture took place at the Grand Lodge Festival, held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, April 27th. The gathering was a most brilliant one, and amongst those present to witness the honour thus conferred upon the Mayor were Mr. R. W. James, P.M., the Deputy Mayor, Mr. E. T. Lea, P.M., and also Mr. John King, P.M., representing the "Hervey" Lodge of Freemasons, Bromley.

On April 28th Countess Stanhope, on behalf of the ladies of Kent, presented colours—a silken ensign and Union Jack—to his Majesty's armoured cruiser "Kent," in Sheerness harbour.

The cost of the arbitration proceedings connected with the purchase of the London Water Companies amounts to £67,705 2s. 10d.

The will of Mr. Alfred Hawley, late of Widmore-road, Bromley, and of Lloyd's, has been proved, with personalty amounting to £22,569.

A public meeting in connection with the Garden City Association was held at the Grand Hall, on Friday evening, April 22nd, but, no doubt owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was very sparse. The Member for the Division (Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.), occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr. Ebenezer Howard (the originator of the movement), the Hon. and Rev. W. James Adderley, the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), Mr. Beaumont Morice, the Revs. J. White D. F. Mackenzie and R. Silvey, Mr. Montagu Harris, and others.

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DIARY FOR MAY.

3rd.—Performance of "The Gondoliers" at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by a talented company of local amateurs in aid of the Bickley Park Cricket Club.

4th.—Service of sacred music at Bromley Presbyterian Church.

7th.—Kaffir boy choir at the Grand Hall, Bromley.

14th.—Waif Saturday street collection in Bromley.

16th.—Sunday School anniversary services at the Southborough Baptist Mission.

18th.—Public meeting at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, re proposed new sports ground for Bromley.

22nd.—Opening services of the Great Tent summer campaign, promoted by Mr. W. J. Gibbs. —United Christian Endeavour "Rally" at Bromley Baptist Church.

27th.—Cricket match between the Mayor's XI. and the Bromley Police, at Bromley.

29th.—Hour of sacred music at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

SOUTHBOROUGH MISSION HALL.

Anniversary services were held at the Baptist Mission Hall, Southborough, on May 15th. The services, which were well attended, were of a bright and joyous character, and were conducted by Messrs. Banfield and Fisher, of the South London Evangelistic Band.

Mr. New read a most encouraging report which showed a balance in hand of £1 3s. 7½, against 1s. 10d. last year, and in conclusion he heartily thanked all those who had, in any way, helped to further the work of the Sunday School during the past year.

PROGRESSIVE WHIST PARTY.—Considerable success has attended the progressive whist parties held at the Bromley Conservative Club during the past season, but on all hands it was admitted that the gathering held on Monday, May 2nd, (the last of the series), was a record for enjoyment.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL HENWOOD'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS.

The inhabitants of Bromley and the district will join very heartily in the numerous congratulations which have been received by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henwood, on the celebration of the golden anniversary of their wedding which they celebrated on Friday, May 6th. The proceedings were entirely private, but during the day messages of congratulation were received from friends and connections not only in England, but also from South Africa. To mark their own sense of the blessings which have been bestowed upon them during their fifty years of wedded life, Mr. and Mrs. Henwood have made several most munificent gifts, including donations of £500 to the Leysian (Wesleyan) Mission, in which their late son Edwin took an active part; to the Bromley Cottage Hospital, £500; to the Phillips' Memorial Hospital, £100; and to the Farwig Wesleyan Mission Building Fund, £100. To the married members of their family Mr. and Mrs. Henwood presented replicas of their portraits in oil by T. W. F. Sheard, R.B.A., and to the unmarried daughter and grand-children appropriate gifts.

'UNDER THE CANVAS."

On Whit Sunday was re-inaugurated, in a most auspicious manner, a work, which it is safe to predict, will hold no insignificant part in local spiritual life during the summer months. We refer to the re-commencement of the popular mission services in the great tent erected in a field at the end of Station-road in close proximity to Bromley North Station. The enterprise is one of the most admirable of the several beneficient offshoots from the work of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission, which is directed, as is well known, by our esteemed townsman, Mr. W. J. Gibbs. The idea of the services originated some two years ago with Mr. Gibbs, and the subsequent association of that gentleman's enthusiasm and administrative abilities with the project afforded a practical guarantee of success. Nobody, however, except those behind the scenes, can possibly appreciate the amount of good work Mr. Gibbs has accomplished in connection with the tent campaign. He has no committee at his back, and its success in the past has been almost if not entirely due to his initiative and ceaseless zeal; and judging from the thoroughly successful manner in which the services were re-inaugurated, this season's campaign will, if possible, be even more successful than its predecessors. The work is one which is entitled to the hearty support of all religious sects, and if proof were needed of the growing popularity of the movement it was abundantly forthcoming in connection with the crowded and enthusiastic gatherings on May 22nd and 23rd. Seating accommodation is provided for nearly 1,500 people, and the electric lighting arrangements are excellent.

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The annual gatherings of the Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society will be held in October and November next at Bromley. There will be a series of interesting meetings and functions, and the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury will add lustre to the occasion. His Grace will be publicly received at the Grand Hall by his Worship the Mayor of Bromley and the Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith).

THE BOROUGH ARMS.

As reported at the meeting of the Bromley Borough Council on May 17th, the grant of arms to the Borough has just been received from the Clarenceux and Norroy Kings of Arms, and those who have the opportunity of seeing them will agree that the Borough Arms are very handsome and effective. The text of the grant is as follows:—

To all and singular to whom these presents shall come. George Edward Cokayne, Esq., Clarenceaux, King of Arms, of the South East and West parts of England, from the River Trent southwards, and William Henry Weldon Esquire Commander of the Royal Victorian Order Norroy King of Arms of the North parts of England from the River Trent northwards send greetings.

Whereas Frank Griffith Mayor of the Borough of Bromley in the County of Kent hath represented unto the Most Honourable Henry Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Garter Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order and One of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council that his Majesty has been graciously pleased by letters patent bearing date the seventeenth day of August 1903 to grant and declare that the inhabitants of the district within the limits set forth in part one of the first schedule of the said letters patent and their successors shall be one body politic and corporate by the name of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bromley with a perpetual succession and a common seal and may assume armorial bearings which shall be duly enrolled in the Heralds' College. That the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses in the Incorporated Borough of Bromley being desirous that the Borough seal to be used by them in their Corporate capacity should contain fit and proper armorial bearings and be assigned under legal authority he requested on behalf of the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses the favour of his gracious warrant for our granting and assigning such armorial bearings as may be proper to be borne by them and their successors on seals shields banners or otherwise according to the laws of arms and for as much as the said Earl Marshal did by warrant under his hand and seal bearing date the twenty-fourth day of December following and by a warrant bearing date the twenty-fifth day of February last authorise us and direct us to grant and assign such armorial ensigns accordingly know ye therefore that we the said Clarenceux and Norroy in pursuance of his gracious warrant and by virtue of the letters patent of our several offices to each of us respectively granted do by these presents grant and assign unto the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Incorporated Borough of Bromley the arms following that is to says:—quarterly gules and azures on a fesse wavy argent three ravens proper between in the first quarter two branches of broom slipped of the third in the second a sun in splendour in the third an escallop shell or and in the fourth a horse forcene also argent and for the crest on a wreath of the colours upon two bars wavy azure and argent an escallop shell as in the arms between two branches of broom proper as the same is in the margin whereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used by the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Incorporated Borough of Bromley and their successors in seals shields banners or otherwise according to the laws of arms In witness whereof we the said Clarenceux and Norroy Kings of Arms have to these presents subscribed our names and affixed the seals of our several offices this nineteenth day of April in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Seventh by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King Defender of the Faith &c. and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

At the head of the grant, which is on vellum, appear the arms of the offices of the Clarenceux and Norroy Kings of Arms, in their proper colours, and in the left hand corner is the design of the Bromley Arms, also in Heraldic colours. The escallop shell delineates the connection of the Borough with the ancient See of Rochester; the broom indicates the derivation of the word Bromley, while the sun in splendour marks the association of Sundridge with the town. The white horse is, of course, the County crest. The ravens on the "fesse wavy argent" signify the Ravensbourne. The motto is "Dum cresco spero ("While I grow I hope").

THE "DEWEY" PORTRAIT.

The presentation of the "Dewey" Portrait has been fixed to take place on Wednesday, June 22nd, probably at the Bromley Drill Hall. It will be remembered that in concurrence with the wishes of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors—and we are quite sure we may add of the burgesses also—Mr. T. C. Dewey, of South Hill Wood, consented to accept as a small acknowledgment of his unique and invaluable services to the Borough as Charter-Mayor, a replica of the Royal Academy painting of Mr. Dewey, by Mr. Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., the same to be hung in the Council Chamber. The necessary funds have been subscribed by voluntary subscription, and the presentation is to be made the occasion of a reception by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors. The subscribers to the fund will be specially invited, and within the limits of the Hall other burgesses who may wish to take their wives and lady friends to witness this most interesting event will be admitted by tickets, application for which should be made at once, for they will be distributed in order of application, and the number will, necessarily, be limited. Tea and coffee and light refreshments will be served, and there will also be a short programme of music.

DRUIDS GATHERING AT BROMLEY.

INITIATION OF THE MAYOR.

There was a large and representative gathering of members of the Ancient Order of Druids, at the "Star and Garter," High-street, Bromley, on Tuesday, May 10th, when his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P) was initiated into the Order, in company with eight other gentlemen. Bro. A. Adams, P.A., occupied the chair, with Bro. T. Shewbrocks, P.A., in the vice-chair. The iniation was impressively performed by Bro. Adams, assisted by the Grand Lodge officials, and afterwards the health of the newly-initiated brothers was proposed by M.N.G.A. Miles, and cordially drunk. The Mayor, who was heartily received, responded in a few well-chosen remarks, expressing his admiration of the principles of Druidism as they had been revealed to him that night.

Provision is being made for a more commodious staircase in the new tower at the Beckenham Parish Church, also staging on the top to enable those who ascend to conveniently survey the view.

BROMLEY ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual general meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Bromley Electric Light and Power Company was held at the Royal Bell Hotel on Monday, April 25th, when Mr. F. E. Gripper presided.

The Chairman said he did not think he need make a very long statement in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, because he had got very little different to tell them to what he had said before in that room for the past two or three years. He was glad to be able to again report a steady and regular increase in the business of the Company. As might be gathered from the report, the progress in their business during the past year had been very satisfactory, and he thought they would appreciate that when they saw the additions that had been made to their lamps connected. During the past year they had added between 11,000 and 12,000 lamps, which was the greatest increase they had ever had since the formation of the Company. (Applause.) According to the report, the lamp connections numbered 47,030; but this had now been increased to over 50,000, which number was reached within the last fortnight. This, he considered, a very good record for five years, working in a suburban district like theirs. (Applause.) The works were being maintained in good order and repair, and recently, large additions had been made to the generating plant. They had had put down a very large engine and dynamo—one twice as large as they had never had before. Large new boilers had also been put in. The actual amount of expenditure showed an increase of about 20 per cent., but at the same time, it must be remembered that their lamp connections had increased to the extent of 33⅓ per cent., so that their capital expenditure had not increased at anything like the same ratio as the extension of their business. The year's trading showed a profit of £7,143, as against £5,600 last year, which he considered a satisfactory increase, and after paying their debenture and loan charges, the amount available for dividend was £4,298, compared with £3,400 last year. (Applause.) As they were aware, they paid, last Spring, an interim dividend at the rate of 4 per cent., and the proposition was that they should now pay a further dividend for the half-year at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, making a total dividend of 5 per cent. for the year. The Directors had expended a considerable amount of thought as to whether they should make the dividend one half per cent. more for the last half-year, but they had decided to place £1,500 to the reserve fund against £1,000 last year, and carry forward a small balance. The prospects for the coming year, however, were such as to encourage them to think that they would be able to go up a step in their dividend next year, especially as the estimated profit for the first three months of the year was nearly £500 more than for the first three months of last year. The working costs had already been reduced to such a low figure that he did not think they had much prospect of reducing them much more. Last year the units were generated at just a shade over 2d., and this year the cost worked out at 1.9d., showing a reduction of 5 per cent. Therefore, they could not look for any substantial reduction in the cost of production now. During the year they had issued 4,000 new shares which had been very well taken up, and the proceeds of these shares had been required for the extensions they had carried out during the year. At the present time they had £70,000 in share capital and £50,000 in debentures, and in their trust deeds they had power to issue £20,000 more 4½ per cent. debentures. In conclusion, he moved the adoption of the report and accounts, and the payment of a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. for the half-year, making a total dividend of 5 per cent. for the year.

Mr. Grinsted seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he had great pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. Grinsted as a Director for the coming year. He need not say much as to the virtues and qualifications of Mr. Grinsted, because most of them knew him and were well aware what a valuable Director of the Company he had been. The same remarks also applied to Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Peill seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Chairman next proposed that Mr. Taylor be re-elected a Director of the Company.

Mr. Hadden seconded, and the proposition was carried.

Mr. Grinsted briefly returned thanks for his re-election. As they knew, he took a very great interest in the Company, and in the future he would do as he had endeavoured to do in the past, everything he possibly could to promote its interests.

Councillor Taylor also begged to thank them very sincerely for re-electing him. He need hardly say that he was keenly sensible of the responsibilities of the office, and so long as they did him the honour to re-elect him, so long should he always do his very best to promote the success of the Company. (Applause.) He also considered it his bounden duty to watch over the interests of the shareholders generally.

Mr. Peill proposed, and it was unanimously agreed to, that Mr. E. E. Price be re-elected Auditor for the coming year, at a remuneration of 30 guineas

A resolution was passed formally sanctioning the remuneration of the Directors for the past year, and it was further resolved that their remuneration in future should be £200 per annum, collectively.

The King has conferred the long service Volunteer decoration on Major Bertram H. Latter, of the 2nd V.B., "Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment).

A WORK THAT RECOMMENDS ITSELF.—The Clothing Guild which is established at Hilda Rogers, of Laurel Bank, is doing a most valuable work, quietly and unostentatiously, and it deserves the warmest support. It carries on its operations in connection with the Infectious Diseases Hospital, at Skym Corner, which serves the whole of the district of the Bromley Poor Law Union; and it, therefore, appeals to the residents, not only of Bromley, but also of Beckenham, Chislehurst, and the other thirteen parishes in the Union. It aims principally at benefitting the children. Many of them, of the humbler classes, who are treated in the Hospital, are discharged, convalescent, of course, but in a condition requiring every care and attention to secure complete restoration to health. Good warm clothing is of great importance, and it is to meet this want that the Clothing Guild exists. Articles of wearing apparel, therefore, or material for making the same, or the money to buy such material will be gladly received by Miss Rogers, on behalf of the Guild. The members gladly give their time to the making up of the various articles thus required, and such an entirely unselfish and philanthropic act should command the very warmest sympathy and support.

CHISLEHURST CAVES IN THE SMUGGLING DAYS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have recently obtained some interesting reminiscences from a native and old inhabitant of this parish, Mr. Joseph Ringer, now of Mottingham, who was born in 1823. He was the son of Henry Ringer, a builder, who lived in the old house on the east side of the Common, now divided into three tenements, and known as "Webster's Cottages." Henry Ringer was a great smuggler, and a story still current relates how cleverly he hoodwinked the excise officers when they made a descent on his premises. They searched vainly for the illicit spirits, of which they had reason to think he had a large stock; and it was not until many years later that the secret leaked out that his fine celery bed, neatly banked up with the young shoots peeping up in orderly rows, was at this time the hiding place of his kegs of smuggled Hollands.

The parish of Chislehurst, lying at a short distance from the main roads to the coast, easily accessible from London, sequestered in thick woods, and above all, having in its labrynthnic caves such excellent places of concealment, was peculiarly adapted for purposes of contraband traffic.

Readers of Thackeray's "Dennis Duval" may remember that the smugglers were often under the secret leadership of country gentlemen of position, and perhaps one reason why the trade so flourished in Chislehurst was that a person of this class, a large landowner, was deeply concerned in the local smuggling enterprises. The late Canon Murray has told me that in his boyhood, when he used to come over here from Bromley Palace to visit friends, he has often seen this individual who passed in the neighbourhood for a somewhat morose and suspicious man, mixing very little in society. His gates were always locked and very few people ever saw the inside of his house. He was the owner of a fine country house in an adjoining parish, which with daring astuteness he had leased to an old school fellow of his an eminent judge who had been raised to the peerage. Such an acquaintance must have formed an admirable blind to his smuggling practices.

When once the smugglers reached Chislehurst they could always baffle pursuit. A man named Palmer, who lived at the cottage on St. Paul's Cray Common, now Dabner's, had many hiding places among the furze, where goods could be temporarily deposited. The "Crown" Inn, now "Old Crown Cottage," was another receiving house, and the smugglers' horses were often put up at the stables of the gentleman previously mentioned. Henry Ringer remembered two of these horses falling dead there through having been unmercifully driven.

The caves were at that time the property of Mr. John Wells, of Bickley, and were leased by him to a man named Soper, who practised the trade of a lime-burner, thus concealing his more lucrative occupation as a receiver of smuggled goods. He used to send some of the chalk to Greenwich and Deptford for making whitening. He also supplied the Government with gun flints, and manufactured tallow candles, the even cool temperature being very favourable for that work. But the secret and principal use of the caves was as a depository for contraband. Joseph Ringer has been there at night many a time to assist his father in bringing away kegs of spirits, rolls of silk, silk handkerchiefs and dresses, lace, etc. In the course of time, Mr. George Wythes became the owner of Bickley Hall, and then found that Mr. Bascomb, who owned much of the land above, had constructed a fresh entrance from his garden, and had assumed proprietorship of the whole. A law suit was the result, in which Mr. Wythes gained the day, and he then put an iron gate to that part which lay beneath his land, and separated it internally from Mr. Bascomb's portion by building the existing brick walls. Mr. Ringer relates how a man named Buller lived a sort of hermit life in an empty lime kiln for a long time, subsisting entirely on swede turnips which he used to steal from the fields at night. His presence was quite unknown until he was accidentally discovered in an emaciated and dying condition. Soper made a curious discovery in digging in the caves, of a pair of andirons which, when examined, proved to be of solid gold. The discovery became known, and the Government claimed them as treasure trove. No doubt the precious metal was the result of some old robbery, and had been made into this form for purposes of concealment. This happened about the year 1838.

Chislehurst chalk was much used for road making, and for mixing with clay for stock bricks, in the first half of the last century. This chalk was, however, extracted from the more modern quarry under Camden Park, the entrance to which is now hidden by the stables belonging to the new houses. A good diagram of this quarry is given in Kelly's Kent Directory for 1887. The galleries were driven in straight from the face, and were ten in number, connected by a transverse series. They were closed when they became dangerous through falls of earth. The strata are as follows:—A thin layer of loamy gravel soil on top, then 30 feet of dark, clayey bedded sand, then a base bed 5½ feet thick, greenish in colour containing green-coated flints, then chalk with flints bedded becoming gradually harder, then a layer of very hard chalk, about 40 inches thick, which forms the roof of the galleries.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
GEORGE W. MILLER.

Chislehurst, May 19th.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood, Bromley, took his seat on the Bromley Bench for the first time on Tuesday, April 26th.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., delivered an address to the members of the Beckenham P.S.A., at Howard's Assembly Rooms, on Sunday, May 1st.

Sir Henry and Lady Lennard have kindly arranged for the gardens at Wickham Court to be open on Saturday, June 28th, from three to seven p.m.

Amongst those summoned to attend the Court on May 13th, were Mr. and Mrs. Coles Child, who presented their eldest daughter, Miss Marjorie Child. Mrs. Coles Child wore a beautiful dress, consisting of a train of cloth of silver held in place by a yoke of silver thread, the design being grapes and leaves, veiled in white chiffon, with handsomely embroidered borders of mother of pearl and silver over a carnation pink gown of taffeta, richly worked with floral design in shades of pink and moss green, with folded green sash of soft silk fastened with diamond buckle. She carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Marjorie Child wore a charming dress, the train being of white taffeta mousseline, draped with chiffon bouillonées, caught at intervals with true lover's knots of small white roses, over a white chiffon under-dress, elaborately inserted with ribbons and lace, and a bébé bodice of ribbon and chiffon. Her bouquet consisted of white roses.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES OF "THE GONDOLIERS," AT BROMLEY.

AN ARTISTIC TRIUMPH.

The performances of "The Gondoliers," which were given in the Grand Hall, on the nights of May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, by a company of amteurs, mostly ladies and gentlemen resident in Bromley and the district, in aid of the funds of the Bickley Park Cricket Club, must at once be pronounced an artistic triumph, upon which all concerned are deserving of the warmest congratulations. Last year pretty much the same company performed "The Mikado," and the striking success which was achieved on that occasion was renewed and even emphasised by their altogether admirable presentation of this later product of the rich collaborative genius of Mr. W. S. Gilbert and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan. "The Gondoliers, or the King of Barataria," to give the Opera its full title, was first produced by the late Mr. D'Oyly Carte at the Savoy Theatre, in 1889, and was at once hailed as entirely worthy of a place in the long series of works which are so indelibly associated with the names of its joint authors. And it can truly be said that the performance given at Bromley on Tuesday and Wednesday were in every way worthy of the work. Even at the first presentation, on Tuesday night, everything went with a swing. That the tuneful qualities of the music would be happily and melodiously interpreted was only to be expected, seeing that not only the principal performers but also the members of the chorus are competent and in many cases accomplished musicians. Nor is it surprising that in their capable and appreciative hands the witticisms and subtleties which are always characteristic of Gilbertian libretto should be adequately expressed. But it is seldom, indeed, that one finds an amateur production, especially of a work of the magnitude of "The Gondoliers" presented with such splendid spirit, such sustained vigour and vivacity as were displayed by the ladies and gentlemen who have thus associated themselves together for the purpose of swelling the funds of the Bickley Park Cricket Club, and, at the same time, of giving such unmixed pleasure to their friends and the general public of the town and district. To Mr. Montford Baker, under whose direction the Opera was produced, we offer the heartiest congratulations. Mr. Baker is undoubtedly a born director. His own individual work—to which we refer later—stamps him as a thorough musician and a clever artist. He possesses, however, the still more essential quality of a director, viz., enthusiasm. And, even more valuable, he has the power of infecting everyone about him with the same spirit of enthusiasm by which he is himself animated. Thus it is that one and all are agreed in pronouncing their performance of "The Gondoliers" an artistic triumph. There was not the slightest slackness anywhere, and it is quite certain that a great deal of really hard work must have been put in at the rehearsals to have secured so high a degree of perfection as that which was obtained. Most of our readers are doubtless thoroughly familiar with the Opera itself, and it is, therefore, quite unnecessary to attempt any description of the "plot," with its numerous complications and absurdities, and yet, withal, happy ending, in the production of which Mr. W. S. Gilbert is so accomplished a past master It will be sufficient to refer to the merits of those who so successfully essayed its presentation. As the volatile and somewhat shady Duke of Plaza Toro, Mr. J. M. Nussey was simply splendid, indeed, nothing could have been better than his portrayal of the part. He sang with taste and skill, he acted cleverly, he danced gracefully, and in every single detail, completely identified himself with the part. As the Duchess, Miss Muskett was no less successful. She has a charming voice, which she used to excellent advantage, and her acting was equally meritorious. She had evidently thoroughly appreciated the part of the over-stately and pompous old Duchess, and impersonated it with real power and artistic accuracy. Miss Dorothy Batton was a delightful Casilda. The love passages between her and Luiz (her father's "suite," in the Duke's dilapidated days, before he was "floated" as a limited liability company) were charmingly presented, and the melodious farewell duet between her and her lover gained an enthusiastic encore. Mr. Charles Hurlbatt's pourtrayal of Luiz was very good. As the Grand Inquisitor, Mr. Frank W. Simmonds again achieved signal success. In "The Mikado," Mr. Simmonds was the Lord High Executioner, a rôle which he filled to perfection; and now he was equally successful as the Grand Inquisitor. He looked the part admirably, and he played it equally well. As the brothers Palmieri Mr. Nye and Mr. Baker must be counted as amongst the chief successes of the performance. Mr. Baker, more especially, played with perfect naturalness. He was evidently well pleased with the way in which the performance, for which he was so largely responsible, was going, and he was, apparently, as light-hearted and merry as any gondolier that was ever written about—and far more so than the true type of that decidedly dilapidated class. Both he and Mr. Nye sang admirably. As Gianetta and Tessa Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Stanley Nash were also most successful. They were vociferously encored for their singing, and were never once found wanting in the difficult parts which they had to fill in conjunction with Marco and Guiseppe. Miss F. M. Smith and Miss Lily Willett also acquitted themselves most creditably, as well as did the other members of the cast in the minor parts allotted to them. Of the chorus we can only speak in terms of unqualified praise. In works of this character so very much depends upon the chorus that they either make or mar a performance. In this instance, they made it Their work throughout was most meritorious; indeed, seldom has the music of "The Gondoliers" been rendered with such musicianly taste and skill as they displayed. Most notable of all, perhaps, was the Cachucha chorus in the second act. It went splendidly, worthy of the Savoy itself, and was thrice enthusiastically encored.

The instrumental music was played by a splendid band of more than thirty, under the direction of Mr. E. Henslow Orchard, and their work constituted an important factor in the success achieved. They opened the performance each evening with a spirited rendering of the National Anthem.

Miss Dorothy Williams, a pupil of Mr. Harry E. Atkinson, organist and choirmaster of St. Giles', Farnborough, has passed in theory and pianoforte the Intermediate Local Examination of the Associated Boards.

The Arts and Crafts exhibition, to be held in Bromley in October, under the auspices of the Bromley Literary Institute, bids fair to be of an interesting, instructive and stimulating character. The committee who have the matter in hand have already received the names of a large number of intending exhibitors, and they will be glad to be made acquainted with the names of those who contemplate sending exhibits. The names should be sent to the hon. secretary, Miss A. J. Measor, Glenthorne, Enfield-road, Bromley.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON.

The work selected to form Part I. of the concert on the 26th April at the Drill Hall, Bromley, was Mendelssohn's "Athalie." The work does not succeed in sustaining one's interest and attention to such an extent as do others by the same composer. Neither in general style, structure or melodic treatment, does it bear comparison with the better known works of the tuneful Mendelssohn. At the same time, it certainly contains much that is distinctly worthy and interesting, and although the effectiveness of the work is considerably enhanced by the recitations being given by a good elocutionist, yet the absence of these is quite pardonable, and the work is still complete with the singing part alone.

There was little to complain of in the manner in which the choir devoted itself to the choral numbers. There are not many occasions where striking effects are to be obtained, such as may be found, for example, in the "Elijah" and "Hymn of Praise." Firmness, assurance and a sustained consistency of these in conjunction with real vocal force, characterised their singing. In the unison chorus "O Sinai." etc., they were very fine, declaiming the passage out with power and a resonant solidity which is often not obtained sufficiently in a unison passage. Many choralists look upon unison work as an opportunity for a "skulk." The articulation here was also particularly good. Again in the "quasi recitativo," passage, "What star," etc., the ladies sang with a rhythmic feeling and a finish which was quite surprising, and yet so pleasing when one recalls how many solo vocalists even make mincemeat of a recitative.

Of the soloists, one cannot, justly, speak so complimentary. Neither of the three ladies did justice to the work, and from their phrasing, I should imagine that they had been so intent upon the notation as to have neglected to give any attention at all to the libretto. Miss A. Todman, as first soprano, was most successful in sustaining her part, but often sang herself out of tune. Miss Alborough was palpably nervous, and for that reason apparently, unable to do herself justice. Miss Mabel Skipworth has often delighted us in ballad singing, but in a work with orchestral accompaniment, something more is required that a very pleasant voice, which has, indeed, severe limitations of power. In the concerted passages for the soloists, there was no attempt at cohesion or ensemble, and even the duett "Ever blessed child, rejoice"—surely one of the daintiest of the many charming duetts which Mendelssohn wrote—did not, apparently, appeal to the vocalists.

The instrumental accompaniments were most judiciously played, and Mr. Thomas had occasionally an anxious time in guiding soloists and orchestra into the same path. The overture and the well-known "War March" were both well played.

In Part II. the choir gained much distinction by their singing of Leslie's part song "The Pilgrims." This was the best rendered item in the whole programme, and was almost as an oasis in the desert. Clear articulation, fine expression and correct notation were remarkably in evidence, and the piece was encored. Their other work was a chorus from Gounod's "La Reine de Saba."

This part of the programme also contained a very meritorious performance of Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture; a charming Idyll for violin and orchestra, which Mr. Norman Bath was very successful in; and the "Angelus" (Massenet) was exceedingly well played; and an "Air de Ballet," for strings only, a composition by Miss Hilda Willett, a member of the choir. The piece was delightful and had a warm reception, which Miss Willett had to acknowledge. Miss Willett was, I observe, a pupil of Mr. Arthur Barclay's, at the Bromley School of Music, she gaining a scholarship there in 1900. Miss Todman sang, with success, Gounod's "Ave Maria," with accompaniment for harp, violin and (I think) harmonium.—"VIOLA."

BECKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Beckenham Choral Society, under Mr. George Hall, met in the Public Hall on Wednesday, April 27th, and gave a performance of Gade's "The Erl-King's Daughter" and Sir J. Frederick Bridge's "The Flag of England." A miscellaneous second part completed the programme. There was a considerable difference of merit in the way the two works were presented, the Chorus bringing much intelligence to bear upon the interpretation of Sir Frederick Bridge's music that could have been also concentrated upon Gade's cantata with advantage. So far as singing was alone concerned, there was reason for the satisfaction expressed in the applause bestowed upon the performers. There was cultured tone, due regard to the marks of expression in the music, and a laudable endeavour, that was on the whole successful, to maintain a good ensemble. There was the more credit in the latter, as the volume of tone in the separate sections was not equal. Mr. Hall's judicious management and the Chorus's satisfactory appreciation of the difficulty, however, carried them over the weak spot. The number of indifferent releases was surprising in a body of singers like the Beckenham Choral Society. The Chorus showed to far greater advantage in "The Flag of England." Sir Frederick Bridge's setting of Kipling's forceful Ballad is an inspiration, and it gathered the singers into its atmosphere. The solos were in the safe care of Miss Maggie Davies, Miss Minnie Chamberlain, and Mr. Daniel Price. Mr. Daniel Price especially realised the dramatic possibilities of his part. The Orchestra, led by Miss Nora Nicholas, were quite capable, but too small in number to produce sufficient tone to balance with the Chorus. A special word of praise is due to the tympanist, mentioned in the programme as Mr. B. Tucker. This gentleman manipulated the drums with truly artistic understanding.

The Rev. A. J. Smith, curate of Christ Church, Beckenham, has been appointed by the Dean and Chapter of Windsor to be Vicar of Ogbourne St. George, near Marlborough.

DEDICATION SERVICE AT SHORTLANDS.—On Sunday, May 8th, the beautiful new pulpit, the gift of Mrs. Thomson, of Chalfont, South Eden Park, Beckenham, which has been placed in St. Mary's Church, Shortlands, was dedicated by the Bishop of Dover. It has been erected as a memorial of Mrs. Thomson's late husband and her eldest son and daughter. It is of carved oak, and harmonises with the richly-carved reredos and the choir stalls, and is in the Perpendicular style. On a handsome brass plate near the base is the following inscription:—"To the Glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Thomson; died March 5th, 1893. James Richard Thomson, died May 4th, 1903. Edith Frances Thomson; died July 21st, 1903. There was a large congregation, and the service was of a very impressive character. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Wolley, and the Rev. E. Moore. The dedicatory prayers were said by the Bishop of Dover, who also preached the sermon, his text being, "We preach Christ crucified."

PROPOSED NEW SPORTS GROUND FOR BROMLEY.

A well-attended meeting of the subscribers to the Bromley Football Club and the Town Cricket Club was held at the "Bell" Hotel on May 18th for the purpose of considering the best means of laying out the new ground, acquired in Hayes-lane on lease from Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., and for providing funds, etc. His Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presided, and supporting him were Mr. T. C. Dewey, Mr. Alderman James (the Deputy Mayor), Mr. Alderman Davis, Mr. Paul Henwood, Mr. Alfred Wright, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Messrs. L. Beeston, (hon. secretary of the Bromley Football Club), C. F. W. Gedney (hon. secretary of the Town Cricket Club).

At the outset, Mr. Beeston announced the receipt of a cheque for £2 2s. 0d. from Lord Avebury, and read letters regretting inability to be present from Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. E. Packe, J.P., C.C., and Mr. F. H. Norman (Town Clerk).

The Mayor, who was warmly received, said it was their good friend, Mr. Dewey, who first realised the necessity of providing a new ground for the Bromley Football Club and the Town Cricket Club in consequence of the development of their present ground for building purposes (Applause.) As they were aware, they had been foiled in their original endeavour to secure for the clubs the continued occupation of their present ground; but so great was the interest centred in these two clubs, that it was considered an essential thing that another ground should be provided for them. For several months past, the development of their present proposals had been quietly proceeded with, and Mr. Dewey had effected what he believed they would acknowledge was a very satisfactory arrangement. Practically, the result was this: that the two clubs would have a ground of something like six acres, sufficient both for cricket and football purposes, on a 19 years' lease, at a rent of £18 a year. (Applause.) He did not think they could get the use of six acres of land on better terms than these. The acquirement of this land necessitated that the present tenant should receive some compensation for disturbance, and Mr. Dewey and himself had come to the conclusion that it was not an unjustifiable demand that £100 should be paid to the tenant to relinquish his lease in order to enable the combined clubs to get their lease of the ground direct from Mr. A. C. Norman, on the terms he had alluded to. It was a condition of the lease that the ground should be fenced, the cost of which would be, in rough figures, £200, which would make a total of £300. After alluding to the necessity of the provision of a pavilion, the Mayor said roughly speaking, it meant that the combined clubs would be liable for a capital outlay of £500 to enter into occupation of the ground. Their good friend Mr. Dewey, he was pleased to say, had promised to give £100 as compensation to the tenant who was relinquishing his rights over the ground. (Loud applause.) At the same time he wished to state that Mr. A. E. Willett had most kindly undertaken the preparation of the lease entirely free of cost—(applause)—and this he could assure them was no light gift. It was necessary, of course, that the lease should be signed by resident gentlemen, and they would not be surprised when he told them that Mr. Dewey had willingly consented to be one of the signatories, and it was only his duty that he (the Mayor) should also be a signatory of the lease. (Applause.) Then it was suggested that Mr. Girling, Mr. Uridge, Mr. Beeston, and Mr. C. W. F. Gedney should sign it on behalf of the two clubs. It was estimated that £250 would be required for a pavilion, £50 for the preparation of a cricket pitch, which with the sum of £200 for fencing the ground, meant that they still required £500. In conclusion, the Mayor said his own personal finances were being drawn on so largely, that he could not subscribe to the scheme so liberally as he would like to, but towards the expenses of the pavilion he should be most pleased to give them a donation of £25. (Loud applause.) It remained for them now to discuss the best means of raising the other £475.

Mr. Henwood thought it would be necessary to appoint a strong, representative Committee before they could make a public appeal for money. It seemed to him there must be some recognised authority.

Alderman Davis proposed that the President and Vice-Presidents of each club be formed into a General Committee for the purpose of dealing with the whole question.

Alderman James seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was next resolved that Messrs. Uridge, Beeston, Gedney, and Girling, with two other members to be nominated from each club, form a Sub-Committee, with power to appoint a Chairman outside their number, for the purpose of preparing a scheme for presentation to the General Committee.

At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Mayor for presiding.

The second annual Bohemian concert of the Beckenham Liberal Association was held at the Penge Liberal Club on Wednesday, May 11th, when Mr. C. Blake, J.P., presided over a large attendance.

"THE SPRINGS" ARCHERY, TENNIS AND SPORTS CLUB.—"Never prophecy until you know" is undoubtedly a maxim entitled to respectful consideration; but, nevertheless, there are occasions on which one may be tempted to wander into the wide field of prediction. Such an occasion arises in connection with "The Springs" Archery, Tennis and Sports Club, Bromley Hill, the opening of which was celebrated on Saturday, May 7th, for with a thoroughly zealous spirit animating the members of the committee, and the acquirement of playing grounds which may be described almost, if not quite, as ideal, there can be no doubt about the future of the newly-formed club. Saturday's proceedings were favoured with fine weather, and there was a large and representative attendance. A programme of attractions, thoroughly suitable to the occasion had been arranged, and everything passed off most successfully. A capital programme of music was rendered by the band of the 2nd "Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment, under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Church, and at intervals, displays of fencing were given by Professor Georges Volland and Adrien Puy-Ermel. The catering for teas, &c., was entrusted to and admirably carried out by Mr. T. Hyde, of the Pavement, Bromley, and the day's arrangements were well planned and carried out by the committee, consisting of Dr. E. H. D. Hawke, Messrs. H. Adams, E. H. Cawston, E. F. Evans A. Henderson, and Messrs. C. H. Venning, and G. R. Hoare, the excellent hon. secretaries of the Club.

BENEFIT SOCIETIES' SOCIALS.

On Friday, May 6th, his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P) attended a meeting of the Ratcliffe Lodge of Oddfellows, at the "White Hart" Hotel (of which Lodge he is an hon. member), and made them a presentation which consisted of a handsome N.G. collar. It is of an exquisite design, each alternate link being composed of the monogram in enamel, "I.O.O.," and the clasped hands emblematical of Friendship, Love and Truth. The centre piece is of a larger design with the initials "N.G." standing out in artistic letters, and from this is suspended a large shield containing the various emblems of the Order. On the reverse side is inscribed the following:—

Manchester Unity
Independent Order of Oddfellows
South London District.
Presented to the
Loyal Ratcliffe Lodge, No. 7486.
by
Bro. Frank Griffith, J.P.,
First Mayor of Bromley.
May, 1904.

The whole is of silver, richly gilt, and mounted on a collar of deep red velvet plush, and is a magnificent work of art. In making the presentation, the Mayor dealt in well-chosen terms with the advantages of the Order, and the pleasure it gave him to be a member of their Lodge; and the handsome gift was suitably acknowledged and accepted in the name of the members by P.G. Bro. F. W. Covington, who asked the Mayor's acceptance of an hon. member's jewel which had been suitably inscribed for presentation to him as first Mayor of Bromley. This was graciously accepted, and a very pleasant evening was carried to a conclusion.

A most interesting gathering took place in connection with the Loyal Orphan's Friend Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., on Wednesday, May 11th, in the spacious Lodge Room at the "Beech Tree" Hotel, Bromley. The occasion was a concert, and the opportunity was taken advantage of to present his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Bro. Frank Griffith, J.P.), and several other members, with honorary members' collars.

Bro. F. G. Pearce, P.P.G.M., of the South London district, made the presentation to the Mayor.

The Mayor, who was most cordially received, said he had not sufficient words at his command to thank them for that beautiful present, which he would treasure as long as he lived.

Bro. W. Croft, P.G., next presented a collar to Bro. E. M. Garnar, and referred to the great assistance which the Lodge had received from Mr. Garnar.

Bro. Garnar assured them of his continued interest in the Lodge, and said that what he had done he regarded as a labour of love. (Applause.)

In presenting a collar to Bro. J. D. Kincey, Bro. Everest, P.G., the excellent and valued secretary of the Lodge, paid a warm tribute to the geniality and kindness always shown by Mr. Kincey in the capacity of host.

Bro. Kincey said that his heart was with them in their work, and he would do his best to promote it.

Bro. Alderman R. W. James, the Deputy Mayor, followed with an interesting speech in which he showed a keen appreciation of the work of the Order.

Dr. Herbert Ilott made a few remarks highly eulogistic of the work of Oddfellowship, and Bro. Everest took the opportunity of expressing in public the hearty thanks of the Lodge to the Mayor for his handsome gift of a chairman's mallett and plinth.

BROMLEY LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Protection Society was held on April 21st, at the "Duke's Head" Hotel, Bromley, Mr. A. Adams (Chairman) presiding over a good attendance.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure it afforded him to announce that their first annual supper and ball had passed off most successfully. Not only was it a great success in point of numbers, but also from a social and financial standpoint. There was a balance in hand of nearly £10, and on the initiative of Mr. Percy Thomas, it had been unanimously decided to increase this sum to £10 10s. 0d. and present it to the Bromley Cottage Hospital. (Applause.)

Mr. J. T. Botterhill (the zealous hon. secretary of the Ball Committee) then presented the accounts which showed a balance in hand of £9 16s. 0d.

Mr. Ridges proposed, and Mr. Spielman seconded the adoption of the accounts, and the motion was carried.

The Vice-Chairman briefly alluded to the success and enjoyment that attended the last annual dinner, and proposed that steps be taken to hold a similar gathering this year.

Mr. Kincey seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Kincey next proposed that their worthy Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) be invited to take the chair.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood, and carried unanimously.

ST. MARY'S INSTITUTE, BROMLEY. — A very pleasant and enjoyable gathering took place on Friday evening, May 15th, at St. Mary's Institute, Plaistow Grove, Bromley, when the junior members of the In-titute choir, together with those of St. Mary's Mission Room in Farwig-lane, and several friends and parents were entertained to a tea and social evening by the adult members of the choir and a few friends. Everyone responsible for the enjoyment of the guests had thrown heart and soul into the affair, and the result was an unqualified success.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER AND PRESENTATION.— On Monday, May 9th, the Display Committee of the Bromley Gymnastic Club and a few friends entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. Baxter to dinner at the "White Hart" Assembly Rooms, the object of which was to present them with a timepiece in recognition of the splendid services they have rendered the Gymnastic Club. The clock is a very handsome one, being a 14 day, striking the hours and half-hours on a gong. The case is of pale green onyx, with ormolu mounts, with a pierced monogram on either side "W.B." and "M.J.B." On the centre plate is engraved the following inscription which explains the object of the presentation:—"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. W. Baxter as a souvenir in appreciation of their valued services in connection with the displays of the Bromley Gymnastic Club from 1901 to 1904." The presentation was ably made by Mr. W. R. Gunton, who has taken an active part in carrying into effect the strong desire that was expressed that Mr. and Mrs. Baxter should receive this tangible expression of their zealous efforts on behalf of the Club.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MR. H. D. RYAN AND MISS CATHERINE LOWE.

In the presence of a numerous gathering of relatives and friends, the wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chislehurst, on Wednesday, May 11th, of Mr. Herbert Denis Ryan, of the Bickley Hotel, Chislehurst, son of the late Mr. Denis Ryan, of Manchester and Blackpool, and Miss Catherine Lowe, daughter of Mr. Mr. Robert Lowe, of Lower Camden, Chislehurst. Whilst the guests were assembling, appropriate selections of music were played on the organ, including the Bridal March from "Lohengrin."

The service was very impressively conducted by the Rev. Father Boone.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a gown of grey silk eolienne, the corsage being prettily made in tucked glacé beautifully embroidered with white guipure lace and silver, the sleeves being in the eolienne, with deep cuffs embroidered to correspond with bodice. The skirt was daintily arranged with sets of carded gagings and glacé bands with smart filoselle stitchings.

There were two bridesmaids, viz., Miss Vera Barton and Miss Marjory Line, the two little nieces of the bride, who looked very pretty indeed in white silk accordian-pleated frocks, trimmed with lace, and carrying baskets of pink roses. The bridegroom's best man was Mr. Reginald Ryan, his brother. The bride's mother looked very stately in her gown of fancy voile (black) over pale blue silk, handsomely trimmed with jet and lace, the front of the bodice and lower part of the sleeves being in soft white lace worked with pale blue silks.

After the ceremony, a large number of relatives and friends were entertained by the bride's parents at Lower Camden. The health of the newly-wedded couple was drunk with great enthusiasm. Just after 4 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ryan left amid the heartiest congratulations and good wishes for London, en route to the Channel Islands, where they are spending the honeymoon.

The wedding presents were handsome and numerous.

MISS NETTIE ZIMMERMANN AND MR. H. SCHEELE.

There was a large and fashionable gathering of relatives and friends at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Plaistow-lane, Bromley, on May 14th, when Miss Nettie Zimmermann, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zimmermann, of Colonia, South Hill, Bromley, was married to Mr. Herman Scheele, son of the late Mr. Scheele, of Brunswick.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a lovely dress of white satin, trimmed with chiffon and Duchesse lace. She wore a wreath of orange blossom in her hair, under a tulle veil, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers and wore gold curb bracelets studded with diamonds and turquoise, the gifts of the bridegroom. She was attended by five bridesmaids, and Master Carlie Reitmeyer acted as page. The elder bridesmaids, Miss Elisa Zimmermann and Miss Dorothy Stokes, wore dresses of white crêpe de chine, and Tuscan straw hats trimmed with pink roses. They carried bouquets of pink roses, and wore gold curb bracelets set with pearls and rubies, the gifts of the bridegroom. The younger bridesmaids, the Misses Marjorie, Audrey and Dora Zimmermann, nieces of the bride, wore white muslin dresses and muslin hats, and carried baskets of roses. Their ornaments consisted of pearl and turquoise brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom, and Master Reitmeyer wore a handsome pearl scarf pin, the gift of the bride. Mr. Richard Zimmermann acted as best man. The Rev. Father Ford officiated, and as the newly-married couple left the church the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" pealed forth from the organ, the organist being Mr. Davey, of Chislehurst.

At the close of the ceremony, a reception was held at Colonia, the guests numbering upwards of 200.

Later on, Mr. and Mrs. Scheele left Bromley amidst the heartiest of congratulations and good wishes, en route to Switzerland, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress consisted of a grey coat and skirt, and a blue hat.

The presents, numbering more than 200, were costly and beautiful.

MISS M. COURTNEY AND MR. C. H. B. GUENNETT.

A marriage took place on Thursday, May 19th, in which considerable interest was taken, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Mr. C. H. B. Guennett, being the bridegroom, and Miss Marjorie Courtney, daughter of Mr. Allen Courtney, The Postern, Sandford-road, Bromley, the bride. The wedding was of a quiet character, only relatives being invited; but there was a large party of friends to witness the ceremony.

The bride was charmingly attired her costume being of rich ivory Duchesse satin Oriental Court train, and full panelled front. The bodice was handsomely trimmed with Mimosa Alencon lace, and had Louis pouff sleeves with appliques of lace. She also wore a very handsome veil caught on the shoulder with real orange blossoms. She carried an exquisite bouquet of lilies, white lilac, orange blossoms and white heather. The bridesmaids wore fawn voile dresses, daintily gauged skirts and bodices with transparent yokes and sleeves. They also wore pale blue sashes, and hats to match. They had bouquets of pink roses and forget-me-nots, tied with pale blue ribbon. The organist, Mr. Frederic Fertel, whilst the wedding party were assembling in the church, played a March in B flat (Salome), "Chant sans paroles" (Lemare), "Marche Heroique" (Saint Saëns), and as the bride and bridesmaids entered the church, the Bridal March from "Lohengrin." Mr. W. A. Guennett, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Norwood Perkins, and he was assisted by the Rev. L. J. Elwin. After the service, the organist played "March Nuptiale" (Guilmant), Scherzo in F (Hofman), and as the party left the church, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

LIBERAL MEETING.—An open-air meeting was held at West Wickham on Saturday, May 21st, in connection with the Beckenham Liberal Association, and there was a good attendance. Councillor Brunning presided, and Mr. Beaumont Morice, LL.B., the prospective Liberal candidate, delivered a forcible address dealing with the chief political topics of the hour, and his remarks were listened to with attention and evident appreciation.—Mr. W. Story, a member of the Beckenham Executive, and Mr. Walter Edwards, rural organiser for the Sevenoaks Division, also took part in the proceedings, which were of a successful and encouraging character.

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH ARMY.

In furtherance of the admirable work that is being done by the Church Army, a meeting was held on Saturday, May 14th, at Yewhurst, Bromley, by kind permission of Lady Bruce and Mr. Justice Bruce. His Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), presided, and supporting him were the Mayoress (Mrs. Griffith), Mr. Justice Bruce, Lady Bruce, the Rev. C. E. Romilly, the Rev. Henry F. Mercer (Metropolitan Secretary), Captain Spencer (Prison Missioner), Captain Abernethy (the Army's local representative), the Rev. Jas. White (hon. sec. for Bromley), &c.

The Mayor said, just now many claims were made on his time, but the importance of this branch of philanthropic work appealed to him very strongly indeed, and he welcomed the opportunity of again hearing of the good work that was being done.

The Rev. Henry F. Mercer (Metropolitan Secretary) said it was in 1882 that the Church Army was started by their present chief secretary, the Rev. W. Carlile. In 1888 the first labour home was opened, and in the meantime, the social side of their work had so much increased that they now had 120 labour homes scattered throughout the country. They had trained 1,700 men and women for mission work in connection with the Church of England. Last year their income amounted to £148,000, all of which went directly to the work for which it was given. In their labour homes no fewer than 70,000 cases were dealt with last year. People came for help from every class of society, from every rank, and from every condition of life.

Captain Spencer next gave a highly interesting account of the work of the Army in our workhouses and prisons.

Mr. Justice Bruce said they were very much indebted to the Mayor for presiding, and he begged to move that he be accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. As Mayor of Bromley he had many engagements, and he thought it was very good of him to find time to come and preside on that occasion. For so doing they thanked him very much. (Applause.)

The Rev. James Whyte most heartily seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Mayor suitably acknowledged the compliment, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be also accorded Lady and Mr. Justice Bruce for placing at their disposal their beautiful home to enable them to encourage and stimulate the workers of the Church Army.

Lady Bruce briefly returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded her and Mr. Justice Bruce to help further the incalculable good that is being wrought by the Church Army.

Mr. Edwin Jones, Wyvelsfield, Chislehurst, senior partner in the firm of Bayliss, Jones, and Bayliss, Victoria Works, Wolverhampton, and Cannon-street, E.C., railway contractors, left £227,707.

Beckenham Abstainers' Union.—On Wednesday, May 18th, the annual meeting of the Beckenham Abstainers' Union was held, and the following resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to the House of Commons:—"That this meeting of the Beckenham Abstainers' Union enters its emphatic protest against the Licensing Bill now before the House of Commons, because it is prejudicial to temperance reform, and inimical to the social and moral welfare of the people."

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BROMLEY AUXILIARY.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on Thursday, April 28th, and was a great success. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., presided over a large attendance.

Mr. E. T. M. Dennes presented the annual report of the Bromley Branch of the Society, from which it appeared that there was a falling off in the amount of free contributions, but this increase was due almost wholly to the absence of any collections this year, and to the unfavourable weather on the occasion of the last annual meeting. The committee were, however, pleased to say that although the free contributions were less, the amount of subscriptions amounted to no less than £218 5s. 0d., and this had been handed over to the Centenary Fund, and this amount brought the total receipts for the year to over £170 in excess of the previous year. (Applause.) The ladies' committee had been doing most valuable work, but they would still like the assistance of other ladies so as to take full advantage in Bromley of this branch of work. The total receipts for the year were £369 9s. 8d.; donations (Centenary Fund), £218 5s.; offertories and collections, £11 14s. 3d.; collecting-boxes and cards, £8 10s. 7d.; and a balance of £3 15s. 4d., brought forward from the previous account. The money had been expended: Parent Society, free contributions, £132 12s. 6d.; Centenary fund, £218 5s.; and in smaller ways, £16 13s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 19s. 1d.

The Chairman said, for many years their President, the Vicar of Bromley, had presided at the annual meeting of the Bromley Branch of the Bible Society, and he was sorry that he had been obliged to take his place that evening. As they were aware, their President had been ordered by his medical adviser to take absolute rest for a few weeks; and although he was compelled to be absent from the meeting he was confident that his thoughts were with them that evening. (Applause.) The Rev. A. G. Hellicar was a staunch and earnest supporter of the Auxiliary and had, in many ways, rendered it invaluable service.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie said the resolution which had been put into his hands did not afford much scope for speech. It was very formal, but very necessary and important. It was that they adopt the report and accounts, and that they re-elect the officers and members of the Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Dunne (representing the Parent Society) next addressed the meeting.

The motion proposed by the Rev. Mackenzie was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. H. Pole proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman and the speakers of the evening, the Ladies' Committee, the members of the choir, and the valuable hon. secretary, Mr. Dennes.

Mr. M. H. Hodder seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

Congregationalism at West Wickham.—On May 1st, anniversary services were held at the Congregational Church at West Wickham, conducted by the Rev. Eben Evans, the pastor. These were followed on Tuesday, May 3rd, by a tea and public meeting, at which a number of friends from the Bromley Congregational Church were present. Mr. T. Lamb, of Bromley, presided over the public meeting. Suitable and stimulating addresse were given by the Rev. E. E. Stuttard, Rev. H. Arkell, and Mr. H. W. Amos.

DEATH OF MR. NIGEL MARTIN-SMITH.

PAINFUL OCCURRENCE AT HAYES.

A deep feeling of distress was created in the neighbourhood of Hayes, West Wickham and Keston by the sad death, under tragic circumstances, on Tuesday, May 24th, of Mr. Nigel Martin Smith, of The Warren, Hayes Common. It appears that for some time past Mr. Nigel Smith had been in an indifferent state of health, and a little more than a month ago he returned home after a protracted period of foreign travel, extending over about six months. On the previous night he retired to bed about half-past eleven o'clock, after wishing his father "Good-night," and apparently in his usual state of health, which was such as to give the members of his family no special grounds for anxiety. The next morning his valet went to call him about half-past seven, and on entering his room was alarmed to see his master lying on the floor, face downwards, with a deep wound in his throat, and a blood-stained razor lying near by. Life was not then extinct, and assistance was at once summoned. Dr. Scott, of Bromley, was telephoned for and arrived without delay, but by that time life had passed away. A short pencil-written note was found briefly stating that the deceased had had a call, and wishing the members of his family good-bye. The deceased gentleman was thirty-seven years of age. He was exceedingly well-known in the district, being amongst the first to interest himself in works having for their object the well-being and pleasure of the poorer inhabitants. With the bereaved family there is, needless to say, a feeling of the profoundest sympathy in their deep and sudden affliction.

An inquiry into the circumstances was conducted by Mr. H. B. Sewell, at Hayes Village Schools, on Thursday, May 26th.—Mr. J. Russell was chosen foreman of the jury, who after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased committed suicide whilst suffering from sudden temporary mental derangement, and expressed their sympathy with Mr. Martin Smith and the family.

DEATH OF MR. HERMAN HOSKIER.

It is with sorrow and regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Herman Hoskier, of Coney Hill, Hayes, who passed away on May 7th, at Folkestone, at the age of 71. Death was attributed to heart disease. The deceased gentleman was deservedly respected in the district in which he has resided for nearly a quarter of a century. He leaves a widow and several grown-up children, with whom the deepest sympathy is expressed in their great bereavement.

The respect and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held was amply demonstrated on Tuesday, May 10th, when the funeral took place at West Wickham Churchyard, in the presence of a representative gathering. The cortege left Coney Hill shortly after three o'clock, the coffin being borne to the church on a hand bier. The bearers, comprising deceased's gardeners, included Messrs. C. Jordan, C. Eccles, Thos. Standing, J Wilby, and A. Evans. On arrival at the entrance to the church the mourners were met by the clergy and choir, the officiating clergy being the Rector of West Wickham, the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts, and his curate. The principal mourners were Mrs. Hoskier, Miss Hoskier, Miss E. Hoskier, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wood, Mr. Emile Hoskier, and Mr. A. E. Boord. Amongst those also present were Sir Harry and Lady Lennard, Mr. and Mrs. Hambro, Mr. George Devas, Mr. Chas. Dezote, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith, Mr. Morgan (a son of Mr. Pierpont Morgan), Mr. N. Smith, and many others.

It was the wish of the deceased gentleman that no flowers should be sent, but several beautiful wreaths were received from the nearest relatives. The sides of the grave were lined with spring flowers, and the coffin, which was of polished oak, with brass fittings, bore the following inscription:

HERMAN HOSKIER.
Born 10th July, 1834.
Died 7th May, 1904.

ST. JOHN'S (BROMLEY) DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

The Dedication Festival of St. John's, Bromley, was celerated on Sunday, May 8th, when the services throughout the day were characterised by exceptional heartiness and rejoicing. Special sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the Venerable Aarchdeacon of Maidstone (Archdeacon Spooner, M.A.) and and the Rev. F. E. Dawson, M.A. (Rector of Chislehurst) respectively, and in the afternoon the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. P. Barker, M.A.) addressed a children's service. There were good congregations, particularly at the morning service. Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and mid-day.

The musical portions of the service were particularly bright and festal in character, the work of the choir reflecting very great credit indeed upon the members and their talented choir master and organist (Mr. Partridge). Mr. Partridge evidently pays very great attention to the boys. Their singing is always sweet and tuneful, and this day they quite excelled themselves. Hymn 396 "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," was sung as a processional, the first part in the morning, and the second in the evening, and other hymns, suitable to the occasion, were also sung. The "Te Deum" was Maunder's in B flat, and the morning anthem was "Send out Thy light." This was very finely rendered. The Kyrie was rendered to Tours in F. The evening anthem, which was also sung with great taste and expression, was "O worship the Lord," and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were Brewer's.

The offertory for the day amounted to £17 2s. 7d.

BROMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The annual meeting of this Council was held at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, on April 26th, when there were present:—Major Sir H. Lennard, J.P., Messrs. W. Vinson, J.P., S. P. Page, W. Bowman, W. J. Hammond, J. M. Higgs, W. H. Haslett, T. May, E. L. Waring, T. Harlow, and Welch, with the clerk (Mr. Ed. Haslehurst) and the assistant clerk (Mr. P. Wiley).—Sir H. Lennard proposed, and Mr. Vinson seconded, that Mr. J. Higgs be re-elected chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Vinson next proposed that Sir H. Lennard be re-appointed vice-chairman. Mr. Bowman seconded, and the motion was carried *nem. con.*—Sir H. Lennard, Messrs. Bowman, Harlow, Hammond, Higgs, May, Waring, Page and Vinson were elected as a Finance Committee, and the General Purposes Committee is to consist of the whole of the members of the Council as heretofore. Messrs. Higgs, Page and Vinson were appointed representatives on the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board, and Mr. Page was chosen to represent the Council on the West Kent Main Sewerage Board.

VOLUNTEER SPRING SHOOTING COMPETITION.

The "shoot" for the Summer Competition—the first of the series of prize contests—in connection with the Bromley Detachment, took place at Shoreham Range, on Saturday, April 30th, under rather unfavourable conditions. Appended are the full scores, with the points conceded:—

Rank and Name.	Yds. 200	Yds. 500	Yds. 600	Handicap Allowance	Grand Aggregate.
1.—Pte. Mortlock (£1) ...	31	24	21	44	120
2.—Pte. F. Marchant (15s.)	22	25	21	50	118
3.—Sgt. C. G. W. Field (10/-)	30	24	24	39	117
4.—Pte. G. Marchant (7/6)	31	18	24	40	113
5.—Pte. R. G. Crowhurst (7/6)	20	18	22	50	110
6.—Sgt. H. Smith (7/6) ...	33	26	22	27	108
7.—Lce.-Cpl. Palmer (5/-)	23	26	23	36	108
8.—Lce.-Cpl. A. E. Ford (5/-)	28	24	15	41	108
9.—Pte. E. J. Amos (5/-)	25	29	15	38	107
10.—Cpl. H. Taylor	25	25	21	33	104
11.—Lce.-Sgt. R. C. Fawsitt	27	34	23	19	103
12.—Pte. R. G. Humphrey	26	21	10	43	100
13.—Pte. G. E. Taylor ...	21	17	12	50	100
14.—Lce.-Cpl. A. C. Jones	19	23	7	50	99
15.—Col.-Sgt. E. Towell ..	28	26	14	30	98
16.—Pte. R. Smith	28	24	15	31	98
17.—Cpl. E. Barlow	28	23	11	34	96
18.—Cpl. E. G. Maynard ...	26	17	23	28	94
19.—Pte. H. J. Muncey ...	18	18	6	50	92
20.—Sgt. G. H. Payne ...	29	27	23	12	91
21.—Lce.-Cpl. C. Allington	31	26	0	34	91
22.—Pte. G. W. Simpson ...	22	20	14	35	91
23.—Pte. G. Tipping... ...	17	16	8	50	91
24.—Sgt. F. Hanmore ...	22	18	17	32	89
25.—Lce.-Cpl. H. Jones ...	22	12	4	50	88
26.—Pte. S. J. Crowhurst	22	21	13	30	86
27.—Pte. C. H. Stringer ...	24	16	14	31	85
28.—Pte. J. Napier	26	23	13	21	83
29.—Cpl. C. H. Dunford ...	23	15	10	35	83
30.—Pte. R. Able	17	12	2	50	81
31.—Pte. Edwards	16	10	3	50	79
32.—Lce.-Cpl. H. E. Green	8	3	9	50	70
33.—Pte. E. Gray	17	18	11	23	69
34.—Pte. W. Green	23	14	6	23	66
35.—Pte. W. Payne	21	12	10	23	66
36.—Pte. E. Brown	13	8	16	29	66
37.—Pte. G. Brown	30	6	11	17	64

As a fitting close to the singularly successful united Missionary Loan Exhibition, held in Bromley, and reported in our last number, a thanksgiving service was convened at the Drill Hall on Monday, April 25th, and the keen sympathy which the townspeople manifested in connection with missionary work was once more well attested by the crowded gathering that assembled to hear an address by the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, of the Bromley Presbyterian Church.

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Births.

Atkinson.—On the 11th May, at the Cottage, Chislehurst, the wife of R. Frank Atkinson, of a son.

Brown.—On the 25th April, at Tregantle, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brown—a son.

Grinsted.—On the 30th April, 1904, at Bencewell House, Bromley Common, Kent, the wife of Daniel Grinsted, Jun., of a daughter.

Howard.—On the 7th May, at the Firs, Bickley, the wife of H. Crewdson Howard, of a daughter.

Thompson.—On the 8th May, at 51, Sidney-road, Beckenham, the wife of Jas. C. G. Thompson, of a son.

Deaths.

Hoskier.—On the 7th, at Folkestone, Herman Hoskier, of Coney Hill, Hayes, aged 71.

Norton.—On the 8th May, at Beckenham, Mary, wife of Bridger Norton.

Plummer.—On the 23rd April, at Hill House, Bromley, Mary Anne Plummer, in her 70th year.

Scale.—On the 5th May, at 4, Wellington-road, Eltham, Annie Frobisher, widow of the late Edward Griffiths Scale, aged 51 (late of Clifton).

Sessions.—On the 23rd April, at Alverston, 77, Widmore-road, Bromley, after a short illness, William Sessions, aged 72 years.

Soames.—On the 28th April, at 6, Aberdeen-terrace, Blackheath, Mary Ann, younger daughter of the late Henry Aldwin Soames, aged 90.

Tilling.—On the 8th May, Mary Ann, wife of Richard Tilling, of 106, Great Dover-street, S.E., at his residence 136, Court Hill, Lewisham, S.E., aged 76 years.

Unwin.—On the 16th May, at 37, Cedars-road, Beckenham, Elizabeth Mary Unwin, widow of the late C. J. Unwin, aged 51.

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Last Quarter, 5th, 10.54 p.m.	First Quarter, 19th 8 49 p.m.
New Moon, 13th, 5.27 a.m	Full Moon, 27th, 9 42 p.m.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Monthly meetings of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board and the Bromley and Beckenham Joint Hospital Board, at the Offices Park House, Bromley.

3rd.—*Fifth Sunday after Trinity.*

4th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley. at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council at the Offices, Beckenham.—Messrs. Baxter. Payne and Lepper's Sale, at Two o'clock, of Properties and Ground Rents. at the Mart, E.C.

6th.—Important Sale, at Two o'clock, in a marquee erected on the Kinnaird Park Estate, of Freehold Residences and Building Plots, situate on the Kinnaird Park and Amesbury House Estates. Luncheon at One o'clock. Beckenham Flower Show, at Croydon-road Recreation Ground, Beckenham.

10th.—*Sixth Sunday after Trinity.*

11th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

12th:—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, at 7.30 p.m.

13th.—Fete and Fancy Fair at Bickley in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. George's Church, and continued on the following day.

17th.—*Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*

18th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley. at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the Offices. Bromley.

20th.—Hayes Flower Show, at Hayes.

23rd.—Bromley Common Flower Show, in the Park, Bromley Common.

24th.—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

25th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House. Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

26th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

31st.—*Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 31st, when the Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith) presided.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommended that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board the date of election of Elective Auditors in this Borough be fixed for the 1st October in each year. The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to take up the second instalment of the loan of £8,771 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners under the mortgage deed dated 3rd November, 1903; resolved to recommend that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for the amount of the second instalment of £3,500 already arranged for. The Town Clerk reported that he was instructed by the Highways and Works Committee to submit the following estimate of works approved by the Council which would require to be executed out of loan, viz.:—

	£
Southborough Surface Water Drainage ...	230
Beckenham Lane Widening	301
College Road Widening	900
Chislehurst Road Widening	1913
	£3344

HIGHWAYS AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on May 24th, Alderman James (Chairman), in the chair. The Borough Engineer submitted plan and estimated cost of proposed widening and surface water drainage at Chislehurst-road; resolved to recommend that the same be approved, and that the estimate be submitted to the Finance Committee with a view of providing the necessary money for carrying out the work. A letter was read from Mr. Hugh R Latter, asking the Committee to fix the building line they required to be observed at Redwood House, High-street; resolved to recommend that the building line be fixed from the corner of Messrs. Broadley's shop, in the High-street, to the front main wall of 146, High-street. A letter was read from Dr. Herbert A. Smith in reference to the proposed Drinking Troughs, and stating that he would be pleased to be furnished with the exact sites of such Troughs as soon as possible. The Borough Engineer reported that he had inspected a type of the proposed Troughs, which he considered satisfactory, and he was instructed to see Dr. Smith with a vew of arranging the sites for the erection of the Troughs in question. Your Committee had under consideration the steps to be taken in reference to carrying out the improvement at Beckenham-lane for which Mr. Cawston has given the necessary land; resolved to recommend that a conveyance of the land be prepared by Messrs. Willett and Latter and the necessary steps be taken to carry out the work as soon as possible; it was further resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to make provision for the estimated cost of the work in question. The Borough Engineer reported that the surface water sewer in the Highland-road was now completed to Beckenham-lane; resolved to recommend that the Highland-road from London-road to Park End be adopted as a public highway and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and post the necessary notices in connection therewith. Your Committee considered a plan submitted by Messrs. Gordon and Gunton with respect to the building line of the proposed Wesleyan Mission in the

London-road; resolved to recommend that the building line be coincident with the front main wall of the proposed building, the land in front to be thrown into the highway as a pavement.

Standing Orders Committee.

The Committee reported that they had had several meetings and considered the duties of the various Officers of the Council, and had prepared a list of suggested duties, a print of which has been sent to each member of the Council.

The Mayor, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the Committee had had several meetings to consider the duties of the Officers.

After some little discussion, the report was adopted.

Baths and the Burgesses.

Alderman Davis had given notice of the following motion:—

"That no steps be taken to act on the resolution passed on the 17th May, 1904, with respect to the provision of Public Baths until after the election of Councillors in November next."

The Mayor, at the outset, said this notice of motion had given him considerable anxiety, because although it did not actually do so, it went very near to absolutely being a negative resolution to the act of the Council on May 17th. Technically, this proposed resolution only postponed the action, and, therefore, it was, after consultation with the Town Clerk, that he came to the conclusion that it was not in his power to keep it off the agenda on that ground.

Alderman Davis assured the Mayor and the Council that he had not the slightest idea of using this resolution to rescind the previous resolution without going through the form provided by the Standing Orders.

Councillor Bell seconded the proposition.

Councillor Hudson hoped the Council would not pass this resolution. He would not deal with the point raised by the Mayor that this went near to rescinding the last resolution. He therefore moved as an amendment:—

"That it be referred to a Committee consisting of Alderman Lawrence, Councillors Ingall, Taylor, and Worley, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, to prepare and carry out at once a referendum on the question of Public Baths in pursuance of the resolution of the Council on May 17th."

Councillor Taylor seconded the amendment, because he did not consider it right, after it had gone forth to the ratepayers that they would be asked to express an opinion on this question, that it should be shelved as Alderman Davis proposed.

A long discussion followed, after which,

Alderman Davis, replying on the debate, said that notwithstanding all the discussion that had taken place, and all the information they had obtained, neither the Neelgherries Committee nor the Council had been able to make up their minds upon this subject.

On a division, twelve voted for the amendment and eight against, and it was then put and carried as the substantive motion by the same majority.

Assistant Town Clerk, &c.

The Clerk reported the receipt of 74 applications for the post of Assistant Town Clerk, 65 for the post of Assistant Engineer, and 11 for the post of shorthand clerk and typist in the Borough Engineer's office; and all were referred to the General Purposes Committee, with power to appoint in the third case, and to submit three selected candidates to the Council in each of the other two.

The Holidays.

Some discussion then ensued as to the vacation; and eventually it was decided to rise on July 26th until September 20th, the Committees to meet on September 13th.

Bromley (North) Railway Improvements.

The Mayor suggested that he should write in the name of the Council, asking the Railway Company if they would fix a day for the proposed interview.

This was at once approved.

The Municipal Buildings.

The Mayor said he wanted to mention a matter that had matured rather faster than possibly they had appreciated, and that was the proposed occupation of Widmore House, which they had purchased for the new municipal buildings. He anticipated that for some time before the next Council meeting the contract would be sealed; indeed he believed it was only by a postal fluke that he had not been able to inform them that it was absolutely in their hands. In view of the pressing need for better accommodation, he would like the Council to take some immediate steps to put before the Architects the contemplated requirements, and get plans for the proposed occupation of the land, to the extent of municipal offices. The contract was not at that moment sealed, but they had information that Counsel to whom they decided the agreement should be referred had passed it and it was really to have been in their hands before that night. He did not want, therefore, to waste a whole fortnight before taking some steps to get some design of the proposed buildings, because the county authorities who were going to share the accommodation of these buildings were looking forward with anticipation to the Court accomodation. He thought, therefore, it was time that the preliminary steps should be taken to get such plans. They would take a long time to prepare, and they would then have to submit them to the Borough Engineer to see that they met all the requirements. He would suggest that the Town Clerk be instructed to invite plans from local Architects for the proposed Municipal buildings.

Councillor Hudson suggested the importance of great caution. He understood that what they contemplated was the erection of a Court and a Council Chamber, and the necessary offices. That was as far as they had gone.

The Mayor: Two Courts, one of which is to be the Council Chamber, and the necessary offices.

It was decided after discussion, to hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 9th.

College Slip.

Councillor Taylor asked the Chairman of the Highways Committee when the work in respect to College-slip would be put in hand.

Alderman James: Tenders are now being advertised for, and they will be received at the next Council meeting.

This meeting was held on Tuesday, June 14th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

Recreation Grounds.

This Committee met on June 7th, Alderman Lawrence (Chairman), in the chair. They considered the question of re-sale of a portion of the ground proposed to be acquired for a Recreation Ground in Southlands-road, and recommended that the portion of land abutting on Southlands-road, having a frontage of 270 feet and a depth of 100 feet leaving a carriage entrance 18 feet wide be re-sold.

Alderman Lawrence moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Davis appealed that the consideration

of the proposal for re-sale should be deferred, at all events, until after the sale of the Whitehall Recreation Ground. The proposal was orignally made with a view to reducing the cost, but since then they had obtained permission to re-sell the land known as the Whitehall Recreation Ground, which would materially reduce the cost. Even though they did not require this frontage for recreation purposes, it was very desirable they should reserve some portion of land in the neighbourhood for the purpose of affording them an opportunity of setting up a branch library. If the Committee would not agree to his suggestion he would move as an amendment that they defer the consideration of the question until after the sale of the Whitehall Recreation Ground.

Alderman Lawrence, although Chairman of the Committee, was not in favour of the recommendation, but felt compelled to bow to the majority. He was quite agreeable to a postponement.

Alderman James seconded Alderman Davis' amendment, which was lost, and the report was then adopted.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on Wednesday, June 1st, Councillor Harper (Chairman), in the chair. They made certain amendments to the rules of the Library, as recorded in a recent issue. They had under consideration the desirability of establishing a Branch Library and Reading Room at Bromley Common. A sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter, and has reported as follows:—That there should be established as soon as practicable, in order to meet the needs of the growing district at Bromley Common, not only a delivery station or small Branch Library, but also a small Reading Room. That if possible the use of the Central Hall of the Infants' Department of the Raglan-road Schools should be obtained for the purposes of a reading Room. They had under consideration the question of the provision of Juvenile Libraries in the Elementary Schools in the Borough, and had addresed a communication to the Education Committee on the subject. They examined and approved accounts amounting to £27 10s. 10d.; resolved that the same be approved and passed to the Finance Committee for payment. They applied for the transfer of £185, the balance due from the last rate.

Councillor Harper moved the adoption of the report and said the Education Committee had met the suggestions of the Committee with great public spirit in regard to the establishment of school libraries; and their action would place Bromley side by side with the most progressive Library districts in the whole Kingdom. They hoped that these libraries would be opened in the autumn when the schools resumed after the holidays. As to the Branch Library at Bromley Common, that had been before the Education Committee also. Some difficulty had ben found in regard to getting accommodation at the Raglan-road Schools, and the matter was still the subject of negotiation. But it was evident that in the very near future they would have to consider the desirability of erecting a branch library at Bromley Common.

The report was adopted.

GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on Thursday, June 2nd. Councillor Hudson (Chairman), in the chair. The Town Clerk submitted the order and scheme issued by the Charity Commissioners, in reference to the sale of land known as Whitehall Recreation Ground, and reported on the facts in connection therewith; resolved to recommend that Messrs. Waterer and Dickins be instructed to prepare a plan of sale of the portion of the Recreation Ground marked "C" on the schedule, to the order of the Charity Commissioners, being that portion at the junction of Chatterton-road and Addison-road and Bloomfield-road. A letter was read from tthe Non-County Boroughs' Association, asking for the views of this Council on the suggested amendment to the Valuation Bill, providing that the existing Poor Law Unions should become the Valuation areas instead of those suggested by the Bill; resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to reply to the effect that the Bromley Town Council is in favour of the resolution passed by the Executive Council of the Association.

WORK IN WINTER.—A VALUABLE DISCUSSION.

Councillor Homewood had given notice of motion as follows:—

"That it be an instruction to the Highways and Works Committee, in recommending the execution of various public works, to consider the policy of keeping back the least urgent and important until the winter months, so as to enable the Council if need or occasion should require, to provide work suitable for persons out of employment or in distress."

Councillor Powell proposed as an amendment that the several Committees be requested to consider what work could be provided for persons out of employment or in distress during the winter months. They were all in sympathy with the spirit of the resolution, but not with the details. To do as suggested would certainly entail an increased charge upon the ratepayers, because, as they all knew, both public and private works cost more to carry out in the winter than in the summer. As the Chairman of one of the Charitable Society Committees in the town he knew to what a serious extent distress existed in the town, and he should personally like to see some united effort made to see what could be done to relieve the very serious distress existing among the more unfortunate of their fellow Burgesses.

Councillor Peill seconded the amendment.

Councillor Homewood was prepared to accept it.

Some discussion then ensued as to the retention of the words "consider the policy," and Councillor Homewood considered that they should be retained.

Alderman Mallett suggested the word "possibility" instead of "policy," and this was accepted by both Alderman Davis and Councillor Homewood; and the resolution was then adopted in its amended form as outlined by Councillor Powell.

MORE GUARDIANS FOR BROMLEY AND BECKENHAM.

Alderman Lawrence, pursuant to notice, proposed as follows:—

"That application be made to the Kent County County Council for a revision of the representation of the Parish of Bromley on the Board of Guardians of the Bromley Union, with a view to an increase in the number; such number to bear a more equitable proportion to the population and rateable value of Bromley as compared with the population and rateable value of other Parishes in the Union."

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Kent County Council and the Board of Guardians."

"That the Town Clerk be instruct,ed to communicate with the Beckenham Urban District Council with a view of that Council taking concurrent action with regard to the Parish of Beckenham."

The resolution was at once carried unanimously.

Widmore House.

Messrs. Todd, Dennes and Lamb wrote sending agreement for sealing, and the Town Clerk reported that, acting under the authority of the Council, the Mayor sealed the contract that morning, and it had been returned.

The Baths Referendum.

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

I have the honour to report that a reply post-card was sent to each Burgess whose name appears on the Burgess Roll for the current year. Thus, in all, 4,859 cards were prepared and dispatched. The result of the voting is as follows:—

"No"	1,348
"Yes"	1,212
"No" Majority	136

28 cards were received after tthe date specified for their return, as under:—"No," 15; "Yes," 13.—F. H. Norman, Town Clerk.

Statement as to Voting Cards.

Total number of reply post-cards prepared and despatched		4859
Undelivered owing to removals, etc.		215
		4644
Cards returned and counted ...	2560	
Cards returned but not filled up	19	
Cards returned uncertain	3	
Cards returned after date ...	28	
		2610
Burgesses not voting		2034
		4644

The cost of the Poll was £28 9s. 1d.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Monday, May 30th, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly) presiding.

General Purposes Sub-Committee.

Labour Certificates:—The Town Clerk presented to the Sub-Committee the following report on the examination for certificates of proficiency, held on the 7th inst: Entered 170; examined 146; passed 85; failed 61. Subject failures—Reading 13; writing 5; arithmetic 55; total 73. Single failures 49. Double failures (reading and arithmetic) 12. From Bromley Schools—Passes 42; failures 30. From Urban Schools—Passes 6; failures 4. From County Schools—Passes 37; failures 27. Passes 58% Failures 42%

School Supplies.

The Rev. R. Silvey moved the adoption of the report of the Requisition and Log Books' Sub-Committee, which was of a purely routine character, and in so doing directed attention to the Committee's recommendation that the Clerk be instructed to prepare specifications and schedules with a view to obtaining tenders for school supplies, and otherwise. To this recommendation he wished to add that the Clerk be asked to present the specifications at the next meeting of the Committee, as it was a matter of urgency.

Mr. Helm seconded the adoption of the report, and the suggested addendum, and it was carried.

The Audit.

A communication was read from the District Auditor, Mr. Sidney Jerrold, intimating that he had concluded the audit of the accounts of the Education Committee of the Borough. The Committee appeared to have adopted the scheme of accounts used by the late Bromley School Board, and the result was quite satisfactory. He found nothing in the accounts calling for comment.

The "Wastage" of Teachers.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Board of Education, intimating that they were making investigations with a view to rendering local authorities such assistance as was possible in estimating the number of pupil teachers and teachers requisite for staffing adequately the public elementary schools in their areas, and the amount of training facilities consequently necessary for providing a due supply of such teachers and pupil teachers in the future. In the course of the Board's investigation it had appeared that all estimates which had hitherto been made regarding the "wastage" of teachers had been attended by a considerable uncertainty, due to the fact that in different districts different rules as to the employment of married women had prevailed. In order that this uncertainty might be cleared up, the Board wished to know whether the Committee had adopted any regulation, or continued any previously existing regulation forbidding the engagement of married women as certificated teachers within this area, or the retention as certificated teachers in their service of women who marry whilst in their employment. The Board also enquired whether the Committee had any record of the number of married women now employed as certificated teachers in schools under their authority. Should any really valuable information be obtained from different parts of the country on the matter of "wastage" of teachers as the outcome of their investigations, the Board would communicate the same to the Committee.

The Chairman said they had only three married teachers, who had come to them from the Voluntary Schools. Hitherto, they had never appointed any married lady, but they had no regulation to that effect.

The Rev. R. Silvey said, hitherto, when their teachers had got married, they resigned as a matter of course.

The Clerk was instructed to reply in accordance with the facts.

A School Attendance Difficulty.—Tradesmen Take Note.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following letter from Mr Owen, head master of the Raglan-road Schools:—

"At the suggestion of the School Visitors, Messrs Weeks and Allan, I beg to draw the attention of the Education Committee to the very serious difficulty we, in the boys' department, are experiencing in getting the boys to school at the proper time in the mornings, owing to their employment by various tradesmen, and in private houses. Nearly one third of our boys are being employed in one way or another so as to interfere with their education. These lads come at all times, from 9.20 to 10 a.m. The majority of them miss the Scriptural lessons altogether, and not a few miss a portion of secular instruction as well. Several boys stay away as a matter of course on certain days or half-days every week, the excuses being "fetching washing" on Monday morning, and "extra work delivering magazines and local papers" on Friday morning. I feel strongly that something should be done to put a stop to, or at least to check this ever-growing nuisance, which even more seriously interferes with the efficiency of the school and threatens to do so to a still greater extent in the future. I venture to suggest that, after due warning has been given, the attendance registers should be finally closed at 9.30, instead of 9.55 as at present. I think too, if all

the employers and the parents were warned much of it would at once cease. Trusting the Committee will give the matter very careful consideration."

The Chairman said this was a matter of importance. It applied to all their schools, and he would suggest that it be referred to the Committee.

The matter was referred to the School Attendance Sub-Committee.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURES IN THE SCHOOLS.

The Chairman said it would be within the recollection of the Committee that Mr. Harvey had applied for and been granted permission to give lectures in the Council Schools. Mr. Harvey was now seeking permission to give similar lectures in all the other schools under the authority of the Committee. The position now was this: that arrangements would have to be made with regard to the Widmore and St .Luke's Schools, and he would suggest that they write the respective managers, intimating that the Committee considered it advisable that the lectures should also be given in those schools. The lectures had been given in the Council Schools for many years, and they had been entirely satisfied with them. He thought it would be wise to ask the managers of the two schools for their opinion, and point out to them that they would like to have uniformity throughout the whole of the schools.

Replying to a member,

The Chairman said he thought that they themselves had the power to sanction the giving of the lectures if they desired to do so.

The Rev. R. Silvey thought it might appear that they were yielding their authority.

The Chairman did not think so. As the object of the lectures was a really good one, he did not think there would be any difficulty. If they liked to call it secular instruction they could do so.

It was resolved that the Clerk write in accordance with the Chairman's suggestion.

A SLIGHT OMISSION.

The Chairman said there had been one slight omission with regard to the election of the Higher Education Committee. He thought it advisable that Mr. A. J. Baker should be on that Committee. He was a representative of the County Council, with whom they had very intimate relations, and he would like to propose that his name be added to the Committee. He did not think there could be any objection to it.

Alderman James seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

A meeting of the Education Committee was held in the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Monday evening, June 7th, Mr. G. Loly, B.A. (Chairman), presiding.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

Pursuant to notice, the Chairman moved:—

"That the question of giving Manual Instruction at the Wharton-road Boys' Council School receive the immediate attention of the Education Committee."

Mr. Loly remarked that, when building Wharton-road School, the late School Board took the precaution to provide an admirable room for the purpose of giving manual instruction. As to whether they should limit the class to this particular school, or should make it a centre for all the schools, would be a subject for the consideration of the Committee.

Alderman Davis had very great pleasure in seconding, though he had not intended doing so until he heard the Chairman's remarks. He did so now on the distinct understanding that the instruction was not to be confined to the pupils at Wharton-road School, because he was very strongly of opinion they should make an effort that all the boys should have an opportunity of receiving such instruction. It would be quite possible to make this a centre.

The resolution was carried.

LIBRARIES FOR THE SCHOOLS.

A long letter, signed by the Chairman of the Public Library Committee (Mr. P. Harper), on behalf of the Library Committee, was then read. It stated that, in considering the question of accommodation for juvenile readers in the proposed new Library, they found it would be beyond their means to establish and maintain an adequate juvenile collection within the reach of all the children in Bromley; and they therefore proposed to limit their expenditure to such books as would be of use to boys and girls who had left or were about to leave school—that was to say from the age of 14 and upwards. The collection so formed would consist chiefly of non-fictional juvenile books. But the Committee were of opinion that the taste for reading and the capacity to read these books intelligently should be first implanted in the children whilst at school, and this could only be done by a properly organised system of school libraries. The Library Committee were prepared to co-operate with the Education Committee in this work. The letter then proceeded to outline an elaborate and carefully-prepared scheme, the main principles of which are that the books should be provided by the Education Committee, and added to year by year; they should be changed periodically; and the organisation should be in the hands of the Borough Library staff. The estimated cost was £221 6s. 0d. for the first year, and for the second and subsequent years £47.

Councillor Harper proposed that the suggestion be adopted.

Alderman Davis seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

and on the proposition of Mr. Harper, seconded by Councillor Bell, Mrs. Mann and Councillor Whyte were elected as representatives of the Committee to form with the representatives of the Library Committee and one representative of the teachers, a sub-committee to carry out the arrangements.

A BRANCH LIBRARY FOR BROMLEY COMMON.

Mr. Councillor Harper, on behalf of the Public Library Committee, requested the use of one of the halls at Raglan-road schools for the purpose of a Branch Reading Room and Public Library to be open from 6 to 9.30 every week-day evening.

Mr. H. W. Amos, in seconding, testified, from his experience during the recent election, as to the popularity which such a proposal would receive.

The subject was referred to Committee.

WOODWORK CLASSES.

A satisfactory report on the Woodwork Classes being carried on under the auspices of the Committee was received from Mr. S. Barter, and it was resolved to send a copy to the instructor (Mr. Reeve).

THE EDUCATION RATE.

Mr. Amos, for the information of the public, asked what was the amount of the Education rate for the current half-year.

The Clerk said the estimate was made for the year in February, and amounted to 10d. in the £. That was now in course of collection for the first half-year.

Mr. Amos said that it was not set out on the

demand notes; whereas, at Beckenham, it was clearly stated to be 4½d. He thought it ought to be so set out on the Bromley demand notes.

The Chairman said that was not a matter for the Education Committee.

Mr. Amos thought that they should express some opinion about it.

Councillor Powell agreed that the ratepayers were entitled to the fullest possible information as to how their money was being spent; and as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council, he promised that the matter would receive attention.

A further meeting of the Committee was held in the Council Chamber on June 20th, Mr. G. Loly (Chairman), presiding.

General Purposes Sub-Committee.

This Sub-Committee, which met on June 20th, Mr. Loly in the chair, reported that having considered the report received from the head teacher of the Raglan-road Boys' Council School on the difficulty experienced in getting boys to school at the proper time in the mornings, they recommended that a return be obtained from the head teachers of all the schools as to the employment of children and its effect upon the attendance of the children.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

Higher Education.—Letter from the Kent County Council.

A long communication was received from the Kent Education Committee, reminding the Committee that the first step in the carrying out of the Kent Committee's Higher Education Scheme for the year August 1st, 1904—July 31st, 1905, was the formation of a local Committee to prepare proposals for the district and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure in connection therewith. This Committee should consist of the Higher Education Sub-Committee with the addition of certain representatives appointed by the Kent Education Committee. In the present financial position of higher education in the County, the Committee were unable to authorise expenditure beyond the limits of previous years. The £14,000 available under the scheme was subject to a deduction of £2,000 for secondary schools and scholarships, leaving £12,000 which the Committee were able to devote to other work (evening continuation schools and technical instruction) in the urban districts. In apportioning this amount consideration would have to be given to population, the existing facilities for higher education, and the work done in past years. In other words, for this year at any rate, the Committee might expect to be credited with a sum not greatly differing from that allowed last session. The local Committees would have authority to incur expenditure within the limits of their estimate; and so long as schemes that had been approved by the Committee were strictly adhered to, there need be no fear of any serious interference with liberty of action. As soon as they had approved schemes and satisfied themselves of the qualifications of the teachers to be employed, they proposed to delegate the management of the different schools and classes to the local Committee, and subject to the right of supervision of the Kent Committee's officials and such instructions as they might deem it necessary to issue.

Alderman James emphasised the importance of expedition, and of working harmoniously with the County Council. He gave notice that at a special meeting on June 27th he would move a resolution for the formation of a Higher Education Committee.

Music.—An Excellent Suggestion.

Mr. F. Lewis Thomas wrote as follows:—To the members of the Bromley Education Committee. —Gentlemen,—I believe this is about the time that you arrange the syllabus for the forthcoming session. I think I am correct in saying that that important branch of Art—Music—has never been a part of the teaching of the old Science and Art School. Sight reading, especially in the South of England, is much neglected, and it has occurred to me that a class or classes of sight reading according to the system of the Tonic Sol-Fa adapted to the Staff Notation, as taught by the Royal College and the Guildhall School of Music, &c., might be started. There is little doubt that many would avail themselves of such an opportunity, and that the scheme would soon be self-supporting. Such classes to be entirely for sight reading, not for practice of part songs, works, &c. In the event of the idea being entertained, I should be happy to give the Committee any further particulars they may require.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, F. Lewis Thomas.

The letter was referred to Committee.

The Vicar of Bromley.

Mr. T. C. Dewey wrote on behalf of the managers of the Bromley National and Mason's Hill Schools, giving notice that in consequence of illness, the Rev. A. G. Hellicar had resigned the position of correspondent for these schools; and in his place, Mr. W. R. G. Hay had been appointed correspondent for the former, and the Rev. L. G. Elwin for the latter.

The Chairman said he was sure it would be a matter of deep regret to that Committee, knowing as they did, what splendid work had been done by Mr. Hellicar, for many years, to feel that anything should tend to lessen his ability to continue those services. He, with Miss Heppel and Mr. Alderman Davis, was a member of the first and second School Boards, and they would all remember how very valuable he was in that capacity. He was sure he was voicing the feelings of them all in expressing their deep regret that anything should tend to limit that usefulness. (Hear, hear.)

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

THE "LOLY" CHALLENGE CUP.

A highly successful race meeting was held at the Beckenham Baths on Wednesday, June 15th, when the heats for the "Loly" Challenge Cup were swum off. The first heat resulted as follows:—1st, B Ayling, 4secs. start, 1min. 33½secs.; 2nd, H. Deadman, scratch, 1min. 40 3-5secs.; 3rd, S. B. Elcome, 8secs. start, 1min. 53 3-5secs. In this heat the scratch man, Deadman, soon overhauled Elcome, but was unable to pull up with Ayling, who touched several seconds sooner. The second heat afforded a closer contest when, after an exciting struggle between Phillips, Stark and R. Ayling, Phillips pulled ahead in the final half-length and finished a couple of seconds before Stark. Times: 1st, D. M. Phillips, 6secs. start, 1min. 41secs.; 2nd, G. Stark, scratch, 1min. 37½secs.; 3rd, R. Ayling, 7secs. start, 1min. 47secs.; 4th, A. M. Austin, 18secs. start, 2min. 18 3-5secs. The first two in each heat will compete in the final which takes place at the Annual Gala on September 21st.

The King has granted Sir Gainsford Bruce, late one of the justices of the High Courts of Justice, an annuity of £3,500.

BROMLEY GYMNASTIC CLUB.

PROPOSED NEW GYMNASIUM

The annual meeting of the Bromley Gymnastic Club was held in the Victoria Hall, Bromley, on June 14th, and was of an unusually interesting character, owing to the fact that a movement is on foot to provide the members with a new gymnasium. The esteemed President, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., presided.

The President said he was sure all present would agree with him when he said that the report he was now going to ask them to adopt was a remarkable record of progress. (Applause.) This was their fourth annual report, and the active members of the club now numbered 200. (Applause.) The report was a most interesting one, for it contained a capital epitome of the principal events of the year in connection with the club. He complimented them upon the great success that attended the recent annual display, and noted with satisfaction that the work shown was a great advance on any of their previous efforts, and that the same was carried out entirely by their own members. It would be seen from the report that the members would be deprived of the use of the Hall, and he might tell them that the question of the future home of the club was giving the committee a great deal of anxiety. The present Hall would not be available for the use of the members after the 30th June, and the committee, after careful investigation, had ascertained that there was not another room in the town suitable for the club, and available for four or five nights a week. However, the committee were using their best endeavours to satisfactorily solve this difficult problem, and he earnestly hoped that they would be successful in their efforts to secure a hall of their own. (Applause.) In conclusion, Mr. Dewey referred to the eminently satisfactory condition of the club financially, and formally moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. C. H. Gunton seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. T. C. Dewey was re-elected President. The patrons were unanimously re-elected with the addition of the names of the Rev. J. Bond and Mr. Alfred Wright. Mr. Ayling was re-elected captain, Mr. H. H. Dunn and Mr. Fawdry vice-captains, Mr. Carter hon. auditor, Dr. Cook hon. medical adviser, and Mr. Baxter hon. secretary. The following were elected as the committee for the season:—Messrs. W. R. Gunton, T. S. Ayling, G. With, G. E. Kirby, H. E. Strong, O. E. Hill, H. Marment, J. N. Arnaud, and W. A. Crossley.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business,

Mr. W. R. Gunton said as most of them were already aware, the necessity had arisen for them to find a new home for the club. They had hoped that the Borough Council—from whom they had hoped to receive so much, but had received so little up to the present time—would provide them with a magnificent gymnasium and also magnificent baths—(laughter)—but the provision of these things seemed to have been postponed to the distant future, and it was now the opinion of the committee that it would be better for the club to have a gymnasium of their own. They therefore had a consultation with their President as to the best course to adopt, and the result of the meeting was that Mr. Dewey advised them to find a suitable site, and obtain a specification of what would be really necessary in the way of a building, and said he would see what financial arrangement could be made with one of the local banks. The erection of the building was estimated to cost £500 or £600. Still they hoped that they would be supported by the townspeople just to the extent they needed help. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Dewey, the London and County Bank had agreed to advance the necessary money at the bank rate of interest, which, in the opinion of the committee, was a most liberal offer. The first contribution towards the scheme was from Mr. Dewey, in the form of an offer to pay the whole of the interest on the borrowed money, on condition that they continued to work steadily to reduce the amount owing to the Bank. (Applause.) This offer meant at least £20 to start with, and it relieved them of the whole of the responsibility of the interest on the borrowed money. It was proposed to open a Building Fund, and it was hoped that the Fund would receive the generous support of the inhabitants. Already a cheque for £10 had been received from Mr. F. Medhurst, and a cheque for £5 or five guineas from Mr. Murray Richardson. (Applause.)

It was agreed to leave the further consideration of the matter, and also the question of appointment of trustees, in the hands of the committee.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dewey for presiding terminated the proceedings.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROMLEY.

How often one has heard the remark "It is useless my going to church; my hearing is so bad. I cannot hear the sermon if I go." That this is not always an excuse, but is really a good reason, at least to the person who makes it, for staying away from public worship one can easily believe. To such it will be good news that they need no longer let their infirmity deprive them of the benefit attaching to the practice of listening, to sermons, at least in one of the churches of Bromley. With characteristic thoughtfulness for the convenience and comfort of worshippers, those in authority at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Freelands-road, have recently installed an arrangement by which deaf members of the congregation may hear the sermon and all other announcements from the pulpit. In each of the seats occupied by those whose hearing is defective, a small ear-piece is fixed and connected to sound collectors in the pulpit, with the result that what had formerly been a blank in the service is now genuinely participated in, and appreciated. That such an arrangement is possible will probably be a surprise to many. We have, however, been assured that the apparatus works most satisfactorily, and that some of the church members who had been content to attend regularly without hearing a word of the discourse, are now able to enjoy it thoroughly. We could well believe that there are many who would welcome the introduction of such an arrangement into the church which they attend. The installation in this case was carried out by Messrs. Weeks and Sons, of Bromley and Beckenham, under the personal superintendence of Mr. George Weeks, junr.

In connection with the St. Luke's Young Men's Society, a highly interesting and instructive gymnastic display was given on Wednesday, June 1st, at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common. This is the first display which has ever been given by the Society, and the members are to be congratulated on the high standard of proficiency they have attained. The Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, presided, and supporting him were the Rev. Webster, Mr. Measor, and others.

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

Striking testimony to the splendid educational work achieved at Bromley High School for Girls by Miss Heppel, B.A., and her staff of capable assistants, was once more forthcoming at the annual prize distribution in connection with that Institution, the function occurring on Tuesday June 7th. With the prize-giving is coupled an entertainment, and probably in remembrance of pleasurable past experience, the invitations issued received most representative acceptance, a large and fashionable audience assembling. Mr. R. G. Tatton (a member of the Council of the Girls' Public Day School Company) presided, and supporting him on the platform were Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., and Mrs. Norman (who on ascending the platform was gracefully presented with a beautiful bouquet by Miss Dorothy Brock) Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mrs. Dewey, Prince Kropotkin, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., and Mrs. Loly, Mr. W. Braginton and Miss Heppel.

Miss Heppel presented the annual school report, which was of a most satisfactory character.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Mrs. A. C. Norman gracefully presented the prizes as follows:—

Form VI.—Mathematics: Marjorie Hammond. —Latin: Dorothy Brock.—French: Dorothy Brock.—English Literature: Ella Jefferies.—Chemistry: Dorothy Braginton.

Form V.—Mathematics: Dorothy Jones.—Latin: Dorothy Jones.—English Literature: Elsie Bell.—Chemistry: Elsie Bell.—French: Sasha Kropotkin.

Form IV.—Mathematics: Doris Taylor, Olga Tweedy.—French: Kathleen Perrott.—Literature and Grammar: Doris Taylor.—Geography: Claire Selby.

Form III (Upper).—Arithmetic: Mary Lea.—French: Gladys Hartley.—Literature: Marjory Cox.

Form III. (Lower).—Arithmetic: Olive Cole.—French: Olive Cole.—History: Phyllis Quicke.

Form II. (Upper).—Arithmetic: Mary Shillcock. —French: Jeannette Lane.

Form II. (Lower).—Arithmetic: Maud Marshall. —French: Winifred Griggs.

Form I.—Arithmetic: Doris Hoare.

COUNCIL'S CERTIFICATES.

Form VI.—Arithmetic, Euclid, French, Latin, Greek: Dorothy Brock and Myfawny Nicholson. —Arithmetic, Euclid, Trigonometry, Algebra, Mechanics: Violet Blyth.—Arithmetic, Euclid Trigonometry, Algebra, Mechanics: Marjorie Hammond.—Arithmetic, Euclid, French, Latin: Nellie Rawes.—Arithmetic, Euclid, Literature, Chemistry, French, Latin: Ella Jefferies.—Arithmetic, Euclid, Literature, Latin: Winifred Addiscott.—Arithmetic, Euclid, Literature, Chemistry, French: Nellie Cardwell.—Arithmetic, Euclid, Latin, French, Literature, Chemistry: Dorothy Jones.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, who was received with applause, said he had great pleasure in proposing that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Mrs. Norman for presenting the emblems of merit. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Norman were well-known in Bromley as being always ready to do any thing they could for the good of the town and its inhabitants, and they were particularly pleased to be favoured with their presence on that interesting occasion. In the name of those present, he therefore begged to propose that Mrs. Norman be heartily thanked for the grace and kindness with which she had presented the prizes. (Applause.)

Mr. G. Loly seconded the motion, and heartily congratulated Miss Heppel on the excellent work done in the School.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. A. C. Norman suitably acknowledged the compliment.

PHILLIP'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, BROMLEY.

SALE OF WORK IN AID OF THE BUILDING FUND.

The excellent work accomplished by the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley, being so generally realised, it naturally followed that the sale of work promoted by the Ladies' Committee, and held at the Institution on June 1st, proved a decided success. The object was to clear off a portion of the deficit of about £300 existing in connection with the Building Fund, and although the atmospheric conditions prevailing were anything but favourable to the occasion, there was a large and representative attendance, as a result of which it is hoped that the object sought to be advanced by the promoters will be fully realised. For some months past the members of the Ladies' Committee, including Miss Tapp, Mrs. Wynne Thomas, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Oliver, Miss Willis, and Miss Hyde (the valuable Matron) have been working with untiring energy on behalf of the sale, and the important part these ladies have played in bringing affairs to a successful issue may be imagined. The successful manner in which the Ladies' Committee have laboured was well attested not only by the number of stalls provided, but also by the extensive manner in which they had been laden with artistically executed articles, fancy items and goods of general utility abounding. Appended is a list of the stalls and stall holders:—

Dairy Stall.—Mrs. J. Stoneham and Mrs. Stanley Smith.

Fancy Stall.—Mrs. Wynne Thomas and Mrs. Man.

Pottery and China Stall.—Miss Willis, Miss Fearnley, Miss, Phillips, and Miss Ebbs.

Fancy and Basket Work Stall.—The Misses Tapp, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Burls, and Miss Dawson.

Fancy Stall.—Miss Hyde and the Nursing Staff.

Refreshment Stall.—Mrs. Churchill.

Parcel Stall.—Miss Duncanson.

Additional attractions were provided in the shape of a photographic exhibition, a weighing machine, and musical selections by a Ladies' String Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Helen Sandell.

The opening ceremony was performed at 2.30 by Lady Truscott, and amongst the large attendance we noticed the Mayor and Mayoress of Bromley (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith), Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Miss Stanham, the Hon. Mrs H. W. Forster, Lady Edith Charles, the Rev. P. Barker, Mrs. Barker, Mr. J. Churchill (Chairman of the Committee), Mr. J. G. Charles (treasurer), Dr. Madden, Mrs. Madden, Dr. Wynne Thomas, Mrs. Beddow, Mrs. and Miss Charles, Miss. Lillingstone, Mrs. Best, Mr. A. M. Tapp, Mrs. Podmore, Mrs. Arthur Tapp, the Misses Griffith, and others.

The estate of the late Mr. Herman Hoskier, aged 71, of Hayes Common, Kent, a director of A. Guinnes Son, and Co., of Dublin, has been returned, so far as can at present be ascertained, to be £212,484.

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DIARY FOR JUNE.

1st.—Sale of Work at the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley, in aid of that Institution, £165 being raised.—Gymnastic display at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley, by the Young Men's Society Gymnastic Class.

5th.—Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary.

7th.—Annual distribution of prizes and certificates at Bromley High School, by Mrs. A. C. Norman.

8th.—25th annual dinner of the Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers, at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham.—Lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. Robson, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.

11th.—Founders' Day at Bromley Lady Margaret Hospital.

12th.—Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary.—Bromley Baptist Pastor's ninth anniversary.

13th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Swifts' Football Club, at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley.

14th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Gymnastic Club.

15th.—Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School anniver-Committee's second annual dinner.—Ladies' cricket match at Bickley.—Presentation to Ex-P.c. Lambe of a marble timepiece on his retirement from the Bromley Police Force after 24 years' service.

22nd.—Presentation at Bromley Drill Hall, to Mr. T. C. Dewey, of his portrait and the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, in acknowledgment of his memorable services to the Borough as Charter Mayor.—Annual distribution of prizes and certificates gained by the students at the Kent County School of Domestic Economy, College-road, Bromley.

26th.—Bromley Baptist Sunday School anniversary services.

30th.—Visit of the Canadian Bowling Team to Bromley.

CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SOCIETY.

A meeting on behalf of the above society was held on Thursday, June 2nd, at the Bickley Church Room.

The Rev. W. A. Carroll presided, and after referring to the diminished activity of coarse attacks on Christianity, emphasized the unsettling character of recent publications and utterances, and the consequent need of such a society.

A special address was given by the Rev. Prof. Caldecott, D.D. (of King's College, London). He submitted that the primary evidence to be laid before unbelievers was the unique character of our Lord Himself; after which other evidences might be profitably adduced. He commented upon some of the recent publications of the Rationalistic Press, and indicated how Christian people must be prepared to meet and grapple with arguments contained in them.

The Rev. P. Barker (formerly secretary of the society) after observing how our faith ought to be based on reasonable grounds, gave an account of the principles and methods of the National Secular Society, and of certain "Ethical Societies," in opposition to Christian teaching, and showed how the Christian Evidence Society endeavours to counteract the spread of infidelity by means of lectures and sermons, by classes for the study of Christian evidence, and by publications.

The Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davis (the present secretary of the society) gave an address, in which he explained the open-air work of the society, especially in London Parks, in opposition to secularists, and detailed the society's efforts in the field of literature.

An earnest appeal was made by the speakers for increased interest in the society's important operations, and for increased financial support on its behalf, and we believe that many of those present expressed a keen interest in the subject.

The twenty-fifth annual dinner of the Borough of Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Protection Society took place at the "Railway" Hotel, Beckenham, on Wednesday June 8th. Mr. T. Hamilton Fox, J.P. of the firm of Messrs. Fox and Sons, and Chairman of the Kent Brewers' Union, presided.

Lord Avebury has a reliable cure for dyspepsia, insomnia, low spirits, and, indeed, for any nervous affection. Let the sufferer take up Nature Study, he advises, and after a natural history expedition he will come home "with a good appetite, with his muscles strengthened, his nerves soothed, and his mind full of gratitude and wonder."

Mr. George Abbott, formerly for many years the station master at Cannon Street, and latterly the district superintendent and station master at Charing Cross, (well known to regular travellers in this district), retired on full pension at the close of the month of June. His service with the South-Eastern Company has extended over a period of upwards of 58 years.

A very interesting and enjoyable outing took place on Saturday afternoon, June 18th, when about 30 members and friends of the St. Mary's (Plaistow) Branch of the Church Defence Committee visited Stone Church, near Dartford. Excellent arrangements had been made for the event, and we are pleased to state that everything went off without a hitch, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss A. Measor, the zealous hon. sec. of the local Committee.

BROMLEY'S FIRST HONORARY FREEMAN.

UNIQUE GATHERING.

What is and must ever remain a unique occasion in the history of Bromley was the gathering which was held in the Drill Hall, on June 22nd, for the purpose of publicly presenting Mr. Thomas Charles Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood, Bromley, with the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, and also with a replica of the splendid portrait of himself, painted by Mr. Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., (and which was hung in the Royal Academy), in grateful recognition of the splendid services which Mr. Dewey rendered to the Borough in connection with the granting of the Charter of Incorporation, and more especially in his capacity as Charter Mayor. For nearly forty years, Mr. Dewey has been associated with Bromley, and we are quite sure that in the Borough the unique honour that was conferred upon him by the Mayor and Corporation in making him the first Honorary Freeman of Bromley meets with unqualified and unanimous approval. Glorious weather favoured the proceedings, and the spacious Drill Hall was quite filled with ladies and gentlemen of all positions in the Borough, who had assembled to do honour to the Charter Mayor.

Immediately prior to the presentation, a special meeting of the Borough Council was held, his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) presiding.

Alderman Davis said they were asked to take a new departure. They were asked to establish a precedent which would be referred to by their successors in future years for their guidance. They were asked to open a roll, a book, which he might call a book of fame, a book of worthy men, a book of those who were eminent either by their public service or private virtues or who had been of great service to the town of Bromley. And he had most absolute confidence in proposing to them that the first name to be inscribed in this book should be the name of Mr. Thomas Charles Dewey—(applause.)—because it was a name that represented a man whose example they had the greatest confidence in setting before those of future generations, as that of a man who was, in every respect, a good and worthy citizen—(applause)—in fact, a type and model of what a good citizen ought to be. (Applause.) Mr. Dewey was well known amongst them as a munificent and also as a discriminating supporter of every institution having for its object the physical, intellectual and spiritual welfare of his fellow men, not only in this town, but in other parts of the kingdom. He moved:—

> "That this Council as a token of appreciation, and in acknowledgment of the eminent services rendered to this Borough by Thomas Charles Dewey, Esquire, J.P., of South Hill Wood, Bromley, in the County of Kent, Charter Mayor of the Borough, do hereby, in pursuance of the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885, admit the said Thomas Charles Dewey, Esq., to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Bromley."

Councillor Robert Whyte seconded the motion, and it was carried by acclamation.

Alderman Davis next moved, and Alderman McIntyre seconded, that the common seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate of freedom of the Borough, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor, Alderman and Councillors then proceeded to the Drill Hall and held a reception, during which the Mayor presented Mr. T. C. Dewey, with a replica of his Royal Academy portrait as a small acknowledgment of his unique and valuable services to the Borough as Charter Mayor — the same to be hung in the Council chamber. Supporting the Mayor on the platform were the Mayoress (Mrs. Frank Griffith), Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mrs. Dewey (to whom pretty little Miss Olga Griffith, the youngest daughter of the Mayor, demurely presented a beautiful bouquet) Mr. Alderman James (Deputy Mayor), Mr. Alderman T. Davis, Mr. Paul Henwood, and the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman).

The interior of the Hall had been very charmingly decorated with flowers and foliage, and the extremely artistic manner in which this work had been carried out by Mr. G. M. Bick, F.R.H.S., &c., of Sundridge Park Gardens, evoked general admiration. The platform was almost hidden by a wealth of flowering and foliage plants. The presentation portrait hung on the wall, just behind the platform, completely veiled by a Union Jack, and above was a tasteful arrangement of flags and bunting. This part of the decoration, and the furnishing of the Hall was excellently carried out by Mr. George Pyrke, of the High-street, Bromley.

The Town Clerk read the resolution admitting Mr. Dewey to be the first Honorary Freeman of the Borough, which had just been unanimously adopted by the Council, after which the common seal of the Council was affixed to the certificate of freedom.

Mr. Dewey then made the statutory declaration of honorary freedom of the Borough, and signed the same, at the conclusion of which,

The Mayor said: Ladies and Gentlemen.—We are met here to-day to witness the conferring of a well-deserved honour and paying a very sincere compliment to a gentleman who has long resided in Bromley, and for whose presence in our midst all ranks of society have cause to be profoundly grateful. (Applause.) I do not intend to distress Mr. Dewey by an adulatory recital of his virtues—indeed in any assembly of Bromley citizens it is quite unnecessary. For, to use the terse language of the Old Testament, his acts and his might and all that he has done, are they not written in the memories and engraven in the hearts of his fellow townsmen. (Applause.) His services as Charter Mayor are still fresh in your memory, by which he enabled the new Borough to make its mark in the County from the first. His name rightly comes first in the the roll of those who shall receive the honorary freedom of this Borough. It was first in the Charter granted by His Majesty—it is first this day in our hearts. (Hear, hear.) And now, further, I have great pleasure in asking Mr. Dewey to accept this portrait of himself, painted by Mr. Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., which, as I unveil it, will disclose to you a masterly, faithful and artistic representation of him who is the beloved friend of us all.

At this point, his Worship withdrew the Union Jack which veiled the portrait, and disclosed a truly life-like picture of the Charter Mayor, which was received with loud applause, again and again renewed.

This portrait has been subscribed for by the Burgesses of the Borough, and it is hoped Mr. Dewey will allow it to hang in the Council Chamber (which it is expected will, before long, be of more suitable and dignified dimensions) where it will form a permanent memorial of his noble work and brilliant example, and form a constant inspiration to the members of the Council. (Applause.)

Mr. Paul Henwood said he most heartily en-

dorsed all that had been so ably said by their worthy Mayor in regard to Mr. Dewey, whom they desired to honour on this occasion, and whom he had great pleasure in congratulating as the first Freeman of the Borough of Bromley. (Applause.)

Mr. T. C. Dewey, on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged applause. He said: Mr. Mayor, Aldermen Councillors and Burgesses.—I very gratefully accept the high honour you do me by these presentations. To have been selected to fill the office of Charter Mayor was itself an honour of a most distinguished kind, and one which you know I felt to be beyond any merits of mine. To have this supplemented and crowned by the presentation of the honorary freedom of the Borough, and by the presentation of this portrait, which will be the first, doubtless, of a long line to hang on the walls of the Council Chamber, are additional honours which I appreciate so highly that any words which I may use in acknowledgment must fall far short of what I would wish to express. (Applause.) You, Mr. Mayor, and Mr. Henwood have both referred to what you very kindly called the services I have rendered to the town and neighbourhood. It is only your kindness that has distinguished such services as I have been able to render from those of many another resident. (Applause.) If, during the 38 years I have been connected with Bromley, I have taken an interest in the religious, the social and the benevolent institutions of the town I have only been endeavouring to fulfil the duty of every citizen to promote the interest and welfare of those among whom he lives. I ask you all to accept my warmest thanks for the portrait. I can assure you I do very deeply appreciate your great kindness; and in placing me in the position of an Honorary Freeman of Bromley, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors have granted to me a privilege which I shall value and cherish all the days of my life. (Applause.) I now ask the Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation, to accept the portrait which I pass on to him with a great deal of pleasure. (Applause.)

The Mayor said, on behalf of the Aldermen and Councillors, of the Borough, he had the greatest possible pleasure in accepting the portrait to be hung in perpetuity in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Dewey said he would now ask them to join with him in thanking the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors for their hospitality, and for the very enjoyable entertainment they had provided. (Applause.)

The Rev. John Bond seconded the motion, which was carried with enthusiasm.

The Mayor, on behalf of himself and the Aldermen and Councillors, suitably acknowledged the vote.

An enjoyable musical programme was provided, Councillor C. E. Ingall being responsible for the arrangements, the contributors being Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bath, Mr. Bertram Pearce, and Miss Mabel Skipworth. Refreshments were also provided, the catering of Mr. Maunder being in every way admirable.

THE CERTIFICATE OF FREEDOM.

The certificate of freedom of the Borough, which is of beautiful workmanship, was supplied by Messrs. S. Bush and Son, of High-street, Bromley. It takes the form of a book, and is bound in crimson padded morroco. On the cover appear the Borough Arms, blocked in gold, and on the back, also blocked in gold, is Mr. Dewey's crest. Inside are several pages of vellum, each being charmingly illuminated in colours, in perfect harmony with the Borough Arms. On the first page are inscribed the names of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Town Clerk, and on the second and third pages the words of the Certificate, signed by the Mayor and the Town Clerk, are set out and adorned with the seal of the Council. The Certificate is enclosed in a Morocco leather box, on the lid of which are engraved the Borough Arms. The Certificate reads as follows:—"This is to certify that Thomas Charles Dewey, Esq., J.P., of South Hill Wood, Bromley was admitted the first Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Bromley, in the County of Kent, and made the declaration required by law in the Mayorality of Frank Griffith, Esq., this 22nd day of June, in the fourth year of the reign of King Edward the Seventh, and in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four."

BROMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

PASTOR'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Not only the esteemed Pastor, the Rev. R. Silvey, but also the congregation attending the Bromley Baptist Church are to be congratulated upon the excellent position in which the church stands, as revealed in connection with the anniversary celebrations which have taken place in the past month. Such celebration was initiated on Sunday, June 12th, when large congregations assembled at both the morning and evening services, and on both occasions appropriate and earnest sermons were preached by the Pastor. The celebration was continued at four o'clock on Wednesday, June 15th, when an eloquent and learned discourse was delivered to a large congregation by the Rev. Thos. Nicholson, formerly of Bromley Congregational Church. At six o'clock the annual public tea was held in the school-room, when a large number assembled and partook of the generous fare provided. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Beaumont Morice, Mrs. Wm. Vinson, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Philpot, Mrs. Mansfield, and Mrs. Owen.

Following the tea, a public meeting was held in the Chapel, when again there was a large attendance. Mr. W. Vinson, J.P., of Orpington, presided, and supporting him on the platform were the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., the Rev. E. De Rusett, M.A., the Rev. J. A. Brown, the Rev. R. Silvey, and Mr. S. Toone.

The presentations to the King at the levee held on June 7th, at St. James's Palace, included Acting Chaplain W. A. Carroll, 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, by Colonel E. Satterthwaite; Major E. J. Heward, Surgeon Major H. W. Roberts, Lieut. C. D. Clark, Second Lieut. A. N. W. Clark, 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment, also by Col. Satterthwaite.

CONCERT.—At the Village Hall Bromley Common, on Thursday evening, June 2nd, a concert was given of a very high order by the members of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common, assisted by some lady friends and others closely connected with the choir. The proceeds were in aid of the Choir Outing Fund. The hall was well filled, and the stage was decorated with lovely palms, lent by Mr. Norman, and arranged by Mr. Lyddiard. The programme was admirably carried out. Mr. A. C. Norman and Mrs. Norman lent their aid and patronage, and in a few pleasant words Mr. Norman explained to the audience the object the choir had in view, and thought the idea a happy one. The choir desire to thank all who aided them in giving so much pleasure to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

FREEMASONRY.

HERVEY LODGE, NO. 1692.

The officers and brethren of the Hervey Lodge, No, 1692, Bromley, spent a very enjoyable time on June 8th. At the Lodge meeting in the afternoon the newly-elected Worshipful Master, Mr. C. E. Ingall, was duly installed in the chair, in the presence of a numerous gathering, the ceremony being very impressively rendered by Mr. J. King, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., the valued Secretary of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master nvested his officers as follows :—

Mr. S. C. Satterthwaite, I.P.M., Mr. R. Taylor, S.W., Mr. A. S. Gedge, J.W., Mr. D. Grinsted, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer, Mr. J. King, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Secretary, Mr. F. Medhurst, S.D., Mr. T. D. Graty, J.D., Mr. R. V. Harman, P.M., P.P.D.G.D.C., D.C., Mr. F. Fertel, Organist, Mr. F. P. Duthoit, I.G., Mr. E. Peill, std., and Mr. J. W. Mays, asst. std.

The installation banquet followed in the evening, about sixty being present. In the regretted absence, through illness, of Mr. S. C. Satterthwaite, Mr. Douglas Payne, P.M., proposed the health of the Worsipful Master, which was received with enthusiasm.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured; Mr. Frank Griffith, P.M., Deputy Grand Sword Bearer of England, responded for the Grand Officers.

The toasts were interspersed with a most interesting musical pragramme, arranged by the organist (Mr. F. Fertel), the contributors including Mr. E. M. Garnar, Mr. Norman Bath, Mr. Bertram Pearce, Mr. A. Ackermann, Mr. Montague Borwell (a vicar-choral from Westminster Abbey).

CONSECRATION OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

An important development in Freemasonry in this district was signalised on June 15th, when the "William Russell" (No. 1514) Chapter of the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch (Province of Kent), was consecrated. The desirability of having a chapter for Bromley and the neighbourhood has been felt for some time past, particularly in view of the manner in which Freemasonry has flourished in the district, and the proceedings on June 15th were marked by great success and enthusiasm. The Chapter is named after the valued Provincial Grand Treasurer of Kent. Luncheon was first partaken of at the Royal Bell Hotel, and the consecration ceremony took place at 3 p.m., being most impressively performed by the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro G.Z., Prov. G. Supt., Kent, who was assisted by Messrs. A. Spencer, P.G. Std. Br. Eng. Prov. G.H.. W. Russell, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., Prov. G Treas., as G.J., S. R. Macartney, Z., 829, Priv. G.S.E., J. M., Longley, P.Z., 829, Prov. G.S.N., J. Percy White, PZ., 483, P. Prov. G. Std., Br. Kent, Acting D.C., and C. Loud, P.Z., 709, Prov. G.D.C. The principals designate Mr. G. R. Bolton, P.Z., 619, 704, Z., J. King, 65, H., and E. W. Ellis, P.Z., 619, J, were installed by Mr. Percy White. The service was very beautifully rendered, the singing of the anthems and chorals being led by three of the Vicars-Chorale from Rochester Cathedral.

The following are the founders and officers of the Chapter:—William Russell, P.G. Swd. Br. Eng., P.P.G.J. Kent, Prov. G. Treas., I.P.Z.; G. R. Bolton. P.Z. 619, 704, Z.; J. King, J. 65, H.; E. W. Ellis, P.Z. 619, J.; E. Coste, P.Z. 619, S.E.; S. Otterill, P.Z. 1524, S.N.; J. D. Webb, P.Z. 745, Treas.; J. Mogridge, 619, P.S.; A. Payne. 619, 1st Asst. S.; J. Jeffries. 1614. 2nd Asst. S.; W. Seaman, P.Z. 619, 2099, D.C.; A Clarke, 619, Steward; R. W. Edgley, Janitor.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

The offertories and collections at most of the places of worship in this district were, on June 12th, in accordance with annual custom, given to the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund. In a few instances, however, the collections were made at a later date. We append the amounts contributed so far as they have come to hand:—

Bromley.			
Parish Church	80	4	0
St. Mark's	45	18	9
St. George's, Bickley	92	4	5
Widmore Mission	14	9	3
St. Mary's, Plaistow	51	10	1
Plaistow Missions	0	15	4
St. John's	39	15	0
Holy Trinity	9	3	9
St. Luke's	23	0	0
Presbyterian	35	0	0
Congregational	61	2	2
Christ Church	9	0	0
P. S. A.	6	15	0
Beckenham.			
Parish Church	84	8	0
St. Paul's	124	10	0
Holy Trinity	32	10	0
St. Michael's	9	0	0
Christ Church	46	11	0
Baptist	17	5	9
Chislehurst.			
St. Nicholas'	231	17	6¼
St. John's	19	4	4
Annunciation	90	12	2
Christ Church	228	16	8
Wesleyan	24	2	11
St. Mary's, Shortlands ...	60	1	11
Hayes Parish Church ...	38	16	10
West Wickham	37	14	8
Farnborough	20	0	0

Among those who received invitations to the State Ball given by their Majesties at Buckingham Palace on Friday, June 10th, were Lord and Lady Hillingdon, the Right Hon. A. and Mrs. Akers-Douglas, the Hon. Violet Mills, Sir Francis Evans, M.P., and Lady Evans, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs. Forster, the Misses Akers-Douglas (2) and Miss Evans.

Mr. Justice Bruce has sent in his resignation to the Lord Chancellor on account of failing health. The learned judge, who is in his seventieth year was appointed to the King's Bench on July 15th, 1892, having previously been Recorder of Bradford for many years, and also held successfully the office of Solicitor-General and Attorney-General of the County Palatine of Durham. He represented the Finsbury Division of Holborn in Parliament from 1888 until his elevation to the Bench. The retiring judge will carry with him the best wishes of all who came in contact with him during his career, both at the Bar and on the Bench, for his unvarying courtesy and kindness; and the residents of this district, to whom he is so well known, will sincerely hope that his health will improve in his well-earned retirement.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS A. B. WILKS AND MR. E. B. MUMFORD.

On Thursday, the 2nd June, an extremely pretty wedding took place at the Congregational Church, Beckenham, the bride being Miss Alice Brownson Wilks, youngest daughter of Mr. J. J. Wilks, of Rostherne, Shortlands, and the bridegroom, Mr. Eustace Bardwell Mumford, youngest son of Mr. Peter Mumford, of Foxgrove, Beckenham. A large congregation assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. W. Garrett Horder and the Rev. T. Eynon Davies. The church was tastefully decorated with palms and white flowers. Mr. Sydney Mumford, A.R.C.O., cousin of the bridegroom, presided at the organ, and, in addition to Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played a March specially composed by himself for the occasion.

The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Wilks (sister of the bride), and the Misses Lucy, Ada, and Julia Mumford (sisters of the bridegroom). The bride was given away by her father, and the best man was Mr. P. Walter Murford, brother of the bridegroom. The bride wore a charming dress of ivory white satin, trimmed with chiffon and orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of choice white flowers. The bridesmaids wore pale blue mousseline de-soie dresses, relieved by pale cream lace, and black picture hats. They each carried a shower bouquet of pink roses, and wore a pearl and amethyst brooch pendant, the gifts of the bridegroom. The two little nieces of the bride, Hilda and Eileen Brown, scattered flowers in the aisle as the bridal party left the church.

After the ceremony, a numerously attended reception was held at Rostherne..

Later in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Mumford left for Switzerland. The bride's going-away dress was of biscuit crepe-de-chine cloth, and she wore a black picture hat.

The wedding presents were very numerous and costly.

MISS ETHEL FURZE AND MR. SYDNEY SMITH.

There was a large and fashionable gathering of relatives and friends at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, on Thursday, June 2nd, when Mr. Sydney Smith, son of Mr. J. J. Smith, J.P., of Southwood House, Eltham, was married to Miss Ethel Furze, daughter of Mr. Frederick Furze, of The Coppice, Beckenham. The chancel had been charmingly adorned for the occasion with choice white flowers and plants, and at the entrance there was a graceful canopy of lofty palms.

The bride was escorted up the central aisle by her father, who gave her away. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Smith (sister of the bridegroom) Hollebone, Miss Feist, Miss Simpson, Miss Furze (cousin of the bride), Miss Christopherson (cousin of the bride), and Miss Depledge, and there were two little train-bearers. Mr. J. Wentworth Smith acted as best man. The service was fully choral. Mr. Eustace Turner, the talented organist, presided at the organ, and before the bride arrived and also while the register was being signed, gave a delightful rendering of the Bridal March and Introduction to Act III of "Lohengrin," the Grand March from Meyerbeer's "Le Prophete," a beautiful setting of Liddle's "Abide with me," the March from "Tannhauser," and Hollin's "Spring Song." The hymns were: "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O, Perfect Love." The 67th Psalm, "God be merciful unto us and bless us," was chanted to Sir Joseph Barnby's thoughtful setting, and Mr. Norman Newcombe gave a tasteful rendering of Mendelssohn's "Be thou faithful unto death." The anthem was Wesley's "Love one another," the soloist being Master Victor Wood. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Charles Green, a former Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. Canon Hammond (Vicar), and the Rev. W. Williamson (the curate). At the close of the ceremony, an address was delivered by the Rev. C. Green.

MISS BEATRICE SUTTON AND MR. A. C. BALLARD.

The marriage was solemnised on Thursday, June 2nd, at Christ Church, Wallington, Surrey, of Miss Beatrice Carr Sutton, eldest daughter of Mr. William Sutton, of Wallington, late of Bromley, with Mr. Alfred Charles Ballard, son of Mr. R. Ballard, of Wallington. The church was well filled with numerous friends of the two families, and the nuptials were celebrated by a choral service. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. M. Blake, and the bride was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Ballard, Miss Gladys Sutton, and Miss Marjorie Sutton; and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. H. Ballard, as best man. After the ceremony the organist (Mr. Dutton) played the Wedding March, and the Bridal March from "Lohengrin."

A reception was afterwards held by Mr. and Mrs. William Sutton, at St. Helen's, Stanley Park-road, Wallington, when about 60 guests were entertained. The bride and bridegroom left for Llandudno for the honeymoon. They were the recipients of many presents.

MISS NELLIE LEWIS AND MR. J. EDMUND DYAS.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Sydenham, on Thursday, the 9th June, the wedding took place in the presence of a large and fashionable congregation, of Mr. J. Edmund Dyas, eldest son of Mr. Robert Dyas, of Blyth Wood, Bromley, with Miss Nellie Lewis, daughter of the late Mr. H. H. Lewis, of Brighton, and Mrs. Lewis, of Sydenham. The Rev. Canon Moberley officiated.

The bride wore a beautiful cream-coloured Paris model robe of ribbon and lace over chiffon, and satin train, her bouquet consisting of choice white flowers, and she was attended by Miss Lewis, the Misses Dyas, Miss Dixon, and Miss Grossmith as her bridesmaids. They wore dresses of crepe-de-chine, with picture hats of lace and net, trimmed with geraniums and cerise velvet matching their belts. The bride's page was Master Dennis Gostling; and there was also in attendance Miss Doris Lennard, who was attired in cream muslin and lace. The page was dressed in cream linen. The bridegroom's best man was Mr. S. R. Dyas, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. J. H. Lewis.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Park Hall, Sydenham Park, and at 4.45 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dyas left, amid the heartiest good wishes of their friends, for Paris and Switzerland. The bride looked charming in her going-away dress, which was of pale grey crepe de voile, trimmed with orange, and a white straw hat and cloak.

The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids consisted of pretty pearl and enamel pendants, and that to Miss Doris Lennard consisted of a gold chain and bracelet, and to Master Dennis Gostling a pearl pin. The wedding presents were handsome and numerous.

MISS B. J. CROCKER AND MR. F. W. VARLEY.

On the 11th June, at the Bromley Baptist Church, Miss Beatrice Josephine Crocker, daughter of Mrs. Crocker, of Penrhyn, Bromley, was married to Mr. F. W. Varley, son of Mr. Clifford Varley, of Upper Clapton the Rev. R. Silvey being the officiating minister. The bride was dressed in an old-world costume of biscuit colour; her bouquet being of orange blossom, lilies of the valley, and roses. The bridesmaid was Miss G. V. Crocker, sister of the bride. She wore a dress of pale green voile and a large black picture hat, and carried a shower bouquet composed of pink roses. The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. P. Varley; and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Ernest Crocker.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Penrhyn, Aldermary-road. At three o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Varley left for Sandgate. The bride's going-away dress was of brown cloth, trimmed with silver, and she wore a pale blue hat. The presents were numerous and costly. The carriages were supplied by Mr. D. Stockwell, Holly Lodge Livery Stables, Bromley.

MISS VIOLET MAY AND MR. HENRY NOAKES.

The Wesleyan Chapel at Chelsfield was on Thursday afternoon, June 16th, the scene of the wedding of Mr. Henry Noakes, of Burts Hill, Brenchley, second son of the late Mr. W. Noakes, also of Burts Hill, and Miss Violet May, second daughter of Mr. Alfred May, of Broke House, Halstead. There was a large attendance of the friends of the contracting parties, and the west end of the chapel had been tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage. The service was choral, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. G. Morrow, of Sevenoaks, and the Rev. G. Holt-Shafter, of Huntingdon.

A reception was afterwards held at Broke House, when the guests numbered some 250. In the course of the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Noakes left Halstead en route for Scotland, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

MISS H. D. STOKES AND MR. P. ASHTON.

In the presence of a numerous gathering of relatives and friends, and under climatic conditions of the happiest augury, the wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's, Shortlands, on Tuesday, June 21st, of Miss Helen Dorothy Stokes, daughter of Mr. James J. Stokes, of Springfield, South Hill Park, Bromley, and Mr. Pearson Ashton, son of Mr. William Ashton, of Southport, and formerly of Bromley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Beck, Rector of Rotherhithe, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Wolley). The service was choral. Mr. W. Bentham Martin ably presided at the organ, and played appropriate selections whilst the guests were assembling; and at the close, after the completion of the necessary legal formalities in the vestry, the stately strains of the Wedding March pealed forth. The hymns were "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," "O perfect love all human thought transcending," and "Now thank we all our God." It should be mentioned that the East end of the church and the font had been very tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a beautiful gown of white satin, trimmed with Brussels lace, chiffon and orange blossom, and made with a full Court train. Her Brussels lace veil was the same as that which her mother wore at her wedding, and it was fastened with a wreath of orange blossoms. She also wore a diamond and pearl pendant, and carried a lovely bouquet of stephanotis, lilies of the valley, orange blossom, tuber roses, &c., both the gifts of the bridegroem. There were three bridesmaids—Miss Lucie M. Stokes, the sister of the bride, Miss Ashton, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Smart. They wore very pretty dresses of pale blue soft silk, trimmed with lace, and bronze brown hats trimmed with gypsophila. Their gold and sapphire art pendants were the gifts of the bridegroom, as also were their bouquets of pale pink sweet peas and gypsophila. The bridegroom's best man was Mr. S. Trowbridge Keeling.

After the ceremony a large number of relatives and friends were entertained by the bride's parents at Springfield.

At five p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton left amid hearty congratulations and good wishes for Scotland, the bride travelling in a smart costume of dark blue, trimmed with blue and white lace, her blue hat being trimmed with tulle and white roses.

The presents were very numerous and handsome. That from the bride to the bridegroom was a gold watch and chain and diamond pin, and the bride also gave her sister a gold and pearl brooch.

The carriages were provided by Mr. J. Matthews, of the South Hill Livery Stables.

MISS N. MARLOW AND MR. PERCY McDOUGALL.

In beautiful weather, and in the presence of a large gathering of friends, the wedding took place at the Bromley Parish Church, on Thursday, June 23rd, of Miss Nellie Marlow, daughter of Mr. Henry Marlow, Orchard-road, Bromley, and Mr. Percy McDougall, son of the late Walter McDougall, Streatham. The church had been tastefully adorned for the interesting occasion. Before the bride arrived, several pieces of music were played by Mr. Frederic Fertel, organist of the church, among the selections being the Introduction to Grieg's "Sigurd Jorsalfar," Lemare's attractive "Chant sans Paroles," the effective Grand Chœur by Salomé, and Serenade (No. 4) by Hofmann. The ceremony was fixed for 2.15, at which hour the bride entered the west door with her father, and proceeded to the chancel, where she was awaited by the Rev. Peter Barker, Vicar of St. John's, Bromley, officiating minister, and the choir. The hymn, "Thine for ever," was then sung, and the hymn before the address was "O Perfect Love."

The bride wore a rich dress of ivory satin, trimmed with chiffon and lace, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, stephanotis, white roses and carnations, heather and orange blossom, tied with white chiffon. The bridesmaids were Miss K. Marlow (sister of the bride), the Misses N. and I. McDougall (sisters of the bridegroom), and Miss Edith Marlow (the bride's cousin). They wore dresses of pale blue silk muslin, white lace insertions, and Tuscan hats trimmed with pink roses and ribbon, their shower bouquets being of La France roses, which were the gift of the bridegroom, who also presented each of them with a gold brooch. The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. Douglas McDougall.

While the register was being signed, Mr. Fertel played Guilmant's Marche Nuptiale, and as the wedding party left the church, Miss Hollands, a cousin of the bridegroom, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at

Kingthorpe; and at 4.39 Mr. and Mrs. Percy McDougall left for a tour through Cornwall. The bride's going-away dress was a French grey coat and skirt, with white cloth revers embroidered in gold and appliqués of blue and pink; Tuscan hat, trimmed with flowers and foliage en suite.

The carriages were from Mr. Selby Wood's Livery Stables, Freelands-road, Bromley.

THE MAYOR'S TEAM v. BROMLEY POLICE.

The Plaistow cricket ground, upon which the absorbing builder has cast his covetous eyes, was on May 27th, the scene of a most interesting encounter when a team raised by the Mayor of Bromley (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) and a side representing the Bromley Police met to decide the question of superiority. Shortly before the the question of superiority. The following were the full scores:—

BROMLEY POLICE.

J. Langham b Bowley	0	c and b Sharpe	11
E. Cox b Bowley	4	c Bowley b Sharpe	0
A. Saunders b Davis	5	b Gedney	9
W. Hendry c Balchin b Beeston	21	c Reynolds b Gedney	9
R. Slade lbw b Davis	2	b Beeston	0
H. Eastwood (capt.) b Davis	0	b Sharpe	12
E. Milk b Arnaud	3	b Sharpe	15
W. Carpenter c Sharpe b Arnaud	0	not out	5
J. Porter st Gedney b Reynolds	18	b Gedney	0
C. Manning b Beeston	0	c Reynolds b Gedney	0
E. Wimble run out	2	b Gedney	1
R. Lambe not out	11	run out	6
Extras	9	Extras	7
Total	75	Total	75

THE MAYOR'S TEAM.

W. E. Sharpe c Milk b Hendry	41
P. Reynolds b Saunders	2
A. W. Bowley run out	29
The Mayor b Lambe	2
H. W. Noall b Lambe	59
F. H. Gedney run out	57
J. N. Arnaud not out	34
E. J. Bean b Carpenter	2
L. Beeston (capt.) not out	15
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wickets)	260

H. C. Hedworth, E. Balchin and A. E. Davis did not bat.

The presentation of the cup and medals to the winners of the Bromley and District Football League took place at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, on Thursday, June 2nd. Mr. Murray S. Richardson, the popular President of the League, presided over a large number of registered members of the League, supported by Mr. L. Beeston (Chairman), Rev. E. H. Lord (Vice-Chairman), (Mr. E. G. Holt (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer), and Mr. A. C. Hills (Hon. Sec., West Beckenham), and others.

ST. JOHN'S, BROMLEY.—PARISH NURSE.—It is proposed (by the advice of the Church Council) to engage the services of a district nurse, for St. John's Parish in the autumn, if a sufficient number of annual subscriptions can be obtained. The cost of the nurse will be not less than £75 per annum. Mrs. Sharp, of La Chatelaine, Plaistow-lane, will be glad to hear from those willing to contribute toward the maintenance of the nurse. The smallest subscription will be gratefully received.

LADIES AT THE WICKET.

This match was played on the Bickley Park Club ground, on Wednesday, June 15th, and ended in an easy win for the ladies. The gentlemen batted with "broom-sticks," and bowled under hand left handed, and also had to field left handed, or to the contrary if gifted with the left hand. Scores:—

LADIES.

Miss Mark c Willett	23
Miss Rogers b Hurlbatt	6
Miss Gibson c Jeffrey	0
Miss M. Hoghton c Hurlbatt	7
Miss Nash b E. Willett	1
Miss L. Willett c Burnie b E. Willett	1
Miss H. Willett c Nussie b E. Willett	7
Miss N. Hoghton c Earnshaw b E. Willett	17
Miss Moore c Stenning b E. Willett	1
Miss Cave b E. Willett	20
Miss Burnie c Jeffrey b E. Willett	9
Miss Maophail b E. Willett	4
Miss E. Willett not out	6
Extras	31
Total	133

GENTLEMEN.

Mr. E. Willett c Miss Hoghton	0
Mr. Jeffrey b Miss Gibson	8
Mr. Henley b Miss Gibson	0
Mr. Bowley st Miss H. Willett b Miss Gibson	1
Mr. Nussey b Miss Gibson	1
Mr. Orchard lbw b Miss Gibson	15
Mr. Simmons b Miss Gibson	4
Mr. Burnie b Miss Gibson	13
Mr. Baker run out	0
Mr. Earnshaw b Miss Gibson	0
Mr. Stenning not out	15
Mr. Hurlbatt b Miss Gibson	0
Extras	3
Total	60

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—Success from first to last marked the second annual dinner and concert of the Bromley Conservative Club Entertainment Committee, which was held at the Club on Wednesday, June 15th. Mr. E. M. Garnar, who is held in such high estimation by the members, occupied the chair, and Mr. C H Hills the vice-chair, and supporting them were Mr H J Selby (hon. sec. of the club). Councillors R Taylor, T D Graty and E Peill, Messrs F Medhurst, W Hardingham, T Ranson, J D Kincey, H Heaysman, T Heaysman, W Butcher, J Adams, Douglas Payne, D Grinsted, R Peill, J King, sen., J King, jun., W Hardy, J Hadden, R Flux, W J Hopton, W L Hopton. G Hopton, I Sanders, F Philpott, D Stockwell, F Pargeter, E T Pellett, G W Perkis, and W Dennis, and C Purchase, members of Beckenham Conservative Club. An excellent repast was served by the steward and stewardess (Mr and Mrs F G Browne). A most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was then gone through, the contributors being Miss Annette Maffett, Mr Harry Briden, Mr F G Read Mr B Hardwicke, Mr Frank Wilson, Mr Valentine Hill, and Mr George Roberts. Mr Selby in felicitous terms proposed "The health of the Chairman," and the toast was accorded musical honours. Mr Selby next submitted "The Artistes," and announced amid applause that the performers had given their services gratuitously. Mr Hardwicke responded on behalf of the artistes, and subsequently Mr Garnar gave "The Vice-Chairman," and spoke in warm terms of the splendid services Mr Hills has rendered to the Club, particularly as hon sec of the Entertainment Committee. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr Hills, in a few well-chosen words, acknowledged the compliment.

VOLUNTEER SUMMER SHOOTING COMPETITION.

The Bromley Detachment shot off the Summer competition, at Shoreham, on Saturday, May 28th. Appended is the complete list of scores:—

Rank and Name.	200yds.	500yds.	600yds	Total.	H'cap.	Grand Total.
Lce.-cpl. C. Allington, £1	32	34	26	92	8	100
Col.-sergt. E. Towell, 15s.	33	29	26	88	7	95
Sergt. F. Hanmore, 10s.	29	31	27	87	8	92
Lce. sergt. R. C. Fawsitt, 7s. 6d.	29	30	31	90	4	94
Pte. R. Smith, 7s. 6d.	33	29	25	87	7	94
Pte. J. Napier, 7s. 6d. ...	28	27	30	85	5	90
Corpl. E. Maynard, 5s.	27	32	24	83	7	90
Corpl. W. H. Brown, 5s.	26	30	26	82	8	90
Pte. C. H. Stringer, 5s. ...	31	26	24	81	7	88
Lce.-sergt. H. Smith ...	22	30	28	80	6	86
Pte. M. Mortlock	27	27	22	76	10	86
Sergt. S. Mansfield ...	26	27	23	76	9	85
Pte. R. G. Crowhurst ...	29	24	20	73	11	84
Sergt. G. H. Payne ...	32	26	21	79	4	83
Lce.-Corpl. C. Dunford ...	29	25	15	69	9	78
Pte. J. B. Lovell	22	21	25	68	9	77
Pte. W. Green	28	22	16	66	9	75
Corpl. H. P. Palmer ...	27	18	22	67	8	75
Corpl. E. Barlow	34	17	14	65	8	73
Pte. R. G. Humphrey ...	27	21	13	61	10	71
Pte. E. Gray	26	16	18	60	9	69
Pte. S. J. Crowhurst ...	25	20	4	49	9	58
Pte. G. Marchant ...	21	21	6	46	10	58
Pte. E. J. Amos	17	13	18	48	9	57
Lce.-corpl. A. E. Jones	24	12	2	38	12	50
Pte. J. Harman	21	11	5	37	12	49
Pte. G. Tipping	12	13	8	33	12	45
Lce.-corpl. L. Morgan ...	20	11	2	33	12	45
Pte. Forester	16	9	0	25	12	37

As a thanksgiving for partial recovery from a dangerous illness, Mr. F. C. Dobbing, J. P., of Calderwood, Chislehurst, has sent a donation of £100 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

BROMLEY CAMERA CLUB ANNUAL OUTING.—On Wednesday, June 8th, the members of the Bromley Camera Club and a few of their friends had their outing, when Lenham was selected for a visit. Beautiful weather favoured the happy company, amongst whom were Dr. Scott, Mr. Vacher, Mr. Alderman T. Davis and Miss Davis, Mr. F. R. Ball, Mr. S. Shillcock and Miss Shillcock, Mr. W. L. Crossley and Mrs. Crossley, Mr. H. Spong, Mrs. and Miss Skinner, Mr. E. W. Andrew and Mrs. Andrew, Mr. W. Howard, Mr. J. S. Howard, and Mr. F. Devitt. The Party left Bromley South Station at 9.27 a.m., and upon arriving at their destination, an interesting tour of inspection was began and continued till 12.45, when an excellent luncheon was partaken of at the "Dog and Bear" Hotel. Subsequently a brake drive to Harrietsham and Leeds Castle was negotiated, and at 4.30 all sat down to a tea at Park Gate and did justice to the good things provided; later on they walked to Hollingbourne Station, and after visiting other places of interest in which the district is so rich, they left Hollingbourne station for their homeward journey by the 6.28 train, Bromley being reached about 8.15. Needless to say, the principal places of interest visited, were brought within the focus of the Cameras with which members were armed; and Mr. Andrew, the hon. sec. of the club, deserves every congratulation for the manner in which the day's arrangements passed off, and upon the great enjoyment associated therewith.

VOLUNTEER PRIZE SHOOTING.

The Bromley Detachment shot off for the Ladies' Cup, at Shoreham, on June 18th. Appended are the full scores:—

Rank and Name.	200yds.	500yds.	600yds.	Total.	H'cap.	Grand Total.
Sergt. H. Smith, Cup and £1	30	26	26	82		
Pte. R. Crowhurst 17s. 6d.	29	24	28	81	10	91
Sergt. S. Mansfield 10s.	32	26	23	81	9	90
Sergt. F. Hanmore 7s. 6d.	29	32	21	82	7	89
Corpl. C. Allington 5s.	31	29	21	81	8	89
Sergt. H. Smith	30	26	26	82	6	88
Corpl. H. Palmer 5s. ...	26	28	26	80	8	88
Pte. Mortlock	29	25	24	78	10	88
Pte. G. W. Simpson ...	28	27	23	78	9	87
Pte. J. Napier	29	30	22	81	5	86
Pte. R. Smith	28	21	30	79	7	86
Lce.-corpl. C. Dunford ...	30	22	25	77	9	86
Pte. F. Marchant ...	27	25	23	75	11	86
Col.-sergt. E. Towell ...	29	29	21	79	5	84
Sergt. G. Payne	25	27	27	79	4	83
Pte. C. Stringer	29	26	20	75	7	82
Lce.-sergt. R. C. Fawsitt	30	27	20	77	3	80
Pte. R. G. Humphrey	27	27	15	69	10	79
Lce.-corpl. Brown	25	26	18	69	8	77
Pte. E. Gray	20	27	20	67	10	77
Pte. E. G. Amos	22	24	21	67	9	76
Lce.-corpl. Ford	26	25	14	65	10	75
Pte. Gibson	21	15	21	57	12	69
Lce.-corpl. H. E. Green	21	14	21	56	12	68
Pte. W. Green	16	13	28	57	9	66
Pte. H. Muncey	23	20	10	53	12	65
Pte. J. B. Lovell	23	9	24	56	9	65
Lce.-corpl. A. C. Jones ...	16	17	14	47	12	59
Lce.-corpl. R. H. Lane	20	10	11	41	12	53
Lce.-corpl. H. Jones ...	21	20	0	41	12	53
Pte. G. Tipping	19	19	2	40	12	52
Pte. G. Brown	19	12	8	39	9	48
Pte. T. Belfield	24	2	7	33	12	45
Pte. F. Brooks	15	13	5	33	12	45
Pte. Munday	15	13	5	33	12	45
Pte. Oost	16	10	3	29	12	41
Pte. A. E. Brewster ...	18	4	0	22	12	34

SALE OF WORK AT LA CHATELAINE.—The annual sale of work in aid of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, was held on May 31st, at La Chatelaine, Plaistow-lane Bromley, by kind permission of Mrs Sharp, and was a great success. This annual effort is the outcome of the enterprise and work of Mrs. Sharp, and other lady members of St. John's Church. As usual, a number of well-laden and artistically arranged stalls were provided, and a decidedly attractive spectacle was presented. The inaugural ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Barker, whose remarks were both stimulative to renewed effort, as well as highly appreciative of what has been accomplished in the past by Mrs. Sharp and her friends. The stall-holders whose duties were well undertaken comprised:—Needlework stalls, Mrs. Marlowe, Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Strudwick, Miss Stupart, Miss Gregory, Miss Hanson, Miss Sleigh, and Miss Beatrice Davies; flower stall, the Misses Day, Hardingham, and Devitt; pottery stall, Miss Airey; refreshment stall, Mrs. Yeates, Miss Clark, and Miss Christiana Clark. Prizes were offered for the best painting, needlework, etc., with the following results:—Painting, Mrs. Baker; plain needlework, Miss Beatrice Davies; fancy needlework, Miss Christiana Clark; cake competition, (1st) Miss Sharp, (2nd) Miss Beatrice Davies. The proceeds of the sale amounted to about £30, compared with £25 last year.

BROMLEY NATURALISTS' SOCIETY.

An excursion of the above society, under the direction of Mr. J. Russell Larkby, was made to Horton Kirby and Farningham on June 18th. At Horton Kirby, the site of Horton Kirby Castle was pointed out, and the fragmentary outline of the moat once surrounding it was noticed. The chief features of the Parish Church were noticed in a short paper, and a tour of inspection was made, during which the architectural details were observed. The building is an extremely interesting one, ranging from 1192—1450. On plan, the Church is cruciform, the oldest work now visible being the excellent supports to the central tower (1192—1195). On these pillars are masonic marks showing the Guilds of Masons interested in the construction of the edifice. The transepts are of the same date as the crossing, and an example of Transitional Architecture merit very careful attention from the student. The thirteenth century is represented by the chancel, which has triple lights and banded columns. On plan, the nave shows a deviation to the south, and on this limb of the church is an entire re-construction of the fifteenth century. The original form of the earlier nave presents a curious and interesting problem. The early nave was probably an aisled structure, as in the eastern walls there are small semi-circular openings now distinguished by the nave walls, which are built up against them in a very clumsy manner. Further features of interest were dealt with, including a fourteenth century west door, fragments of the twelfth century church, and the remains of a sun dial on the south porch. The party then proceeded to Farningham, where tea was provided at the "Lion." Subsequently, the party walked on to Eynsford, where a return was made to Bromley.

Mr. G. M. Bick, F.R.H.S., of Sundridge Park Gardens, Bromley, the well-known horticulturist and gardening expert, has again—for the third year in succession—been entrusted by Mr. J. R. Robinson with the floral decoration of Dudley House, Park-lane, for the season.

The West Kent Imperial Yeomanry completed their annual training on June 11th. A great deal of thoroughly practical work has been accomplished, and the weather conditions have been more favourable than for many years past. Some time has, however, been found for pleasure. An illuminated dance was held under the auspices of the Sevenoaks Town Band in the Lime Tree Hotel grounds, when some 400 people were in the enclosure, including many members of the Yeomanry, to whom a special invitation had been given.

The annual prize distribution of prizes and certificates in connection with the Kent Education Committee School of Domestic Economy, Springhill, College-road, Bromley, took place on June 22nd, and passed off most successfully. The school was thrown open for inspection, and some excellent specimens of the pupils' work were on exhibition and induced much favourable comment from the visitors. At the prize giving, the chair was occupied by Mr. G. M. Arnold (Chairman of the Kent County Council Education Committee) and supporting him were Mrs. A. A. Arnold and Miss Wigan (members of the Kent Education Committee), Mrs. A. C. Norman, Mrs. J. Bond, Mrs. G. Loly, Miss Isobel Duncan (the valued principal), Mr. F. W. Crook (secretary of the Education Committee), and Mr. E. S. Davies (Inspector of the Committee).

ST. BARNABAS (BECKENHAM) PARISH ROOM BAZAAR.

The Hon. Mrs. Forster opened a bazaar at St. George's Church House, Beckenham, on June 15th, in aid of St. Barnabas Parish Room. The stall-holders were Miss Bentley, Misses Burchell, Miss Cleugh, Mrs. Counsell, Mrs. Cree, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Elgood, Mrs. and Miss Griffith, Misses Hancock, Mrs. Frank Hodson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Lord, Miss Ramsey, Mrs. Scott, Misses Scovell, Misses Todd-Naylor, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Trimmer, Miss Wills, and the Misses Wylde.

Music was provided at intervals by the Misses Kibler and other ladies.

The Hon. Mrs. H. W. Forster was accompanied on the platform by the Rev. G. O. F. Griffith (Vicar of St. Barnabas) and Mrs. Griffith, the Rev. H. Arnott, Canon Lucas, Mrs. Cree, Mrs. Terry, and Mr. and Mrs. Porter. Among those present were the Rev. John Bond (Vicar of Plaistow, Bromley) and Mrs. Bond.

The bazaar was opened on June 16th by Lady Maryon Wilson.

There are forty-two organisations, including the Bromley Naturalists' Society, which go to make up the South Eastern Union of Scientific Societies, and the ninth annual congrss of the Union, which commenced at Maidstone on Thursday, June 9th, and concluded on Saturday, June 11th, ranks, undoubtedly, as the most successful and most enjoyable yet held in the annals of the combination.

ST. MICHAEL'S (BECKENHAM) BUILDING FUND.—A large meeting of the members of the congregation of St. Michael's was held at the Birkbeck Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 8th. The Rev. A. N. Armstrong presided, supported by Mr. R. D. Borrowman and friends from St. George's, who take an interest in this branch of the Parish Church.—The Rector wrote warmly congratulating the congregation on the great success attending their efforts.—Mr. Armstrong reminded them that two years ago the debt was over £1,000, and this had now been cleared off. The object of the meeting that evening was to receive a statement from Mr. Borrowman of the receipts and expenditure, and also a statement from him (the Chairman) of what had been collected from the congregation during the year ending March 31st. In reply to a question from Mr. Hodges as to whether they had any definite scheme to announce with regard to the future, he said, in the absence of the Rector, he could not speak in definite terms, but he felt sure in the course of a few months an appeal would be sent to the congregation of the Parish Church to assist them in raising the sum required for the completion of the church. Meanwhile it was their duty to try and raise as much as they could amongst themselves, and for that purpose the same plan would be carried on as heretofore, viz., soliciting donations and subscriptions, and continuing the system of collecting cards, which had worked so admirably during the last two years. The collecting cards, it was shown, had realised £253, and the total amount collected for the year was £525. The total cost of the present chancel was £4,258, of which £1,180 has been collected since May, 1902, leaving a balance of £53 in hand. It is now required to raise £1,500, when it is possible that the work of building the bays will be proceeded with. The sum of £3,000 will be required for completing the building of the church.—The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. Borrowman and the Rev. A. N. Armstrong.

CYCLING FATALITIES.

Two cases of death from cycling accidents were investigated by the Coroner for West Kent (Mr. H. B. Sewell), at the Bromley Parish Room, West-street, on Tuesday, June 7th.

Sad Fatality at Cudham.

The first was on the body of Dennis Collins, aged 30, a pianoforte stringer, of Pages-walk, Bermondsey, who met with his accident at the foot of Jewel's Hill, Cudham, on Saturday evening, and died in the Bromley Cottage Hospital within a few hours of his admission.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.—Captain Crigan, who was on the jury, suggested that it was very desirable to have a conspicuous warning board at the top of this hill; the Coroner concurred, and said that no doubt the responsible authorities would see to the matter now that it had been called attention to.

Fatality at Bromley.

The second inquiry was into the causes attending the death of Mr. William Thomas Ellingham, a coachman, of Camden Wood Stables, Chislehurst, who was found seriously injured in Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, on Saturday night, as the result of an accidental fall.—A verdict of accidental death was returned in this case also.

The will of the late Mr. Nigel Martin Smith, of Warren House, Hayes, and of the bank of Messrs. Smith, Payne, and Smiths, has been proved at £37,407. Mr. Samuel George Smith, of the same bank, who died in 1900, aged 78, left £1,553,965, and Mr. Rowland Smith, of Smith's bank at Derby, in 1901, aged 73, left £603,437, and Mr. Reginald Abel Smith, of the London firm, who died in 1902, aged 44, left £292,758 gross and £231,234 net.

The will has been proved of Mr. William James Thomson, 86, of Kippington Court, Sevenoaks, J.P., senior of the firm of Messrs. Wm. James and Henry Thompson, Mincing-lane, tea and colonial brokers, known as "the Father of Mincing-lane," at £327,679. He bequeathed by his will of 125 folios, legacies to very many persons in the employment of his firm, and of companies in which he was connected, and his own servants, and the stationmasters and staff of Sevenoaks and Cannon-street stations.

Redwood House, Bromley.—This property, for many years the residence of the late Dr. D. T. Playfair, of Bromley, and which is now to be developed for business premises, was disposed of by auction, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, E.C., on Tuesday, June 21st, in one lot. There was considerable competition amongst local and outside bidders, and ultimately the property was knocked down to the representative of Messrs. Welford's Surrey Dairies, Ltd., for £9,020.

The late Lady McCulloch's Will.—The will has been proved, at £106,658, of the late Lady Margaret Broak McCulloch, 77, of Elmstead Wood, Chislehurst, widow of Sir James McCulloch, some time Premier of Victoria. She bequeathed £5,000 to Westminster College, Cambridge, £500 to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, £300 to the Royal Scottish Hospital, £200 each to the Melbourne Hospital and Indigent Gentlewomen's Fund, and £150 each to the London Hospital and 16 other institutions, and contingent reversionary bequests of a further £20,000 to Westminster College, £3,000 to the Aged Ministers' Fund, and £3,000 to the Indigent Gentlewomen's Fund, £500 to the Caledonian Asylum.

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Births.

Dewey.—On the 28th May, at Toots Wood, Bromley, the wife of Marshall Dewey, of a daughter.

Harris.—On the 28th May, at The White House, Hayes, the wife of W. B. Harris of a daughter.

Imray.—On the 28th May, at Mogador, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, the wife of James C. Imray, of a son.

Latter.—On the 2nd June, at Burrell's Meadow, Bromley, the wife of Hugh Latter, of a son.

Marriages.

Cripps—Edey.—On June 15th, at the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. W. S. Flynn, assisted by the Rev. L. J. Elwin, Percy Richard Cripps, eldest son of George Cripps, of Maycroft, South Woodford, Essex, to Beatrice, youngest daughter of George Edey, of Westnor, Bromley, Kent.

Hose—Reid.—On the 2nd June, at the Berea Presbyterian Church, Durban, Natal, Arthur Staines Hose to Margaret Kelly Reid, youngest daughter of Mr. James Reid, Riccarton, Homefield-road, Bromley.

Mumford—Wilks.—On the 2nd June, at the Beckenham Congregational Church, by the Rev. W. Garrett Horder and the Rev. T. Eynon Davies, Eustace Bardwell, youngest son of Mr. Peter Mumford, of Foxgrove, Beckenham, to Alice Brownson, youngest daughter of Mr. J. J. Wilks, of Rostherne, Shortlands.

Deaths.

Barrett.—On the 4th June, Catherine Barrett, of Sundridge Park Lodge, Bromley, aged 79.—Interred in Bromley Parish Churchyard.

Dransfield.—On the 27th May, at 6, Homesdale-road, Bromley, Helen, the wife of Benjamin Dransfield, aged 48.

Rawson.—On the 28th May, at Fallbarrow Windermere, Charlotte Elizabeth, widow of the Rev. Arthur Rawson, formerly Vicar of Bromley Common, aged 75.

Wynne.—On the 20th June, at Ashburton, Bromley, Kent, Mary, the beloved wife of John Wynne.

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In a match played on May 28th, between Quernmore School (with masters) and the Tyro C.C., on the Quernmore ground, Mr. B. W. V. King, one of the masters, made 203, not out, out of 292, in exactly 90 minutes. He made but one bad miss-hit, and gave a chance to third-man. His innings included 32 fours.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st (Bank Holiday).—Bromley Charter Commemoration Festivities at Sundridge Park, Bromley.—Downe Flower Show.—Orpington Horse and Dog Show.

2nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

6th.—Formal opening of the drinking fountains and water troughs erected at Bromley Hill and Widmore-road, Bromley.

7th.—*Tenth Sunday after Trinity.*

8th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

11th.—Half-Quarter Day.

12th.—Grouse shooting begins.—Trinity Law Sitting ends.

14th.—*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*

15th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

17th.—Farnborough Flower Show.

20th.—Blackcock shooting begins.

21st.—*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.*

22nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

28th.—*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

29th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House at 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Offices on Tuesday, June 28th, the Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith) presiding.

An Appointment.

The General Purposes Committee reported as follows:—

The Committee met on June 15th, Councillor Hudson (Chairman), in the chair. They considered the applications received for the appointment of Second Assistant Engineer, and it was resolved that the following be selected for a personal interview on the 28th inst., viz.:—Mr. C. H. Kilmister, of Bromley; Mr. A. F. Wickenden, of Hull; Mr. R. R. Knight, of Wood Green.

Councillor Hudson, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Committee had interviewed the three candidates named entirely on their own merits, and unanimously come to the conclusion to recommend the appointment of Mr. Knight, of Wood Green.

The three selected candidates were then separately interviewed, after which,

Councillor Peill proposed, and Councillor Newton seconded, that Mr. Kilmister receive the appointment.

Councillor Whyte rose with some reluctance to move, as an amendment, that Mr. Knight be appointed second assistant engineer.

Alderman Mallett seconded, and in the end, Mr Knight was unanimously appointed to the post.

Office Accommodation.

The Finace Committee met on June 15th, Councillor W. Powell (Chairman), in the chair, and considered the question of providing office accommodation for the Borough Accountant and the Assistant Town Clerk, and after careful consideration it was resolved that the necessary steps be taken by providing the caretaker with rooms in West-street and by re-arranging the various departments.

Councillor Powell moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Davis moved that the paragraph be referred back to the Comittee for further consideration.

Councillor Newton seconded the amendment to allow the matter to be discussed.

Councillor Whyte said he did not know how many hours the Committee had spent in dealing with this matter, but here they were taking up time in discussing whether the caretaker should live round the corner or on the premises.

The amendment was then voted upon and lost, only the mover and seconder voting in its favour.

The report of the Committee was then adopted.

Highland Road.

The Committee met on June 21st, Alderman James (Chairman), in the chair. A letter was read from Messrs. Mowlem and Co., in reference to the delay in the completion of the Highland-road and other contracts of private street improvements works, and pointing out that the kerb used in the Borough was special material and not of an ordinary stock description, and therefore until they were officially accepted for the work they could not place the order for the kerb and as a rather large quantity was required for the five roads they were unable to get early delivery, and applying for an extension of four weeks over the contract time. The Borough Engineer reported that the four weeks beyond the contract time would expire on the 24th June; it was therefore resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Mowlem and Co., Ltd., that the penalty for non-compliance as to the completion of the contract would be enforced as from the 24th June.

Light Wanted.

A memorial was read from residents of Clarement-road, Bickley, calling attention to the fact that there were no lamps in that road, making it very dangerous and inconvenient. The Borough Engineer submitted a plan in connection therewith, and it was resolved to recommend that one lamp be erected.

Inspection of Cows.

The Health Committee again had under consideration the question of the inspection of the

cows in the Borough suggested by the Medical Officer of Health. Mr. A. W. Reid, the Veterinary Inspector, attended the meeting and arrangements were made by which a preliminary inspection of all the cows in the Borough would be made for an inclusive fee of six guineas.

Councillor Newton said he noticed that arrangements had been made whereby a preliminary inspection of all the cows in the Borough would be made for an inclusive fee of £6 6s. 0d.

Alderman Davis said it had been reported to them that there were about 370 cows in the district, and it would take the Inspector certainly not less than two days to examine them. The Committee had not come to any decision with regard to a periodical inspection.

Motor Buses.

This Special Committee met on June 17th, Mr. Weeks (Chairman), in the chair. They considered the report referred to them as to the cost and advisability of establishing a service of Motor Omnibuses in the Borough, and the matter had been adjourned for the preparation of a report by the Borough Engineer.

Councillor Weeks moved the adoption of the report, and the motion was carried.

"Neelgherries:"—Preparing for the New Library.

Councillor Harper moved pursant to notice:—"That the Borough Engineer be instructed to take the necessary steps to clear the site at Neelgherries on which the new Public Library is to be erected."

The Committee hoped that they would be able to start building at the end of the autumn.

Councillor Bell seconded the motion.

The Mayor thought the words "under the superintendence of the Committee" should be added to the resolution.

Alderman Lawrence moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Neelgherries Committee to take the necessary steps to clear the site as soon as possible.

Councillor Graty seconded.

Alderman Mallett supported. The responsibiilty should be thrown on the Committee, and not on the Engineer.

It was then unanimously resolved to amend the motion in accordance with the amendment moved by Alderman Lawrence.

The Baths Question.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following letter, in reference to the above:—

To his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

In your consideration of the result of the voting re Public Baths, I wish to call your attention to the following points: 1.—The fact that one half of the ratepayers have abstained from voting shows that they are indifferent, and therefore have no strong objection to Baths or they would have entered their protest. 2.—The total number of those who have objected to Baths on the stated basis of a possible 2d. rate is only one-fifth of the ratepayers. 3.—The largest number of the usual enthusiastic supporters and users of Baths have not had the opportunity of expressing an opinion, viz.: shop assistants, and young people having no vote. Legislation is wanted to help those who cannot help themselves. Factory Acts, Shop Hours Acts, Workmen's Compensation, &c., &c. 4—The occupiers of small houses have been intimidated into voting against Baths. It has come to my knowledge that the largest owner of small property in Bromley told all his tenants that if he knew they voted for Baths he would give them notice to quit or put up the rents 1s. per week. I am told several other owners have done likewise. 5.—The number of those who have voted in favour of Baths plus the large number who have no vote shows that they would be sufficiently supported, and is in fact an ample justification for the Council to provide them. 6.—The Council cannot be charged with underestimating the probable cost, when the statistics, as prepared by Councillor Weeks show that the average cost of Baths in 30 towns of similar size to Bromley is only a fraction over one penny, all of which are respectfully submitted.—Yours truly, W. R. Gunton, Brook House, High-street, Bromley.

The Mayor said the letter could not be read at the meeting, as the matter was then sub judice. And it had now been read, so that it might receive publicity. It was not open for them to discuss it.

Councillor Whyte gave notice that he would move, on some future and convenient occasion, not necessarily at the next meeting, a resolution to this effect: "That in the opinion of this Council the result of the recent poll does not represent the actual feeling of the Burgesses on the subject of Baths."

Bromley (North) Station Accommodation.

Councillor Bell enquired if anything further had been heard from the Railway Company, with reference to the complaints that had been made by the Council concerning the local railway accommodation.

The Town Clerk said he saw Mr. Vincent Hill on another question, on June 27th, and incidentally he (the Town Clerk) raised the question of the suggested visit to Bromley, and Mr. Hill assured him that the matter had not been overlooked, but owing to pressure of work, it had been quite impossible for him to fix a date.

Councillor Powell said they had had a communication from the Company in another way, and that was that during July, August and September, they would have a much worse service of trains than hitherto. The trains had been altered most awkwardly.

Another meeting of the Borough Council was held on July 12th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), presiding.

Public Library Committee.

The Committee met on Wednesday, July 6th, Councillor Harper (Chairman), in the chair. They have arranged with the trustees of the St. Luke's Institute for the hire of a room for the Branch Library, Bromley Common, at a rental of £26 per annum, such sum to include heating, warming, lighting and attendance; the tenancy to be for one year certain from the 29th September next, and determinable thereafter at three months' notice. It was resolved that a supplementary list of certain additions to the Library be printed for gratuitous circulation in the autumn.

Councillor Harper moved that the report be adopted, which was approved.

Neelgherries.

The Committee met on July 6th, Alderman Davis (Chairman), in the chair. Having regard to the fact that the plans in the competition for the proposed new Library will not be submitted until the 20th August, and the building cannot be commenced for some considerable period after that date, the Committee do not think it desirable that the building at Neelgherries should be pulled down at the present time, but that it should be left standing for as long as possible. They have,

however, instructed the Borough Engineer to remove certain fittings, &c., and store the same; and in connection with the general clearing of the site it was resolved to recommend that the building be sold in one lot, the Council retaining the right to purchase the hardcore, as in previous cases, and that tenders be invited a fortnight before the end of the vacation, so that they may be received and considered on the 20th September next.

This was agreed to, on the motion of Alderman Davis.

AN OMNIBUS BILL.

The General Purposes Committee have had under consideration the question of the promotion of an Omnibus Bill in the next Session of Parliament, and have instructed the Town Clerk to prepare various clauses in connection therewith, and invite suggestions from members of the Council as to any matters which it would be advisable to deal with in the proposed Bill, it was resolved to recommend that Mr. A. J. Lees, of the firm of Baker, Lees and Co., be appointed Parliamentary Agent.

Councillor Hudson, in moving the adoption of the report, expressed a hope that the members would look round their own Wards and make, before the end of August, suggestions for putting in the Bill anything that would involve the purchase of land, so that they might have compulsory powers over anything which was likely to be wanted within the next five years. He also asked that the firm of Messrs. Baker, Lees and Co. be appointed Parliamentary Agents, instead of only one member of the firm.

The report was adopted nem. con.

THE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Pursuant to notice, Alderman Davis moved:—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the obligations of the Council with regard to the building known as the School of Science and Art, together with its contents, and to advise the Council as to the best means of fulfilling such obligations. Proposed Committee: Aldermen Davis and James, and Councillors Harper, Homewood, and Whyte."

He said there seemed to be considerable difference of opinion as to who had the power to exercise authority over the School of Science and Art buildings. That had been very evident lately, when the subject had come up for discussion at the Education Committee in regard to classes which were to be held there, and had led to a difference of opinion which, on some occasions.

Councillor Weeks seconded with great pleasure, because he felt it eminently desirable that the difference of opinion existing should be cleared up.

Alderman Mallett's name was added to the proposed Committee.

The resolution was then carried.

THE WATER QUESTION.

The following correspondence was read:—

1st July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Messrs. Baker, Lees and Co. I beg to summon a meeting of the representatives of the Local Authorities, to be held at 54, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W., on Wednesday, the 20th July, 1904, at 4 p.m., to consider the subject. Perhaps you will be kind enough to send notice to your members, and oblige yours faithfully, F. STEVENS, Secretary.

54, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.

June 24th, 1904.

Dear Sir,—The undertakings of the Metropolitan Water Companies having to-day passed into the hands of the Metropolitan Water Board it seems desirable that the Kent Authorities should meet and consider whether they should not again apply for a severance of so much of the Kent Water Undertaking as is outside the Metropolis. You will remember that the Rural Authorities are entitled to withdraw their undertakings and it seems reasonable that the Urban Authorities should be allowed to sever. I think that a meeting of the Authorities might be called with a view of considering the subject and also the question of the softening of the Kent Water Supply as to which I have given notice to bring the matter before the Board at its next meeting. I shall be glad to hear from you as to summoning of such meeting. I suggest that about a month's notice should be given.—I am, yours faithfully, CHARLES E. BAKER.

F. Stevens, Esq.

On the proposition of Councillor Weeks, seconded by Councillor Ingall, Alderman Mallett and Councillor Homewood were elected to represent the Council at the proposed Conference.

Alderman Lawrence suggested that they should guard against any heavy expense, for he did not believe there was the slightest chance of getting severance, because the Kent authorities would not be a united body. He did not think there was any chance of getting the rural districts to join them.

Councillor Harper emphasised the importance of pressing for the softening of the water.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

An extraordinary meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Bromley, on Monday, June 27th, for the purpose of appointing a sub-committee to manage higher education. Mr. G. Loly, B.A., (chairman) precided, and there were also present: Mrs. Mann, Miss Heppel, B.A., the deputy chairman (Alderman Thos. Davis), Alderman T. C. McIntyre, Councillors R. Whyte, junr., Lindsay Bell, P. Harper, G. Weeks, junr., J. Rogers, and Messrs. W. Braginton, M.A., and A. Day, with the clerk (Mr. G. Wall). Alderman Davis proposed, Alderman McIntyre seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a sub-committee be appointed to manage higher education, such sub-committee to consist of nine members. The following members were next elected as a committee:—Alderman Davis, Miss Heppel, Mrs. Mann, Councillors Bell, Harper, Weeks, Whyte, and Messrs. Loly and Braginton.

This Committee met on Monday, July 4th, in the Municipal Offices, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.) presiding.

AN EQUITABLE PROPOSAL.

It was resolved to support the petition of the Leeds Education Committee in favour of putting Council or provided schools on the same basis as voluntary or non-provided schools, by exempting them from local taxation.

HEAD TEACHERS' SALARIES.

A memorial was read from the Head Teachers asking for a revision of their salaries with a view to increasing the maximum.

The Chairman said it was somewhat remarkable that the head teachers of their most important Schools—Raglan-road—were not represented at all in the list of signatories. However, it was a matter of very great importance, and he pre-

sumed they would wish it to be considered in Committee.

Half Timers.—Desirable but Impracticable.

Mr. H. A. Vallings, correspondent for the managers of the Addisond-road Schools, wrote intimating that at a meeting of the managers it was resolved that the Education Committee be requested to make rules for regulating the attendances of half-timers in specified hours each day of the week.

Mrs. Mann, who is the representative of the Education Committee on the managers' board, said the trouble now was that no consecutive work was done. The half-timers attended at different times on different days, and it was felt that if they had specified hours it would be very much better for the school itself, as well as for the children.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Monday, July 18th, at the Council Chamber, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.), presiding.

Tenders for School Repairs.

Tenders for repairs were opened as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Valley:			
Crossley and Son	290	0	0
Duthoit	253	0	0
Vickers	262	0	0
Raglan-road:			
W. Hales	776	10	0
W. H. Smith	362	8	6
Arnaud and Son	486	0	0
Crossley and Son	669	0	0
J. Staples	923	15	0
Aylesbury:			
J. Staples	238	11	0
F. P. Duthoit	207	0	0
G. R. Amos	210	0	0
Fry and Willson	232	0	0
Crossley and Son	189	0	0
Wharton-road:			
Crossley and Son	222	0	0
Arnaud and Son	278	0	0
Fry and Willson	420	0	0

Some discussion took place in consequence of the amount of the tenders and the disparity between them, in some instances, but eventually the lowest tender was accepted in each case, subject to the usual conditions; and a small Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Alderman Lawrence and Messrs. Weeks and Rogers was appointed to confer with the Architect and Surveyor, with power to act.

Bromley Common School.

The Correspondent (Rev. C. R. Sharp) intimated that Mr. A. C. Norman, Mr. E. Harris, and Mr. W. H. Knight had been re-appointed Foundation managers at a meeting of the subscribers to this School.

Addison Road School.—An Important Question.

Mr. H. A. Vallings, Correspondent for this School, wrote as follows:—

Heath Bank, Bickley, Kent.
17th July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of 14th inst. The Foundation Managers were not appointed at the last meeting, nor do I think it is necessary to appoint any new managers. Under Section 4 of the First Schedule to the Order of 11th January, 1904 it would appear that the existing co-optative managers remain in office for three years, and yet one retires at the end of one year. If necessary one can retire, but it is not quite clear in whom the appointment of a new one would lie.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Geo. Wall. H. A. Vallings.

Mr. Rogers, in reply to the Chairman, said he was present at the meeting, and Mr. Vallings seemed doubtful as to the right course of procedure. Consequently he had written the letter.

Mrs. Mann, who is the other manager representing the Committee, said there were now no subscribers left. All their subscribers had given up.

Mr. Weeks: If they have no subscribers who is to maintain the School?

The Chairman pointed out that the Vicar was ex-officio a manager. He quite appreciated Mr. Weeks' point. But the difficulty which he contemplated had not yet arisen. It would be time to consider it when it did.

Mr. Day concurred. Unless there was a default, there would be no right for the Committee to interfere at all.

Alderman Lawrence suggested it was one of those cases where they might be asked to hand over the school to the Committee. If they had no subscribers then they had no funds for building and repairs.

In the course of further discussion, it was mentioned that a subscription of not less than half-a-crown entitled the subscriber to one vote.

Mr. Powell suggested that one of the Council managers should subscribe half-a-crown, and the managers could then be elected. (Laughter.)

The Chairman pointed out that it did not necessarily follow that because there were no subscribers there could be no fund. However, it was quite clear that there must be managers, and it was for the authorities concerned to put matters in order.

It was decided that the Clerk should reply in accordance with the facts.

Higher Education.

The following letter was read from the Kent County Council Education Committee:—

44, Bedford-row, London, W.C.
16th July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of the 14th inst. Any additions to the Higher Education Sub-Committee that may be required will in all probability be made at the meeting of my special Scheme Sub-Committee which is fixed for Thursday next. Meantime, I would suggest that a programme of the work for the coming session should be prepared and submitted to us as soon as may be practically possible.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, N. Trevor H. Walsh, Assistant Secretary.

Geo. Wall, Esq.,
Municipal Offices, Bromley.

The Chairman said they must await the nominations of the Kent Education Committee before they could summon a new Higher Education Committee; and it therefore devolved upon them that night to decide whether to recommend practically the old syllabus to the Kent Committee as the curriculum of work to be carried on during the ensuing session. They had a meeting of the Higher Education Special Sub-Committee recently and decided what subjects should be carried on tentatively—viz.: Art day and evening classes: chemistry, mathematics, building construction, arithmetic, French, shorthand, book-keeping, German (if not less than 12 students), carpentry, and ambulance classes. The two classes not yet decided upon were nursing

and music (in accordance with the suggestion by Mr. Lewis Thomas).

It was decided to have nursing classes if not less than 30 students desired them; and also intermediate German classes with not less than 12 students. As to the music instruction,

Alderman Lawrence proposed that, for the present, the proposal be not entertained, and urged that so far as his experience was, these art classes were attended by the upper classes rather than the humbler, and that consequently the many were taxed for the few.

The Chairman agreed so far as the day classes were concerned. But it was not so in regard to the evening classes, which were attended mainly by the poorer classes.

Eventually it was decided to have the classes at a fee of 10s. 6d. a lesson, providing there are thirty applicants.

COMMONS ON FIRE.

Considerable excitement was occasioned in the parish of Hayes, on Friday, July 15th, in connection with an outbreak of fire which culminated in the destruction of about one half of the furze and bracken on Hayes Common. The outbreak was discovered at 11.30 by John Crouch, a ranger, who endeavoured to beat it out. But, despite the strenuous way in which he worked, the conflagration gradually increased in intensity, and the Bromley Fire Brigade and the Bromley Union Fire Brigade were at once summoned for assistance. The members of the two Brigades responded with alacrity to the call, and on arrival at the scene of the fire, prompt measures were taken for reducing the conflagration. At this time, the flames were, in some places, leaping 20 feet above the ground, the general conditions being of so ominous a character as to afford little hope of much of the gorse being saved, the roar of the flames speaking pointedly of the devastating hold which they had obtained. The efforts of the firemen and the thirteen police constables, who were present under the superintendence of Inspector Vincent Coster, were then mainly directed to preventing any damage or danger to the houses on the Common, and their exertions in this direction were entirely successful. For a long while, despite the hundreds of gallons of water poured on, the flames leaped and roared with apparently unabated force, but eventually it was seen that the work of the two Brigades and the police had been attended with admirable execution. By 4.30, the fire was got under, but the smouldering that continued still contained an undoubted element of danger, and the Bromley firemen were unable to leave till nearly nine o'clock. The smouldering continued for several days. Finally, tribute should be paid to the police present for the splendid assistance they rendered the firemen in extinguishing the flames. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

About 3.30 on Sunday, July 17th, a similar fire originated on Farnborough Common, but thanks to the prompt action taken by the police, and a number of private persons, the flames were got under before they had made much headway. About an acre of the gorse was destroyed, and in this case, also, the cause of the outbreak is unknown.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., has kindly consented to present the prizes won at the annual show of the Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association, on November 17th.

SUNDRIDGE PARK GOLF CLUB.

THE PREMIER PAYS A VISIT.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., who has been a keen supporter of the Sundridge Park Golf Club since its formation, and who is now its popular and esteemed captain,, took a team representing the House of Commons to the charmingly situated course at Sundridge Park, on June 25th, to oppose the local club. A few of the visiting team, including Sir Edgar Vincent, M.P., Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and Mr. Marshall Hall, M.P., arrived on the course during the morning and indulged in some practice, but the Premier, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, who was amongst the representatives of the House of Commons, did not arrive till mid-day. He journeyed down from town in his motor, and on his arrival, the teams and a number of the members of the club sat down to a first-class luncheon, which was admirably served in the Club House by the Steward, Mr. E. Best. The interior of the dining room had been charmingly decorated for the occasion, and the singularly tasteful manner in which this work had been carried out under the personal superintendance of the well-known horticultural expert, Mr. G. M. Bick, of Sundridge Park Gardens, induced general commendation.

The rain, which had fallen heavily early in the afternoon, cleared up before play was commenced at 2.30; but the strong wind made the golf difficult. The visitors were doubtless handicapped by the fact that very few of them knew anything of the course, and they were ultimately defeated by 6½ matches to 3½. The Premier opposed Mr. W. Hardy, a vice-president of the Sundridge Park Golf Club. The Premier, after being all square at the sixth, won the next three holes, but Mr. Hardy, playing a good game, drew level at the fifteenth, and stood dormy with 1 to play. His approach to the home hole was much too strong, and Mr. Balfour, making a good recovery from the bunker, looked to have the hole in hand. Mr. Hardy, however, ran down a ten-yard put—"the unkindest put I have ever seen," Mr. Balfour jocularly termed it as he addressed his own ball for a four-yard put, which he now needed to get down to save the match. He gave the ball plenty of strength, and had the satisfaction of holing it, the game thus ending in a tie amid the heartiest round of applause of the day.

Appended are the scores:—

Sundridge Park.		House of Commons.	
Mr. S. C. Wyatt.....	1	v. Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.	0
Mr. J. E. Shaw	1	v. Right Hon. A. Lyttelton, M.P.	0
Mr. G. L. Mellin ...	1	v. Sir H. Seton Karr, M.P.	0
Mr. J. M. Cripps ...	0	v. Mr. Guy Pym, M.P.....	1
Mr. A. M. Archbold	1	v. Mr. Marshall Hall, M.P.	0
Mr. H. R. Temperley	1	v. Mr. E. F. Evans (sub.)...	0
Mr. W. Hardy	½	v. Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.	½
Mr. A. T. Hawkins	1	Mr. R. F. Cavendish, M.P.	0
Rev. Harcourt Just	0	Sir Edgar Vincent, M.P. ...	1
Dr. Philip Randall ...	0	v. Mr. A. Bonar Law, M.P.	1
	6½		3½

The children belonging to the St. John's, Bromley Band of Hope had their annual summer treat at the Crystal Palace on July 4th. The party left Bromley at mid-day under the charge of Mrs. P. Barker and a number of friends, and on arrival at their destination the various amusements were freely indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed. The party left for home early in the evening, tea being provided for the children in Parish-room, Freelands-grove.

BROMLEY AND THE PROPOSED BYE-LAWS.

ARE THEY ADEQUATE?

[Reprinted from the Bromley Chronicle of Thursday, July 7th.]

The draft bye-laws for the good rule and government of the Borough of Bromley, and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances, which were recently submitted to the Council by the General Purposes Committee, and were ordered to be forwarded to the Home Office for their approval, have been returned to the Council, with various suggestions. At present we have no information as to the nature of these suggested alterations, but there certainly do appear to be a number of matters of importance which are left untouched. The first Bye-law practically re enacts the Kent County Council bye-law at present in force in regard to "excursionist music," which of course, is perfectly satisfactory. The second is against noises—those of hawkers and such like—near places of public assembly, or public worship; and this is a bye-law which will be a real boon. The third makes it an offence to sound or play upon any musical or noisy instrument or sing or make any loud noise in any forecourt, public place or highway, within one hundred yards of any dwelling house after being required to desist. This is a most valuable enactment There is at the present moment a similar provision, almost in identical terms, in one of the Metropolitan Police Acts. If a householder or a resident in a street objects to the presence of a hurdy-gurdy or a German band, or such like, outside his house, he can order them to move on, and their refusal to do so constitutes an offence. But under such circumstances the Police authorities leave it to the person aggrieved to take proceedings—with the result that the provision becomes inoperative and we go on enduring for all time, and in ever-growing volume, the annoyance of these "musicians." This is where the value of bye-laws comes in. Where they are in force the Police take action upon them—if the "musical director" of a German band refused to desist playing, the Police would issue the necessary summons, and, even more valuable, would initiate the "moving-on" business. The fourth bye-law deals with Sunday hawking, the fifth makes it punishable to carry pointed or edged tools, without proper protection, or to remove offensive offal through the streets; the sixth is against injuring or defacing streets, walls, paths, &c., by writing or chalking thereon; and then comes a somewhat drastic one against expectorating upon any footpath or pathway within the Borough. It reads thus baldly: "No person shall expectorate upon any footpath or pathway within the Borough." The great importance which has been attached from a sanitary point of view to a restriction of this habit of expectorating is unquestionable, and it is founded upon a sound basis. But it is of no use making a bye-law which will be so drastic as to be impossible, and that is what this appears to be. It wants a saving clause—"to the annoyance of passengers or persons using the thoroughfare," or something of the sort. In its present form it will, we are sure, be inoperative. There are three other bye-laws against unauthorised posting of notices, defacing notices and against sparks from passing engines; and the eleventh, which is the penalty clause, fixes the fine for infringement of any of the foregoing enactments at a sum not exceeding two pounds for each offence.

Now so far as they go, and with the exception to which we have referred in the seventh, these bye-laws will be very valuable. But there are other nuisances of a no less pressing character which are left entirely untouched. We presume that when the Borough bye-laws are made and confirmed, those of the Kent County Council, which are now opoerative in Bromley, will lapse so far as we are concerned. At any rate it would be better to deal with matters now covered by the County enactments in our own local Code. One important provision is in regard to the carrying of lights on vehicles. That is now dealt with by a County Council bye-law, and it is essential that it should be covered by the Borough Code.

Then again, there is the County Council bye-law against street betting, which has done so much good, and which ought to be included in our own list. A real nuisance, which ought to be dealt with by a bye-law, is the practise which prevails of throwing orange peel, banana skins, and such like upon the footways. And how often one see a hawker of vegetables standing at the street corner, trimming up his wares and throwing the dead leaves in the gutter, or on the roadway. This practise of throwing rubbish about the streets, especially on Saturday nights, largely accounts for the untidy appearance of many parts of the town on Sunday mornings, and causes a good deal of extra work in scavenging. Then again there is the County Council bye-law against steam organs and roundabouts, which gives relief from what would certainly be an intolerable nuisance, and which ought to be re-enacted; while such undoubted offences as throwing broken glass on to the highway, or allowing chimneys to catch fire—a really serious nuisance in Bromley—ought to be dealt with. Of course, all these matters are offences against the law, and it may be that that is the reason they have not been dealt with in the draft bye-laws of the Borough. But the same reason would, of course, apply to every bye-law, for if it exceeded the powers conferred by the law of the land it would be ultra vires. It is a punishable offence, for instance, to let a chimney catch fire. But every one knows that that is the way many people in Bromley cleanse the chimneys of their residences, and yet we never have a prosecution. It is the practise, however, for the Police to take action on bye-laws, on their own initiative, and that is why it is so very desirable to deal with as many matters as possible in the series which is passed for the good rule and government of the Borough. There are matters relating to public decency, to which we need not further allude, which it is very necessary should be dealt with in the same way. It may be that the suggestions which have been received from the Home Office have reference to some of the points which we have enumerated. But whether they do or not, we must certainly commend them to the careful consideration of the Council.

Sunday School Anniversary—The members of the Bromley Congregational Sunday School celebrated their Anniversary in a thoroughly successful manner on Sunday, July 10th. The Rev. W. Emlyn Jenkins occupied the pulpit both morning and evening, his discourse on either occasion being particularly suitable to the occasion. In the afternoon he gave an appropriate address at a largely attended Young People's service. Special hymns were sung, and the collections throughout the day were on behalf of the Sunday School Fund, and proved of the usual liberal description.

BROMLEY CHARTER COMMEMORATION.

A meeting of the Charter Commemoration Committee was held at the Royal Bell Hotel on Monday, July 12th, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. Griffith, J.P.), presiding.

The Mayor read a letter which had been received from Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., regretting his unavoidable absence but enclosing a cheque for £10 towards the funds that would be necessary.

The Mayor said he was sure all would agree that it be an instruction to the Hon. Secs. to write to Mr. Dewey expressing their deep thanks for his generous donation. (Hear, hear.).

The Sub-Committee appointed to draw up a scheme at the last meeting, presented the following report:—

The Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:—

They met on Friday, July 1st, immediately following the meeting of the General Committee, and having elected Mr. A. S. Gedge as Chairman, they requested the Hon. Secretaries to prepare a draft Scheme in accordance with the resolution of the General Committee, for consideration at a secoond meeting, to be held on the 4th July. The Sub-Committee met on the 4th July, and having considered and discussed the draft scheme of festivities submitted by the Hon. Secretaries, they now beg to recommend as follows:—

1.—That the Festivities, to consist of a programme of Athletic Sports, introducing features characteristic of an old English rural fête in the afternoon, and an al fresco concert in the evening; with a novelty cricket match, also in the afternoon, to be held in Sundridge Park, the use of which has been very kindly granted by Sir Samuel E. Scott, Bart, M.P., and the tenant, Mr. C. George.

2.—That the arrangement and carrying out of the Sports and Entertainment be delegated to two separate Sub-Committees to be now appointed by the General Committee, such Committees to have power to add to their number from those whom they may deem specially qualified to assist them.

The question of issuing an appeal was also very carefully considered, especially in view of the fact that other appeals are now before the public. But they feel it very desirable that the connection which has hitherto existed between these celebrations and the Local Hospitals should be maintained, and with the view to preserving continuity in this matter they recommend that a modified form of appeal be issued.

In order to prevent overlapping, and with the desire to curtail expenses as far as possible, the Sub-Committee recommend that the arrangements for printing and sale of the programmes, &c., be vested in the Hon. Secretaries.

A. S. Gedge,
Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Ernest F. Watts, Hon. Secs.
J. King

Mr. Loly congratulated the Sub-Committee and the hon. secs. upon the admirable report submitted, and thought the arrangements suggested therein were excellent. He had great pleasure in moving that the Sub-Committee's recommendations be adopted.

Mr Gedge seconded.

On being put, a motion to exclude alcoholic liquors was lost, only three voting in favour.

It was agreed to engage the Bromley Borough Band, at a cost of £10, to be present from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

BROMLEY HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

IMPORTANT PROPERTY SALE.

One further important step towards the completion of the Bromley High-street Improvement was taken on Thursday night, June 23rd, when Mr. Frederick Payne, of the firm of Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, submitted for sale, by public auction, at the Royal Bell Hotel, the fine building plots into which the land acquired by the Council, and better known as "Crowhurst's Corner," has been divided for the purposes of the improvement.

The spacious smoking room, in which the sale took place was crowded, the attendance including the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Alderman Davis, Alderman Lawrence, Alderman Mallett, and Councillors W. Powell, R. Taylor, and W. J. Homewood, the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), and other representatives of the Council. At the outset,

Mr. F. Payne made a short statement. He had been before them, he said, on three previous occasions, offering land in the town, the result of the widening of the High-street; and they would agree with him that this was the most important site which had been offered in this town, not only at those sales, but on any occasion. During the last day or two they had had one important property sold, and the price that fetched capped the prices that any property had ever realised in Bromley before. He was only too pleased to think that the value of property was growing to such an extent in Bromley, denoting, as it did, the great improvement and increase in trade—because if there were not that increase, and the prospect was not so flourishing, they would not find people coming and giving these long prices for shop property. There was not a more commanding or more valuable site in Bromley than that which he had now to offer, more particularly the corner plot, past which all the traffic in Bromley must go; and when, as was anticipated some day, the middle block was cleared away, its value would be immensely added to. He must leave the matter of price entirely in their hands; the other land to which he referred (the late Dr. Playfair's property) fetched from £90 to £100 a foot. Whether they would give him so much that night he could not say. But they certainly ought to. But they ought to give him what he would call a rattling good price. Lot 1 was then offered. It has a sweeping frontage of 70ft. 8ins. to the Market-square and High-street, that to the High-street being 24ft. 2ins. The bidding started at £1,000 and rose by fifties to £1900, then tens were bid, and the competition was very keen, it finally being knocked down to Mr. David Greig for £3,010. Lot 2, the adjoining site, with a frontage of 19ft. 8ins. to the High-street, was bought for £2,000 by the same purchaser; Lot 3, with six inches less frontage to the High-street, yielded £1,980, Mr. F. Medhurst being the buyer in this case; and the adjoining plot, with 19ft. 6in. frontage, went to Mr. H. Holdron, of Boughton, Bickley, for £1,900. The remaining Lot was the backland, with a frontage of about 13ft. to the "White Hart" Slip, and a right of way into the Market-square. It has a superficial area of 2,538ft., and is suitable for stabling or warehouses. It fetched £650, Mr. Greig being the purchaser.

Altogether the sale yielded £9,540.

Outing.—The employees of Messrs. Chitty and Son, coach builders, of Sherman-road, Bromley, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 16th.

FANCY FAIR & FeTE AT BICKLEY.

A BRILLIANT AND SUCCSSFUL FUNCTION.

To the Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A., the popular and esteemed Vicar of Bickley, must be accredited no inconsiderable portion of the honour connected with the unqualified success of the grand fête and fancy fair held on July 13th and 14th in the beautiful grounds of Bickley Hall by kind permission of Mrs. E. H. Moore, in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. George's Church, for rarely, if ever, has a function combining in so marked a degree spectacular effect, general enjoyment, and, above all, substantial pecuniary result, been witnessed in this district. A fact which spoke pointedly of the appreciation in which the work at St. George's is held was the generous support forthcoming from a variety of quarters, with the result that promotion expenses were reduced to the lowest possible figure. To particularise all instances of valued assistance would require more space than we are enabled to devote to enumeration, but it will not be invidious to mention the names of the Committee responsible for the promotion of the Fête who, from the inception of the idea to its consummation, worked with devoted and unflagging energy. The Committee consisted of Mrs. W. A. Carroll, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Kenneth E. Chalmers, Mrs. James Leishman, Mrs. Margetson, Mrs. Sidney, Mrs. Wheatley, the Misses Wheatley, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Mark, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Lambert, Miss de Winton, Mrs. W. A. Fox, Miss Holdron, Miss Pollett, Miss Gibson, Miss Jones, Mrs. Whiffin, Miss Kirby, Miss Cannings, and Miss Gwendoline Nicholls. The weather was of an ideal description, thus assuring the success of the fête, for in out-door attractions of this nature the state of the weather is, of course, the one important factor towards a successful result. Under these circumstances a decidedly picturesque and animated spectacle was forthcoming within the grounds of Bickley Hall, and nothing could have more effectively demonstrated the popularity of the object sought to be attained than the handsome and varied wares, ornate and useful, appearing on the stalls—private contributions being supplemented by generous donations from the tradesmen of the district. Each of the stalls, whether extensive or compact, had been prettily adorned; whilst additional effect was lent by the harmoniously tasteful costumes worn by the ladies thereat.

The opening ceremony was performed by Countess Stanhope who, on ascending the improvised platform, was the recipient of a magnificent basket of flowers, presented to her by pretty little Miss Delia Carroll.

Countess Stanhope said it gave her very great pleasure to come there at Mr. Carroll's request to open the bazaar. She had opened a good many bazaars in the county, and perhaps she used to think them troublesome things that had very little merit in them. But now she had changed her mind about that. She had so often seen that people would exert themselves to a wonderful extent for a bazaar. Such work was a labour of love to them, and in this way they could get much valuable help which would not be forthcoming by other means, although of course their friends were always ready and willing to help such an excellent object as their's. She had very great pleasure in declaring the Fête open, and wished it all success. (Applause.)

Mr. R. T. Haynes proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Countess Stanhope for her kindness in coming to give them such a splendid send-off in their undertaking that day.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

On the second day the sale was opened by Mr. Wythe, and the effort resulted in the handsome sum of £850 being realised towards the fund for the restoration of the church.

GARDEN SALE OF WORK AT SHORTLANDS.

The London Missionary Society is, as it deserves to be, influentially and liberally supported in Bromley, and on July 5th, in aid of its funds, a garden sale of work was held in the beautiful and picturesquely-situated grounds of Kingsbury, Shortlands, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Dence, two very valuable friends of the Society. The ladies of Bromley are always unrivalled in connection with the carrying through of bazaars and sales of work, or other similar movements in aid of deserving objects. It, therefore, necessarily follows that this sale, which is annually promoted by the members of the Ladies' Missionary Working Party and the Young Workers' Missionary Band in connection with the Bromley Congregational Church, was well organised; and the excellent results arising from the operations of the ladies in question were well attested by the numerous and varied character of the attractions. The several stalls in the conservatory were arranged with consummate taste, their effect being enhanced by the ornate and varied character of the wares with which they were laden. In close proximity were displayed the contents of a number of parcels to be sent to China by the members of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Appended is a list of the stalls and stall-holders:—Plain and fancy needlework and fancy articles, presided over by members of the two organisations responsible for the promotion of the sale, including Miss Scott, Miss K. Scott, Miss McFarlane, and Miss J. Dence; provision stall, managed by the Misses D. and M. Williams, and the Misses Brock; china stall, the sales in connection with which were superintended by Miss Edith Benham; baskets stall, presided over by Miss Ella Unwin and Miss Irene Cook; refreshments, Miss Clara Benham and Miss Kelleway; and the "Treasure Island" was managed by Miss Minnie Dence and Miss Linda Jones, assisted by a band of demure "mermaids," whose names it was impossible to ascertain. The opening ceremony took place at three o'clock in the presence of a large and influential attendance. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer,

The Rev. R. Fotheringham, M.A., of Blackheath, said he counted it a very great privilege to come there that afternoon and have the opportunity of opening the sale of work. He was glad that they were favoured with such beautifully cool weather, and he hoped that the sale would in every way be successful, and that they would realise even more money than they had in previous years. He had very great pleasure in declaring the sale open. (Applause.)

The Lord Mayor's Visit to Sidcup.—The Lord Mayor, Sir J. T. Ritchie, and the Lady Mayoress, Miss Ritchie, with Alderman and Sheriff Sir John Knill and Lady Knill, paid a visit, on Saturday, July 2nd, to the Greenwich Guardians' School Homes, at Sidcup, being the guests of the Guardians on the occasion of their fourth annual picnic. The Homes accommodate over 500 children.

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DIARY FOR JULY.

5th.—Garden Sale of Work at Kingsbury, Shortlands, in aid of the London Missionary Society.

6th.—Thirteenth annual exhibition of the Beckenham Horticultural Society, at the Croydon-road Recreation Ground.

13th and 14th.—Fête and Fancy Fair at Bickley Hall in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. George's Church, Bickley; amount realised, £900.

15th.—Annual meeting and al fresco concert of the Bromley Football Club, at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley.

20th.—Thirteenth annual flower show of the Hayes Cottagers' and Gardeners' Association.

23rd.—Twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Bromley Common and District Horticultural Society.—Entertainment at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, by pupils of Kinnaird Park School in aid of the Guild of the Brave Poor Things.

27th.—Illuminated Fête at South Hill Wood, Bromley, by Mr. T. C. Dewey, in commemoration of the Incorporation of the Borough of Bromley.—West Wickham Flower Show.

DR. BARTON'S ACCIDENT.

The news of the unfortunate accident to Dr. Barton, of Beckenham, on Monday, July 4th was received with much regret in the district.

About two o'clock, Dr. Barton fancied the generator of his airship was not working as quickly as it should; so he removed the plate and threw in another pailful of iron shavings.

A tremendous explosion ensued, the force of which may be gathered from the fact that it woke the manager of the works, who was asleep in his house a mile and a quarter away.

In the meantime the injured man became unconscious.

The worst injury, however, was to the eyes, a number of fine particles of iron having been blown rather deeply into both. By the aid of a powerful magnet these were all removed.

Dr. Barton is making excellent progress.

CANADIAN BOWLERS AT BROMLEY.

The genial team of bowlers from Canada, who have recently been playing in the United Kingdom, brought their southern tour to a conclusion on June 30th with a visit to the charming and picturesque green of the Bromley Bowling Club, at Sundridge Park. Since the close of last season the green has been entirely relaid, and though, of course, it is impossible that in so short a space of time it should be all that can be desired, yet there is no question that, ere long, it will be in bowling qualities what it is already admitted to be so far as beauty of situation and surroundings are concerned—viz.: the best in the South of England.

The Canadian bowlers arrived shortly after two o'clock, and having received a cordial welcome on the green, were entertained to a recherché luncheon in the club-house. In the unavoidable and much regretted absence of Mr. E. Packe, J.P., the President of the Club, whose attendance was required at Maidstone on County business, Mr. Hughes presided, and, at the conclusion, gave the loyal toast and then proposed the health of the visiting team, to whom he extended a most cordial welcome.

The toast was drunk with great spirit, and Mr. Wigmore, the captain of the visitors, returned thanks. The song, "The King and the maple leaf," was splendidly sung by Mr. McDonald, of Canada.

The match was then played, and a close and exciting contest resulted, the Canadians eventually winning by the narrow margin of two points. The following players represented Bromley, the match being played in four rinks, four aside:—1st rink: Messrs. G. Weeks, senr., A. Griffin, A. Selkirk, and T. D. Graty; 2nd rink: Messrs. D. Payne, H. Edger, S. Bush, and W. L. Crossley; 3rd rink: Messrs. Hughes, Harding, Melling, and MacCallum; 4th rink: Messrs. H. Marler, A. Portway, F. Medhurst, and T. Panter.

Before leaving in the evening, the visitors expressed themselves in the heartiest terms of appreciation of the hospitality of the Bromley Club, and since their departure, Mr. John King, the excellent secretary of the Club, has received a letter reiterating these statements.

ACCIDENT TO DR. YOLLAND, OF BROMLEY.

What might have proved a very serious accident occurred in Bromley on July 18th, when a horse attached to a tradesman's cart bolted in Blythe-road, whilst its driver was delivering goods. In its mad career it dashed into a trap, the occupants of which were Dr. J. H. Yolland and his coachman, both being thrown out. Dr. Yolland, we regret to state, received injuries that have caused him to be confined to his bed. He was much bruised, his head and back were injured, and his arm also was hurt. We learn that the unfortunate gentleman is going on satisfactorily, but is still weak and sore. The coachman also had his shoulder dislocated, and was conveyed to the Bromley Cottage Hospital, where he was detained. Dr. Yolland's horse and trap were badly damaged, and the tradesman's cart was considerably battered.

On Wednesday, July 20th, the children attending St. George's Bickley), and St. John's (Bromley), Sunday Schools, went for their annual excursion to Margate.

THE KENT WATER QUESTION.

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The proposal to re-open the seemingly everlasting Water Question with a view to securing the severance of the North and West Kent districts from the Metropolitan Water Board's administration is one of very great importance; and though we are not at all sanguine as to the success of the movement, yet we cannot help feeling that the effort is one which it is eminently desirable should be made. Ever since there was a Water Question—and it has now attained to quite a respectable antiquity—the policy of the Kent Authorities has always been dictated by one guiding principle, viz., the desire to keep the large and important and increasingly populous districts under their control independent of the Metropolis, so far as the water supply is concerned; and although we are bound to confess that, in our opinion, the prospect of achieving this has been very much darkened and diminished by the passing of the London Water Bill, yet the importance of doing so is even greater to-day than when the control of the monopoly was vested in the now defunct Kent Water Works Company. It has always been contended, and justly contended, that the position of Kent in this matter is entirely distinct from that of any other extra Metropolitan area. Our water supply is, as it were, territorial in character. It is drawn from beneath our very feet, and the inhabitants certainly have a prior right to its use and enjoyment. In all probability it is an everlasting supply, and there is hardly the remotest possibility, even, of there ever being a shortage, much less of it giving out. But to-day the Authorities of Kent form only a unit, and that but a very small and insignificant one, so far as representation is concerned, in the great London Water Scheme; and when the needs of the Metropolis have again exceeded the supply—for no one regards the present purchase scheme as a final solution of the difficulty—we may find ourselves compelled to take part in some very costly undertaking for bringing water from Wales, or elsewhere, notwithstanding the fact that we have a prior right to an abundant and inexhaustible supply of water, the purity of which cannot be surpassed even if it can be equalled anywhere in the country. These are propositions which we venture to submit, with the greatest confidence, cannot be controverted; and we sincerely trust, therefore, that the Conference which is to be held to consider the question may come to a unanimous decision to once again go in for a policy of severance.

It may be well to recall just for a moment the history of this question during the past fourteen or fifteen years. For a good many years the London County Council sought to acquire powers to purchase the undertakings of the several Metropolitan Water Companies, and year after year the Kent Authorities—and particularly those of our own district—were to be found in opposition to that particular bill of the London Authority which sought at acquiring the Kent Water Works Company. Happily that opposition was always successful. But it has been a costly business; and the only certainty about it was that year after year the London County Council would come up smiling, undaunted by previous failures, with their Bill to buy up Kent Water, primarily for the benefit of the inhabitants of London. Latterly a wiser policy, initiated, we believe, upon the advice of Mr. Charles E. Baker, the Parliamentary Agent of the Kent Authorities, was adopted. The legal representatives of the London County Council recognised the justice of the attitude of the Kent Authorities; and they agreed that upon the latter withdrawing their opposition to the County Council Purchase Bill, they would support a Bill to be promoted by the Kent County Council, on behalf of the Kent local authorities, and to run concurrently with the London County Council's Bill, giving the Kent Authorities power to acquire on a fair and equitable basis so much of the Kent Company's sources of supply and works of distribution as were within the administrative County of Kent. Nothing fairer could be devised. There never was a desire on the part of Kent to keep the whole of the Kent water for the supply of Kent. All that was claimed was that Kent should have first consideration, and that whatever surplus there was to spare should go for the benefit of the Metropolis. There is no question whatever that had the London County Council been successful in their efforts to municipalise the water supply of London this policy would have been carried out. But unfortunately, as we have always thought, the Government intervened with its purchase Bill, with the result, as already stated, that Kent, with its unique water supply, stands in exactly the same relation to the whole scheme, and even to future schemes, as that occupied by any other part of the vast area within the administration of the Water Board, and in some parts of which the supply is of the most uncertain character, both as to quality and quantity. However, when the Bill was before the Hybrid Committee of the Lords and Commons, the strength of Kent's claim to preferential treatment was once again recognised, and the Kent Authorities' Bill providing for severance was not withdrawn until the possibility, at any rate, was held out of ultimately achieving this desirable end. We repeat, therefore, that the effort now to be made to revive this matter is one worthy of the most careful consideration, and we sincerely trust that the whole of the Kent authorities whose districts are affected will be found absolutely unanimous in their attitude. Bromley, as the only Municipal Borough included in the area affected, is entitled to, and indeed, should be expected to, take a leading part in the movement; and we can conceive of no direction in which the Council could more usefully serve the permanent interests of the district than by vigorously prosecuting such a policy as that which we have indicated.

Employees' Outing.—The employees of the firm of Messrs. Gale and Bromley, of Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Widmore-road, Bromley, held their annual outing at Bromley on July 13th.

Choir Outing.—On July 13th the senior members of the Parish Church and St. Mark's Church, Bromley, had their annual outing. They journeyed to Reading via Paddington, and embarked on a steam launch, and had a delightful trip to Windsor. Nearly the whole of the day was spent on the river, and when Bromley was reached about 11 o.m. all were agreed that the day had been one of perfect enjoyment.

St. John's, Bromley.—On July 11th the usual summer gathering of members of the Mothers' Meeting was held. Tea was provided for them in the Parish Room, after which the party visited the charming and attractive grounds at East Hopes, the residence of Mr. W. Hay and Miss Hay. Light refreshments were served, and the visitors spent the time in a very pleasant and enjoyable manner.

BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING AND AL FRESCO CONCERT.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Football Club, held at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on Friday, July 15th, under the presidency of his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Frank Griffith, J.P.), was of a thoroughly bright, jovial, and optimistic character, and judging from the unanimity prevailing amongst the members there is every prospect of next season's campaign being a most successful one. Supporting the Mayor were Messrs. G. Loly, B.A., Alfred Wright, R. Girling, G. H. Fryer, and A. Adams (Vice-Presidents), E. J. Gedney, C. F. W. Gedney, H. Lee, W. L. Hopton, H. C. Hedworth (members of the Committee), M. L. P. Crozier (hon. treasurer), John King, junr., L. Beeston (the valuable hon. secretary), E. G. Holt (the zealous hon. secretary of the Reserve Team), A. E. Ashworth, H. W. Noall, F. Harding, G. W. Hopton, J. N. Arnaud, H. H. Dunn, Percy Quy, C. T. Mason, W. H. Willson, A. T. Bailey, A. F. Knight, J. Soppitt, R. H. Burkett, W. Reynolds, and others.

Election of Officers.

A letter was read from Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., intimating that he desired to be relieved of the Presidency owing to having left the neighbourhood. He was very sorry indeed to have to sever his connection with the club, and he wished it every success.

Mr. Loly said those who remembered the genial way in which Sir Samuel Scott presided at their last annual meeting would be very sorry indeed to hear that they would no longer be able to have him as President, owing to the manifold duties he had to perform in his new surroundings. At the same time he felt it a very great honour to propose as his successor their distinguished Chairman that evening. (Applause.) He supposed in the whole of the district no one was so hard worked as his Worship the Mayor.

Mr. Alfred Wright most heartily seconded the resolution so cordially proposed by Mr. Loly.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Mayor, in reply, said the cordiality with which they had received the proposal would vastly increase the pleasure it would afford him to occupy the distinguished position to which they had just elected him.

On the motion of Mr. Beeston the following were elected as Vice-Presidents:—Lord Avebury, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. E. Packe, J.P., C.C., Mr. J. Batten, J.P., Mr. A. H. Baker, J.P., C.C., Mr. A. J. Baker, J.P., C.C., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. Paul Henwood, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Mr. H. J. Selby, Mr. A. W. Harvey, Mr. Murray Richardson, Dr. Grant-Wilson, Dr. Wynne Thomas, Mr. Alfred Wright, Mr. F. H. Norman, Mr. R. Girling, Mr. G. H. Fryer, Mr. A. S. Thomas, Mr. A. A. Ferris, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. E. M. Garnar, Mr. F. Medhurst, Mr. E. E. Sampson, Mr. L. Spielmann, Mr. J. Hopton, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. Isaac Uridge, Mr. A. Adams, Mr. H. A. Nicholls, Mr. J. F. Arnaud, Mr. W. James, Mr. H. Lyne, and Mr. F. W. Bowater, the last-named sending a donation of £1 1s. 0d. towards the funds of the club.

Mr. Beeston next proposed that Mr. Ashworth be elected captain, observing that they could not do better than re-elect him.

Mr. Fryer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bailey proposed, and Mr. Knight seconded, that Mr. Noall be re-appointed vice-captain, and the motion was carried nem. con.

Mr. Fryer moved, and Mr. Crozier seconded, that Mr. Beeston be re-elected hon. secretary of the club, and the proposition was carried with great cordiality.

The Mayor said he had personal experience of the enthusiasm Mr. Beeston put into the work, and he congratulated the members on the selection they had made.

Mr. Beeston suitably ackuowledged the compliment.

It was proposed by Mr. E. J. Gedney and seconded by Mr. Willson that Mr. Crozier be re-elected treasurer.

The Mayor said it was matter for congratulation that Mr. Crozier was completely recovered from the serious illness and operation he had recently gone through.

The motion was carried.

On the initiative of Mr. Beeston, the appointment of a capt and vice-captain for the reserve team was left in the hands of the committee of the reserve team.

Mr. W. L. Hopton proposed, and Mr. Leo seconded, that Mr. Holt be re-appointed hon. secretary of the reserve team, and the motion was carried.

Mr. John King and Mr. L. Gooding were, on the motion of Mr. Crozier seconded by Mr. Arnaud, unanimously re-elected hon. auditors.

Letters were read from Mr. W. E. Sharpe and Mr. W. Collings resigning from the committee owing to lack of time to devote to the work, and Mr. Beeston was instructed to write to each of them, expressing the club's appreciation of their valuable services in the past.

The following were elected as a committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. J. N. Arnaud, E. J. Gedney, F. H. Gedney, G. W. Hopton, G. H. Fryer, W. L. Hopton, J. Soppitt, H. C. Hedworth, and W. H. Willson.

Mr. Arnaud proposed that Messrs. Ashworth, W. L. Hopton, J. King, and L. Beeston be re-elected to represent the club on the management of the new sports ground.

Mr. Soppitt seconded the motion, which was carried.

The meeting was immediately followed by an al fresco concert on the lawn at the rear of the "White Hart," where every possible arrangement had been made by Mr. Albert Ferris to secure the comfort and enjoyment of the large gathering present. The beautiful floral decorations were carried out with much taste by Mr. G. M. Bick, of Sundridge Park Gardens, and Mr. George Pyrke, of High-street, Bromley, was responsible for the seating arrangements and illuminations, which were decidedly effective.

The Mayor presided, and under his genial sway, the proceedings passed off most successfully.

School Treats.—On July 13th, the children attending the Bromley, Shortlands, and West Wickham Congregational Sunday Schools, with their teachers and friends, held their annual outing, Hastings being the place selected for a visit. The trippers arrived home at 9.30 p.m. with pleasant reminiscences of a day full of pleasure at this popular seaside resort. Thanks are due to Mr. Stoneham, the superintendent and the hon. secs., Mr. Brock and Mr. Shaw, for the excellent manner in which they organised the day's arrangements.—On the same day the members of the Christ Church Sunday School also journeyed to Hastings for their annual summer treat.

BECKENHAM FLOWER SHOW.

AN ATTRACTIVE AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

The thirteenth annual exhibition in connection with the above popular Society was held on July 6th, in ideal weather, and with general surroundings that ensured complete success. The sun shone out brilliantly in the morning, and genial sunshine was the subsequent order of the day. This was a great factor—or perhaps the chief factor—in making the gathering the great success it undoubtedly was. Ladies, attired in their daintiest summer costumes were present in large numbers during the afternoon, and in the evening the grounds were extremely well filled. The show took place, as in previous years, in the charming Croydon-road Recreation Ground, which was again kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by the Urban District Council. The organisation of the fixture was, as usual, thoroughly effective, and in this respect all-round credit must be accorded the zealous and courteous hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. Thornton, who has played a very important part in bringing the Society up to its present influential and popular standpoint.

Speaking generally, the show must be written down as superior to any one which has been seen in Beckenham, and this remark must be understood to apply both to the tasteful arrangement and excellent quality of the exhibits, particularly the cut blooms. Prizes were offered in no fewer than 110 classes; and though, in one or two of the classes, there were no entries, the exhibits were in advance of previous years. Three large marquees were utilised for the staging of the specimens. First to catch the eye were the groups arranged for effect. In the Open Section I there were but three entries for groups of plants in the first class, but these groups were exceptionally fine, and the effect produced by the association of the choicest bloom with most luxuriant foliage may be simply described as grand. The group staged by Mr. R. Robertson, gardener to Mr. W. Cobbett, of Winterdyne, was awarded first prize. Mr. F. W. Stevens, gardener to Mr. W. H. Stone, Sydenham, was a good second, and Mr. C. R. Pratt, gardener to Mr. H. F. Simonds, of Southend-road, was awarded third prize. In the groups class for single-handed gardeners the competition was very keen. There were six competitors, and the plants employed were extremely well cultivated. The first premium was a victory for Mr. J. Draper, gardener to Mr. C. E. Firmin, Langley-road, Beckenham, and Mr. W. J. Conn, gardener to Mr. H. W. Dillon, of Sydenham, was a good second. The exhibits in the classes for flowering and foliage plants were characterised by high quality. Mr. C. Moody was awarded premier honours for three plants for table decorations. Mr. M. Webster secured the first prize for foliage, stove or greenhouse plants, and Mr Cole was the most successful competitor in the class for ornamental flowering and foliage plants. Begonias were, as usual, exceptionally fine, and in Division I premier honours were gained by Mr. J. Ralfe, Mr. Boxall being second. Some exceptionally fine specimen fuchsias were shown, and in this class Mr. R. Robertson gained first prize, as well as the silver gilt medal of the Royal Horticultural Society, as being the exhibit in Section I which displayed the highest cultural skill. Some beautiful zonal geraniums were shown, Mr. W. Trowell being awarded first, and Mr. F. Ribbens second prize.

Although not exhibited in large quantities, the quality of the fruit shown was very fine.

Roses were fairly numerous, and were another attractive feature.

In Section II for amateurs and cottagers, the competition was also very keen, and the exhibits generally speaking, were of excellent quality. In the class for group of plants arranged for effect, premier honours were awarded to Mr. W. Biswell. Figuring very frequently in the prize list were the names of Messrs. T. and J. Humphrey (Bromley), W. C. Boxall, C. Ranger, W. Sinnock, F. Sinnock, senr., and F. Sinnock, junr.

Perhaps no classes occasion so much diversity of opinion as to the relative merits of the exhibits as those for table decorations. The highest honours for lady amateurs only were carried off by Mrs. Stevens, of Sydenham, with a table on which was a charming assortment of sweet peas relieved by gypsophila. The table for which the second prize was awarded to Miss Attenborough, of Park-road, was daintily decorated with white and yellow marguerites and gypsophila. In the class for table decoration composed of roses, the highest honours were secured by Miss Mileham, of Copers Cope-road, and Mr. R. Sherwood was awarded second prize.

The non-competitive exhibits again added greatly to the attractiveness of the exhibition.

The judges were: Messrs. Whalley (Addington), Lyne (Chislehurst), Wright (Beckenham), H. J. Jones (Lewisham), Reddons, and Leach, with Mr and Mrs. Larkin for the ladies' classes.

After the judging had been completed, the judges and committee sat down to an excellent lunch, and at its conclusion, the Rev. H. Arnott (Rector of Beckenham) as president, proposed their health, and the toast was suitably responded to. "The Beckenham Horticultural Society," and the health of the hon. secretary, Mr. Thornton, were also proposed, and received with great cordiality.

During the afternoon and evening, an excellent programme of festivities was carried out.

ILLUMINATED FÊTE AT BROMLEY HILL SPRINGS.—On Tuesday, July 12th, the beautiful and picturesque grounds of Bromley Hill Springs presented a bright and animated scene, the occasion being an illuminated fête, promoted by the newly-formed archery, tennis, and sports club. Unfortunately, however, a shower was experienced between nine and ten o'clock, with the result that the thoroughly attractive programme compiled for the occasion had to be slightly abridged, but with this exception the gathering was in every sense of the word a distinct success. Much skill and ingenuity, as well as taste, were displayed in illuminating the grounds, and everything had been arranged to promote the pleasure of the members of the club and their friends, who were present in large numbers. Refreshments and the delicacies of the season were provided, and the Shortlands Orchestra played a delightful selection of dance and other music under the direction of their valuable conductor, Mr. C. H. Venning. Songs were tastefully rendered by Miss M. Dalby, and Mr. Jack Cox, and Mr. Jago evoked much merriment with his cleverly rendered humorous contributions. Banjo duets were played in an artistic manner by Messrs. Rupert Perrin and Fenner, but the musical sketches to have been given by Mr. Sydney B. Davis were abandoned owing to the rain, which brought about a termination of the proceedings at 9.30.

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FOR BROMLEY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD INQUIRY.

Col. W. Langton Coke, M.Inst.C E., held an inquiry at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Thursday June 30th, on behalf of the Local Government Board, in reference to the application by the Borough Council to borrow £10,000 for the purchase of land, opposite the Library, for the erection of municipal buildings, and £6,120 for the purchase of land in Southlands-road, for the purpose of public walks and pleasure grounds. There were present:—His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), the Deputy-Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), Alderman W. R. Mallett, Alderman G. Lawrence, Mr. Benjamin I'Anson Breach (of the firm of Messrs. Farebrother, Ellis & Co., 29, Fleet-street), the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), the Borough Engineer (Mr. Stanley Hawkings), the Borough Accountant (Mr. E. Trower), the Assistant Engineer (Mr. Cope), and Mr. E. S. Harris.

The Town Clerk said the first portion of the loan referred to the purchase of land for the site of municipal buildings. It had two frontages, one towards Widmore-road and the other towards Tweedy-road. In the acquisition of the land, the needs of the Borough in future years were considered. In 1871 the population was 10.674, and now it was estimated at about 30,000. The rateable value had increased in like proportion, and in spite of the rapidity with which the district had developed in the past, it was likely that the development of the Borough would be even more rapid in the future. The room in which the Inspector was then sitting was erected in 1870, soon after the Local Board was established which superseded the old Vestry. The accommodation then provided proved to be sufficient for 10 years, and at the end of that time certain additions were made to the offices. Since then no further extensions had taken place, although the late Urban Council had on various occasions considered the question, with the view of providing increased accommodation, both for the Council and the staff. For a number of years the members of the late Urban Council numbered 12, but in the year 1894 the number was increased by an Order of the County Council to 16. At the present time, and since the Incorporation of the Borough under the Charter, they had had 24 members. The result was that the accommodation, both for the Council and the officers, was entirely inadequate for their requirements. With regard to the suitability of the site for new municipal buildings, there could be no difference of opinion. The Inspector would see that the site was in the very centre of the town, and close to the present offices.

Mr. Harris said he did not object to the site, nor the price of it. He, however, wished to state that the necessary particulars had not been disclosed to the ratepayers. He wrote on June 23rd to the Corporation, asking for certain particulars, and he would hand a copy of that letter to the Inspector.

The Inspector then read Mr. Harris' letter, and later he stated that it could be forwarded to the Local Government Board, and Mr. Harris intimated that he should send it.

The Town Clerk said that the old Bromley Local Board and the late Urban District Council had from time to time urged the great necessity for the provision of a recreation ground for the fast-growing districts of Bickley and Bromley Common. Towards the end of last year the Urban District Council received what they considered a very advantageous offer of a piece of land containing about 14 acres at the sum of £550 per acre. This land had a frontage to Southlands-road, which was an important thoroughfare leading from Bromley Common to Bickley. It was, however, proposed to re-sell the building frontage on this road, reserving a carriage entrance of 25ft. in order to give access to the Recreation Ground. In order to reduce the price of the land, it was proposed to sell, under an order of the Charity Commissioners, the piece of land which was conveyed to the Bromley Local Board in 1890 for the purposes of a recreation ground by Mr. Michael Thomas Whitehall, and having regard to the estimated value of such land, the net amount required for the purchase of the proposed recreation ground would be £6,120.

The inquiry was shortly afterwards brought to a close, and subsequently the Inspector paid a visit to the proposed sites.

CONCERT IN CHISLEHURST CAVES.

The beautifully cool atmosphere prevailing in the Chislehurst Caves on Friday, July 15th, rendered them a peculiarly suitable locale for the capital concert organised by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ryan, of the Bickley Hotel, in aid of the Cray Valley Hospital. They were fortunate in receiving the assistance of many friends, and a most enjoyable concert was carried out with the greatest possible success. The large gallery from which the series of intersecting galleries diverge had been transformed into a really charming concert hall. Brilliant electric light illuminations rendered the "hall" as light as day, and the platform had been converted into a most artistic stage, the large dene-hole at the rear serving as an admirable "green room" for the accommodation of the artistes. Mr. Brett, of the Crown Theatre, Peckham, had very kindly undertaken the arrangement of the staging and scenery, and acted as stage manager most admirably. There was a good attendance. Mr. F. D. Lumsden opened both parts of the programme with capitally played pianoforte selections. The humorous songs, by Mr. Walter Fullerton, proved most entertaining. This gentleman is a most accomplished artiste, and his songs "How to love" and "Man" fairly brought down the house, the latter, in character, being one of the "hits" of the evening. Mrs. Arthur Field sang with much acceptance "Coo" and "Sammy," and was enthusiastically recalled. Miss E. Hadlow proved another popular entertainer, her two songs, "Tessy" and "Little Mary," being most successfully rendered. Miss Dora Heaysman sang a selection from "The Belle of New York" very sweetly and with much expression, and was warmly recalled. Mr. Herbert Ryan was cordially welcomed. He has a fine voice, of remarkable compass, and full of melody, and his rendering of "Anchored" and "Asleep in the deep" gained him vociferous encores. Mr. Sam Houlding and Mr. Bert Harris were also very successful, and Mr. Bert Slatter sang and danced with real ability. Mr. Lumsden was the accompanist. The concert was a great artistic success, and can hardly fail to be the precursor of many others.

At the Trinity College Theoretical Examination Miss Blanche Patten and Miss Margaret Pell successfully passed the Junior Division, and Miss Ethel Baker, Preparatory. They are pupils of Miss Blundell, "Mountfield," Southlands-road, Bromley.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS L. A. HOW AND MR. S. J. ROWE.

In the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends, the wedding took place at Elm-road Church, Beckenham, on Wednesday, June 22nd, of Miss Lilian Agnes (Lily) How, daughter of Mr. Coun. Thomas W. How, C.E., F.R.G.S., of Trinacria, Barnmead-road, Beckenham, and Mr. Stanley John Rowe, son of Mr. Charles J. Rowe, of Quantock, Babington-road, Streatham. The bride, who was attended by four bridesmaids, wore a beautiful dress of ivory peau de chine and yoke of embroidered chiffon, blouse bodice composed of silk lattice work and silk passementerie and orange blossom, with skirt of same silk trimmed with volants, Court train of rich Roman satin, lined silk, and trimmed with chiffon, lilies of the valley, and orange blossom, wreath of same flowers, and tulle veil.

The four bridesmaids, Miss Ella Rowe (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Hilda Deering (cousin of the bride), Miss May Winter-Were, and Miss Minnie Collins, wore dresses of pale blue voile de laine, yokes of Alencon and pale pink roses, sleeves with volants of lace, and skirts composed of three volants edged with ruches of pink silk, French waist belts, wreaths of roses, and tulle veils.

The bride carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white roses with centre of dark red roses, and the bridesmaids shower bouquets of pink carnations, these and marabout stoles being the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Eugene Garmeson, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gilbert Rowe, acted as best man, and was supported by Messrs. Reginald S. How, E. R. Watts, H. A. King, Sidney King, and H. Woodthorpe, groomsmen.

The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. R. Stewart Fleming, M.A., was the officiating clergyman. As the guests were assembling, Mr. Clarkson played the "Festival March" (Dunster), "Andante and Allegro" (Bach), "Minuet" (Mozart), "Postlude in D" (Smart), "Andante in F" (Wely). As the bride entered the church, the hymn "Love Divine! all love excelling," and after prayer, the hymn "O Love divine and golden," were sung. After the ceremony, Mr. Clarkson played the "Bridal March" (Wagner), and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at Trinacria.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe subsequently left for Cromer. The bride's travelling dress was of green baige voile trimmed with ecru lace, green jewel buttons, strappings and volant sleeves, red hat trimmed with tiny flowers and lace veil and natural marabout.

The presents were numerous and costly.

MISS FLORENCE BACON AND MR. R. AYLING.

A very pretty wedding, in which considerable local interest was manifested, was solemnised at Bromley Parish Church, on Wednesday, June 29th, between Mr. Richard Ayling, son of Mr. T. S. Ayling, of the Broadway, and "Osborne," Bromley Common, and Miss Florence Bacon, of Farwig. The ceremony was choral, the Rev. L. J. Elwin officiating. The first hymn was "O Father all creating," and Psalm lxvii., "God be merciful unto us," was chanted. The closing hymn was "Lead us Heavenly Father lead us." Mr. Percy Hodsoll presided at the organ, and prior to and after the ceremony, played the following pieces:—Andantino in E flat, Chants Sans Parole (Lemare), Sketch (Schumann), Andante in A flat (Guilmant), and Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The bride, who was given away, by her father, was charmingly dressed in cream silk crepoline, trimmed with silk and lace. She wore a hand-worked veil (the work of Miss Smith, a friend), and real orange blossom, and her shower bouquet was of white flowers. She was attended by four bridesmaids—Miss Pattie Bacon, her sister, and the Misses Ethel, Gertrude and Ivy Ayling—who wore very pretty dresses of cream silk voile, trimmed with lace and mauve silk ribbon. The elder two wore black picture hats, relieved with mauve, and the younger two had cream chiffon hats, similarly relieved with mauve. The bouquets were of white and mauve flowers. The bidegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. Stanley R. Ayling. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a number of relatives and friends (which would have been larger but for the recent bereavements in the bridegroom's family) assembled at Glenfield, Glebe-road, the residence of the bride's brother, and were there entertained. The honeymoon is being spent at Cromer, and on their departure Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ayling received the heartiest congratulations, and good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity. The bride went away in a smart costume of Navy blue, trimmed with white silk and lace, and wore a black picture hat.

Among the many handsome and useful presents received were:—Handsome black marble clock from the Bromley Gymnastic Club (of which Mr. R. Ayling is captain); polished walnut coal vase, from the employees of the Bromley Branch of the Telephone Company; music cabinet, from the Bromley Baptist Sunday School; set of oak trays, from the Bromley Baptist Band of Hope; beautiful silver fruit bowl, from the employees at The Broadway.

MISS E. A. M. WEST AND MR. W. LAVEY.

On Wednesday, June 29th, at the Elm-road Church, Beckenham, the wedding took place of Miss Edith Annie Mary West, daughter of Mrs. Annie West, to Mr. Walter Lavey, son of the late Mr. Walter Lavey, of Beckenham.

The bride wore a dress of ivory white brocaded satin, trimmed with real lace chiffon and orange blossoms, and carried a handsome bouquet. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Maude Green, who wore a dress of white silk, trimmed with Paris lace, with eau de nil hat and sash, and two little girls, Miss Cissy Oxten (niece of the bride), and Miss Gladys Courtenay, attired in ivory satin Empire frocks and bonnets, and carrying shepherds' crooks and bouquets of pale pink sweet peas.

The best man was Mr. H. P. Austin, and the groomsmen were Messrs. G. W. Courtenay, Richard Weiner, and A. Martin Newcombe. Mr. William Oxten, brother-in-law of the bride, gave her away. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. R. Stewart Fleming. Mr. John Parker presided at the organ. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 211, Beckenham-road. Later in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Lavey left for Folkestone, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling dress was of sapphire blue cloth, trimmed with cream silk, and large picture hat to match.

There were about 70 handsome presents.

MADEMOISELLE ELISE JULIEN AND MR. CHARLES ARTHUR HUNT.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, on July 4th, when Mademoi-

relle Elise Julien, second daughter of Monsieur Jules Julien, of the Belgian State Railways, Brussels, was married to Mr. Charles Arthur Hunt, third son of the late Mr. Thomas Hunt, of Bromley. The Reverend John Bond, Vicar of the parish, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. Alfrde A. Hunt, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunt left for Normandy, prior to their departure for Cairo, Egypt, where they will reside.

A.B.C. SALE AT BURLINGTON HOUSE, BROMLEY.

In harmony with the efforts that are being made all over the country with the admirable object of promoting efficiency in the accounts of that most deserving Institution, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, an A.B.C. Sale was held on Tuesday, June 28th, and evening at Burlington House, Widmore-road, Bromley, the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Madden. In the promotion and carrying through of the sale, Mrs. Madden was ably assisted by the local Ladies' Committee, prominent amongst whom were Mrs. Robert Bruce, Mrs. Man, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs Manger. The laudable object for which the sale was held appealed strongly to some of the tradesmen of the town and district, who were most generous in their gifts. The following tradesmen kindly contributed to the stalls:—Messrs. I. Uridge, T. Hyde, Cooling and Anderson, F. Medhurst and Co., W. Maunder, T. Wood and Son, W. Norrish, P. Howlett, J. W. Mays, G Pyrke (who kindly lent chairs and tables) and —Cole (Beckenham), etc. It should also be mentioned that a handsome donation of strawberries was received from Mr. Manger.

The several stalls were located on the picturesquely-situated lawn at the rear of the house. Fortunately, the weather was all that could be desired, thus assuring the success of the event. The arrangements by Mrs. Madden, who knows so well how to arrange these events, were admirable. The aprons stall, on which aprons both useful and artistic were attractively displayed, was ably presided over by Miss Baddeley, Miss Pink, and Mrs. de la Condamine. The basket stall was laden with every conceivable description of fancy and other baskets; it was in charge of Miss R. Madden, Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Robertson. At the Cake Stall, on which was tastefully arranged a great variety of dainties, the sales were superintended by Miss J. L. Madden, Mrs. Manger, and Mrs. Man. Refreshments were dispersed by Miss G. Madden, Miss Baddeley, Miss L. Davis, Miss M. Goodall, Miss Pain, and Miss E. Goodall, and afternoon tea served in the grounds proved a great attraction. A number of cake competitions were superintended by Miss Goodall and Miss Pemberton, and Dr. Madden found many patrons for the weighing machine, of which he was in charge, whilst that all important department, the Parcel Stall, was superintended by Miss Jones and Mrs. Bruce.

The proceeds amounted to £39 11s. 3½d.

Favoured by ideal weather, the employees of the firm of Mr. Mark Marshall, of the Electric Saw Mills, Sherman-road, Bromley, and of Messrs. J. Palin and Sons, builders and sanitary engineers, &c., of Farwig, Bromley, joined together for their annual outing on July 16th, when Hastings was visited.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

The above club held its third racing fixture of the present season at the Beckenham Baths on Wednesday, July 20th, and it was generally agreed that it was the most successful meeting the club has held this year, both in point of entries received, and in the keen competition shewn in the numerous heats. The race, which was scratch, was a two lengths back and breast, competitors swimming the first length breast stroke and the second on the back. Out of an entry of 12 there were 11 starters. In the first heat a splendid contest took place between A. M. Austin, S. B. Elcombe, F. Harding, and H. Marment, and the fact that until within a quarter-of-a-length of the finish all four men were practically dead level shews the extremely keen spirit shekn. The winner was S. B. Elcombe, who touched a bare second before F. Harding. The second heat was very finely contested between T. J. Fawdry, A. J. Cox, and A. Hunt, resulting in a win for Cox by about a yard off Fawdry. In the third and last heat, all four men, D. M. Phillips, C. Stark, H. Deadman, and B. Ayling were very evenly matched, and in the last half-length an exciting struggle ensued for first place between H. Deadman and B. Ayling, the latter eventually proving winner by a bare touch. The final, which took place about ten minutes later, resulted as follows: 1st, B. Ayling; 2nd, A. J. Cox; 3rd, S. B. Elcombe. Mr. C. H. Gunton kindly officiated as judge, and Mr. W. R. Gunton as starter.

BECKENHAM BATHS CLUB.

The Beckenham Baths Club's mile championship race was decided at Walton-on-Thames on July 9th, and was won by S. A. Robson, H. R. Lisle being second and G. F. L. Lepper third. The half-mile championship was won by A. Beney, with Lisle second and Robson third.

The Club's annual entertainment took place at the Baths on Wednesday, July 13th, when a capital programme was carried out. There was not so large an attendance as usual. Dr. Randell's Challenge Cup was won by P. Phipps, and the Invitation handicap resulted in a narrow victory for Lewisham.

The Boys' handicap was won by C. C. Beeny, P. F. Taylor being second.

In the Veteran's race, H. Lisle was first, H. Attenborough second, and Dr. Corbin third.

The Two lengths Club handicap resulted in a win for R. G. Christopher, with S. Grossmith second and R. Berk, junr., third.

The Four lengths handicap was won by A. J. Sturgeon, P. W. Padbury second and J. Cox third.

The Medley race was carried off by A. B. Craggs, with R. A. Inglis second and Lepper third.

The polo match was won by the Lewisham Club by 6—1.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Randell, to whom a very hearty vote of thanks was passed.

The members of the St. Mary's Working Men's Guild and those forming the Vicar's Communicants' class were entertained at St. Mary's Vicarage on Thursday, July 14th, to a supper and social gathering. There was a good company present to enjoy the Vicar's hospitality, and at the conclusion of supper the Rev. J. Bond, in a few well chosen remarks, heartily welcomed those present and referred to the great pleasure it gave him to entertain them.

HAYES FLOWER SHOW.

On July 20th, the Hayes Cottage Gardeners' Association held its 13th annual Flower Show in Bourne Meadow, by kind permission of Mr. E. A. Hambro. Favoured by glorious weather the show was visited by a large number of people, and proved in every way a great success. Coupled with the flower show and sports was the annual school treat. At 1.30 the children, numbering about 150, marched in procession to the Church, at which a shortened service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. Clowes. At the conclusion, the scholars, headed by the Hayes Brass Band, marched to Bourne Meadow, where the several forms of amusement provided for their delectation were freely indulged in. At four o'clock they were entertained to a good substantial tea, and at 4.30 the mothers, to the number of about 60, also partook of an al fresco repast, the catering being admirably carried out by Mr. F. J. Wells, of Keston.

The following were the judges:—Messrs. W. Whalley, Addington; W. J. Lyddiard and E. Harris, Bromley Common. The flower and table decorations were judged by Mrs. Torrens, Hayes; Mrs. Rae and Mrs. Anderson, Keston. Needlework by Mrs. Torrens, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Plant.

The arrangements for the day were admirably carried out by Mr. R. Lowndes, the courteous and indefatigable hon. secretary, and the Committee, consisting of:—Messrs. J. J. Crouch, H. Brown, J. Grandfield, A. Hopgood, C. Jordan, H. Lewis, W. Pascoe, H. Reader, A. Shave, R. Stacey, E. Stone, J. H. Willby, and J. Williams.

After the judging had been completed, the judges and Committee sat down to lunch, and at its conclusion, the Chairman, Mr. Lowndes, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the judges and the honorary exhibitors, and the motion was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Whalley responded on behalf of the judges, and Mr. R. Box afterwards proposed "Prosperity to the Society," to which Mr. Lowndes suitably replied. The excellent luncheon was provided by Mr. Davie, of the "New Inn," Hayes.

Farwig Wesleyan Mission.—On July 6th, the scholars and friends of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission, had their annual excursion, when a large number of members had a most enjoyable day at Hastings. The weather was all that could be desired, and the outing was one of the most successful in the history of the Mission. The trippers were accompanied by the military band connected with the Mission.

Bromley's New Assistant Town Clerk.—Mr. W. Jermyn Harrison, B.A., Deputy Town Clerk of the Borough of Gravesend, has been appointed to the post of Assistant Town Clerk to the Bromley Borough Council, rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. E. Trower as Borough Accountant. Mr. Harrison, who is 28 years of age, is a fully qualified solicitor. He completed his education at the University of Cambridge, where he studied law for his B.A. degree. In 1898 he was articled to a firm of solicitors, and later on he was transferred to the office of the Town Clerk of the Borough of Great Yarmouth. Subsequently he went to Norwich as a conveyancing and Common Law clerk. In September, 1902, he was appointed assistant solicitor to the Town Clerk of Gravesend, and in May, 1903, he was formally appointed Deputy Town Clerk. Mr. Harrison will take up his duties in Bromley in the course of a few days.

LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The delegates of the Metropolitan Kent District of the London Congregational Union met at Cedar Lawn, Beckenham, the residence of Mr. R. Murray Hyslop, the president, on Tuesday, June 28th, Tea was provided in the grounds adjoining the house; and a meeting and conference followed at half-past six, the subject for consideration being "Lay Preaching." Mr. R. Murray Hyslop presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. Lyon Turner (secretary), of Brockley; Rev. J. E. Flower (secretary of the Congregational Church Aid and Home Missionary Society), Rev. S. Sabine Read, Rev. T. Eynon Davies, and Rev. A. E. Abel, of Woolwich. There were also present: the Rev. W. Justin Evans (Lewisham High-road), Rev. E. J. Penford (Eltham), Rev. R. Dalby (New Eltham), Rev. R. Sirhowy Jones (Maze Hill, Greenwich), Rev. H. J. Just (Burnt Ash, Lee), Rev. W. A. McCubbin (Algernon-road, Lewisham), Rev. A. W. Anderson, B.A. (Sidcup), Rev. Joseph Wardle (Elmer's End), Rev. J. Ossian Davies (Shortlands), Mr. Elward Smith (Bromley), Mr. H. W. Amos (Bromley), Mr. H. Barber (Blackheath), Mr. W. J. Purver (Lewisham), Mr. J. Gittings (Plumstead), Mr. T. Arnold (Lewisham), Mr. J. Needham (New Cross), Mr. J. Joslin (Woolwich).

The Chairman welcomed those present and hoped that as an outcome of their intercourse they might go home to their respective spheres and realise more fully than ever that there was brotherhood in Congregationalism. He trusted that as a denomination they would avail themselves of every opportunity of bringing themselves into contact one with another, so that the strong churches might help the weak churches..

The Secretary then explained that three grants were recommended to the central council, but only one of them had been dealt with at the preliminary council meeting. The grant asked for for Belvedere, amounting to £20, was voted; but those for Charlton and New Eltham had been postponed to a season more nearly the end of the year. The grant for Charlton would commence in October; and he explained that, in respect to New Eltham, they had been asked to make another application. The secretary also reported on the young people's meeting. He further reported that the resolution passed on the Licensing Bill had been duly sent, and he had received answers from Major Coates, Sir W. Hart Dyke, Mr. Morton, and Lord Hugh Cecil.

An interesting discussion on "lay preaching" followed, the conference proving highly interesting.

Cordial votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

The Jackson Allotments.—The annual inspection and judging in connection with the Jackson Allotments took place on Saturday, July 16th, when the Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce, Miss Bruce, Mr. Adam Walker, Miss Boyce, Mrs. Jackson, Master L. Jackson, and others interested in the welfare of the working class of Bromley Common, attended, the judges being Mr. Benham, Mr Cooper and Mr. Stanbridge, who spoke very enthusiastically of the high state of cultivation of the various plots; and we congratulate all concerned in the remarkable success of the scheme. The following are the successful competitors for the best kept allotment:—1, F. Crow; 2, T. Humphrey; 3, E. Izard; 4, J. Humphrey; 5, T. Chisholm; 6. G. Izard; 7. W. Law; 8, S. Todman; 9, R. H. Brown; 10, G, Edwards; 11, J. Gregory; 12, W. Honey.

BROMLEY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The members of the Bromley Baptist Sunday School celebrated their anniversary in a fitting manner on Sunday and Wednesday, June 24th and 27th. On Sunday, thoroughly suitable addresses were delivered both morning and evening by the Rev. G. P. McKay, of Stoke Newington, and in the afternoon the rev. gentleman delivered an address at a highly successful flower service, presided over by Mr. J. W. Thomas. Special hymns were tastefully sung by the scholars, and the collections throughout the day were on behalf of the school funds.

On the following Wednesday, the usual public meeting was held, when the chair was taken by Mr. J. L. Williams.

Mr. Chas. Bacon presented the school report, which stated that the total number of scholars on the books at present numbered between 165 and 170, not including members of the Bible Classes. The average morning attendance had gone up considerably, and now averaged 65 to 70. In the afternoon, the attendance numbered about 127. Attached to the Sunday School was a very good library, on behalf of which gifts of good books would be gratefully welcomed.

Mr. Woollard presented the new school report, and in so doing, he said that they as a school were very well supplied in many ways. Still, they were considerably handicapped in their work, and a new school was now absolutely necessary for their use. However, a start had just been made towards getting a new school building, and although they had very little money in hand at present, yet the teachers and scholars by collections and small donations had realised about £15.

Interesting addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Rev. R. Silvey, and Mr. Wm. Olney, and a collection was taken on behalf of the Building Fund.

SAD SHOOTING FATALITY.

On Monday, June 27th, an inquest was held at "The Fox," public-house, Keston, by Mr. H. B. Sewell, on the body of Frederick Durling Apps, age 12, school boy, son of James Apps, of Rouse Farm, West Wickham, bailiff to Sir Henry Leonard, Bart.

It appears the lad was in a strawberry field during the afternoon of Saturday, 25th inst., with a bouble-barrelled muzzle-loading gun, scaring birds, and at about six o'clock in the evening, the deceased was in the act of ramming a charge home in the gun, the other barrel having been loaded, when by some cause the charge in the right barrel exploded and entered the lad's left cheek, causing instant death.

The witnesses stated that the affair was a pure accident; the hammer of the gun caught on the hand-barrow upon which the lad was standing at the time, and thus fell on the cap and exploded the charge.

After hearing the evidence of the father that the lad was quite used to the gun, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and expressed their sympathy towards the parents of the deceased.

The children attending the Bromley National and Mason's Hill Sunday Schools had their annual treat to Hastings, on July 1st, when a most enjoyable day was spent. Owing to the careful supervision of the teachers there were no mishaps.

Local Obituary.

MR. DAVID J. CHATTELL.

It is with very sincere regret that we this week have to record the death of Mr. David James Chattell, the well-known auctioneer and estate agent, of Chislehurst and Lincoln's Inn Fields, who passed away at his residence at 45, Redcliffe-square, South Kensington, on June 26th, after only a very short illness. The deceased gentleman, who was rightly esteeemed as one of the most able and distinguished representatives of his profession, had carried on business at 29a, Lincoln's Inn Fields, for nearly forty years, and during the whole of that period he had been identified with and well-known in the neighbourhood of Chislehurst. He had local offices at Lower Camden, and he, more than anyone else, probably, had been instrumental in developing the neighbourhood, and in popularising it as a first-class residential district. Nearly all the important estates and properties in the neighbourhood had passed through his hands at various times, and there is no question whatever that he had acquired a special knowledge of the value of land in the district which was quite unique. He was a member of both the Surveyors' Institution and the Auctioneers' Institute, and was highly popular with all members of the profession. He was a familiar figure at the Auction Mart, and, in every branch of his profession, he brought a degree of energy and hard work to bear which could not fail to bring success. At his London offices, he dealt very largely with the sale of freehold ground rents and securities of a like description.

For many years the deceased gentleman lived at Chislehurst, where he has many friends to whom the news of his death came as a great grief. Recently, he had removed to South Kensington, though his sons still live and are well-known at Chislehurst. The cause of death was heart failure, following upon a short and sharp attack of influenza. He was ill only a few days, and no serious consequences were anticipated until within an hour or two of his death. The deceased, who was 64 years of age, leaves a widow and nine children to mourn his loss.

For several years past, Mr. Chattell had been assisted in the business by his sons, Mr. F. L. Chattell and Mr. A. S. Chattell, the former of whom personally superintends and manages all business at the Chislehurst office. The business will be carried on as usual under the style of Messrs. David J. Chattell and Sons, by his two sons and the entire staff, including Mr. Charles Baker, the managing clerk, who had been with the deceased for nearly thirty years.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, June 30th, at Chislehurst Parish Churchyard.

The Rev. Lewis Smith succeeds the Rev. W. Ainsworth as Wesleyan minister at Beckenham, in September.

Al Fresco Concert.—A large gathering of Beckenham residents assembled at Kent House Park, the grounds attached to the Cator Estate, on Wednesday, July 20th, when a delightful al fresco concert was held in aid of the funds of the Beckenham Cottage Hospital. The grounds were charmingly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps, and a platform was erected in a sheltered corner. The programme included cornet solos by Mr. Herbert Godfrey, part songs by Mr. Mayor's select choir of 50 voices, solos by Miss Margaret Barker, Miss Nellie Dunford, Messrs. H. Cielli Ellen, E. A. Coombs, and some taking recitations by Mr. Charles Wreford.

BECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The athletic sports, annually held under the auspices of the Beckenham Cricket Club, took place on June 25th, and passed off most successfully. A feature of the meeting was the success of C. E. Deacon, whose remarkable stamina carried him through the afternoon with flying colours. He won the club 100 yards and 440 yards, finished an easy first in the relay race, and third in the club 880 yards. With a score of 135 points against R. Curwen's 75, he won the Club Challenge Cup, a much-prized trophy, which has been competed for since 1871 and was presented by His Highness the late Rajah of Kolapore. Last year's winner was A. E. Clapham, and Deacon achieved his initial success on Saturday, for in 1902 he was only a joint-holder with F. Furze and R. G. Brand. Much interest was taken in the performances of the Rev. H. W. Workman, who competed in the open events, at a quarter and a half mile. He showed splendid form at the longer distance, and, with the going none too fast, accomplished the fine time of 2min. 0 2-5sec. from scratch, although he was beaten on the handicap. In the 440 yards, the handicap again appeared too much for him, and he was beaten in the first heat without doing himself justice. Boys from the Abbey School, Beckenham, figured prominently in the minor events, and the brothers H. H. and R. G. Knight ran particularly well in the 250 yards, finishing first and second respectively. At the close, Lady Harris, who, notwithstanding the illness of her son, kept her promise to attend, presented the prizes, and was the recipient of a handsome basket of flowers.

Outings.—On Saturday, July 2nd, the employees of Mr. T.D. Graty, builder and contractor, of Bromley, had their annual outing, Margate being the place of rendezvous. In the morning showers were frequently experienced, but at mid-day the sky became more clear, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent. On arrival at Margate, at about 9.30, the party, numbering nearly 40, repaired to Munn's Hotel, where an excellent breakfast was partaken of.

Mr G. J. Woodman, J.P. and the London Shrievalty.—On June 24th, Mr. G. J. Woodman, J.P., the chairman of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board, was made Junior Sheriff Elect for the City of London. The esteem in which Mr. Woodman is held as a Corporator may be judged from the fact that in his 10 years' experience he has served as the chairman of no fewer than four of the leading Committees of the Corporation, including the Sanitary Committee, which is concerned with the public health work of the City; the Port Sanitary, which is charged with the protection of London and the country from the importation of disease, and also with the safeguarding of the food supplies from abroad; and the Coal, Corn, and Finance, a committee especially prominent of late consequent on the retrenchment scheme drawn up and accepted by the Court. Mr. Woodman sits as a Justice of the Peace for the Dartford division, and the most important position he has held in the County of Kent, is that of Chairman of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board, a body which controls a sewerage system affecting an area of about 127 square miles, exceeding that of the London County Council, and extending from Penge to Sevenoaks, Bexley, Dartford, etc.

Births.

Boothroyd.—On the 28th June, at St. Brelade, Holwood-road, Bromley, the wife of Ernest Boothroyd, of a daughter.

Hinchcliffe.—On the 26th June, at Veronica, Aldermary-road, Bromley, the wife of Fredk. J. Hinchcliffe, of twins (sons).

Hughes.—On the 16th July, at The Rosary, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Reginald Hughes, of a son.

Lewis.—On the 5th July, at "Pine Ridge," Orpington, the wife of Guilford E. Lewis, of a daughter.

Platts.—On the 27th June, at 16, Cambridge-road, Bromley, Mary, the wife of David John Platts, of a daughter.

Robson.—On the 13th July, at Oak Cottage, Lake-avenue, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Andrew B. U. Robson, of a son.

Savill.—On the 25th June, at 62, West Park, Eltham, the wife of Howard S. Savill, of three sons.

Twallin. On the 16th July, at Fairmead Cottage, Lake-avenue, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Charles George Twallin, of a son.

Walker.—On the 3rd July, at Pickhurst, Hayes, the wife of Arthur Huntley Walker, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Hunt—Julien.—On the 4th July, at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, by the Rev. John Bond, Vicar, Charles Arthur Hunt, third son of the late Thomas Hunt, of Bromley, to Elsie Julien, second daughter of Jules Julien, of the Belgium State Railways, Brussels.

Strouts—Russell.—On the 19th July, at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, vicar of the parish, assisted by the Rev. William Cyril Luxmore, of St. Mary's, Haggerston, Cecil Murton Strouts, third son of the late Edward Strouts, of Sheffield, to Sylvia Campbell, younger daughter of William Campbell Russell, J.P., of Chislehurst.

Virgo—Lukey.—On the 22nd June, at St. Saviour's, Croydon, by the Rev. — Kemp, William James Virgo, of Sundridge, to Maud Alberta, elder daughter of Henry James and Frances Lukey, formerly of Bromley, Kent.

Deaths.

Chattell.—On the 26th June, very suddenly, David James Chattell, of 43, Redcliffe-square, S.W., and 29a, Lincoln's Inn-fields, and Chislehurst, Kent.

Smith.—On the 29th June, at Pier house, Charlestown, Cornwall, Herbert Smith, formerly of Shanghai, China, and late of Wimbledon, Surrey, fourth son of the late Joseph Staples Smith, of Bromley, age 63.

Wilkinson.—On the 18th July, Emma, the beloved wife of Thomas James Wilkinson, of Grove Lodge, Beckenham, Kent, and 34, Great Tower-street, London.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Partridge shooting begins.—The football season opens.—Trial match of the Bromley Club on the new Sports Ground, Hayes-lane.

3rd.—Opening of the new Sports Ground in Hayes-lane, Bromley.—Oddfellows' Sports at Bromley Common, in connection with the Loyal Star of Keston Lodge.

4th.—*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

5th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

6th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom.

11th.—*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

12th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley at 10.30 a.m.

13th.—Bromley Rural Council at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom.—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's sale of household furniture, at "Cromwell House," Bromley common, at one for two o'clock.

15th.—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's sale at Wiffen's Farm, Clement-street, Swanley, at 12.30 for 1.30 o'clock.

18th.—*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

19th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House. Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

20th.—First meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, subsequent to the summer vacation. —Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom.—Sale of valuable household furniture, at "Easthill," Bickley, by Messrs. Baxter Payne and Lepper, at 11 for 12 o'clock.

21st.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Annual gala of the Bromley Swimming Club, at Beckenham Baths, at 8 p.m.

25th.—*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.*

26th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council at the offices, Beckenham, at eight o'clock.

27th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural Council at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom.—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's sale of valuable household furniture, at "Clement House," Clement-street, Swanley, at 12.30 for 1.30 o'clock.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on July 26th, the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), presiding.

MOTOR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on July 20th, Councillor Weeks (Chairman), in the chair. They have carefully considered the question referred to them by the resolution passed by the Council on the 3rd May last as to the cost and advisability of establishing a service of Motor Omnibuses. Various enquiries have been made as to the result of similar services in other Boroughs, and the Borough Engineer has prepared and submitted a report on the estimated cost of a service in this Borough. Without going into detailed figures it appears clear to the Committee that a system of Motor 'Buses could be run without involving any loss to the ratepayers. It will, however, be necessary to obtain statutory powers before the Council can undertake such a service, and the Committee therefore recommended that the necessary clauses be inserted in the proposed Omnibus Bill to enable the Council to provide and run Motor Omnibuses and to obtain the general powers in connection therewith.

Councillor Weeks proposed the adoption of the report.

Alderman Price had no objection to the Council acquiring all the powers they possibly could in the Omnibus Bill. But he was not prepared to adopt the principle that they should go in for running motor buses by the Corporation. If the possession of these proposed powers would enable them to fight any tramway company coming in against their will, they would be valuable. But he was not prepared to approve of the Council taking on the traffic of the town, which might be better left to private enterprise.

Councillor Weeks said it did not commit the Council to establish motor buses. Having obtained the powers, it would then be for the Council to decide whether to exercise them.

The report was then adopted.

THE SCHOOL OF ART.

A meeting of the Special Committee re the School of Science and Art was held on Wednesday, July 13th, Alderman James (Chairman), in the chair. The Committee had given their careful consideration to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council. In connection therewith the Town Clerk submitted various deeds, &c., relating to the School and the transfer from the Trustees and Managers to the Bromley Local Board. Having regard to the terms of (1) the Conveyances and Trust Deed dated the 9th February, 1878, and (2) the Conveyance of the School buildings and premises to the Local Board dated the 28th November, 1892, the Committee are of opinion that the School of Science and Art is vested in the Council of the Borough subject to the terms of the said Trust Deed and Conveyance, by which it is provided "that so long as the said building grant is not repaid to the Exchequer the said building shall be devoted solely to the instruction of children and adults in drawing, painting, modelling, designing in architecture, manufactures and decoration, and in the pure and natural sciences applicable to industry and manufactures." These terms were suggested and approved by the late Science and Art Department when giving their sanction to the proposed transfer of the School. The Committee therefore recommended that as the Council have delegated

their powers as to Higher Education under the Education Act, 1902, to the Education Committee of the Borough Council that the attention of that Committee be called to the terms of the before-mentioned deeds, and further recommend the Council to reserve to themselves the management of the school building, but not to restrict in any way the use of the building for the educational purposes set out in the Trust Deed.

The report was adopted.

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

The Municipal Buildings Committee reported as follows:—Meetings of the Municipal Buildings Committee were held on the 16th and 24th June, and the 2nd and 22nd July, Alderman Mallett (Chairman), in the chair. They reported as follows:—In accordance with the authority of the Council contained in the resolution passed on the 9th June last, your Committee have appointed an Assessor in connection with the proposed competition for the new Municipal Buildings. With regard to the suggested method of the competition the Assessor strongly advises the adoption of an open competition for all Architects practising within 20 miles of the Borough, and from the designs sent in five designs to be selected by the Assessor, the author of the design placed first to be entrusted with the execution of the work, and the following premiums to be paid for the other designs, viz.:—Second design, £60; third design, £30; fourth design, £30; fifth design, £30. The Committee unanimously recommend that the Assessor's suggestion be adopted. The Assessor also suggests that the amount to be expended on the buildings should be stated in the conditions as, in order to secure the best and most compact planning to provide for all the accommodation required with the least possible waste, it is necessary to set out the matter in concise terms. It was therefore resolved to recommend that the cost of the building as described in the conditions be fixed at £20.000.

Alderman Mallett said the Committee considered what limit they should place on the expenditure; and though it was difficult to name a sum, without the drawings before them, yet the Committee came to the conclusion that a fairly decent building which would not be a discredit to the Borough could be carried out for £20,000, to include sanitary work, water supply and lighting, but exclusive of all internal fittings and also of professional charges, which might be taken roughly at something like £5,000, so that the total expenditure on the building they hoped to limit to £25,000.

Turning to the financial position, the purchase money for the land was about £10.000, which would be raised by loan for 50 years. The estimated annual sum required for interest and capital was £466, about equal to the proceeds of a half-penny rate. The cost of the buildings and fittings was £25,000, and this could be raised by a loan for 30 years, the estimated annual re-payment being £1,438, equal to the amount raised by a rate of 1½d. in the £, on the present rateable value. That £25,000 included the cost of furnishing. The total cost, therefore, was an annual rate of 2d. in the £, or one penny on each half-yearly collection. But this statement of the case was not very accurate, because it was of a temporary character.

A long discussion ensued, and finally the report was adopted.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Pursuant to notice, the Mayor moved:—"That the Council at its rising do adjourn until the 20th September, the Committees to meet on the 13th September, and that the Buildings Committee be authorised to approve or disapprove any plans which it may be necessary to deal with."

It was seconded and carried.

BROMLEY HIGH STREET WIDENING.

At a meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, on July 26th,

The Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith, J.P.). pursuant to notice, proposed the following resolution:—

"That the best thanks of the Council be presented to the members of the High Street Improvement Committee on its dissolution, for the unremitted zeal and discretion with which they have conducted their important duties in connection with the widening of the High Street."

Councillor Worley seconded.

Councillor Taylor, as a representative of one of the town Wards, supported the proposition.

Councillor Newton added his testimony to the admirable work of the Committee, and the resolution of thanks was cordially carried. which he did most sincerely. Altogether, 68 claims were received from owners. lessees, and occupiers, representing a total amount claimed of £124,798. One notice to treat was withdrawn, after notice to take the whole of the property, the claim amounting to £12,805. In two cases only were proceedings taken to determine the value of the property. One went to arbitration, and the other was decided by a jury. Sixty-two claims were settled by private treaty, and the amount of these claims was £94,728. Some of the claims were very reasonable and were soon settled. Some took much negotiation, and eventually were all settled for £57,542—roughly about two-thirds of the amount claimed. Two claims still remained unsettled. The total cost of the improvement, up to date, was:—Compensation paid amounting to £65,393; works of road construction, pavements, new surface water sewer for High-street, etc., £1,363; arbitration and jurors' expenses, Surveyors' fees, etc., £4,922; and miscellaneous, £177, giving a total of £71,855. The amount received from sale of surplus land, after allowing for expenses, commission, and so on, was, including £9,500 from the sale of Crowhurst's corner, £26,511. Received for temporary rents, £602; sale of old materials, £310; making a total of £27,423, giving a total net cost up to the present of £44,432. Of the gross expenditure of £71.855. £11,478 had already been re-paid, and something more would be paid immediately from the proceeds of the sale of land at Crowhurst's corner. Originally, the rateable value of the whole of the property was £1,293, and the estimated rateable value of the property already rebuilt amounted to £2,544. This, at the rate of 3s. 6d. in the £. would provide an additional £221 per annum to the funds of the Council—in fact, the improvement had just doubled the rateable value of the premises re-built. The total cost of £44,432, raised by loan for 50 years, involved an annual charge of about £1,900, and they might fairly assume when all the claims were settled and all the works completed that the annual charge would not exceed £2,000, which would be met by an annual rate of 2½d. in the £ even on the present rateable value of £900 from a 1d. rate. But with the rapid increase in the rateable value by the new buildings the charge would be quickly

reduced to 2d. per annum or 1d. per rate for the half-year. In conclusion, Alderman Mallett paid a very high tribute to the great skill, expert knowledge and assistance rendered by their advisor, Mr. Fredk Payne, who, throughout the entire business, had advised them on every point very conscientiously and very wisely. His judgment in all matters had been very good, and his valuations had been substantiated in every possible way by the results.

Alderman James testified to the valuable services which had been rendered by the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer throughout the whole of these most difficult proceedings—an expression of appreciation which was cordially endorsed by Alderman Mallett and the whole of the members of the Council.

BROMLEY GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company was held at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on Tuesday August 9th, Mr Alexander Dickson (Chairman of Directors) presiding.

The report of the directors for the half-year ended 30th June was as follows:—The make of gas has been increased by nearly 4,000,000 cubic feet, compared with the corresponding period of last year. The market for coke and other residuals is not, however, brisk, and prices are lower. To better enable the consumers to obtain the best light and the greatest advantage from the use of incandescent burners and mantles, the directors are now organising a periodical examination, by competent workmen, of such burners and mantles at a small fixed charge, supplying new mantles when desired, at cost price. The directors had hoped to announce a reduction of 2d. in the price of gas, but owing to a great increase in the assessment of the Company's property by the Bromley Union, still subject to appeal, they are only able to reduce the price from 3s. to 2s. 11d., as from and after Michaelmas next. The profit and loss account shows a balance of £10,964 15s. 8d. The directors recommend the declaration of dividends under the sliding scale at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum upon the 5 per cent. A Ordinary Stock of the Company, and at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum upon the 3½ per cent. B Ordinary Stock (both less Income Tax) payable on and after the 10th day of September next, which will absorb £6,728 5s. 0d. and leave a balance of £4,236 10s. 8d. to be carried forward to the next account. More working capital being required, a resolution to create and authorise the issue of further Debenture Stock will be proposed at this meetin.—This was adopted.

Mr. William Temple, younger son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, is among the first-class men in the Oxford honour list of the "Final Classical School." Like his father, who achieved a similar distinction nearly seventy years ago, Mr. Temple is a member of the Balliol College, and since the late Primate's death, Mrs. Temple has been residing with her son at Oxford.

LECTURE CONFERENCES.—Under the auspices of the Kent Sunday School Union a series of lecture conferences will be held in the Bromley Congregational Church and Lecture Hall during the last week in October. The gatherings will be conducted by Mr. G. H. Archibald, of Montreal, Canada.

FIRE AT MESSRS. PODGER & SON'S DYE WORKS.

FIRE BRIGADE'S SMART WORK.

One of the most serious fires that Bromley has experienced for some years broke out in the small hours of Monday, August 22nd, and nothing but the splendid promptitude and admirable work of the members of the Bromley Fire Brigade prevented it from assuming much larger proportions. The scene of the outbreak was the dying and cleaning factory of Messrs. H. Podger and Sons', Ltd., situated at Pembroke-road, Widmore—a large and substantial building situated to the rear of Tylney-road, towards Nightingale-lane, the conical crowned tower of which is a conspicuous landmark for a long distance around. The Brigade responded splendidly. We cannot give the exact times, but their promptness is proved by the fact that in rather less than eight minutes from the call the Brigade were at the scene of the fire with their steamer in full working order, and water was being poured on to the flames. The works are built in two separate blocks, the cleaning works, which are situated in the front, occupying the greater part of the space, and the dying works being to the rear, and quite separate. A considerable quantity of highly inflammable material is stored near the latter portion, and the chief anxiety of the Brigade was to prevent the fire reaching this. Happily, the outbreak was confined to the front portion of the cleaning works. The fire was extinguished before 5.30 a.m., and the Brigade were able to leave. But just before 8.30 a.m. they were called again, as some of the wood-work was again beginning to smoulder, and a second application of water had to be made.

The exact amount of the damage done has not yet been estimated, but it is very considerable. The sorting, mess, glazing and drying rooms are quite gutted, and much valuable plant has been destroyed, while the machinery has also been damaged to a serious extent. In the drying room was a large quantity of customers' goods, much of it of a costly character, which had been cleaned and finished, and was being dried off ready to go home on Monday morning; and in the sorting room was another large assortment of goods, sent to be cleaned or dyed. The whole of this has been destroyed.

It should be mentioned that Inspector Coster, the sub-divisional inspector of the Bromley subdivision of police, was present with a staff of officers and lent valuable assistance in preventing the public—of whom there was a large assemblage—from impeding the Fire Brigade in their efforts to combat the flames.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt you are aware that a fire occurred in our Dying and Cleaning works, Pembroke-road, on Monday last, between 3 and 4 a.m. Cause unknown. A considerable amount of damage has been done to the south end of the building, but owing to the promptitute of the fire brigade it was well under by 5 a.m. and entirely out by 6 a.m. A great number of customers goods have been destroyed, most of which are expensive costumes sent for cleaning and dying. We shall, however, be able to carry on the business as usual while the buildings are being restored. Needless to say, it is covered by insurance.

Yours faithfully,

H. PODGER.

Kenilworth,
Shawfield Park, Bromley.
24th August, 1904.

BROMLEY'S NEW DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

Bright weather prevailing, there was a large and representative attendance at the formal opening, on Saturday, August 6th, of the two new drinking fountains which have been erected in Bromley (one at Widmore and the other at the top of Bromley Hill) as a result of the devotion and persistent efforts of Dr. Herbert A. Smith, of London-road. It is but four months since that Dr. Smith took active steps to add to the drinking fountains and horse troughs of the town. In the meantime he has dealt with the matter in such a thoroughly practical and business-like way that not only one but two additional structures of this kind have been erected in the town and upon this decidedly successful result of his efforts Dr. Smith is to be highly congratulated. Amongst those present at one or the other of the opening ceremonies were: Lady Bruce (who was the recipient of a handsome bouquet of roses and sweet peas, gracefully presented to her by little Miss Gladys Gripper), the Misses Bruce, the Rev. John Bond (Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow), the Rev. P. Barker (Vicar of St. John's), Mrs. Barker, Rev. James White (Bromley College), Rev. and Mrs. Bedford Pim, Dr. Herbert Smith, Dr. A. F. G. Codd, Dr. P. Cook, Captain W. Simpson (Secretary of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association), Mr. Lewis Coward, K.C. (one of the trustees of the Association), Major and Mrs. Satterthwaite, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Miss M. Hancome, Messrs. W. J. Gibbs, W. J. Homewood, and J. Rogers (members of the Borough Council), Mrs. W. J. Gibbs, Mrs. Best, Mr. Murray Richardson and family, the Misses Lees (hon. secs. of the Bromley Auxiliary of the R.S.P.C.A.), the Misses Ellman, Mrs. and the Misses Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ely, Mr. H. Podger, Mr. Mercer Hatch (who took some excellent photographs of the gathering), Mrs. Poulder, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gripper, Miss Gladys Gripper, Masters Gripper, Mrs. E. Price and the Misses Price, Miss Withers, Miss Devitt, Mr. and Miss Hole, Miss Mee, Miss Henderson, Miss Webber, Miss Evelyn Wright, Inspector Tom Williams, R.S.P.C.A., and many others. Both of the new fountains had been rendered very conspicuous to passers-by by means of floral and other decorations, besides which several appropriate mottoes were exhibited. The floral decorations, which were of a singularly handsome and tasteful character, were carried out by Mr. G. M. Bick, of the Sundridge Park Nurseries. Mr. G. Pyrke, of High-street, Bromley was responsible for the effective display of bunting. Mr. Selby Wood kindly supplied carriages; Mr. Satterthwaite provided decorated horses; the Borough Council facilitated as much as possible the erection of the decorations; and thanks are also due to Mr. E. Crossley for the loan of a flag staff; the Bromley Conservative Club for the loan of flags; and last, but by no means least, hearty thanks are likewise due to the members of the Bromley Volunteer Band, who attended, and rendered suitable and much appreciated selections of music. The proceedings were commenced at three o'clock, at Widmore, when it was proposed by Dr. Herbert Smith, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. P. Barker be elected Chairman.

After speeches by Dr. Smith and Mr. Lewis Coward, K.C.,

Lady Bruce then stepped forward and turned on the water at the fountain, observing that it gave her great pleasure to declare the structure open. She then took a drink of some of the water from the goblet handed to her by Dr. Herbert Smith, and a number of the other spectators immediately followed her example. Several of the quadrupeds present, including "Lassie," Miss Mabel Bruce's pet donkey, were afterwards persuaded to step forward and take long draughts of the cool, clear liquid.

Captain Simpson next briefly addressed the gathering, and spoke in complimentary terms of the able manner in which Dr. Smith had carried out the duties of hon. secretary, after which he proposed that he be accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Dr. Herbert Smith, in reply, said he highly appreciated and heartily thanked Mr. Lewis Coward for his kind gift and gracious compliments. He should prize the goblet as a memento of a memorable occasion and, like the bee who had gathered some honey, he should go away contented and grateful. (Applause.) He also heartily thanked Captain Simpson for the kind way in which he had spoken of his services.

The Rev. Barker proposed that Lady Bruce be heartily thanked for her kindness in attending and formally opening the fountain. Lady Bruce and her husband were ready helpers in every good work undertaken in the town, and it was their earnest hope that both of them would be spared to live amongst them for many years to come. (Applause.)

The Rev. James White seconded the motion, which was carried with great cordiality.

An adjournment was then made to Bromley Hill for the purpose of formally opening the new trough which has been erected at the top of the Hill, which ceremony was graciously performed by Mrs. Herbert Smith.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

Of the seven candidates who sat for the recent College of Preceptors Examination, all have been successful in obtaining the certificates they sought.

Miss Gertrude Sandle, who was bracketed second in the list of Third Class candidates last year, has this year gained an Honours certificate in the Second Class, with distinction in French and Drawing.

Miss Dorothy Hill passed in the Honours division of the Third Class, with distinction in English.

The Junior Forms candidates were Miss D. Clark, Miss K. L. Thoburn, Miss G. A. Whittle, Miss E. E. Girling, and Miss M. Burkitt. Of these, the first three mentioned are to be especially congratulated the percentage of marks obtained by them being unusually high.

On his retirement from the post of superintendent at Charing Cross Station, Mr. George Abbott, M.V.O., has been presented by the directors of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company with a gold watch and an illuminated copy of a resolution passed by them testifying to his faithful services during the long period of 58 years.

Earl's Court was visited by the choirs of St. George's (Bickley) and Widmore Mission Churches on August 6th, the occasion being that of their annual outing. The trippers were favoured with beautiful weather, and the day proved an entire success.

MR. AND MRS. DEWEY'S GARDEN PARTY.

On Wednesday, July 27th, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P. and Mrs. Dewey gave a garden party at South Hill Wood in commemoration of the Incorporation of the Borough of Bromley. Several hundred invitations had been issued, but the occasion was not favoured with the best of weather, and a heavy shower in Bromley and threatening clouds caused the attendance to be less than otherwise would have been the case. At the same time, however, nearly 300 ladies and gentlemen, representative of the official and social life of Bromley, were present, and a truly delightful time was spent. The grounds at South Hill Wood are noted for their beauty, and it is easy to understand, therefore, that this is an ideal place for an illuminated fête, and certainly the grounds had an ideal host and hostess in Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, who had done everything possible to promote the pleasure of the visitors. Apart from the opportunities for pleasant social intercourse which the occasion afforded, and the enjoyment to be derived amid such surroundings, the charms of music were as ideal as the other items of an ideal gathering. Sparkling music was supplied by the famous Blue Hungarian Band, which was seated on the lawn in front of the pavilion. Refreshments, comprising all the delicacies of the season, were lavishly dispensed from a marquee erected on the croquet lawn, where sweet music was discoursed by D'Amato's talented Neapolitan Singers. Music was also provided by the Bromley Borough Band, after the Blue Hungarian Band had completed their programme, and the gathering was in every sense of the word a great success. At dusk, the grounds were brilliantly illuminated. Skill and ingenuity, as well as taste, were displayed in the execution of this work, and the effect of the 4,000 twinkling fairy lights and the hundreds of Chinese lanterns utilised in the scheme of illumination, with the grounds plunged in the darkness of night, was emphatically striking. The facade of Mr. Dewey's residence well lends itself to decorative or illuminative purposes, and its possibilities in this direction had been seized to the full. In the centre was the Imperial Crown flanked by the Royal initials in large characters, the whole work being done by electrical agencies.

The illumination of the grounds was entrusted to Mr. George Pyrke, of High-street, Bromley, who received many hearty congratulations in regard thereto; and the catering of Howard's Stores, Ltd., under the personal superintendence of Mr. John Howard, was, in every way, admirable.

BROMLEY CYCLING AND MOTOR CLUB.

The annual excursion of the above club was held on Wednesday, July 27th, in rather unfavourable weather, a very heavy shower coming on just after the arrival at the destination, which was the picturesque village of Eynsford. However, this proved to be the sum total of the weather's misdeeds, and the rest of the day passed off without more inconvenience from this source. About 30 members and friends took part, the whole affair being a most enjoyable one. Tea was served at "Darenth House" in capital style, and after a stroll in Lullingstone Park (for which permission had been very kindly given by Sir Wm. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P.), and through the village and surroundings, the party started for home which was reached without incident.

OLD BROMLEY.

An interesting article appeared in a recent copy of the "Chemist and Druggist," in which were contained some interesting particulars relative to the long business connection of the firm of Mr. W. Baxter, chemist and druggist, with Bromley. The article is headed by a very artistic prescription heading which was used by the grandfather of the present proprietor of the firm. It is a representation of the Good Samaritan, and was at first thought to be a copper plate engraving by the famous engraver, Thomas Bewick. Expert opinion has, however, decided otherwise, though favouring the view that it is probably the work of a pupil of Bewick's, and that possibly of his son, Robert. The writer of the article goes on to make a most interesting analysis of a bundle of very old invoices which are described as "a veritable antiquarian gold mine." The business was established in the year 1818, being then in the Market-square, close to the premises now occupied by Messrs. J. Hopton and Sons, the fruiterers and greengrocers. In those days the old turn-pike road ran past there, the "New Cut," as the road which now forms the main road, passing by the premises occupied by Messrs. Medhurst, Ltd., was then called, being made a number of years subsequently.

In 1820 the business was transferred to the present site in the High-street. The shop in those days had quaint old-fashioned bow-windows with the little curved panes of glass that a window tax and expensive plate-glass made necessary. It had a mounting stone and two bridle posts at the door, and we are told that when the Emperor Napoleon III. and his Consort lived in exile at Camden House, Chislehurst, they and their son were frequent visitors to it. In those days the renowned Surgeon, John Scott, the knowledge of whose wonderful cures rendered Bromley quite famous, was in the town, and the first Mr. Baxter was the maker of the celebrated Surgeon John Scott's plaster, and acted as the surgeon's dresser.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

Bro. F. J. Weston, Worthy Patron, in recognition of his many years of self-denying and faithful work in the temperance cause, both amongst children and adults, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, was on August 22nd, at the Alexandra Hall, presented with a certificate of merit, beautifully framed. The presentation was made by Bro. T. Wootton, D.G.W.P., who said that the illuminated address did not fully express their appreciation of Bro. Weston's labours, for that was impossible. Their very successful juvenile work was entirely started by him, and its success owed much to his constant care and zeal.

Bro. F. J. Weston returned his sincerest thanks. He had done what he could, because he believed total abstinence to be one of the best things for children and adults.

A programme of music, etc., was carried out by several friends, including the following: Pianoforte solos by Miss Cates, Bromley, who also sang "Shade of the Palm," and "Looks and Eyes" as an encore, all of which were greatly appreciated. Miss Gertie Filler gave "Down the Vale" and "Whisper and I shall hear;" Miss Grace Hughes, two Irish songs; Mr. Davis, two humorous action song. The chair was taken by Mr. Housden, Sydenham.

BROMLEY COMMON FLOWER SHOW.

A RECORD EXHIBITION.

The very best show ever held at Bromley Common was the unanimous opinion of experts and amateurs alike, after inspecting the exhibits at the 26th annual show of the Bromley Common and District Cottagers' Society, held on July 23rd, in the Park, Bromley Common, by kind permission of the esteemed President of the Society, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C. Not only was there a marked increase in the number of entries, but the quality all round was much better. There was a very fair attendance during the first few hours, and as the afternoon wore on and the lower prices came into force the Park was visited by a goodly number of people. As in former years, the organisation of the fixture was all that could be desired, and in this respect all round credit must be accorded the highly courteous and valued hon. secretary, Mr W. J. Lyddiard, upon whom so much of the work fell. In this connection, a special word of praise is also due to the committee for the loyal manner in which they worked to secure the complete success of the gathering. The committee consisted of Messrs. G. Rowbottom, Blick, Crane, Green, Harris, sen., Humphrey, Heims, sen., H. Heims, jun., J. Mogg, Jarvis, P. Cannings, E. Peill, Pascoe, Startup, Tong, G. Wooding, and T. Chase.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A KEEN CONTEST FOR THE "YOLLAND" SHIELD.

During the afternoon and evening a splendid programme of sports of 26 events was gone through without a hitch of any sort. The races by the boys were contested with all the enthusiasm of excited youth, and a number of the competitors showed form full of promise. Great keenness and enthusiasm were evinced in the contests for the "Yolland" Shield, kindly presented by Mr. Councillor E. Peill for competition amongst the children attending the public elementary day schools of the town and district. As the result of the sports, the shield was won by Aylesbury-road School with 25 points, Wharton-road being second with 22 points, and Bromley National third with 16 points.

The prizes were very kindly presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. A. C. Norman, and at the conclusion of the interesting ceremony,

Mr. Heppel proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Norman, which was agreed to by hearty cheering.

Mr. A. C. Norman suitably returned thanks on behalf of his wife, and made sympathetic allusion to the absence of Dr. Yolland through his recent accident. Mr. Norman also spoke in warm terms of the splendid services Dr. Yolland has rendered the Society, particularly as hon. secretary of the sports, and finally he voiced the sentiments of his numberless local friends by wishing him a speedy and complete recovery from his accident.

A public telephone call office has just been established at the offices of Messrs. Quallett & Robins, adjoining Beckenham Station.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—Mr. G. W. Perkis has been elected to the post of hon. secretary to the Entertainment Committee of the Bromley Conservative Club, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. C. H. Hills, who has occupied the position with marked success for the past five years.

FARNBOROUGH FLOWER SHOW.

ANOTHER WET DAY.

The ninth annual exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables, organised by the Farnborough Horticultural Society, was held on August 17th in the beautifully situated grounds of Holwood Park, which were kindly thrown open by the Right Hon. Lord Derby. It was most unfortunate for the promoters that after such an exceptionally fine season for out-door events, the day they selected for their show should again be a bad one, for early in the morning came the commencement of what proved to be some hours' continuous rain. The fates have been very unkind to the Farnborough Show during the past few years, and last year's exhibition was completely spoilt by rain. On this occasion, continuous rain was experienced till nearly two o'clock, and as a result, the gate during the afternoon was practically nil. Happily, however, the weather cleared before four o'clock, and the attendance in the evening brought some little compensation for the misfortune of the earlier part of the day. It was more than a pity that the show should be marred in this way, for it was a really excellent one. The total entries, about 300, were rather more than last year, and the show was as full as usual. Speaking generally, the exhibits were very good indeed, and the show all round showed a decided improvement, the competition being very much keener. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the courteous and obliging hon. secretary, Mr. F. London, and the committee, the arrangements were excellent, and the show was conducted with complete credit to all concerned. The deliberations of the committee have been admirably presided over by Mr. H. F. Priter, and Mr. James Weatherley ably discharged the duties of hon. treasurer. The committee consisted of Messrs. H. Alderson, R. Craig, J. Dowler, A. Dunlop, G. Follett, A. Garratt, R. Griffin, W. G. Hall, W. Lewery, J. Stow, and L. Staples.

The judges were Mr. J. Lyne and Mr. Lees, of Chislehurst, and Mr. C. Blick, of Hayes. The needlework was judged by Mrs. P. S. Watkins, Miss Rowe, and Miss Hicks, and the allotment competitions by Messrs. R. Griffin, J. Weatherley, A. Garratt, and W. Lewery.

The brass and reed band of the St. Joseph's Orphanage played an admirable selection of music during the afternoon and evening, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Burt; and there were various attractions, including sports, a Fire Brigade display by the following members of the Bromley Union Fire Brigade: Capt. A. Blackmore, and Firemen M. Welch, W. Richards, W. Barnett, and W. Jackson. Swings, cocoa-nut shies, roundabouts, etc., were also provided, and well patronised.

After the judging had been completed, the judges and committee sat down to an excellent luncheon supplied by Mr. A. J. Eyres, of the "Rose and Crown," Green-street-Green.

RAINFALL IN JULY.—The following register for the past month was taken by Mr. James Batten, J.P., at The High Field, Bickley:—1st, .02; 2nd. 24; 3rd, ·01; 19th, ·03; 25th, ·71; 27th, ·27; 29th, ·14; 30th, ·13. Total, 1·55.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday, July 29th, at the Institute, Plaistow-grove, Bromley, the Rev. C. A, Curgenven was presented with a purse, the artistic work of Mrs. Satterthwaite, containing over £50, collected as a small wedding gift from the Parish by Mrs. Bond, aided by two or three other local ladies.

DOWNE FLOWER SHOW.

The Downe, Keston and Cudham Horticultural Society held its 21st exhibition on Monday, August 1st, the beautiful grounds of Downe Hall being placed at the disposal of the Society by Mr. C. L. Sutherland, C.I.E. The weather was ideal, for though the sun's rays were almost too powerful, a nice breeze tempered the heat and made the conditions as good as could have been desired. The entries showed a substantial increase, there being 450 against 400 last year, and generally speaking, the quality of the exhibits was excellent. The committee, who carried out their duties admirably, consisted of Messrs. G. N. Murton (chairman), Pound, Gatland, Sawyer, Staples, Wiles, Bass, Boyce, Udall and Mittell, with Mr. Arthur A. Dunmall (secretary), and Mr. T. T. Gilbert (hon. treasurer). The president of the society in the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard. The judges were: Mr. J. Lyne (gardener to Mr. H. F. Tiarks, Foxbury, Chislehurst), and Mr. Sutton (gardener to Earl Stanhope, Chevening Park); needlework, Mrs. P. Russell and Miss Murton.

A notable feature of the schedule is the long list of special prizes offered by ladies and gentlemen residing not only in the immediate district, but also in Bromley and elsewhere. In the list were the names of Miss C. S. Ffinden, Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, Miss Murton, Lady Margaret Cecil, Mr. R. Taylor (Bromley), Mr. H. N. Lubbock, Mrs. W. Igglesden (Bromley), Mr. George Ginn, Mr. James Ford, Mr. J. Whitehead, Mr. F. W. Batchelder (Bromley), Messrs. Steiert and Son (Bromley), Mr. Parsons (Bromley), Mr. H. Burch (Orpington), Mr. J. Morton Crouch (Bromley), Mr. J. Howard (Bromley), Messrs. Weeks and Sons (Bromley), Messrs. J. Lovibond and Son, Mr F. L. Muirhead, Mr. T. Edmunds (Westerham), Mr. Robert Ferris (Bromley), Mr. A. Hill, Mr. George Ginn, jun., Captain J. R. Wigan, Mrs. Hugh Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Russell, Mr. K. Dotter (Bromley), Mrs. T. T. Gilbert, Mrs. A. Hill, and Mr. G. N. Murton.

Among the honorary exhibits was an extensive and interesting display of bee-keeping apparatus and appliances by Mr. S. J. Baldwin, of Bromley.

During the afternoon a programme of sports was carried out, the competitions being open to residents of Downe and district only.

WEST WICKHAM FLOWER SHOW.

The second annual exhibition of the West Wickham Horticultural and Cottage Gardeners' Society was held on July 27th, andpassed off most successfully. It was held, by kind permission of the president, Mr. G. W. Bird, in the grounds of the Manor House, and was a show which presented some very attractive features, and included in addition to a goodly array of horticultural products, many interesting industrial exhibits.

The judges were Mr. H. Cook, gardener to Colonel Simpson, Shirley Park; Mr. M. Webster, Kelsey Manor gardens; Mr. Crosswell, gardener to Mr. Bullivant; needlework, Mrs. McAndrew and Mrs. H. Gripper; carving, &c., the Rector, the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts, and Mr. H. S. Cowdell; drawing, Mr. G. Bird; cookery, Lady Lennard's and Mrs. Russell's cooks.

During the afternoon and evening a selection of music was performed by an efficient band, and towards dusk the grounds were illuminated and dancing was indulged in.

The Bromley F.C. open the season at home on September 3rd with a match against Civil Service.

PLAISTOW'S NEW VICAR.

THE REV. E. L. COLEBROOKE, M.A.

Our readers will be much interested to learn that the Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, M.A., who for the past nine years has been Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, to be Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, in succession to the Rev. John Bond, M.A., who has been appointed Vicar of Horsham. The rev. gentleman is well-known throughout this district, the energetic and assiduous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office at Bromley Common being well-known to very many outside the circle of that particular district. Both he and Mrs. Colebrooke have taken a most active part, not only in the work of the Church, but in everything which has been promoted to stimulate the social and philanthropic life of the parish; and their departure from Bromley Common will be very greatly regretted. However, their present parishioners will have the satisfaction of retaining them as near neighbours, and the friendships which have been established during the past nine years will certainly not be severed by the transfer which is now to be made from one part of the town to the other.

The Rev. Edward Lotherington Colebrooke was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1880, and M.A., in 1884. Whilst at the University he achieved considerable reputation in the cricket field, and is an old Blue. He was particularly valued as a batsman, and whilst a member of the University eleven made several very fine scores. Even to-day, his hand and eye retain much of their old cunning in front of the wicket. He was ordained deacon in 1882, and priest in 1883. From 1882 to 1886 he was curate at Boughton under Blean, in Kent, and from 1886 to 1891 he was one of the assistant clergy of Christ Church, Whitley, Reading, where his good work gained him many friends. From there he went to Holy Trinity, Maidstone. Upon the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, M.A., being appointed Rector of Merstham, in 1895, Mr. Colebrooke was chosen by the Archbishop of Canterbury as Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, where he has since carried on his labours. We wish him all possible success in his new appointment.

The Rev. John Bond, Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow, who has been preferred to the Vicarship of Horsham, will conduct his farewell service at St. Mary's, on Sunday, October 9th.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

At an emergency meeting of the newly-formed "William Russell" Chapter, No. 1314, Royal Arch Masonry, held at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, the officers present were: Messrs. G. R. Bolton, P.Z., "Z," J. King, J., "H," E. W. Ellis, P.Z., "J," J. D. Webb, P.Z., Treasurer, E. Coste, P.Z., "S.E.," W. Seaman, P.Z., (D.C.), "P.S.," &c. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren. The W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, Bromley, Mr. Noakes, and Messrs. D. Grinsted, R. Taylor, A. S. Gedge, F. Medhurst, E. M. Garnar, and F. Fertel, of the Hervey Lodge, Bromley, were initiated into the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, a banquet took place, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

The next regular meetings of the Chapter will be on the fourth Wednesdays of September, March and June.

BROMLEY CHARTER COMMEMORATION

Favoured by quite ideal weather, the comprehensive programme of festivities arranged to be held in Sundridge Park on August Bank Holiday in commemoration of the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to Bromley, proved a very great success; and notwithstanding that the expenses in connection therewith must, necessarily, be somewhat large, there is every reason to believe that a useful balance will be available for the benefit of the Bromley Hospitals, between which and these annual festivities such a happy connection has been established.

the subject matter for bitter complaint that August Bank Holiday has been a blank day for residents of Bromley and the district. No previous attempt has been made to provide home attractions, and so people in quest of entertainment and amusement have been compelled to go further afield. That the experiment on Monday was justified is amply proved by results; and there can be little doubt that the commemoration will become an annual event.

Sundridge Park is most admirably adapted to such a gathering. Its gently undulating grounds and grassy slopes are plentifully dotted with fine old trees whose spreading branches afford welcome umbrage from the fierce rays of the full sun; and notwithstanding the great heat which prevailed on August 1st there was a good deal of pleasure to be derived from a stroll across the Park, the turf of which was looking bright and green after the recent rains. As has been already stated, the programme provided was on a comprehensive scale. There were sports, including a number of old English features, a comic cricket match, an assortment of fancy balloons and kites, and an al fresco concert. In addition there were a number of other features characteristic of an old English fair. A switch-back roundabout, of large proportions, illuminated with powerful Arc lamps, the current for which was generated "on the premises," was in great request from two o'clock right up till ten o'clock; there was a "Royal biograph," from the outside platform of which gaudily-dressed damsels, some of them young, and some of them not quite so young, danced to the strains of a powerful organ, whose efforts to make itself heard were most cordially co-operated with by a big drum, a pair of the noisiest of noisy brass cymbals, and a kettle-drum played by the showman with terrible vigour; for the modest sum of one penny it was possible at half-a-dozen different stalls to purchase half-a-dozen rings, the successful placing of even only one of which over a hook, a few feet away, was sufficient to secure a prize worth, so the showman said, "at least 'arf-a-quid," which, interpreted, means half-a-sovereign. There were a lot of people who tried to win prizes, but not many changed hands. There were also cocoa-nut shies, swings, a "ship-on-land," a fish pond, and indeed, almost all the "attractions" which one associates with a fair. And they proved most popular; albeit, without detracting from the interest which was manifested in what may be termed the legitimate parts of the day's festivities. It is quite obvious that a great deal of time and work must have been devoted to the organisation and carrying out of so full a day's programme, and we congratulate the Charter Commemoration Committee upon the successful issue of their work. We are quite sure we are only voicing the feelings of every member of that Committee when we say it was a great grief to them that their Chairman, his Worship the Mayor (Mr. F. Griffith, J.P.), was unable to be present owing to his unfortunate break-down in health. But they were glad to have with them the Deputy Mayor (Mr. Alderman James), who travelled up from Margate for the express purpose of attending, and also Mr. T. C. Dewey and Mrs. Dewey, and family. Mr. Alfred Wright, of the London and County Bank, is the valuable Hon. Treasurer to the Committee, and the Honorary Secretaries are Mr. Ernest F. Watts and Mr. John King. The following are the members of the Committee:—Messrs. A. Adams, J. F. Arnaud, W. Baxter, L. Beeston, J. E. Carter, W. Collings, Philip Cook, M.D., S. C. Covell, J. Morton Crouch, W. L. Crossley, John Churchill, T. J. Davis, T. C. Dewey, J.P., A. W. M. Dickins, F. P. Duthoit, E. R. Dyson, F. W. Foskett, E. B. Gambrell, A. S. Gedge, R. Girling, C. H. Gunton, W. R. Gunton, S. Hawkings, Rev. A. G. Hellicar, C. H. Hills, W. L. Hopton, H. Hoskins, W. Hutcherson, R. W. James, H. J. Johnstone, G. E. Kirby, G. Lawrence, E. T. Lea, F. Lewis, G. Loly, W. McKewan, J.P., T. C. McIntyre, H. Marler, F. Medhurst, F. H. Norman, F. Pargeter, G. W. Perkis, H. Podger, A. E. Price, M.D., G. L. Pyrke, W. E. Sharpe, E. E. Sampson, S. Soan, H. P. Steer, R. Taylor, I. Uridge, F. E. Webb, G. Weeks, jun., W. H. Willson, A. A. Worley, John M. Wyborn.

The Park gates were opened soon after one o'clock, and from that time onwards all through the afternoon and evening, there was a steady influx of visitors. Most of them had taken advantage of the offer of the Committee to purchase their tickets, in advance, at half-price, but there were in addition, a very large number who paid at the gates, and there could not have been very many short of 7,000 present by six o'clock in the evening, at which time the Park presented a scene of remarkable animation. The sports, witnessed by three or four thousand people, were just concluding; Mr. J. Howard's "comic cricketers" were gyrating about in all sorts of funny costumes, to the intense delight of the "small fry;" Signor Profili was sending up flights of fancy balloons in search of his huge aeroplane which, many hundreds of feet above, and at the end of between two or three miles of cord was floating gracefully in the heavens; and "all the fun of the fair" was going at a great pace.

The members of the Bromley Common Ambulance Corps were present during the day, under the command of Chief Supernumery Officer Field, and rendered first aid in one or two cases.

The sports were watched with well sustained interest. The events all proved of an interesting character. Several of the heats were won by more than a "neck," but others provided very close finishes, and some of the final struggles were very good. The sports were carefully organised by a sub-committee presided over by Mr. W. E. Sharpe.

An afternoon's excellent diversion was provided by the "cricketers," kindly organised by Mr. John Howard.

At the conclusion of the sports, the Mayoress (Mrs. F. Griffith) gracefully distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

Subsequently, a thoroughly successful and enjoyable al fresco concert was held, the arrangements in connection with which were admirably carried out.

During the afternoon the proceedings were enlivened by the capable rendering of a varied programme of music by the members of the Bromley Borough Band, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Groves.

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DIARY FOR AUGUST.

1st.—Downe 21st annual flower show.—Rural Fête and old English Sports at Sundridge Park, in commemoration of the Incorporation of the Borough of Bromley.

6th.—Opening of two new drinking fountains and horse troughs, one at Widmore and the other at the top of Bromley Hill.—Bromley Volunteers leave Bromley for Dover for their annual training.

8th.—Entertainment at Widmore by the Bickley and Widmore Band of Hope in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. George's Church, Bickley.

9th.—Half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley Gas Consumers' Company, at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley.

17th.—Ninth annual exhibition of the Farnborough Horticultural Society.

20th.—Annual competition between the members of the Bromley Volunteer Corps for the St. Blaize Cup, at Shoreham.

22nd.—Serious fire at Messrs. H. Podger and Sons' Cleaning Works at Widmore.

24th.—Mr. W. H. Jude's organ recital at Bromley Congregational Church.—The race for the captaincy of the Bromley Swimming Club.

31st.—Last performance of the Bromley Borough Silver Band, for this season, on Martin's Hill Recreation Ground.

The will of the late Mr. Edward Radley, of Tan-y-bryn, Foxgrove-road, Beckenham, left estate of the value of £40,371.

The estate of Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Rawson, of Fallbarrow, Windermere, Westmoreland, widow of the Rev. Arthur Rawson, formerly Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, has been valued at £21,140 gross and £20,786 net.

At West Wickham Parish Church, on August 22nd, Miss Caroline Maud Durling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Durling, of Rowe's Cottage, Nash, Hayes, was married to Mr. William Henry Stidworthy, of Wembley, Middlesex, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts, Rector of West Wickham.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

THE SCHOLARS' SUCCESSES.

The Oxford Local Examinations show, in a striking manner, the value of the scholastic training received at Quernmore School, Bromley, for year after year the results have been of a highly satisfactory standard. This year is no exception to the rule; on the contrary, the list for the July examination is of a most gratifying character. Amongst the successful scholars in the Seniors are W. L. Harvey and O. C. Johnsen, and the Junior list contains the name of F. K. Griffith, son of the Mayor of Bromley, who took First Class with Honours, with Distinction in Latin. Other names in that list are W. C. D. Maile, Third Class, Honours, with Distinction in Greek; W. O. C. Johnsen, T. F. Marriott, and E. O. Price, Third Class Honours; and Passes by G. R. Airey, S. H. Batty-Smith, R. M. Bruce, A. L. Dawe, and C. F. Woodbridge. Those who succeeded in the Preliminary were A. M. Allan, N. V. Bowater, S. W. Davis, L. V. Johnsen, L. R. Heywood, A. Mackenzie, C. W. M. Smith, W. P. Stocker, F. S. Jasper, A. M. Lewis, and H. Whyte.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

The financial year of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund does not close until October 31st next, before which time a number of outstanding collections will probably have been received. But the amount collected for distribution so far this year is £59,360 against £64,975 last year, making a grand total collected by these means since the Fund was started thirty-two years ago of £1,306,000. This year 218 institutions made applications for grants, being exactly double the number that applied when the Fund was first founded. The decrease in this year's collection is mainly attributable to the fact that the offertories received from the churches in the richer districts have been smaller than hitherto, though, curiously enough, there has not been the same falling off in the church offertories from the poorer districts. The Committee, in their annual report, recommended awards to 215 institutions—157 Hospitals and 58 dispensaries—amounting in all to £56,371 8s. 4d., and in view of the steps which have recently been taken to perfect the fire extinguishing arrangements at the Bromley Hospitals, it is interesting to note that they require an assurance that in all institutions to which grants are made adequate precautions are taken for the safety of patients in case of fire.

The Bromley Cottage Hospital is granted the sum of £115, being the second largest sum voted to any Cottage Hospital in the area of the Fund; Beckenham gets £88 3s. 4d.; Chislehurst, Sidcup and Cray Valley, £57 10s.; Eltham, £47 18s. 4d.; and Sidcup £28 15s. The Bromley Phillips' Memorial Hospital, which is included in the list of general Hospitals, gets £23 19s. 2d.; and amongst the list of thirty-one Convalescent Homes which benefit from the Fund is the St. Mary's Home, at Shortlands, which is granted a sum of £20 2s. 6d. The Committee's report, which also contains a sincere expression of regret at the death of Mr. Herman Hoskier, of West Wickham Common, who had been an active member of the Committee since 1888, came before a Council Meeting of the Fund, on Tuesday last, and was adopted.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS B. E. SAGE AND MR. A. E. ROUCH.

The wedding was solemnised at Christ Church, Southgate, on Wednesday, 20th July, between Beatrice Evelyn, second daughter of Mrs. F. Sage, of The Chestnuts, The Chase, Southgate, and the late Mr. Frederick Sage, of Wier Hall, Upper Edmonton, and Albert Edward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rouch, of Bromley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Beardale, Vicar of Southgate, assisted by the Rev. R. D. Mertens.

As the bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. F. G. Sage, of Claygate, Surrey, entered the church she was met by the choristers, who preceded her, singing "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," Mr. T. J. Vine, organist at Wood Green Presbyterian Church, and brother-in-law of the bride, presiding at the organ. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of ivory satin with silver embroidery (the gift of a friend in India), the bodice of her dress being trimmed with real lace. She also wore a handsome veil which belonged to her mother, and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a charming bouquet of choice white exotics. She was attended by five bridesmaids—Miss Muriel Lilian Sage (sister), the Misses Marjorie and Kathleen Sage (nieces), Miss Amy Battam (cousin), and Miss Ella Graves (Hornsey-lane). They wore dresses of rich Oriental satin, trimmed with chiffon and lace, with large white picture hats trimmed with feathers, and carried bouquets of red carnations, and wore gold necklets with pearl pendants, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. H. P. Rouch attended his brother as groomsman.

Mrs. F. Sage, mother of the bride, wore a handsome dress of pale heliotrope satin, the bodice being trimmed with real lace, with black picture hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and chiffon, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white flowers. Mrs. W. A. Rouch, mother of the bridegroom, wore a dress of handsome resida satin brocade, richly trimed with ecru guipure lace, a toque of resida tulle and gold lace, with shaded green feather, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

After the ceremony a reception was held at The Chestnuts, and at 4.15 the bride and bridegroom were driven to Charing Cross, en route for Folkestone, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of grey voile with green and white passementerie, and she also wore a black picture hat with feathers. The presents were numerous and costly.

MISS NORAH E. NICOLAS AND MR. S. ARNOTT.

On Saturday, July 23rd, at the Parish Church, Beckenham, the wedding took place of Mr. Scott Arnott, son of the Rev. H. Arnott, Rector of Beckenham, and Miss Norah Elise Nicolas, daughter of Mrs. Nicolas, of Lauderdale Mansions, W., and of the late Mr. P. J. Nicolas, late of Eden Lodge, Beckenham. The service was fully choral, and the Rector officiated.

The bride was given away by Mr. H. Vale Nicolas, her brother, and she looked charming in a dress of white crêpe de chine over white silk, trimmed with Brussels lace and pearls. She also wore a tulle veil, over a Juliet cap of pearls, and a wreath of orange blossom and white heather, and carried a shower bouquet of red roses, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Kathleen Nicolas (sister of the bride), and Miss Winifred Arnott (sister of the gridegroom), and they wore dresses of pale muslin, with long fichus and silk sashes and white muslin hats trimmed with pink roses and pale blue strings. They carried shower bouquets of pink and white sweet peas, the gifts of the bridegroom, and wore gold and topaz necklaces, also the gifts of the bridegroom.

Later in the day the newly-married couple left for Scotland, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mrs. Arnott's travelling dress was of cornflower blue voile, trimmed with coffee-coloured lace. She wore a champagne straw hat, trimmed with tulle to match, and soft blue ribbon.

MISS CLARA HENWOOD AND REV. C. D. THOMAS.

At the Wesleyan Church, High-street, Bromley, on July 26th, a very pretty and fashionable wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Clara Henwood, the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henwood, of Church House, Bromley, and the Rev. Charles Drayton Thomas, only son of the late Rev. John D. Thomas. Lovely weather was experienced, and the happy event passed off most successfully. The church was very tastefully adorned for the occasion, and owing to the choir kindly attending under the able direction of Mr. Luff, the choirmaster, the service was fully choral. The hymns sung were "O perfect love" and "Thine for ever God of Love."

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly gowned in white crêpe de chine, trimmed with Brussels applique lace. She wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom and white heather, and carried an exquisite shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, white cloves, and stephanotis. Her bridesmaids were Miss Lilian Henwood (sister), and the Misses Ethel and Dorothy Henwood (nieces). The first-named wore a pretty dress of white silk gauze, and the two little nieces wore dresses of white China silk. The bridesmaids wore black lace picture hats, and carried shower bouquets of pink roses, all the bouquets being the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's mother wore a handsome dress of mauve brocaded satin with a Brussels lace shawl, and the bridegroom's mother wore an effective gown of a soft black material trimmed with white lace. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson, assisted by the Rev. G. H. Shafto. Mr. Percy Sharland presided with his wonted ability at the organ, and while the register was being signed in the vestry, Miss Nellie Dunford very beautifully rendered Gounod's "King of Love my Shepherd is."

After the ceremony a reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henwood at Church House, where a large number of guests assembled to offer their congratulations to the happy pair. During the afternoon the celebrated Anglo-Viennese Band performed a delightful selection of music in the grounds, which, with the bright sunshine and the dainty costumes of the guests, presented a singularly bright and animated appearance. In the drawing room Mr. Percy Sharland gave a short and much appreciated organ recital, and Miss Nellie Dunford, the talented local soprano, sang several songs in a way which entirely delighted Mr. and Mrs. Henwood's guests.

At five o'clock the Rev. C. D. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas left amidst a shower of horse shoe confetti and the heartiest congratulations and good wishes for Scotland, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going-away dress was a costume of dark blue cloth, with a chiffon hat of the same colour.

The wedding presents were very numerous and

costly, and included a picture from the bride's Sunday School class, a picture from the officers and teachers of the Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School, and a silver salver from the members of the Bromley Wesleyan Mothers' Meeting, which were presented to the bride, and a handsome clock and ornaments from the Widmore Church, and a richly bound hymn book from the Widmore Sunday School, presented to the bridegroom.

MISS MAUD M. CRATES AND MR. F. H. GEDNEY.

In the presence of a numerous congregation of relatives and friends, the wedding took place, on Wednesday, July 27th, at the Congregational Church, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, of Mr. Frank Humphrey Gedney, fourth son of Mr. C. W. Gedney, of Bromley, with Miss Maud Morison Crates, daughter of Mr. John Crates, of Tunbridge Wells. The church had been very prettily decorated with magnificent palms and foliage plants, and amongst those present at the ceremony were a large number of the bridegroom's old friends from Bromley, who have been associated with him for years past in the official life of the town, and also in the various fields of sport in which he himself has gained so worthy a reputation.

During the assembling of the guests, the organist played appropriate selections, including the Bridal March from "Lohengrin," and the hymns sung were "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "Lead us Heavenly Father lead us." The Rev. Cowper Smith officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in creme voile, trimmed with lace and chiffon, and wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom. She carried a beautiful bouquet of choice exotics, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Edith, May and Gertrude Crates (sisters), and Miss Dorothy Cooper, of Bromley (cousin of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of voile, and picture hats to match and gold pendants, and carried shower bouquets, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. C. F. W. Gedney.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the "Wedding March" was played, and afterwards a reception was held in the Town Hall, at Tunbridge Wells, between 50 and 60 guests being entertained on a most hospitable scale. A photograph of the wedding party was taken, and after the health of the newly-wedded couple had been most cordially toasted, they left, amidst the heartiest congratulations and good wishes of their numerous friends, for London, en route for North Devon, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The presents were numerous and valuable, and included a handsome gift of cutlery to the bridegroom from his fellow workers in official life in the West Kent district, and also gifts from many relatives and friends.

MISS BRENDA BUTLER AND MR. OSWALD SWAYNE.

In the presence of a large and fashionable congregation the wedding took place, at St. George's Church, Bickley, on Thursday, July 28th, of Miss Brenda Butler, daughter of Mr. A. Butler, Brooklyn, Lubbock-road, Chislehurst, and Mr. Oswald Swayne, son of Mr. Robert Swayne, of Tarrington House, Tarrington, Hereford. The Rev. R. C. Swayne, who officiated, was assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Carroll, and the service was choral. The chancel was prettily decorated with palms and flowers. Mr. Cecil E. Clark, organist of the church, played an Offertoire, by Wely, an Intermezzo, by Hollins, of the "Marche Triomphale" (Archer), before the bride arrived, and after the register had been signed he gave an admirable rendering of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The hymns chosen were "Thine for ever," "O Perfect Love," and "O, God, our help in ages past." Psalm lxvii. was taken to Battishall's setting in D.

The bride arrived at the church at 2.15, and, accompanied by her father, advanced to the chancel during the singing of the first hymn. She wore a beautiful gown of white satin, trimmed with old Honiton rose point lace. Her bridesmaids were her sister (Miss Butler) and Miss Lyon, and two little cousins of the bridegroom. Miss Butler and Miss Lyon wore pale blue silk; the two children wore muslin dresses of the same colour. Each wore white hats. The bride's bouquet was of white carnations, roses, lilies of the valley, stephanotis, and orange blossom. The bridesmaids carried shower bouquets of pink Franco carnations, and the bride's mother carried a handsome bouquet of large yellow carnations. Mr. Tom Swayne was best man to his brother.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Brooklyn, the guests numbering about 100. A large and handsome collection of presents was received.

MISS ETHEL B. FOX AND MR. THOMAS P. STILES.

At St. Mary's Church, Hayes, on Thursday, July 28th, the wedding was celebrated of Miss Ethel Barbara Fox, daughter of Captain J. H. Fox, R. E. (retired) and Mrs. Fox, of Hayes Common, and Mr. Thomas Plummer Stiles, son of the Rev. Robert Canning Stiles, late Vicar of Froxfield, Wiltshire. The service was fully choral, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., who was assisted by the Rector of Hayes, the Rev. George Clowes. The bride arrived at two o'clock, and was met at the west door of the church by the choir and clergy, by whom she was preceded to the chancel, the choir singing "Love Divine, all loves excelling." After the bride and bridegroom had advanced to the sanctuary, the choir gave an excellent rendering of Sir J. Barnby's setting, in D, of Psalm cxxviii., "Blessed are all they that fear the Lord," while before the address the hymn, "O Perfect Love," was sung, kneeling. The last hymn in the service was, "May the grace of Christ our Saviour," and during the signing of the register, the hymn "Now thank we all our God," was rendered by the choir, Mendelssohn's Wedding March being played as the party left the sacred edifice. A selection of music was finely rendered by Mr. Ralph Morgan, organist of Hayes, before the service.

The bride was attired in an Empire gown of soft white Liberty satin, the bodice being trimmed with pearls, in a trellis-work design, with a train of old Spanish lace lined with silver gauze, and trimmed with shower loops of chiffon and mother-of-pearl; and wore a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom. She also wore a diamond, pearl and emerald pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, and her bouquet, also his gift, was composed of tuber roses, La France roses, orange blossom, white heather, myrtle, and lilies of the valley. Her bridesmaids were six in number—Miss Morris and Miss Thomas (cousins of the bride), Miss A. Stiles (sister of the bridegroom), Miss M. Dunn (cousin of the bridegroom), Miss Geraldine Rotheram and Miss Rennie. They wore gowns

of pale rose pink chene de soie over silk of the same shade, trimmed with cream lace, and shaded ribbon swathe belts; cream lace hats trimmed with soft pink ribbon. Their gold brooches, set with amethysts and pearls, and shower bouquets of pink roses, were presents from the bridegroom. Master Tom and Miss Effie Webster, cousins of the bride, carried her train, and the bridegroom's present to each of them was a gun metal watch and a jade pendant with gold chain. The bride's mother wore a gown of black silk lace veiling over cream silk, trimmed with appliqué silk medallions of Spitalfields silk, and a black picture hat of tucked chiffon. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of pink carnations, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride was given away by her mother, and the bridegroom's best man was Mr. Gilbert Robinson.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Mrs. T. Morris's, Hayes, and at 4.30 o'clock the newly-married couple left for Dover, en route for the Continent, the bride's going-away dress being old rose-coloured canvas over a lighter shade of silk, trimmed with velvet of the same shade and Maltese lace; picture hat of Tuscan straw, trimmed with shaded roses, and velvet of the same shade as the dress.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many handsome presents.

MISS VIOLET DEWEY AND THE REV. EDMUND FRANCIS EDWARD WIGRAM, M.A.

Under conditions of the happiest augury, the wedding was solemnised at Holy Trinity Church, Lahore, India, on Wednesday, the 3rd August, of Miss Violet Dewey, C.M.S., eldest daughter of our esteemed townsman, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood, and the Rev. Edmund Francis Edward Wigram, M.A., Principal of St. John's College, Lahore, India, and son of the late Prebendary Wigram, Honorary Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and of Mrs Wigram, Coombe Edge, Hampstead.

The interesting ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. J. McKenzie, assisted by the Rev. J. Ali Bakhsh and the Rev. H. W. Weitbrecht, Ph.D.

MISS KATE GIBLETT AND MR. MAXWELL HICKS.

There was a large gathering of relatives and friends at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on Wednesday, August 10th, when Miss Kate Giblett, daughter of the late Mr. John Giblett and Mrs. Giblett, of Roslin, Hopton-road, Streatham, was married to Mr. Maxwell Hicks, son of Mr. Henry Hicks, of Abingdon House, Bromley. The service was choral, and the church was effectively decorated for the occasion.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Stanley Giblett, looked charming in a lovely gown of white chiffon over white silk with satin Court train with chiffon edgings and sprays of orange blossom and white heather. She also wore a tulle veil and carried a beautiful shower bouquet of orange blossom and white heather. Her ornaments consisted of a pearl pendant brooch. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Frost and Miss Ramsay, and two little train bearers, Miss Joynson Hicks (niece of the bridegroom) and Miss Joyce Chance. The bridesmaids were becomingly gowned in white China silk, with lace insertion and pale blue sashes. They wore Liberty hats and chiffon ties fastened with pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The little train bearers wore dresses of Liberty silk, with pale blue sashes, and chiffon Liberty hats. The Rev. W. B. Lindsay officiated, and the duties of best man were discharged by Mr. Howard Thompson.

The happy pair afterwards received hearty congratulations at a largely attended reception held at the house of the bride's mother, and subsequently they left Streatham, en route for Switzerland, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling costume was a pale grey hopsack coat and skirt, and a white straw hat trimmed with white roses and heliotrope velvet.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents.

MISS M. P. PARKER AND MR. A. J. HALL.

A fashionable wedding took place at the Wesleyan Church, High-street, Bromley, on August 17th. The marriage was between Miss Marjorie Phyllis Parker, eldest daughter of Mr. Edmund Shirley Parker, of Southernhay, Homefield-road, Bromley, and Mr. Alexander John Hall, only son of the late Mr. John H. Hall, late of Huxley House, and Mrs. Hall, of Lewes House, Bromley. A considerable amount of local interest had been taken in the event, as both parties are well known in the town. The bridegroom is the senior society steward at the Wesleyan Church, and is a member of the choir. The bride and her parents are not less well known and esteemed at the church, and their circle of friends is a very large one.

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. Carvosso Spencer (uncle of the bride), assisted by the Rev. G. H. Shafto and the Rev. R. Bevan Shepherd, M.A. The church was beautifully adorned with choice flowers and foliage plants, and the service was fully choral, the choir consisting of friends of the contracting parties. Before the arrival of the bride, the organist, Mr. Sharland, played suitable voluntaries, and the hymns sung were "Thine for Ever, God of Love," "O perfect Love, all human thought transcending," and "O Father all creating." The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a lovely gown of white Liberty satin, the whole being beautifully trimmed with pearls and chiffon. She also wore a wreath of orange blossom and tulle veil, and carried an exquisite shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Gwendoline Amy Parker and Miss Priscilla Parker (sisters), and Miss Winnie Hall (sister of the bridegroom). Their dresses were of champagne coloured silk muslin, relieved with medallions of blue and pink embroidery. They wore hats to match and carried shower bouquets, and the gold bracelets they wore were also the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's mother was dressed in electric blue silk, and Mrs. Hall, the mother of the bridegroom, was attired in black embroidered voile over white silk. The bridegroom was accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Cuthbert Hall, as best man. As the happy couple left the church amid the heartiest of congratulations, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played.

A large number of relatives, including many of the guests present at the wedding of the bride's mother, attended the reception afterwards held at Southernhay.

The wedding presents numbered upwards of 100, and included handsome gifts of jewellery, silver plate, china and glass.

Later in the afternoon, the bride and bridegroom left Bromley, en route for North Wales, where

the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of stone coloured frieze, and she wore a hat trimmed with roses.

MISS MAY HADDEN AND MR. FREDK. STANFORD.

A very pretty wedding, in which considerable local interest was manifested, was solemnised at the Bromley Parish Church, on August 17th, being that of Mr. Fredk. John Perry Stanford, son of Mr. F. Stanford, of the Broadway, Bromley, and Miss Clarice May Hadden, daughter of Mr. John Hadden, of The Anchorage, College-road, Bromley. The families of both bride and bridegroom are old and esteemed residents of the town, and in addition to the large number of guests present at the ceremony, the nuptials were witnessed by a numerous gathering of other friends. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. Haslam, M.A.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a handsome dress of white silk, with transparent lace yoke, trimmed with true lovers knots. Her veil was of Brussels net, fastened with a wreath of orange blossom. The bridesmaids were Miss E. Hadden (sister of the bride), Miss Stanford (sister of the bridegroom), and pretty little Miss Clarice Hadden (a niece and god-child of the bride). They wore dainty dresses of pale blue voile, trimmed with ecru lace, their hats being trimmed with black velvet and pink roses. Their gold curb bracelets were the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom's best man was Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Norwood.

At the conclusion of the ceremony in the church, a reception was held at The Anchorage, where a number of relatives and intimate friends were hospitably entertained. The honeymoon is being spent in the Isle of Wight, and before leaving for London, en route for the South, the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of the heartiest congratulations and good wishes for their future prosperity and happiness. The bride travelled in a dress of pale grey canvas, and black picture hat.

The wedding presents were numerous and handsome.

MISS N. PORTER AND MR. C. M. BACON.

A wedding which aroused much interest amongst the members and worshippers at the Bromley Baptist Church was solemnised on August 20th. The contracting parties were Miss Nellie Porter of Heathfield-road, and Mr. C. M. Bacon, of Farwig. The bridegroom has for some years past been an indefatigable worker in connection with many of the church organisations, holding the office of deacon, Sunday School secretary, Band of Hope secretary, Young People's Guild secretary, and cricket club captain, besides being a useful member of the choir and Christian Endeavour societies. Although not being such an active participant in church work as Mr. Bacon, the bride has obtained for herself many firm friends by her own personality, and consequently, a large number of friends attended at the ceremony last Saturday.

The Pastor, Rev. Robert Silvey, conducted the service, and Mr. S. Collins presided at the organ and played the usual wedding music. The bride was dressed in fawn voile, with hat en suite, and the bridesmaids, Miss Porter and Miss Hettie Taylor, in pale green voile, with picture hats. At the close of the service, a large number of relatives assembled at the residence of the bride's father, in Heathfield-road, and later, Mr. and Mrs. Bacon journeyed to Seabrook, where the honeymoon is being spent.

A large number of valuable presents have been received from the staff of the Bromley Gas Company, the Sunday School, Christian Endeavour Society, Band of Hope, Sunday School Class, Cricket Club, etc.

MISS AMY MARY SMITH AND MR. WALTER LARKBY.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Bromley, on August 24th, the contracting parties being Miss Amy Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith, of Glanayron, Bromley, and Mr. Walter Larkby, son of Mr. H. Larkby, of Bromley. The wedding attracted a good deal of interest, the families which were united being well known and highly respected.

The ceremony took place at 12 o'clock, and was witnessed by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a handsome dress of white satin, trimmed with beautiful old lace, the gift of Mrs. Larkby. She wore a tulle veil fastened with orange blossom, and carried a lovely shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Gertrude Smith and Miss Daisy Maud Smith (sisters). They were becomingly dressed in white muslin over pale green, and sashes to match, and wore black picture hats trimmed with tulle and white roses. They also carried bouquets of choice flowers, and wore gold initial pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. Larkby was attired in black satin with a bonnet to match, and the bride's mother wore a handsome dress of black Imperial satin and a bonnet trimmed with black chiffon and white osprey. Mr. John Larkby (brother of the bridegroom) was best man, and the Rev. C. E. R. Romilly officiated.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Glanayron, where a number of relatives and friends were hospitably entertained. At 3.30 the happy couple left for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a dress of grey blue Paris voile, the bodice of which was trimmed with white satin, and she wore a black straw hat trimmed with chiffon and wild pink roses.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

THE CAPTAINCY RACE.

On Wednesday, August 24th, at the Beckenham Baths, the Captaincy Race (four lengths) of the above club, was swum off. Six entries had been secured for this race of whom five started, viz., A. M. Austin, B. Ayling, H. Deadman, D. M. Phillips, and C. Stark. For the first length Deadman and Ayling obtained a lead, after which Phillips and Stark gradually forged ahead On the third length, Deadman, who had been leading, was seized with cramp, and was obliged to give up. Finally Phillips, who had been showing excellent form, increased his lead, winning by a couple of yards off Stark, with Ayling a close third, time 14 3-5 secs. The first prize for this race is a gold medal, generously presented by Mr. Adams of the Swan and Mitre. Mr. Raymond Brown of the Beckenham S.C. kindly officiated as starter in the absence of Mr. W. R. Gunton. The annual Gala of the above club will take place on Wednesday, September 21st, and a splendid programme has been arranged. The Mayor has kindly consented to present the prizes on this occasion.

BROMLEY BUILDING SOCIETY.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bromley and South Eastern Permanent Investment Building Society was held on Thursday, August 11th, at the office of the society, 26, Market-square, Mr. D. Grinsted (Chairman of Directors) presiding. There were also present: Messrs. J. F. Arnaud, H. W. Amos, W. Gomer, D. Payne, E. Isard, J. H. Lepper, and W. R. Mallett (directors), W. A. Amos (secretary), W. J. Carlyon, C. B. Clarke, W. Weller, James Hopton, A. E. Haines, E. Nash, Brooker, Distill, Hillier, and others.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors' report for the year ended 30th June last was as follows: The share capital has been increased by £766 13s. 10d. The sum of £4,857 10s. 0d. has been advanced on mortgage, and the repayments on account of advances and rents have amounted to £5 829 5s. 5d. Four mortgages have been redeemed, leaving 66 mortgages now in force, as against 58 last year. The profit earned amounts to £1,509 0s. 8d., appropriated as follows:—Interest to shareholders, £873 19s. 2d.; interest to depositors and bank, £235 6s. 5d.; management expenses, £271 16s. 1d.; balance carried forward, £127 19s. 0d.; total, £1,509 0s. 8d. The balance of profit and loss account stands at £700 13s. 2d., of which the directors recommend that £100 be added to reserve account, raising it to £1,100. The sum of £66, which appeared in last year's account to the credit of leasehold redemption account, has been transferred to profit and loss account; the directors, as was explained last year, having obtained a policy for the recoupment of the capital invested in the corner property. The scale of repayments now in force, which includes all payments for capital and interest, is as follows:—

Number of years for which the advance is required.	Monthly Repayments.	Number of years for which the advance is required.	Monthly Repayments.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
5	1 19 3	11	1 0 3
6	1 13 3	12	0 18 11
7	1 9 1	13	0 17 10
8	1 6 0	14	0 16 11
9	1 3 7	15	0 16 1
10	1 1 8		

The retiring directors are Messrs. J. F. Arnaud and E. Isard who offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Alfred S. Gedge, the members' auditor, offers himself for re-election. In conclusion, the directors congratulate the members on the satisfactory condition of the affairs of the society generally, and in particular on the amount advanced on mortgage, as it appears from the annual report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies that out of a total of 2,125 Building Societies 499 or nearly one-fourth of the whole, made no advance on mortgage during the year.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said he would not waste their time by going through all the accounts. Questions, however, were invited, and they would be only too pleased to give any explanation asked for. The affairs of the society were in a thoroughly satisfactory condition. The balance carried forward was £127 19s. 0d., as compared with £25 last year, an increase of £102 19s. 0d. He had great pleasure in moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Douglas Payne seconded the motion. The affairs of the society were conducted so satisfactorily that the shareholders could not but be satisfied.

The motion was carried unanimously.

RETIRING DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

The Chairman said the retiring directors were Mr. Arnaud and Mr. Isard, both of whom were elegible for re-election.

Mr. Weller had pleasure in proposing that they be re-elected, and took the opportunity of congratulating the directors upon the very satisfactory basis upon which the accounts were presented.

Mr. Haines seconded the motion, which was carried nem. con.

Mr. Arnaud thanked the shareholders for re-electing Mr. Isard and himself. He was very much interested in the success of the society, and was glad to see it in such a prosperous condition, which he hoped would long continue.

ELECTION OF AN AUDITOR.

Mr. Carlyon said they were extremely fortunate in having such an auditor as Mr. A. S. Gedge, and he had great pleasure in proposing that he be re-elected.

The motion was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The Chairman said they were very much indebted to Messrs. Willett and Latter for the use of their rooms for the transaction of the ordinary business of the society, and he proposed that they be accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. Alderman Mallett seconded. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to Messrs. Willett and Latter for allowing their headquarters to be there.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. W. Amos formally moved that the sum of £100 be added to the reserve fund of the society, thereby increasing it from £1,000 to £1,100.

Mr. Arnaud seconded the motion, which was carried.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Grinsted and the directors for their valuable services, brought the meeting to a close.

Lord Avebury has accepted the position of hon. treasurer of the British Science Guild—an organisation formed with the object of emphasising the importance of applying scientific methods to every branch of national affairs.

WESLEYAN MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN KENT.—We have before us a complete list of the Wesleyan Ministerial appointments for the Kentish circuits as sanctioned by the annual conference which has just concluded at Sheffield, and all of which will take effect on the first Sunday in September. The Rev. S. H. Shafto remains superintendent of the Bromley circuit, and his new colleagues will be the Rev. James Lewis Smith, at Beckenham, the Rev. Albert E. Warr, at Widmore, and the Rev. Stringer Rowe. There are in addition the Rev. T. S. Selby, who resides in the district without pastoral charge, and the Rev. George Patterson, of Shortlands, who is permitted to labour in connection with the Christian Literature Society of India. At Chislehurst, the Rev. Thomas D. Barnes is the new superintendent, and the Rev. W. G. Allen is at Sidcup. We note further that the Rev. C. Drayton Thomas, formerly of Widmore, now goes to Dover, and that the Rev. G. R. Forde, who worked so well a few years ago at Widmore, is to be a comparatively near neighbour at Tunbridge Wells. The Rev. James Pratt, Mr. Drayton Thomas's colleague at Dover, is the new Chairman of the Kent district.

VOLUNTEER SHOOTING.

The shoot for the handsome Detachment Cup, presented by the late Sir Edward Scott, Bart., to the Bromley Volunteer Companies (E and F) the "Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment), was decided on the Shoreham Range, on Saturday, July 23rd, and resulted as follows. Scores:—

	Nett Score.	Handicap.	Grand Total
Lce.-sergt. Fawsitt, Cup and £1 ...	98	4	102
Corpl. Dunford, 17s. 6d.	87	8	95
Pte. Mortlock, 10s.	83	10	93
Sergt. Field, 10s.	83	9	92
Corpl. Maynard, 5s.	84	6	90
Col.-sergt. E. Towell, 5s.	82	7	89
Pte. Napier	83	5	88
Sergt. H. Smith	81	6	87
Corpl. Allington	77	7	84
Pte. G. W. Simpson	76	8	84
Sergt. Mansfield	76	8	84
Corpl. Ford	73	10	83
Pte. C. Stringer...	75	7	82
Pte. F. Marchant...	73	9	82
Corpl. W. H. Brown	73	8	81
Corpl. Amos	72	9	81
Pte. Humphrey	69	10	79
Pte. Gray	69	9	78
Pte. Lovell	69	9	78
Sergt. F. Hanmore	70	6	76
Pte. R. Smith	68	7	75
Pte. R. Crowhurst	64	8	72
Corpl. Palmer	61	8	69

BROMLEY POLICE OFFICER'S RETIREMENT.—An old an respected Police Officer of Bromley retired last month, after twenty five years'service, in the person of P.-c. David Murdoch. He joined the force in 1879, and was for ten years with the P Division at Peckham. Without making a change in the Division he was at the end of that period transferred to Bromley, and here he has completed the last fifteen years of his service' to the satisfaction of his superior officers, and also in a manner which has earnt for him the thanks and esteem of the public generally. He was a very familiar figure on the point near Bromley South Station, and the genial manner in which he always discharged his duties, not only there, but in all circumstances and conditions, rendered him a general favourite. Mr. Murdoch's records in the detection of crime do not contain any very remarkable passages. But he was successful on one occasion in arresting and taking single-handed two notorious "smashers," and when they were tried and convicted the officer received the warm commendation of both judge and jury. The ex-officer is the proud possessor of the Jubilee medal and bar and the Coronation medal. At the 1887 Jubilee he was on duty in Trafalgar square, and on the second occasion was keeping the route on the Surrey side of London Bridge. On the occasion of the Coronation celebrations he was on duty in the Houses of Parliament. He was also one of the police drafted to the west end of London on the occasion of the Trafalgar-square riots. He was constantly on service there, including "Bloody Sunday," when the Guards were called out to maintain order. Altogether, Mr. Murdoch has proved himself in many ways an exemplary officer—tactful, respectful, kind, and considerate—and at all times dutiful; and we have no doubt that the proposal to make him some small presentation will not lack support.

VOLUNTEER PRIZE SHOOTING.

THE ST. BLAIZE CUP AND BADGE.

The annual competition for the St. Blaize Cup and Badge, presented by Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., of Bromley Palace, to the Bromley Volunteer Detachment, was shot off at Shoreham on August 20th, when a goodly number attended. The conditions were seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards and one "sighter" at each range. with Bisley targets and marking. The shooting at the first two distances—200 and 500 yards—was of a very good standard, some capital scores being recorded, but at 600 yards some of the leading men fell off badly, and the Cup was eventually won by Corporal E. G. Maynard, who also secured £1, with the highly creditable total of 87. By virtue of securing the Cup, Corporal Maynard, who shot consistently at each range, had to forfeit his prize in the handicap. This is the first occasion on which Maynard has "lifted" a first trophy, and his success was well deserved and most popular. Corporal H. P. Palmer and Privates Roland Smith and J. Napier gave the winner a close fight, losing by one point only. Palmer secured the second prize, 17s. 6d.; Smith the third, 10s.; and Napier the fourth, 5s. Sergeant F Hanmore succeeded in taking the fifth prize, 5s. The handicapping worked out fairly creditably. The following are the full scores with the handicap:—

Rank and Name.	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.	Hcap.	Grand Total.
Corpl. E. Maynard, Cup and Badge, £1	31	33	23	87		
Cpl. H. P. Palmer, 17s. 6d.	29	28	29	86	8	94
Corpl. E. Maynard ...	31	33	23	87	6	93
Pte. R. Smith, 10s. ...	28	29	29	86	7	93
Pte. J. Napier, 5s. ...	29	28	29	86	5	91
Sergt. F. Hanmore, 5s. ...	29	23	28	80	7	87
Pte. M. Mortlock ...	27	23	26	76	9	85
Col.-Sergt. E. Towell ...	29	27	21	77	7	84
Pte. R. G. Crowhurst ...	29	22	25	76	8	84
Lieut. A. N. W. Clark	30	29	18	77	6	83
Lce.-corpl. E. J. Amos	26	26	22	74	9	83
Sergt. H. Smith	31	33	12	76	6	82
Lce.-corpl. C. Allington	22	27	26	75	7	82
Lce.-sergt. R. C. Fawsitt	28	31	18	77	4	81
Sergt. C. Field	28	30	15	73	8	81
Pte. C. H. Stringer ...	26	25	20	71	7	78
Pte. C. W. Simpson ...	22	30	18	70	8	78
Pte. R. G. Humphrey ...	26	21	20	67	10	77
Corpl. C. H. Dunford ...	27	25	16	68	8	76
Pte. W. Green	29	27	8	64	10	74
Lieut. O. D. Clark ...	28	30	7	65	8	73
Pte. F. Marchant ...	24	26	13	63	8	71
Pte. J. Lovell	20	30	7	57	9	66
Pte. E. Browne	22	23	10	55	11	66
Sergt. S. Mansfield ...	31	19	6	56	8	64
Pte. E. A. Forester ...	23	16	7	46	12	58
Lce.-corpl. H. E Green	17	10	17	44	12	56
Pte. T. Belfield	28	6	5	39	12	51
Pte. J. Harman	20	19	Rtd.	39	12	51
Pte. S. Mundy	19	12	2	33	12	45
Pte. W. Edwards	15	5	0	20	12	32

The Archbishop of Canterbury has nominated the Rev. John Bond, M.A., Vicar of Plaistow, Bromley, to the Vicarage of Horsham, vacant by the death of Canon Evan Daniel.

The statement of receipts at the recent Tunbridge Wells Agricultural Show has now been issued, and shows that the gate money for the two days was a record, viz., £1,121. The number passing the turnstile was 13,767.

Local Obituary.

MRS. CHARLESWORTH, OF BICKLEY.

Not only the parishioners of Bickley but the residents generally of the surrounding district have lost a true and esteemed friend in the demise of Mrs. Charlesworth, widow of Mr Frederick Charlesworth, the sad event occurring at her residence, East Hill, Bickley, on August 12th, from failure of the heart's action. The deceased lady, who was 77 years of age, was one of the oldest of Bickley's inhabitants, she having resided in the place no less than 38 years. Much might be written of Mrs. Charlesworth's virtues and of the continuous stream of benefactions which flowed from the depths of her kindly heart, but in a district where her life and work have been so fully realised and appreciated, any recapitulation is unnecessary. Through mothers' meetings and other media she had brought her influence to bear on the parochial life, and it may also be mentioned that she was a regular attendant at St. George's Church, and that any scheme for the furtherance of Church work had her heartiest support.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at half-past two at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Lloyd Russell, and the Rev. T. E. B. Guy (a son-in-law of the deceased lady). The principal mourners were as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Charlesworth (Glanton Hall, Lowestoft), Mrs. Taylor (daughter), Mrs Guy (daughter), Major and Mrs. Martindale (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. Jesse Charlesworth (brother-in-law), Mr. Alban Charlesworth (niece), and the deceased lady's servants.

A number of floral tributes were sent in token of respect to the departed.

MR. EDWARD RADLEY, OF BECKENHAM.

We regret this month to have to record the death of Mr. Edward Radley, which occurred at his residence, Tan-y-Bryn, Foxgrove-road, Beckenham, on Wednesday, August 10th, at the age of 79 years. The deceased gentleman met with a slight accident on July 16th. While walking in his grounds he slipped and fell, and had to be taken to his room. Delirium supervened, and this continued, on and off, to the time of his death.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST CRICKETER IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Jenner Fust, formerly well known in the cricket field as Herbert Jenner, who died at Hill Court, Gloucestershire, on July 30th, at the age of 98, was the eldest son of the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Jenner Fust, LL.D., of Hill Court, and of Chislehurst, Kent, Dean of the Arches, Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Born in 1806, he was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, of which college he was a scholar and Fellow. He graduated in 1827 as B.L. (being third in the law honours list); was called to the Bar and became a member of the Home Circuit until 1835, when he took the degree of LL.D. and was admitted to the Bar of Doctors' Commons, practising there until that college was abolished in 1857, and gaining the reputation of an able, painstaking, and successful advocate. In 1835 he married Maria Eleonora, third daughter of Mr. George Warde Norman, of Bromley Common, Kent, and upon his father's death in 1852 succeeded to the Hill Court and Portishead estates. He was a J.P. for Gloucestershire and lord of the manor and patron of the donative of Hill. He leaves one son, Herbert, a J.P. for Gloucestershire and one of the general inspectors of the Local Government Board, who married Flora Maclaine, daughter of Major Gillian Maclaine Ross, and has issue; also two daughters, the elder of whom married the Rev. W. Unett Coates, vicar of Hill, while the younger resided with her father until his death. Mr. Jenner Fust was the representative of the old Gloucestershire family of Fust, of Hill Court, being sixth in descent from Julian, daughter of Richard Fust, lord of the Manor of Hill in 1608. All the descendants, male and female, of Sir Edward Fust (first baronet) (the only other child of Richard Fust who left surviving issue) became extinct at the death, in 1841, of Miss Flora Langley-Fust, and the estates passed in accordance with the will of Sir John Fust, sixth baronet, and last male of his line, to his cousin, Sir Herbert Jenner, who assumed, by Royal licence, the additional surname and the arms of Fust.

In his younger days, Mr. Jenner Fust gained great fame in the cricket field, and as a wicket-keeper Herbert Jenner, as he then was, stood second to none. He played for Eton v. Harrow, in 1822 and 1823, and for Cambridge in 1825, 1826 and 1827. In this last year he was captain of the Cambridge eleven in the first match played against Oxford, and 50 years later proposed the toast of "cricket" at a dinner held in London to celebrate the jubilee of that event. The first stanza of a song, composed for and sung on that occasion, may be quoted:—

> "Fifty years have sped since first,
> Keen to win their laurel,
> Oxford round a Wordsworth clustered,
> Cambridge under Jenner mustered,
> Met in friendly quarrel."

The Oxford captain, Charles Wordsworth, afterwards became Bishop of St. Andrews.

Herbert Jenner played regularly in the great matches from 1827 to 1836, when his name appears for the last time in Gentlemen v. Players; "the Gentlemen," says Lillywhite, in his "Scores and Biographies," "losing one of the best men they ever had (when just in his prime) in their annual match against the Players." He was elected president of the Marylebone Club in 1833, when only 27 years of age, and was president until his death of the West Kent Cricket Club, to which he had belonged since 1827. In "Scores and annals of the West Kent Cricket Club," by his nephew, Mr. Philip Norman, F.S.A., will be found many details of Mr. Jenner Fust's cricketing career, and a warmly appreciative sketch of his character and powers as a cricketer, by Mr. James Christie Traill.

According to "Verax," in the "South Eastern Gazette," Kentish Pearls are selling at the rate of £7,000 a ton the buyers at that price being Messrs. W. Horne and Sons, of Perry Hill, Clifton, and the purchase being made at Spalding. To prevent misconception, it may as well be explained that the Pearls in question are a valuable variety of potato with wonderful powers of reproduction, even surpassing such costly varieties as Sir John Llewelyn, Ninety Fold and Duke of York. This works out at the rate of £3 2s. 6d. per pound, so that although these Pearls may not be worth quite their weight in gold, yet they are certainly worth more than double their weight in silver.

BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

FIXTURES FOR 1904—5.

The following are the engagements for the above club during the forthcoming season:—

First Eleven.

Sept. 3rd.—Civil Service, at Bromley.
Sept. 10th.—Croydon (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Sept. 17th.—English Cup Tie.
Sept. 24th.—Polytechnic (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Oct. 1st.—English Cup Tie.
Oct. 8th.—Amateur Cup Tie.
Oct. 15th.—English Cup Tie.
Oct. 22nd.—Woolwich Polytechnic, at Bromley.
Oct. 29th.—Amateur Cup Tie.
Nov. 5th.—London Senior Cup Tie.
Nov. 12th.—Open.
Nov. 19th.—Amateur Cup Tie.
Nov. 26th.—London Senior Cup Tie.
Dec. 3rd.—Open.
Dec. 10th.—Kent Senior Cup Tie.
Dec. 17th.—Nunhead (S.S.L.), at Nunhead.
Dec. 24th.—Clapham (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Dec. 26th.—Cray Wanderers, at Cray.
Dec. 31st.—Croydon Wanderers, at Bromley.

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Jan. 7th.—Nunhead (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Jan. 14th.—West Norwood (S.S.L.), at Herne Hill.
Jan. 21st.—Polytechnic (S.S.L.), at Wimbledon.
Jan. 28th.—London Senior Cup Tie.
Feb. 4th.—Maidstone Church Institute, at Bromley.
Feb. 11th.—Dulwich Hamlet (S.S.L.), at Dulwich.
Feb. 18th.—West Norwood (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Feb. 25th.—Tunbridge Wells, at Tunbridge Wells.
Mar. 4th.—Clapham (S.S.L.), at Clapham.
Mar. 11th.—Open.
Mar. 18th.—Open.
Mar. 25th.—Dulwich Hamlet (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
April 1st.—Croydon, at Croydon.
April 8th.—Open.
April 15th.—Open.
April 21st (Good Friday).—Open.
April 22nd.—Culham College, at Bromley.
April 24th (Eas. Mon.).—Cray Wanderers, at Bromley.
April 29th.—Alleyn, at Bromley.

S.S.L.—Southern Suburban League.

Second Eleven.

Sept. 3rd.—Open.
Sept. 10th.—Croydon A, at Croydon.
Sept. 17th.—Fairholme (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Sept. 24th.—Mount Pleasant (S.S.L.), away.
Oct. 1st.—London Junior Cup Tie.
Oct. 8th.—Open.
Oct. 15th.—Dulwich St. Peters (S.S.L.), at Dulwich.
Oct. 22nd.—Grassmeade (B.D.L.), at Cray.
Oct. 29th.—West Beckenham (B.D.L.), at Bromley.
Nov. 5th.—Open.
Nov. 12th.—West Kentians, away.
Nov. 19th.—St. Andrew's Guild (B.D.L.), at Bromley.
Nov. 26th.—Fairholme (S.S.L.), away.
Dec. 3rd.—Cold Blow United (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Dec. 10th.—St. Andrew's Guild (B.D.L.), at Cray.
Dec. 17th.—West Kentians, at Bromley.
Dec. 24th.—West Beckenham (B.D.L.), at Beckenham.
Dec. 26th.—Open.
Dec. 31st.—S.E. & C. Railway (S.S.L.), away.

1905.

Jan. 7th.—Open.
Jan. 14th.—S.E. & C. Railway (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Jan. 21st.—Mount Pleasant (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Jan. 28th.—Ludgate Circus (S.S.L.), away.
Feb. 4th.—Queen's Mead (B.D.L.), on the Qu. Mead.
Feb. 11th.—Dulwich St. Peters (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Feb. 18th.—Cold Blow United (S.S.L.), away.
Feb. 25th.—Ludgate Circus (S.S.L.), at Bromley.
Mar. 4th.—Grassmeade (B.D.L.), at Bromley.
Mar. 11th.—Open.
Mar. 18th.—Beckenham Rovers (B.D.L.), at Bromley.
Mar. 25th.—Open.
April 1st.—Queen's Mead (B.D.L.), at Bromley.
April 8th.—Beckenham Rovers (B.D.L.), at Beckenham
April 15th.—Open.
April 21st (Good Friday).—Open.
April 22nd.—Open.
April 24th (Easter Monday).—Croydon A, at Bromley.
April 29th.—Open.

S.S.L.—Southern Suburban League (Div. II.).
B.D.L.—Bromley and District League.

ST. GEORGE'S (BICKLEY), AND WIDMORE BAND OF HOPE.

On Monday August 8th, in the Infants' School, Widmore, an entertainment of considerable merit was given by the members of the St. George's, (Bickley) and Widmore Band of Hope, in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. George's Church (Bickley). Similar entertainments have now been given for several years past, and as on previous occasions the performance was arranged by Miss Hope, the valued hon. sec. The chief part of the programme was the performance of an operetta, entitled "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," and apart from individual successes, the whole presentation bore testimony to many hours of hard and tedious work by Miss Hope, in the promotion and carrying through of the gathering. The first part of the programme consisted of miscellaneous items, commencing with a piano duett, "La Review," by Misses S. Walker and N. Fitz. This was followed by a well rendered part song, "Market Day," by the Misses S. Walker, D. Fitz, N. Fitz and H. Fitz. Miss May Wright gave a recitation, entitled "Dollies Drilling Class," with marked ability, and Miss F. Hockley contributed a piano solo. The Misses S. Walker, D. Fitz, N. Fitz and H. Fitz rendered another part song, and Miss S. Walker sang "The Gay Tom Tit," which secured for her hearty and continuous applause. C. Oakley recited "The Railway Crossing," and the Misses N. Simmons, and Ivy Watson also gave recitations, which were well received. The greater portion of the evening was taken up with the operetta. Miss E. Botting as Princess Snow White, and C. Steer as the Prince acted their parts with great ability. Both shewed a most agreeable acquaintance with the dialogue, and made long speeches without hesitation. Miss L. Walker, who undertook the part of Queen, spoke her lines clearly, and her singing was very good. A. Jenkins as Carl the Huntsman, and R. Shoebridge as Arbutus, were excellent their "get ups" being wonderfully good. Daffodil and Violet, were successfully impersonated by the Misses B. Tomblin and E. Woolley respectively. The Seven Dwarfs acted their parts splendidly, and added a great deal of merriment to the piece. They were represented by the Misses M. Walker, C. Botting, E. Hockley, N. Craker, A. Walton, E. Butler, and N. Copping. The presentation of the operetta was accompanied with appropriate choruses and solos, and these also reflected great credit upon those responsible for the entertainment. The choruses were admirably given. At the close the Rev. W. A. Carroll, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to preside over the entertainment, and he proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Miss Hope, which was carried with acclamation. Miss N. Fitz presided at the pianoforte with much ability.

The entertainment was continued on the following evening, the school being again crowded with an appreciative audience. The Rev. J. Boyd presided, and altogether the entertainment was a decided success, thanks to the untiring efforts of the honorary secretary Miss Hope.

Births.

BURROWS.—On the 9th August, at Hayes Cottage, Hayes, the wife of E. P. Burrows, of a son.

CAREY.—On the 21st August, at "White Lodge," Shawfield Park, Bickley, the wife of Harold. L. Carey, of a son.

HEARN.—On the 6th August, the wife of Charles. A. Hearn, of Fotheringbay, Sidcup, of a daughter

KERR.—On the 19th August, at "Glendower," Queen Anne-avenue, Bromley, the wife of R. C. Kerr, of a daughter.

NEWLAND.—On the 8th August, at Layston, Bromley, the wife of Herbert George Newland, L.D.S., of a a daughter.

SEDGWICK.—On the 5th August, at Chilchester Lodge, Beckenham, the wife of William Francis Mason Sedgwick, of a son.

SMEE.—On the 29th July, at Forestorre, Lake Avenue, Bromley, the wife of Sidney P. Smee, of a son.

Marriages.

BROWN—BROWNE.—On the 10th August, at the Parish Church, Lympstone, Devon, by the Rev. E. A. Ommanney, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southsea, William Anthony, second son of the late Anthony Browne, of Beckenham, to Eleanor Gordon, third daughter of the Rev. C. G. Browne, Rector of Lympstone.

CREEDY — LOWRY. — On the 6th August, at St. Augustine's Church, Grove Park, by the Rev. S. Luffman, Vicar, Herbert James Creedy, B.A., Oxon, War Office, eldest son of Robert H. Creedy, Bromley, to Mabel Constance, younger daughter of Samuel J. Lowry, Grove Park and Wood-street, E.C.

GIBSON—HAWES.—On the 21st July, at the Parish Church, Chislehurst, by the Rev. J. E. Dawson, M.A., Rector of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, Vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Alan Graeme, eldest son of Edward Graeme Gibson, of Camden Hill, and Margaret Travers, second daughter of Alexander Travers Hawes, of Nizels, Chislehurst.

HALL—PARKER.—On the 17th August, at the Wesleyan Church, Bromley, Kent, by the Rev. B. Carvosso Spencer, assisted by Rev. G. H. Shafto and the Rev. R. B. Shepherd, M.A., Alexander John, son of the late John Heelas Hall, of Bromley, to Marjorie Phyllis, eldest daughter of Edmund Shirley Parker, of Southernhay, Bromley.

HAYWARD—NIND.—On the 14th July, at St. George's, Beckenham, by the Rev. A. J. McM. Dutton, William Hayward, eldest son of the late William Hayward, of St. Michael's House, Cornhill, and Mrs. Hayward, Parkhurst, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, to Ada Susannah, eldest daughter of the late Randall Joseph Nind, of Beech street, Barbican, and Mrs. Nind, Mayfield, Oakhill-road, Beckenham.

HICKS—GIBLETT.—On the 10th August, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, by the Rev. B. Lindesay. Maxwell Hicks, youngest son of Henry Hicks, of Abingdon House, Bromley, to Kate, only daughter of the late John Giblett and of Mrs. Giblett, of Roslin, Hopton-road, Streatham.

LIVERMORE—ST. PIERRE HARRIS.—On the 30th July, at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, vicar, Edward Gillespy, eldest son of Ezra Livermore, of North Brook, Lee, to Susie St. Pierre, only child of George St. Pierre Harris, of Covert Corner, Orpington.

SWAYNE—BUTLER.—On the 28th July, at St. George's, Bickley, by the Rev. R. C. Swayne, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, vicar, Oswald Rocke Swayne, Lieut. R.A., D.S.O., sixth son of R. A. Swayne, J.P., of Tarrington House, Hereford, to Brenda, younger daughter of Arthur Butler, of Brooklyn, Chislehurst.

THOMAS—HENWOOD.—On the 26th July, at the Wesleyan Church, Bromley, by the Rev. W. L. Watkinson, assisted by the Revs. G. H. Shafto and John Bell, the Rev. Charles Drayton Thomas, only son of the late Rev. John D. Thomas, to Clara, fourth daughter of Paul Henwood, of Church House, Bromley.

WIGRAM—DEWEY.—On the 3rd August, at Holy Trinity Church, Lahore, by the Rev. D. J. McKenzie, assisted by the Rev. J. Ali Bakhsh and the Rev. H. W. Weitbrecht, Ph.D., the Rev. Edmund Francis Edward Wigram, M.A., Principal of S. John's College, Lahore, and son of the late Prebendary Wigram, Honorary Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and of Mrs. Wigram, Combe Edge, Hampstead, to Violet Dewey, C.M.S., Lahore, eldest daughter of Thomas C. Dewey, J.P., of South Hill Wood, Bromley, Kent.

Deaths.

ADAMS.—On the 1st August, at Havelock Lodge, Wokingham, Vernalia Mary Adams, wife of the late Frederick Adams, of Park Place, Eltham, aged 60.

BARRON.—On Thursday, the 4th August, after a long and painful illness, at "Nervion," Shortlands, Frederick Cadogan Barron, Mem. Instn. of the Civil Engineers. R.I.P.

CHARLESWORTH.—On the 12th August, at East Hill-Bickley, Maria, widow of the late Frederick Charlesworth, in her 78th year.

SMITHERS.—On the 8th August, at Fern Lodge, Keston, Dorothy Rachael, the dearly beloved wife of George Smithers, late of 1, Duke-street, London Bridge, and Cannon-street, E.C.

STEPHENSON.—On the 27th July, suddenly, at Brighton, Ellen, widow of the late Rev. Charles Stephenson, of Elmstone House, Beckenham, aged 72.

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MESSRS. BAXTER PAYNE & LEPPER will Sell by Auction on the premises, Cromwell House, 8, Bromley Common, on Tuesday, September 13th, 1904, at One for Two o'clock precisely, the Household Furniture as above.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Pheasant shooting begins.

2nd.—*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

3rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—"The Kilties," Canada's celebrated band, at the Grand Hall.

4th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

5th.—Annual concert in aid of the Phillips' Memorial Hospital, at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Re-commencement of the monthly house suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club.

8th.—Annual meeting of the Sundridge Park Golf Club.

9th.—*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council.

12th.—First race of the season of the Bromley Conservative Athletic Club.

14th.—Lecture entitled "Russia and Japan," by Mr. Arthur Diosy, F.R.G.S., at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

16th.—*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

17th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

18th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.

19th.—Second visit to Bromley of Kubelik, the famous violinist.—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale at The Mart, E.C., at 2 p.m., of the Detached Residence known as "Dhurringile," 8, Blakeney-road, Beckenham; also the Freehold Residence, known as "Brook House," South Hill-road, Chislehurst.

23rd.—*Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.*

24th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban District Council.—Messrs. Baxter Payne & Lepper's Sale, at 1 o'clock, of Furniture and outdoor effects at "Dhurringile," 8, Blakeney-road, Beckenham.

30th.—*Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

31st.—Game certificates expire.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Bromley Borough Council since the holidays was held at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on September 26th, the Deputy Mayor (Ald. R. W. James) presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), who is still indisposed. There were also present:—

The Mayor's Illness.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following letter from the Mayor:—

South Eastern Hotel, Deal.
16th September, 1904.

My Dear Mr. Norman,—I very much regret that I shall be unable to be present next Tuesday to preside over the first meeting of the Council after the recess. Acting under the advice of my doctor I am delaying resumption of any work for another fortnight. Will you please present my apologies to the Council and say how much we are all under obligation to the Deputy Mayor, who has so industriously looked after matters during the time we all have been having our holiday. Hoping to be able to resume work before the succeeding meeting,

I am, yours sincerely,
Frank Griffith.

Bromley's New Rate.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating they had had under consideration the report made by their Inspector, Colonel Coke, after the Inquiry held by him with reference to the application of the Council for sanction to borrow £10.000 for the purchase of land for the erection of Offices and other Buildings, and that the Board were prepared to sanction the borrowing of the sum required for the purchase of such land, but, as it was proposed that the land should be utilised as a site for three purposes, asking for an apportionment of the amount of the proposed loan, and stating as regards the loan or loans intended to be raised under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, a fresh application for the Board's approval should be made by memorial under Seal of the Corporation after compliance of the requirements of Section 236 of that Act, and that a fresh resolution should be passed by the Council as regards the amount to be borrowed under the Public Health Act, 1875, and a copy forwarded to the Board. The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Engineer had apportioned the purchase money, as under:—

	£
Public Offices	5000
Court House and Police Station ...	3330
Fire Station	1670

As it is proposed that the sums required for the first two items, namely, £8,330, should be borrowed under the Municipal Corporations Act, the Town Clerk reported that he had given the necessary notice as required by Section 236 of that

Act, and the proposed Memorial had been on deposit at his offices for inspection during a period of one month; resolved to recommend that a Memorial be presented to the Local Government Board applying for their approval to the proposed borrowing and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed thereto; it was further resolved that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to borrow the sum of £1,670 under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the purchase of land as a site for Fire Station. A letter was read from the Local Government Board, transmitting their formal sanctions to loans of £5,120 for a period of 60 years, and £1,000 for a period of 5 years for the purchase of land in Southlands-road for the purposes of Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds. The Committee received reports from the various Committees to the effect that no supplemental expenditure had to be provided for during the halfyear ending 31st March, 1905. They were pleased to report that their estimates as presented for the year ending March next would therefore require no amendment, and recommended that a General District Rate of 1s. 7d. in the £ be made for the ensuing half-year and that the necessary statutory notices be given in due course. It was also resolved to recommend that the necessary Order be made on the Overseers of the parish to pay the sum of £6,701 by two moieties for the half-year ending 31st March, 1905, as the contribution to the Borough Rate out of the Poor Rate made or to be made for the parish. The Committee considered the question of imprest for the Borough Accountant, and recommended that an advance be made of £10 and a cheque be drawn in his favour accordingly.; resolved to recommend that the Borough Accountant be authorised to employ additional assistance for the preparation of the General District Rate Book at a cost not exceeding £8.

Recreation Grounds Committee: Is Plaistow to Have a Recreation Ground?

This Committee met on the 13th September, Alderman Lawrence (Chairman), in the chair. They have received a letter from Messrs. Waterer and Dickins, stating that their client would not be disposed to sell any portion of his land in Burnt Ash-lane for the purposes of a Recreation Ground, except at its present market value as building land, which he put at £1,000 per acre; resolved to recommend that the offer be not entertained, and that negotiations be re-opened with Sir Samuel Scott's Trustees for the purchase of a piece of land from them.

The report was then adopted.

The Proposed New Municipal Buildings.

Alderman Mallett was glad to be able to state that the terms and conditions to be placed before the competitors for the drawing designs of the new Municipal buildings had now been decided upon. The applications received numbered 46, and amongst the competitors were some who required further information and who had written to them a list of questions. These questions were put in due form, and the Committee were summoned to draft answers to them. The draft answers had since been submitted to the assessor who had approved of them, and the answers which formed part of the conditions had now been sent out to the different competitors, and the date decided upon for the drawing designs to be sent in was the 21st of November next. The County Council had been consulted concerning the rent they should pay for Police Court and Police Offices when they were erected, but at this very early stage, when they did not know what the buildings were going to cost, nor the exact position in which they were going to be placed, nothing could be definitely settled. Still, they found them so reasonable that they did not hesitate to say that they thought they should, in time, be able to come to a satisfactory arrangement with the Kent County Council.

Councillor Worley: Will they approve of our plans?

Alderman Mallett said as soon as they got the design and the assessor's award, one would be sent to the County Council for their approval, so that if they required any amendment the Council would have to provide for it.

Births and Deaths.

Births and deaths during the past eight weeks: Births, 141; deaths, 61.

Revival of the Hayes Road Dispute.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following letter:—

38, Parliament-street, Westminster, S.W.
14th September, 1904.

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. C. Norman has instructed us to send you copy of a notice to close this road for vehicular traffic on and after the 26th inst. with an expression of his regret that he has been compelled to take this step in response to a memorial from the owners and residents in the road. Mr. Norman feels that this intimation is due to you in consideration of the friendly attitude taken up by the Bromley Urban District Council in 1899, when overtures were made to open up the road.—Yours faithfully,

Waring & Nicholson.

Alderman Mallett proposed that the letter be referred to the Highways Committee for consideration and report, and the motion was carried.

The Representation on the Board of Guardians.

A letter was read from Mr. Prosser, Clerk to the County Council, in reference to the Council's application for increased representation on the Bromley Board of Guardians, intimating that the Committee who had powers to make orders in the matter, had considered the application and come to the conclusion that the present representation was adequate, and that there was not sufficient reason for increasing it.

Alderman Lawrence said this was just such an answer as they might have expected from the County Council, or at least as he had expected. He would move that the TownClerk be instructed to make some representation to the Local Government Board in conjunction with the Beckenham Urban Council, because they were the masters in this matter.

Councillor Rogers seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bromley and its "Technical Institute."

Mr. W. Trevor H. Walsh, assistant secretary to the Kent County Council Technical Education Committee, wrote as follows:—

Bromley Technical Institute: Proposed use for Pupil Teacher Centre.

Dear Sir,—My Committee, in considering their scheme for the instruction and training of pupil teachers, have found that, at Bromley, should be formed one of the most important centres in the County of Kent. Centres have already been established in most of the larger Urban districts, and in most cases it has been found expedient that the Centre should be housed—at all events temporarily—in the local Technical Institute.

My Committee would be glad to learn whether the Bromley Borough Council would approve of the adoption of a similar course in the course of a Centre which it is proposed to establish in Bromley. I am to point out that if your Council are prepared to place the Bromley Technical Institute at the disposal of my Committee for the purpose indicated, my Committee will undertake all charges in connection with the maintenance of the proposed Centre. My Committee wish it to be understood that their suggestion implies no desire on their part to interfere with the ordinary day and evening work which is now carried on in the Institute.

Alderman Davis said this letter was first sent to the Education Committee who sent it to the Council to decide upon. The County Council talked about the Technical Institute, but the only building in Bromley known as a Technical Institute was the iron room in Sherman-road. They would, therefore, have to ascertain what building the County Council referred to, and he would propose that they write to that authority asking for further information on the subject.

The motion was carried.

Forthcoming Royal Visit to Bromley.

The Deputy Mayor said the next business on the agenda was to consider the desirability of making arrangements for the reception of H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg to Bromley on the 2nd November next, and he would propose that it be taken in Committee.

To this proposal the Council agreed.

Crowhurst's Corner.

Councillor Ingall said he would like to know what progress was being made with regard to the negotiations concerning the property at Crowhurst's corner, belonging to the adjoining Hotel.

The Deputy Mayor: The matter is in the hands of the General Purposes Committee, the Chairman of which is away. The question is receiving consideration, and after the Chairman of the Committee returns, we shall probably hear something about it.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Monday evening on August 29th, the Chairman, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., presiding.

Repairs to the Schools.

A long report was read from Mr. H. R. Latter, of Town Hall Chambers, Bromley, dealing with the repairs recently carried out at the several schools. He also forwarded the accounts, so far as he had received them, together with his certificates that the work had been properly executed; and on the motion of Mr. Alderman James, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, cheques were drawn in payment thereof.

A question was raised by Mr. Latter as to unsatisfactory circumstances in connection with the drainage at Raglan-road Schools; and it was decided to consult Mr. Latter with a view to early action for remedying the defects.

Mr. Latter also presented his final report as to the non-provided schools, all of which were now stated to be in a satisfactory state.

Manual Instruction.

The Chairman said that it had been found on inquiry that excluding all standards below the Fifth, the number of boys available for the proposed classes would be :—Valley, 24; Raglan-road, 136; Aylesbury-road, 39; Wharton-road, 27; Bromley National, 66; Plaistow, 22; Bickley, 28; Bromley Common, 10; making a total of 352. It was perfectly clear from these figures that it would be impossible for them to teach the whole of these boys at Wharton-road School; and the Committee would have to seriously consider in the near future the need of putting up a similar room at the Raglan-road School, so that half might be taught at each—Raglan-road, Holy Trinity and Bickley and Widmore at Raglan-road, and the others at Wharton-road.

Alderman Lawrence asked whether there were not already unoccupied rooms at Raglan-road School, but was told there were none suitable.

Eventually it was decided to consult Mr. Latter on the matter.

The Science and Art School.

The following letter was read from Mr. F. H. Norman, Town Clerk:—

Municipal Offices, Bromley, Kent.
28th July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—The Council have had under consideration their obligations with regard to the building known as the School of Science and Art, having regard to the terms of the Trust upon which the transfer was made by the Trustees and Managers to the late Local Board which terms are fully set out in the Conveyance of the premises to the Local Board dated the 28th November, 1892, a copy of which has been furnished for the information of your Committee, but I am to particularly call your attention to the following provision, viz.: "That so long as the said building grant is not repaid to the Exchequer the said building shall be devoted solely to the instruction of children and adults in drawing, painting, modelling, designing for architecture, manufactures and decoration, and in the pure and natural sciences applicable to industry and manufactures." The Council therefore reserve to themselves the management of the school building but, of course, this is not intended in any way to restrict the use of such building for the educational purposes set out in the Trust deed.—Yours faithfully, Fred. H. Norman, Town Clerk.

George Wall, Esq.,
Clerk to the Bromley Education Committee.

The Chairman was sure it would be equally the desire of the members of the Education Committee to work together harmoniously for the promotion of education in this district; and that the Committee would give their most careful consideration to the letter. He did not suppose a question would ever arise.

Higher Education.

It was reported that the Kent County Council had approved the Committee's suggested Higher Education Committee, and nominated Miss Heppel, Mrs. Mann, and Mr. A. J. Baker as their representatives on that Committee.

Beckenham Children at the Valley School.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Stevens, Clerk to the Beckenham Education Committee, intimating that in view of the decision of the Bromley Education Committee not to contract for the education of Beckenham children in Shortlands Valley for a definite term of years, they had decided to take no further action in the matter.

The Chairman: That means that we have to go on educating some eighty Beckenham children in the Shortlands Valley at the expense of Bromley, less the grants.

Mr. Alderman Davis: Or exclude them, I suppose.

The Chairman: No. We cannot exclude them, but we can exclude any more

A second meeting of the Education Committee was held on Monday, September 12th, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., in the chair.

Manual Instruction.

Having received a preliminary report about the Raglan-road School, the General Purposes Sub-Committee referred the same to the Chairman and Mr. Weeks with instructions to view and report upon a suitable site.

Councillor Harper pointed out that the Committee had no authority from the Council to buy land or erect a workshop at the Raglan-road School for the purpose of teaching handicraft.

The Chairman thought the Education Committee would unanimously approve of the idea that a workshop should be erected at the Raglan-road Schools, in order that manual instruction should be given to the boys. Later on in the evening they would have a report from the Special Sub-Committee, which was appointed for the purpose of viewing the site. It was perfectly true that they had no power whatever for buying land or for borrowing money, but all that would happen if they adopted the report would be that they would then apply to the Council for permission to erect a building. Probably they would have to borrow some £400 or £500, but before they could do this they would have to get it sanctioned by the Council. They would simply recommend that it be done. If the Council would not give their consent, it could not be done. He did not think the Committee had in any way exceeded its powers.

Subsequently, the report was adopted.

Financial: Encouraging Thrift.

A meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday, September 7th. Mr. Alderman R. W. James (Chairman), presiding. Having received and considered the reference, the Sub-Committee recommended that the Chairman for the time being of the Finance Sub-Committee of the Education Committee of the Borough of Bromley, be appointed trustee, and the Clerk for the time being to the said Committee be appointed treasurer of the School Penny Saving Banks.

Alderman James moved, and Councillor Weeks seconded the adoption of the report.—Carried.

The Manual Instruction Question.

Councillor Weeks moved the adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman and himself. He rather thought that Councillor Harper was under a slight misapprehension. He did not think he quite understood the position, because there had never been any intention on the part of the Committee to erect a building without putting the matter properly before the Borough Council. Certain information had to be laid before the Council in order to enable them to come to a decision as to whether the money should be advanced for the purpose or not, and Mr. Loly and himself were deputed to go to the school and investigate the question. They did so, and quite agreed with what Mr. Hugh Latter said, that it would be unwise to build on the existing open playground, and that it would also be unwise to suggest to the Council the erection of a building on any part of the existing playground, inasmuch as the Education Committee or the Borough Council, as the case might be, already possessed other land immediately adjoining the playground. They therefore came to the conclusion that it would be a wise course for them to advise the Committee, if the Council agreed, to erect a building on this ground.

Alderman James had great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report, which was eventually agreed to.

Defective Drainage.

Councillor Harper directed the attention of the Committee to the reference in the minutes of the last meeting concerning certain drainage and other defects at several of the Council's schools, and the matter was referred to the Council.

BROMLEY WORKHOUSE OUTING.

A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

Favoured by perfectly ideal weather, the powerful rays of the sun being tempered by fleecy clouds and a refreshing breeze, the annual summer outing arranged by Mr. C. W. Gedney for the inmates of the Bromley Union Workhouse, which took place on August 26th, proved one of the most successful that has yet been held. For twenty-six or twenty-seven years Mr. Gedney has undertaken the arduous and anxious task of providing this summer treat for the people at the "big house," and thanks to the continued generosity of old friends—though sometimes the generosity is not of that ready character which is said to be equal to giving twice—as well as to the very cordial operation of the Master (Mr. Cave), the Matron (Mrs. Grimsey), and the whole of the Union staff, the success of the outing is thoroughly maintained. As on many previous occasions, Lord Avebury kindly lent the use of his park at High Elms, and no more suitable place could be imagined, for it is comparatively close to the House, and the large elms and beeches which are dotted about the grounds lent pleasant shade and shelter from the mid-day sun. The park was reached shortly before 12, and in a very short time three or four very long table cloths were stretched across the greensward for the accommodation of the nearly 400 present who were about to sit down to dinner. They had a most substantial repast consisting of prime joints of roast beef and mutton, hams and pork pies, with pickles, with beer or mineral waters, according to desire. About 4 o'clock tea was provided, consisting of an ad libitum supply of bread and butter, cake and tea; and shortly before 6 o'clock the conveyances began to load up ready to make the homeward journey. By 7 o'clock the last load left, the hearty cheers of all testifying to their appreciation of the day's outing.

The monthly house suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club will be resumed on Wednesday, October 5th, when the chair will be occupied by Dr. W. Chatterton.

Bromley Conservative Athletic Club.—The annual general meeting of the Bromley Conservative Athletic Club was held on Monday, Sept. 5th, and judging from the extent of the attendance, presided over by Mr. G. W. Perkis (the zealous assistant secretary of the Conservative Club), the approaching season will see an important advance in the operations of the Athletic club. Several new members, who are enthusiasts, have been elected, and an excellent programme of handicaps was compiled for the coming winter. All contests are fixed to take place on the second Wednesday in each month, and as soon as the days begin to lengthen out again a number of walking handicaps will be decided. Mr. T. J. Jarman was unanimously elected hon. secretary of the club. Mr. W. Osborn was appointed captain, and Mr. Perkis was elected treasurer. The first race of the season, two and a half miles sealed handicap, will take place on Wednesday, October 12th.

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JUBILEE DINNER OF COURT "ROBIN HOOD," 2629.

The evening of Wednesday, August 31st, forms a conspicuous landmark in the history of Forestry in Bromley, and particularly in the annals of Court "Robin Hood," for on that occasion a numerous company assembled at the Parish Room, West-street, to take part in the Jubilee dinner of the Court. The chair was occupied by the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James), in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor, and amongst the company present were D.C.R. Bro. W. Staines D.S.R. Bro. A. Rawlings, Treas. P.C.R. G. H. Payne, E. M. Garnar, C. H. Pearson (Secretary Court 4312), C.R. Bro. H. Furr, S.C.R. Bro. A. Thorndycraft, Trustees P.C.R. J. Podger, G. Edwards, P.C.R. J. R. Pocock, Bros. J. Davies, T. Williams, J. Farrance, H. Soan (Assistant Secretary), Woodwards T. Worsfold and J. E. Shergold, G. Wolfe, W. J. Carlyon, P.C.R. T. Ranson, F. J. Lepard, A. J. Smith, M. Marshall, etc. On the walls were displayed the Lodge banner, a beautiful piece of workmanship, which was presented by the late Bro. D. P. Loe, in celebration of H.M. Jubilee, 21st June, 1887, and also the Juveniles' banner, together with numerous sets of antlers emblems of the Order which had been presented to the Court at various times, and amongst whom might be mentioned the late Col. Long, Mr. E. Packe, etc. Upon the conclusion of the repast, the Chairman gave the toast of "The King," which was received with the greatest cordiality, a verse of the National Anthem being sung.

The Secretary of the Court, Mr. J. King, then read letters of regret at inability to be present from the Mayor (who was still absent from home, and not yet recovered from his indisposition), and also from Mr. E. Packe, J.P., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. Jas. Batten, J.P., Mr. W. H. Bosanquet, and many others, including the Secretary of Court 2999 (Bro. Spooner), Bro. H. W. Amos, late Secretary of the Court, Bro. H. Podger P.C.R., who is one of the oldest members of the Court, was unavoidably absent through illness, and P.C.R. Bro. W. S. Bennett.

Alderman James said that before asking the Secretary to reply to the toast of Court "Robin Hood," he wished to insert an item "on his own." Bro. Rawlings had referred during the evening to the distinguished manner in which Bro. King had carried out the duties of his office. He first joined in 1886, and had held various offices since. In 1889 he succeeded Bro. H. W. Amos (who retired after 17 years' service) as Secretary. There was a great difference between the position of things then and now, and he thought that every member of Court "Robin Hood" ought to be thankful to Mr. King for the manner in which he had carried out the duties devolving upon him. He (Alderman James) had been put up to perform a very pleasant duty, and it gave him the greatest pleasure as having been for some years in a position to be associated with their Secretary, who always carried out his duties in a conscientious manner. On behalf of Court "Robin Hood" he was privileged to present to Mr. King a gold chain as a memento of his able services rendered as their Secretary. As an evidence of the assiduity with which those duties had been carried out, he mentioned that only once in 15 years had Mr. King been absent from a Court meeting. That was, he thought, a record of which they had reason to be proud. He trusted Mr. King would live long to wear that chain, and that he would accept it as an evidence of their appreciation of the admirable way in which he had carried out the duties of the office for so many years. (Applause.)

Mr. J. King suitably replied, and in so doing, thanked the Chairman for his kind words, and the members for the presentation. He then gave a resumé of the history of the Court from the time of its inauguration on July 4th, 1854, to the present time. Bro. King, in conclusion, said that the present position of the Court was not so much due to his own personal efforts as to the hard-working and painstaking services which had been rendered by the Management Committee and other officers of the Court. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed.

BROMLEY COMMON BAPTIST CHURCH.

NEW PASTOR'S RECOGNITION SERVICES

On Tuesday afternoon, August 30th, a largely attended meeting was held in this Church in recognition of, and to give a hearty welcome to their new Pastor, the Rev. Lewis Bartlett, who for 15 years was Pastor of the Baptist Church at Alborough, where the rev. gentleman was held in high esteem by friends of all denominations, and who, on leaving, was presented with a purse containing £25. The Rev. G. R. Fearn, Pastor of Orpington Baptist Church, preached a sermon, the theme and subject being "Self-Denial."

A public tea was given at 6 o'clock, and about 100 persons sat down. The church was beautifully decorated by members and friends. Miss Tuson, Mrs. Milstead, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Horace Field, and Mrs. Plumbridge worked arduously and well at the tables to minister to the comfort of those present, and they were assisted in their various duties by Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

A public meeting at 7.30 was presided over by Mr. T. Lewis, an old and valued friend of this church, who for many years previous to his leaving for St. Leonards was a zealous worker and deacon in the church he loved so well.

TENDERS FOR BICKLEY & WIDMORE WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE.

The following is the list of tenders received for the erection of the first portion of the Institute and Club premises:—

	£
R. A. Lowe, Lower Camden, Chislehurst	959
J. C. Arnaud and Son, 140, High-street, Bromley	905
Bate Bros. and Croft, York House Avonmore-road, West Kensington	898
T. Crossley and Son, 68a, Tweedy-road, Bromley	890
Hall Bros., 336a, New Cross-road,	843
W. Nash, Crown works Childers-street, Deptford, S.E.	839
F. P. Duthoit, Westmoreland-road, Bromley	837
T. D. Crasty, 21, East-street, Bromley	831

The newly appointed Vicar of Plaistow intends taking up his residence at Plaistow towards the end of November. He will be accompanied to his new sphere by the Rev. C. de R. Wall, who is at present acting as Curate at St. Luke's.

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

6th.—Death of the Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley.

7th.—Organ recital at the Bromley Congregational Church by Mr. W. H. Jude.—Farewell meeting with Dr. and Mrs. Preston Maxwell at Bromley Presbyterian Church.

10th.—Funeral of the Vicar of Bromley.

18th.—Harvest Thanksgiving Services at the Great Tent and at the Salvation Army Barracks, Bromley.

21st.—Fourth annual aquatic gala of the Bromley Swimming Club.

23rd.—Bromley Revision Court.

27th.—Sale of "Passive Resisters'" goods at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

The concert which Madame Amy Sherwin is arranging on behalf of the St. Mary's Homes at Shortlands is fixed for November 16th. That the concert will be an admirable one is assured by so eminent a lady being at the helm.

Mr. D. Warres Smith, of Holdene, Bickley, has written to the London "Times," saying that he will be glad to give £10 annually to the support of the proposed Ben Nevis Observatory, if the required number of subscribers is forthcoming.

The following will has been proved: Miss Maria Eleanor Anderdon (80), of Church Row, Chislehurst, bequeathed £100 each to the Additional Curates Society, Church Penitentiary Association, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Manning and Anderdon Almshouses. (£34,129

Marriage of Miss Eva Bolton.—On September 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Brockley, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Eva Bolton, daughter of Col. A. J. Bolton, V.D., the popular commanding officer of the 1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers, of Alfrasto, Hayne-road, Beckenham, with Mr. F. H. Barry, son of the late Mr. J. F. Barry. The bride wore a beautiful dress of white satin, trimmed with Irish point lace and true lovers' knots in pearls and a court train, and carried a handsome bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids, the Misses Bessie McLachlan, Janet Bunyard, Dora Churchyard, and little Miss Audrey Phenney (niece of the bride), were attired in white silk muslin dresses, with cherry-colour shaded sashes and cherry white hats, with bouquets to match. The bride was given away by her father, Colonel Bolton, and Mr. H. Bolton acted as best man. The marriage ceremony was impressively performed by Canon Hammond.

WEDDING AT BROMLEY.

MISS E. C. VENNING AND MR. A. N. PELLETT.

In the presence of a numerous congregagation of relatives and friends, the wedding took place at the Bromley Parish Church, on September 17th, of Miss Ethel Close Venning, daughter of Mr. C. Harrison Venning, of 24, Bromley Grove, Shortlands, and Mr. Aubrey Nesbit Pellett, of Quinton, Hamme1ton Road, Bromley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. D. Keith-Steele, formerly Incumbent of Christ Church, Bromley Park.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white crêpe de chine and accordian pleated chiffon, trimmed with white chenile and embroidered with chiffon roses and seed pearls. She also wore an embroidered tulle veil and orange blossom. The bridesmaids were Miss Lily C. Venning, Miss Harriet C. Venning, and Miss Almira Pellett. They wore green silk crepeline with pink roses in their hair, and tulle veils; they carried bouquets of pink carnations tied with pink ribbons.

The bride's mother wore lavender etoline, trimmed with orange velvet guipure lace and chiffon, a black and white toque with buckle of tiny orange roses, and carried a bouquet of Allan Richardson roses. The bridegroom's mother was attired in black silk trimmed with real lace. The best man was Mr. J. B. Wright.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Bell Hotel, about one hundred guests being present. At four o'clock Mr. and Mrs. A. Pellett left for the Isle of Wight. The bride's going away dress was white serge with white panne and gold cord trimmings, and a white and brown hat. She also wore a handsome fur stole, the gift of the bridegroom.

The presents were numerous and costly and included an oak chest containing a very complete set of knives, forks, spoons, &c., presented by the friends at Christ Church, where the bride had officiated as organist for the past five years.

From his City colleagues the bridegroom received a handsome English bracket clock in fumed oak case.

The bride's parents gave them a piano, household linen, &c., and the bridegroom's parents a complete drawing-room suite of inlaid rosewood.

In addition over one hundred presents were received, and included every article of luxury which the most exacting housewife could desire. They were tastefully arranged in the hall, where the reception was held, and were much admired by the guests.

In consequence of the Mail train leaving at 7.35 p.m., on Sundays the clearances at all letter boxes will be 20 minutes earlier. The change commences 2nd October.

Bromley's New Library.—We understand that at a meeting of the Public Library Committee, held on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, the award of the Assessor in the competition for the plan of the new Library was opened, when it was found that the successful Architect was Mr. Evelyn Hellicar, whose plan received high commendation from the Assessor. When it is remembered that some of the most successful Architects in Public Library construction were amongst the competitors, and that the Assessor was such a man as Mr. J. Belcher, A.R.A., the President of the Institute of British Architects, it will be seen how great has been Mr. Hellicar's success.

THE LICENSING ACT OF 1904.

WHAT IT PROVIDES.

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Beyond the fact that the new Licensing Act, which received the Royal assent on August 15th last, and which comes into force on January 1st, 1905, makes provision for compensating those interested in licensed premises where the licences for such premises are revoked on what have been called public grounds, it is probable that very many are not very conversant with its important enactments, and it will be interesting, therefore, as well as instructive if we summarise its main outlines. Hitherto, licensing justices, assembled at Brewster have had the right to refuse the renewal—except in a few cases—of licences in their district, the only consideration being that they should exercise that right in a judicial spirit and not arbitrarily. In some cases, licensing justices have, in the last few years, exercised that discretion, though in many other cases there is no question they have abstained from making a reduction in what they themselves have felt to be the excessive number of licensed premises in their several districts, because of the hardship which they have felt—whether rightly or wrongly we say not—such action would impose on those who have invested capital in what the law has, in other directions, recognised as a vested interest. The outcry which the course adopted by those magistrates who went in for reduction, without any question as to compensation, is the direct cause of the new Licensing Act.

Reference to Quarter Sessions.

It is entirely erroneous to imagine, as some do, that the Act takes away all the powers of licensing justices. As a matter of fact they will still sit in Brewster Sessions, every year, and hear applications for the renewal of existing licences, and for the grant of new ones. And the right to refuse a renewal on the ground that the licensed premises have been ill-conducted or are structurally deficient or structurally unsuitable, or grounds connected with the character or fitness of the proposed holder of the licence remains with them unfettered and unweakened by any consideration whatever, just as it has done hitherto; except that they shall specify in writing to the applicant the grounds of their refusal.

But the power to refuse the renewal of an existing on-licence on any other ground—which, of course, means where it is done with a view to reducing the number of licensed premises in the public interests—will in future be vested in Quarter Sessions, instead of in the licensing justices of the district, and it shall only be exercised by Quarter Sessions on a reference from the licensing justices and on payment of compensation as prescribed by the Act, after they have given all interested in any such licences an opportunity of being heard.

Payment of Compensation.

Where Quarter Sessions refuse a renewal, a sum equal to the difference between the value of the licensed premises, and the value which those premises would bear if they were not licensed premises, shall be paid as compensation to the persons interested in the licensed premises. The amount may be agreed upon between the persons interested and by Quarter Sessions, and in default it shall be determined by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, as on the valuation of an estate for the purpose of estate duty. The amount shall be divided amongst the persons interested in the licensed premises (including the holder of the licence) in such shares as may be determined by Quarter Sessions. Provided that in the case of the licence holder regard shall be had not only to his legal interest in the premises or trade fixtures but also to his conduct and to the length of time during which he has been the holder of the licence, and the holder of a licence, if a tenant, shall (notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary) in no case receive a less amount than he would be entitled to as tenant from year to year of the licensed premises.

Financial Provisions.

Quarter Sessions shall, in each year, unless they certify to the Secretary of State that it is unnecessary to do so in any year, for the purpose of this Act impose in respect of all existing on licences renewed in respect of premises within their area, charges at rates not exceeding, and graduated in the same proportion as the rates shown in the scale of maximum charges set out in the First Schedule to the Act. Such charges shall be levied and paid, together with and as part of the duties on the corresponding excise licence, but a separate account shall be kept by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of the amount produced by those charges in the area of any Quarter Sessions, and that amount shall in each year be paid over to that Quarter Sessions, who shall pay it into a separate account, and the moneys standing to the credit of that account shall constitute the compensation fund. Quarter Sessions may borrow in accordance with rules made under the Act, on the security of the compensation fund, for the purpose of paying compensation.

Provisions as to New Licences.

The power of the County Licensing Committee to confirm new licences, and any other power of that Committee shall be transferred to Quarter Sessions. The justices, on the grant of a new on licence, may attach to the grant of the licence such conditions, both as to the payments to be made and the tenure of the licence and as to any other matters, as they think proper in the interests of the public; subject as follows:—

(a) Such conditions shall in any case be attached as, having regard to proper provision for suitable premises and good management, the justices think best adapted for securing to the public any monopoly value which is represented by the difference between the value which the premises will bear, in the opinion of the justices, when licensed, and the value of the same premises if they were not licensed: Provided that, in estimating the value as licensed premises of hotels or other premises where the profits are not wholly derived from the sale of intoxicating liquor, no increased value arising from profits not so derived shall be taken into consideration:

(b) The amount of any payments imposed under conditions attached in pursuance of this section shall not exceed the amount thus required to secure the monopoly value.

The justices may, if they think fit, instead of granting a new on licence as an annual licence, grant the licence for a term not exceeding seven years, and where a licence is so granted for a term—

(a) Any application for a re-grant of the licence on the expiration of the term shall be treated as an application for the grant of a new licence,

not as an application for the renewal of a licence, and during the continuance of the term the licence shall not require renewal: and

(b) Any transfer of the licence shall, subject to any conditions attached thereto on the grant, have effect for the remainder of the term of the licence, and may be granted at a general annual licensing meeting as well as at special Sessions, and any reference to special Sessions in any enactment relating to transfers or protection orders shall include a reference to the general annual licensing meeting.

The amount of any payments made in pursuance of any conditions under this section shall be collected and dealt with in the same manner as the duties on local taxation licences within the meaning of section twenty of the Local Government Act, 1888.

A licence granted for a term under this section may (without prejudice to any other provisions as to forfeiture) be forfeited, if any condition imposed under this section is not complied with, by order of a court of summary jurisdiction, made on complaint, or, if the holder of the licence is convicted of any offence committed by him as such, by the court by whom he is convicted, but where a licence is so forfeited the owner of the licensed premises shall have all the rights conferred on owners by section fifteen of the Licensing Act, 1874.

Division of Area and Appointment of Committee

Quarter Sessions may divide their area into districts, in which case the Act shall operate as if those districts were separate areas.

They may also delegate any of their powers and duties to a committee appointed in accordance with rules made by them.

The justices of any borough, not being a county borough but having a separate commission of the peace, shall be entitled to appoint one of their number to act, with reference to the determination of any question as to the refusal of the renewal of a licence and any matters consequential thereon, on the committee appointed by Quarter Sessions, and for those purposes any justice so appointed shall be deemed to be an additional member of the committee.

The area of Quarter Sessions for a county shall for the purposes of this Act include any borough (not being a county borough) or any part thereof which is locally situated in that county.

This Act shall apply to a county borough as if it were a county, with the substitution for Quarter Sessions of the whole body of justices acting in and for the borough.

The City of London for the purposes of this Act shall be deemed to be a county borough.

Application of Act to Special Cases.

The provisions of the Act shall apply to the transfer of an existing on licence as they apply to the renewal of an existing on licence, with the substitution of transfer for renewal.

If the justices of a licensing district refuse to renew an existing on licence on the ground that the holder of the licence has persistently and unreasonably refused to supply suitable refreshment (other than intoxicating liquor) at a reasonable price, or on the ground that the holder of the licence has failed to fulfil any reasonable undertaking given to the justices on the grant or renewal of the licence, the justices shall be deemed to have refused the licence on the ground that the premises have been ill-conducted: Provided that where the justices, on an application for a renewal of an existing on licence, ask the licence holder to give an undertaking as aforesaid, they shall adjourn the hearing of the application, and cause notice of the required undertaking to be served upon the registered owner of the premises, and give him an opportunity of being heard.

Section nineteen of the Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869, and section seven of the Wine and Beerhouse Amendment Act, 1870, are repealed, and, in the application of the Act to licences to which the said section nineteen extends, the grounds mentioned in section eight of the Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869, shall be substituted for the grounds mentioned in this Act as the grounds on which the power to refuse the renewal of an existing on licence is reserved to the justices of a licensing district.

The memorial stones of the new Central Hall, now being erected in the London-road, Bromley, for the permanent work of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission, will be laid on Friday, October 21st, by his Worship the Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Frank Griffith, J.P.), and other well-known gentlemen.

The Late Rev. A. G. Hellicar's Will.—Probate of the will of the late Rev. A. G. Hellicar, M.A., Vicar of Bromley, has been granted at £11.995.

Presentation at Widmore.—After the ordinary business had been gone through, at the monthly meeting of the Widmore Wesleyan Slate Club, held on Monday, Sept. 12th, a very interesting presentation was made to the secretary Mr C. M. Bacon, who has lately been married. The presentation took the form of a dinner service, which had been subscribed for by the members of the club.

Classes for Sight Singing.—The attention of all interested in choral singing is specially directed to the fact that the new syllabus of the Bromley Education Committee, includes a class for the teaching of sight singing to be conducted by Mr. F. Lewis Thomas at the Science and Art Schools in Tweedy-road. Particulars can be obtained by application to the clerk to the Education Committee at the Municipal offices for a copy of the syllabus.

Weeks' Corner, High Street Bromley.—At last the prospect of the completion of this portion of the widening the High-steret seems to be in sight, for tenders were opened at Messrs. Waring & Nicholson's, architects, Parliament-street, Westminster, for carrying out the alteration and rebuilding of the premises, rendered necessary by the council's action, as follows:—F. P. Duthoit, £1,368; Arnaud & Son, £1,396; T. D. Graty, 1,413; R. Lowe, £1,459; T. Crossley and Son, £1,460; D. Payne, £1,462.—The work will be entrusted to Mr. Duthoit, and doubtless in the course of a few months this long delayed matter will be completed.

National Deposit Friendly Society.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 21st, at West Wickham Lecture Hall. There was a good attendance. The Rector, Rev. B. Roberts took the chair, and in introducing the speaker said he had heard of the Society years ago, and understood the Society to be founded on a firm basis and considered it a very excellent Society. Mr T J Davis (Chairman of Bromley and Plaistow District), addressed the meeting, explaining the work of the Society, after which questions and discussion followed, in which Messrs. Judge, King, Legg, and Steer, took part. The members attending the meeting from Bromley were the above named and Messrs Kirk and S Brown.

BROMLEY VOLUNTEERS AND TRADESMEN'S PRIZES.

THE ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.

The shooting competition of the Bromley Detachment, 2nd Vol. Batt. "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) for the prizes kindly given by the tradesmen of Bromley, took place at Shoreham Range on September 7th. Fine weather prevailed, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The light, however, was changeable, and the gusty wind experienced spoilt several promising scores. As usual, an excellent prize-list had been arranged by the Shooting Committee, and the highest prize was won by Private H. Kingsnorth with 59 points, last year's winner of the prize being Lce.-sergt. R. C. Fawsitt with a score of 58. The winner for the second prize was Sergt. S. Mansfield with 58 points, and the third prize was carried off by Corpl. E. G. Maynard, with a like number of points.

FIRST COMPETITION.

Bisley targets and conditions, 1904. No competitor will be allowed to take a prize in this competition who does not make at least 25 points, and has fired in his class (or visited the range with that intention) previously to the day of competition; seven rounds prone 200 yards, seven rounds prone 500 yards, one sighter at each range.

		Points	
1.	Pte. H. Kingsnorth	59	Mr. John Wainwright—prize, £2 2s. 0d.
2.	Sergt. S. Mansfield	58	Mr. A. Adams—prize value £2 2s. 0d.
3.	Corpl. E. G. Maynard	58	Mr. W. Maunder—prize 25s.
4.	Pte. C. H. Stringer	57	Co-operative Society, Ltd.—prize 21s.
5.	Sergt. G. H. Payne	57	Co-operative Society, Ltd.—prize 21s.
6.	Col.-sergt. E. Towell	55	Co-operative Society, Ltd.—prize 21s.
7.	Pte. M. Mortlock	55	Mr. I. Uridge—prize 21s.
8.	Pte. J. Napier	55	Mr. Mercer Hatch—photo of winner, 21s.
9.	Sergt. F. Hammore	54	Mr. P. Howlett—prize 10s. 6d.
10.	Corpl. C. Allington	54	Messrs. Lovibond and Son—Kilderkin of ale.
11.	Sergt. R. Fawsitt	54	Messrs. Darby Bros.—set of Doulton jugs.
12.	Corpl. W. H. Brown	52	Mr. T. Mersh—half ton coals.
13.	Pte. R. C. Crowhurst	52	Mr. W. C. Gale—prize, boots value 14s.
14.	Sergt. H. Smith	51	Mr. T. D. Graty—prize, 10s. 6d.
15.	Pte. E. A. Forester	51	"District Times"—prize 10s. 6d.
16.	Corpl. R. H. Lane	50	Mr. George Curwood—prize value 10s. 6d.
17.	Pte. F. Marchant	49	Messrs. Fox and Sons—kilderkin of ale.
18.	Pte. R. Smith	49	Messrs. Fremlin Bros.—kilderkin of ale.
19.	Sergt.-Inst. G. Burge	48	F. Medhurst, Ltd.—silk umbrella.
20.	Pte. C. W. Simpson	48	Mr. D. Grinsted—half ton coals.
21.	Pte. G. Marchant	46	Mr. F. P. Duthoit—prize 10s. 6d.
22.	Corpl. C. H. Dunford	46	Mr. Edwin Peill—half ton coals.
23.	Corpl. E. J. Amos	45	Mr. T. Jenner—prize.
24.	Pte. W. Green	45	Messrs. Strong and Sons, Ltd.—prize 10s. 6d.
25.	Pte. R. C. Humphrey	45	Mr. F. Fawsitt—prize 10s. 6d.
26.	Lce.-corpl. G. Burgess	44	Mr. J. H. Patten—prize, 10s. 6d.
27.	Pte. R. Able	44	Mr. W. E. Tapley—prize 10s. 6d.
28.	Pte. F. C. Maynard	44	Chislehurst Mineral Water Co.—prize 10s. 6d.
29.	Pte. H. Muncey	43	Mr. G. Pamphilon—hamper of wine.
30.	Pioneer Morgan	42	Mr. E. Hambleton—prize.
31.	Pte. Wickenden	42	Mr. G. L. Pyrke—prize.
32.	Pte. Selman	41	Mr. W. Mayhew—prize value 10s. 6d.
33.	Pte. Lovell	41	Bromley Chronicle—prize 10s. 6d.
34.	Pte. Yellard	41	Mr. M. Keer—prize, value 10s. 6d.
35.	Pte. W. Hart	41	Messrs. T. W. Cook and Co.—prize 10s. 6d.
36.	Pte. C. Henham	40	Mr. T. Heavsman—prize 10s. 6d.
37.	Corpl. E. Barlow	40	Mr. A. A. Hunt—prize 10s. 6d.
38.	Pte. Jeary	39	Mr. R. Taylor—prize value 10s. 6d.
39.	Pte. Bateman	39	Mr. Albert Griffin—prize 10s. 6d.
40.	Corpl. H. P. Palmer	39	Messrs. Steiert and Son—prize value 10s. 6d.
41.	Sergt. T. Jenner	39	Mr. A. Tosland—prize.
42.	Sergt. J. Crowhurst	37	Mr. H. Dunford—prize, 10s.
43.	Pte. T. Belfield	37	Messrs. G. Weeks and Sons—prize value 10s. 6d.
44.	Sergt. C. Field	37	Mr. F. W. Ackermann—prize, 10s. 6d.
45.	Sergt. J. Park	36	Mr. K. Dotter—prize value 10s. 6d.
45.	Pte. E. Brown	34	Mr. S. Hunt—prize 10s.
47.	Pte. H. Wood	34	Mr. Adye—prize, trousers value 16s. 6d.
48.	Lce.-corpl. H. Jones	34	Mr. C. Pickard—prize value 10s. 6d.
49.	Pte. J. Harman	33	Mr. R. Hunt—prize 10s.
50.	Pioneer H. Winn	32	Messrs. Arnaud and Son—prize 10s.
51.	Pte. E. Muncey	32	Mr. J. Howard, jun.—joint of meat.
52.	Pte. H. Coles	32	Mr. M. Lansbury—prize 10s.
53.	Pte. F. E. Head	32	Mr. H. G. Dunn—prize.
54.	Pte. Mundy	31	Mr. A. E. Knight—prize, trousers.
55.	Lce.-corpl. A. C. Jones	31	Mr. L. Spielmann—prize.
56.	Pte. Tipping	31	Mr. G. E. Kirby—prize.
57.	Pte. Gibson	31	Mr. P. Thomas—two bottles spirits.
58.	Pte. G. Simpson	29	Messrs. Heavsman Bros.—joint of meat.
59.	Pte. Oast	29	Mr. H. Crook—prize.

		Points.	
60.	Pte. Lettington...	28	Mr. Albert Ferris—three bottles spirits.
61.	Pte. S. J. Crowhurst	28	Mr. J. Burgess—prize 10s.
62.	Pte. A. H. Deadman	27	Messrs. E. Clarke and Son—prize.
63.	Pte. B. Head	26	Mr. T. S. Ayling—prize, pair of putties.
64.	Pte. W. White	26	Mr. H. Tolfrey—prize value 7s. 6d.
65.	Pte. Soans...	25	Mr. Walter Tarry—prize, pair of trousers.

Second Competition.

Five shots, 600 yards. Second class targets and conditions. Open to the first 35 in the First Competition.

		Points.	
1.	Pte. R. G. Humphrey	23	Mr. G. Allen—prize.
2.	Pte. G. W. Simpson	22	Mr. J. Morton Crouch—prize value 10s. 6d.
3.	Pte. J. Napier	22	Howard's Stores, Ltd.—prize value 10s. 6d.
4.	Pte. Mortlock...	22	Mr. F. Lowrence—prize value 10s. 6d
5.	Sergt. Mansfield	21	Mr. Palmer Dalton—prize.
6.	Sergt. Park	20	Mr. A. Parsons—prize value 10s. 6d.
7.	Sergt.-Inst. G. Burge	19	Mr. Fielding—prize, umbrella.
8.	Sergt. H. Smith	19	Mr. R. Ferris—prize.
9.	Corpl. E. Barlow	18	Mr. G. Allen (late W. Burr)—prize value 10s. 6d.
10.	Corpl. C. Allington	18	Messrs. Cooper Bros.—kilderkin of ale.
11.	Pte. R. G. Crowhurst	17	Mrs. Sills—prize.
12.	Pte. Stringer	16	Mr. H. P. Harman—prize (photos). 21s.
13.	Corpl. Amos	16	Mr. H. Collins—prize value 10s. 6d .
14.	Pte. F. C. Maynard	16	Messrs. Stewart and Co.—clock.
15.	Corpl. W. H. Brown	16	Mr. Pantry—prize, ham.
16.	Corpl. Maynard	15	Mr. H. Marler—prize value 10s. 6d.
17.	Pioneer Morgan	15	Mr. G. G. Epps—two bottles spirits.
18.	Pte. G. Marchant	14	Mr. G. Curwood—prize value 10s. 6d.
19.	Pte. Lovell	14	Mr. E. Davey Lavender—prize.
20.	Sergt. Fawsitt	14	Mr. C. Mortlock—prize.
21.	Sergt. C. Field	13	Messrs. Covell and Harris—aitchbone of beef.
22.	Pte. A. Bateman	13	Mr. H. Gibbs—prize 5s.
23.	Sergt. T. Jenner	12	Messrs. Shillcock and Son—case of eau de Cologne.
24.	Pte. C. Henham	12	Mr. W. H. Ridges—box of cigars.
25.	Pte. F. Marchant	12	London and Provincial Meat Stores—saddle of mutton.
26.	Pte. Wickenden	11	Mr. G. Rendall—two shirts.
27.	Col.-sergt. E. Towell	11	Mr. R. Hartridge—joint of meat.
28.	Pte. Kingsnorth	11	Mr. C. M. Wells—prize, 5s.
29.	Sergt. G. H. Payne	11	Mr. A. Romary—prize, walking stick.
30.	Corpl. H. P. Palmer	11	Mr. C. Golds—prize.
31.	Corpl. R. H. Lane...	10	Mr. Stack—box of cigars.
32.	Pte. R. Able	9	Mrs. Hamilton—two bottles spirits.
33.	Sergt. J. Crowhurst	7	Mr. J. Ward—joint of meat.
34.	Sergt. F. Hanmore...	7	Mr. J. Kincey—box of cigars.
35.	Pte. Hart...	7	Messrs. Hill and Gurr—prize 5s.

CONSOLATION PRIZES.

Open to all those who have competed, but have not won a prize in any Competition. Range to be fixed by the Committee on the ground.

	Points.	
Pte. Cheeseman	23	Messrs. Doggett—box of cigars.
Pte. Edwards	21	Mr. W. H. Wood—box of cigars.
Pte. Threadgold	14	Mr. W. Corke—joint of meat.
Pte. J. Belfield	12	Mr. Carroll—two bottles J. Walker.
Corpl. H. Taylor	7	Mr. E. Bashford—prize, cake.

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

	Points.	
Sergt. S. Mansfield	79	Mr. A. Malham—prize, cake.
Pte. J. Napier	77	Mr. W. Thomas—two bottles spirits.

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(a) Open to those Donors who have never served in any branch of his Majesty's Service or Rifle Club. Five shots at 200 yards, any position. Non-winners in previous years to be given two points. Three prizes.

	Points.
1. Mr. Tyrode (20 minus 2)	18
2. Mr. Cooke	17
3. Mr. Corke	17
4. Mr. Gibbs	15
5. Mr. Pickard...	11
6. Mr. G. Allen	10

Service.

(b) Open only to those who have served in some branch of his Majesty's Forces or Rifle Club. Five shots at 200 yards, any position. Non-winners since 1903 to be given three points. Three prizes.

	Points.
1. Mr. S. Howard (23 minus 3) ...	20
2. Bugle Major Heaysman	18

WEDDING.

MISS E. F. DYAS AND MR. JAMES A. SCOTT.

There was a large and fashionable gathering of relatives and friends at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, on Thursday, September 29th, when Miss Ellen Frances Dyas, the elder daughter of our esteemed townsman, Mr. Robert Dyas, Blyth Wood, Bromley, was married to Mr. James A. Scott, son of Mr. H. Scott, of 20, Carleton-road, Tufnell Park, and Lorne House, Worthing.

The service was beautifully rendered by the boys of St. Mary's choir, and gentlemen from the choir of Westminster Abbey, Mr. Fred. Norcup, Mr. Cozens, Mr. Bertram Mills, and Mr. Walter Coward. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Prebendary Barn, Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the Rev. C. Curgenven, curate of St. Mary's. The Psalm, "Blessed are all they that fear the Lord," and the hymns, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," "O perfect Love," and "God be with them," were most tastefully rendered. The bride looked charming, being beautifully gowned in cream brocaded glacé silk, trimmed with Honiton lace and chiffon, with a train from the shoulder of crêpe de chine, the veil being of old Honiton lace. She also carried a lovely shower bouquet composed of orange blossom, white heather, carnations, and lilies of the valley, and wore a diamond and pearl pendant and pearl chain, the gifts of the bridegroom. Her bridesmaids were Miss A. Dyas (sister of the bride), Miss Scott, Miss Ina Scott, and Miss Louise Scott (sisters of the bridegroom), and Miss Gilbert. Miss A. Dyas wore an elegant dress of pale yellow taffetas glacé. Miss Scott and Miss Ina Scott wore dresses of a deeper shade, while those of Miss L. Scott and Miss Gilbert were orange. All wore handsome vests, and collars and cuffs of Irish crochet lace (the gifts of the bridegroom), and white beaver hats trimmed with shaded yellow Paradise plumes and white ribbons. Their shower bouquets were of small white chrysanthemums. Mr. William Scott, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man; and the bride was given away by her father.

While the register was being signed, Mr. Fred. Norcup gave a superb rendering of Mendelssohn's "Be thou faithful unto death," and while the guests were assembling, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas played a Canzone in A (Guilmant), March in F (Whitaker), Chant sans paroles (Lemare), a Lied (Wolstenholme), and as the bride advanced up the nave, the Bridal March from "Lohengrin."

After the ceremony a reception was held at Blyth Wood, and at five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott left for Invernessshire, the bride's going-away dress being a cinnamon brown coat and skirt and a white toque.

The bridegroom received two very handsome presentations, one a silver salver (with inscription) from the officers of the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers, in which he is a captain, the other being a dressing-case with silver fittings from the travellers and head clerks of Val de Travers Asphalte Co., of which the bridegroom is a director.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a great many handsome and costly presents.

The artistes at the P.S.A. concert on the 22nd October will be Miss Nellie Dunford, Miss Edith Jarvis, Mr. Bertram Pearce, Mr. John Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Montagu Smith, and the Glendene Quartette. With one exception, the artistes are all local, that one exception being Mr. John Walters, who has been to Bromley, but not for some years past.

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FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.

The Exhibition of Arts and Crafts which is announced to be opened on October 25th is an event which ought to prove of peculiar interest to the inhabitants of Bromley, if only for the fact that it is the first Art Exhibition (other than a Loan Exhibition) to be held in our town.

The scheme had its initiative in a small meeting of some interested in art, at a private house, in the spring of this year. It was there determined to attempt an exhibition in the autumn. A committee was formed and notices sent out, and soon it was found that an eager response was forthcoming. Names of intending exhibitors came in freely, and before long the committee felt justified in securing the fine room at the Royal Bell Hotel as a gallery, and on October 25th they hope to throw open to the public a collection of pictures and objects of art of no mean merit. Nearly every form of art work will be represented—oil paintings, water colours, miniatures, photographs, wood carving, relief burning, metal work, art jewellery, book binding and art needlework

It has been found necessary to form a judging committee, as it is quite possible that space will not allow of all the exhibits sent in being placed, and it will be requisite to select the best. Mr. Spenlove-Spenlove and Mr. Alfred Withers have most kindly agreed to help, and names so well known will give exhibitors in Class I. (painting, etc.,) every confidence in the justice of the decisions arrived at. Experts in wood carving, art needlework, etc., will judge in the other classes. Lord Avebury, with his usual kindness, has agreed to open the exhibition, and the committee are fortunate in having obtained the support of most of the leading residents in the neighbourhood.

It is hoped that the public will assist the committee by coming in large numbers to the Exhibition. The expenses connected with it will be exceptionally heavy from there being no public hall or gallery where such an exhibition can find a home at small cost. But though this is the first exhibition of its kind to be held in Bromley, it is hoped it may not be the last, but only the precursor of such annual displays as may lead to our Borough taking a high place among the Provincial Art Centres in England. It is much to be desired that the Corporation will bear in mind how such a hall or gallery should form part of our new Municipal Buildings.

Presentation to Rev. C. A. Curgenven.—An interesting gathering was held at St. Mary's Institute, Plaistow Grove, on Friday, Sept. 23rd, the occasion being a presentation on behalf of St. Mary's Guild for Working men, several members of the Choirs, and workers of the two Mission Rooms (the Institute and St. Mary's Mission, Farwig-lane), and a few friends, to the Rev C. A. Curgenven, as an appreciation of his work. The presentation was made in a few well chosen words by Mr. F. A. Threadgold (the hon. sec. of the Working Men's Guild, of which the rev. gentleman is sub-warden), and suitably acknowledged by Rev. C. A. Curgenven, who, referring to the impending changes taking place in the parish, hoped he would not be so far away but that he would be able to visit them sometimes. He thanked them heartily for their splendid gift, which took the form of a handsome iron and copper standard lamp and amber shade.

Births.

Alchin.—On the 19th September, at "Linton," Kinniard Park, Bromley, the wife of Henry Alchin, of a son.

Baker.—On the 13th September, at Breiford, Hayes-road, Bromley, the wife of Ernest A. Baker, L.D.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 44, Brook-street, W., of a son.

Barnes.—On the 19th September, at Oak House, Farnborough, the wife of Reginald Garrould Barnes, of a daughter.

Bartlett.—On the 13th September, the wife of John Bartlett, of Savernake House, Sidcup, and of 26 and 27, Bush Lane, E.C., of a son. (Stillborn).

Basan.—On the 6th September, at 29, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, the wife of David Basan, of a daughter.

Dade.—On the 3rd September, at Wentworth, Beckenham, the wife of Charles H. Dade, a third son. (Leslie, born 26th June, 1898; Humphry, born 29th April, 1900).

Gathorne Hardy.—On the 23rd August, at Holwood, Hayes, Lady Isobel Gathorne Hardy, of a daughter.

Goldsmith.—On the 7th September, at St. Leonards, Foots Cray, the wife of F. T. W. Goldsmith, A.R.I.B.A., of a son.

Hodges.—On the 8th September, at Foxbury, Chislehurst, the wife of Commander Michael H. Hodges, R.N., H.M.S. "Hermes," of a son.

Kenward.—On the 19th September, at Crofton House, Eltham, the wife of Edward Kenward, of a daughter.

Martin.—On the 16th September, at Ely House, Cedars-road, Beckenham, the wife of Septimus Lester-Martin, of a daughter. Stillborn.

Thompson.—On the 5th September, at 172 Croydon-road, Beckenham, the wife of S. Leslie Thompson, of a daughter.

Whittington.—On the 8th September, at Bonaker, Beckenham, the wife of the Rev. F. B. Brandon Whittingdon, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Barry, Bolton.—On the 7th September, at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. Canon Hammond, Frederick Herbert Barry, son of the late F. J. Barry, and Mrs. Barry, of Streatham, to Eva Mary, youngest daughter of Col. A. J. Bolton, V.D., of Beckenham.

Fuller—Farnan.—On the 17th September, at St. George's Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. Albert Low, Rector of Roche, Cornwall, uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. Reus Cullin, Vicar of St. Mathew's, Upper Clapton, Harold George, eldest son of George Fuller, of Leyland-road, Lee, to Marian, daughter of John Farnan, of St. James's Avenue, Beckenham.

Levin—Ashdown.—On the 14th September, at St. Saviour's Church, South Hampstead, by the Rev. J. C. Hose, Arthur Everard, second surviving son of Edward Henry Levin, of "Escote," Shortlands, to Violet, daughter of Edwin Ashdown, of "Elleray," 91a, King Henry's-road, South Hampstead, and Hanover Square.

Smithers—Page-Roberts.—On the 17th September at the Parish Church Strathfield Saye, by the Rev. Canon Page-Roberts, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Frank M. Etherington, Vicar of Minehead, Waldron, eldest son of Alfred W. Smithers, of Knockholt, to Marjory Prudence, second daughter of the Rev. Page-Roberts, Rector of Strathfield Saye.

Wimble—Kait.—On the 17th September, at St. Paul's Church, New Beckenham, by the Rev. Canon Hammond, Vicar of the Parish, assisted by Rev. F. Ayres, of St. Michaels Church, Lower Sydenham, Charles Frederick Wimble, son of Charles Wimble, Thirlmere, Beckenham, to Alice Rait, Milton, Beckenham.

Deaths

Anderson.—On the 28th August, at Chislehurst, Maria Eleanor Anderson, aged 85.

Cardinall.—On the 6th September, at Purdue Villa, Longlands Park-crescent, James Cardinall, aged 60.

Clack.—On the 26th August, at Bromley, Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Edward Clack, of the War Office, Pall Mall. Aged 74 years.

Cole.—On the 12th September, at Beckenham, Edward Cole, after two serious operations, in his 49th year.

De Zoete.—On the 13th September, at Sidney, New South Wales, Charles Septimus, youngest son of the late S. H. De Zoete, of Hayes, Kent, age 46.

Draper.—On the 17th September, at St. Albans, Highland-road, Bromley, Emma, widow of the late John James Draper, age 80.

Edwards.—On the 29th August, at 202, Stanstead, road, Forest Hill, S.E., Mary, the widow of the late Francis Edwards, of Hewthornden, Hither Green, age 82.

Jameson.—On the 13th September, at Newlands [Eltham, Surgeon General J. Jameson, C.B., K.H.S., and late Director General Army Medical Service. Aged 67.

Prosser.—On the 8th September, at Bromley College, Elizabeth Kellaway, widow of the late John Prosser, Vicar of Church Minshull, Cheshire, aged 80.

Shoebridge.—On the 9th September, at Cromer, William John Giles Shoebridge, of Oak Lodge, West Wickham, Kent, and Oswaldestre House, Norfolk-street, Strand, W.C.

White.—On the 16th September, Alice Mabel Lynch, eldest daughter of the late Lynch White, Junr., and Alice White, of Homefield, Bickley, age 27.

Wills.—The following wills have been proved, Mr. B. W. K. Dawson, Chislehurst, £35,179.—Mr. Thomas Henry Baker, of Owletts, Cobham, Kent, £7,215.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Municipal Offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.—Bromley Borough Council Annual Elections. — Series of gatherings in Bromley and Beckenham in connection with the Canterbury Diocesan C.E.T.S., concluding on November 5th.

2nd.—Monthly House Supper at Bromley Conservative Club.

4th.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley. Monthly meetings of the Joint Hospital Board and the West Kent Main Sewerage Board at the offices, Park House, Bromley.

6th.—*Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.*

7th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee, at the offices, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m. Lecture at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by Professor Flinder Petrie on "Excavating in Egypt and its Results."—Concert in connection with the C.E.T.S. (St. John's Branch), arranged by Mrs. Augustus Yeates, in the Parish Room, Freelandsgrove, Bromley.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's Sale of Household Furniture, at Albemarle-road, Beckenham.

9th.—Twenty-third Annual Exhibition, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, of the Bromley and District Chrysanthimum Society, and continued on the following day.

12th.—First concert of the season of the Bromley Musical Society.

13th.—*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

14th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

15th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, at the Municipal Offices, at 7.30 p.m.—Mr. Bert Harris' seventh annual concert at the Grand Hotel, Bromley.

16th.—Thirteenth annual exhibition at the Drill Hall, of the Bromley and West Kent Farmers' Association.—Concert at the Grand Hall, by Madame Amy Sherwin, on behalf of St. Mary's Home, Shortlands.

20th.—*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.*

21st.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at 7.30 p.m.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's Sale of Household Furniture, at 1, Hope Park, Bromley.

22nd.—Fancy Fete, "Arcadia," at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of various Church funds and charities, and following day. The fete will be opened by the Hon. Mrs. Forster.

23rd.—Messrs. Baxter Payne and Lepper's Sale of valuable Property, at the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, E.C.

27th.—*First Sunday in Advent.*

28th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

29th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council, at the Municipal Offices, at 7.30 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at Holme Lea, Beckenham.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 4th, the Deputy Mayor (Alderman R. W. James) presiding.

HAYES ROAD

Council Harper alluded to the closing of Hayes-road for vehicular traffic. This they regarded as a serious misfortune to the town because this road was of great convenience to Hayes, and relieved Mason's Hill of a great deal of traffic. The Comittee recommended that negotiations be entered into with the Bromley Rural Council so that they might see whether they could not get them to agree to the course which was recommended by the late Urban Council some time ago. With reference to the making-up of College slip, there had been serious complaint about the delay in the carrying out of this work. Apparently, the contractors had misinterpreted the conditions of the contract, and the Committee therefore recommended that they be required to remove the material and complete the contract in accordance with the conditions. And they suggested that this should be done immediately because of the great inconvenience caused by the delay.

THE COMING WINTER.

Mr. P. Wiley, acting Clerk to the Bromley Board of Guardians, wrote the Borough Council, stating that the attention of the Guardians had been directed to the fact that there was a likelihood of considerable distress amongst the working classes within the Union area during the coming winter, owing to general slackness of trade, and with the view to meeting this difficulty, he was directed to enquire whether the Council contemplated carrying out any works of a public nature whereby the poorer artisan and labouring classes could be employed during this cold and distressing period of the year. As the Council were aware, the hands of the Guardians were very much tied, as they were only empowered to employ men in wood chopping and stone breaking, which, at the best, was not a profitable undertaking, besides having a general tendency to create pauperism.

The Deputy Mayor: The answer to that letter

is that the matter is already under consideration, and forms the subject of a resolution passed by this Council.

The Town Clerk was instructed to reply in accordance with the facts.

A NUMEROUSLY SIGNED MEMORIAL

A memorial signed by 260 persons resident in Beckenham-lane and the adjoining roads, was read, calling the Borough Council's attention to the unfinished condition of the road known as Beckenham-lane, and that one side of the road had not been provided with a proper footpath, the necessity of which was becoming increasingly great, and constantly more felt. Attention was also directed to the grave public danger the absence of this foopath involved, more than one accident having already taken place, which would have been avoided had the second path existed.

The Deputy Mayor said this was a matter that was also already receiving the serious consideration of the Highways Committee, and it was hoped that it would be included in the Omnibus Bill to be prepared for the next Session of Parliament.

Alderman Lawrence: Does this necessitate a widening scheme?

The Deputy Mayor: Yes.

The matter was left in the hands of the Town Clerk.

MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

Mr. George Wall, clerk to the Education Committee, wrote the Council as follows:—"The Education Committee having resolved that all boys in the public elementary schools eligible by age shall receive manual instruction in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Education, I am directed to report to the Borough Council that it is proposed to use the workshop at the Wharton-road Council School as a centre for the Bromley Town District, and that it will be necessary to erect a workshop at the Raglan-road Council School for about 175 boys from the Bromley Common District at a cost of about £500. The Committee recommend that the Council obtain (or authorise the Committee to obtain) the requisite plans and estimates, the approval of the Board of Education thereto, and the sanction of the Local Government Board to the raising of a loan to defray the cost of the works.

Alderman Davis moved that the recommendation of the Committee be agreed to, and that the necessary steps be taken by the Council to carry it out.

Alderman Davis' motion was carried.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CODD

Alderman Davis, in accordance with notice, moved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, that Dr. A. F. G. Codd be re-appointed Medical Officer of Health at a salary of £150 per annum. He took that opportunity of bearing his testimoney to the very efficient way in which Dr. Codd carried out the duties of his office, and how fortunate they were in possessing such an admirable officer. (Hear, hear.)

Councillor Worley said it would be within their recollection, when the question of the revision of salaries came before the General Purposes Committee, that it was then stated by the Chairman of the Health Committee that any alteration of the salaries of the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspector of Nuisances would have to be made at the time of their re-appointment. He would therefore like to know whether the General Purposes Committee had recently considered this question, because if they did not do so now, it could not be done for another twelve months. He, however, was quite willing to leave the matter in the hands of Alderman Davis.

Alderman Davis said he did not know that the time had come round for considering the revision of the salaries of the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspector of Nuisances, and therefore he had had no opportunity of consulting the Health Committee on the subject. He suggested that the two appointments be made, and that the question of the revision of the salaries of these two officers should be settled in Committee.

The suggestion was adopted by the Council.

BROMLEY BURIAL BOARD.—BURIAL FEES.

Subsequent to the adoption of the reports presented by the Burial Board,

Councillor Powell asked whether it was a fact that the burial fees paid to the late Vicar ceased at his lamented death.

Alderman Davis said the subject which Councillor Powell had alluded to was one that had been carefully considered by the General Purposes Committee of the Board. They, however, did not feel themselves to be in the position to make any recommendation to the Council on the subject, and he had undertaken to bring the matter before them that evening. There were various difficulties connected with the question. As they were aware, there were several subsidiary districts in the parish of Bromley up to the present time, and he thought he was right in saying that the late Vicar was entitled to receive burial fees, no matter in which ecclesiastical district the persons resided. But what the position was now, now that the incumbency of the Parish Church was vacant, was, he thought, very doubtful. He was the only person to receive fees, but whether his successor would be entitled to receive the fees of all the other ecclesiastical districts as well as the district that remained attached to the Parish Church, he was not in the position to say. He thought they ought to be very careful as to who they paid fees to in the interim, and be quite sure of their legal position before paying fees to anyone, either the successor of Mr. Hellicar, or to any of the other incumbents. He certainly thought this was a case in which they ought to satisfy themselves with competent counsel's opinion, and he would suggest that a case be stated by the Clerk to be submitted to counsel for his opinion. He thought it would be wise for them to do this, or they might find themselves making a serious mistake.

Councillor Powell seconded the proposition, which was carried.

MR. PAUL HENWOOD PRESENTS A BADGE.

At the meeting held on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, Mr. Paul Henwood was present in the Council Chamber, and

The Mayor said it was now his privilege to introduce that gentleman to the Councillors. Mr. Henwood had attended for a very generous purpose, and he would now ask him to explain the object of his kind visit.

Mr. Paul Henwood, who received a cordial welcome, said: Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,—It gives me great pleasure to ask you to accept on behalf of the Borough, a badge to be attached to the Mayoral chain. Of course, this is but a very small thing compared to the very handsome chain presented by the Mayor himself. Still, it will give completeness to the civic regalia, and will, I hope, be handed down for many, many generations. Allow me to have the honour of attaching it to the chain. (Applause.)

Mr. Henwood then, amid applause, attached the badge to the Mayoral chain.

The Mayor, in replying, said: Mr. Henwood, I have great pleasure in accepting this very handsome badge. It is a contribution, as you have said, to the regalia of the office which I have had the honour to hold for the first time in the history of the Borough. It is a complement to the regalia, which is, in itself, symbolic of, shall I say, the authority of the Chair, and also to the endeavour for the good of the Borough, which is represented by your work here from week to week, which has been so unsparingly given during the first year of the history of this Borough. We are all indebted to Mr. Henwood for so generously thinking of this addition to our regalia, because, although he has already shown his interest in the success and the welfare of the Borough by being a prominent and a most generous supporter of the Incorporation Committee, at the same time, in his own private life, I need not tell you, because I believe nearly everyone knows it, he is all that a good citizen of the Borough should be. (Applause.)

Mr. Henwood briefly thanked the Mayor, and then withdrew amid renewed applause.

The Mayor proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Henwood and be recorded on the minutes, for his generous gift, and this was seconded by the Deputy Mayor, and carried unanimously.

The Proposed Omnibus Bill.

The General Purposes Committee met on Friday, October 14th, Councillor Hudson, Chairman, in the chair. A letter was read from the Clerk to the Education Committee, with a resolution passed by that Committee with respect to the drainage of the Raglan Road Council Schools, etc. Resolved to recommend that the letter, being concerned only with nuisances, be referred to the Health Committee to take the necessary action in the matter. The Committee had under consideration the proposed Bill to be promoted the next Session of Parliament, and it was resolved to recommend that the necessary notice be given by advertisement of the proposal to promote a Bill dealing with the following matters, viz.:—Lands and Street Works, Recreation Grounds, Infectious Diseases, Tuberculosis, Streets, Buildings, and Sewers, Advertisements and Sky Signs, Sanitary Provisions, Slaughterhouses, Common Lodging Houses, Fire Brigade, Financial and Rating, Burials, Music and Dancing Licences, Miscellaneous. With regard to the suggested street works a schedule is submitted for the consideration and approval of the Council.

Councillor Hudson, in moving the adoption of the report, made special reference to the part relating to the Omnibus Bill. He did not, he said, propose to go into that in detail now. But it was necessary to give certain notices, and it was, therefore, important to adopt the Committee's recommendations. He took it, however, that the insertion of the notice did not necessarily commit the Council to proceed with the Bill, if, when it had an opportunity to consider it in detail, it became of opinion that it did not wish to go further with it. However, the Council had already approved the principle of the Bill, inasmuch as it had resolved that certain matters should be included therein. The position of the matter at present was that the Bill was in draft. It had been gone through by the Parliamentary Agents, but there had not been time to have it printed, so that its details could be laid before the Council. It deals with a large number of matters, a great number of which were really meant to bring the Municipal Corporations Act up to date.

Alderman Davis said that perhaps some of them thought this report an absolutely innocent looking document. But he could not regard it as such; and as one who dissented from the recommendation of the Committee, he was bound to give his reasons. Like a good many other things, the sting was in the tail of this report—in the word miscellaneous. Already they had learnt that it covered the establishment of motor omnibuses, to which, personally, he had a strong objection, and which he voted against and should continue to vote against, because he was convinced that it would be a fatal thing for the ratepayers if the Council were to embark upon any such form of municipal trading. He felt that they would not be justified in carrying on a trade which even brought profit to the ratepayers; and he was quite sure they would not be justified in speculating with the ratepayers' money on a branch of trading which was almost certain to end in a loss. But there was something far more serious than this establishment of motor 'buses included in that term Miscellaneous. There was a very large project indeed for street widening, which dealt with he did not know how many roads in the district, but which practically went over the whole of the Borough, and which would involve an enormous cost to the ratepayers if it was ever carried out.

The resolution was then put, and carried by 18 to 2.

Hayes Road.

Mr. Haslehurst, Clerk to the Rural District Council, wrote intimating the willingness of the Council to receive a deputation of the Town Council on the question of the opening of this road, on the 25th inst., and it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman James, that a deputation of four members of the Highways Committee wait upon the Council.

The Late Vicar.

Mrs. Hellicar wrote conveying the sincere thanks of herself and family for the sympathy shown them in their bereavement, and for the appreciation expressed at the services rendered to the town by the late Vicar.

Taxation of Land Values.

A long and interesting report was read from Alderman T. C. McIntyre with regard to the Conference on Land Values, held at Westminster Palace Hotel, on Friday, Oct. 7th, which he attended at the request of the Council. Since the last conference, two years ago, which he attended on behalf of the Urban District Council, considerable progress had been made on this question. The principle of the taxation of land values was now admitted, and he trusted that Parliament would soon give effect to that principle by passing a measure on the lines of Mr. Trevelyan's Bill, the second reading of which was carried by 67 votes in the House of Commons last March.

Alderman McIntyre, in moving that the report be received, said that meeting was very unanimous in every resolution that was passed; and he would be very much surprised if they did not bring a big Bill before Parliament dealing with the subject, especially if they got a new Government in power, which he thought would go a long way to settle the question.

The motion was carried.

The Late Mr. Bosanquet.

The Mayor said it was now his sad duty to take that, the first opportunity they had had, of referring to the sad death of an old colleague of some of the members of the Council, viz., Mr. W. H. Bosanquet. Nearly everyone who had spoken in appreciation of his work had referred to that side of his character which commanded

the admiration of his fellow townsmen . It was his (the Mayor's) sad duty to move that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of Mr. Walter H. Bosanquet on the sad bereavement they had sustained.

The resolution was carried.

Bromley (North).—To Hurry Matters Up.

Councillor Ingall inquired whether any further correspondence had taken place with the Railway Company with regard to the condition of Bromley (North) Station. It was some months ago that it was discussed, and they had been waiting ever since for an appointment. He would like to know how the matter stood.

It was decided to write again.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on September 29th, Mr. G. Loly, B.A. (Chairman), presiding

What is "Beneficial Employment"?

An application was received from a parent for a half-time certificate in respect to his son, aged 13 years, who is in the V. Standard at Bromley National Schools, and who is employed by Messrs. W. H. Smith and Sons, Ltd., on a paper round. The father is a bricklayer with two younger children.

Alderman McIntyre said that delivering papers is hardly beneficial employment.

The Chairman said that was so. But it might lead to something better.

The application was refused, especially in view of the fact that there is a labour certificate examination for half-time candidates in November next.

Higher Education.—Which is the Authority?

The Higher Education Committee reported that they met on Friday, September 23rd, when they formally received a report of what had been done by the Education Committee in connection with the matter of Higher Education, and which has already been reported in our columns. Mr. Loly was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and the syllabus of classes and lectures for the session was submitted.

The Sub-Committee recommended that an intermediate German class be formed. That the arithmetic classes, commercial and practical, be held. That the sight singing class be divided. That two classes, advanced and elementary, be formed in book-keeping. That two shorthand classes be formed. That pupil teachers attending the central classes be permitted to attend any of the classes and lectures of this Sub-Committee free. That the head teachers of the elementary schools be informed that pupils from their schools will have their fees returned who have made 75% of attendances during the whole session.

Mr. Weeks moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Davis asked whether they were in order in having this matter reported to them at all. Was not the Committee now reporting for the management of Higher Education? If so, then its decisions were not subject to revision by that Committee.

The Chairman said that was the view he was at first inclined to hold. Mr. Wall, however, told him that they ought to report to the Education Committee.

Alderman Davis said all these steps were taken in a great hurry without adequate consideration; and it did not at all follow, be cause the Borough Council, not being perfectly informed on the subject, and not wishing themselves to exercise any educational powers, transferred everything en bloc to the Committee—it did not at all follow that they were right in so doing

The Chairman did not think the Sub-Committee had control at all. The Authority was the Kent Education Committee, and not the Borough Council. Such powers as the Borough Council possessed they transferred to the Education Committee.

Alderman Davis said he had had the resolution handed to him and he confessed he could not quite follow it.

The Chairman said it was rather unfortunate that the gentlemen who were on the Council did not seem to understand the meaning of their own resolution.

Alderman Davis appealed to the Committee not to act in a hurry. The Bromley Borough Council had no power over Higher Education except what they possess through the power of enforcing a penny rate.

Mr. Councillor Weeks said the Borough Council delegated to them such powers as they possessed, however large or small those powers were, except as to raising money.

Mr. Councillor Harper understood that the Kent County Council had the right to say that they would not have any of the gentlemen who were nominated by the Education Committee.

The Chairman: Yes, I think they have that power.

Mr. Harper: Then they are the Authority.

The Chairman: They are the supreme Authority.

Mr. Alderman Davis: So far as I am aware the Bromley Council have not decided to raise any money for Higher Education.

The Chairman: You have always raised a half-penny rate.

Mr. Davis: But that is ear-marked for re-paying the loan on the building. He added that the whole question bristled with difficulties; and he could not help thinking that for practical purposes it would be sufficient if the reports were read to the Education Committee for their information only.

Mr. Councillor Powell: Will that stop any comment?

The Chairman: Oh dear no. He agreed that the suggestion made was a reasonable compromise; and it was then decided, on the motion of Mr. Weeks, seconded by Mr. Davis, that the report be received.

A further meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Bromley, on Monday vening, October 10th, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.) presiding.

Late Attendance at School.—Important to Parents.

The Chairman referred to a question raised by Mrs. Mann at the last meeting of the Committee, as to whether scholars were entitled to be considered to have put in a proper attendance at school if they attended previously to the second marking at 9.40 a.m. each day. It must be clearly understood that they were not so entitled. The attendance must begin at 9 o'clock, and even if the child was withdrawn from religious instruction it must be given secular instruction during the time that it was so withdrawn. The second marking was what he might call a financial one, in order that the authority might secure the grant. The Committee recommended a circular letter of warning to be sent to the parents of those children who were habitually late, intimating the intention of the Committee to enforce the bye-laws in all such cases of unpunctuality, and after some little discussion this was agreed to.

For the Managers of Non-Provided Schools.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Councillor Harper moved

as follows:—"That the Clerk be instructed to request the managers of the non-provided schools to send copies of the minutes of their meeting for the information of this Committee." Of the ten schools under the Committee's jurisdiction no fewer than six were beyond their management. But they were supported out of the rates, and it was well that the Committee should know what took place at the meetings of managers. They had permission under the Act to look at the minutes, and copy them; and he was sure the managers would have no objection to giving them copies.

Mr. Councillor Bell seconded.

Alderman Davis objected to the proposal in its present form. Not only the provided, but the non-provided schools were under the management of the Committee, who had power to inspect the minutes. He did not suppose there would be the slightest objection on the part of the managers to send the books round for their inspection, but it would be asking too much, he thought, to expect them to make duplicate copies. He had no objection to the resolution if it provided only for asking the managers to send the books for their inspection.

After some discussion, Mr. Harper accepted the suggested amendment, making the request an alternative one—either to send the copies or the minute book itself; and this was agreed to.

THE LATE VICAR OF BROMLEY.

Mrs. Hellicar wrote conveying her sincere thanks, and those of her family, for the Committee's vote of sympathy and expression of appreciation of the late Vicar's work in the cause of education; also for the beautiful wreath sent by the Committee.

A further meeting of the Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Bromley., on Oct. 24th, Mrr. G. Loly (Chairman) presiding.

SALARIES SUB-COMMITTEE..

The Salaries Sub-Committee met on October 13th. Mr. Gustave Loly (Chairman) in the chair. Having considered the question of increasing the clerical staff, the Sub-Committee recommended that an assistant clerk to the Education Committee be appointed at a salary of £150, and that advertisements be at once inserted in the "School Government Chronicle," "Journal of Education," "Local Government Chronicle," and "Education," for candidates with previous experience. Having considered the salary paid to the Clerk, and the additional duties performed by him. the Sub-Committee recommend that as from 1st April, 1905, his salary be increased from £300 to £350 per annum. The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the question of revising the scale of salaries paid to the school teachers. The Sub-Committee fully discussed the matter, and instructed the Clerk to prepare and tabulate various statistics for the information of the Sub-Committee at its next meeting.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was imperative that they should engage further clerical assistance. Mr. Wall's duties had enormously increased during the past few years, especially owing to the ordinary growth of Bromley, secondly, owing to the additional work connected with their taking over the non-provided schools, and, thirdly, owing to the fact that they now had to deal with higher as well as elementary education. In view of the fact that Mr. Wall had not had an increase for several years, they recommended the extra assistance and also the increased salary. The Kent Educational Committee were prepared to pay £50 towards the salary of the extra assistant, and that appeared to him a very fair arrangement.

Alderman McIntyre seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Higher Education Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the suggestions of the Kent Education Committee with regard to the use of the School of Science and Art as a pupil teacher centre, and were of the opinion that the suggestion could be complied with. They suggested also that Mr. Davis, the Higher Education Inspector, be asked to attend a meeting of the Sub-Committee at a convenient date in order to arrange details. They reported also that in order to carry out the scheme for Higher Education for the session 1904-5 a rate of ½d. in the pound would have to be levied, and they sent a request to the Borough Council to do this.

With reference to the inquiry of the Beckenham Education Committee as to the probable number of teachers who would be likely to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending classes for special subjects at Beckenham Technical Institute, the Clerk was instructed to make inquiries amongst the teachers.

A long discussion again ensued as to whether or not the reports of this Committee should be adopted, or merely received, inasmuch as it is not directly responsible to the Education Committee, but to the Kent County Authority.

In the end the report was merely received.

MR. HELM'S RETURN.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Committee at having Mr. Helm back again with them, a sentiment with which the Committee heartily concurred.

Mr. Helm said he was glad to be back, and then related some interesting points with regard to education in America.

BROMLEY'S NEW CENTRAL HALL.

ACCOMMODATION FOR 1,250 PEOPLE.

Oct. 21st was a great day in the annals of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission, as the foundation and memorial stone-laying ceremony in connection with the new Central Hall at the corner of London-road and Farwig-lane—which took place in the afternoon—marked a very important stage in the progress of this big scheme to provide a permanent home for the work of the Mission.

The new Central Hall will be a really handsome structure and a welcome addition to the architecture of that part of the town in which it will be situated. The cost of the new building when completed, including that of the excellent freehold site, is estimated at £12,800, of which some £7,361, including grants, has already been raised, so splendidly have the members bestirred themselves. The new building will comprise a large hall, to afford accommodation for 1,250 and a schoolroom for 400 scholars, together with class-rooms, and the usual offices. The building is being erected in accordance with plans by Mr Josiah Gunton, F.R.I.B.A., and the contract for the execution of the work has been secured by Mr. Chas. Brightman, of Watford. The heating of the building will be carried out on the hot-air system, and there will be executed an electric light installation. The seating accommodation will be afforded by chairs, all, of course, entirely unreserved.

Altogether the sum of nearly £1,500 was raised in connection with the day's proceedings, so that there is every reason to believe that this great enterprise will be brought to a speedy and eminently successful issue.

SUNDRIDGE PARK GOLF CLUB.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Golf at Bromley has achieved a truly remarkable success, and the management of the Sundridge Park Golf Club have every reason to be proud with regard to the highly satisfactory position in which the Club now stands, as revealed at its third Annual General Meeting held on Saturday Oct. 8 in the handsome reading room of the Club House. Mr H. W. Forster, M.P., the captain, and one of the valued vice-presidents, presided, and supporting him, amongst the large attendance, were Mr. W. Hardy (a vice-president), Mr. H. Hicks and Mr. G. Loly, B.A. (trustees of the club), Mr. H. Aste, Mr. J. B. Batchelor, Mr. F. E. Gibbs, Mr. E. H. Hindley, and Mr. S. C. Wyatt (members of the committee), Dr Philip N. Randall (the genial and invaluable hon. secretary), Col. Satterthwaite, Messrs. Bertram H. Latter, Frank Bowater, Gerard Van de Lind, E. J. Gripper R. M. Cunningham, Hugh Wyatt, F. Woodbridge, Dr. H. W. Thomas, Dr. T. L. Wyndham, Rev. F. G. French, Messrs. W. Sweetland, F. W. Speyer, H. W. Sier, F. de L. Solbé. H G. Cubitt, H. Waltes Pritt, C. Phillips, W. H. Moger, S. T. Mimpress, G H. Heseltine, H. S. Foster, H. C. Edward, Major Daniel, E. Cazeaux, F. B. Budgett, and many others.

The Annual Report.

The Committee's report was as follows:—The Committee are very glad indeed to be able to again congratulate the members on the substantial progress and increasing proseprity of the club. The limit of full members (350) was reached early in May, when the committee decided that the entrance fee should be raised to ten guineas. On the 31st of May, the number on the books was as follows:—Full members, 352; life members, 1; honorary members, 1; country members, 4; University members, 4; debenture holders, 51; temporary members, 4; being a total of 417. The number of lady members was 119. Since that date there have been 35 resignation, and eight new members have been elected. The condition of the course "through the green" has left little to be desired, but the putting greens have not yet had due time for full development, nor have they been fortunate enough to reap the benefit of genial seasons. In spite of many drawbacks, however the committee are glad to report that much steady and continuous improvement has been already achieved, while there is abundant promise of much more being gained in a very short time. The summer drought gave ample evidence in the effects produced on the upland greens that, to ensure permanently good results and to preserve the greens in proper condition, a water supply was absolutely necessary. The committee resolved, therefore, to proceed with this matter without delay, and the work is now completed and ready for use. The ladies' course continues to improve steadily, and has been selected for the competition for the Kent Coronation Medal by the Ladies' Golf Union, in October. The project of the additional dining room for the common use by lady and gentlemen members has been deferred in order that the water supply may be carried out, but the committee are keeping the matter in view, and will proceed with this most useful annexe as soon as they are in a position to do so. The financial position of the club continues to be very sound, as evidenced by the accompanying statement of accounts. The honorary [illegible] (Gerard Van de Linde and Sons) have again rendered their invaluable services in auditing the club's accounts. Mr. H. W. Forster's term of office under Rule 2 expires, and the committee unanimously recommend the election of Mr. J. E. Shaw as captain for the ensuing year. The following members of the committee retire under Rule 2: Messrs. W. Carr, F. Griffith, E. H. Hindley, and Dr. Kenneth Rogers. Mr. F. Griffith does not offer himself for re-election.

BROMLEY BOWLING CLUB.

THE SEASON'S COMPETITIONS.

The members of the Bromley Bowling Club have spent a happy and enjoyable season on their delightful green at Sundridge Park. It will be remembered that the green was re-laid at the end of last season, and though, naturally, that somewhat interfered with play at the beginning of the season which has just ended, yet during the past few months it has made splendid improvement, and there is no question that next year the Bromley Bowling Green will be very near perfection.

Outside Competions.

Of these, the first match played was for the Southern Counties Challenge Shield, on June 4th. This proved a most enjoyable contest, and in the end Bromley were just defeated. On June 18th the handsome Australia trophy was competed for; and on June 29th the Jacques trophy, at Muswell Hill. The visit of the Canadian team, on June 30th, was much enjoyed by both the visitors and hosts alike; and two extremely interesting matches were played with Catford. The sum total of the Bromley Club'c success in these various competitions does not amount to much; but the members derived a great deal of pleasure from them.

The Club Competitions.

These have been carried out with much pleasure and success. There are five in all—that for the Championship of the Club, for which all members start from scratch, and those for the President's Woods, the Loftus Woods, the Garnar Woods, and the "Comyns" Shield, to accompany the last-named of which, Mr. J. R. McCullum has this year followed the example set by Mr. Henry Edger last year in presenting a pair of woods. The results have been as follows:—

The Championship.

The champion this year is Mr. John Sandison.

In the semi-final, Mr. Green beat Mr. Selkirk, and Mr. Sandison defeated Mr. Crossley; and after a well contested game between Mr. Sandison and Mr. Green, the former won by three points. The score was 18 all, and great interest was taken in the game by a large gathering of members and friends. Mr. Sandison won the last end with three in; and thus won the championship.

The President's Woods.

The keenest rivalry is always shown in this competition, and this year Mr Hughes scored a popular victory.

In the final, Mr. Hughes defeated Mr. Clark after a capital game, by two points only.

The Loftus Woods.

After losing the championship to Mr. Sandison, Mr. H. J. Green succeeded in carrying off these Woods.

The Garnar Woods.

Mr. J. R. McCallum is the winner of these Woods, presented by Mr. E. M. Garnar.

The Comyns' Shield.

Mr. H. Marler succeeded in winning this handsome trophy and the Woods presented by Mr. MacCullum.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Mr. Arthur Diósy, F.R.G.S., the founder of the Japan Society and author of "The New Far East," etc., lectured at the Bromley Grand Hall on October the 14th, under the auspices of the Bromley Literary Institute. There was a fairly satisfactory attendance, presided over by Mr. A. C. Norman. J.P., C.C. The lecture, which proved of a most interesting and instructive character, was illustrated by lantern slides.

Mr. Arthur Diósy, who was cordially welcomed, then spoke, observing that he was indeed fortunate in the subject upon which he had to speak that evening, because it ensured beforehand, he felt certain, their careful and patient attention, to what he was going to say ,and also, he believed, their warm sympathy with many of the views he was going to express. In the large audiences he had addressed on this question, he had found that there was a unanimous feeling on the part of the British people that they desired to see in this great conflict right prevailing over might, and he was happy to say that the very latest news tended to show that right was now winning all along the line in spite of tremendous obstacles gallantly overcome. (Applause.) The subject he was going to have the honour of addressing them upon, was undoubtedly the most important one at this moment before the civilised world, for no historical event of the series of historical events that had happened in this generation, or the last, or any one before it, could compare for importance with the present terrific conflict raging in the Far East. Not even the great struggle between France and Germany 34 years ago could be compared for importance with the great struggle now going on between Russia and Japan, because on the issue of this struggle depended the civilisation and future of many millions of the human race. It was not his intention that evening to give them a narrative of the fighting that had been going on and still continued. He would leave that to the daily Press, thanks to whose energy and enterprise they were provided morning and evening with news of battles, when there were battles, and sometimes when there were not battles. (Laughter.) Rather than give them a narrative of the fighting, he proposed to try and give them some idea, as clearly as might be possible in the very short space of time at his disposal, of the real causes that led to the war—also some idea of the people engaged in the conflict on either side. And, perchance, from his statements they would be able to form some conclusions of what the effects of the war were likely to be, whatever its immediate result. He thought it most necessary that they should be in possession of information that would enable them to form a sober, well-considered judgment before many months were over, when the two nations had fought themselves to a standstill, a deciding word would have to come from Britian, and the word would need to be backed up by the opinion of the whole British nattion. (Applause.) They would, therefore, understand how important it was that their information should rest upon facts and upon sober, mature judgment derived from a knowledge of those facts. In speaking of the real causes of the war, he must digress for a moment to explain why he laid such stress on the adjective real. In every war there was an alleged cause for the war and a real one, which was, as a rule, quite different from that which gave rise to the opening of hostilities. There was a general impression amongst them, no doubt, that the present war was something to do with Manchuria. This was the average impression, and the slightly better informed said that the war arose owing to a difference of opinion between Russia and Japan as to the continued military occupation by the Russians of a part of the Chinese empire called Manchuria, and as to the Russians' attempt to obtain a preponderating influence in the Empire of Korea. Public impression was right here as to the immediate causes of the war, but he might assure those present that had Russia not treated with bitter scorn Japan's repeated, moderate, patient, and courteous representations as to the occupation of Manchuria, and her attempts to obtain a preponderating influence in Korea, and if Russia had even consented to negotiate with Japan on these questions, this war was bound to come, in order that the great question he would mention could be settled, as it had to be settled, by the present generation.

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

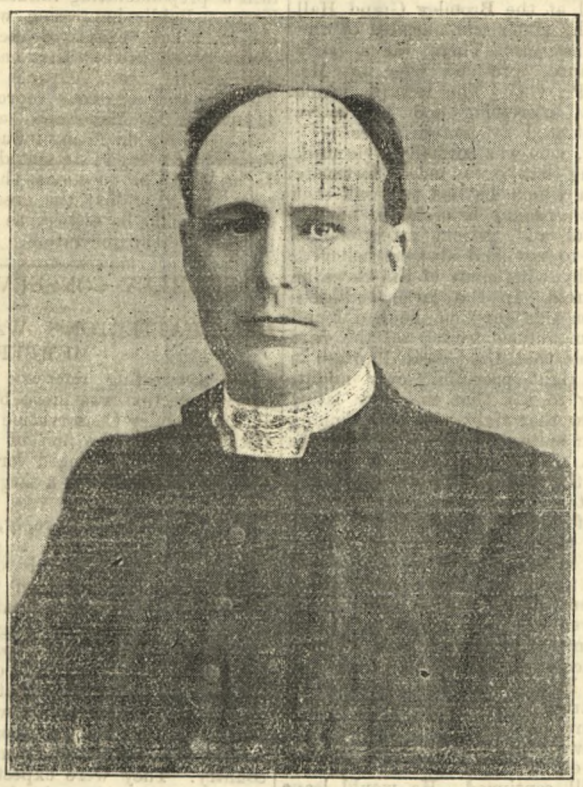
DR. CHATTERTON'S WARNING TO THE MEMBER.

An interesting reference to the prospective general election was made by Dr. W. Chatterton at the Bromley Conservative Club, on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, when the first of the series of monthly house suppers, arranged for the coming winter, was held. There was a large attendance of members.

Dr. Chatterton, in reply, said at the next General Election, when it came, many of them who had hitherto voted together would, in all probability, be divided on that great issue now before the country—the greatest issue ever brought before the electorate of England. He referred to Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy; and he would not be fulfilling the duties of Chairman if he did not refer to it for a moment or two. As sensible men, they must try and draw their own conclusions from what was being said on the subject. It was a question put before them as the jury of this country. They were expected to give their vote on the evidence brought before them during the past twelve months, and he hoped that they would not be led away by any clap-trap they might have heard. He had studied the question as well as he could, and had come to the conclusion that the policy of Mr. Chamberlain was the one that would be adopted in this country before long. (Hear, hear. How was it their Member was not with them more frequently? Had they noticed the way in which the Liberal candidate was nursing the constituency? Was there a single thing he did not go to? He was present at nearly everything that was taking place, and if their Member, Mr. Forster, a personal friend of his, wished to be returned at the next General Election, he would have to come amongst them much more often than he had in the past. If Mr. Forster did not come, and they did not wake up and put their shoulders to the wheel, he felt confident that their Member would not be returned at the next election. (Hear, hear.)

The Bromley Musical Society will have as it leader during this season Mr. George Cathie, very promising young violinist attached to t Queen's Hall Orchestra. Mr. Cathie was a pu of Hans Wessely's, at the Royal Academ Music, as was also his brother, Mr. Phillip C He has appeared at the Queen's Hall and other places with much success as a soloist. is at the present time on the teaching staff o the London College of Music and London Academy of Music. The orchestra this season promises to be considerably better than any previous season, some recent acquisitions being very useful members.

THE NEW VICAR OF BROMLEY.



THE REV. DONALD TAIT, M.A.

We have much pleasure this month in presenting to our readers a portrait of the Rev. Donald Tait, M. A., who has been appointed by the Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Gore) to succeed the late lamented Rev. A. G. Hellicar, as Vicar of Bromley. We briefly reported in our last issue that the benefice had been offered to Mr. Tait, but that that gentleman had not then given an answer. On Friday last, however, he intimated his acceptance of the Bishop's preferment, and announced the fact on Sunday evening last, from the pulpit of his present charge, St. Peter's, Malvern Wells, Worcestershire, by whom it was received with sincere regret. A week or two since Mr. Tait visited Bromley, and was introduced to a number of the more prominent of the Church workers of the parish, on whom, without exception, he made a most favourable impression. He was accompanied round the district by Mr. T. C. Dewey, the Vicar's Warden, and expressed great interest in it.

Mr. Donald Tait was born at Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wilts, his father then being Prebendary of Netheravon, in Salisbury Cathedral, and Rector of Hilperton. He was educated at Marlborough College, and obtained a scholarship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he graduated in the Classical Tripos of 1884. On taking his degree he became engaged in scholastic work in Malvern Wells, where he was ordained deacon in 1886, and priest two years later, by the then Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Philpott. In that year he became assistant master and chaplain at Trinity College, Glenalmond, N.B., and deciding to engage in parochial work, he returned to Malvern Wells at the close of 1889 as curate to his predecessor in the Vicarage of the parish, whom he succeeded as Vicar in 1891.

Mr. Tait is a man of great energy and power, both as a preacher and worker in all the manifold duties which belong to the office of a clergyman. Whilst he has been at Malvern Wells he has been engaged on various Diocesan Committees, especially of an educational character—for which his own training specially qualifies him—having served on the Committee of the Voluntary Schools Association, and also on the Worcestershire Education Committee since "the appointed day." He has also been Diocesan Secretary for the Clergy Pensions Institution.

In his church work at St. Peter's, Malvern Wells, Mr. Tait has been a great worker. It is only a small parish, but the parochial agencies are full of vitality. Mr. Tait has the reputation of being a rather more advanced Churchman than the late revered Vicar of Bromley. But we are given to understand that he is a man of great breadth of view and catholicity of spirit, who may be depended upon with some degree of confidence to take up the work of the Bromley Parish where his predecessor laid it down, and carry it on with undiminished energy and success. We understand

that he has still a large number of matters at Malvern Wells to finish before he is able to give much thought to his new charge, and it is probable that he will not be able to commence his ministry at Bromley before the new year. But that, of course, will depend upon circumstances.

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"WILD NATURE'S WAYS."

MR. R. KEARTON, F.Z.S., AT BROMLEY.

There was not a large attendance at the lecture entitled "Wild Nature's Way," delivered by Mr. R. Kearton, F.Z.S., at the Bromley Drill Hall, on Monday, October 17th, in aid of the funds of, and under the auspices of the Bromley and District Auxiliary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But the loss was to those who were not present, for it proved most truly a most charming lecture. Sir Andrew Wingate presided, and the attendance included the Rev. P. and Mrs. Barker, the Misses Lees, the devoted hon. secs. of the Auxiliary, and other prominent supporters of the society's work. After a brief introduction by Sir Andrew Wingate,

The lecturer began what proved to be a most interesting as well as instructive entertainment. The brothers Kearton are undoubtedly specialists in their own particular branch of natural history. They have made birds their life study, and there is no limit to the painstaking studies which they have prosecuted, and the immense pains, to say nothing of the personal risks to life and limb which they have run in their successful efforts to photograph birds all over the United Kingdom, have resulted in a very considerable and valuable addition to the sum of human knowledge respecting our bird friends. The lecture was illustrated by over 100 magnificent limelight lantern slides, pictures of birds, beasts, and insects, photographed direct from nature. The subterfuges employed in the photographing of some of the shyest of the birds caused no little amusement. In one case the camera and photographer were concealed in the interior of a stuffed sheep, and for one purpose the hide of a huge ox was similarly employed. Some of the photographs were amusing as well as instructive. The picture of a cock robin feeding a nest of thrushes, after having satisfied the demand of its own progeny, was new to most of the audience; and they were greatly amused at the sight of the mother thrush when it returned home, laden with food, only to find its young children quite full. It waited patiently, with the food in its beak, until they became hungry again. Another picture showed a sedge-warbler feeding a nest of young cuckoos; and not the least interesting was that pourtraying the wild expression of anxious inquiry displayed by a green woodpecker at the sound of a cat "meowing," as imitated by Mr. Cherry Kearton, the lecturer's brother. The lecture concluded with several photographs showing the dangerous manner in which steep cliffs had to be descended in order to enable the photographer to secure pictures of the nests and young of birds who build their eeries in some of the more precipitous parts of the English and Scottish coast. Throughout the lecture was punctuated by hearty applause, which was emphasised at the close.

A word of praise is due to Mr. R. C. Davenport, of London-road, Bromley, who manipulated the lantern most ably.

Sir George H. Chubb, Bart., J.P., of Chislehurst, is to be entertained at dinner on Thursday, Nov. 10th, in acknowledgment of his good work as the chairman of the Soldiers and Sailors' Homes' Fund.

BROMLEY COMMON PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

FORWARD MOVEMENT BAZAAR.

Bromley Common Primitive Methodists are looking forward with great interest to the time when they will be able to worship in their new church. They and their friends connected with the other Free Churches in the town are also responding in a most excellent manner to the calls made upon their generosity and time with a view to the paying off of the debt which the scheme necessarily involves, and the two days' bazaar, which was held in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Congregational Church, on Wednesday, and Thursday, October the 19th and 20th was evidence of the spirit which animates the members of the several churches represented in this particular undertaking. It is proposed to build a new and larger chapel to seat 450 or more, together with six class-rooms and two vestries on the site fronting Bromley Common main road. The class-rooms will connect the new chapel with the present structure (which will then become the schoolroom), thus forming one block. As part of the movement it is hoped to locate a resident minister. The estimated cost of the new buildings, based on the architect's report, is £3,000. A large sum has already been promised, or in hand, and the promoters aimed at adding £500 to the fund by the bazaar and donations to be received or promised between now and the end of this year.

The hearty manner in which the initiative of the pastor, the Rev. Thos. H. Bickerton, had been taken up was illustrated not only by the number of stalls provided, but also by the extensive manner in which they had been laden with artistically-executed articles, fancy items, and goods of general utility abounding. The ladies and gentlemen responsible for the management of the several stalls were as follows:—

Sympathy Stall, furnished by ladies of the Bromley Congregational Church.—Mrs. Alec. Dence, the Misses Dence, Miss Bennett, and Miss Slipper.

Sympathy Stall, furnished by ladies of the Bromley Wesleyan Churches.—Mrs. F. J. Hughes, Mrs. W. G. Neal and the Misses Neal.

Flowers.—Miss E. E. Powell and Miss Cooper.

Sympathy Stall, furnished by ladies of the Bromley Baptist, Presbyterian, and outside P.M. Churches.—Mrs. J. Geldhill, Mrs. T. Proud and the Misses A. and E. Kemp.

The Church Stall.—Mrs. J. Herrett, Mrs. C. Yeates, Mrs. E. Lee, Mrs. W. Faulkes, Mrs. W. Dale, Mrs. A. Kerridge, and Miss S. Baker.

The Men's Stall.—Mr. J. Bloomfield, Mr. J. Herrett, Mr. W. Faulkes, Mr. G. Saunders, Mr. W. Day, Mr. E. Thomsitt, Mr. H. Dale, and Mr. R. Hayward.

The "C.E." and S. School Stall.—Mrs. E. Page, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. A. Schelbart, Miss Parker, Miss Lee, Miss Morey, Miss Hoad, and Miss Botcherby.

Toy Stall.—Mrs Thomsett, Mrs. G. Saunders, Mrs. F. Clarke, Mrs. W. Day.

Perfumery Stall.—Mrs. S. Rayment.

Refreshments Mrs. H. W. Amos, Miss Isard, Miss S. A. Satchell, Mrs. A. Yeates, Mrs. H. Yeates, Mrs. H. Stratup, Mrs. Fox Miss Kirkman, and Miss May Amos.

The Bromley Chess Club scored a win in the initial match of the season, by defeating the Insurance Club in a friendly fixture, at "The Cabin," Old Jewry, on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, by 7½ games to 4½.

BROMLEY CHESS CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixth annual general meeting of members which inaugurates the season 1904—5 was held in the club room at the Bromley Literary Institute on Friday, Sept. 30th, Mr. W. W. White presiding.

Mr. H. V. Read presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £2 16s. 6d., including the sum of 19s. 6d. brought forward from last year. There were no outstanding subscriptions, nor were there any outstanding liabilities.

Mr. G. A. Felce moved, and Mr. May seconded the adoption of the accounts, and the motion was carried.

Mr. G. A. Felce commented upon the wonderfully good record established by the ladies, observing that their percentage of points in all matches was over 50 per cent.

The Chairman proposed that Lord Avebury be re-elected President, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman proposed that the following gentlemen be re-elected vice-presidents, en bloc: Messrs. S. Baylis, E. Creswell, C. F. Delcomyn, T. C. Dewey, J.P., F. C. Felce, G. A. Felce, W. Garraway, C. E. Gripper, and W. W. White.

The motion was carried.

It was further proposed, and unanimously agreed to, that the name of Mr. H. Hicks be added to the list of vice-presidents in place of Mr. Haslam, resigned.

Mr. C. H. May was unanimously re-appointed match captain, and heartily thanked for his past valuable services, on the initiative of Mr. G. A. Felce.

It was proposed and agreed to, that Mr. H. V. Read be re-elected hon. treasurer.

Mr. W. J. Pitt was unanimously re-appointed hon. tournament secretary .

Mr. G. A. Felce next moved that Mr. Yeates be re-elected hon. secretary. As all were aware, he had acted as secretary ever since the formation of the Club, and he was certain that they would agree with him when he said that they could not spare him from his present position.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Yeates returned his very sincere thanks for the extremely kind way in which they had spoken of his exertions on behalf of the club.

Mr. G. A. Felce proposed that the following members of the committee be re-elected, and warmly thanked for their past valuable services: Rev. S. T. Courtney Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis, Mr. H. J. H. Peake, Mr. A. W. Read, jun., and Mr. E. F. Sharp.

The motion was carried nem. con.

The Chairman said he now had a very pleasant duty to perform, and his only regret was that he was not competent to undertake it. As the members had already heard from the excellent report already presented by the tournament secretary, Mr. G. A. Felce had won the championship of the club and the Kent County Chess Association's medal. To Mr. Felce he offered his hearty congratulations. Mr. Felece well deserved his success, and he had much pleasure in handing to him the medal. (Applause.)

Mr. G. A. Felce, in reply, said he was gratified at the very cordial way in which the Chairman had made the presentation. He also very much appreciated the kind way in which the members had received his remarks. He was very pleased indeed to have won the championship of the club. (Applause.)

BROMLEY GYMNASTIC CLUB.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The Bromley Gymnastic Club is entitled to much commendation and praise for the very vigorous and go-ahead manner in which it has obtained for itself a new and serviceable Hall. The site is not any too prominent, and the Hall does not advertise itself; but it is in the heart of the town, and will, no doubt, be found of much advantage.

The building has been erected on a spare piece of ground in the rear of the College-slip houses, and is easily approached from the High-street or West-street. It is of Fletton bricks mainly, the inside being struck joint and left plain. The roof is lined with match-board inside, with felt and corrugated iron as the outside covering. The floor is particularly solid, being made of 1¼in. tongued flooring, laid in Stockholm tar on coke breeze concrete and ballast concrete. The entrance is wide and convenient, and on either side are the lavatories. At the rear of the platform is an ante-room, which has a small bar, fitted with gas stoves and cooking apparatus. The dimensions of the main Hall are 70 feet by 30 feet, and there can be no doubt as to the utility of the place for the purposes of the gymnasium society.

The opening ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, was performed by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., the President. At the commencement of the proceedings, Mr. Dewey indicated generally the progress of events which led up to the Hall being erected. He said the club had notice, twelve months ago, that their occupancy of the Victoria Hall was to be terminated. At first their minds went to the swimming bath under the Grand Hall, but it was found impossible to utilise this, and their search for another hall proved futile. Finally, they were forced to face the question of building a hall for themselves. The cost of the new Hall was about £500, and they had succeeded in obtaining about £100 of that sum. The remainder they had borrowed on very advantageous terms from the bank. The lease was for 50 years, with a ground rent of £12. The bank loan was repayable by instalments of £50 per annum, and the best way in which help could be rendered would be by becoming annual subscribers towards that amount. He quite agreed with the statement on the back of the programme, that the committee are carrying on a public work in providing these classes, and he trusted that the work carried on in that Hall would tend to the improvement of physique of the youth of the neighbourhood. After having paid tribute to certain individual members of the committee, Mr. Dewey formally, amid ringing cheers, declared the Hall duly open.

Before proceeding to the concert a pleasant incident took place in the presentation of a clock, with inscription, to Mr. W. R. Gunton, who, as Chairman of the Building Committee, had done a vast amount of work in connection with the erection of the building. Mr. Dewey made eulogistic references to Mr. Gunton's business energy and abilities which had been so lavishly placed at the disposal of the club during the building operations and preliminary negotiations.

Mr. Gunton made an appropriate reply, and expressed his cordial thanks to Mr. Dewey, whose services to the club had been so very beneficial, and also to the members for the handsome present.

A Beckenham School of Music and Students' Concert will be held at the Public Hall on November 8th.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

2nd.—Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Bromley Wesleyan Church.

3rd.—"The Kilties," Canada's celebrated concert band, at Bromley Grand Hall.

4th.—Re-commencement of Bromley University Extension Lectures at the Parish Room, West-street; selected subjects: "Umbrian and Venetian Painters," and "Dickens, Thackeray and George Eliot."—Formal opening of the new hall of the Bromley Gymnastic Club.

5th.—Annual concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of Phillips' Memorial Hospital.—Re-commencement of the monthly house suppers at Bromley Conservative Club.—Lecture at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, by Mr. W. A. Limbrick, on "How English Children are Trained for Rome."

7th.—Passive Resistance meeting in the Lecture Hall of Bromley Congregational Church.—Meeting in the Schoolroom of Bromley Wesleyan Church, to welcome the newly-arrived Circuit Ministers, the Rev. J. Lewis Smith and the Rev. A. E. Warr.—Presentation to the Rev. J. Bond, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, by his parishioners, on his leaving Bromley for his new charge at Horsham.

8th.—Third annual meeting of the Sundridge Park Golf Club.—Laying of the foundation stones of the Bickley and Widmore Working Men's Club and Institute by Mrs. Carroll, wife of the Vicar of St. George's, Bickley.

9th.—Farewell sermon at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Bond.—Harvest Festival Services at Bromley Parish Church, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches.—Death of Mr. W. H. Bosanquet, of No. 1, Hope Park, Bromley.

10th.—C.E.T.S. Concert at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.

12th.—Christian Endeavourers' Rally at Bromley Congregational Church Lecture Hall.

13th.—Social gathering at Bromley Presbyterian Church.—Death of Mr. Henry Podger, of Kenilworth, Shawfield Park, Bromley.

14th.—Lecture at the Grand Hall, by Mr. Arthur Diósy, F.R.G.S., on "Russia and Japan."

15th.—Death of Mr. John Edwards Marshall, of Hook Farm, Bromley Common.

15th.—Anniversary Services at Bromley Baptist Church.

17th.—Lecture at Bromley Drill Hall by Mr. R. Kearton, F.Z.S., on "Wild Nature's Ways."—Lecture at the Parish Room, West-street, by the Rev. W. Mounsey, on "New Guinea."

18th.—C.E.T.S. entertainment at the Institute, Plaistow-grove.—Harvest Festival celebration at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

19th.—Concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by the eminent violinist, Kubelik.—Bazaar at Bromley Congregational Lecture Hall, in aid of the fund for the erection of a new Primitive Methodist Chapel.

21st.—Laying of the memorial stones of the new Central Hall in London-road, Bromley, for the permanent work of the Farwig Wesleyan Mission.

25th.—Opening of an Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, by Lord Avebury.

26th.—Annual Dinner of the Shortlands Wheelers' Cycling Club, at the "Swan" Hotel, Bromley.

30th.—Commencement of a fortnight's Mission at Bromley Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. J. Mackay, M.A., formerly of Hull, and Mr. Armon Jones.

MR. NEIL ARNOTT'S WEDDING.

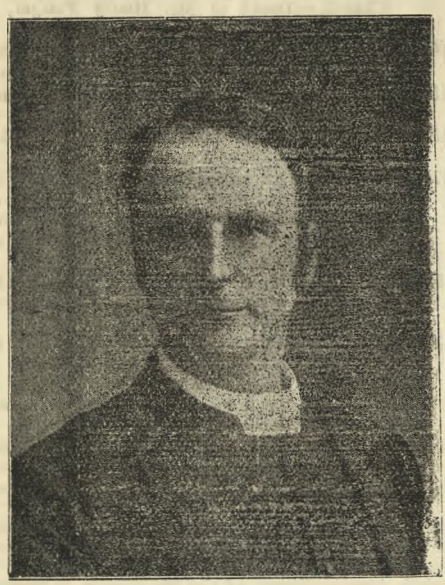
Mr. Neil Arnott, son of the Rev. Henry Arnott, rector of Beckenham, was married to Miss Hermione Cooper, second daughter of Sir Alfred and Lady Agnes Cooper, in St. Marylebone Parish Church on October the12th. The bride was accompanied by her father, and was attended by Master Robert Scanes Spicer as page. She wore a gown of ivory chiffon velvet and Brussels lace, a wreath of orange blossom, and tulle veil. Mr. Carty undertook the duties of best man, and the Rev. Arnold W. Oxford officiated. After the ceremony Lady Agnes Cooper held a reception at her residence in Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square, and the newly-wedded couple subsequently started for Paris. It is interesting to note that the bride is nearly related to the Royal family, for her mother is a sister of the Duke of Fife.

Mr. J. W. Lewis' choir at Beckenham have made a new departure in arranging that their concerts this season will be held at the Crystal Palace. They have been forced to the conclusion that Beckenham does not contain a hall large enough for the requirements of the society. At the Crystal Palace Mr. Lewis will be quite at home, for he had some very successful seasons there with the Dulwich Philharmonic Society. The first concert will be on Thursday, December 6th, when "The Golden Legend" will be given.

ST. JOHN'S (BROMLEY) MEN'S CLUB.—The Men's Club in connection with St. John's, Bromley, which has had such a prosperous career, has again entered on what promises to be a successful season, thanks very largely to the excellence of the management.

THE REV. JOHN BOND'S DEPARTURE.

PRESENTATION FROM HIS PARISHIONERS.



Rev. J. Bond.

The high appreciation and esteem in which the Rev. John Bond, M.A. (who has now left Bromley for his new charge at Horsham), is held by his late parishioners and the residents generally, was suitably voiced on Friday, Oct. 7, when a meeting was held at the Institute, Plaistow-grove, for the purpose of making him a presentation. Major Satterthwaite presided, and amongst those present were: Mrs. Satterthwaite, Mrs. Edward Satterthwaite, Miss Satterthwaite, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Mrs. Loly, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gripper, the Rev. C. A. Cargenven, the Rev. H. F G Curgenven, the Rev G. B. Howard, Mr. A. S. Gedge, Miss Gedge, Mr. Councillor T. D. Graty, Mrs. Graty, Miss Deedes, Miss Gertrude Deedes, Miss Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hollams, Mr. Percy C. Tatham, Mr. S. R. Earle, Miss Gallie, Mr. E. Kinder, Miss Webber, Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. Kettel, Mr. Henry Allan, Miss Britten, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the Misses Baddeley and many others.

Major Satterthwaite, at the outset, read the notice convening the meeting, and directed attention to the paragraph which stated that the presentation would take the form of a book-case, with a suitable inscription, in accordance with the wish of the Vicar. He regretted that they were not able to see the book-case which had been procured for the purpose, it having been thought that it was not desirable to bring it to the Institute because of its fragility, and the possibility of its being damaged. Still, they had the purse which his wife had kindly made for them, and in it were two cheques, one for the stipulated amount of £25 and the other for the existing surplus which amounted to £10, making a total of £35. Addressing himself more directly to the purpose for which the meeting was held, Major Satterthwaite said that none who had had affectionate dealings with the Rev. Bond (as he had had ever since he came to reside in their midst), could fail to recognise with what courage and success he had overcome the numerous difficulties as Vicar of that parish. (Applause.)

The Rev. John Bond, who was received with the heartiest of applause, said when he came to that room there always seemed to be something different from what there was the last time he was in it. The associations with it were various, and in some senses incongruous They seemed to be parts in the human life. They had there the sounds of prayer and praise, they had there the sounds of laughter which came from the mirth of comic entertainment, they had the welcome of new comers, and they had the sad scenes of farewell and good-bye to old friends who were leaving them. He felt that he was an old friend. (Applause.) Friendship was not measured by the length of days, but by the reciprocity of feeling and by mutual sympathy, and they must believe that he was perfectly honest when he said that there were no six years in his clerical life which had been such completely happy ones as those he had spent with his parishioners in Bromley. (Applause.)

Master W. C. D. Maile, on behalf of the boys of Quernmore School who have attended the Rev. Bond's Sunday afternoon Class, then stepped forward and presented the Vicar with a handsome silver paper knife.

The Rev. Bond, in reply, said this was a great and very pleasant surprise to him. It had been a great pleasure to him to take what he called his class of educated lads. The boys at Quernmore were typical boys—full of that vivacity, liveliness and cheerfulness, and a limited amount of impertinence which he thought every boy ought to have. (Laughter.) He heartily thanked them for their gift, and assured the subscribers to each of the presents that he was as grateful in his heart as he ought to and possibly could be. (Applause.)

The interesting proceedings then terminated.

BROMLEY UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SOCIETY.

THE OPENING OF THE 19th SESSION.

The nineteenth session of the Bromley University Extension Society opened at the Bromley Parish Room, West-street, on Oct. 4th, when the evening course of lectures began. This session there are, as usual, an evening and afternoon course. The former are being delivered by Mr. Percival Gaskell, R.B.A., on "Umbrian and Venetian Painters," and are a continuation of those which he delivered last winter on Florentine Painters. Mr. Gaskell is an absolute master of his subject, and the course promises to be a most interesting and instructive one. The afternoon course, which began on Oct. 6, also at the Parish Room, West-street, is by Mr. W. H. Hudson, late Professor of English literature, at Stanford University, California, and the subject is "Dickens, Thackeray and George Eliot." Mrs. J. S. Mann, of Hazeldene, South Hill Park, Bromley, is the Hon. Secretary to the Society, and she will very readily give any further information that may be desired.

The excellent work being carried on by the Beckenham Elementary Schools Swimming Association was fully demonstrated on Wednesday October 15th when the fourth annual swimming competitions took place in the splendid Public Baths. There was a large attendance of parents and friends and pupils at the schools.

KENT PENITENTIARY.

At the request of the Right Hon. J. G. Talbot, M.P., who is one of the Honorary Secretaries, we have much pleasure in calling public attention to the excellent work which is being carried on by the Kent Penitentiary, and also to the needs of that Institution. From an interesting statement which has just been issued under the authority and signature of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Rochester, we learn that for over forty years the Kent Female Penitentiary has been permitted to carry on its work of mercy. During that time it has received and trained upwards of 1,700 girls and women, rescued from vice and misery, in order to reform them, and re-establish them in honest employment. Its Homes. St. Mary's, Stone, and St. Mildred's, Margate, accommodate together 75 inmates; and the usual period of training is two years. Many applicants are refused yearly from want of room. The maintenance of the Penitentiary depends on subscriptions, donations, Church collections, and the earnings of the inmates in laundry work. With the exception of a small endowment for the Branch Home at Margate, it has no capital or reserve funds. Moreover, it is burdened with a debt of £1,000, part of which represents the unpaid balance of a large loan raised many years ago for building purposes, and the remainder having been borrowed to defray the cost of structural repairs and improved laundry machinery. The loss, through death or removal, of many old and generous subscribers has so seriously diminished the income of the Homes, that unless fresh and considerably increased support is forthcoming it will be found impossible to maintain the work in due efficiency. An earnest appeal is therefore made to the generosity of the Church people of Kent (1) for donations to enable the Council to clear off the present debt of £1,000; and (2) for a substantial increase in the amount of annual subscriptions and Church collections. Contributions to the Debt Fund may be sent to the hon. secretaries, the Right Hon. J. G. Talbot, M.P., Falconhurst, Eden Bridge, and the Rev. Canon E. F. Dyke, Mersham Rectory, Ashford; to the treasurers, Mr. Henry Tasker, Kentish Bank, Maidstone, and Mr. Edward Norman, 68, Lombard-street, E.C.; or may be paid direct to Messrs. C. Hoare and Co., Bankers, Fleet-street, E.C., for the "Kent Penitentiary Extension Fund." Annual subscriptions, donations, and Church collections will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the treasurers, the hon. secretaries, or the local secretaries, whose names and addresses are given in the annual report, or may be paid to the Kentish Bank, Maidstone, Messrs. C. Hoare and Co., Fleet-street, E.C., the Capital and Counties Bank, Canterbury, or the London and County Bank, Dartford, for the account of the "Kent Penitentiary."

A public meeting, convened by the Bromley Citizens' League in connection with the Passive Resistance movement, was held in the spacious school-room of the Bromley Congregational Church, Widmore-road, on Friday, Oct. 7th. Dr. J. L. Maxwell, of Bromley, took the chair, and he was supported by: Rev. G. Hooper, of West Ham, who attended to give an address, Rev T. G. Selby, President of the League, Mr. James Caverhill, Mr. Councillor J. Rogers, Mr. W. Amos, Hon. Secretary, etc. Considering the uninviting state of the weather, there was a satisfactory attendance.

BROMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

FORTY-FIRST ANIVERSARY.

The forty-first anniversary of the Bromley Baptist Church was successfully celebrated during the week ending October 22nd.

The secretary's report was, as usual, of a most interesting and exhaustive character, Mr. Toone dealing most ably with all the numerous organisations at work in the Church. There had been a gratifying awakening, especially of the younger members. Meetings for united worship had been inaugurated; and the young people of the Church in working for themselves, received inspiration that was often a help to others. A band of organized workers had been enrolled in connection with the early morning meetings, at which the average attendance was 55. Sick visitation had been extended to hospital work. The ladies' working party and the mothers' meeting not only brightened the lives of many, but tended to remove the reproach conveyed by recent statistics on the subject of Church attendance generally. Three aged people had been enabled to go for a recreative holiday at the seaside, and a bath chair had been provided to enable an aged invalid to attend public worship. The same agencies had also provided a pension in a necessitous and deserving case. It was proposed to add a manual to the organ, and to that end a sale of work was being arranged. Any balance would be devoted to a fund about to be raised for providing a new school building. Self-help and thrift were encouraged by these Church agencies. There were 60 members in the men's sick benefit club, and in the women's club there were 16 more than last year. The deposits made were: Men's club, £106; women's, £94; mother's meeting, £2 5s.; total, £202 5s. There was greater activity in tract distribution. The Sunday school had 250 scholars, of whom 75 attended in the morning, and 175 in the afternoon, with a staff of 33 teachers and officers. A novelty, introduced from America, was the cradle role, being a record of births in the congregation. A card was sent each year up to the third year, so that from the cradle to the Sunday school, and thence to the Church, the children were the object of the Church's solicitude. Other matters dealt with in the report were the football clubs, the women's guild, the choir, lighting, the proposed new schoolroom, foreign mission, the proposed concentration of missionary effort, Church membership (237), and the Church cricket club, which had won a place of honour in the second division, and aspires to the first next year.

Mr. Woollard, financial secretary, read the financial report for the past year. It showed that where the receipts for the Benevolent Fund were £32 0s. 7d., and the expenditure was £27, leaving a balance of £5 0s 7d. in hand, the General Fund receipts, £551 13s. 1d., fell short of the general expenditure, £556 13s. 1d., curiously enough by exactly the same amount, £5 0s. 7d. So far as he had been able to ascertain, the total amount raised in connection with the Church during the year was £803 18s. (Applause.)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS' RALLY.—At the Bromley Congregational Church on Wednesday evening, October 2th, a very interesting and instructive rally was held by the Bromley, Beckenham and District Christian Endeavour Union. The chair was taken by the president of the district Union, Mr. L. S. Dickens, of Beckenham, and supporting him were Mr. Ray Kemp (Bromley), Mr. E. Unwin (vice-president of the Union), and the Rev. R. S. Fleming, M.A. (Beckenham). A large congregation assembled.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

BROMLEY GYMNASTIC CLUB CONCERT.

In connection with the opening of the new Gymnastic Hall, on Tuesday, Oct. 4th last, a very interesting and pleasing concert was held, the ladies of the general committee being responsible for the arranging of a programme, diverse in nature, but appealing suitably to the tastes of a not over-critical audience. The programme was contributed to by Miss Florence Bollen, Miss Mabel Kell, Miss Lena Leslie, the Glendene quartette (mixed voices), Mr. Bertram Pearce, Mr. Oscar Hill, Mr. Neville Flux, and Mr. Harry Bourne.

PHILLIPS' MEMORIAL CONCERT.

The concert on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, in aid of the Philips Memorial Hospital, did not draw such a full Hall as has been the case for many years past.

Probably the most popular and welcome of the vocalists was Miss Ada Crossley. The popular contralto has previously won a warm place in our affections, and she was greeted upon her appearance with cordial proofs of our goodwill towards her. Her first solo was the well-known air, "Ombra mai fu," from Handel's "Xerxes," better known to the majority of my readers, doubtless, as Handel's "Largo." To this a violin obligato was played by Miss Inez Jolivet, but the two instruments and the soloist were not always "en rapport." In the second part of the programme, Miss Crossley sang three short songs, all tunefully sweet, with unaffected feeling. Particularly admirable in its tender sadness—so well suited to the voice and so perfectly treated vocally—was Nevin's "O that we two were maying." Those who were present at the concert were fortunate in hearing Miss Ada Crossley to very great advantage. The soprano was new, Signorina Ista D'Argo. Her selections were an air from Rossini's "Semiramide" (not particularly refreshing), and Tito Mattei's "For the sake of the past." This lady, I should imagine, is at her best in opera, for such was her style. She got recalled at each appearance, but her receptions were not so flattering, to my mind, as she deserved, for I particularly admired the freshness of her voice and also the very clever vocalisation displayed in Rossini's showy, but tinselly, air. To Mr. Chas. Saunders, again, a cordial welcome was given. Coleridge Taylor's "Onaway, awake beloved" is not so effective out of its surroundings with a pianoforte accompaniment as it is when enjoying the background and support of a full orchestra. But with Mr. Saunders' singing of it little fault could be found. The top B flat was very sound. "The death of Nelson" was a complete change, and the old English ballad received fresh life from Mr. Saunders. He, of course, had to give an encore. Dr. Lierhammer, who was here once or twice last season, did not appear to be so much at home as on those occasions. For "Caro mio ben" nothing but praise can be given, but I cannot boast of much admiration for Dr. Arne's "The Confession." Dr. Lierhammer also sang three short songs, unfortunately placed at the end of the programme. The instrumentalists, Miss Inez Jolivet and Miss May Mukle, each did well. The violinist made a great "hit." She is one of the best violinists ever heard on a Bromley platform, her brilliant execution evoking almost enthusiasm. A long cadenza to a "Berceuse" and Dvorak's "Humoresque," in part two, were remarkably well played. The Westminster singers we all know so well. They fully sustained their reputation and added a very welcome spice to the programme by the precision and point with which they sang their humorous quartettes.

To Mr. Lewis Thomas fell much arduous and responsible work in playing so many accompaniments of a by no means flimsy type. The vocalist who would be dissatisfied with the accompaniments as played on Wednesday evening would indeed be hard to please.

During the evening, bouquets and flower baskets were freely given to the artistes.

To Mr. Geo. Pyrke the thanks of all are due for much valuable help given during the whole day in a very generous and gratuitous manner. Mr. Lindsay Bell, the director, also must be again mentioned, and I hope that he will never again have the mortification of seeing an empty seat in the Hall at this annual concert.

THE KUBELIK CONCERT.

There was a huge crowd at the Grand Hall on Oct. 19th to hear the favourite violinist, a great many more, indeed, than assembled to assist a charitable effort a few weeks back, a fact which causes unpleasant reflections.

That Kubelik would have a cordial reception was to be expected. Young in years, with a comparatively short public career, distinguished by remarkable and brilliant successes in other continents than this, added to by one of those touches of romance in his domestic life which always attracts and diverts the feminine mind, his experiences and performances have appealed to the English public in such an exceptional manner, that he is always certain to draw a crowd. At this stage of his career one does not wish or need to enquire into the reasons of Kubelik's popularity and success; there are many more prosy writers who have done this to their own satisfaction, and to other people's boredom. At any rate, whilst one admires to a very large extent all of the many accomplishments and virtues of Kubelik's playing, I personally feel that there are others as good still playing to the public. And to hold this opinion in these days when giants are in the land of fiddlers is surely not deprecatory to the modest Kubelik.

The most striking success last evening was obtained in Paganini's Concerto in D major, with M. Sauret's cadenza. At times we were captivated by the bewitching "singing" tones of the instrument, whilst again we would be startled by the overwhelming accomplishments of technique, with which the piece abounded. The top notes would be as clear as a whistle, whilst the lower notes would possess all the richness of a perfect bassoon. And in the runs, whether ascending or descending, there was not the slightest break from one note to its neighbour. Simply one heard each tone, but to detect its transition, one could not. A positive treat this after the murky scrambles which one sometimes hears

Other pieces played were by Schumann, Albert Randegger, junr., and Bazzini. These were grouped together at the end. The last piece on the programme, Bazzini's dance, was a triumph of executive power. The opening item was Max Bruch's first concerto. Two encores were given, one of which was Mlynarski's charming Polonaise.

The concert also served to introduce to Bromley a remarkably gifted pianist in Miss Katherine Goodson. She played extremely well, and was received with much favour. There was the wanted vigour in Rachminoff's Prelude, and a Chopin waltz was played with remarkable delicacy. Also we had the Liszt arrangement of the Tannhauser March. Strange that this noisy, thumping piece

should be so popular amongst pianists. And yet, play it for tissimo and presto, both exaggerated, and the audience is carried away. A cheap imitation of a trumpet call is usually successful.

Miss Muriel Gough sang Bemberg's "Nymphs and Sylvians" with much grace. A ballad by Guy de Hardelot was not a snoccess.

Herr Ludwig Schwab accompanied with characteristic refinement and restraint.

VIOLA.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

In the "Diocesan Chronicle" for the past month, the Bishop of Rochester refers to the Act for creating the Diocese of Southwark, the passing of which (he says) came as an immense relief. "The anxiety (he adds) had been prolonged up to the very last hours of the Session in a way almost melodramatic. A very little might have made the difference; and even for our feeble faith it is made easier to recognise thankfully an answer to prayer. We owe very true thanks to Mr. Balfour, to whose genuine interest in the Bill, and determination to pass it, the result is mainly due; and to those members who kept together and lent him the force to put it through. I have conveyed to them an expression of our gratitude. I think, myself, that we may even thank those who have kept up the opposition to the Bill—though we cannot admire their motives—for I am quite sure that the delay has greatly increased knowledge and interest about our plan and drawn in all together in its support." His lordship goes on to say, "Our Archbishop, I know, leant all his great influence with steady pressure to help the Bill through. But most of all must I thank, in the name of all of us, and specially my own, the Bishop of Southwark, to whom, more than any other ten men, the scheme owes thought in devising it, unflagging enthusiasm and perseverance in an uphill fight, and zeal in gathering the resources for giving effect to it. It will, of course, be our duty now to call upon the diocese to make the strong and united pull which this will require."

The most important result of the Act, so far as we are concerned, will be that most of the parishes in the Rural Deanery of West Dartford, as well as some others, will be restored to the Diocese of Rochester, to which they originally belonged. In addition, the patronage of the parishes of Dartford, Chislehurst, Bromley, and Holy Trinity, Bromley Common, will be given to the Bishop of Rochester, from whom they were transferred to the Bishop of Worcester, by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, in the year 1845.

THE REV. COLLINGWOOD BRUCE.

Mr. Collingwood Bruce, the only son of Sir Gainsford Bruce, has just been ordained at Newcastle, and has been appointed to the curacy of Cullercoats, a mining district of Northumberland, with a population of about seven thousand souls. Mr. Bruce, following in his distinguished father's footsteps, entered the legal profession and was called to the bar some years ago. Indeed, there is no doubt that, had he continued in it, he might have achieved fame as a lawyer. But his desire has always been to take holy orders, and in order to do this he has undoubtedly made a considerable sacrifice from a worldly point of view. He has many warm friends in this district, and his career will be watched by them with very great interest.

THE BISHOP OF CROYDON AT BROMLEY.

The Right Rev. the Suffragan Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Pereira) visited the Parish of St. John's, Bromley, on Oct. 16, and in addition to preaching at both the morning and evening services, he addressed a meeting of church workers in the Parish Room in the afternoon. There were large congregations at the several services, particularly at the morning, when the right rev. gentleman delivered a most eloquent and powerful discourse. He had come to visit the parish, he said, primarily with the intention of speaking to those and conferring with those who were more direct and active workers in the church of the living God. But in the widest sense they were all, if they had a sense of their privileges and responsibilities, workers in the army of the Lord; and, therefore, he was glad to have the opportunity of speaking to them about those all-important things, the important things of life that touched their deepest and truest and their highest interests. For they lived in exceptional days; and it was certain that they lived in days of peril, danger, and temptation; and if the holy faith which they professed was to be adequate to the stress of the occasion, it must be thorough. it must be sincere, it must be true. No half-hearted faith to-day would stand against the rush of modern life, against the intellectual, physical and material dangers by which they were surrounded; it was only when faith was grounded in the solid foundation of the Rock of Ages that it could possibly hope to stand.

THE CLERK TO THE BROMLEY UNION.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. Edward Haslehurst, the Clerk to the Bromley Union, has resumed his duties, after a long enforced absence consequent upon a serious illness, in a very much improved state of health. Mr. Haslehurst is one of the ablest of our public servants in this district; and there is no doubt that the extreme pressure of work which was entailed upon him in reorganising the affairs of the Union Authorities, upon his appointment a year or two since, was the primary cause of the break-down in health from which he has now, we hope, entirely recovered. During his absence, the duties of his several offices have been excellently carried on by Mr. P. J. D. Wiley, the Chief Assistant Clerk. Mr. Haslehurst was warmly welcomed on his return by the various authorities which he so ably represents, and by whom his services are so highly appreciated and valued.

Lord Kinnaird will preside on Thursday, Nov. 10th, at the Festival dinner of the National Association of Grocers' Assistants.

NEW MANAGER OF THE LONDON AND COUNTY BANK AT BECKENHAM.—Mr. E. A. Edwards, of the London and County Bank at Rickmansworth, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. E. Cole in the management of the company's branch at Beckenham. During the eleven years of his residence in Rickmansworth Mr. Edwards has made many friends, who, while congratulating him on his well-earned promotion, will sincerely regret both his and Mrs. Edward's departure. Mr. Edwards has done most efficient and valuable service both as churchwarden and as manager of the National Schools at Rickmansworth. He has also, as secretary, taken a very keen interest in technical instruction at Rickmansworth.

WIDMORE'S NEW INSTITUTE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

Under circumstances of the happiest augury, the foundation stone of the Bickley and Widmore Working Men's Club and Institute, the scheme for the provision of which took definite shape at a public meeting held at Widmore under the presidency of his Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), last February, was successfully laid on Saturday aafternoon, Oct. 8, by Mrs. Carroll, wife of the esteemed Vicar of St George's, Bickley. The need for such accommodation has long been felt in the Widmore district. The Working Men's Club has long since outgrown the quarters in which it has been housed for some years; and there is no place in the Ward available for meetings of any sort except Bickley and Widmore Schools. Unfortunately, even now it has not been found possible to provide the accommodation required in both directions as one scheme. The response received in answer to the appeal has undoubtedly been generous. But it is desired to make the building as permanent in character as possible, and such as will meet the requirements of the Ward for a good many years to come; and as, so far, a sufficient sum has not been raised to undertake the whole building at once, it was wisely decided to carry out the most pressing portion of it, viz., the Club, leaving the other portion—the Institute—to be provided when the necessary funds are forthcoming. A suitable site was purchased from Mr. Coles Child, immediately adjoining the Wesleyan Chapel, 40 feet wide by 200 feet deep, and the Club accommodation, the foundation stone of which was laid on Saturday, is being erected at the rear portion of the land, leaving the front part for the Institute. The committee were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. B. W. Adkin, F.S.I., of Bromley and London, as their Honorary Architect, and the legal part of the work has been carried out by Mr. Councillor Homewood, the Hon. Treasurer to the Committee, also gratuitously.

The first portion of the building, now in course of erection, will provide a hall capable of seating about one hundred people, with cloak room attached, a full-sized billiard room, a reading and recreation room, kitchen and offices. It has been kept well back from the road so as to allow for the future erection of a large hall facing Tylney-road; and, when this is erected, the original small hall in the back portion of the building will be adapted to form additional rooms for the Institute. Owing to the comparative smallness of the amount of the funds at present available, the first portion of the building has been designed upon very economic and simple lines; but the large hall, which will be carried out in red brick with white rough cast and weather tiling, will, when erected, present an attractive appearance.

THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.

It was very fitting that the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new building should have been carried out by Mrs. Carroll. The Vicar, as the Chairman of the Committee, has taken an active part in the promotion of the scheme, and he rendered it possible at the very outset by placing at the disposal of the Committee the sum of £557 which was raised some years ago in the parish for a somewhat similar purpose, but which had not increased to such an extent as to make it possible to commence building. In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor of Bromley, the chair was taken by Alderman T. C. McIntyre. An awning had been erected over that part of the building where the foundation stone was to be laid, and this was gay with flags and bunting, as also were the approaches thereto; and an additionally festive character was given to the proceedings by the presence of the Bickley and Widmore Brass Band discoursing lively selections of music. Mrs. Carroll was accompanied by the Vicar, and little Miss Carroll, and the company present included: Alderman and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffith, Councillors W. H. Newton, A. A. Worley, W. J. Homewood, and T. D. Graty, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Homewood, Rev. J. C. Boyd, Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Warr, Mr and Mrs. Saalfeld, Mr. B. W. Adkin, F.S.I., and Mrs. Adkin, Mrs Leishmann, Mrs. Seton Taylor, Mr. J. E. Woodward, Mr. J. Caverhill, Mrs. C. E. M. Lewis, Mr. A. P. Beaumont, Mr. Salter, Mr. Sheriff, jun., and Miss Sheriff, Mr. Child, Miss Molesworth, Mr S. H. Gilbert, and the following members of the Executive Committee: Mr. F. F. Sheriff (Chairman), Messrs. R. Granger, Elphick, Simmons, Holman, and Whiffin, and the excellent Hon. Secretary (Mr. Frank Looker).

FRIENDLY SOCIETY MEMBERS AT CHURCH.

With the permission and ready co-operation of the Pastor and officers of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, a very succesful service for members of friendly societies in Bromley, and other friends, was held in the Presbyterian Church, Freelands-road, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9th. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.), wearing his chain of office, and preceeded by the Sergeant-at-Mace, was in attendance, and he was accompanied by the following members of the Corporation: Aldermen James (Deputy Mayor) and T C McIntyre, Councillors W Powell, L. Bell, G Weeks, C E Ingall, R Taylor, A. Sparks, A A Worley, W H Newton, and T D Graty, with the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman). There was also a fair gathering of members of friendly societies, many of whom wore their regalia and badges of office. Additional brightness was lent to the gathering by the pretty floral decorations of the church, in connection with the Harvest thanksgiving services which were being held the same day; and the choir, under the direction of their able choirmaster, Mr. Bertram Pearce, rendered "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (Maunder), and "Praise the Lord" (Elvey).

A most thoughtful and impressive address was given by the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. D F Mackenzie, M.A, B.D.

A concert, arranged by Madame Amy Sherwin will be given at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, in aid of the funds a St. Mary's Convalescent Home, Shortlands, of deserving institution for invalid little girls from the poorest parts of London.

PORTRAIT OF LOCAL INTEREST.—Mr. Arthur Hacker, A.R.A., has just completed a very fine portrait of Mr. Frank Spenlove-Spenlove, F.S.A., R.B.A.,—founder and director of the well-known school of painting, the "Yellow Door" Studio, Beckenham. This work will be exhibited at the forthcoming "Portrait Painters'" exhibition at the New Gallery, Regent-street which opens in another week or so. It will be remembered that the very excellent portrait of Mr. Dewey, now hanging in the Council Chamber, was painted by Mr. Arthur Hacker.

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

THE EXHIBITION AT BROMLEY.

Not only those ladies and gentlemen whose talent and skill rendered such a display possible, but also the inhabitants of Bromley and the district, who are fortunate in having in their midst so many accomplished artists and craftsmen—and crafts-women, too—are to be most sincerely congratulated upon the really remarkable exhibition of works on view in the Concert Hall of the Royal Bell Hotel during the week ending October 29th. The exhibition is that which has been organised in connection with the Bromley Literary Institute, which at the present time more than ever—and it has always been a thoroughly educational agency—is doing so much to justify its existence and to command that wider support which it undoubtedly merits at the hands of the townspeople of Bromley. Miss Hoyer, who now occupies the position of Honorary Secretary of the Institute, has done most valuable work in that capacity, and we heartily congratulate her, and the ladies who have been associated with her, upon the great enterprise which they have shown in the organisation of this most interesting and, it cannot be doubted, useful exhibition. In a district such as this it is not surprising that there should be many ladies and gentlemen skilled and accomplished in the use of the brush, nor should we expect other than that there would be plenty of examples of fine needlework, in which so many ladies find pleasurable recreation. But to most, at any rate, who have visited the exhibition, it must have been a revelation to see the remarkable specimens of handicraft on view in carving, metal working, art jewellery, book-binding, leather work, and so forth, all of it entailing much skill and patience, and very much of it involving considerable manual labour—truly the work of amateurs in the best sense of the term.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. Lord Avebury, who for so many years has been the distinguished President of the Institute, in the welfare of which he has always shown a great and practical interest. His lordship was accompanied by Lady Avebury and the Honble. Miss Lubbock.

Lord Avebury, who was most cordially received, said that when the Committee did him the honour to ask him to open that Exhibition he thought at first they had made a great misitake, and that it would be better to have someone who could speak either as an artist or craftsman. But when he came to think over the matter a little more he came to the conclusion that, however much the Committee might have been mistaken in their personal application, it was, on the whole, much better that the Exhibition should be opened by one who was not so fully competent to speak either for art or for craft, because anything he might have said might have been supposed to have been animated by the spirit that there is nothing like leather. (Laughter.) Those who had no qualification to speak either as artists or craftsmen could speak quite freely and frankly in the matter, and perhaps the expression of their thanks for what they felt they owed to the artist and the craftsman would be more welcome on that account. They always owed a great deal to those who taught them what to see.

They had, for some time, an Art School in Bromley, and it had been thought desirable to give those who had studied in the School an opportunity of bringing their works together, and also that they should add to the interest of the Exhibition by allowing others from a distance also to exhibit their works. (Applause.) That was not an occasion for a speech. The beautiful works of art surrounding them spoke for themselves. He had very great pleasure in now declaring it open, and he was sure he would be expressing a general wish when he expressed the hope that it would not be the last. (Applause.)

Dr. Herbert Ilott then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Lord Avebury, observing that for many years Lord Avebury had shown a great interest in similar movements for the benefit of Bromley, more especially in connection with science, literature, and art. (Applause.)

The vote was carried by acclamation, and Lord Avebury briefly tendered his thanks.

NEW BOOKS FOR BROMLEY LIBRARY.

The exhibition of plans of the proposed New Library, and of recent book purchases at the Public Library, was attended by 360 people during the five hours it was open on Sept. 24th. The book exhibition was quite unpretentious, comprising about 200 volumes, displayed on tables for the inspection of the public. The most important work shown was one the Library has long been badly in need of, Hasted's "History of Kent," in twelve volumes. It is not only the fullest and most trustworthy history of the county, but it is besides a model of its kind. The Library has also subscribed for the splendid "Cambridge History" planned by Lord Acton. This work deals with the subject from a somewhat fresh point of view. Although a general history of Europe and her colonies from the fifteenth century, it is not a complete history of the nations, which are only dealt with according to the time and the degree in which they influence the common features of mankind. Some historical fact of signal importance has been chosen as the central idea, round which individual developments are grouped. Thus one volume deals with the Renaissance, another with the Reformation, and so on. Professor Baldwin's "Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology," Dr Carpenter's "The Microscope," Messrs' Gosse and Garnett's handsome "History of English Literature," and Drury's "Book of Gardening" are other important books of reference, whilst of those of a more popular description we may note Kearton's "With Nature and the Camera;" Long's "School of the Woods," a handsomely illustrated and most interesting account, from first hand knowledge, of animal life in the American forest: and André's "Naturalist in the Guianas," an account of exploration in a comparatively little known country, where travelling is as full of incident and as prolific in perilous adventure as in any part of the world. Some manuals of practical electrical work were also to be found; historical, biographical, and descriptive works; books on municipal trade, pedagogy, and some music. The University extension students attending the course on "Umbrian and Venetian Painters" will find the series of "Great Masters in Painting and Sculpture" very useful, as it contains monographs, illustrated with photogravures and half-tones, on Francesca, Francia, Crivelli, Giorgione, Signorelli, Perugino, Pintoricchio, Raphael, Correggio, Mantegna, Titian, and Tintoretto, all of whom will be dealt with by the lecturer; whilst to supplement these is Bryan's "Dictionary of Painters," the latest and best edition of this standard work.

Alderman Sir George Truscott celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of his birthday on October 9th.

Local Obituary.

MR. WILLIAM DIGBY, C.I.E.



We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. William Digby, C.I.E., senior partner in the firm of Wm. Hutchinson and Co., East India merchants, and formerly a well-known journalist, which took place at his residence in Hampstead on September 24th, after several months' illness. Mr. Digby was a former resident of Bromley, having lived in the town for several years, first at South Hill and latterly, until 1901, in Wanstead-road.

Born at Wisbech, in Cambridgeshire, in 1849, Mr. Digby was in his fifty-sixth year. His death will be lamented by a wide circle of friends, who were attracted by the sincerity of his character and the staunchness of his principles. A devoted Liberal, Mr. Digby had rendered yeoman service to the cause of progress. He began his career as a journalist in East Anglia, and in 1871 went to Ceylon to take up a journalistic appointment. Leaving Ceylon in 1876, he became editor of the "Madras Times," and filled this position for several years with great ability. On his return to England, Mr. Digby was appointed editor of the "Liverpool and Southport Daily News," which post he relinquished in 1880 to fill the editorial chair of the "Western Daily Mercury," Plymouth. He was secretary of the National Liberal Club from its foundation until 1887. Impressed during his residence in India with the sufferings of its people, he evinced to the last the keenest interest in all Indian subjects, and was a trenchant critic of officialism in our great Eastern Empire. "Anglostan" was his description of the India known to Anglo-Indians, and this Mr. Digby always insisted was not the real India at all. He originated and was hon. secretary of the appeal to the British people in 1877 on behalf of famine-stricken people in Southern India. In response to that appeal £800,000 were subscribed, and thousands of lives were saved through its wise and prudent administration. His services in this matter won for him a decoration from his Sovereign. Mr. Digby has written copiously on Indian subjects, including a "History of the Newspaper Press in India, Ceylon, and the Far East." His last book, a bulky volume ironically entitled "Prosperous British India," was published three years ago, and there ensued a sharp passage-of-arms in reference to some of its statements between its author and Lord George Hamilton. The deceased gentleman was an honorary member of the Cobden Club, an honour conferred upon him in recognition of his success in procuring the abolition of food taxes in Ceylon. Mr. Digby unsuccessfully contested North Paddington in 1885 and South Islington in 1892. He married twice, in 1874, Ellen, daughter of Captain Little, of Wisbech, who died in 1878, and in 1879, Sarah, daughter of Mr. William Hutchinson, of Wisbech, who died in 1899. He leaves four sons and a daughter.

The funeral took place on September the 28th, the interment being made in a grave where deceased's second wife was buried in Bromley Cemetery. The respect and esteem in which the deceased had been held was fully evidenced by the large and representative attendance, and also by the handsome floral tributes, which were so numerous that a separate landau had to be provided for their conveyance from deceased's residence to Bromley.

The funeral arrangements were efficiently carried out by Mr. Herbert Dunn, of the Market-square, Bromley.

MR. W. H. BOSANQUET.

It is our painful duty, this month, to have to record the death, under most tragic circumstances, of Mr. Walter Henry Bosanquet, of No. 1, Hope Park, Bromley. The deceased gentleman, whose state of health for some long time past has been a source of extreme care and anxiety, left home just before six o'clock on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for the purpose of attending Divine service at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, where the Rev. John Bond was preaching his farewell sermon as Vicar of the parish. So far as can be ascertained, he does not appear to have attended the service; and later the same evening his dead body was found on the railway lines, just at the Lansdowne-road bridge corner of Sundridge Park Station, in a sadly mutilated condition, he evidently having been knocked down and run over by a passing train. How the deceased gentleman came to be at Sundridge Park railway station can only be conjectured. The evidence given at the Coroner's inquiry throwed little or no light upon the question. There seems to be no doubt, however, that when he left home he intended to go to church, for he had his prayer book and hymn book in his pocket. Probably, on arriving at the church, he found it already crowded, and being unable to obtain a place, went for a walk instead; and in the unfortunate state of health, both mentally and physically, which, in these latter years, had afflicted him, it is easily conceivable that he proceeded to the railway station and missed his footing and fell across the metals. The news of the terrible tragedy has everywhere been received with feelings of the deepest pain and sorrow.

Mr. W. H. Bosanquet had been a resident of Bromley for over thirty years, and during that long period he had actively and usefully identified himself with almost every branch of our public and quasi-public life; and by the conspicuous ability which he brought to bear upon all that he took in hand, no less than by his genial com-

panionship and his kind and generous spirit—a kindness and generosity which had not, by any means, been confined to actions of a public nature—he had won for himself the regard and respect of all classes and sections of the community.

Mr. Bosanquet came to reside in Bromley in the year 1873, and almost immediately became associated with Church work. He was churchwarden at St. Mary's, Plaistow, for three years, and took an active part in Sunday School work. For many years he was treasurer to the Bromley National Schools, and for some years he filled the office of hon. secretary to the Plaistow National Schools of which he afterwards became a manager. He read the lessons at St. Mary's, Plaistow, and St. Luke's, Bromley Common, for many years, and of the various institutions of both was a generous supporter. His work in connection with the Plaistow Working Men's Club has always been of a most whole-hearted character—for many years he was the mainspring of the Club; and the members there have always been amongst his most enthusiastic friends and admirers. In the more public work of the parish of St. Mary's, Mr. Bosanquet took a leading and useful part. The great tact and ability with which he presided over the vestry meetings in that parish in the early nineties, when the question of the consecration of Plaistow Cemetery caused such a bitter controversy, will be still fresh in the minds of many of the older parishioners. Subsequently, Mr. Bosanquet became Chairman of the Burial Board for the parish. In the year 1894, when the then Local Board was superseded by the late Urban District Council, he was elected at the head of the poll as one of the representatives of Plaistow Ward, and became the first Chairman of the Council. In those days, much asperity was displayed in the administration of our local affairs, but Mr. Bosanquet proved an able Chairman, and under his firm rule the new Council soon settled down to its proper business. He took a great interest in the work of the Public Library, to which he made several handsome donations of books. He was elected a member of the first Bromley School Board; and, in 1900, he again became identified with this important branch of our public life. He resigned after a short term of office, but before doing so, placed at the disposal of the Board a sufficient sum of money to found several valuable scholarships—an act of generosity which he had only quite recently determined to repeat. Mr. Bosanquet was also for many years the Hon. Secretary of the Bromley Charitable Society; and also Treasurer and Secretary of the old Bromley Fire Brigade.

The death of Mrs. Bosanquet, in the year 1892, was a great blow from which he never fully recovered. He leaves a son and two daughters Prior to their marriage and subsequent removal from Bromley, the latter took a leading part in the parochial work of St. Mary's, and the deepest sympathy is felt for them in their great and terrible affliction.

THE INQUEST:—VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

The Coroner for West Kent, Mr. H. Boulton Sewell, attended at the Council Offices on Oct. 11th, and held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death. Mr. A. A. Hunt was chosen foreman of the jury. Mr. H. H. Groves, solicitor, represented the Railway Company, and the family were represented by Admiral Bosanquet, brother of the deceased, and the Rev W. S. Hylan, formerly of Plaistow, and now of Woodside, West Norwood, a son-in-law of the deceased gentleman. Mr. Howard, partner of the late Mr. Bosanquet, was also in attendance. In the end the jury, after a few minutes' consideration, returned a verdict of accidental death.

The funeral took place in Bromley Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 13th.

MR. HENRY PODGER.



Sincere sorrow and regret will be felt throughout the town and district generally at the death, which took place at his residence on Thursday, October the 13th of Mr. Henry Podger, of Kenilworth, Shawfield Park, Bromley. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 73rd year, had been in somewhat indifferent health for some time past, but it was not till towards the end of August that his illness assumed a serious phase. He rallied somewhat, but an operation for some internal complaint was found to be necessary, and from this he never recovered. Well-known London specialists were consulted, and they confirmed the view of his medical adviser, Dr. Ilott, that a second operation could not be successfully performed. On October 8th, Mr. Podger became unconscious and gradually sank, passing peacefully away, as already stated, early last Thursday morning.

The deceased, a native of Bromley, having been born here in 1832, was best known as the founder and for many years as the Managing Director of the firm of Messrs. Henry Podger and Sons, Ltd., launderers, dyers, etc., of Bromley. After leaving his native place as a boy, he worked at the Woolwich Arsenal, where he acquired considerable knowledge of engineering work. He was a natural mechanic, and on starting the laundry business in Homesdale-road, he turned this aptitude to useful purpose and became the inventor of a number of machines used in the laundry trade. He was the inventor of the first collar ironing machine, for which the bronze medal was awarded him at the International Health Exhibition, in 1884. Later on, he gained the silver medal at the London International Exhibition, held at the Crystal Palace the same year. The mat carding machine, which is used very extensively, was another of Mr. Podger's inventions. He was one of the most prominent members of the Laundry Trade Association, of which he was at one time President. His practical knowledge of machinery, and his prominence in the laundry trade resulted in him being unanimously elected a member of the Committee to attend the House of Commons to give evidence in regard to laundries coming under the

Factory Act of 1895. He was also a member of the London Chamber of Commerce, and of the London Chamber of Arbitration. He was an exemplary employer, and it is not too much to say that he had not merely the respect, but the affectionate regard of every single individual in his employment. His interest in the local affairs of Bromley was well-known to all, and by his death a really strong personality is removed from our midst.

The funeral took place on Monday, Oct. 17th, at Bromley Cemetery.

MR. WARING, J.P.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Waring, of Chesterfield, which occured on Oct. 15th, after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Waring, who was one of the oldest Magistrates in the county, was formerly a member of the old Rural Sanitary Authority and Board of Guardians for the Bromley Union, and was for some years the Chairman of the Bromley Petty Sessions.

MR. J. E. MARSHALL.

Another old and respected inhabitant of Bromley has just passed away in the person of Mr. John Edwards Marshall, who died at his residence, Hook Farm, Bromley Common, on Oct. 15th, in his eighty-first year. The deceased was for many years a captain in the merchant seamen's service his father and grandfather before him have also been captains in the same service. He afterwards entered the business of dairy-farming. He had held his farm on the Haberdashers' estate at New Cross for nearly 30 years, and had another at Poverest, St. Mary Cray. He had occupied Hook Form for nearly 14 years. The deceased gentleman took no part in the local affairs of this district: but he was for many years a member of St. Paul's, Deptford, Vestry, and also a member of the late Greenwich Board of Works. The deceased was interred in Nushead Cemetery on October 22nd, there being a large number of relatives and friends present. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to, and satisfactorily carried out by, Mr. H. Dunn, of Market-square, Bromley.

On Friday, September 30th, another old and respected inhabitant of Bromley passed away after a brief illness, viz., Mr. William A. Dickinson, from asthma and tuberculosis. He had complained for some time prior to his becoming an in-patient of the Cottage Hospital, but none of his friends had any idea his end was so near. He was one of the two townspeople who got the Salvation Army to open a corps here about 15 years ago, of which he remained a member till his decease.

"How shall we teach our Children."—Under the auspices of the Western Kent Sunday School Union, a very interesting and instructive series of lecture conferences was inaugurated at the Congregational Church on October 24th There was a crowded attendance. The lecturer was Mr G Hamilton Archibald, of Montreal, who is a well-known specialist, a man of exceptional gifts, and one who has thoroughly studied child nature as a basis for the best methods of teaching. The chair was taken by Mr Robert Whyte, jun., who, in introducing the lecturer, said that the duty he had to perform that evening was a very pleasant one. He had been requested by the members of the Church and the Borough Council, to give a very hearty welcome to the lecturer on their behalf.

BROMLEY COMMON IRON ROOM.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Once again, abundant evidence of the appreciation of the splendid work which our venerable townsman, Mr. M. H. Hodder, has for so long a period carried on at the Mission associated with his name was forthcoming at the 31st anniversary of the Mission, which was held in the commodious room at Great Elms-road, Bromley Common, on September 28th. Mr. Hodder, notwithstanding the claims of a busy life, finds time to take a sympathetic part in the work of various other religious communities in the town and district. But he is most at home in the midst of his own people at Bromley Common, and the anniversary gatherings are always of an exceedingly bright and joyous character. Unfortunately, the veteran Sir George Williams, who is one of the oldest friends of the Mission, and who is a most regular Chairman at the annual gatherings, was unable to be present, through illness, but even this fact, though it was sincerely regretted—for Sir George is a breezy speaker with a good deal of quiet humour—failed to interfere with the warmth and heartiness of the proceedings.

After the usual opening of singing and prayer, Mr. Hodder made his annual statement, prefacing it by reading the telegram which he had received from Sir George Williams, intimating his inability to be present. The statement then presented by Mr. Hodder showed that the total expenditure for the year amounted to £139 6s. 4d. Of that sum they had paid £127 12s. 4½d., leaving a deficit of £11 13s. 11½d. Of that, £139 6s. 4d., £28 18s. 0d. had been expended in painting and beautifying their church, and £10 had been sent, as usual, to foreign missions. The penny bank had been again a great success, the amount received, with interest, was £789 6s. 4½d.; and the Coal and Blanket Club had received £73 10s. 8½d., including the bonus given by himself, which was considerably more than last year. Their meetings had been of a very encouraging character during the year, and he was glad to say that the children's morning service continued to be a great success.

Interesting and helpful addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Allison, of New York, the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, and Mr. Beaumont Morice.

HONOUR FOR MR. R. NEVILLE FLUX.

We understand that Mr. Neville Flux has just been appointed to the bandmastership of the Royal Engineers at Chatham. The appointment of a civilian to a military position of such importance is very exceptional, if not almost unprecedented, for bandmasters in the British Army are supposed to graduate through a period of service as ordinary bandsman in an army band, and then undergo a three years' training at Kneller Hall, which includes making a practical acquaintance as performer with both wood and brass sections of a military band. So far as we know, Mr. Flux has not had much experience with a military band, but of his wide knowledge, ability, versatility, and adaptability we have often had undoubted and striking proof. Therefore we congratulate Mr. Flux with all sincerity.

St. Mary's, Plaistow, C.E.T.S.—A tea and entertainment took place at the Institute, Plaistow-grove, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, in connection with the above branch of the C. E.T.S. Over 100 sat down to tea, and at the entertainment which followed, and which was provided by friends of Rev. C. A. Curgenven, the room was crowded to excess, many being unable to gain admittance.

BROMLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.

WELCOME TO NEW CIRCUIT MINISTERS.

A goodly number of the congregation and friends of the Bromley Wesleyan Churches gathered in the spacious schoolroom adjoining the church in High-street, on Friday, Oct. 7th, for the purpose of welcoming the newly arrived Circuit Ministers—Rev. J. Lewis Smith and the Rev. A. E. Warr. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Garwood (Senior Circuit Steward), and supporting him on the platform were Mr. A. Smith (Junior Circuit Steward), Mr. W. Prebble and Mr. Hall (Society Stewards), and Rev. G H Shafto (Superintendent Minister). There were also present Mr. & Mrs. J Gibbs and the Misses Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. W J Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. H Griffith and the Misses Griffith, Mr. W Powell, Mr. Rawlings, Mr. Marshall, and many others.

THERE ARE FRIENDSHIPS AND FRIENDSHIPS.

Sweet, sweet are the friendships no money can buy,
They are born from above, and never can die:
They cheer and enrich us; from God are they given,
And come with the Mintage and coinage of Heaven.
But still there are friendships, by which we are sold,
They love us most truly, but more so our gold;
So they fluster, and fuss, and are merry and blithe,
Then gently suggest, if you could but contrive
To lend them some cash, say a hundred or more
Of money, hard earned, from your own little store,
Then snigger and whine, as their woes they rehearse,
And leave us at last, not a crown in our purse.

"MORAL."

If thou can'st not bestow, 'tis wise not to lend,
Thou losest thy money, and also thy friend.

S. TREVOR FRANCIS.

The Deputy Mayor of Bromley (Ald. R W James) had the honour on October 21st, at Maidstone, of being installed by the Right Hon the Earl of Cork and Orrery, as Grand S.O. in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Kent.

SHORTLANDS WHEELERS' CYCLING CLUB.—The first annual dinner and concert of the above club took place on October 26th, at the "Swan and Mitre" Hotel, Bromley. The President (Dr. Hawke) took the chair. Thirty-one members and friends sat down to an excellent menu provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Adams. Before the tables were cleared the Chairman gave the toast of the King, and shortly afterwards the concert commenced with an overture by Mr. F. Thane, the pianist, who very ably accompanied during the evening. The President was unable to stay during the concert owing to a professional engagement, so Councillor R Taylor, one of the Vice-Presidents, kindly took the chair. The second toast was the "Shortlands Wheelers' Cycling Club," ably proposed by the Chairman, received with musical honours, and responded to by Mr E Wilson, the hon. sec. He stated that the club numbered 24 members and had a balance in hand to the present time of £2 1s. (loud cheers). Mr. Wilson asked those present to give a most hearty vote of thanks to the President and Vice-Presidents of the club for the great interest they take in all matters concerning it. A little later on Mr Durling, the captain, proposed the toast of the "Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. Johnson, of the Napier Club. The dinner was a great success, and it is hoped that it is the precursor of a long series of such annual meetings.

CONCERT IN CHISLEHURST CAVES.

The promenade concert given in what has been well described as the Concert Room of the Chislehurst Caves, adjoining Bickley Hotel, on Wednesday evening, October 19th, was undoubtedly the most successful of the series. Every seat was occupied, and the admirable programme which was submitted was most thoroughly appreciated. Mr. George Jeffery opened the first part with a brilliantly played pianoforte solo, "Silver Slipper." In the second part of the programme this service was performed by little Miss Brotherton, a talented child, who played "La Harpe Eolienne" most skilfully and with sweet expression. She received a most hearty encore. Mr. George Winbart gave evidence of considerable versatility, for he sang "Queen of Angels" in capital style, and later on gave a clever sketch illustratng farm-yard calls. Mr. Tom Donovan was a great hit. He quite mystified the large audience by his clever conjouring and sleight-of-hand, and was enthusiastically encored. Miss Lillian Best sang with great acceptance "Sweet June' and "Roses Everywhere," and was warmly applauded. Again Mrs. Arthur Field was one of the prime favourites of the evening. This lady sings with great artistic taste and expression, and her rendering of "Blue Bell" and "My Little Canoe" gained for her irresistible encores. Mr. James Dawkins contributed solos on the Japanese violin and the fairy bells, the latter sounding particularly sweet, as the sound echoed and re-echoed through the long and lofty galleries which diverge from the hall. Mr. Walter Fullerton was again in great form with his comic songs, and was recalled each time, and Mr. Willie Smith, in the same department, succeeded in thoroughly amusing his large audience. He was warmly encored. Mr. Walter Peach sang "The Jolly Sailor" and "The Bandolero" very successfully. At the close cordial expressions of thanks were tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ryan for their efforts in providing these concerts, the proceeds of which, after payment of expenses —which are kept very low, as the artistes give their services—are devoted to deserving charities.

ST. JOHN'S (BROMLEY) C.E.T.S.—The annual general meeting in connection with the St. John's (Bromley) branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, was held on Monday, Oct. 19th, in the Parish Room, Freelands-grove. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Barker).

"NEW GUINEA."—This was the title of a most interesting illustrated lecture given by the Rev. W. Mounsey, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on Monday, Oct. 17th. The room was comfortably filled, and the gathering, which was under the auspices of the St. Mary's (Plaistow) Parochial Association of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, was presided over by the Rev. C. A. Curgenven. The lecturer, who was cordially welcomed, said his object was to try and give them as vivid an impression as possible, of what he saw during a short visit to New Guinea two or three years ago, in order that he might stir their interest in the work of missions, that he might make their prayers more intelligent and their alms more liberal. The work of converting the heathen was the primary purpose for which the Church of God existed. New Guinea was a part of the British Empire, and a very important part of it. It was of immense value for strategic purposes, and we were now able to protect our interests in the Torres Straits. It was formally annexed in 1884. At the present time there was no adequate endowment for the Bishopric of New Guinea.

A Public Improvement.—The sharp angular corner at the junction of Rodway Road and Plaistow Lane, Bromley, fronting Mr. Hunts new house "Delta,' has recently been rounded off, and the kerb set back to an easy sweep, which not only has improved the appearance of the roadway, but has done away with a decidedly dangerous corner so far as vehicular traffic is concerned.

Garden City Movement.—Under the auspices of the Bromley Co-operative Society, a very interesting lecture illustrated by lantern slides, was given by Mr. Aneurin Williams, on "The garden city movement as a remedy for the over crowded town and the deserted field," in the Co-operative Hall, East Street, on Monday, Oct. 17th, Mr. F. Lord presided, and notwithstanding the rather wet weather experienced, there was a large attendance.

Bromley Common Lawn Tennis Club.—On Saturday, October 8th, the above club held another of its social evenings, to wind up the season. Special praise is due to Mr and Mrs. Ware for their energy in getting together so excellent a programme. Among the many items were: Mr. R. W. Nicholls, pianoforte solo, Tanhauser March (Wagner), and as an encore, Liebestraum (F. Liszt); Mr. Thomas Wryht, song, "Off to Philadelphia"; quintettes were rendered by Messrs. Frank. Ben, and Albert Barker, A. Flint, and James Ware; Mr. R. W. Nicholls, pianoforte solo, Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (F. Liszt); Mr. James Ware, song, "Down the vale"; The playing from the classics by Mr. R. W. Nicholls was greatly admired. During the evening Mr. Hope Alderson (assistant hon. secretary), was requested by the members to present Mr. Ware (hon. secretary), with a Doherty racquet and press, which the members had subscribed for as a slight token of their indebtedness to him for his untiring energy in all matters relating to the affairs of the club for the last three seasons Mr. Ware was obviously taken by surprise, and thanked the members in a short but pithy speech. The dancing, which was sandwiched between the above items, was also greatly enjoyed, especially the Tournament Waltz, which was led off by the popular winners, Mr. Ben Barker and Miss Nora Daniels. The decorations were artistically arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Hope Alderson. Mrs. Moate accompanied the singers, and the social terminated at 11 o'clock to the thorough enjoyment of everybody.

Births.

Adams.—On the 5th October, at Tintagle, Clock House-road, Beckenham, the wife of Arthur D. Adams, of Travancore, South India, of a daughter.

Burnett-Hitchcock.—On Wednesday, September 21st, at Kingswood House, Shortlands, the wife of Captain Burnett-Hitchcock, of the Sherwood Foresters, of a son.

Burne.—On the 29th September, Madeline Alice, the wife of Owen F. Burne, of 25, Cedars-road, Beckenham, of a daughter.

Hare.—On the 25th October, at Foxbury, Chislehurst, the wife of Percy Richard Hare, of Judges Cottage, Sundridge, of a daughter.

Harrison.—On the 3rd October, at 8, Wendover-road, Bromley, the wife of Cholmondeley Harrison, of a daughter.

Hudson.—On the 29th September, at Gadden, Beckenham, the wife of Leonard L. Hudson, of a daughter.

Humphreys.—On the 27th September, at Meadowcroft, Bromley Park, the wife of James H. Humphreys, of a son.

Larkman.—On the 6th October, at Redruth, Kent, House-road, Beckenham, the wife of Arthur James Larkman, of a daughter.

Loder.—On the 2nd October, at 24, Hawes-road, Bromley, to Sidney J. Loder and Charlotte Loder—a son

O'Hanlon.—On the 1st October, at Banff House Chislehurst, the wife of Alfred O'Hanlon, of a daughter.

Stewart.—On the 24th September, at "Talgai," Sidcup, the wife of Alexander MacIntosh Stewart, of a son.

Tidmarsh.—On the 12th October, at 22, West Park, Mottingham, Eltham, the wife of Edwin Russell Tidmarsh, of a son.

Wood.—On the 23rd September, at Glebe House, the wife of C. F. Wood, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Canning—Hummel.—On the 6th October, at Christ Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. John Rooker, Vicart Fredrick Russell, third son of the late Rev. Thomas Canning, vicar of Tupsley, Hereford, to Helen Mabel, eldest daughter of Colonel Hummell, of Ashlynn, Beckenham.

Fingel—Fittock.—On the 20th October, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Charing-Cross, by the Rev. H. A. Rayner, Francis E. C. Fingel, son of F. E. Fingel, of New Malden, Surrey, to Ada Fittock, daughter of Fittock, of Hither Green.

Francis—Drake.—On the 12th October, at Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead, by the Rev. J. Newton Heall, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Sharpe, vicar of the Parish, Frederick Stewart, youngest son of the late Robert Francis, of Crofton Hall, Orpington, to Lilian youngest daughter of Dennys Drake, and granddaughter of the late Colonel Minshull Drake, B.N.I.

Lely Atkinson.—On the 29th October, at St. Mary's Abbots' Kensington, by Canon the Rev. Somerset Pennefather, vicar, George Peel Lely, son of the late William Grinfield Lely, J.P., of the Hall Carlton Scroop, Grantham, and Burdette Atkinson, daughter C. E. Atkinson, Algoa Lodge, Beckenham.

Radford—Willett.—On the 18th October, at the Parish Church, Chislehurst, by the Right Rev. the Chaplain General, assisted by the Rev. J. Le S. Dawson, Vicar of Chislehurst, Charles Inchbald, third son of the Rev. Daniel Radford, Rector of Papworth St. Agnes, Cambs., to Constance Muriel, second daughter of William Willett, of the Cedars, Chislehurst.

Reid—Gregory.—On the 1st October, at the Parish Church, Beckenham, Kent, by the Rev. Henry Arnott, Rector of the parish, Alan Matheson, youngest son of the late Richard Reid, of Beckenham, to Helen Francis (Nina), eldest daughter of Walter Gregory, of Glenhurst, Beckenham.

Sisson—Meyer.—On the 28th September, at the British Consulate, Oporto, by Honorious Grant, H.B.M. Consul, Norman Sisson, fourth son of the late William John Sisson, of Wrexham, to Millicent the adopted daughter of F. J. Meyer, of Beckenham.

Deaths.

Bosanquet.—On the 9th October, at Bromley, Walter Henry Bosanquet, of 1, Hope Park, Bromley, and 11, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

Basan.—On the 22nd September, at 29, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, Joyce Mary, the dear little daughter of Lily and David Basan, aged 16 days.

Bristow.—On the 26th September, suddenly at Evesmere, New Eltham, Mary Ann Barbara Bristow, the dearly loved wife of the late Major-General J. W. Bristow, B.S.C., in her 78th year.

Chubb.—On the 29th September, at his residence, Home Lee, Bickley, Hammond Chubb, Esq., B.A., for many years Secretary of the Bank of England, age 75.

Digby.—On the 24th September, William Digby, C.I.E., of 7, Leinester Mansions, Finchley-road, N.W., aged 55.

Dobbing.—On the 24th October, at Calderwood, Chislehurst, Frederic Croutel Dobbing, J.P., aged 60 years. Funeral at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Chislehurst.

Holmes.—On the 3rd October, at the Laurels, Beckenham, Kent, Margaret, widow of the late John Holmes, in her 70th year.

Podger.—On the 13th October, at his residence, Kenilworth, Shawfield Park, Henry Podger. in his 73rd year.

MARSHALL.—On the 15th October, at Bromley, John Edward Marshall, of Hook Farm, Bromley Common, and Hatcham, New Cross, aged 80

WARING.—On the 15th October, William Waring, of Woodlands, Chelsfield, Kent, in his 87th year.

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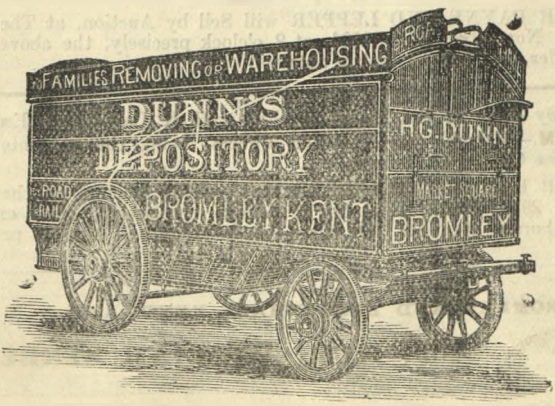
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

2nd.—Sale by auction by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the New Farm, Farnborough, at one for two o'clock precisely, of a quantity of building materials and plant.—Monthly meetings at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, of the West Kent Sewerage Board and the Joint Hospital Board.

3rd.—Vestry meeting at the Institute, Bromley Common, for the election of three members to serve on the St. Luke's Burial Board.

4th.—*Second Sunday in Advent.*—Civic Sunday in Bromley.—Farwig Sunday School Anniversary Services, and on the following Tuesday.

5th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the Offices, Bromley.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban Council at the Offices, Beckenham.—Meeting of the Bromley Debating Society.—C.E.T.S. concert at St. John's (Bromley) Parish-room.—St. Luke's Burial Board annual meeting at the Institute, Bromley Common.

6th.—Sale by auction by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, all three for four o'clock precisely, of a quantity of valuable growing timber.

7th.—Sale of Work at Bromley Baptist School in aid of the organ enlargement fund.—Monthly house supper at Bromley Conservative Club; Chairman, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.

8th.—Temperance gatherings at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Drill Hall, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union.

11th.—*Third Sunday in Advent.*

10th.—Induction of the Rev. E. J. Welch to the Vicarage of Farnborough by the Rural Dean (Rev. H. Arnott, M.A.) at three o'clock.

12th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Railway Servants' Orphan and Benevolent Funds.

13th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Borough Council at the Offices, Bromley.

18th.—*Fourth Sunday in Advent.*

19th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee, at the Offices, Bromley.—Fortnightly meeting of the Beckenham Urban Council, at the Offices, Beckenham.

25th.—*Christmas Day.*

27th.—Bromley Petty Sessions, at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, the Mayor (Mr. F. Griffith) presiding.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

This Committee met on October 25th, Alderman Lawrence (Chairman) in the chair. A petition was read from the captains and secretaries of the various football and cricket clubs in the district as to the necessity for a pavilion on the Queen's Mead Recreation Ground, there at present being no accommodation for the players. Resolved that the matter be adjourned, and that the Engineer be instructed to supply a report as to the cost of erecting a pavilion.

This was agreed to.

THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Councillor Homewood had given notice of the following motion:—"That a Committee be appointed to select members to serve on the Standing Committees to be elected by the Council on the 9th of November next, and that it be an instruction to such Committee to provide as far as the standing orders will permit that every Ward shall be represented on each of the Standing Committees by a Councillor representing such Ward."

Alderman James said that if Councillor Homewood would limit the scope of his resolution to the four Committees it would materially facilitate the allocation of the various members. It was not necessary, to his mind, that every Ward should be represented on every Committee.

Councillor Homewood was quite prepared to accept Alderman James' suggestion, and after further discussion the resolution was carried in that form by fourteen votes to one, Alderman Davis alone dissenting.

LOANS.

The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning loans of £5,000, £3,300, and £1,670 for the purchase of land for municipal buildings, etc., and a loan of £3,344 for Beckenham-lane and College-road widening, and also a surface-water drainage.

THE LATE MR. BOSANQUET.

The Rev. W. S. Flynn wrote thanking the Council for their vote of sympathy.

BROMLEY (NORTH) STATION AND THE TRAIN SERVICE.

A letter was read from Mr. Vincent Hill, General Manager to the S.E. and C. Railway, arranging to visit Bromley on Monday afternoon, October 31st.

Councillor Hudson said that Mr. Vincent Hill attended the previous day, in accordance with his

letter, and met a number of the Aldermen and Councillors in the Council Chamber. They explained to him, in as strong terms as they could, the needs that Bromley felt, both as to want of accommodation, and effective accommodation, at Bromley North Station, for both passenger and goods traffic, and at Sundridge Park Station, particularly with reference to the shortness of the down platform. Mr. Hill was most frank in admiting the facts. He did not deny that they had the grievances they alleged and up to the full. He said he knew perfectly well that both the stations needed dealing with, and also that the service needed improving. But as regards the work his reply was a non possumus at the present time. He said positively that the Company had not got the money, and in the present condition of the money market they were not likely to apply for it; and that, therefore, more works must stand adjourned. With regard to the service, he was rather more sanguine. The present defects were due mainly to the fact that they had not yet got the four lines to Chislehurst, but he held out the hope that when these lines were completed next February they would have a much more efficient service.

THE NEW RATE.

Mr. Councillor Powell, in moving that the seal of the Council be affixed to a rate of 1s. 7d. in the pound for the current halfyear, said he congratulated the Mayor that in the first year in the life of this new Borough they had not had to increase the taxation through the new authority that existed.

This was agreed to.

The annual statutory meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on November 9, at noon. The Mayor (Mr. Councillor Frank Griffith) presided.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The Mayor said their first business was to elect a Mayor for the ensuing year.

Alderman James said: Mr. Mayor, I rise to propose a candidate to succeed to the office which you have so worthily and ably held during the past year. (Hear, hear). It is my pleasure to propose as your successor Mr. Alderman Davis, a gentleman who has the longest record of continuous voluntary service in the public duties of this town. (Applause.) Mr. Alderman Davis started in public life, as far as local administration is concerned. in 1876, when he joined the Local Board, and he remained a member of that Board while it existed. He was then elected to the Urban District Council, of which he became Chairman, and subsequently he was elected on the first Borough Council. I, therefore, formally propose the election of Mr. Alderman Davis as the next Mayor of this Borough, and in doing so I say, with all confidence, that there is no individual Burgess who has a greater right to the position than he has. (Applaus.e)

Mr. Councillor Powell: Mr. Mayor, I shall have very great pleasure indeed in seconding the nomination of Mr. Alderman Davis as the second Mayor of the Borough. I am quite sure it will meet with the warm approval not only of every member of this Council, but also of every Burgess in our town.

Alderman Mallett: I have very great pleasure in saying a few words of support on the part of the Alderman.

The Mayor then put the resolution, which was carried unanimously, amid hearty applause.

The Mayor Elect, who was greeted with hearty applause, said: Mr. Ex-Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,—You have asked me to undertake duties which might very well tax the energies of a much younger man. I am quite sure you would not have asked me to do so had you not felt it was in the interests of the town that I should endeavour to succeed one who has already set so high and brilliant an example as the first Mayor of Bromley (Applause.) And as I always have had, still have, and hope to continue to have the interests of the town at heart, I submit myself to your wishes, and freely place at your disposal any abilities I may have, and any experience that I may have gained during my 29 years' connection with public affairs in this town.

The Ex-Mayor then said: Mr. Mayor, I have now to hand you the key of the corporate seal of the Borough, and also the keys of the seal of the Burial Board and in thus parting from the office of Mayor, I beg to thank you, Sir, and the Aldermen and Councillors and the permanent staff for the very great kindness which I have received while I have occupied the chair. And as you, Sir, have now been installed in the chair, I can only say that the efficiency of public work has always been a greater object in your mind than prominence in public life. At the same time, we feel delighted to-day to see you in this honourable position. (Applause.)

A TRIBUTE TO THE EX-MAYOR.

The Mayor then said: My first duty in occupying this chair is an exceedingly pleasant one, viz., to express on my own behalf and yours our acknowledgment to the Ex-Mayor for the way in which he has carried out the duties of his office during his year's work. We are only just entering on our second year of life, without historical associations, without traditions, without precedents of our own to guide us. We can all realise how very important it was that we should have in the Chair for the first year a gentleman who would set us a high standard not only in the conduct of our public work in this room, but for the work of the Mayoralty outside. With regard to the conduct of the Ex-Mayor in this room, I am sure there is no occasion for me to enlarge on what has already been so well said by Mr. Alderman James. We have all had numbers of opportunities of observing his extreme courtesy and his great impartiality. (Applause.) He has certainly never drawn the reins too tight, and I think he has known well when to draw them sufficiently tight. I think we are deeply indebted to him for the tone which has prevailed during the past year in the conduct of our debates in this room. With regard to the outside, I can only say that if there is anything excellent, anything of good report in Bromley, it has found a warm supporter in our first Mayor. (Applause.) There is no need for me to enlarge further upon a subject which is so well knokn to you all, and I beg to propose the following resolution:—

"That the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Bromley desire to place on record their grateful appreciation of the dignity, courtesy and impartiality with which Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P., has presided over the meetings of the Council during his year of office as first Mayor of the Borough. They also beg to assure him that they are deeply sensible of the eminent services he has rendered to the Borough by his unremitting exertions to promote the welfare of all classes of the Burgesses nad by his hearty encouragement of everyone whose aim has been in any way to further their interests." (Applause.)

Councilor Harper: Mr. Mayor, I feel it a very

great privilege to be asked to second this vote of thanks. It has been rightly said in the resolution which you proposed, that Councillor Griffith has set a splendid example to yourself, Sir, and to all your successors. The spirit in which he approached his duties a year ago has never faltered right away through the year. We knew what view he would take of any question—we knew, Sir, what you have so well observed, that anything which meant the good of the Burgesses generally had in him a warm supporter. (Applause.)

The motion was then carried by acclamation.

Alderman McIntyre then moved that the address be engrossed and presented to the late Mayor. He suggested that this should not form a precedent, because the Ex-Mayor held a unique position; and it was for that reason they thought it right to present him with this address.

Councillor Ingall had great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The resolution was carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

Councillor Griffith, in reply ,said: Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and gentlemen,—I appreciate most deeply—far more deeply than I can find words to express myself, your kindness. The engrossed copy of this address, which will enable it to be hung in my home, there to be seen by the members of my family, will always be eloquent to me, and remind me of the kindness that I have received during the year of my mayoralty; and it will always be a bond of sympathy between myself and yourselves; and I now, in taking my place as a Councillor, will make it my business to learn a lesson from you gentlemen as to how the quiet, unostentatious work of the Council should be done. (Applause.)

THE DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Mayor then nominated Councillor Griffith as the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

THE OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR.

Alderman James then handed over to the Mayor the key which he had held during his year of office as Deputy Mayor.

Alderman Lawrence thought they ought not to allow this occasion to pass without placing on record their great indebtedness to their ex-Deputy Mayor during his term of office. (Applause).

This was seconded by Councillor Worley, and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION TO THE EX-MAYOR.

Alderman James said that before sitting down there was one act he would like to perform, as the representative of an anonymous Burgess, and that was to make a presentation to the late Mayor, in the shape of a replica of the badge recently presented by Mr. Paul Henwood, as a souvenir, in the words of the donor, of Mr. Griffith's successful year of office. The donor also suggested that it would enhance the value of the gift to the recipient if he had the permission of the Council to wear it on municipal state occasions. (Hear, hear.) Alderman James added that he was sure that the gift reflected, in a complimentary way, upon the way in which the Council had done its work in the past year; and he had not the slightest doubt the Council would unanimously give their permission in the direction asked.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Griffith, who spoke with evident emotion, said he was very much obliged. He added that of all who appreciated the work of Alderman James as Deputy Mayor he himself felt it most because he was most in touch with him. He took that opportunity of saying publicly to what an enormous extent, much more than any of them knew, late at night and early in the morning, Alderman James was his right hand the whole year through. (Applause.)

ALDERMEN.

The various Aldermen were appointed as Returning Officers for the several Wards as before.

THE MAYOR'S HOSPITALITY.

The Council then adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where they and the officers of the Council, together with Mr. G. Loly, as the Chairman of the Education Committee, and the representatives of the Press, were entertained by the Mayor to luncheon. At the conclusion, the loyal toast was honoured, and on the proposition of the Deputy Mayor, the health of the Mayor was cordially drunk.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The Council proceeded to the election of Committees, upon resuming; and the Committees subsequently elected their Chairmen as follows: Finance, Councillor Powell; Highways, Alderman James; Buildings, Councillor Worley; Health, Alderman McIntyre; Recreation, Alderman Lawrence.

The Mayor invited the members to attend Divine service with him at the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 4th, when the Bishop of Croydon will preach.

Another meeting of the Borough Council was held on November 15th, the Mayor (Mr. T. Davis), in the chair.

A COLLISION.

The Highways Committee considered certain correspondence which had passed between the Borough Engineer and Mr. J. Low, of Avery Hill Farm, Eltham, in reference to a collision between a water van belonging to the Council and Mr. Low's trap, together with all the circumstances in connection therewith, and they recommended that the Town Clerk inform Mr. Low in reply that in view of his own admission to the police that it was a pure accident the Council cannot admit any liability in the matter.

THE COST OF PAVING.

A petition was read from the owners and tenants in Aldermary-road, protesting against the proposed use of patent stone paving in the works about to be carried out in connection with making up that road, on the ground that the use of such costly paving would be unjust to the petitioners and was quite unnecessary in that road; that tarred asphalte paths would meet all the requirements of the road in question; and that no other owners of property in the Borough had previously been asked to pave the by-roads with such costly material. Resolved to recommend the Council to adhere to the specification already adopted, inasmuch as the Council have already adopted the principle of the style of paving in connection with making up of private streets.—Adopted.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

This Committee reported that the recent additions to the library had been well used. The music has proved especially popular, the issues from that class numbering 113. The policy of the Committee in buying a large proportion of non-fiction is justified by the reduction of the fiction percentage to 72. The Common Branch was opened on October 10th last, and had proved very popular.

The report was adopted on the motion of Councillor Harper.

BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDINGS.

Councillor Harper, in accordance with notice of motion moved:—

"That application be made to the Charity Commissioners for permission to exclude from the sale by public auction of the Whitehall Recreation Ground Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, thereof, and for permission to acquire such lots at a price to be fixed on the basis of the valuation already submitted by Mr. A. W. M. Dickins to the Commissioners. The Lots when purchased to be used as a site for a branch Public Library and for other Municipal purposes."—Agreed to.

THE PENALTY OF RESIGNATION.

Alderman Mallett moved:—

(1.) "That the fine to be paid by the Mayor for the time being who resigns his office, pursuant to Section 36 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, shall be the sum of £5, in lieu of the amount named in Section 34 of the Act." (2.) "That the fine to be paid by an Alderman, Councillor, or Elective Auditor, who fails to make the declaration required by Section 34 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or who resigns his office pursuant to Section 36 of the said Act, shall be the sum of £1 in lieu of the amount named in Section 34 of the Act."

After a long discussion the penalty was fixed as follows:—Mayor, £10; Alderman, £5; Councillor or Elective Auditor, £1.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel Colborne, Equerry-in-Waiting, Kensington Palace, which was addressed to the late Mayor, thanking the Council for the address of welcome and for the cordiality of her welcome to Bromley.

HAYES-ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Haslehurst, Clerk to the Bromley Rural District Council, intimating the result of inquiries made amongst the frontagers by the Rural District Council, the effect of which was to leave this question in statu quo.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Education Committee was held in the Municipal Offices on Monday, November 7th, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.) presiding.

GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee recommended that the Borough Council be asked whether they desire the Education Committee to continue to employ an outside Surveyor in connection with the maintenance of the Council Schools, or whether they would prefer that this duty should devolve upon the Council's officers.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Weeks, the report was adopted.

RESIGNATION OF MR. R. W. JAMES.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. R. W. James, intimating that owing to pressure of business matters he was obliged to resign his seat on the Committee.

The Chairman said he was sure they all regretted to hear that Mr. James was resigning. They would miss him very much indeed, especially the Finance Committee, of which he was the able Chairman.

Another meeting of the Committee was held on Nov. 21st, the Chairman (Mr. G. Loly, B.A.) presiding.

THE ASSISTANT CLERKSHIP.

The Committee interviewed several candidates for the post of assistant clerk; and eventually, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Councillor Bell, Mr. Warrie was unanimously appointed.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH.

The Chairman said that a letter had been received from the Managers of the Addison-road Schools, which he would ask the Clerk to read in a minute or two, on a question which had been exercising people's minds throughout the whole country during the last few weeks, with reference to the attendance of scholars at church during school hours.

The letter was then read.

Mrs. Mann then proposed, and Mr. Braginton seconded, that the application be granted.

Rev. R. Silvey thought all ought to recognise that the schools existed solely and entirely for the education of the children, and the children ought to be the first consideration. They ought to take no step that might in any way make what was often a hardship to the children a greater hardship than it is. Their business was to do all they could to make school life the very happiest time that a child could look back upon. He was sorry to have to seem to put himself in opposition to any of another section of the same great Christian Church to which he himself belonged. He did it not out of religious bigotry or denominational antagonism, but simply because he thought it would be a mistake to grant the application. (Hear, hear.)

The Mayor, in supporting, said he thought it would be well that someone who was an attached member of the Church by which the application was made, should give his views. He did not propose to discuss the question on the basis as to whether or not it was desirable to take the children from the school to the church. There might be no particular hardship done by granting the application in the case in question, for it was quite possible that there might be no children of any other denomination attending that school. But they could not logically refuse to allow other schools what they granted to one; and what they granted in regard to applications from members of the Church of England they could not very well refuse to ministers of other denominations.

On a division the motion was lost by 14 votes to two.

BROMLEY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

The Bromley Town Council annual elections took place on Nov. 1st, but the proceedings were of a very dreary character, owing to the unfavourable weather experienced and the fact that there was but one contest in the several wards. Of the six retiring candidates, five offered themselves for re-election and their return was not challenged. For the vacancy in the Plaistow Ward, caused by the retirement of Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., two candidates were nominated, viz.: Mr. S. Soan and Mr. C. Comins, both of whom were unsuccessful candidates at the last election.

Polling took place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and of the 921 Burgesses on the Ward roll, about 420 recorded their votes. Result:—

SOAN, S.	222
COMINS, C.	197
Majority ...	25

Councillor Soan has since resigned and the by-election takes place on Saturday, December 10th.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Bromley was last month honoured by the holding of the annual festival of the Canterbury Diocesan Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. Meetings were held both in Bromley and Beckenham, and to the Rev. G. H. Charles, the highly valued organising Secretary of the Society, must be accredited no inconsiderable portion of the honour connected with the unqualified success that has attended the Festival.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The business of the Festival began on October 31st, when the annual meeting of the Diocesan Council was held in the Upper Drill Hall, under the presidency of his Grace the Archbishop. The Treasurer's report for the year showed a large increase in subscriptions, donations, etc., an especially noticeable feature being the fact that the members of the various Bands of Hope had doubled the amount they usually give in Lenten offerings. Special gratification was expressed at the fact that the contributions for C.E.T.S. objects in the Diocese were very much larger than in the case of any other Diocese in the proportion of population. The Secretary's report for the year showed a like encouraging state of things with regard to the general work of the Society.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON TO MR. AND MRS. DEWEY.

At mid-day on Oct. 31st, through the generosity of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mrs. Dewey, a company of some 230, comprising the members of the Diocesan Council of the Church of England Temperance Society and many of the principal residents of the Borough, sat rown to an excellent luncheon at the Drill Hall. Mr. T. C. Dewey presided, and supporting him on his right hand were his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Mayoress of Bromley (Mrs. Griffith), and others; on his left he was supported by the Mayor of Bromley (Major Frank Griffith, J.P.) and Mrs. T. C. Dewey and others.

At the conclusion of the repast,

The Primate rose and observed that they would be doing violence to their own feelings if they parted without having thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dewey for such hospitality as they had just been favoured with. (Applause.)

Mr. T. C. Dewey, who was received with prolonged applause, said he also would be doing violence to his own feelings if he did not rise and thank his Grace for the kind way in which he had alluded to his welcome to the Council. It had afforded him great pleasure to have the privilege of providing that entertainment, because he was always most pleased to do anything he possibly could to further the interests of the Church of England Temperance Society. (Applause.)

RECEPTION BY THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS.

In the afternoon a brilliant function took place at the Grand Hall, when the then Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. F. Griffith, J.P., and Mrs. Griffith) held an at home, to meet his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Council of the Diocesan Branch of the C.E.T.S. Everything possible had been done to secure the comfort and enjoyment of the guests, and the efforts in this direction were entirely successful.

A programme of music was rendered under the direction of Mr. Frederic Fertel.

Midway through the proceedings,

The Mayor extended to the Council, on behalf of the Borough, a very hearty welcome.

The Primate, who was cordially received, said he was sure he should be expressing the feeling of those to whom he was speaking if he said how cordially and how genuinely they all appreciated not only the fact of the welcome, but the kindly welcome given them by the Mayor of Bromley that afternoon.

The musical programme was then proceeded with, and the gathering, which was a great success viewed from every standpoint, was brought to a close at six o'clock.

MEETING IN THE GRAND HALL.

The Grand Hall was thronged to its utmost capacity on Monday evening, Oct. 31st, when the Primate took the chair. Supporting him were the Lord Bishop of Croydon (Dr. Pereria), Mr. W Joynson Hicks, the Deputy Mayor of Bromley (Ald. R. W. James), Mr. Coles Child, J.P., Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., Mr. E. J. Elgood, J.P., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and most of the clergy and leading laity of the Church of England in the district. The singing was led by an excellent choir and orchestra under the direction of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, composed mainly of members of the Bromley Musical Society. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. A. Smithers, J.P., the Hon. Marsham Townshend, M.P., &c.

Prayers were read by the Rev. P. Barker, M.A. Shafto, Rev. C. B. Hall, Miss Gertrude Hammond,

The Archbishop, who was very cordially received, said that most of them knew that the last two months of his life had been spent not in England; and coming back across the Atlantic to the responsibilities and anxieties and difficulties which attached to the work at home, there was certainly one contrast which pressed itself markedly upon him between what they saw at home and what they saw in large tracts, at least, of America, in regard to this very important matter. Our friends across the Atlantic had, undoubtedly, like ourselves, to face the problem of intemperance in no small number of places, and certainly in some of them in a very accentuated form. But that was mainly in the great centres of population alone, and mainly among those who were recent immigrants to the country, rather than among those who had been there for generations; and it was certain that there were in America great tracts of country, especially in parts of the Eastern states, in which as he had found on occasion after occasion, by personal inquiry, the kind of problem with which we had got to deal at home, of widespread temptations to intemperance, and widespread intemperance as a result, was practically an unknown thing. There were great regions in which all questions connected with labour problems and the like could be considered without facing widespread intemperance, or even widespread extravagance of expenditure in drink, which was an unknown thing altogether. The thing could be disregarded because it was so rare, so trifling, that it formed no factor in the problem that had to be solved. One looked with absolute envy upon the condition of things, even if it were in a limited part of the country, which seemed to be almost too good to be true. He would be ungrateful if he had not the deepest affection, and the most genuine esteem and respect for those who lived under the Stars and Stripes—(applause)—but he did not for one moment desire that they should have, even in any area of their land, a monopoly of this kind, of which we had a right to be profoundly jealous, and emulous in the highest degree possible to make these conditions our own.

The meeting terminated with the Benediction, pronounced by his Grace the Archbishop.

The Rev. G. B. Charles announced that the

collection was a record one in the Society's annals, viz., £25 4s. 2d.

WOMEN'S MEETING IN THE GRAND HALL.

On the afternoon of Nov. 1st, at 3 o'clock, a Women's Meeting was held in the Grand Hall, Bromley, under the presidency of the Rural Dean, the Rev. H. Arnott, of Beckenham. The singing was ably led by a choir of ladies accommodated on the platform, and heartily joined in by the crowded attendance in the body of the hall.

VISIT OF PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Henry of Battenberg paid a visit to Bromley, on Nov. 2nd, for the purpose of opening the Sale of Work, held under the auspices of the Canterbury Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society, in aid of the Police Court Mission of that Society. The appeal of the then Mayor (Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) that the tradesmen and others should decorate their premises in honour of the occasion was warmly responded to. Bromley South Station, at which her Royal Highness was to arrive, had been most charmingly decorated. Outside, flags and trophies fluttered gaily in the breeze, while the north side of the booking-hall had been converted into quite a tasteful reception room, and ornamented with handsome flowering and foliage plants. From the Station up to the Drill Hall flags and bunting were displayed from almost every shop and residence, and in some cases streamers extended from one side of the road to the other. East-street, too, was bright with similar displays, and a brave show along Widmore-road gave an extended idea of the decorative scheme. The Princess travelled down by the train reaching Bromley South at 2.40 p.m., accompanied by Miss Bulteel and Colonel Colborne, and she was received on the platform by Archdeacon and Mrs. Spooner, on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Randall Davidson. The Royal visitor and her attendants were then conducted by the Station-master, Mr. John Maynard, to the reception room above, where the Mayor and Mayoress and Aldermen and Councillors were waiting to welcome her Royal Highness on behalf of the Borough. His Worship the Mayor was first presented by Colonel Colborne to the Princess, and the Mayor then presented the Mayoress, with whom Princess Henry very cordially shook hands; and the Town Clerk, Aldermen and Councillors (all of whom were present except Mr. G. Weeks, Jun., who was detained by illness) were then individually presented.

The Mayor then asked the Town Clerk to read the address of welcome which the Borough desired to present.

The address, which was enclosed in a morocco case, was handsomely engrossed on vellum, surmounted by the Borough Arms.

Her Royal Highness graciously received the address, saying simply: "Thank you very much."

The Princess and her suite were then conducted by the Mayor and Mayoress into the Station-master's private office, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, and which had been transformed into a very tasteful withdrawing-room, while the Councillors and Aldermen were taking their seats in the carriages provided for them, and which were to take part in the procession to the Drill Hall. Outside, in the station forecourt, the Bromley "A" Squadron of the West Kent Imperial Yeomanry were drawn up as a guard of honour, and as her Royal Highness entered the carriage provided for her they gave the Royal salute, and then formed an escort to the Drill Hall. The line of route was thronged with the townspeople, and her Royal Highness repeatedly bowed her acknowledgements of the loyal greetings extended to her.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

On arrival at the Drill Hall, the approach to which was thronged with spectators, the Borough Councillors formed up on either side of the Guard of Honour provided by the 2nd Vol. Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment, and the Aldermen took up a similar position inside the hall—three on each side. Her Royal Highness and those accompanying her were enthusiastically cheered when they arrived at the hall, the guard presented arms and the band played the National Anthem. On alighting from her carriage the following were presented to her Royal Highness:—The Rev. G. B. Charles, the Rev. H. Arnott, Mrs. Arnott, and Mrs. Charles. The Princess then proceeded to the platform for the purpose of performing the inaugural ceremony. The Mayor presided, and supporting him, in addition to the Aldermen and Councillors, were the following;—Archdeacon and Mrs. Spooner, Rev. Canon Hammond, Rev. P. Barker, Rev. J. E. Dawson, Rev. J. Rooker, Rev. W. D. May, Rev. G. B. Charles, Miss Bulteel, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., Mr A C. Norman, J.P., C.C., and Mrs. Norman, Lady E. Pratt, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mrs. Dewey, Mr. Alfred Wright, Mr. Joynson-Hicks, Mr. G. J. Davies, Miss Davies, Miss Hockin.

After prayer by the Rev. Canon Hammond,

The Mayor said his first duty that afternoon on behalf of those present, as well as on behalf of the Borough of Bromley, was to offer a most hearty and sincere welcome to her Royal Highness for so graciously consenting to come among them to help them in the sale. (Applause.)

Amid applause her Royal Highness then declared the sale open, after which she was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little Miss Margaret Norman.

The Rev. G. B. Charles then made a short statement as to the object of the sale.

Mr. Joynson-Hicks had great pleasure in proposing that a most cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Princess Henry for her gracious attendance.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., had great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Her Royal Highness then made a tour of inspection, and was a generous purchaser at several of the stalls, which kindly act on her part was much appreciated. The following were also presented to Princess Henry before her departure from the hall:—The Rev. F. N. Heazell (local secretary), Mr. W. Joynson-Hicks (Diocesan treasurer), Miss Hockin, Miss Davis, and Mrs. Hodgkinson (local secretaries), Mrs. A. C. man, Mrs. Vansittart, Miss Ovey, Mrs. Rooker, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Birkett, Miss Stott, Miss Tonge, Mrs. May, Mrs. Garrard and Mrs. Latham (stall-holders), Mr. Lewis Thomas (musical director), Mr. Alfred Wright (the hon. treasurer), and the principal officers of the Yeomanry and Volunteers and the Secretaries of the Festival.

The following is a list of the stalls, with the names of the ladies who superintended them:—

Beckenham Parish Church with St. Barnabas (Fancy Work, Painting, Pottery, etc.).—Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Dresser, Mrs. Yeates, Miss C. Sharp, Miss E. S. Hockin, and Miss M. Scovell.

Stall of the Wives of Magistrates (Christmas Presents).—Mrs. A. C. Norman, the Misses Norman, Mrs. Vansittart, the Hon. Ursula and the Hon. Irene Lubbock, Mrs. Frank Marchant, and Miss Violet Hambro.

St. Paul's, New Beckenham.—Miss Ovey, Miss Clark, Miss Chapman, and Mrs. Moore.

Christ Church, Beckenham.—Mrs. Rooker, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mrs. Mann, and Miss Hopper.

St. John's, Bromley.—Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Schooling, and Mrs. Zwilgmeyer.

Shortlands.—Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Parry, Miss Atkinson, and Mrs. E. Walsham.

Plaistow (Fancy Stall).—The Mayoress of Bromley (Mrs. Griffith), Miss Griffith, Mrs. Allan, and Mrs. Hicks.

Chislehurst and Seal.—Mrs. Birkett, Lady Elizabeth Pratt, and Mrs. Janson.

Bromley Ladies' Work Society (Household Linen).—Miss Davis, Mrs. Augustus Yeates, and Miss L. Davis.

Diocesan Ladies' Work Society.—Mrs. Charles Miss Drabble, Miss Tonge, Mrs. Davison, Miss Stott, and Mrs. Hodges.

Orpington and District (Country Produce).—Mrs. May, Mrs. Kettle, Miss Howard, and Miss Welridge.

St. Mary Cray and District (Flowers).—Mrs. Ball.

Holy Trinity, Beckenham (Toy and Sweet Stall).—Mrs. Garrard, Mrs. Latham, Miss Moore, and Miss B. Langmore.

Bakers' Oven.—The Misses Birkett.

Bromley Parish Church (Refreshment Stall).—Mrs. Hodgkinson, Miss Lily Sangford, Miss Brown, Miss E. C. Carpmael, Miss Dewey, Miss Ivy Dewey, Miss Alice Durbridge, Miss Haslam, Miss Ilott, Miss Phillips, Miss Romilly, Miss Sleigh, Miss Viger, Miss Julia Weeks, Miss Greenhill, and Miss B. Walker.

Amongst the numerous other features were musical selections by an orchestra under the direction of Mr. Lewis Thomas, who had also arranged a series of high-class concerts, the contributors to which included Mr. Ralph Reid, Miss Addy, Miss Gibbs, Mr. Bertram Pearce, Miss Neal, Miss J. Mabel Skipworth, Miss Dora Mason, Master Belsey, Mr. Bertram H. Latter. Mrs. Jenyns ably accompanied. Other attractions consisted of "The Medical Marvel or, the New Cure of the 20th Century," introducing the great decapitation scene, as performed at the Egyptian Hall; and a first-class exhibition of Fantoccini Performances.

From the financial statement which has been published we learn that the effort resulted in a sum of £753 14s. being realised for the Police Court Mission Fund of the C.E.T.S.

PROGRESSIVE WHIST.—Another of the successful series of whist-drives arranged in connection with the Bromley Conservative Club took place in the comfortable reading room on Monday Nov. 7th, this being the first of the current season. There were eight tables, and in the room was displayed the handsome silver trophy which was won last season by the representatives of the club in the London Conservative Clubs' Whist Championship. The competition on Monday proved a very interesting one, and the result was as follows:—Ladies: 1. Miss Green, 2. Miss Langford; three ladies tied for second place, and Miss Langford having won the largest number of games, gained the prize. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. C. Neale, 2, Mr. T. Ranson. At the conclusion, Mr. J. King proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Butcher, the excellent Hon. Sec. of the Games' Committee, for so admirably carrying out the arrangements, and this having been carried by acclamation, Mr. Butcher replied, and announced that the next drive would take place on December 5th.

BROMLEY CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of this Society was held on Friday, November 11th, in the rooms of the Schools of Science and Art. The Treasurer, Mr. M. H. Hodder, took the chair, and Mr. W. Hatch acted as Secretary in the absence of Mr. C. R. Ford, through indisposition.

For the first time in the history of the Society the Committee have to report the loss, by death, of their President. The Rev. A. G. Hellicar, Vicar of Bromley, threw himself very heartily into the work of the formation of the Society, and did much to remove some misconceptions of existing societies as to its aim and scope.

In submitting their nineteenth report the General Committee have to thank all those who have co-operated with them in the work of the Society, and especially the clergy and ministers, who, on being informed of the wants of the Society, laid extra stress as to its requirements when bringing its work and necessities before their various congregations, and so obtained for it additional help.

The usual course of distribution of help has been followed as in former years, the Chairman of each District Committee gathering his Committee together weekly during the winter, and carefully inquiring, with the help of his honorary secretary, into all applications for relief.

The mildness of the 1903 winter brought less distress, and, therefore, fewer applications, than in the more severe seasons; thus the relief granted amounted to only £325 17s. 9d., instead of the £383 12s. 9d. of the previous year.

The Chairman (Mr. M. Hodder), in moving the adoption of the report, made feeling reference to the loss sustained by the Society in the death of its late President (the Rev. A. G. Hellicar), and then proposed that Mr. T. C. Dewey be requested to kindly act as President for the ensuing year, and that the Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Alderman Davis) be asked to become Vice-President of the Society. Mr. G. Loly, in seconding the resolution, expressed his high appreciation of the work done by the Society, and also referred most sympathetically to the late President.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and Mr. T. C. Dewey thanked the members for the honour they had done him, and consented to act as President for the ensuing year.

The officers and General Committee were then elected, and the various District Committees nominated.

MR. FRANK GRIFFITH'S MAYORALTY

The Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Bromley entertained the retiring Mayor (Mr. Councillor Frank Griffith, J.P.) to dinner at the Royal Bell Hotel on Saturday, Oct. 29, by way of compliment in respect of his services during his mayoralty and in order to mark the close of his year of office. The Deputy Mayor (Mr. Alderman James) presided, and every other Alderman and every Councillor was present, together with (for reasons stated in the speeches which were made on the occasion) the the Charter Mayor, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.; Mr. Paul Henwood; the Chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. Loly; Mr. F. W. Bowater, and the Town Clerk, Mr. Norman. Otherwise the occasion was of a strictly private character, and was marked by great cordiality and good feeling.

There were two toasts only, that of "The King" and that of "Our Guest," both proposed by the Chairman.

BROMLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

The Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society held its 23rd annual exhibition at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Nov. 9 and 10, and once again we have to congratulate them upon eclipsing past records.

The entries again numbered about 180, but it was in respect of the quality that the improvement was most noticeable. Thanks are cordially due to the Committee for their zealous work, and they will be the first to recognise the zeal and efficiency with which Mr. R. G. French, the hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Collings, the hon. treasurer, discharged their respective multifarious duties, every possible effort having been made by both these officials to promote the success of the Society. The judges, Mr. Blackburn (Englefield Green, Surrey) and Mr. Douglas and Mr. Higgs (Leatherhead, Surrey) manifested infinite pains in arriving at just and equitable decisions, the difficulty of the work of adjudication being enhanced as the result of the high and level order of merit of exhibits in the several departments.

The principal class was for the collection of 48 blooms not less than 18 varieties, and these produced a splendid exhibition. First prize was awarded to Mr. C. Payne, gardener to Mr. C. J. Writtington, J.P., of Betchworth, Surrey, who thus becomes the absolute owner of the valuable Challenge Cup of the Society, he having now won it three times. The competition was a very keen one, the entries numbering six. Mr. James King, gardener to Mr. W. C. Gann, of Red House, Bickley, was a good second, and the third prize collection was staged by Mr. J. Simon, gardener to Mr. W. W. Mann, of Bexley. The handsome Challenge Bowl, presented for competition by the first Mayor of Bromley (Mr. Frank Griffith, J.P.), was won by Mr. J. Stest, gardener to Mrs. Tapp, "The Hill," Bromley, and the second prize in this class, in which unfortunately there were but two competitors, was awarded to Mr. E. Dove, gardener to Mr. Bennett, of Alleyfield, Bickley. In the class for 24 blooms Mr. J. Simon was first; Mr. J. Lyne, gardener to Mr. H. F. Tiarks, of Chislehurst, being second, and Mr. J. King third.

There was an unusually keen competition for the cup presented by the tradesmen of Bromley for the finest group of chrysanthemum plants. The entries numbered six, and all the groups were exceedingly fine. The judges awarded first prize to Mr. E. Dove, the second to Mr. J. Wills, gardener to Mr. H. R. Knott, of Lauriston, Bromley, the third to Mr. A. Pratt, gardener to Mr. J. Dewrance, of Chislehurst, and fourth to Mr. F. O. Hawkins, gardener to Mrs. Chalmers, of South Hill, Bromley. The collections of flowering and foliage plants resulted in a victory for Mr. J. Lyne, the second prize going to Mr. J. Grunfield, gardener to Mr. E. A. Hambro, of Hayes, while the third prize went to Mr. J. Stent.

The cups and medals were presented to the successful exhibitors by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor F. Griffith), and his worship the Mayor (Alderman Davis) also attended.

SALE OF WORK.—The excellent work accomplished by the Farwig Wesleyan Mission under the effective leadership of Mr. Councillor W. J. Gibbs being so generally realised, it naturally followed that the two days' sale of work held in the Schoolroom on November 24th and 25th last proved a decided success,

PROFESSOR FLINDERS PETRIE AT BROMLEY.

LECTURE AT THE GRAND HALL.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Literary Institute, Professor W. Flinders Petrie, the famous Egyptologist, who formerly resided in the Borough, visited Bromley on November the 7th, and delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture, entitled "Recent Excavations in Egypt." The lecture was finely illustrated by lantern slides. The chair was taken by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute, and, despite the extreme inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance.

The Chairman said that Professor Flinders Petrie required no introduction to a Bromley audience. (Applause.) Many present heard him with a great deal of pleasure six years ago, and not a few of them recognised him as an old Bromley resident, and knew him intimately as a neighbour. He (the Chairman) was very glad to have him present that night, and assured him that they had looked forward to the lecture which he was now going to deliver with a very great deal of interest. (Applause.)

The Lecturer said it was a great pleasure indeed to him to be in Bromley again, and he thanked them all very heartily for coming out on such a miserable night as that. In the first place he would say that he did not wish them to look at the early history of Egypt only as one concerning the land of Egypt. That was, no doubt, a very fascinating country, but the interest of its early history was much more than merely as the history of Egypt. It was interesting as being the history of the first great civilisation of mankind that they had been able to trace throughout its stages.

It showed them the introduction of various arts and various means of work on the part of civilised man; and the starting of many things which had lasted down to the present day—the beginnings, in fact, of a civilisation which belonged not only to Egypt but really to all Europe and to ourselves. It was from that point of view, as showing the rise of the earliest stages of the civilisation which had lasted right from that time down to the present, rising and falling, breaking and changing continually, but still without the extinction of any of those arts which were begun as far back as nearly 7,000 years ago—as a picture of the rise of the civilisation which we now inherited that he wished to show them the examples of the work of the early kings of Egypt that night. (Applause.)

Mr. T. C. Dewey, in expressing the thanks of all present to Professor Flinders Petrie, said he was sure it would interest Bromley people to know that Professor Petrie at one time studied in our own Science and Art School. He thought Bromley was greatly honoured that such an eminent Professor should have such an association with the town. (Applause.)

Professor Petrie having expressed the indebtedness of all to Mr. T. C. Dewey, the proceedings terminated.

THE OAK BREWERY.—Messrs. Fox and Sons, of the Oak Brewery, Farnborough, brewers of the noted Farnborough ales were successful in gaining the First Prize for stout, and were awarded a silver medal at the Brewers' Exhibition, held at the Agricultural Hall last month. Messrs. Fox, it will be remembered, were awarded a First Prize Medal for sale ale at the same Exhibition last year.

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER.

2nd.—Opening of a two days' sale in the Drill Hall, Bromley, by Princess Henry of Battenberg in aid of the Police Court Mission of the Canterbury Diocesan C.E.T.S. Festival, £665 12s. 6d being realised.—Monthly house supper at Bromley Conservative Club.

7th.—Lecture at the Drill Hall, Bromley, by Professor Flinders Petrie, on "Recent Excavations in Egypt."

9th and 10th.—Bromley Chrysanthemum Society's annual exhibition at the Grand Hall, Bromley.

12th.—First concert of the season of the Bromley Musical Society, at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

14th.—Address at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by Mrs. Bramwell Booth, on the social work of the Salvation Army.—Bromley Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary.

15th.—Mr. Bert Harris' Concert at the Grand Hall.

16th.—Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association's show at the Drill Hall, Bromley, and following day.—Concert at the Grand Hall by Madame Amy Sherwin, in aid of St. Mary's Convalescent Home, Shortlands.—Lecture at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, on "Co-operative Farming."

22nd and 23rd.—Fancy Fete, Arcadia, at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of St. Luke's Fund and Charities.

24th.—Liberal meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley and District Liberal Association.—Performance of "San Toy," at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by the Nondescript Players, in aid of Bromley's new Central Sports Ground; and repeated on the two following nights.—Two days' sale, opened at the Farwig Weslyean School-room, in aid of the funds of the Mission, £125 being realised.

28th. Annual dinner at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, of the Bromley Bowling Club.—Annual meeting, at the Parish-room, West Street, of Bromley Missionary Society.

30th.—Two days' sale, opened at the Drill Hall, in aid of the Church Missionary Society.

THE NEW VICAR OF ST. MARY'S PLAISTOW.

The Rev. E. L. Colebrooke, formerly Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, commenced his ministry at St. Mary's (Plaistow), Bromley, on Sunday, Nov. 27th, in succession to the Rev. J. Bond. The congregations at St. Mary's Church are invariably large, but on the present occasion the seating accommodation proved totally inadequate, chairs having to be placed in the aisles in order to receive worshippers—a gratifying evidence of the high appreciation in which the Rev. Colebrooke is held by the townspeople generally.

The rev. gentleman took for his text St. John iv., 37 and 38, "One soweth: another reapeth," and preached an impressive and thoughtful discourse.

ST. LUKE'S, BROMLEY COMMON, VICARSHIP.

We understand that the living of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, rendered vacant by the appointment of the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke to St. Mary's, Plaistow, has been offered by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Rev. George Alfred Lewis, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Thornton Heath, Croydon; but the rev. gentleman's answer has not yet been given. Mr. Lewis graduated at Trinity College, Cambridge, taking his B.A. degree in 1876 and M.A. in 1884. He was ordained deacon in 1876 and priest in 1878. From 1876 to 1879 he was curate of Chilham; for the next four years he was one of the clergy at St. Michael's, Maidstone; from thence he went to Croydon, for three years, and from 1886 to 1893 was Vicar of Headcorn, Kent. From 1893 to 1897 he was curate of St. Paul's, Thornton Heath, and then succeeded to the vicarship. It is a curious coincidence, in connection with the transference which has taken place from St. Luke's to Plaistow, that Mr. Lewis' present right hand colleague at Thornton Heath is the Rev. H. F. Maltby, M.A., formerly curate of St. Mary's Plaistow.

The thirteenth annual exhibition of the Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association, which opened at the Drill Hall, East street Bromley, on Nov. 16th, was the best in the Society's history.

The induction of the Rev. E. J. Welch to the Vicarage of Faruborough is fixed for the afternoon of Saturday week, December 10 h. The Rural Dean will officiate, acting for the Archdeacon of Maid-tone, Service commences at the Church at 3 o'clock.

The marriage took place at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Wednesday, November 30th, of Mr. George Cunningham Boosey, son of Mr. Charles Boosey, of Bickley, and Miss Gladys Ethel Shuter, daughter of Mr. Leonard Allen Shuter, of Horton Kirby, Kent. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Hale.

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BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—Another of the series of monthly house suppers at the Bromley Conservative Club was held on Nov. 1st, and passed off most successfully. Mr. H. H. Bothamley, the Ruling Councillor of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League, presiding over a large attendance.

THE REV. E. L. & MRS. COLEBROOKE.

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

A most interesting gathering was held at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Thursday Nov. 17th, when the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke and Mrs. Colebrooke were the recipients, at the hands of the parishioners and church workers of St. Luke's, of handsome and valuable presentations, prior to their departure from Bromley Common, for the neighbouring parish of St. Mary's, Plaistow, to which the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke has been appointed as Vicar. There was a large and representative attendance of parishioners and members of the congregation, anxious to bear their part in testifying to the valuable work which both Mr. and Mrs. Colebrooke have been carrying on in the parish during the past ten years. Mr. H. A. Vallings, the energetic and valued Vicar's Warden, presided.

Mr. Vallings introduced the proceedings, observing at the outset that probably those present shared the feelings which he himself entertained about the subject of the gathering. Their feelings no doubt were an admixture of sadness and pleasure —the former because of the fact that they were losing one who by his ten years' of unceasing and devoted work had won the love and respect of the whole parish; and the latter because it enabled them to show their appreciation in a tangible way of his services. (Applause.) Mr. Vallings then spoke of the immense pleasure which it had afforded Dr. Yolland and himself to get up the testimonial to the Vicar. The total subscriptions received amounted to £278, and after having consulted the wishes of the Vicar they had purchased a set of books, 52 in number, a roll-top desk, and a chair; there being a balance remaining of £243—(applause)—which they would, later on, ask Mr. Colebrooke to accept in the form of a cheque, together with a list of subscribers without mentioning the amounts subscribed.

Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett said that he also had come there to say "Au revoir" to Mr. and Mrs. Colebrooke, but not "Goodbye." So much had been said, and so well said, that he would not trespass upon their time. Some of them who had been recipients of testimonials at their kind hands knew pretty well the feelings of the Vicar and his wife that night. Ten years ago he (Mr. Wheeler-Bennett) stood in that place to say Goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse, and to extend the right hand of fellowship and hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Colebrooke; and he was delighted to think that not a cloud had crossed the sunshine of their friendship. (Applause.) The late Vicar left behind him a noble work; they had had seven years of busy organising effort, and it fell to the lot of the incoming Vicar to solidify and strengthen that work, and a good deal of spiritual life had been infused into the parish. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett then said: Mrs. Colebrooke,—On behalf of the ladies of the parish and a few other friends I have great pleasure in making this presentation to you, which we trust you will accept as a small token of our esteem and affection, and in recognition of the many arduous duties you have so ably and so cheerfully performed during the ten years you have been in our midst. We all greatly regret the necessity of a separation, but, as it is inevitable, we one and all wish both you and Mr. Colebrooke Godspeed and every happiness and success in your new sphere of work. The presentation consists of an antique chippendale bureau book-case, two chippendale chairs, a lady's easy chair, upholstered in green and velvet, and a gold muff chain, all of which we trust you will find useful, and that they may serve as a kindly remembrance of that portion of your life spent in St. Luke's Parish. (Applause.)

Mr. Vallings then made the presentation to Mr. Colebrooke, and was followed by Mrs. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, who asked Mrs. Colebrooke's acceptance of the presentation, which had been promoted by a Committee of ladies.

Mrs. Colebrooke replied first, and was accorded a most hearty reception on rising. She thanked them most sincerely for the presents given to her, and expressed her deep sorrow at having to say "Good-bye." She had received nothing but kindness during the years she had been amongst them, and she hoped those present would take an opportunity of visiting her in her new home at Plaistow. (Applause.)

The Vicar, who was received with most cordial applause, and who spoke with much feeling, said that their kindness and generosity made it impossible for him to attempt adequately to express his thanks to them. But he did thank them most deeply and sincerely.

The usual "Men's Hour" at St. Luke's Institute on November 20th was of a specially interesting character.

About 80 of the members had subscribed to buy a set of theological books for Mr. Colebrooke as a parting gift and a memento of their gratitude and affectionate appreciation of his work. Mr. J. W. Humerston, one of the very few who still remain of those who have been associated from the first with the Vicar in this work and that of the Men's Help Society, to which it has given place, made the presentation on behalf of those concerned, and a paper, bearing the signature of the subscribers, which will be handed to the Vicar, will certainly be, to him, not the least treasured part of the gift.

The Vicar expressed his intention of starting a similar service in Plaistow, and said he hoped he might hear that the St. Luke's Men's Hour had been crowded out by the numbers of its adherents into the Institute, or even into the Church.

REV. F. HASLAM'S PREFERMENT.

The Rev. Frederick Haslam, M.A., who for the past seventeen years has been the senior curate of Bromley, has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the vicarship of St. Michael's, Herne Hill, near Faversham, a comparatively small country parish of 742 population, with church accommodation for 325. Mr. Haslam's departure from Bromley will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends, but they all join in congratulating him upon his well-earned promotion. Mr. Haslam graduated B.A. at Cambridge in 1880, and took his M.A. degree in 1885. He was ordained deacon in 1880 and priest in 1881. From 1880 to 1883 he was curate of St. John's, Battersea; from 1883 to 1885 he was one of the clergy of St. Paul's, Old Charlton; and previous to coming to Bromley he was for one year at Rickmansworth.

Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men.—On Tuesday, November 15th, the Council of the above Association held their first meeting for the season 1904-5. The new members, Messrs. J. J. Arrow, A. S. Hearn, R. Larking, and E. P. Richardson, receiving a hearty welcome. Mr. R. W. Church-Brasier and Mr. J. J. Arrow were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the ensuing year. The business of the evening consisted of arranging new committees, and it is hoped that they will arrange for and carry through the important work of the Association.

A TIMELY APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was alleged, with some good reason, that the recent bazaar in aid of the Police Court Mission of the Church of England Temperance Society might cause loss to the Bromley traders, owing to necessary Christmas purchases being effected at the bazaar.

There is no doubt that Bromley did enable that excellent Society to achieve a great financial success. May I take the liberty of suggesting that if those residents who supported the bazaar would do all their Christmas trading in the town instead of giving orders in London some reparation would be made., And as the present year appears to be a time of great anxiety to most traders, if there was a generous rsponse to my suggestion it would at least prove that the resident burgesses supported those who had essential business interests in the town.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
FRANK GRIFFITH.

The Gables,
Plaistow-lane, Bromley.
Nov. 16th, 1904.

BROMLEY CHARTER COMMEMORATION FESTIVITES.

A GRATIFYING RESULT.

The Bromley Charter Commemoration Committee met at the Royal Bell Hotel on Friday Nov. 18th, for the purpose of receiving the hon. treasurer's statement of accounts and balance-sheet, and for the payment of the same. The Chairman of the Committee, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. Councillor F. Griffith, J.P.) presided.

THE LATE MR. H. PODGER.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that since they last met a sad event had taken place in the death of Mr. H. Podger. He was sure they would all be with him in moving a vote of condolence with his relatives in the sad loss, which has proved in many directions a loss to the town of Bromley.

Mr. T. C. Dewey said he would be glad to second the vote. He was sure they would all agree that they had lost in Mr. Podger one of the hardest workers.

The vote was carried unanimously, and the hon. secretaries were directed to communicate the same to the relatives.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented, in detail, a statement of the accounts, showing a total income of £249 2s. 3d.; and a total expenditure of £164 2s. 3d.; thus leaving a balance of £73 13s. 4d. for division between the two hospitals, apart from the sum of £11 6s. 8d. collected by the late Mr. Podger for the Cottage Hospital.

Mr. G. Weeks, Jun., proposed that the accounts be adopted, subject to audit; and this having been seconded by Mr. T. J. Davis, was agreed to unanimously.

Messrs. F. Medhurst and J. F. Arnaud were then appointed auditors.

THE SALE OF REFRESHMENTS.

Mr. T. J. Davis, as the mover of the resolution against sanctioning the sale of alcoholic refreshments at the fête, said he wished to dissociate himself entirely from the circular which was sent round to the members of the Committee.

Mr. S. Soan, as the seconder of the proposal on the former occasion, wished to dissociate himself also from the circular.

The Deputy Mayor said he was very grateful to those champions of temperance for the generous way in which they had expressed themselves as to the conduct of the proceedings last August Bank Holiday.

THE FUTURE.

Mr. W. R. Gunton proposed that the hon. secretaries be instructed to call a meeting of the same Committee in sufficient time next year to consider the advisability of holding a similar festival next year. They would not be pledged to any course thereby, though himself he would like to see the celebration an annual affair. He suggested the meeting should be called for the last week in May.

Mr. Soan seconded the proposition, which was at once agreed to.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

The accounts were duly audited on Monday, November 21st. and the Hon. Treasurer's statement was as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Donations	35 8 6	
Special donation, F. Griffith ...	5 0 0	
		40 8 6
Cash taken at Gates	65 1 0	
Tickets Sold	93 3 2	
Concert and Sports' Enclosure	7 18 1	
Sale of Programmes...	7 10 10	
		173 13 1
Fees: Refreshment Contractor	6 7 0	
Entertainment ,,	10 0 0	
For Advertisements on Programmes	7 7 0	
		23 14 0
Collected by the late Mr. H. Podger		11 6 8
		£249 2 3

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Stationery, Postages, &c. ...	6 2 2	
Printing and Advertising ...	43 4 0	
Sports and Entertainments ...	69 4 1	
Tents, Refreshments, and Rent of Park	45 12 0	
		164 2 3
To Bromley Cottage Hospital, per late H. Podger (per contra)		11 6 8
Balance to be divided between Bromley Cottage Hospital and Phillips' Memorial Hospital		73 13 4
		£249 2 3

Division of Balance:—

FOR BROMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL—		
Three-fourths of ... £73 13 4		
Plus £11 6 8	— £36 11 8	
FOR PHILLIPS' HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL—		
One-fourth of £73 13 4	— £18 8 4	
	£85 0 0	

We have examined the foregoing accounts with the books and vouchers produced and find the same correct.

(Signed) JOHN F. ARNAUD, } Hon.
F. MEDHURST, } Auditors.
ALFRED WRIGHT,
Nov. 21st, 1904. Hon. Treasurer.

We understand that Messrs. H. Podger and Sons, Ltd., of Bromley, have again, for the fourth time, been honoured with the commands of the Corporation of the City of London for cleaning the valuable furniture at the Mansion House, which is upholstered in real tapestry, curtains, draperies, etc.

FANCY FETE AT BROMLEY COMMON.

The lady members of the Church workers of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, have on numerous occasions earned the thanks of the parishioners by organising charming functions for benefiting the funds of various deserving charities, but despite the great success which has invariably attended their efforts in the past, perhaps never have they promoted an event characterised by greater attractiveness than the Fancy Fete, Arcadia, which took place on Nov. 22 and 23 at the Parish Institute in Raglan-road. The preparation of the Fete had involved an immense amount of labour, and the promoters, comprising Mrs. Colebrooke, Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, Mrs. Vallings, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Yolland, are entitled to the warmest congratulations both upon the artistic and financial success achieved. The Fancy and Plain Work Stall (colour, yellow), presented a singularly attractive aspect, and it afforded evidence of many hours of work and patience being devoted to the manufacture of the contents. The ladies in charge, who proved themselves adepts at securing customers, were Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, Mrs. Arthur Boosey, Miss Madge Boosey, Miss Enid Boosey, Miss Wheeler-Bennett, and Miss Laird. The interests of the Irish Linen and Brass Work Stall (pink), which also contained numerous pretty nicnacs from St. Petersburg, were well looked after by Mrs. Ward, Mrs. C. Soames, Mrs. E. Aitken, and Miss Wybrants. At the Childrens' Stall (mauve) the following ladies were in charge:—Mrs. Vallings, Mrs. Howard Williams, and Mrs. Parr. The Home Produce Stall (pale blue) was presided over by Mrs. Yolland, Mrs. Heppel, Mrs. and Miss Jefferson, and Miss Raingill, and the China and Picture Depôt (heliotrope) was in charge of the Misses Bowley, Misses Beasley, and Miss A. Measor. A flourishing trade was apparent at the Sweets and Basket Stall (china blue), which was superintended by Mrs. Everington, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Hurlbatt, and Miss Eileen Everington. Hard by was the Colonial and Continental Stall (green) presided over by Mrs. Colebrooke, Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Dawson, the Misses Dawson, and the Misses Creed. There were two tea stalls, the prevailing colours being red and white respectively, and at each a bevy of ladies worked with untiring zeal. At Stall No. 8 (red) the ladies in charge were Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Bruce Aitken, Miss Lockett, Miss Moore, and Miss Jarvis, and No. 9 (white) was presided over by Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. Dodgson, Mrs. Mann, and the Misses Bothamley.

These items by no means exhausted the list of attractions. During the afternoon Miss Isabel Green and some lady friends rendered excellent service, playing a varied list of selections with undeniable effect, and at intervals during each evening selections of music were also admirably rendered by a string band under the conductorship of Mr. T. B. Holmes. A dramatic performance, entitled "My Lady Help," was given, and the performers may be heartily congratulated on the spirit which they infused into their work. Mr. Frederick A. Green and Miss Ethel Cock gave a dialogue entitled "Jerry and a Sunbeam," and this was followed by a second humorous dialogue entitled "In and Out of a Punt," the characters in this case being admirably sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Green. Other popular features were the shooting gallery (colour, terra cotta), under the management of Miss Wilks, Miss Green, and Miss J. Dalton; and hat-trimming and doll-dressing competitions (pink) under the direction of the Misses Reay Pughe.

The opening ceremony at three o'clock on Tuesday was performed by the Hon. Mrs. Forster in the presence of a crowded audience. The Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Colebrooke) presided, and supporting him on the platform were the Rev. C. de R. Wall, Dr. J. H. Yolland, and a number of lady stallholders.

ODDFELLOWS' PRESENTATION AT BROMLEY.

On Tuesday evening, October 25th, an important meeting of Odd Fellows assembled at the St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, to do honour to a brother of the "Star of Keston" Lodge, viz., Bro. A. Eliott, P.P.G.M. who has been secretary of the "Lord Holmesdale" Lodge, M. U. Friendly Society, St. Mary Cray District, for a period of 18 years. He had filled the office with conspicuous ability, and has gained the esteem of the brethren of the "Lord Holmesdale" in a marked degree. Bro. A. J. Sheene, P.P.G.M., presided.

Bro. M. S. Richardson said he had very great pleasure, on behalf of the members of the lodge, in asking Bro. Elliott to accep tthe handsome clock and a purse of gold as a small token to show the esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and for the faithful discharge of his secretarial duties. (Loud applause.)

The presents consisted of a beautiful marble clock, with the inscription: "Presented to Bro. A. Elliott, P.P.G.M., by the mebers of the Lord Holmesdale Lodge, No. 6,647. T.O.O.F.M 'Loyal Lord Holmesdale' Lodge, No. 6,647, I.O.O.F.M.U., in recognition of 18 years' faithful services as Secretary of the above Lodge, 25th October, 1904."

On Monday, Dec. 12th, a jumble sale will be held for the benefit of the poor of the populous district of St. Luke's. If the benevolent of richer neighbouring parishes could help by sending boots and warm clothing, their gifts will be gladly received at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, or they will be called for on a post card giving address being sent to Mrs. Blakemore, 7, Clarence-road, Bickley.

GYMNASTIC CLASSES FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.—An "At Home" to inaugurate the gymnastic classes for ladies and children, which have been arranged at the hall in College-slip, Bromley, was held on Saturday, Nov. 5th, by Miss Hughes and Miss de B. Collenette. Some sixty ladies and gentlemen were present, and appeared keenly interested in the practical display, shewing the scientific methods adopted in modern physical training, by ladies from the Chelsea Gymnasium, and girls and little children of the Blackheath Kindergarten College, and Malvern House School, Lewisham.

ST JOHN'S (BROMLEY) C.E.T.S.—The second of the series of winter concerts given in connection with the above branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, was held in the Parish Room Freelands Grove, on Monday, Nov. 7th. There was a large attendance in spite of the wet weather, and those who were present had the pleasure of hearing what proved to be an excellent concert. Mrs Augustus Yeates was responsible for the programme, and to her great praise is due for she spared neither time nor labour to make it the success it undoubtedly was. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. P. Barker) the Rev. F. V. Baker presided.

MARRIAGE OF DR. CODD AND MISS ADA M. COOPER.

In the presence of a crowded congregation of relatives and friends, the marriage was solemnized on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, at Bromley Parish Church, amid evidences of much rejoicing, of Dr. Arthur Frederick Gamble Codd, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Holmwood Lodge, Bromley, and son of the late Mr. Arthur Gamble Codd, barrister-at-law, of the Inner Temple, to Miss Ada Margeret Cooper, daughter of Mr. George Quilton Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, of Willow Bank, Bromley. The bridegroom is exceedingly popular as one of Bromley's leading medical practitioners, and as the able Borough Medical Officer of Health, and the bride, too, as well as the members of her family, enjoy the respect and esteem of a very large circle of friends; and the solemnisation of the auspicious ceremony consequently attracted a large number of the general public other than the invited guests. The church itself had been very prettily decorated with flowers and foliage plants, and the service was fully choral. Mr. F. Fertel, the talented organist and choirmaster, presided at the organ, and whilst the guests were assembling played a number of appropriate selections of music, including the Triumphal March from "Sigurd Jorsalfar" (Greig), a serenade by Hoffmann, the "Marche Heroique" (Saint-Saens), "Chant sans paroles" (Lemare), and the Bridal March from Wagner's "Lohengrin."

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very beautiful in an exquisite gown of white crêpe de chine, trimmed with Honiton lace and orange blossoms. She also wore a Brussels net veil, and a pearl and diamond pendant, and a diamond and sapphire bracelet, the gifts of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley, white carnations, orange blossom and white heather. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Miss Gladys Cooper (her sister), Miss Arnold, and Miss Phyllis Heseltine. They were very tastefully attired in dresses of white taffeta silk, with white felt picture hats, trimmed with wide pink satin ribbon. They also wore gold bracelets, set with turquoise, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Mr. George E. Codd.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Haslam, M.A., curate-in-charge of Bromley Parish Church, and the Rev. Peter Barker, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Bromley. Psalm 67 was chanted, and the hymns were "O Perfect Love, all human thought transcending," and "Through all the changing scenes of life." The singing was admirably led by the choir, and whilst the usual legal formalities were being completed in the vestry, the organist played a march in E flat by Salomé, and a scherzo by Hoffmann, and as the bridal party left the church the stately strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" pealed forth from the organ.

At the conclusion of the service a merry peal was rung on the church bells. A reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper at Willow Bank, a large number of relatives and friends partaking of the wedding breakfast; and later on in the day Dr. and Mrs. Codd left amid the good wishes and heartiest congratulations for London en route for Nice, where they are spending the honeymoon. The bride's going-away dress was of mole-grey cloth. trimmed with chamois embroidery, and studded with turquoise blue; and a smoke-fox stole and hat to match.

The wedding presents, about 220 in number, were handsome and costly.

VISIT OF MRS. BRAMWELL BOOTH TO BROMLEY.

THE SALVATION ARMY AND ITS SOCIAL WORK.

Abundant proof, were such needed, of the admirable work that is being carried on by the Salvation Armay was afforded on Monday, Nov. 14, when a largely attended meeting was held at the Grand Hall, Bromley, to hear an address by Mrs. Bramwell Booth. The Right Hon. Lord Avebury presided, and supporting him amongst the large attendance were Miss Lubbock, the Rev. W. A. Carroll (Vicar of St. George's, Bickley), Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mrs. Norman, Mr. Robert Whyte, J.P., Mr. Robert Whyte, Jun., Mr. Beaumont Morice, LL.B., Dr. Josiah Oldfield, Dr. P. I. Cook, Mr. Samuel Cawston, Mr. J. Howard Moore, J.P., Capt. R. J. Wigan, Mr. S. J. Romilly, Colonel Wright, and the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D.

After the singing of a hymn and prayer by the Rev. Carroll,

Lord Avebury, who was most cordially welcomed, said he was certain that he would not be acting in accordance with the wishes of the audience if he were to inflict upon them anything that could be called an address, on that occasion, because they had all come to hear an address by Mrs. Bramwell Booth. But there were two things he would like to say before he asked her to speak to them on the social work of the Salvation Army. In the first place, of course, those who were there that evening were not necessarily altogether committing themselves to the views of the Salvation Army. They had come there to listen and to learn. There was work for everybody to do. Their aim should not be to make people more dependant, but to make them more independent. In the second place, he would like to express their thanks to Mrs. Bramwell Booth, and ask her to convey their thanks to the Salvation Army for their unselfish and untiring efforts in the great work in which they were engaged. (Applause.)

Mrs. Bramwell Booth then gave a touching account of the social work of the Salvation Army.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.—A complimentary dinner was given on Saturday, November 12th, at Frascati's Restaurant to Mr. Arthur O'Leary, for 21 years a professor, and 10 years the director of studies of the Beckenham and Bromley Schools of Music—on his retirement, by the professors of the schools.—The Chairman (Mr. Ernest Kiver), in a few well-chosen words, presented Mr. O'Leary, on behalf of the lady and gentlemen professors, with a box containing a dozen solid silver fish knives and forks ,as a slight token of their esteem an dregard, and also to mark their appreciation of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office his efforts to maintain a high standard of work in the schools and for his unvarying kindness and courtesy.—Mr. O'Leary, who was greatly touched by their kindness and appreciation, returned thanks, explaining that his work as director had always been made pleasant through the harmonious co-operation of the professors.—By special desire Mr. O'Leary gave a most interesting sketch of his student days in Leipzig, and his associations with Mendelssohn, Schumann, Ferdinand David, Moscheles, Gadé, Liszt, Joachim, etc.—During the evening the Lydian Glee Singers sang several glees and madrigals with considerable taste.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

BROMLEY AND BECKENHAM SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

A very successful Students' Concert was held in connection with the Bromley and Beckenham Schools of Music, at the Beckenham Public Hall, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8th. The re-decorated hall was well filled by an audience of friends and students, and the concert proved to be one of the best ever given by the school. Hearty re-calls greeted Miss Phyllis Knight, Mr. Bacon, and Miss Dorothy Williams for their respective performances. The chief feature of the programme was the presentation of prizes and certificates for scholarships, by Mr. Arthur O'Leary, F.R.A.M., to the undermentioned students, who were successful at the annual examination, July, 1904:—Harmony, bronze medal (honours), Caroline E. Howard (pupil of Miss Ethel Winder); Pianoforte, Miss E. M. Hollis (pupil of Mr. Bernard Fowles); Singing, William Arthur Miller and Samuel H. Bacon (Pupils of Mr. Frederick J. Cundy); Elements' Prizes, Louisa W. Clear (pupil of Miss Ethel Winder), and Marjori E. Pocock (pupil of Mr. Alfred Izard).

The Directorship of Studies has, owing to the retirement of Mr. Arthur O'Leary, devolved upon Messrs. Ernest Kiver, John Tolhurst, and Frederick Cundy. The first-named professor made a humorous and felicitous speech in reference to Mr. O'Leary's retirement, and Mr. Ormonde Yearsley, the secretary, mentioned that Sir Arthur Sullivan and Sir Charles Stanford had both passed through Mr. O'Leary's hands as pupils.

MADAME AMY SHERWIN'S CONCERT.

The happy association which our talented resident and neighbour, Madame Amy Sherwin, has established between herself and good works in Bromley and the district was again exemplified on Wednesday evening, Nov. 16th, when a grand concert was given in the Grand Hall under her auspices in aid of the funds of St. Mary's Convalescent Home, Shortlands. This is an institution which is carrying on a splendid work in our midst worthy in every way of the efforts being made to augment its finances, which it is to be hoped will materially benefit as a result of the concert. The contributors to the programme included such well known artistes as Madame Amy Sherwin, Mrs. Whitcombe-Brown, Miss Anne Malvern, Miss Joan Ashley and Mr. W. Pett Ridge, with Miss Dorothy Maggs (solo pianoforte). They were also assisted by the choir of St. Mary's, Shortlands, whose talented choirmaster, Mr. Bentham Martin, ably carried out the duties of conductor, whilst Mr. Charles Marshall efficiently presided as accompanist. The concert opened with the solo and chorus, "The Marvellous Work," from Haydn's "Creation," the solo being well sustained by Miss Anne Malvern. Miss Joan Ashley gave a fine rendering of Goring Thomas's "A Summer Night," after which Mr. John Harrison, who was in fine voice, delighted his hearers with Coleridge Taylor's "Onaway, awake Beloved." A pastoral (Carey-Lane Wilson) was well given by Mrs. Whitcombe-Brown, after which Miss Dorothy Maggs gave a delightful rendering of Liszt's "Polonaise." Her mastery of the instrument was finely demonstrated. Miss Maggs is a really brilliant executant, and she gained the unstinted applause and admiration of all present. The first part concluded with three songs by Madame Amy Sherwin: (a) "Die Lorelei" (Liszt); (b) "Hush! hush!" (Marshall); (c) "Little One a-cryin'" (Speaks); (d) "The Cuckoo" (Lehmann). Each of these items was rendered with perfect taste and expression by this talented artiste, her wonderful vocal powers being especially apparent in "The Cuckoo." Needless to add, Madame Sherwin was enthusiastically encored. A lovely bouquet was presented to her, and to the great delight of the audience she responded to their call with "No, Sir," which pleased greatly.

The interest of the various contributions of the first part was also well sustained in the second, which opened with two readings by Mr. W. Pett Ridge—(a) "His cheap Bravo," and (b) "Alteration in Mr. Kershaw," two of Mr. Ridge's own compositions, which were well given and equally well received. The other items were Cowen's "The Swallows," by Miss Anne Malvern; songs by Miss Joan Ashley—(a) "A Necklace of Love" (Nevin); (b) "My Treasure" (Trevalsa); solo and chorus "The Hero's Rest" (Peter Cornelius), by Madame Amy Sherwin and St. Mary's Choir, a contribution which richly deserved the applause it received. Songs by Mr. John Harrison—(a) "Whene'er the Summer Sun" (Bernard Johnson); (b) "The Year's at the Spring" (H.H.A. Beach), also gained the artist an encore, to which he responded. Mrs. Whitcombe-Brown following with (a) "Flower Fetters" (Willeby); (b) "Three Green Bonnets" (Guy d'Hardelot), and then Miss Dorothy Maggs again delighted the audience by her skilful rendering of the pianoforte solo Tschaikowsky-Pabste's Concert Paraphrase, "Eugene Oneguin." The concert concluded with Balfe's Trio (from "The Rose of Castile"), "I'm not a Queen," delightfully rendered by Madame Amy Sherwin, Miss Joan Ashley and Mr. John Harrison.

BROMLEY MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The Bromley Musical Society is distinctly a progressive body, for with each succeeding year of its existence it creates a new record of success and a higher standard of efficiency and excellence. More especially in orchestral work it has long enjoyed, and deservedly so, a leading place amongst similar societies in and around the Metropolis; and it is quite certain that in the 25th season, which opened at the Drill Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 12, this reputation will in no wise be tarnished. Pride of place is always accorded to the orchestra in the Saturday evening concerts of the Society, and the admirable work which they accomplished on Nvo. 12 augurs well for the season which is now current. Their rendering of the "Der Freyschutz" overture was a really splendid performance. Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the talented conductor, and the whole body of instrumentalists were in perfect sympathy, and the result was most gratifying. However, perhaps the finest work was achieved in Mendelssohn's violin concerto (Op. 64), which was played by Mr. Arthur W. Payne., Mr. Payne is an old favourite in Bromley. His former association with the Bromley Society, of which for some years he was the accomplished leader, was, in itself, sufficient to assure him a warm welcome, quite apart from the position which he has gained for himself in the very forefront of English violinists. He gave a magnificent rendering of the concerto, and at the close the audience waxed quite enthusiastic in their applause. The beautiful orchestral accompaniment was delightfully rendered—it became a charming setting from which the concerto stood out like a precious and

brilliant jewel. The orchestra opened the second part of the programme with Handel's full and melodious Sonata in A, and in concluding the concert scored another great success in Moszkowski's taking suite, "From Foreign Parts," in which are pourtrayed the characteristics of the music of Russia, Germany, Spain and Hungary.

Mr. Arthur Payne played Wieniawski's "Legende" with exquisite taste and expression; and kindly responded to a unanimous recall.

There were two vocalists—Miss Elsie Jones and Miss Margaret Llewys. The former has a sweet soprano, though rather on the light side, and she sings most pleasingly. For her rendering of "Nymphs and Shepherds" (Purcell) she was recalled twice, and in the second part of the programme she sang "Love the Pedlar' (German) very charmingly, and in response to an encore gave "Thady O'Flynn" with delightful expression. Miss Llewys has a powerful mezzo soprano voice, and she sings with fine dramatic power and expression. She was at once recalled for her rendering of "Happy Song" (Teresa del Riego), and replied with "Kathleen Mavourneen," sung with great taste and expression, qualities which subsequently marked her singing of "Annie Laurie," arranged by Mrs. Liza Lehmann.

Mr. Lewis Thomas conducted with his wonted skill and success, and is to be warmly congratulated upon the very high standard of efficiency which has, thus early in the season, been attained by the instrumental section of the Society. The presence of Mr. Arthur Payne at the leader's desk seemed quite familiar, but it certainly would be an omission not to mention the name of Mr. C. E. Cathie, the new leader of the Society, who has done a lot of work in the rehearsals, and who is an undoubted acquisition to the Society.

THE LAYING OUT OF GARDENS.

We should like to draw attention to an advertisment appearing in our columns this month. We refer to that of Mr. G. M. Bick of the Sundridge Park Nurseries, which gardens are rapidly developing into a "thing of beauty." Mr. Bick bears a very high reputation as a master of the art of landscape gardening, as well as that of planning, devising and carrying out any and every design of garden work, the formation of croquet grounds, lawn tennis courts, etc., and especially the formation of rock work for Alpine and herbaceous plants, now so popular in all well-kept establishments throughout the country. We do not wonder that this particular feature of gardening has become a general favourite, because where it is once made it has not again to be renewed, as these plants are all of a perennial and hardy nature, and do not require to be lifted for the protection of a greenhouse during the winter months. Thus a considerable amount of labour and expense is avoided, which is always incurred where only the general run of bedding plants is grown for the summer months only. There is nothing like consulting a first-class man where work of this kind is required to be done, for none but an expert gardener who has made it a special study, as Mr. Bick has done, is qualified to undertake it. There are gardens in our locality which are lovely in their beauty, and always a pleasure to look upon, which are the result of Mr. Bick's skill and ingenuity, and we are quite sure that any lady or gentleman who is anxious to have a very nice garden cannot do better than consult this highly experienced and practical horticulturist.

BROMLEY VOLUNTEER CORPS.

WINNERS OF THE "DEWEY" SHIELD.

Competition for the "Dewey" Shield and the valuable money prize which accompanies it has been very keen amongst the several sections of the Bromley Detachment (E and F Companies) of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) this year, and we warmly congratulate Sergt. F. Hanmore and his section upon winning the trophy with the splendid percentage of 26.2 drills per man. The shield is awarded to the section whose members put in the largest number of attendances at Company and Battalion drills; and as it is upon the training given at drill that the efficiency of a volunteer so largely depends, it is quite clear that the Dewey shield is calculated to promote efficiency. That it has done so, is beyond question. Private H. J. Muncey, of the winning section has got a "highest possible" of drill, viz., 43; and Lance-Corporal Pioneer L. Morgan, of No. 2 Section F Company, is also credited with a "highest possible." This latter non-com. officer at present holds the Efficiency Cup of the Detachment. It is curious to note that the winning section for the last two years—viz., Sergt. C. G. W. Field's section (No. 1 F Company) have this year fallen into the last position—possibly because they wanted to give some of the others a chance.

WIDMORE WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Anniversary services in connection with the Sunday School of the Widmore Wesleyan Church, were commenced on Nov. 12th, and concluded on Monday, Nov. 14th. The services on 13th were largely attended, and addresses suitable to the occasion, were delivered by the pastor the Rev. A. E. Warr. The proceedings on Monday began with a well attended tea in the schoolroom at six o'clock, the tables being genially presided over by Mrs. Warr, Mrs. Booker, Miss Hilder, Miss Gallon, Miss Mussell, Miss Parkin, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Wallace, and the Rev. A. E. Warr. The tea was followed by a public meeting in the church, at which there was a representative attendance, presided over by Mr. H. Griffith. Supporting him on the platform were Mr E. B. Rawlings, Rev. J. Lewis Smith, and the Rev. A. E. Warr.

St. Mary Plaistow.—A meeting in connection with Church of England Foreign Missions was held in St. Mary's Institute, Plasitow-grove, on Monday, Nov. 28th, when an address was given by the Rev. Ball Wright, who was one of the first missionaries to Japan. The Rev. E. L. Colebrooke presided.

Wesleyan Foreign Missions.—The annual meeting of the Bromley branch of the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society was held at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Bromley, on Wednesday, November 9th, Mr. John Gibbs in the chair. Miss Ellis, the hon. secretary, presented an encouraging report, which stated that since the last meeting some new subscribers had been obtained. The Easter offering had amounted to £9 13s. 6d. at Bromley, and 16s. 7d. at Widmore; and the collection at their last annual meeting was £24 12s. The total amount raised last year was £126 18s. 10d., and in order that they might stand on a level with that this year they required that evening a collection of at least £22. So far, Bromley had steadily increased their gifts to the society year by year.

Local Obituary.

REAR-ADMIRAL CHAS. JAMES BULLOCK.

It is with regret that we this month record the death of Rear-Admiral Chas. James Bullock, of Bromley, which sad event took place on Wednesday, November 2nd, at his residence, Yoroshii, Bromley Common, at the age of 78. The deceased gentleman had had a long and honourable career in the Royal Navy, having served in it in various positions from 1844 to 1873, when he terminated his career with the rank of Rear-Admiral. He served on the Lucifer, Crocodile, Lily, Royalist, Actæon, Dove and Serpent, his last ship being the Bulldog. He obtained a sub-lieutenancy in February, 1853, reached the rank of captain in April, 1870, and was placed on the retired list in October, 1873. He was granted the Baltic and Crimean medals and two bars, and on New Year's Day in 1877, he was promoted to be Rear-Admiral. The deceased had resided at Bromley Common about 12 years, and his wife pre deceased him about nine months ago. In furthering the interests of the various charitable objects in the town he was always an ever-ready helper, and his loss will be severely felt by the poor of Bromley Common. The funeral tok place at Old Charlton Cemetery on Monday, November 7th, and was attended by a number of naval, military, and other friends.

MISS CLARA SMITH.

The funeral took place at Plaistow Cemetery, on November 12th, of Miss Clara Mabel Smith, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, of St. Stephen's, Bromley-park, who died on the 7th November. A funeral service was first conducted at St. Stephen's by the Rev. R. T. Verrall, B.A., and the Rev. P. Barker, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Bromley conducted the service at the graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Stanley Smith, Mr. Percy M. Smith, Mr. Reginald H. Smith, Mr. P. Montague Smith, Mr. R. Howard Smith, Mr. Moulard, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Lang Smith, the Rev. C. Wilson, Dr. Grant Wilson, Mr. Norman Marples, and the Rev. P. Barker. There were a large number of very beautiful floral tributes sent in token of affection and in sympathy with the bereaved family.

TRAGIC AFFAIR AT HAYES.

Hayes Common was on Nov. 17th the scene of a sad and tragic incident. A lad named Percy Jones, was crossing the common about seven o'clock in the morning, when he saw a young woman lying there, apparently asleep. He took no further notice, but continued on his journey. Coming back an hour later, he observed that the woman was still in the same position, and, thinking that something was wrong, he called a passing milkman, William Tilley, who immediately summoned the police. Dr. Seddon was also called, and he pronounced life extinct. The body was afterwards identified as that of Eliza Viney, of 212, Algernon-road, Ladywell.

The inquest was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Offices, Bromley, on Nov. 19th, before Mr. H. B. Sewell. Mr. G. Epps was chosen foreman of the jury.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Suicide by poisoning, whilst labouring under temporary mental derangement."

The Coroner alluded to the desirability of Hayes being provided with a mortuary, and expressed the hope that the authorities would do something in the matter.

Miss Mabel Pearce, of Roseville, Rodway-road, has obtained second place in a recent examination for ten women clerks in the Civil Service. One hundred and thirty-six candidates entered.

RETIREMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER.—P.c. 434 P. Harry Glover retired on October 6th on a pension, having completed his 25 years' service. He joined on November 3rd, 1879, being first attached to C Division, at Marlborough Mews, till March, 1883, when he removed to Vine-street. In October, 1885, he was transferred to F Division, and came to Bromley, to which station he has been attached for the last 19 years, during which time he has seen a great many changes. He has served under three Superintendents and five Inspectors—viz., Messrs. Eastwood, Reilly, Knights, Hool, and the present Inspector, Mr. V. Coster. He has also performed duty in London and elsewhere on most occasions when men have been sent from Bromley.

NONAGENARIAN'S DEATH.—The death has recently taken place, at the great age of 97, at Halstead, of Mrs. Martha Blundell, widow of the late Mr. Charles Blundell, who died some few years ago in his 93rd year. The joint ages of this couple at their death totalled 190 years. Indeed, the whole family is one noted for the longevity of its members. At the funeral of the deceased lady many evidences were forthcoming of the esteem entertained for her by her neighbours. The late Mr. Blundell was able to trace his ancestry right back to the 16th century, the family hailing from Ince, Lancashire. John Blundell, who was born in 1599, lies buried at Croydon, and his direct descendants included George Blundell, of Burstow Hall, Surrey, and Shadrach Blundell, of East Bergholt, Suffolk and East Greenwich, famous in his life as a barrister of some eminence; Thomas Blundell, of Cinderfield, Charles Blundell, of Halstead, and Robert Blundell, of Benhams, Horley, whose descendants have large interest in the great firm, the head of which was the late Sir John Blundell-Maple, of Childwickbury. The late Mrs. Blundell was an aunt of Mr. Thomas Blundell, of Bromley, a very old resident, in his 80th year, whose family are well-known and highly respected in this district.

THE LATE MR. CHUBB'S WILL.—The late Mr. Hammond Chubb, of Home Lea, Bickley, for many years secretary of the Bank of England, who left estate of the gross value of £20,446, with net personalty sworn at £19,353, left the following bequests to charities: £500 to the China Inland Mission; £200 each to the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, the Church Missionary Society the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, the Young Men's Christian Association, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Congo Balolo Mission, Bow; £100 each to the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, the Mildmay Park Conference Hall Institution, Evangelisation Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Tower Hamlets Mission, Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, the Regions Beyond Missionary Union, the Religious Tract Society, London City Mission, the United Committee for Special Religious Services in Theatres, Halls, and Mission Rooms, London Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews, London Missionary Society, McAll Mission in France, Barotsi Mission, Moravian Missionary Association, Livingstone College, Leyton, George Ward Ragged School and Mission, Whitechapel, and Evangelical Alliance. He further directed his trustees to raise a sum of £1,000 from his residuary estate, and to distribute it among religious or charitable societies.

PROGRESSIVE WHIST.—The second of the series of Progressive Whist parties arranged by Mr. Beeston, the excellent hon. sec. of the Bromley Football Club, and Mrs. Beeston, took place on Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Co-operative Hall, East-street, and proved one of the most successful yet held. The prizes were presented by Mr. J. F. Arnaud as follows:—Ladies: 1, Miss Kate Palmer; 2, Mrs. Carter; 3, Miss Ranson; Consolation, Miss Vincent. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. E. G. Mason; 2, Mr. Fred Darby; 3, Mr. Jahn King; Consolation, Mr. J. Adams. The next "drive" will be held on December 8th.

ODDFELLOWSHIP (South London District).—The quarterly Committee meeting of the South London District of the Manchester Unity was held on October 29th in the "White Hart" Assembly Rooms, Bromley. Prov. Grand Master F. G. Green presided, supported by Prov. Deputy Grand Master A. T. Madger, and the members of the Management Committee.—The accounts, dealing with £113,445 capital, wee considered and with a short discussion agreed to. These accounts showed that during the quarter £657 had been paid for funeral benefits of members and members' wives. The sum of 15 guineas was voted as the annual subscription to the Aged Members Pension Fund, which, out of voluntary subscriptions provides a pension of £10 per annum to upwards of 50 aged Oddfellows. -£26 5s. was subscribed to the Friendly Societies' Convalescent Homes at Dover and Herne Bay. The delegate of the "Ratcliffe" Lodge (which Lodge was the host, as the meeting took place in their Lodge House) successfully moved that Bro. W. Everest, P.G., a well-known Bromley man, and ardent worker in Oddfellowship, be appointed to give to qualified members living in the neighbourhood the signs and pass words of the three Past officers' degrees, this being an honour rarely conferred on any member who has not passed through the District chairs. As a matter of urgency, claims were made for Distress Grants for two brethren, whose cases had not given their Lodges the opportunity of placing the notices on the Agenda. In each instance £5 was granted in relief.. Other matters—chiefly routine business— having been disposed of, the meeting closed at 7. 30 with a vote of thanks to theGrand Master.

Births.

BOWEN.—On the 3rd November, at Summer-hill, Chislehurst, the wife of James Foyster Bowen, of a son (stillborn).

CROWTHER.—On the 17th November, at Broadclyst, Beckenham, the wife of H. O. Crowther, of a son.

DICKINSON.—On the 28th October, at Edmonstone, Oaklands-road, Bromley. the wife of Cecil Dickinson, of a daughter.

GALLOWAY.—At Maitland Lodge, Bromley, the wife of Robert Galloway, of a son.

HEYWOOD.—On the 13th November, at the Anchorage, Chislehurst, the wife of Mr. Arthur Heywood, of a daughter.

JANES.—On November 18th, at 30, East-street, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Reginald Janes of a son.

JONES.—Onthe 11th November, at Charlton, Quernmore-road, Kinnaird-park, Bromley, Kent, the wife of Frank Evelyn Jones, solicitor, of a daughter.

KEISOW.—On the 20th November, at Blair Athol, Hawes Road, Bromley, the wife of Robert Keisow, of a son.

LANGDON.—On the 20th November, at Kemerton, Kemerton-road, Beckenham, the wife of Harry Langdon, of a son.

LEGGE.—On the 2nd November, at 119, Widmore.road, Bromley, the wife of Harry B. Legge, of a son.

PRICE.—On the 18th November, at Rutlands, Wickham Road, Beckenham, the wife of Herbert G. Price, of a daughter.

SIMPSON.—On the 29th October, at 75, Crown-lane, Bromley, the wife of David Chitholm Simpson, of a daughter.

SPRECKLEY.—On the 28th October, at the Willows, Sidcup, to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Spreckley, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BEATT—GRAY.—On the 26th October, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, by the Rev. J. J. S. Pennington, Rector, assisted by the Rev. E. Ball, Vicar of St. Mary Cray; Walter Bratt, of London, to Agnes Jane, eldest daughter of William C. Gray, Esq., of Sheepcote, St. Mary Cray.

HEWETT—BARRETT.—On the 26th October, at St. Laurence Church, Blackmore, by the Rev. W. Layton Petrie, assisted by the Rev. W. Peregrine Douglas, son of the late Robert Hewett, Esq., of Dovedale, Bromley, to Alice Winifred, youngest daughter of Ashley Willmott Barrett, Esq., of Jessops, Blackmore, Essex.

SILVER WEDDING.

BAKER—DUNCAN.—On the 20th November, 1879, at Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh, by the Rev. Armstrong Black, Charles Edmund Baker, now residing at Park Hill Lodge, Shortlands, to Janet Threipland, daughter of the late William Duncan, of Dalnevale-park, Castle Douglas, and grand-daughter of the late Adam Black, M.P.

Deaths.

BRUCE.—On the 14th November, at East Hall, St. Mary Cray, Kent, Aletheia, wife of Percy R. Bruce, aged 32.

BULLOCK.—On the 2nd November, at Yorcshii, 48, Bromley Common, Rear Admiral Charles James Bullock, age 78.

CLARKE.—On the 1st November, at Beckenham, Cecilia Emily, aged 73, youngest daughter of the late George Somers Christopher Clarke.

DAVIS.—On the 10th Novemter, at Yewhurst, Bickley, Margaret Davis, aged 74, nurse, and for 45 years a faithful friend in the family of the late Mrs. Postlethwaite, of Chislehurst.

FIELDWICK.—On the 13th November, at Bromley, Kent, Emma, last surviving daughter of the late Henry and Isabella Fieldwick, formerly of Camberwell, in her 81st year.

MALTBY.—On the 31st October, at Clarence House, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, Emma, the beloved wife of Hugh Maltby. Aged 76.

MURTON.—On the 3rd November, at Saxbys, Chislehurst, Margaret Eleanor, youngest daughter of Sir Walter Murton, C.B., in her 30th year.

SMITH.—On the 7th November, Clara Mabel, beloved elder daughter of Edward and Clara S. Smith, of St. Stephens, Bromley-park, Kent.

WALKER.—On Tuesday, November 8th, at Parkholme, Widmore-road, Bromley; Emma, the wife of John Walker, after three days' illness. Aged 47.

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BROMLEY CORPORATION OMNIBUS BILL.

At a meeting of the Plaistow Burial Board on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, the Chairman, Mr. H. W. Amos, said the question they were specially called together to consider was the proposed absorption by the Bromley Borough Council of the Plaistow Burial Board. He, however, would like to know if they wished to discuss the matter in Committee.

It was decided to discuss it in Committee, and the Clerk (Mr. W. J. Carlyon) was authorised to furnish the local Press with the decision arrived at.

At a later hour one of our representatives called upon Mr. Carlyon, and was informed by him that a resolution had been unanimously adopted by the Board in strong opposition to the proposal.

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