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Last Quarter, 3rd, 1.27 p.m. | First Quarter, 18th, 10.21 a.m.
New Moon, 11th, 11.51 a.m. | Full Moon, 25th, 11 51 a m.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Production of the pantomime, "Dick Whittington and His Cat," at the Grand Hall, Bromley.

2nd.—*Second Sunday after Christmas.*

3rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

4th.—Opening of the annual exhibition of the Bromley Arts and Crafts Society at Bromley High School for Girls.—Opening of a three days' photographic exhibition in connection with Bromley Camera Club, at Bromley School of Science and Art.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

9th.—*First Sunday after Epiphany.*

10th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

11th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

16th.—*Second Sunday after Epiphany.*

17th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings, at 8 p.m.

18th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, at 11 a.m.

23rd.—*Septuagesima Sunday*

24th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

25th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, at 10.30 a.m.

30th.—*Sexagesima Sunday.*

31st.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on Dec. 7th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

WALTER'S YARD.

To the Highways and Works Committee a letter was read from Messrs. Medhurst, Ltd., calling attention to the condition of Walters yard, West-street. The Borough Engineer reported that he had inspected the yard in question and had found the same in cleanly condition, and in his opinion it was not necessary at the present time for this Committee to take any steps in the matter. Resolved that the Town Clerk reply accordingly.

PLAISTOW GROVE.

The Town Clerk reported to the Highways and Works Committee in connection with Mr. E. Frost's tender for making up Plaistow-grove, which had been accepted by the Council, that one of Mr. Frost's proposed sureties had declined to act, and although the Town Clerk had asked Mr. Frost to furnish another surety, this had not been done. It was, therefore, resolved to recommend that the next lowest tender, namely, that of Messrs. Mowlem and Co., for the sum of £731, be accepted, and that the Corporate seal be affixed to the necessary contract.

BOYS' SECONDARY SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. R. W. Wentworth Hortop with reference to the name to be given to the Secondary School for Boys, stating that the special committee had had before them a letter from the County Committee in which the County Committee stated that after consideration of the whole question of the names by which secondary schools maintained by them should be known, they had decided that the Boys' Secondary School at Bromley should, for the sake of uniformity, be called "The County School for Boys, Bromley." His Committee, after considering this letter, decided to again refer the matter to the Town Council and to inform them that they adhered to their recommendation communicated in his letter of Oct. 1st, that the school should be named "The Bromley and County School for Boys."

Alderman Lawrence supported the Local Committee.

Councillor Newton: What's in a name?

The Mayor: There is a good deal in a name in this case.

His Worship thought the County Committee should be informed that the Council adhered to their suggestion that the school should be called "The Bromley and County School."

This was agreed to.

A SUGGESTION.

The Independent Labour Party submitted the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Bromley branch of the Independent Labour Party desires to urge upon the Bromley Borough

Council the advisability of putting the vacant lands in possession of the Council to some practical use, and would suggest: (a) That the Council adopt the Housing of the Working Classes Act and build cottages on the vacant lands; or (b) that the Council let the vacant lands as allotments, for which there is such a keen demand in the Borough."

The Mayor said no particular land was specified.

Alderman James moved that the letter be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Weller seconded the motion, which was carried.

LOCAL CHEMISTS AND THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. H. D. Kelf, Station Pharmacy, 28, The Broadway, Bromley, regretting that at the last Council meeting another (the fourth) licence was granted under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, Clause 5. On behalf of the chemists, as "existing vendors," who maintained that the Town Council had not taken into consideration that the reasonable requirements of the public were already adequately provided for and also the objections sent to them, they were sending a memorial to the Privy Council to ask them to correct the mistaken view of the above mentioned statute that had apparently been taken by the Bromley Town Council.

THE BOROUGH TREASURERSHIP.

The Mayor informed the Council that as they had not up to the present time filled the vacancy in the office of treasurer, he had, acting in pursuance of the authority granted to him under the Municipal Corporations Act, appointed Mr. T. C. Dewey, South Hill Wood, Bromley, to be acting treasurer for the Borough, and he had accepted the office as a temporary appointment.

A further meeting of the Council was held on Dec. 21st, the Mayor, Alderman T. Davis, J.P., presiding.

MOTOR TRAFFIC.

A letter was received by the Highways and Works Committee from Mr. G. M. Kenyon, secretary to the Kent Automobile Club, in reference to the erection of direction posts at Market-square and asking if the Council could see their way to place one board directing to Sevenoaks at or near the "Bell Tap," and another directing to London and Chislehurst by the "Foresters' Inn." The Borough Engineer reported on such suggestions, and it was resolved to recommend that the suggestion for the erection of boards directing to London and Sevenoaks be adopted.

IRRITATING THE RATEPAYERS.

To the Highways and Works Committee a letter was read from Mr. J. W. Martin acknowledging the receipt of the Town Clerk's letter enclosing a copy of the bye-laws as to nuisances which contains the bye-law with regard to the removal of snow from footpaths, and stating he thought it a pity that the Council should irritate and exasperate ratepayers by circulating copies of the bye-law in question, although apparently within their rights.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that three cases of scarlet fever had been notified during the past fortnight, and removed to the Joint Hospital. The few cases of infectious disease that have been reported during the past five weeks have all occurred in the northern part of the Borough. During the past few weeks a number of samples of food had been submitted for analysis. These were mostly procured by engaging a suitable person on two evenings to purchase the articles in the ordinary way from various shop premises. The report of the Public Analyst on the first batch of 15 samples had been received, and stated that all were genuine and satisfactory, excepting one sample of milk, which was very slightly deficient in fat.

NEW FIRE STATION AND MORTUARY.

The Establishments Committee considered the tenders for the erection of the fire station and mortuary, and it was resolved to recommend that the tender of Mr. J. W. Ellingham, of Dartford, for the total sum of £5,421 be accepted subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the raising of the necessary loan for the erection of the buildings and to satisfactory bankers' reference with regard to the proposed sureties, and that the Corporate seal be affixed to the necessary contract.

Alderman James moved the adoption of the report, and the motion was carried.

THE EDUCATION BURDEN.

A letter was received from the Southborough Urban District Council calling attention to the "extraordinarily lavish expenditure" by the Kent Education Committee on administration expenses, and it was decided to pass it on to the Bromley Education Committee.

THE BOROUGH TREASURERSHIP.

The Mayor said the other item on the agenda was to further consider the steps to be taken with regard to the Borough Treasurership. He thought it was hardly in a stage at the present time to be considered in public, but he had no doubt the time would come very shortly when the whole question would have to be considered in public. The question was so intimately mixed up with the question of the banking account of the Council as to which they had not come to any decision. Moreover, they would not be able to come to a decision that evening, because the information they had asked for from the various banks having offices in the town had only just come to hand. It was perfectly clear that information would have to be considered by a committee, and therefore it would not be wise to discuss the matter in public at the present stage. In a short time, however, it must be discussed in public, and members must be prepared to take the responsibility of recording their vote on the question

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BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Dec. 20th, the Chairman, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, presiding.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

To the School Management Sub-Committee a letter was read from Mr. Webber, of the Valley Council Boys' School, notifying his success at the recent final examination for the degree of B.A. of the University of London, and asking that an increase in the

amount of his salary might be considered. After careful consideration the Sub-Committee recommended that in view of his increased responsibilities and of his qualifications an increase of £10 be given to Mr. Webber as from Jan. 1st, 1909.

BROMLEY PARISH C.E. SCHOOL.

A letter was read to the School Management Sub-Committee from the Board of Education returning the plans for the erection of two additional classrooms in the girls' and infants' departments of the Bromley Parish C.E. School, and it was resolved that a copy of the letter and the plans be at once sent to the managers; and the Sub-Committee recommended that on receipt of amended plans from the managers, the plans be sent to the Board of Education.—Agreed.

HEAD TEACHERS AND THEIR SALARIES.

Pursuant to notice, the Chairman moved "That it be referred to the School Management Sub-Committee to consider the desirability of making an alteration in the present scale and system of payment of salaries to head teachers and to report."

The Vicar seconded the resolution.

The motion was carried, Mr. Helm alone voting against it.

TOWN COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION.

Voting took place at St. Mary's School (Plaistow) on Dec. 6 to fill the vacancy on the Bromley Town Council caused by the retirement of Councillor M. H. Marks. There were three candidates in the field, viz., Mr. Thomas Hugh Heaysman, 37, Palace-grove, house agent; Mr. Joseph Ley, 7, Hill View Cottages, Burnt Ash-lane, joiner; and Mr. Thomas Cooper Rogerson, 123, London-lane, Bromley, barrister-at-law. Result:—

T. H. HEAYSMAN	340
T. C. ROGERSON	274
J. LEY	96

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In connection with the Rural Deanery of Bromley a special service of intercession for Foreign Missions was held at the Bromley Parish Church on Nov. 29 (S. Andrew's Eve), and a fairly large congregation assembled, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The service was of an interesting and profitable character. Special hymns were sung with much heartiness, and helpful and illuminating addresses were given by the Rev. Harrington C. Lees, M.A. (Vicar of Christ Church, Beckenham), the Rev. G. E. Farran, M.A. (Member of the Standing Committee of the S.P.G.), and Mr. Eugene Stock, LL.D. The Rural Dean of Bromley, Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., conducted the service, and amongst other local clergy present were Rev. Canon Henry F. Wolley, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Shortlands), Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A. (Vicar of St. George's, Bickley), Rev. J. White, M.A. (Chaplain of Bromley College), Rev. Mark Swabey, M.A. (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bromley Common), and the Revs. S. E. Osborne, M.A., E. W. C. Horner, M.A., A. H. Stevenson, B.A., and A. G. Parham, B.A., assistant curates of the Bromley Parish Church.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL.

Speech Day at Quernmore School, Bromley, is always looked forward to with eager interest, both by the boys and their parents, and the schoolroom is always crowded on the occasion of their annual gathering.

Dec. 20th was Speech Day, and the event proved as interesting and aroused as much enthusiasm as in previous years.

Mr. G. Loly, B.A., the head master, ably reviewed the work of the year, and the prizes were then distributed by the Rev. Thomas Harrison (Vicar of Wersley):—

Form Prizes.—Class 1, J. L. Spence; Class 2, F. J. Stanger; Class 3, A. H. Bagley; Class 4, D. G. Bailey; Class 5, E. N. Farman; Class 6, T. W. Lazenby. Progress Prize (given by Miss Rowley), R. V. Shaw. Juniors 1, G. R. Delaforce; Juniors 2, R. C. Bateman; Juniors 3, T. T. McCrosky.

Set Prizes.—Latin1, A. E. Bishop; Latin 2, G. W. R. Kiesow; Latin 3, W. Lockey. Mathematics 1 (a), P. E. Moreno; Mathematics 1 (b), J. L. Moreno; Mathematics 2, G. W. R. Kiesow; Mathematics 3, F. J. Stanger; Mathematics 4, R. B. L. Hill. Greek, D. F. Forbes. German (1), G. W. R. Kiesow; (2) T. F. M. Gayford. French, N. G. Guy. Divinity, A. W. Spence. Chemistry (1st Division), W. E. Hewett; (2nd Division) J. F. A. Caro. Drawing, P. E. Moreno. Shorthand, J. L. Moreno. General Knowledge and English Essay (for boys over 12 years), prizes presented by Mr. H. W. Sier, (1) D. F. Forbes; (2) J. L. Spence. General Knowledge and English Essay (for boys under 12 years; prizes presented by Mr. H. W. Sier) (equal), G. P. W. Earle, T. F. M. Gayford. Mrs. Loly's House Prize, A. E. Bishop.

OLD QUERNMORIAN DINNER.

Mr. G. Loly, B.A., the talented and popular head master of Quernmore School, Bromley, which has prospered under his careful direction and is now in an eminently flourishing condition, presided over a jovial company of Old Quernmorians at the Holborn Restaurant on December 18th on the occasion of the second biennial dinner of the Old Quernmorian Club. Friends who had not seen one another for many months met under the happiest auspices, and a most enjoyable and convivial evening was spent. The keen December night air had sharpened the appetites of the O.Q.'s, and the dinner, served up in that high-class style for which the Holborn Resturant is noted, was attacked in true British fashion and with a Quernmorian zest that testified in a striking manner both to the excellence of the viands and to the robust health of those who participated in the festivities. The banquet was served in the handsome Gordon Room, and the company numbered 85.

As a souvenir of their happy association with the Alderman during a brilliant year of office, the late Sheriffs, Sir Francis Hanson and Deputy Sir John Baddeley, J.P., have presented Sir George Truscott, Bart., with a Queen Anne bowl and a Georgian cake basket. Sir George Truscott has presented a beautiful salver, bearing a happily worded inscription, to each of his Sheriffs.

VESTRY MEETING AT BROMLEY COMMON.

A vestry meeting was held at St. Luke's Institute, Raglan-road, Bromley Common, on Dec. 13th for the purpose of the election of members to fill the vacancies caused by the statutory retirement of three members of the St. Luke's Burial Board, and the appointment of auditors.

In presenting the annual report on the work of the Board for the past year, Mr. Priter stated that at the first meeting of the Board held after the last vestry meeting the members unanimously re-elected Mr. M. H. Hodder and Dr. J. H. Yolland as their chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Eight meetings of the Board had been held during the year, and the attendances of the members had been as follows:—Mr. J. Bloomfield, 8; Mr. J. W. Brown, 6; Mr. E. Dawson, 5; Rev. C. C. Gosselin, 5; Mr. M. H. Hodder, 7; Mr. W. Judd, 6; Mr. R. Peill, 8; Mr. A. Sparks, 8; Dr. J. H. Yolland, 7. Subject to audit, the balance at the bankers standing to the credit of the Board was £274 6s. 4d. on current account, also £200 on deposit account, as compared with a balance in the previous year of £280 11s. 6d. on current account, and £200 on deposit account. After careful consideration of the Clerk's estimate of income and expenditure for the year the Board resolved not to issue a precept on the overseers of the poor of the parish, consequently for the first time since the Board was constituted no rate was levied during the year, being a reduction of 1d. in the £ on the previous year, and taking this into consideration, together with the very large additional amount of work, they decided to increase the superintendent's wages by 2s. per week, and the Clerk's salary by £10 per annum, and for this action the Board asked their approval. The amount of income from all sources during the year was £385 6s. 9d., and the expenditure totalled £391 11s. 11d. There had been during the year 100 interments—58 adults and 42 children, being an increase on the previous year of 36, viz., 13 adults and 23 children. The total number of interments since the opening of the cemetery in July, 1894, was 1,025. The Board had granted and affixed the common seal during the year to conveyances for 27 private grave spaces (as compared with 23 in the previous year), 22 in the consecrated portion and five in the general portion of the ground. The members who retired by rotation were the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, M.A., Mr. J. W. Brown and Mr. William Judd, and being eligible they offered themselves for re-election. The accounts for the year ended Nov. 28th, 1908, were duly audited by Messrs. Matthew Bloor and John Williams on March 26th.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. E. J. Brown.

Mr. Hodder proposed the re-election of the members who retired by rotation, viz., the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, Mr. J. W. Brown and Mr. Wm. Judd. He congratulated the residents of Bromley Common on the fact that there had been no Burial Rate levied on the inhabitants of that district, which, he thought, was a feather in the cap of the St. Luke's Burial Board. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Peill seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. W. Brown returned thanks for his re-election, and said he would see that justice was done in the future as he had in the past.

The Vicar seconded Mr. Brown's remarks.

Dr. Yolland proposed the re-election of the auditors, Messrs. J. Matthew Bloor and John Williams.

Mr. Sparks seconded, and said the auditors had done their work very well indeed.

The motion was carried unanimously.

BROMLEY LITERARY INSTITUTE.

We have to congratulate the members of the Institute on the successful result of the musical entertainment and the dramatic sketch, "The Martyrs of Liberty," given by them and their friends at the Parish Room on Dec. 9th, with Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., in the chair, to a crowded and appreciative audience.

We have not only to express our personal thanks, but also to give voice to the appreciation by the audience of the piano soli by Mr. Cummings, of the song of Miss Una Wright, very gracefully given, and of those of Messrs. Palmer and Teele, which were thoroughly well sung, neither do the authors and actors in the drama succeeding forget that they owe a good deal to the interludes played with much taste during the changes of the scenes. Our readers will have already learnt from our contemporaries the principal details both of the performance and the performers, and we therefore, beyond noticing with great approval the first appearances of Mrs. Graham and Miss Jessie Wright, who promise to be most efficient members of the company, the extremely humorous P.c. Mutton, the quiet and courtly Magistrate, and the cool and resolute manner of Warder Keendesire to refer to matters which have been (probably from the exigencies of space and the season) left unnoticed by our contemporaries, viz. and firstly, to close study of detail as exemplified by the clever bye-play of the suffragette prisoners, whose conduct (or misconduct) on this point was beyond all praise, and, secondly, to the jovial and good humoured character of the ridicule of which the author does not spare to dispense with a lavish hand. Even the suffragettes who assisted in the discussion that took place a few weeks ago at the Institute would be forced to take part in the laughter which greeted the sallies of the actors. We are unfortunate in one thing, that the real suffragettes do employ stones and do not confine themselves to bells and gramophones and devices innocent of causing bodily injury. Perhaps that is why they have not yet succeeded, like the Martyrs, in enlisting an Archbishop. We have only to add that the hall was densely crowded, the performances heartily applauded, and that a cordial vote of thanks to the actors and the author brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

BROMLEY'S MODEL PARLIAMENT.

An interesting debate on the Licensing Laws took place at the "Model Parliament" which was held at the Public Library on Nov. 30th under the auspices of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society. The Speaker was Councillor W. G. Weller, and Mr. J. Howard Moore, J.P., acted as Prime Minister. There was a fair attendance.

Mr. Howard Moore, J.P., explained the state of the law with regard to licences, and submitted proposals for further legislation. An interesting debate followed.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

Before commencing his sermon on Christmas Day, the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Gosselin) said he had an announcement of very considerable interest to make. The following letter was placed in his hands on the Sunday previous, with the stipulation that its contents should not be made known till Christmas morning:—

Ravensbourne, Keston, Kent,
Dec. 19th, 1909.

Dear Mr. Gosselin,—With the permission of the Bishop and the co-operation of the Vicar and churchwardens, an old friend of St. Luke's Church offers to finish the building of the church on the following lines:—(1.) To erect a handsome spire, with provision for and completion of a four-faced clock chiming the quarter-hours and illuminated at night by electricity. (2) A first-class peal of bells, to e rung by the parishioners of St. Luke's. (3.- The work to be put in hand at once and all possible labour to be given to the workmen residing in St. Luke's parish.

With happy Christmas greetings,
Sincerely yours,
J. W. WHEELER-BENNETT.

Rev. C. C. Gosselin.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

A large congregation assembled on Nov. 28th to listen to an interesting hour of sacred music at St. Luke's Church. Organ and vocal solos, choral numbers and instrumental trios formed an attractive programme.

The vocal solos were from Mrs. Simmonds and Mr. Bertram Pearce, the soprano giving Allitsen's "Like as the hart" (with 'cello obligato), and the tenor, "Deeper and deeper" and "Waft her, angels," from "Jeptha." The long recitative of the latter number was dramatically given. The choir were heard in the first chorus from Spohr's "Last Judgment" and in "Hear my prayer." Their singing was quite straightforward, but some hard drilling is necessary to rub off many rough edges. Mrs. Simmonds sang the solo parts in both numbers very tastefully.

Mr. Harold Wylde, the new organist, gave very excellent performances of two organ solos, and was joined by Messrs. C. F. P. Guillaume and W. P. Toussaint ('cello) in some trios.

BROMLEY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The schoolroom of the Bromley Baptist Church was crowded with a merry party of scholars and parents on Nov. 29th, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes. Prior to the meeting the scholars sat down to a capital tea. The pastor, the Rev. J. L. Roderick, took the chair, supported by the superintendent, Mr. D. Reynolds. The major part of the evening's entertainment was contributed by the scholars, and in solos, recitations and action songs they acquitted themselves remarkably well. Mr. F. Dawe contributed much to the success of the evening by giving some clever lightning sketches. The distribution of the prizes to the most regular and diligent scholars was made by Mrs. Roderick.

BROMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I desire that your readers should know at the earliest possible moment how memorable this Christmas season has been to the Cottage Hospital by the announcement of a munificent gift of £3,000 for endowment. This gift comes from Mrs. Henwood, her son, Mr. Alfred Henwood, and her daughters, in memory of Mr. Paul Henwood, who will ever be remembered as himself a most generous friend in his lifetime to the hospital. It is difficult to express in any adequate way the gratitude that all those connected with the hospital must feel for so liberal a benefaction; the least that can be done is to acknewledge in this public manner the untold benefit conferred by endowment upon any institution supported, as is ours, by voluntary contributions only, and to express a hope that the donors will allow the name of Henwood to be permanently recorded in the new wards.

Yours faithfully,
THOS. C. DEWEY,
Hon. Treasurer.

South Hill Wood, Bromley,
Dec. 29th, 1909.

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

A largely-attended and enthusiastic Habitation meeting of the Primrose League was held in the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Dec. 8th, the Dame President (Mrs. Coles Child) being in the chair.

Before the meeting commenced, St. Mary's Orchestra, under Mr. Pickering, played an enjoyable selection of music, Mrs. George Parks being the able accompanist.

Mr. Crossfield, in a few opening remarks, said since their last Habitation meeting on April 19th, they had enrolled exactly 100 new members, and they had now well over 1,000 members in the Bromley Habitation. (Applause.)

Mr. Forster, who was enthusiastically greeted, first congratulated the Dame President and the Ruling Councillor upon the extraordinary success of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League. Then, turning to a wider field, he said if we paid due attention to our newspapers, we were struck by the fact and we could not fail to be struck by the fact, that the country was plunged into turmoil from end to end, from North to South, from East to West, and it was plunged into turmoil because for the first time in the history of the country the House of Lords had refused to pass the Budget which had been introduced by the Government of the day. (Hear, hear.) The House of Lords had refused to pass the Budget until they had ascertained whether or not the people wanted it to be passed. (Applause.) They had refused to pass the Budget because the measures which the present Government had taken constituted so grave a new departure from the old Liberal system of finance that the peers said, "You shall not pass this Bill until you have found out whether or not you have the support of the people in carrying it." (Applause.)

The Right Hon. Lord Avebury has become a patron of the Finsbury and City of London Savings Bank.

SEVENOAKS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

The Liberal Candidate.



Johnston & Huffmann] [51, Devonshire Street, W.

SIR FREDERIC LELY, K.C.I.E.

Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., of Waverley, Sevenoaks, has been unanimously adopted as the Liberal candidate by the Council of the Sevenoaks Division Central Liberal Association. Born in 1846, Sir F. Lely entered the Indian Civil Service in 1869, and his tactful handling of the many difficult questions which came before him won him such official confidence that he was appointed Administrator of the State of Porbunder. Here he did excellent work, and in 1899 was appointed additional member of the Council of his Excellency the Governor of Bombay. In 1906 he published a work, entitled "The Better Governing of India," dealing with the administration of the Executive Government of the Bombay Presidency. In 1891 Sir Frederic was a member of the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Agricultural Relief Act. He was also a member of the Royal Commission on Decentralisation in 1907-8. He was one of the ablest members of the Indian Civil Service, and a great authority on Indian Reform.

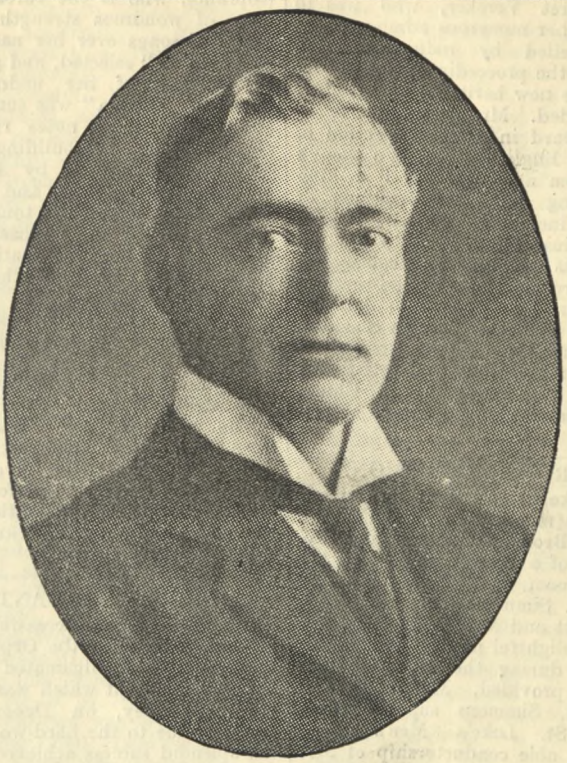
CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE ANNIVERSARY.

If there is any doubt in the minds of our readers as to the usefulness of the work done by the Church Lads' Brigade amongst lads who have left school, we would recommend them to attend such a gathering as was held on Nov. 26th at St. Mary' Church Hall. Farwig-lane. It was the occasion of celebrating the 18th anniversary of the foundation of the Brigade.

After a few brief introductory remarks by the Chairman (Mr. T. D. Graty), the lads gave a display of close and extended order drill, which was calmly and precisely carried out. Colour-sergt. F. Muncey, Lance-sergt. M. Snelgrove, Privates A. W. Jessop and F. Wakely came next in a boxing turn, and all stood up well against their opponents. Staff-sergt. C. F. Garcia threw Sergt. T. D. Botterill twice in the three falls in wrestling which followed. The blind boxing between Privates Benjamin Botterill and F. Barnard afforded the audience much amusement. In the sectional tug-of-war contest great enthusiasm was roused. No. 4 Section, under Lance-sergt. M. Snelgrove, pulled over No. 3 (Lance-sergt. C. G. Jessop), and No. 1 (Colour-sergt. F. Muncey) went down against a team chosen from No. 2 (Sergt. T. D. Botterill) and No. 3.

SEVENOAKS PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

The Conservative Candidate.



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

Mr. H. W. Forster, who is seeking re-election as the Conservative and Unionist candidate at the approaching General Election, has represented the Sevenoaks Division in Parliament for over 17 years, being first elected in 1892, when he defeated the late Mr. T. Johnston. Three years later he had a walk over, and in 1900 he had a majority of nearly 5,000, the late Mr. Murray S. Richardson being his opponent. At the bye-election in 1902, when he was opposed by Mr. Beaumont Morice, Mr. Forster was returned by a majority of 891, and in 1906 he was again successful, defeating Mr. Morice by 364. Mr. Forster is the eldest son of the late Major Forster, of The Hall, Southend, Catford, and Exbury, Hants. After receiving a portion of his education at Eton, Mr. Forster passed to Oxford, where he obtained Honours in Law. He married the Hon Rachael Montagu, daughter of the Right Hon. Lord Montagu, and grand-daughter of the late Duke of Buccleuch.

MR. A. C. NORMAN ENTERTAINED.

Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., was the principal guest at the monthly house supper held at the Bromley Conservative Club on December 1st, and the gathering proved an unqualified success. Mr. Norman presided, and responding to a vote of thanks, said it had been said by some that it was a wrong and foolish and unconstitutional thing for the House of Lords not to pass the Budget. But they must bear in mind that the House of Lords in this matter were driven into a corner, with their backs to the wall, and that if they had decided not to fight now the time would be very near when they would not be in the position to show any fight at all. If they had swallowed this Budget with its objectionable provisions and not shown their teeth in the way he was happy to see they had shown them, in about a year's time they would have had no teeth left to show. The House of Lords had shown wisdom and courage in taking up this position. It was a position without precedent, but the circumstances were without precedent, and demanded exceptional measures to meet them.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

CONCERT AT CAMDEN PLACE.

An enjoyable concert was given on November 30th, at Camden Place, Chislehurst. Miss Margaret Vereker, who was to have been heard by her numerous admirers, was unfortunately compelled by indisposition to abandon her part in the proceedings, but in Mr. Harry Alexander, the new baritone, an excellent substitute was provided. Mr. Alexander's well-trained voice was heard in a large selection of French, German and English songs, and though he was suffering from a cold, he had no difficulty in commending his interpretations of various composers, including Wagner, Grieg, Wolf, Franz, Cornelius, Lully, etc., to the immediate favour of his hearers. Particularly interesting were the French dances of the times of Louis XV. and Henri III. brought to light by Miss Chute, who had obviously been at considerable pains to reproduce these dignified measures, the dance being most gracefully and artistically executed by Miss G. White and Miss M. Chute. Mr. H. Hoarn Stubbs was an admirable accompanist.

SOIREE AT BROMLEY COMMON.

Members of St. Luke's Men's Hour and friends assembled in large numbers at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common, on Dec. 1st, on the occasion of a soiree arranged by the committee. The room had been tastefully decorated by Mr. H. Simmons (hon. secretary), Mr. Mogg, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Kibble, and was much admired. A delightful musical programme was rendered, and during the evening light refreshments were provided, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mrs. H. Simmons superintending this department. St. Luke's Men's Hour Orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. W. E. Insley, contributed largely to the entertainment; and the proceedings throughout were most successful. Amongst those present were Rev. C. C. Gosselin, Vicar of St. Luke's, Rev. J. H. Broadhead and Rev. F. W. Kay.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT.

Inclement weather kept many away from the chamber music concert—the third of the fourth series—which was given by Miss Beatrice Fowle and Miss Gwynne Kimpton in the Hall of the Bromley High School on Dec. 2nd, and this was very unfortunate, as the concert was an exceptionally good one. Some very attractive features were introduced, including a violoncello solo by Miss Mary Burgess and a duet for violin and viola by Miss Kimpton and Miss Frances Marshall. Miss Burgess selected for her solo Boccherini's sonata in A major, a tuneful but difficult work requiring the exercise of uncommon gifts to give it an adequate interpretation, and when we say that the lady mentioned compassed the task with marked success, it will be gathered that she is a 'cellist of no ordinary ability. She played with artistic technique, and produced a very nice tone. The audience were delighted and applauded with much vigour, and Miss Burgess repeatedly bowed her acknowledgments.

The duet for violin and viola by the Misses Kimpton and Marshall—one of Mozart's gems—was listened to with close attention and interest. Miss Kimpton performed her part with taste and skill, her bowing and manipulation of the strings being superb, and Miss Marshall, who is making great progress as a viola player, also did admirable work. Each lady had full control over her instrument, and the blending of the tones produced excellent results.

The vocalist was Miss Emmie Tatham (soprano), who is the fortunate possessor of a voice of wondrous strength and purity. The group of songs over her name in the first part had been well selected, and gave ample scope for the display of her undoubted vocal gifts. Corder's "Alleluia" was sung with great vigour and spirit, the top notes ringing sweetly and clearly through the building. The second song —"Harfenmädchen," by Haussegger—was of quite a different class, and the able manner in which she rendered the touching strains of this number served to emphasise the charm and flexibility of her vocalisation. Exquisite taste marked her singing of the third song, "Er Ist's," by Wolff, and Miss Tatham was rapturously applauded at the close. In the second part she sang with fine feeling and artistic expression, Coleridge Taylor's "Sorrow song" and "A Finland love song," by M. V. White, and was heartily encored.

The principal piece was Dvorak's quintet in A major, for pianoforte, two violins, viola and violoncello, this favourite work, which took nearly an hour to perform, being played in excellent style by the Misses Beatrice Fowle, Gwynne Kimpton, Ada Stuart, Frances Marshall and May Burgess.

RAILWAY SERVANTS' CONCERT.

One of the most successful concerts ever held in connection with the Orphan and Benevolent Funds of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was that which was given at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on December 6th. Great credit is due to the hard-working committee for the splendid success achieved.

While the audience assembled a selection of music was given under the direction of Mr. W. Darrington, and this was much appreciated. Miss Ethel Sanders, a soprano with a good voice, delighted the audience with her singing of two songs. Miss Alice Towers, ballad vocalist, was very good in her song "Old French Bonnett," and was recalled. Mr. Austin White, facial humorist, was encored, and Mr. Will Hawkins, for his clever manipulations on the Swiss pipes was deservedly recalled. Mr. Geo. Danville, with his capital songs (accompanied with banjo) and his clever handling of the sleigh bells, evoked hearty applause. The contributions by Mr. Will McLeod were very acceptable. Mr. John Rowlands, the well-known cartoonist, was excellent, his drawing of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain out of the signature of "Joe," earning for him great applause. Mr. H. Spelelr, who appeared with a marionette show, was very well received and caused a lot of laughter. Mr. Walter Fullerton, a humorist, sang two songs to the delight of the audience. Mr. Bert Harris was very good in his aeroplane song, and Mr. Will Kelly was well received. The absurdity, "Snow," caused great laughter, the principals being Messrs. Jenkins and White. Mr. Jack Hewitt proved a capital entertainer, and the Harrisons, as duettists, were very good. The stage was under the direction of Mr. Bert Harris, and Messrs. F. Sharp and Jack Jenkins were the able accompanists.

DRAMATIC AND VOCAL RECITAL.

The Grand Hall, Bromley, was crowded on

December 7th, when a dramatic and vocal recital was given by Mrs. Tobias Matthay and Mr. Plunket Greene. The former gave with splendid dramatic effect, "Little Rivers" (Van Dyke), "Good-night, Babette" (Austin Dobson), "The Rossignol" (Drummond), "The boy that was scaret o' dying" (Sloffon), "The Prince in Disguise" (Hans Anderson), "Marriage" (Moira O'Neill), "Address to a Mouse" (Robert Burns), "The Courtship of Saunders McGlaushau" (D. Kennedy). Mrs. Matthay is a very gifted elocutionist, and the hearty applause which greeted her efforts showed that the recitals were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Plunket Greene scored heavily in his songs, the old English and Irish airs arranged by Arthur Somervell and C. V. Stanford being very popular. The accompanists were Mr. Harold Samuel and Mr. Frank Hutchens, who both did excellent work. The recital was given in aid of the London Missionary Society.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT BY AYLESBURY ROAD SCHOOL.

St. Mark's Church Room, Mason's Hill, was well filled on Dec. 8th on the occasion of a concert by Aylesbury-road School in aid of the School Sports Fund and the Teachers' Benevolent and Orphan Fund, London. Without a doubt, it was the best entertainment ever given by the boys, and too much praise cannot be lavished upon the conductor, Mr. F. Lewis, head master of the school, and to the violin instructor, Mr. F. Farrow. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and amongst those present to support his Worship were Alderman R. W. James, Alderman G. Weeks, Councillor J. Williams, Councillor Lindley Jones, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. J. W. Walter and Mr. M. H. Rogers. A telegram was received from Councillor A. Lindsay Bell, Chairman of the Bromley Education Committee, regretting his inability to attend owing to an important engagement in the City.

The boys did admirably throughout the evening, the pianoforte accompaniments being carefully played by Mr. F. V. H. Lewis. During the interval, in a few well-chosen phrases, Mr. F. Lewis returned hearty thanks to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors for their kind and generous support.

BROMLEY CHORAL SOCIETY.

Mr. Frederic Fertel and the splendid chorus and orchestra under him must have been thoroughly well satisfied with the full attendance which confronted them at the first concert of the Bromley Choral Society's fifth season which was given in the Drill Hall on Dec. 11, and especially must they have been elated by the enthusiastic reception accorded them and the works which constituted the programme of the evening.

A programme of sparkling music was submitted, the first part consisting of selections from Gounod's masterpiece, "Faust." The chorus have been exceedingly well drilled by Mr. Fertel, and their performance of this difficult work was such as to entitle them to a substantial meed of praise. There were intervals when some of the voices appeared to be a little slack, but speaking generally a really fine volume of tone was produced. Each section evinced a clear understanding of the work demanded of it, and the harmony was for the most part delightful. The choruses, "All hail, brightest of days," "Red and golden" and "Light as air," were all admirably rendered, the latter being a particularly tuneful number, but the chorus that went with the greatest swing and was the best appreciated was the Soldiers' Chorus, "Fold the flag, my brothers," the familiar strains of "Glory and love to the men of old" giving great pleasure to the audience. Owing to severe colds, Messrs. Alfred Heather and George Uttley, who had been announced to take the parts of "Faust" and "Mephistopheles," had to cancel their engagements, but two worthy substitutes were found in Mr. Gwilym Richards and Mr. Montague Borwell. The important rôle of "Marguarita" was ably filled by Madame Effie Thomas. Mr. Richards (tenor) sang in excellent taste and with the necessary spirit, and his first solo introducing the chorus, "All hail, brightest of days," was very favourably commented on, but to a critical ear the tone was not quite so pure as one would have liked to hear. He was decidedly better in the solo "All hail, thou dwelling," and in the duet, in which he was joined by Madame Thomas, "The hour is late! farewell," the only fault here being a slight straining at the upper notes. Mr. Borwell (baritone) gave an excellent interpretation of the solo, "Clear the way for the calf of gold," and he also scored a great success with "Maiden, feigning to be sleeping." Madame Thomas gave the "Song of the King of Thule" in her usual charming style, but she did even better work in the "Jewel song," and in the duet with Mr. Richards she sang with much passion and dramatic fervour. She appeared, however, to be suffering from a cold. Madame Thomas's tasteful efforts were most acceptable, and she was warmly applauded.

The second part consisted of "The Wedding of Shon Maclean," a Scottish rhapsody by Hubert Bath, the poem being by Robert Buchanan. The story is a very amusing, though not a particularly edifying one, and the music is extremely bright and pleasing to the ear, the genius of the composer shining through the work. In the choruses, "To the wedding of Shon Maclean," "At the head of the table," "Who led the dance," and "When the duke and duchess went away," the choir scored heavily, especially in the lines "And every piper was fou" (meaning intoxicated), "twenty pipers together," the frequent repetition of which evoked peals of laughter. The soprano and baritone solos were brightly given by Madame Thomas and Mr. Borwell, who were rewarded with hearty plaudits for their eminently successful efforts.

The playing of the orchestra was superb, especially in the introduction to "Faust," the preamble in the second work and the favourite reel towards the close.

All through Mr. Fertel led his forces with keen insight and great skill. The work of Mr. Adams at the pianoforte cannot be too highly commended. He played most admirably and contributed in no small measure to the success of the performance.

POLICE MINSTRELS AT BROMLEY.

Two entertaining and highly successful performances were given in the Drill Hall, Bromley, on December 13th and 14th by that clever troupe, the Police Minstrels, who have made such a great name for versatility in the minstrel world, the praiseworthy object being

to augment the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. There were full "houses," and each night a most varied and well-selected programme was submitted to the great delight of those present.

The general manager was Supt. J. W. Olive, and the stage manager Inspr. W. J. Hopkins local arrangements being under the able direction of Inspr. Vincent Coster.

PUPILS' CONCERT AT BROMLEY.

There was a large and thoroughly appreciative audience at the invitation concert given by the pupils of Madame Effie Thomas at the "Royal Bell" Hotel on December 18th. A splendid programme was submitted, and the performers gave an excellent account of themselves. The pupils were kindly assisted by Miss Muriel Cork (organist), Miss Olive Beddome (violinist), Miss Dulcie Beddome ('cellist), with Madame Effie Thomas herself as accompanist, and the concert opened with the cantata, "The Rose Quest," which was given in a praiseworthy manner by the Misses Badcock, D. Beddome, O. Beddome, Dale, Henwood, Lake, R. I. Gibson-McLagan, D. S. Gibson-McLagan, Stanger, E. Wheatley, M. Wheatly, Mesdames Cazeaux, Harrold, Hilton, Jörgensen, Laffitte and Webster. Tasteful songs, bright duets and tuneful violin solos then followed in the order of the programme, and the sparkling music gave a great deal of pleasure to the audience, who lavished upon the artistes many well-deserved compliments. In the first part Mrs. Harrold sang "What does little birdie say?" (Parsons) very sweetly; Miss Dulcie Beddome and Mr. F. G. Howe gave Tosti's duet, "Serenata," in capital style: Mrs. Cazeaux was excellent in the song, "Musica prohibita" (Castaldon), and the same can be said of Miss Norah Lake in "Angels guard thee" (Goddard); Miss Olive Beddome played with undoubted skill the violin solos, "Sarabband" (J. S. Bach) and "Canzonetta" (A. d'Ambrosio); with much taste Miss Ethelwyn Stanger sang "April Morn" (Batten); Miss Dulcie Beddome gave with beautiful expression the song by A. Woodforde Finden, "Light of mine eyes"; Braga's "Serenata" was feelingly sung by Miss Rita I. Gibson-McLagan, the violin obligato being sympathetically played by Miss Olive Beddome; and Mrs. Webster closed the first part with Saint-Säens' delightful song, "Softly awakes my heart."

In the second part charming songs were given by Miss Margery Wheatly ("Obstination" and "If no one ever marries me"); by Miss Dorothy S. Gibson-McLagan, with organ obligato, nicely played by Miss Muriel Cork; by Madame Laffitte ("Ouvre tes yeux bleus" and "I know a lovely garden"); by Mr. F. G. Howe ("To Mary" and "King Winter"); by Miss Ethel Wheatly ("Elegie" and "None but a weary heart"), the 'cello obligato being by Miss Dulcie Beddome; and by Mrs. Webster ("A Song of Thanksgiving"), Miss Muriel Cork playing the organ obligato. The duets, "Morning" (Gerald Lane) and "Where the violets grow" (Herman Löhr), were rendered in excellent taste by Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Hilton. One of the most attractive items was the 'cello solo, "Le Cygne" (Saint-Säens), which was finely played by Miss Dulcie Beddome. It is always a treat to hear this lady perform on her favourite instrument, and Miss Beddome was accorded a very enthusiastic reception. The concert closed with the popular quartet, "A Regular Royal Queen" (from "The Gondoliers," by Sullivan), which was given in a spirited fashion by Mesdames Effie Thomas, Miss Ethel Wheatly, Mr. F. G. Howe and Mr. W. H. Haigh. There were numerous encores during the evening, and the concert was an unqualified success. The pianoforte used was a Bechstein, supplied by Messrs. Howard Morley Phillips and Co.

STUDENTS' CONCERT.

Considerable success attended the students' concert which was given on Dec. 20th under the auspices of the Beckenham and Bromley Schools of Music, the following programme being rendered in a very creditable manner:—Pianoforte solo, "Tarantello" (Pieczonka), Miss Linda Osgood, pupil of Mrs. E. M. Broughton (holder of Junior Half-Fee Pianoforte Scholarship). Piano-solo, "Papillons" (Ole Olsen), Miss Isabel Edmed, pupil of Miss C. Heasman. Recit. and Aria, "Quando miro quel bel ciglio" (Mozart), Miss D. Winter Were, pupil of Madame Ada Patterson. Pianoforte solo, Allegro con brio, from Sonata in C, Op. 2, No. 3 (Beethoven), Miss I. Osgood, pupil of Miss C. Heasman (holder of Bronze Medal for Pianoforte and Half-Fee Harmony Scholarship). Songs, (a) "An den Mondenschein," (b) "Ein Kleines Lied" (Carl Bohm), Miss M. Campling, pupil of Mr. Gale Gardner (holder of Bronze Medal for Singing). Pianoforte solo, Allegro from Sonata in D (Beethoven), Miss C. M. Crowther, pupil of Mr. Ernest Kiver (holder of Half-Fee Pianoforte Scholarship). Song, "The Blackbird's Song" (Cyril Scott), Miss Ruby Jenkins, pupil of Mr. Gale Gardner (holder of Half-Fee Singing Scholarship) Pianoforte solo, "Liebe straum" (Liszt), Miss Violet Johns, pupil of Mr. Wilton Cole. Pianoforte solo, Scherzo in B minor (Chopin), Miss Gladys Tucker, pupil of Mr. Herbert Lake (holder of Exhibition for Pianoforte). Miss Ethel Winder L.R.A.M., ably accompanied. Mr. Henry Tolhurst presented prizes to the following students who were successful at the annual examinations held in July last:—Harmony: Miss Isoult Osgood (Half-Fee Scholarship), pupil of Miss C. Heasman. Pianoforte: Miss Violet Cawston (Silver Medal Honours), pupil of Mr. Herbert Lake; Miss Isoult Osgood (Bronze Medal), pupil of Miss C. Heasman; Miss Cecile M. Crowther (Half-Fee Scholarship), pupil of Mr. Ernest Kiver; Miss Linda Osgood (Half-Fee Scholarship, Junior), pupil of Mrs. Boughton. Singing: Miss Katherine Cawston (Silver Medal Honours), pupil of Madame Ada Patterson; Miss M. Campling (Bronze Medal) and Miss Ruby F. Jenkins (Half-Fee Scholarship), pupils of Mr. Gale Gardner. Elements Prizes: Miss Irene Hubbard, pupil of Mr. Ernest Kiver; Miss Violet Cawston, pupil of Mr. Herbert Lake.

"THE MESSIAH."

Christmas could not be heralded in a

more appropriate way than by the grand music of Handel's "Messiah," and in selecting this famous oratorio for the December concert the Bromley Musical Society showed a keen appreciation of, and sympathy with, the spirit of the season. Handel's greatest work was worthily and adequately presented on December 21st in the presence of a large audience. There was one familiar figure absent from the platform, and that was the well-known form of the conductor, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, whose recent illness followed by a severe operation made it impossible for him to attend and occupy the post which he has filled with so much distinction for such a long period. As Mr. Bertram Latter announced before the performance began, this is only the second time that Mr. Lewis Thomas has missed being present in 30 years, during which period 110 concerts have been given by the Society. This is a wonderful record, and we cannot help thinking that the Society has been most fortunate in securing his able services, almost without a break, for so long a time. Mr. Thomas is now laid aside, but he is slowly, and, we hope, soundly, recovering from what was a very severe operation. His brother, Mr. W. Henry Thomas, a distinguished musician, very generously stepped into the breach on Tuesday night. Although a busy man, he gladly and willingly placed his services at the disposal of the Society, and the best thanks of the members and also of the public are due to him.

A splendid quartet of artistes had been engaged for the performance. The soprano was Miss Florence Holderness, who is the possessor of a voice of peculiar sweetness and purity and tone. Miss Gladys Coppin was the contralto, and she has a beautifully rich and musical voice, with most excellent enunciation. The male principals were Mr. Fred Norcup, a singularly gifted tenor, and Mr. Bertram Mills, a mellow bass of great power. With such a bevy of brilliant artistes, the success of the concert, so far as the solos were concerned, at any rate, was from the beginning absolutely assured. With regard to the chorus, one can only speak of their work in terms of the highest praise. Rarely have we heard them let themelves go with such delightful dash as they did on this occasion. The orchestra, too, did noble work, and the slips in the choruses and accompaniments were few and far between. The success of the performance was, of course, largely due to the controlling hand of Mr. W. Henry Thomas, who had a wonderful command over his forces.

BROMLEY SCHOOLMASTERS SUCCESS.

Mr. J. J. Webber, the recently appointed head master of the Valley Boys' School, has successfully passed the difficult final examination of the Bachelor of Arts degree at London University. In addition Mr. Webber holds the Intermediate Science Certificate of that University, so that he is within view of that coveted distinction a double degree. The Valley Boys' with three full chested cheers congratulated Mr. Webber, B.A., on his splendid achievement, being the first head master of a Bromley school to so honour the Borough.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES.

The following passed in piano playing at the recent school examinations of the Associated Board R.A.M. and R.C.M.:—

F. Ruth F. Richardson (Lower Division), pupil of Miss C. Heasman, "Ravensfell," Bromley.

Marguerite A. J. Speyer (Lower), pupil of Miss Christine Heasman, the Bromley School of Music.

Beatrice L. James (Lower), Bernard J. James (Elementary) and Vera M. Stocker (Primary), pupils of Mrs. Balme, L.R.A.M., 56, Lansdowne-road, Bromley.

Gladys G. Frazer (Primary), pupil of Miss Hackforth, B.A., Kinnaird Park School, Bromley.

Jennie Cardwell (Higher), Doris Carr (Higher), Edith M. Woodrow (Higher), Ruth Wingate (Higher, distinction, violin), Elsie Warth (Higher, violin), Phyllis Harding (Higher, violin), Joan Weyman (Elementary), and Gladys D. Humerston (Primary), pupils of Mr. Henry T. Jarvis, 63, Tweedy-road.

Marjorie A. Clarke (Primary), pupil of Miss Agnes A. Stone, "Houghton," 17, Cambridge-road.

Vera Vreede (Lower), Dorothy Fletcher (Lower), Beatrix Blumfield (Elementary) and Gwendoline Yarrow (Elementary), pupils of Mrs. S. R. Leishman, Belmont, Southboro'-road, Bickley.

Dorothy K. Drake (Higher), pupil of Miss Hammond, L.R.A.M., "Messina," Blenheim-road, Bickley.

CANTATA AT BROMLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The choir of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, gave a capital performance of Maunder's "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," on Dec. 15th. Great improvement has taken place in recent years, and on the occasion under notice a really good volume of tone was produced, considering the number of the performers. It is not a large choir, but what is lacking in quantity is made up in quality. Maunder's composition contains some stirring choruses, and these were rendered in a very creditable manner. The solos were undertaken by Miss E. Haughton (soprano) and Mr. Arthur Rose (bass), and it was a pleasure to listen to their singing and clear enunciation, and Mr. T. Henry Jarvis, the choirmaster and organist, is to be congratulated upon having such able assistants. Mr. Jarvis played the accompaniments with his accustomed skill.

BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The first general meeting of the Beckenham and District Beekeepers' Association was held at St. Mark's Church Room, Mason's Hill, Bromley, on Nov. 27th, when Mr. W. Herrod, F.E.S., expert apiarist and lecturer to the British Beekeepers' Association, gave an inaugural address and a lecture on "Bees and Modern Beekeeping," illustrated by limelight views. There were over 100 interested people present, who were well repaid for turning out on a very bad evening.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

1st.—Gymnastic display at Bromley Wesleyan Schoolroom by the Bromley Gymnastic Club.—Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., entertained to dinner at Bromley Conservative Club.—Soiree at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common, in connection with St. Luke's Men's Hour.

2nd.—Chamber music subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.

5th.—Address by Mr. R. Murray Hyslop, J.P., at Bromley P.S.A. Brotherhood.

6th.—Annual dinner of Bromley Town Bowling Club at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley.—Annual dinner of the Bromley Bowling Club at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.—11th.—Annual concert of the Bromley branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Bye-election in Plaistow (Bromley) Ward to fill the vacancy on Bromley Town Council caused by the retirement of Mr. M. H. Marks.

7th.—Conservative demonstration at the Lecture Hall, West Wickham.—Dramatic and vocal recital by Mrs. Tobias Matthay and Mr. Plunket Greene at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Address by Mr. G. H. Warren on the work of the Police Court Mission among the hoppers, at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church Hall.

8th.—Primrose League meeting at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Concert at St. Mark's Church Hall by the pupils of Aylesbury-road Council School.

9th.—Presentation of the sketch, "The Martyrs of Liberty," at the Parish Room West-street, Bromley, in aid of the Bromley Literary Institute.

11th.—Bromley Choral Society's concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

12th.—United service for men at Bromley Parish Church.—Bromley Territorials attend divine service at Bromley Parish Church.—28th anniversary services in connection with the Central Hall.

13th.—Address on "Socialism and Its Perils" by Mr. J. A. Slater, at Bromley Conservative Club.—Police Minstrels entertainment at the Drill Hall, Bromley, and following night.—Annual vestry meeting at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.—C.E.T.S. social gathering at St. Mark's Church Hall.—C.E.T.S. entertainment at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.—Address on "Peers or People," by Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.

15th.—Bromley Teritorials' annual prize distribution at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

16th.—Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., of "Waverley," Sevenoaks, formally adopted as the Liberal candidate for the Sevenoaks Parliamentary Division.—Annual exhibition of pupils' work at Holmcroft School, Holwood-road, Bromley.

17th.—Lecture on "Joan of Arc," by the Rev. H. Bedford Pim, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.—Liberal demonstration at the Public Hall, Beckenham.

18th.—Second biennial dinner of the Old Quernmorian Club at Holborn Restaurant, W.C.—Concert by pupils of Madame Effie Thomas at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.

20th.—Annual distribution of prizes at Quernmore School.

21st.—Bromley Musical Society's annual Christmas concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Lecture on "How to See a Picture," by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, at the Institute, Widmore.

22nd.—Annual prize distribution at Bromley elementary schools.

25th.—United service of Bromley Congregational, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches at Bromley Baptist Church.

30th.—Conservative demonstration addressed by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

Sir Francis F. Belsey, J.P., gave the addresses at the Central Hall, Bromley, on Dec. 12th, on the occasion of the twenty eighth anniversary of the flourishing Sunday School there, and very helpful and inspiring addresses they were, crowded with beautiful thoughts and wise sayings. Accompanying Sir Francis were Mr. W. J Gibbs, the esteemed hon. secretary and superintendent of the Central Hall Mission, Sister Lilian and Mr. Bertram Pearce.

LOCAL REVIEW OF 1909.

Following our custom, we give in this issue a detailed summary of the most interesting local events during the past year, as they occurred month by month.

JANUARY.

2nd.—Social gathering at Raglan-road school in connection with Bromley South Evening Continuation Schools.——3rd.—Organ recital by Mr. Percy D. Hodsoll at Bromley Parish Church.——4th.—Inquest on Dr. H. B. Seddon, who committed suicide by taking poison. Destructive fire at Pickhurst Mead, Hayes, the residence of Mr. Huntley Walker. Lecture on the X-rays by Mr. A. C. Bodey at Bromley Public Library.——7th.—Reunion and New Year party at Primitive Methodist Lecture Hall, Bromley Common in connection with the Good Templars.——9th.—Lord Avebury presented the prizes to the successful students at Bromley School of Science and Art. Annual Christmas entertainment to the inmates of the Phillips' Memorial Hospital, Bromley.——10th.—Address, entitled "A New Year's Message," by the Rev. Canon Hammond, to men only, at Bromley Parish Church. Organ recital at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church. Debate on "Has Civilisation Benefited Mankind?" by members of the Borough of Bromley Debating Society. Lecture on "Sidelights on America," by Mr. David Williamson, at the Old Court House, Bromley. Lecture on "China and the Chinese," at Bromley Wesleyan Church. Lecture on "Some Notes on Church Furniture," by Mr. D. Chisholm Simpson, at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.—13th.—Primrose League meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bromley, in connection with the Town Ward of the local Habitation. Debate on "Free Trade Essential to Leadership" at Bromley Liberal Institute. Annual dinner and concert of Sundridge Park Cycle Club at the Crown Hotel, Bromley. Dance and progressive whist drive in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. at White House, Bickley.——14th.—Lecture on "Montenegro as I saw it," by the Rev. T. T. Norgate, at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Address on the principles and work of the Parents' National Education Union, by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.——15th.—Liberal meeting addressed by Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., at The Haven, Keston. League of Progressive Thought and Social Service meeting at Bromley Public Library.——17th.—The Rev. A. H. Stevenson commenced his ministry in Bromley in succession to the Rev. G. V. Blois. Bromley Friendly Societies attend service at Bromley Parish Church.——18th.—Lecture on "Wanderings with a Camera," by Alderman T. Davis, at Bromley Public Library.——19th.—Annual winter tea and meeting of the W.T.A.U. at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.——20th.—Annual general meeting of the Bromley Men's Total Abstinence Union at the Old Court House, Bromley.——22nd.—Bioscope entertainment descriptive of the earthquake at Messina at the Central Hall, Bromley.——23rd.—Concert by pupils of Madame Effie Thomas at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.——24th.—Organ recital by Mr. Harry Youens at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common.——25th.—Opening of a six days' floral exhibition at the Drill Hall, Bromley, in connection with the Industrial Training Homes for the afflicted blind and crippled girls of the United Kingdom. Hockey match between London and the combined Universities, on Bromley hockey ground. "Model Parliament" at Bromley Public Library.——26th.—Lantern lecture on "A Visit to the Playground of Europe," by Mr. W. G. Lambert, at West-street Parish Room, under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the C.E.T.S.——27th.—Lecture on the daylight saving scheme, by Mr. W. Willett, at Bromley Public Library. Fifth annual dinner and distribution of prizes in connection with the Plaistow Green Quoit Club at the "Prince Frederick," Bromley. Conservative concert at The Haven, Keston. Soiree by the St. Luke's Men's Hour at the Mission Room, Bromley Common.——31st.—Address on "The Early History of St. Mary's Church," by Mr. W. R. Mallett, at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane. The Rev. J. Scott-Lidgett, president of the Wesleyan Conference delivered addresses at the Central Hall, Bromley.

FEBRUARY.

1st.—Lecture on "Charles Dickens," by Mr. Andrew Carr, at Bromley Public Library. Annual meeting of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society at the Beech Tree Hotel, Bromley.——2nd.—Alderman George Lawrence admitted to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Bromley.——3rd.—Annual Brewster Sessions at Bromley.——4th.—Chamber music subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.——5th.—Lecture on "The Protection of Child Life," by Miss Constance Smith, at Bromley Public Library. Annual meeting of the Bromley and District Liberal Association at the Liberal Institute, Bromley.——6th.—Sundridge Laundry employees' New Year party at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley.——7th.—Organ recital by Mr. Harry Youens, at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common. Organ recital by Mr. Frederic Fertel at Bromley Parish Church. Address on "Christian Progress," by the Vicar of Bromley, at St. Mary's Men's Hour.——8th.—C.E.T.S. entertainment at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room. Debate by the members of the Borough of Bromley Debating Society on the subject: "Is the Theory of Bi-metallism Sound?" Entertainment at St. Mark's Church Hall in connection with the Bromley branch of the C.E.T.S.——9th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society at Weststreet Parish Room. Temperance lantern lecture by Mr. F. W. Challis at Bromley Wesleyan Church Schoolroom. Address by the Lord Bishop of Rochester to the Bromley and District Sunday School Teachers' Association at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.——10th.—Annual ball of the A and B Companies "The Queen's Own" Royal West Kent Regiment at the Drill Hall, Bromley. N.S.P.C.C. meeting at Bromley Central Hall.——11th annual meeting of subscribers to Bromley Cottage Hospital at West-street Parish Room.——12th.—Bromley Town Lawn Tennis Club annual dance at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

Concert by the band of the 1st Batt. of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Bromley Central Hall.——13th.—Annual entertainment in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Public meeting re the alleged sweating by the Salvation Army, at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley.——14th.—Service for men only at St. Mark's Church, Bromley. Selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," by the choir at the evening service at Bromley Congregational Church. ——15th.—Lecture on "Macbeth," by Miss Catherine Punch, at Bromley Public Library.——16th.—First annual meeting of Bromley Arts and Crafts Society at the Bromley Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.——17th.—Primrose League meeting at West-street, Parish Room. Evening concert at St. Mark's Hall by the I.O.O.F. Loyal Orphans' Friend Lodge. Debate on the future of the House of Lords, at Bromley Liberal Institute.——18th.—Members of the Sevenoaks Division Central Liberal Association held their annual meeting at the Liberal Institute, Bromley. Lantern lecture, entitled "Some footprints of the Moors in Spain," by Mr. D. Chisholm Simpson. ——20th.—Concert by Mr. F. Lewis Thomas at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, in aid of St. Mary's Organ Fund.—— 1st.—Organ recital by Mr. H. Youens at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley. Address on "Repentance," by the Right Hon. G. W. E. Russell, at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Men's Hour.—— 22nd.—Commencement of the competitions annually arranged by the Bromley Gymnastic Club. "Model Parliament" at Bromley Public Library. Address on "Women's Interests in Connection with the Municipality," by Mrs. Edwin Gray, at Bromley Public Library. Annual entertainment at St. Mark's Church Room under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society. Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of the Bromley Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.——23rd.—Lecture on "Bells and Bell-ringing," by Mr. Somerville, at the Old Court House, Bromley. An "At Home" by the Bromley and the Bromley Women's Liberal Associations at the Masonic Hall, Bromley, to meet Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., and Lady Lely. Half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company.——25th.—Illustrated lecture on "Christian Work in the Army," by Colonel S. D. Cleeve, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley. Bromley District Nursing Asociation meeting at Bromley Public Library.——27th.—Tariff Reform meeting at the "Prince Frederick," Bromley.

MARCH.

1st.—Address on "Mendelism: a Theory of Heredity," by Dr. A. E. Price, at Bromley Public Library. Lecture on "The Sun, Moon and Stars," by Mr. Albert T. Harris to members of the Bromley Common Men's Brotherhood at the Primitive Methodist Lecture Hall, Bromley Common. Concert at Bromley Central Hall——2nd.—Entertainment by Mrs. Mitchell Palmer on behalf of the bootless schoolchildren of Bromley, at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church Hall. ——3rd.—Adjourned Brewster Sessions at the Court House, Bromley.——4th.Chamber music subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.——5th.—address on "Our Fellow Subjects in India," by Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, at Bromley Public Library. Eleventh annual meeting of contributors to the Queen's Reign Commemoration Fund at the Municipal Buildings, Bromley.——6th.—Concert by Bromley Musical Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——7th.—Organ recital by Mr. Percy Hodsoll at Bromley Parish Church.——8th.—C.E.T.S. meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room and an entertainment, under the direction of Mr. Henry T. Jarvis. Entertainment at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of the Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association. Address, entitled "A Chat About Our Parish Magazine," by Mr. Frederick Sherlock, at St. Mark's Church Room. Address on "Efficiency and How to Obtain it," by Mr. W. A. Brewer, to members of the Bromley Motor Drivers' Club.——9th.—Tariff Reform meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley and District Tariff Reform League. United missionary meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room in connection with St. John's Missionary Association. Opening meeting of the newly-formed branch of the C.E.T.S. in connection with St. Mary's, Plaistow. Address, entitled "Who are the Makers of Public Opinion?" by Mrs. Reaney, at the Old Court House, Bromley. ——10th.—Annual general meeting of Shortlands Wheelers Cycling Club. Annual meeting of the Bromley and Plaistow branch of the National Deposit Friendly Society at the Parish Room, West-street. Public meeting at Bromley Public Library in connection with the Adult School movement.——11th.—Annual distribution of prizes and certificates by Mrs. Runciman at Bromley High School for Girls.——13th.—Meeting of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.——14th. —Special service for men at St. George's Church, Bickley. Address on "Leadership," by Mr. G. A. King, at a service for men, at Bromley Parish Church. Sermon by the Rev. C. B. Scott, chief organising secretary of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, at St. John's Church, Bromley. ——15th.—Rummage sale at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common. Lantern lecture, "The Isles of Dreams: the Hebrides," by Miss Margaret McMillan, at Bromley Public Library.——16th.—Lecture on Chartres Cathedral, by Miss Jackson Mason, at Bromley Public Library. Annual meeting of Bromley Conservative Club. Debate on "Poor Law Reform and Unemployment," at Bromley Public Library.——17th.—Sale of work at the Parish Room, West-street, on behalf of Christ Church (Bromley) branch of the Church Missionary Society.——18th.—Primrose League meeting at St. John's (Bromley), Parish Room in connection with the Sundridge Ward of the Bromley Habitation. Lantern lecture on "Art and Craft in Early England," by the Rev. H. Bedford Pim, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.——22nd.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley, with addresses by the Rev. Preb. H. Webb-Peplow and the Rev. J. Gregory

Mantle. Bromley Swimming Club held their eighth annual meeting at the Literary Institute. Reopening of Bromley Grand Hall. "Model Parliament" at Bromley Public Library. Address on "Sweating and Its Remedies," by Miss Gertrude Tuckwell, at Bromley Public Library.——23rd.—Lecture by Mr. David Williamson at Bromley Baptist Church. Meeting of Legion of Frontiersmen at the Swan and Mitre Hotel, Bromley.——27th.—Concert by Bromley Choral Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Primrose League meeting at Raglan-road School, with an address by Mr. Adam Walker and a musical entertainment by Madame Ellen Cowdell.——28th.—Address, entitled "A Visit to Algiers," by Mr. J. H. Smeeton, at Bromley Baptist Church. Bromley P.S.A. celebrated their 15th birthday. Local friendly societies attend service at Bromley Presbyterian Church. Special sermon preached at St. John's, Bromley, on behalf of the Christian Evidence Society. ——29th.—Lecture on British birds, by Mr. J. Walpole Bond, at the Parish Room, West-street. Bromley Town Council bye-election, caused by the resignation of Mr. T. M. Tolputt. Inauguration of a series of meetings in Bromley to celebrate "The Children's Charter."——31st.—Opening of a two days' sale of work at Widmore Wesleyan Church in aid of the Trust and Circuit Funds. Gymnastic display by pupils of Miss Fertel, of Holmcroft School, at the Gymnastic Hall, College-slip. Presentation of Harold Moore's cantata, "The Darkest Hour," by the choir of Bromley Parish Church. Last social fixture of the season of the Bromley Athletic Club at the Masonic Hall, Bromley. Presentation of Stainer's "Crucifixion," by the choir of Bromley Presbyterian Church.

APRIL.

2nd.—Liberal meeting at West Wickham, addressed by Sir Frederic Lely. Lecture on "The Old Italian Method of Voice Production in Song and Speech," by Mr. C. E. P. Wilson, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on behalf of the funds of the Phillips' Memorial Hospital.——3rd.—First annual concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the 5th Batt. of the Royal West Kent Regiment at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Annual meeting of governors at the Lady Margaret Hospital, Bromley.——4th.—Address, entitled "A Ramble in the East," by Sir Frederic Lely, at a meeting of the Bromley P.S.A., at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Presentation of Stainer's "Meditation on the Crucifixion," by the choir of Bromley Congregational Church. Annual performance of part of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common.——5th.—Meeting of the Bromley Literary and Debating Society at Bromley Public Library, with a discussion on "Should there be private property in the land?"——6th.—Concert by the East London Juvenile Blind Choir at the Central Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Blind School Funds. Social evening at the Old Court House, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley Men's Total Abstinence Union. Lecture on "The Evolutions of the Book," by Mr. W. J. Harris, at Bromley Public Library. Lecture on "Astronomy and Astronomers," by Mr. David G. Simpson, at Bromley Literary Institute.——12th.—C.E.T.S. entertainment at St. John's Parish Room, Bromley.——14th.—Bromley Gymnastic Club annual display and presentation of prizes at the Central Hall, Bromley.——16th.—Concert at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.——19th.—Meeting of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——20th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Town Cricket Club. Public meeting at the Valley School, Shortlands, under the joint auspices of the Beckenham and Bromley Liberal Associations.——21st.—Progressive whist drive in aid of the funds of St. John's (Bromley) Wednesday Football Club, at St. John's Parish Room.——22nd.—Evening concert by pupils of Mrs. Frank Richardson at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.——23rd.—Bromley Camera Club social evening at West-street Parish Room. Annual meeting of the Management Committee of the Bromley Sports Ground at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley. Sir Alexander Simpson occupied the pulpit at Bromley Presbyterian Church.——26th.—Second annual meeting of Bromley Literary and Debating Society at Bromley Public Library.——27th.—Bromley Musical Society's concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Public debate on "The Naval Programme," at the Liberal Institute, Tweedy, road, Bromley.——28th.—Annual banquet of Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society at the Bell Hotel, Bromley. Annual meeting of the Sevenoaks Central Conservative Association at the Public Hall, Beckenham.——29th.—Free Trade demonstration at the Drill Hall, Bromley, addressed by Lord Avebury, Mr. John Ward, M.P., and others.——30th.—Annual meeting of the Jackson allotment holders at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common. Lecture on "Mistaken Ideas About Motor Cars," by Mr. George Watson, at Bromley Motor Drivers' and Mechanics' Club.

MAY.

1st.—Boxing tournament at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——Lecture on "Vulcanising," to members of the Bromley Motor Drivers' and Mechanics' Club. Open-air meeting addressed by Sir Frederic Lely, at Chatterton-road, Bromley Common.——4th.—Liberal meeting, addressed by Sir Frederic Lely, at Hulstead.——5th.—Opening of a two days' exhibition of work at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church Hall in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society.——6th.—Public meeting, addressed by Sir Frederic Lely, at the Haven, Keston.——7th.—Free Trade demonstration at Farnborough, addressed by Sir Frederic Lely and Sir Murland Evans, Bart.——8th.—An "At Home" by Mr. Stanley Churton at the Lady Margaret Hospital, Bromley.——9th.—Address on "Christianity and War," by the Vicar, at Bromley Parish Church. St. John's (Bromley), dedication festival.——10th.—First concert of the Bromley Common Choral and Orchestral Society at the Village Hall, Bromley Common.——12th.—First annual dinner in connection with No. 1 (Bromley) Company of the Kent Cyclist Battalion at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley. Presentation of shield and prizes in connection with Bromley and District Working Men's Club

at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common.——13th.—Last of the series of chamber music subscription concerts at Bromley High School for Girls.——14th.—Meeting of the Bromley and District Health Society at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Band of the Royal Engineers at the Central Hall, Bromley.——16th.—Address on "Ancient Parish Registers," by Mr. T. K. Crossfield, J.P., at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Men's Hour. ——18th.—Meeting in advocacy of votes for women in connection with the Women's Freedom League, at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——19th.—Open amateur golf competition at Sundridge Park Golf Links. Annual prize-giving in connection with St. Mary's (Plaistow) Co. of the Church Lads' Brigade. ——20th.—Confirmation at Bromley Parish Church by the Bishop of Rochester.——21st —May Day festival at Bromley. Sale of work opened by Lady Lighton in the Lecture Hall of Bromley Trinity Presbyterian Church.——22nd.—Orchestral concerts at Bromley and Chislehurst by Miss Gwynne Kimpton and Miss Beatrice Fowle in aid of Bromley Cottage Hospital.——23rd.—Address on "The Beauties of Italy," by Mr. D. M. Mason, at Bromley P.S.A.——24th.—Empire Day celebrations at local elementary schools.——25th.—Local Government Board inquiry at Bromley concerning the application by the Town Council to borrow £111 for works of private street improvement in Prospect-place and £2,278 for street improvement and surface water drainage in Burnt Ash-lane, and £657 for the construction of a sewer in Hayes-lane and Hayes-road.——26th.—An "A B C" sale (aprons, baskets and cakes) at Yewhurst, South Hill, Bromley, in aid of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.——29th.—Commencement of the sports annually held in connection with Quernmore School.—— 31st.—Fifth annual band contest promoted by Bromley Borough Silver Prize Band, at Minster-road, Sundridge Park.

JUNE.

2nd.—First meeting of Bromley Charter Commemoration Committee when it was decided to again hold a fete and athletic sports in Sundridge Park in commemoration of Charter Day and in aid of the local hospitals.——3rd.—Sale of work at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley in aid of the Bromley branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society.——5th.—Garden fete at the Mansion, Sundridge Park, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.——6th.—Dedication festival at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common. Address by Mr. J. S. Phillpotts to the members of St. Mary' (Plaistow) Men's Hour.——7th.—First annual dinner of the Bromley and District Motor Drivers' and Mechanics' Club. Address on "Church Progress in England and the English Church Union," by Rev. Canon Rhodes Bristow, at Bromley Literary Institute. Open-air meeting in connection with the Bromley and District Liberal Association at Hayes.——8th.—Annual athletic sports in connection with the Bromley County School for Girls, at Bromley Sports Ground.——9th.—Third annual gymnastic display by Bromley Wesleyan Gymnastic Club. Presentation of an oak writing table and chair and gold bracelet to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudson at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.——12th—Performance of the pastoral play, "Narcissus," at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Children's Hospital and the London Homœopathic Hospital. Members and friends of the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union entertained to a garden party by the Mayor of Bromley (Alderman T. C. McIntyre) at Northfield, Bickley.——13th.—Address, entitled "A National Church," by the Vicar of Bromley, at a service for men at St. Mark's Church.——14th.—Commencement of Bickley Cricket Week.——15th.—Annual distribution of prizes at Bromley School of Domestic Economy.Presentation to Mr. J. H. Ayers as marking the occasion of his retirement on pension from the post-mastership of Bromley. Inauguration of the annual session of the Rochester Diocesan Conference at the Public Hall, Beckenham. ——16th.—Bromley Football Club annual dinner at the White Hart Hotel. Opening of a bowling green by the Bromley Town Council on the Queen's Mead.——17th.—annual general meeting of the South Hill Football Club.——18th.—Annual cricket match between Mr. T. C. Dewey's XI. and the Bromley Police at Bromley Sports Ground.——19th.—Presentation of new colours by the King to the local Battalion of the Territorial Army, at Windsor.——21st.—Large and destructive fire in Market-square, Bromley. Presentations to Miss Soames, of Ravenscroft, prior to her departure from Bromley, in recognition of her devoted work in connection with St. Mark's Girls' Sunday School.——22nd.—Opening of a two days' bazaar at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom in aid of the Shortlands Congregational Mission.——23rd.—Bromley Camera Club annual summer excursion.——29th.—Public meeting at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, in furtherance of the objects of the League of Progressive Thought and Social Service. Bromley Parish Church Dedication festival. Bromley Women's Liberal Association "At Home" at Stotfield, Mavelstone-road, Bromley.

JULY.

3rd.—Illuminated fete in the grounds of the Bromley Lawn Tennis Club.——6th.—Fifth annual meeting of the County School for Girls, Bromley.——7th.—Conservative demonstration and fete at The Rookery, Bromley Common. Fourth exhibition of the Bickley Horticultural Society.——8th.—Tariff Reform meeting at Drill Hall, Bromley, to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.——10th.—4th London (Howitzer) Brigade, R.F.A., entertained at South Hill Wood by Colonel T. C. Dewey. Founder's Day garden party at Lady Margaret Fruitarian Hospital.——11th.—Friendly Societies' parade to the P.S.A. at the Grand Hall. Parade of St. John Ambulance Brigade to Bromley Parish Church. Baron Nicolay on the religious movement in Russia, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. ——12th.—C.E.T.S. garden meeting at "Lyndhurst," Westmoreland-road, Bromley. Formation of the Bromley Territorial Football Club.——13th.—Sports on the Queen's Mead in connection with the Bromley Athletic Club.——14th.—Annual show of the Beckenham Horticultural Society. Ram-

part Hand Fire Extinguisher demonstration in Babbacombe-road. G.F.S. Festival at "Elmfield." Bromley Common.——15th.—First annual general meeting of the Bromley and District Charity Cup Competition.——16th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Football Club at the White Hart Hotel. Presentation of prizes at C.E.T.S. Exhibition at St. Mark's Room.——17th.—Diocesan Sunday School festival at Bromley.——19th.—Distribution of prizes and certificates to Bands of Hope at "Lyncroft," the residence of the Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Soames.——20th.—Annual cricket match between the Bromley and Shortlands gardeners and coachmen on the Bromley Sports Ground.——21st.—Presentation to Mr. A. F. Hulbert, of Bromley Post Office.——22nd.—Annual cricket match between the Town Council and their staff on Widmore-road cricket ground. Presentation to Mr. G. Coppin on the occasion of his retirement from the post of head master of the Valley Boys' School.——24th.—Bromley Common Flower Show and sports. Fete at Quernmore in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society.——25th.—Mr. F. F. Sherriff on "Modern Thought" at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Men's Hour.——27th.—Concert at the Liberal Institute, Bromley. Presentation to Mr. John Maynard on the occasion of his retirement from the station-mastership at Bromley South Station.——28th.—Open-air meeting arranged by the Budget League in the Market-square, Bromley. Bromley Town Lawn Tennis Club finals and presentation of cups and medals.——29th.—Anti-Vivisection meeting at Elsworthy, Tweedy-road, Bromley. Summer treat to Workhouse inmates at High Elms, Farnborough.——30th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital at the Mansion House, London.——31st.—Conservative meeting in the Market-square, Bromley.

AUGUST.

2nd.—Charter Commemoration fete and sports in Sundridge Park, Bromley.——3rd.—Local Government Board inquiry at Municipal Offices relative to a loan for alterations to Bromley's refuse destructor.——8th.—Address by Mr. C. F. Nye on "Diet," at St. Mary's Men's Hour, Plaistow.——9th.—Al fresco concert at the Sports Ground, Hayes-lane, under the auspices of the Bromley Town Bowling Club.——12th.—Half-yearly meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company. Presentation to Qmr.-Sergt. Payne on the occasion of his marriage.——13th.—26th annual general meeting of the Bromley and South-Eastern Permanent Investment Building Society.——16th.—Annual outing of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common.——18th.—Lively debate on Socialism in the Market-square, Bromley.——19th.—Meeting of the Bromley Invicta Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.——21st.—Bromley Borough Band's success at the Dartford Band contest.——22nd.—Address on the early history of St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, by Mr. W. R. Mallett, at the Men's Hour. Rev. F. Y. Leggatt, M.A., at the Bromley Congregational Church.——28th.—Prize meeting of 5th Batt. Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.) on Milton Range.——29th.—Rev. J. L. Roderick, B.A., on "Why I am a Baptist," at the Bromley Baptist Church. Address on Archbishop Laud by the Rev. W. A. Carroll at St. Mary's Men's Hour, Plaistow.

SEPTEMBER.

1st.—Opening of Bromley football season, Bromley F.C. v. Bromley League.——5th.—Address on "Church Architecture," by Mr. Trevor J. Tatham, at St. Mary's Men's Hour, Plaistow.——11th.—Celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford at the Shortlands Valley Working Men's Club.——14th.—Local Government Board inquiry at Bromley with reference to the Town Council's application to borrow £5,227 for a recreation ground for North Bromley.——15th.—Bromley Territorials' annual shoot for tradesmen's prizes. Conference on education at Bromley Public Library. Presentation of cup and medals to Bromley Wednesday C.C., winners of Bromley Wednesday Cricket League.——17th.—Inauguration of the classes at Bromley School of Science and Art for the season 1909-10.——18th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Musical Society at the Parish Room, West-street.——19th.—Harvest thanksgiving services at the Central Hall, Bromley.——20th.—Beckenham Swimming Club's 17th annual gala. Minstrel entertainment by "The Blackbirds" at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common. Mr. F. N. Crabtree, of Uxbridge, appointed postmaster of Bromley.——21st.—Thirtieth anniversary in connection with the Bromley Common Iron Room.——22nd.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Choral Society at the Parish Room, West-street. Bromley Swimming Club's eighth annual gala at the Beckenham Baths.——24th.—Annual general meeting of Bromley Chess Club.——26th.—Harvest thanksgiving services at Bromley Congregational Church. Service for men at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common.——27th.—Bromley Revision Court, with Mr. Pinder Eversley, barrister-at-law, as revising barrister.——30th.—Harvest festival at St. John's Bromley.

OCTOBER.

1st.—Royal Engineers' String Band under Lieut. Flux at the Central Hall, Bromley.——2nd.—Open-air meeting at Bromley under the auspices of the Budget League.——3rd.—Harvest thanksgiving services at the Parish Church, St. Mark's St. Mary's (Plaistow), St. Mary's (Shortlands), St. George's (Bickley) and St. Luke's (Bromley Common.——4th.—First of the season's series of free popular lectures at Bromley Public Library.——5th.—Model Parliament (subject, "Electoral Reform") at Bromley Public Library under the auspices of the Bromley Literary and Debating Society. Presentation by Bromley Gymnastic Club to Mr. Richard Ayling, late captain of the club.——6th.—Marathon race and military tattoo at Bromley Sports Ground in aid of the local hospitals.——7th.—Fifth annual general meeting of the Bickley and District Horticultural Society. Annual meeting of the Bromley branch of the N.S.P.C.C. at the Masonic Hall.——8th.—Social gathering at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, in connection with the Naturalists' Society.

the Literary Institute and the Camera and Chess Clubs. Billiard match of 700 up at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley, between Mr. W. H. Sparrow and Mr. W. Eagle. ——9th.—Annual meeting of the Sundridge Park Golf Club.——10th.—Harvest festival at Bromley Wesleyan Church.——11th.—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Opening meeting of the session of the St. John's (Bromley) branch of the C.E.T.S.——12th.—Annual meeting and entertainment in connection with the Bromley branch of the C.E.T.S. at the Parish Room, West-street. Concert at the Institute, Tylney-road, under the auspices of the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society. Presentation to Alderman George Lawrence of his portrait in oils and a handsome silver tea and coffee service to commemorate his year of office as Mayor of Bromley.——13th.—Winding-up meeting of Bromley Charter Commemoration Committee.——14th.—Chamber subscription concert by the Misses Fowle and Kimpton at Bromley High School for Girls.——15th.—Sale of work at the Y.W.C.A., Widmore-rd., Bromley.——17th.—Mr. R. G. Bate on "Pragmatism" at St. Mary's Men's Hour, Plaistow.——18th.—Debate on "The House of Lords" at the Liberal Institute, Bromley. ——19th.—Debate on "Municipal Trading" at Bromley Public Library. Address by Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., on the Budget and Free Trade at the Co-operative Hall, Penge. Meeting of League of Progressive Thought and Social Service and lecture by the Rev. G. W. Thompson on "The New Renaissance" at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley.——20th.—First annual dinner of the Bickley and Widmore Bowling Club. "At Home" at the Royal Bell Hotel, under the auspices of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League. Presentation at Bromley Police Station to Mrs. Zwicker as a mark of appreciation for services rendered by her to the police. Concert recital by Mr. Arthur Newstead at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Ninth annual dinner of the Bromley Wednesday Cricket Club.—21st.—Lecture on "Church History," by the Rev. W. D. Fanshawe, M.A., at the West-street Parish Room.——24th.—Anniversary services at Bromley and Bromley Common Baptist Churches. Sermon to Friendly Societies by the Rev. W. Gowans at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow.——25th.—Local Government Board inquiry at Bromley relative to Town Council's application to borrow £5,045 for the erection and equipment of a new fire station. Concert at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of the Sick and Poor Fund. Social gathering at St. Mary's Church Hall, Farwig-lane, under the auspices of the Men's Hour.——26th.—Discussion on "Education and Human Happiness" by the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.——27th.—G.F.S. sale of work at Parish Room, West-street. Concert arranged by Mr. Bertram Pearce at the Central Hall in aid of the Bromley United Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home and Hospital Society. Anti-Vivisection meeting at the Town Hall, Bromley. Bromley Football Club's whist drive at the Masonic Hall. ——28th.—Primrose League meeting at the Village Hall, Bromley Common. Eighteenth annual show of the Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association at the Drill Hall.——29th.—Second annual meeting of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers at Bromley Public Library.——30th.—Cafe Chantant at St. John's Parish Room, Freelands-road, Bromley, in aid of parochial objects.

NOVEMBER.

1st.—Bromley Town Council annual elections. Phillips' Memorial Hospital annual pound collection. C.E.T.S. "Forward Movement" meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bromley. Progressive whist drive at the Town Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Cottage Hospital. Poole's Myriorama at Grand Hall, Bromley.——2nd.—Debate on Fiscal Reform at Bromley Public Library. Address on the work of the Waifs and Strays Society by Mr. G. A. Ward at Bromley Baptist Schoolroom. C.E.T.S. "Forward Movement" meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——3rd.—Autumn Convention of the Bromley, Beckenham and District Christian Endeavour Union at the Central Hall, Bromley. Tenth annual dinner of the Bromley Early Closing C.C. at the Swan and Mitre Hotel, Bromley. Sermon by the Archdeacon of Rochester at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow. Missionary meeting at Bromley Wesleyan Schoolroom. Annual dinner of the Bromley and District Quoiting League at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley. Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., entertained to dinner at the Bromley Conservative Club.——4th.—Sale of work at Bromley Baptist Schoolroom in aid of the Sunday School Building Fund.——5th —Whist drive and cafe chantant at the Masonic Hall, Bromley, in connection with the Town Lawn Tennis Club.——7th.—28th anniversary services at the Central Hall, Bromley. Organ recital by Mr. Frederic Fertel at Bromley Parish Church.——8th.—Concert recital by Miss Marie Hall and party at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room in connection with the C.E.T.S. "Forward Movement." Western Kent Sunday School Teachers' Conference at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom.——9th.—Lecture on Christian Science by Mr. Arthur R. Vosburgh at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Alderman T. Davis elected Mayor of Bromley for the ensuing year. Debate on the House of Lords at the Widmore Institute.——10th.—Alderman A. Lindsay Bell elected Chairman of the Bromley Education Committee. 28th annual exhibition of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Debate on Primary Education at the Liberal Institute, Bromley.——11th.—Chamber music concert at Bromley High School for Girls.——14th.—Mayor and Corporation attend divine service at Bromley Parish Church. Bromley Wesleyan Church Choir Festival.——15th.—Mr. Bert Harris' annual concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Tariff Reform meeting at the Valley School, Shortlands.——16th.—Debate on Education at Bromley Public Library. Address on the proposals for the revision of the Prayer Book, by the Rev. C. Cuthbert Naters, at the Literary Institute, Bromley. ——17th.—Lecture on "Health and How to Keep It," by Mr. A. B. Harding, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley. Prim-

rose League meeting at Bromley Town Hall. First annual dinner of the Shortlands Bowling Club at the Shortlands Tavern.——19th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Corporation Athletic Club at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley. Annual meeting of the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, High-street, Bromley.——20th.—First concert of the season of Bromley Musical Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——21st.—Confirmation service at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, conducted by the Bishop of Rochester.——22nd.—Opening of the annual two days' sale in connection with the Church Missionary Society at the Masonic Hall, Bromley. Debate on "Female Franchise" at St. John's Men's Club, Freelands-grove, Bromley.——23rd.—Demonstration in support of the Budget at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Production of Sheridan's comedy, The Rivals,' by local amateurs, at the Grand Hall in aid of the Bromley and District Nursing Association.——24th.—Confirmation service at Bromley Parish Church. Lecture on "Flying," by Mr. Robert W. Brewer at the Motor Drivers' Club, Mason' Hill, Bromley. Meeting at Bromley Public Library in support of the Bromley After-Care Association and the National Association for the Feeble-Minded.——25th.—Meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, in connection with the League of Progressive Thought and Socieal Service.——26th.—Address on "The House of Lords and the British Constitution," by Miss Florence Balgarnie, at Raglan-road Schools, Bromley Common. Lecture on "The National Councils of Women in Great Britain Beyond the Seas," by Miss Janes, at Bromley Public Library. Display of company and physical drill by the Plaistow Co. of the Church Lads' Brigade at St. Mary's Church Hall, Farwig-lane.——28th.—Hour of sacred music at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common.——29th.—Service of Intercession for Foreign Missions at Bromley Parish Church. Concert at the Old Court House, Bromley, in connection with the Bromley Men's Total Abstinence Union. Debate on the licensing laws at Bromley Public Library.

DECEMBER.

1st.—Soiree in connection with St. Luke's Men's Hour at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common. Gymnastic display in Bromley Wesleyan Schoolroom by the Wesleyan Gymnastic Club, assisted by members of the Bromley Gymnastic Club. Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., entertained at Bromley Conservative Club.——2nd.—Chamber music concert at Bromley High School for Girls.——5th.—Address by Mr. R. Murray Hyslop, J.P., at the Bromley P.S.A.——6th. Annual dinners of the Bromley Bowling Club and the Bromley Town Bowling Club at the Masonic Hall and White Hart Hotel respectively. Annual Railway Servants' Concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley.——7th.—Vocal recital by Mrs. Tobias Matthay and Mr. Plunket Greene at the Grand Hall. Debate on "Profit Sharing" by the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.——8th.—Habitation meeting of the Primrose League at the Grand Hall, Bromley. Concert at St. Mark's Church Hall by the pupils of Aylesbury-road School.——9th.—Dramatic sketch, "The Martyrs of Liberty," at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.——11th.—Performances of Gounod's "Faust" and "The Wedding of Shon Maclean," by Bromley Choral Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.——12th.—United service for men at Bromley Parish Church, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Curtis, Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Balham. Church parade of Bromley Territorials at Bromley Parish Church. Twenty-eighth anniversary of Sunday School in connection with the Central Hall, Bromley, with sermons by Sir F. F. Belsey, J.P.——13th.—Lecture on "Socialism and Its Perils," by Mr. J. A. Slater, at the Bromley Conservative Club, C.E.T.S. social gathering at St. Mark's Church Room. Entertainment, under the direction of Miss Cutbush, in St. John's Parish Room. Vestry meeting at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, for the election of members to fill vacancies on St. Luke's Burial Board.——14th.—Debate on "Philosophy and Psychology," opened by Mr. H. D Kelf, at the Bromley Public Library. Metropolitan Police Minstrels at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Address by Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.——15th.—Prizes presented to the local Territorials by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Maunder's cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley. Presentation at Bromley Police Station to ex-Police-constable John Fairweather, on his retirement on a pension after 25 years' service.——16th.—Annual exhibition of paintings, drawings, needlework, etc., done by Miss Fertel's pupils at "Holmcroft," Holwood-road, Bromley. Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., adopted as Liberal candidate for the Sevenoaks Division.——17th.—Lecture on "Joan of Arc," by the Rev. H. Bedford Pim, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.——18th.—Second biennial dinner of the Old Quernmorian Club at the Holborn Restaurant, W.C. Concert by Madame Effie Thomas' pupils at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley.——19th.—Christmas gifts by Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., to St. Luke's, Bromley Common, including a handsome spire to the church, with four-faced clock and a first-class peal of bells.——20th.—Distribution of prizes at Quernmore School, Bromley, by the Rev. Thomas Harrison, Vicar of Worsley.——21st.—Address on "Socialism and the Churches," by Rev. E. J. Barson (Penge), at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, in connection with the League of Progressive Thought and Socieal Service. Performance of Handel's "Messiah" by Bromley Musical Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley. Lecture on "How to see a Picture," by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, at the Bickley and Widmore Institute.——22nd.—Distribution of prizes at the various elementary schools in the Borough.——25th.—United service of Bromley Congregational, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in Bromley Baptist Church.——29th.—Gift of £3,000 for endowment to the Bromley Cottage Hospital by Mrs. Henwood, her son, Mr. Alfred Henwood, and her daughters, in memory of Mr. Paul Henwood.——30th.—Mr. H. W. Forster again adopted as Conservative and Unionist candidate for the Sevenoaks Division. Ad-

dress by Mr. Forster at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

WEDDINGS.

Among the interesting weddings during the year under review have been the following:—Mr. A. J. P. Salter to Miss G. E. Ashfield; Mr. Arthur G. L. Rogers to Miss Miller-Hallett; Lieut. R. Neville Flux to Miss E. T. Bollen; Mr. E. M. Bowns to Miss L. Stringer; Mr. F. T. Linell to Miss May Bell; Rev. C. F. Kite to Miss Webb; Mr. H. E. Leveson-Gower to Miss M. Marsh; Mr. E. R. Adams to Miss Ethel Wright; Mr. H. W. Arnold to Miss M. C. Dence; Mr. W. H. Willsher to Miss B. M. Ross; Mr. Philip Gold to Miss Amy Perry; Mr. C. B. Scholefield to Miss V. R. Cooper; Mr. Arthur D. Whatman to Miss Marjorie Child; Mr. G. A Forrest to Miss E. D. Egerton; Mr. H. T. Nunn to Miss Margaret M. Slipper; Mr. H. E. Adams to Miss M. G. Preston; Mr. C. Bovill to Miss V. E. Joan; Mr. E. J. George to Miss J. Holmes-Smith; Mr. G. Schmidt to Miss G. Chapples; Mr. W. F. Scott to Miss M. A. Hawkins; Mr. A. W. Hill to Miss P. Chubb; Mr. W. F. Proctor to Miss I. C. Griffith; Mr. T. H. Hubbard to Miss Edith Wells; Dr. J. T. Macnab to Miss G. V. Hewlett; Sir Murland Evans to Miss E. M. Newborne; Mr. W. Saggers to Miss Le May; Mr. W. J. C. Cave to Miss G. M. Nicholls; Rev. L. Brooksmith to Miss H. Morris; Mr. S. B. Forward to Miss F. R. Kerr; the Hon. B. Peel to Miss E. Alington; Mr. E. Stevens to Miss B. M. Worskett; Mr. H. G. Morrish to Miss H. M. Chubb; Mr. E. J. Davis to Miss B. Gibson; Mr. A. W. Smithers to Miss Mabel L. Bishop; Mr. E. F Duncanson to Miss G. M. Wells; Mr. W. N. Vinson to Miss Laidlaw; Mr. G. P. Pierce to Miss E. V. Bulley.

OBITUARY.

During the past twelve months the hand of Death has removed a number of well-known local residents, and the names of a few of these are recorded in the following list:—Mrs. W. J. Bartleet, who died on Jan. 5th; Mr. E. Packe, J.P., who died on Jan. 7th; Mrs. M. A. McColm, on Jan. 8th; Mr. Murray S. Richardson, M.A., on Jan. 11th; Mrs. Mary Crittall, on Jan. 30th; Miss Emma Thornton, on Feb. 11th; Mr. John Dunn, on Feb. 21st; Mr. James Batten, J.P., on Feb. 28th; Mrs. Eliza Pocock, on March 8th; Mrs Maria Smith, on March 9th; Miss Marian Aitken, on March 16th; Mr. Edward Dunn, on March 21st; Mrs. Eden Dyas, on March 28th; Miss Mary A. Beckley, on March 31st; Mr. John Hadden, on April 13th; Mr. F. G. Browne, on April 13th; Miss Amy Slade, on April 16th; Miss A. M. Boulcott, on April 19th; Mrs. Leto N. Devas, on May 14th; Mr. R. H. Hill, on May 30th; Mr. L. Fawell, on June 8th; Mr. Henry Earnshaw, on June 18th; Mr. W. Stannard, on June 22nd; Mr. Richard Berens, on July 14th; Mrs. Timmis, on July 17th; Mr. George F. Fertel, on July 23rd; Mr. Joseph Burgess, on Aug. 7th; Mr. Stephen B. Wheeler, on Aug. 12th; Mrs. Perry, on Aug. 13th; Mr. Roland W. Sprague, on Aug. 16th; Mr. John Carrick, on Aug. 26th; Mr. J. R. Pocock, on Aug. 29th; Mr. E. S. Harris, on Sept. 5th; Mr. E Davey Lavender, at "Rougemont," Grove Park; Mr. William Martin, on Oct. 3rd; Mrs. Blundell, on Oct. 6th; Mr. W. A. Amos, on Oct. 12th; Mr. George C. Boosey, on Oct. 22nd; Mr. Alfred Nicholls, on Oct. 29th; Mr. W. McKewan, J.P., on Nov. 15th; Mr. C. E. Burton, on Nov. 19th; Mrs. Griffith, sen., on Nov. 28th.

WOMEN WORKERS.

On Nov. 26th, at the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library, Mrs. Mann, B.A., presided over an interesting meeting held under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers, at which Miss Janes, the organising secretary of the Union, delivered a lecture on "The National Councils of Women in Great Britain Beyond the Seas."

Miss Janes gave a brief resume of the success that attended the congress held in Toronto in June last. The delegates, numbering more than 200, were accorded a most wonderful welcome, and at the conclusion of the business of the Council a delightful programme of sightseeing was gone through. Canada, she said, was very keen on higher education. At the present time there seemed to be a tendency to overcrowd the legal and medical professions, but the real need of Canada at the present moment was the development of its wonderful resources, through agriculture and its mines, etc. In conclusion, the speaker said that if she were 25 and had no husband she would make her home in Canada. She would do it with joy, feeling that she would meet with many people in Canada who would be entirely congenial and with whom she could learn much and live happily.

Miss Phillips announced that she had received 70 subscriptions, and that there were about 60 others to come in, which she hoped to receive as soon as possible.

PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY.

An excellent paper on the above subject was read by Mr. H. D. Kelf at the last meeting of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society held in the Lecture Hall at the Public Library. There was a fair attendance, presided over by Mr. F. S. Edwards.

Mr. Kelf, in submitting "That the study of philosophy and psychology is of practical importance," said the reason for the selection of such a wide and vague subject for discussion by the members of the Literary and Debating Society that evening was to make a slight attempt to counterbalance so much discussion of current and topical politics.

The discussion which followed was contributed to by Mr. W. J. Harris, Mr. G. Symmons, Mr. F. S. Edwards, Mr. A. Gunner, Mr. Ward, Mr. A. Francis Clark, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Benson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Harris.

The motion, "That the study of philosophy and psychology is of practical importance," on being voted upon, was carried unanimously.

The customary votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

BOWLING CLUB DINNERS.

BROMLEY TOWN CLUB.

Notwithstanding that the function clashed with a similar gathering at the Masonic Hall, there was a large attendance at the annual dinner of the Bromley Town Bowling Club, which was held at the White Hart Hotel on December 6th. This club, which has a splendid bowling green on the Sports Ground, has made rapid strides during the past few years, and now numbers 80 members, and a company of nearly 100 assembled round the festive board on the night in question. Mr. R. H. Cressall, the hon. secretary, worked hard and enthusiastically in making the preparations for the gathering, and the arrangements were most complete and gave the greatest satisfaction. The post of honour was occupied by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.

The Chairman aptly distributed the prizes. There should, he said, have been three prizes to give away, but one of them (Councillor Newton's prize) had not yet been played for: the weather had prevented the match.

The president's prize was won by Mr. Cording, and Mr. Dewey's prize by Mr. R. Brown, and the successful bowlers were heartily applauded on coming forward to receive the prizes.

Mr. Alfred Wright, in characteristically happy terms, proposed the toast of "The Chairman."

Mr. Dewey, in reply, said it must be very gratifying to the committee of the club to know that they were within two of a hundred persons present at their dinner. What had occurred to him since he had been sitting there was the fact that the champion player's name was not permanently recorded, and he thought there should be a challenge cup on which the name of the champion each year should be recorded. He should be very happy indeed to supply that cup. (Applause.)

BROMLEY CLUB.

The 18th annual dinner of the Bromley Bowling Club, which was held at the Masonic Hall on Dec. 6th, will long be remembered as one of the most interesting and enjoyable gatherings of a social nature which has ever been promoted by the club. In point of keenness and social unity the members provide quite an object-lesson, besides which the club continues to hold an unequalled position in the town for popularity, and whose affairs are marked by unusual vigour and prosperity. At the gathering on Monday the chair was occupied by Mr. H. Hughes (a most ardent bowler and a popular vice-president of the club).

The Chairman presented the prizes as follows:—

Challence Cup and Championship Prize.—Won by H. Edger.

The "Edward Packe" Prize.—Won by T. Woof.

Prize Woods (presented by the late G. W. F. Loftus).—Won by W. T. Couldrey.

Prize Woods (presented by E. M. Garnar).—Won by T. Woof.

The Comyns Challenge Shield, and a Prize presented by a member.—Won by H. J. Green.

Novices' Prize (presented by a member).—Won by J. Morton Crouch.

Mr. E. M. Garnar was responsible for the admirable programme of music, which was contributed to by Mr. Turle Lee (who also accompanied), Mr. Richards, Mr. Neville J. Campkin and Mr. Arthur Blount.

The Dinner Committee, whose arrangements for the evening were excellent in every way, comprised Messrs. D. Payne, H. Edger, F. Medhurst, H. J. Green, E. T. Pellett and G. R. Hoare.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL.

Great interest was taken at Holmcroft School, Holwood-road, Bromley, on Dec. 16th in the exhibition of work done by the pupils of Miss Fertel. The exhibition embraced paintings, drawings, needlework, kindergarten, etc., and the visitors were numerous and expressed themselves as thoroughly pleased with everything they saw. Beautiful as the work has been in the past, the display on the present occasion was even more attractive, there being a greater variety and a more pleasing collection of exhibits.

Miss Rumsey, who adjudicated in the home needlework department, expressed herself as delighted with the exhibits. Miss F. E. Scholpp contributed a beautifully-made sideboard cloth, and won the prize presented by Miss Harrison, but the admirably-finished child's garment made by Miss Leta A. Besant was of almost equal merit, and Miss Rumsey had great pleasure in presenting an extra prize in order that the latter might not go unrewarded. In the junior class Miss G. Hamlyn carried off the prize offered by Miss Harrison with a daintily-made candle shade, prettily designed in holly and mistletoe, and fringed with beads.

The drawings and paintings made a very interesting collection. Miss Amy Whittle exhibited three excellent pictures—a girl with doves in sepia, and a French fisherwoman and a group of birds in water colours. Amongst other pictures worthy of special mention were a girl with dogs, in sepia, and two seascapes in water colours by Miss Jessie C. Mitchell; four heads in water colours by Miss K. Burkitt, the expression being very good; a sepia landscape by Miss Alice Dawe; a pencil drawing of foliage and serpent, nicely done by Miss Leta Besant: a landscape by Miss Olive Wentworth; two little pencil drawings (small, but showing great promise) by Misses E. Donelly and G. Scholpp; the head of a dog by Miss N. Powell; and two little seascapes in water colours, crisply executed by Miss F. Scholpp. Some splendid examples were shown in freehand and model drawing.

Miss Mary Higgens, of Glidden, Hammelton-road, Bromley, daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Higgens, of Hambledon, left estate of the gross value of £14,344, with net personalty £14,302. Testatrix gave £100 per annum to Emily Whyte, daughter of Admiral Whyte, £1,000 to Edward Maddocks, £50 to John Croft Deverell, as executor, and the residue of her estate to Girton College, Cambridge, for the foundation of scholarships of an annual value of £40 each, to be known as the "Higgens" Scholarships.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.

WHARTON ROAD SCHOOL.

The breaking-up function took place at this school on December 22nd. From two o'clock till three there was an exhibition of work done by the boys during the year—chiefly pen, pencil and paint brush drawing. Many of the parents availed themselves of the opportunity, and none could have been disappointed with the quality of the work done. The drawings of S. Badder and G. Railey deserved and received general commendation. The prizes were distributed by the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis).

AYLESBURY ROAD SCHOOL.

The prizes and medals for attendance were distributed at this school on Dec. 22nd by Mrs. Lindley Jones, who was accompanied by Councillor W. Lindley Jones and family. Alderman and Mrs. G. Weeks and party were also present, as well as a large number of parents and former scholars.

THE VALLEY SCHOOL.

The prize distribution at Shortlands Valley Boys' School took place on December 22nd. Unfortunately a number of the upper boys were not able to be present owing to their manual training class at Wharton-road falling on the same day. Mr. T. C. Rogerson attended. Proceedings opened with a short, crisp address from the headmaster (Mr. J. J. Webber, B.A.). He congratulated the boys who were to receive prizes, and exhorted the others to remember that the effort to succeed was itself a reward of high value. In thanking the school visitor for officiating he pointed out that most of the prize-winners had availed themselves of the Committee's decision to allow a woodwork tool to be chosen in the place of a book. He hoped this choice was to be allowed in future.

RAGLAN ROAD BOYS' SCHOOL.

The prize distribution took place at the above school on December 23rd. There were present Councillors B. Pearce and G. Haywood (members of the Education Committee), Mrs. Bertram Pearce, Mrs. Haywood, Mrs. Pearce (Roseville), Mrs. Williams (Brockhampton), Rev. J. L. Roderick and Mrs. Roderick, Mrs. Owen and Miss Williams. The several classes first gave a varied selection of school songs in unison and in two parts, carols, recitations, etc., and all were then assembled together to receive the prizes. Mrs. Pearce distributed 43 medals and 27 prizes. Four additional special prizes for perseverance and good conduct were also given by the head master.

ADDISON ROAD SCHOOL.

The annual prize distribution at the Addison-road Girls' and Infants' School took place on December 22nd. Among those present were the Vicar and Mrs. Gosselin, Mrs. Mann, Councillor Bertram Pearce, the Rev. and Mrs. Broadhead, the Rev. W. F. Kay, Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Yolland. After inspecting the needlework, brushwork, etc., some of which is to be exhibited in the forthcoming Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Mrs. Gosselin and Mrs. Sharpe distributed the prizes and medals awarded by the Education Committee for general efficiency and regular attendance. Eight silver medals were then presented to the girls by the school managers for good conduct and perseverance.

BROMLEY WESLEYAN GYMNASTIC CLUB.

A very bright and interesting gymnastic display was given under the auspices of the Bromley Wesleyan Gymnastic Club in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on December 1st, the Rev. William Wood occupying the chair. There was a large attendance, and all present were delighted with the programme. The performances by the girls belonging to the club were distinctly clever, and reflected great credit both on them and their able instructress, Miss Emily Powell.

St. Mary's Orchestra played some enjoyable selections during the evening, and the Rev. W. Wood thanked them for their services. He also expressed thanks to Miss Powell, and gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Bromley Gymnastic Club, who, he hoped, would come again. He explained that the display was in aid of the "Women's Auxiliary"—a most excellent missionary object.

ANOTHER BANK AMALGAMATION.

The interesting announcement was made on December 13th that a provisional agreement has been entered into for the amalgamation of the Bradford Banking Company, Ltd., with the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd. The provisional arrangement agreed to between the two parties provides that one share and one-sixth of a share (each share £12 10s. paid) of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., shall be given for ten shares of the Bradford Banking Company, Ltd. (each share £3 paid). For the purposes of this negotiation the value of a share of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., has been taken at £50. The shareholders of the Bradford Bank have already received for the half-year ended June 30th last an interim dividend at the rate of 2s. 6d. per share. A dividend will be paid for the half-year ending Dec. 31st inst. of 2s. 7½d. per share, the latter being at the rate of 5s. 3d. per share per annum. The shares to be issued by the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., will be entitled to dividend from that company as from Jan. 1st next. The London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., have arranged to appoint the directors of the Bradford Banking Company as a local advisory committee for five years.

By this latest absorption the London City and Midland Bank acquires a considerable additional interest in the business of Yorkshire, the Bradford Banking Company, although having only one office, being a sound and old-established firm, founded as far back as 1827. According to the latest balance-sheet, the total deposits amounted to £1,714,000, so that when the absorption is completed the total deposits of the London City and Midland Bank will stand at over 70 millions.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Raglan-road School, Bromley Common, on Nov. 26th under the auspices of the Bromley Women's Liberal Association. The chair was taken by Mr. W. J. C. Cave, and supporting him on the platform were Miss Florence Balgarnie, Mrs. Beaumont Morice, Mrs. Reid, and Miss Harvey.

The Chairman urged his hearers to prepare for the coming fight, and said if ever there was a time when hard work was required, it was at the present moment. They had come to a crisis in the affairs of the country, and that crisis deeply affected them and him.

Miss Florence Balgarnie then gave an interesting address on "The House of Lords and the British Constitution." She said it was a sheer case of impudent audacity for the House of Lords to presume to appeal to the people. What had the House of Lords to do with the people, she should like to know, and what had the people to do with the House of Lords. Liberalism and Labour were standing loyally together for the Budget, and it would be in the interests of the constituencies throughout the land that any differences between those two great parties should be dropped, and an arrangement arrived at to prevent three-cornered fights, a Liberal being chosen for such a division as Sevenoaks, and a Labour candidate for a manufacturing district, where the population was mainly composed of the working classes.

Mr. Beaumont Morice moved the following resolution: "This meeting expresses its deep sense of indignation that for the last three years an unrepresentative House should have defeated those measures of the Liberal Government designed to promote religious and political equality and the moral and social improvement of the people; and that at last, in a selfish endeavour to save land and liquor from making a just contribution to the revenues of the country, it is attacking the very foundations of the constitution." He said the action of the House of Lords was unconstitutional.

Mrs. Reid seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

UNITED MEN'S SERVICE.

On December 12th there was a large gathering of men at the Bromley Parish Church, the occasion being a United Men's Service, arranged by the various local branches of the C.E.M.S. in conjunction with the Men's Hour of St. Mary, Plaistow, and St. Luke, Bromley Common. The form of service was that used by the C.E.M.S. for general use, and was conducted by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar of Bromley). There was a good choir of men in attendance, and the service was characterised by much heartiness.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Curtis (Vicar of the Church of the Ascension, Balham, and Hon. Canon of Rochester), who took for his text the words, "... man in Christ." The preacher dealt with his subject under three heads—Manliness, Knightliness and Godliness, subdividing the former into Purity, Integrity and Loyalty. The sermon, a powerful one, was listened to with rapt attention throughout.

TERRITORIALS.

Colonel T. C. Dewey, J.P., fulfilled a very pleasing and interesting engagement at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on December 15th, when he distributed the prizes won by A and B Companies of the 5th Batt. the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.). He was supported on the platform, which was gaily decorated with the national colours, by Major Moore, Capt. C. Douglas Clark, jun., Capt. A. N. W. Clark, Mrs. T. C. Dewey, Mrs. C. D. Clark, sen., and Mrs. C. D. Clark, jun. There was a goodly company of Territorials with their wives and sweethearts.

Capt. C. Douglas Clark, jun., said he was very pleased to tell them that the strength of A Co. was 107 and B Co. 100, making a total strength of 207. That was better than it was last year. The ranks were filling up fast, and there were only 27 vacancies. As regards musketry, they had been able to put into the field a team which had made the highest average that had ever been made by the two Companies. The efficiency cup had been won by a man who had already got his Volunteer long-service medal. He had won it three years before, and he secured it this year for the fourth time. Capt. Clark alluded to Sergt. Hanmore. Sergt. Hanmore, he said, was not only an excellent shot, but he was a thorough, good sound Territorial. (Applause.) The Dewey Shield, most generously presented by their friend, Colonel T. C. Dewey, had been won for the third year running by Sergt. Hanmore's section. In conclusion, he appealed to the ladies present to use their influence—and he believed they had got very great influence—to get every one of their friends to join the Territorial movement. (Applause.)

Colonel Dewey then distributed the prizes a full list of which was given in our October number.

THE PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE.

At the Co-operative (small) Hall, on Dec. 21st, Rev. E. J. Barson (Congregational), of Penge, addressed a public meeting in connection with the above on the subject of "Socialism and the Churches." The room was well filled, and it is safe to say the meeting was the most enthusiastic so far held by the League in Bromley.

The speaker, in the course of an earnest and well-reasoned address, contended that although party politics should be kept out of the pulpit, the Christian Churches, to be true to their founder, must interest themselves in contemporary conditions in the workaday life of the people. They must place the evils of sweating, bad housing, unemployment, destitution, before their members, until those members, for very shame, should be forced to reason out for themselves, in the light of the principles enunciated by Jesus Christ, the methods by which those evils could be not only alleviated but eradicated.

Mr. George Older Worters, of Oaklands, Grove Park, Lee, well known in the wholesale grocery trade in London, having held a prominent position in the business of Messrs. James Budgett and Son, Ltd., for about 45 years, left estate valued at £29,558 gross, with net personalty £29,411.

NEW THEOLOGY.

A meeting was hed at the small Drill Hall, Bromley, on November 25th, under the auspices of the League of Progressive Thought and Social Service (Bromley and District branch), amongst those present being the Rev. Stanley B. James (Congregational), of Walthamstow, and the Rev. Ernest J. Barson, of Penge. There was only a small attendance.

Mr. Barson, who presided, said one of the most valuable results of the recent disturbance in theological opinion had been to give rise to a much more living discussion of things that really mattered to the thought and life of humanity. One result of the present unrest had been that men and women were in this 20th century more intensely interested in Jesus Christ than at any other period of the world's history, and no movement in thought or life could be treated lightly or with anything like disrespect and contumely that could point to that as one of the results of its activity.

The Rev. Stanley B. James then gave an address on "A Re-interpretation of Jesus." He said that the question of how they, as a movement, were to so express themselves as to reach and kindle the heart and imagination of the common people had been the outstanding problem to him as a practical working pastor. There was a danger that they should become a company of intellectuals, a mere cult with something very much like a creed, as opposed to other creeds, or at any rate, with a philosophy and a vague mysticism of their own which they would find very difficult to translate into common speech. Some of their branches, as he had discovered from experience, needed something by which they could really touch the heart as well as appeal to the thinking part of man. He was sure they were making a great mistake if they were allowing the person of Jesus Christ to drop into the background.

BROMLEY P.S.A.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and also a considerable number of other functions in the town, a good audience assembled at the Drill Hall on Nov. 29th on the occasion of the annual concert of the P.S.A. Brotherhood.

The programme was this year placed in the hands of Mr. Bertram Pearce, and it was generally agreed that the concert was one of the most attractive and pleasing of any recently held in the district.

The two lady vocalists were of exceptional ability. Miss Pitt Soper will be recollected by those who heard her in "Merrie England" last year, and her great success on that occasion ensured her a hearty welcome here again. She gave a particularly brilliant rendering of the difficult song "April Morn" (Batten), and was heartily encored. Her singing was a delight to listen to by reason of her purity of tone and ease of vocalisation.

Miss Esther Yunson came fresh from triumphs at the Queen's Hall on the previous evening. Although suffering from a cold her rich contralto voice and pleasing singing found much favour, and it is to be hoped that she will be heard again here before long.

JOAN OF ARC.

A delightful lecture on "Joan of Arc: Her Life and Times (1400—1450)" was given by the Rev. H. Bedford Pim at the Parish Room, West-street, on December 17th, under the auspices of the Bromley Camera Club. Mr. Pim's lectures are always a great attraction, and there was a large attendance, the President of the Society (Dr. John Scott) taking the chair.

Dr. Scott said they always considered themselves fortunate when they could get Mr. Bedford Pim to come and give them a lantern lecture, and he was sure they were going to have a treat.

The lecturer began by saying that he did not think there was need for any apology or reason for choosing "Joan of Arc" as the subject for that particular year. As they knew, almost the last stage had been reached by which according to a somewhat modern process, Joan of Arc was to be placed among that list of sainted persons whose lives and deeds had entitled them to that veneration which they ought to attribute to sainted persons. The year 1912 would be the 15th centenary of her birth, and that year, in France at least, would be marked by great festivities in her honour and by a great advance on the part of the Church in France.

PRESENTATION TO AN EX-POLICE CONSTABLE.

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Bromley Police Station on Dec. 15th, the occasion being the presentation by the officers and men of the Sub-Division of a handsome 14-day clock to ex-P.c. John Fairweather, on his retirement from the service. Mr. Fairweather joined the service on Nov. 7th, 1884, and was at first posted to the E or Holborn Division, and attached to the Tottenham Court-road Sub-Divisions. He was transferred to the D or Marylebone Division in 1886, and on the formation of the F Division, he till remained at Tottenham Court-road until Nov. 20th, 1888. He then applied for a transfer to an outer division, and was accordingly sent to the P or Camberwell Division, joining the Bromley Sub-Division on Nov. 21st, 1888. After serving 21 years at Bromley and four at Tottenham Court-road, he has now retired.

Inspector Coster made the presentation, reading the inscription upon the clock, as follows: "Presented to ex-Police-constable 268, John Fairweather, by the officers and men of the Bromley Sub-Division, P Division, Metropolitan Police, as a mark of respect, on his retirement, on a pension, after 25 years' service."

Mr. Fairweather suitably acknowleged the gift, thanking Inspector Coster, and also the officers and men. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and said that his children would value it very much, as he would do.

The directors of the London County and Westminster Bank have voted a sum of 250 guineas to the special fund for the liquidation of the capital debt of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Local Obituary.

MR. T. B. JONES.

The death has occurred of an old Bromley tradesman in the person of Mr. Thomas Borradaile Jones, who passed peacefully away at his residence, Homelea, Wingfield-road, East Grinstead, on Dec. 8th. The deceased gentleman was 70 years of age, and had lived in East Grinstead for some 20 years, going there when he retired from business. He was of a very genial and generous disposition, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place at Felbridge on Dec. 14th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. Thorp. Amongst the wreaths was a lovely tribute from Mrs. Browne and family, Bromley, "With deepest sympathy and as a token of a long-standing friendship."

MRS. GRIFFITH, SEN.

We have to announce the death, which took place at Central Hill, Upper Norwood, on Nov. 28th, of Mrs. Griffith, the mother of Mr. Henry Griffith and Colonel Frank Griffith, of Bromley. The deceased lady was in her 85th year. She was formerly well known in Bromley, and was a highly esteemed member of the Wesleyan Church. On December 2nd, after a service at the Upper Norwood Wesleyan Church, the body was conveyed to Bromley Cemetery for interment, where the burial service was conducted by the Rev. E. T. Carrier, assisted by the Rev. A. T. Kinnings. The Rev. W. Wood, of Bromley, was also present at the graveside. The floral mementoes were very beautiful, and the inscriptions thereon testified in a very marked manner to the very great affection with which the deceased lady was regarded by her relatives and friends.

MISS MARK.

The death of Miss Mark occurred on Nov. 20th at her residence, The Priory, Homesdale-road, Bromley. The deceased lady was a Church worker at St. Luke's, and in addition to her many other useful works conducted the Bible class for young women, a great number of whom attended the funeral. The first part of the service was taken by the Vicar of St. Luke's Church, the interment afterwards taking place in the family grave in St. Luke's Cemetery. The outer coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings, the inscription being—"Phœbe Elizabeth Mark, born Jan. 29th, 1853, died Nov. 20th, 1909." Many floral emblems of love and esteem covered the coffin and car. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. S. F. Harris, 6, Simpson's-road, Bromley.

MR. ARTHUR MARSHALL.

Much sympathy has been evoked in this district by the sad death of Mr. Arthur Marshall, of Erpingham, Chislehurst, which occurred after an operation on Dec. 9th. The deceased gentleman was perhaps one of the most popular residents of Chislehurst, his geniality and good nature making him a welcomed friend to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics, he was a staunch and uncompromising Conservative, and for several years he had been the hard-working hon. secretary and treasurer of the Chislehurst Conservative and Unionist Association. Apart from politics, Mr. Marshall was a sportsman of the truest old English type. A keen devotee of the royal and ancient game, he was one of the most prominent and useful members of the Chislehurst Golf Club. In March, 1907, Mr. Marshall was elected, without opposition, to the Chislehurst Urban District Council, on the proposal of Mr. W. Lund, seconded by Mr. H. J. Hadrill, filling the vacancy caused by Mr. E. Hatch's decision not to seek re-election. He leaves a widow and one little daughter to mourn their loss.

FEEBLE MINDED CHILDREN.

A public meeting was held in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library on Nov. 24th, under the auspices of an association recently formed in Bromley, which bears the name of the Bromley After-Care Association, and is a branch of the National Association for the Feeble Minded. The chair was taken by the president of the association, the Rev. W. A. Carroll; and the principal speaker was Mrs. Hume Pinsent, a member of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble Minded. Sir William Chance, president of the National Association for the Feeble Minded, was expected to be present to deliver an address, but was unable to attend.

The Chairman moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting there is urgent need of immediate legislation on the lines recommended in the Report of the Royal Commission on the care and control of the feeble-minded, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lord Chancellor, the Home Office, the Local Government Board, the Board of Education, the Lunacy Commissioners and to the Member of Parliament for the Sevenoaks Division of Kent." Dr. Stilwell seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

AMONG THE HOPPICKERS.

Mr. G. H. Warren, Police Court Missionary, gave a lantern lecture, entitled "C.E.T.S. Work Amongst the Hop-Pickers," in the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, on December 7th, Mr. E. J. Gripper presiding. The lecturer spoke of the Hop-pickers' Missions carried on with enthusiatic zeal by Police Court Missionaries and their male and female assistants, to the number of over 40 workers. Thousands of immigrant pickers constitute a special field for mission work, and for many years the Diocesan Society has ministered to the bodily and spiritual wants of these visitors. The work consists of visiting in the various camps, distributing literature, conversations while picking, and holding lectures, Sunday-schools and services, concerts, and writing and reading rooms arranged when possible, as counter attractions to the public-house. The care of the sick was an important feature of mission work amongst hop-pickers. In some large gardens sufficient funds had been raised to provide a small hospital or dispensary, while in other smaller districts a nurse visited the huts or saw patients at appointed hours.

The self-denial and thanksgiving offerings at Bromley Presbyterian Church in aid of foreign missions amounted to £57 6s.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

A very successful whist drive, promoted by the tradesmen and others of Chislehurst, was held at the Chislehurst Village Hall on December 8th, the executive committee comprising Messrs. Charles H. Page (hon. secretary), C. A. Bulley (hon. treasurer), A. Dean, L. Dean, W. Brigden, sen., and H. H. Boyall. The stewards who attended to the comforts of the guests in the matter of refreshments were Messrs. Rogers, W. Brigden, sen., Powell, Bulley, W. Brigden, F. Brigden, Worger, Malby, Rice, Young and Judd. There were upwards of 50 couples at play (including a party from Sidcup), and a capital contest resulted as follows:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. G. Worger, 229; Mrs. L. Haken, 228, and Miss Lee, 228; Mrs. Haken won the replay. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. F. H. Brigden, 240; 2, Mr. E. Malby, 235; 3, Mr. J. Pierce, 224. The handsome prizes were gracefully distributed by Mrs. Worger, winner of the ladies' first prize, and Mr. Bulley briefly voiced the thanks of the organisers to those present for their support.

CUDHAM.

A sad accident, involving the death of a boy named Albert John West, aged 14 years, in the employ of Bucknill and Son, confectioners, Thornton Heath, happened in Single-street, Cudham, on Dec. 16th. It appears that the man in charge of the van had stopped at the Jail Inn, and fixed the reins on the hook in front of the van overhanging the seat, and from some unexplained reason the horses bolted. They cleared several dangerous corners along tthe road, and when approaching the house of Mr. George Crane, the van ran into the bank, upsetting and pinning the boy underneath. Great difficulty was experinced in getting the boy out, only to find that he was dead. At the inquest the doctor, in his evidence, suggested that the boy in jumping from the van broke his neck, and death was instantaneous. The verdict of the jury was one of Accidental Death.

FARNBOROUGH.

The new Wesleyan Chapel at Farnborough was opened with appropriate ceremony on Dec. 6th, and a considerable amount of interest as well as generous help was manifested on the occasion. The present building is designed for the purpose of serving temporarily as a chapel-schoolroom, the object being to erect a larger structure for a chapel, when required by future developments. Messrs. Withers and Meredith, of London, were the architects, and Messrs. Owen and Sons, Farnborough, the builders. The day's proceedings commenced with a service at four o'clock, when an eloquent and powerful sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. J. Scott Lidgett, ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference, a remarkably good congregation being present. After the service, tea was provided, and was followed by a public meeting, at which again there was a good attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Peter F. Wood, of Chislehurst, who was supported by the Rev. Dr. Scott Lidgett, the Rev. W. Wood (Bromley), the Rev. C. A. Heading (Widmore), and the Rev. J. Critchison (Chislehurst).

GREEN-STREET-GREEN.

A Bohemian concert was held at the Village Hall on Dec. 2, and although heavy rain fell throughout the whole evening, there was a very fair attendance, and as a social entertainment it was a decided success, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. A. Geere, W. L. Gill and R. Gray, aided by the secretary, Mr. S. E. Throp, and Mr. A. Ellis, the assistant secretary, in arranging the matter. The interior of the premises was artistically decorated with flags and plants, kindly lent by Messrs. Crafter and Staples, respectively, in addition to which Mr. Dean was good enough to provide the stage scenery, which made a pretty background, and lent an excellent effect to the room. Hearty receptions were given at the end of their selections to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed to the evening's harmony, and most of them were loudly encored.

The annual smoking concert and distribution of prizes in connection with the Green-street-Green Rifle Club took place at the Rose and Crown Inn, Green-street-Green, on Dec. 16th, the chair being taken by Mr. E. Allnut. There was a good attendance of members, cadets and friends, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Chairman spoke of the prospects of the club and of the facilities it afforded the men and lads of the district to become good rifle shots at little cost. The annual subscription was only 1s. and ten rounds of ammunition was provided for 2d. The Chairman then gave a short summary of the club's progress. In 1908 there were 79 members, and 9,850 rounds of ammunition were expended. The club had played seven matches, won four, and lost

KNOCKHOLT.

An impressive service was held in Knockholt Parish Church on Dec. 2nd. The occasion was the festival of St. Katharine, the patron saint of the church. Festal evensong was attended by the Knockholt Brass Band, which played the hymns first playing "The Church's one foundation," outside the church. The special psalms were the 1st and the 149th, and these were exceedingly well rendered by the choir, who also sang the anthem, "What are these?" (Stainer). The solos were taken by Mrs. Swanston (soprano) and Mr Blaydon Hackett (bass). The sermon was preached by the Rev. Ronald Bayne, of St. John's, Walworth, S.E., who took for his text, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." The recessional hymn was followed by the solos, "For behold, darkness," and "The people that walked in darkness" (Handel), and "O God, have mercy" (Mendelssohn), which were beautifully rendered by Mr. Blaydon Hackett. The service closed with the Nunc Dimittis, the band providing a suitable voluntary.

ORPINGTON.

Miss Hilda D. Reeves, of Somerset-road, Orpington, passed, with honours, the December examination of the London College of Music, in the elementary section, for pianoforte playing.

Quite apart from the concert given by the local branch of the Amalgamated Society of

Railways Servants, Messrs. Marks and Hopkins, with the assistance and co-operation of the Railway Joint Committee of Management and residents of the Orpington district, have given several very successful concerts at Orpington on behalf of the Railway Men's Convalescent Home. To this home all railway men, whether members or not of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, are eligible for admission. This year the tenth annual concert was held at the Crystal Palace, on behalf of the home, and the financial statement recently issued in connection with the concert shows that the balance remaining to the benefit of the convalescent home, after paying all expenses, amounted to £228 3s. 2d. For the sale of tickets, Messrs. Marks and Hopkins, of the Orpington Station, stood second on the list, with £65 18s. 6d. The total proceeds of the concert amounted to £322 0s. 4d., and the expenses came to £93 17s. 2d.

ST. MARY CRAY.

The monthly meeting of the St. Mary C.E.T.S. was held in the Institute at St. Mary Cray on Dec. 28th, the Vicar presiding. The Rev. T. Gregory, curate of St. Mary Cray, gave a very interesting and instructive address on the beginning of the formation of temperance societies and the origin of the public-house. He also gave experiences of cases of intemperance he had dealt with in Tredegar, his former parish, and concluded by urging all present to take their part in this great fight. There was an excellent entertainment. Miss Boxall and Miss Brenchley played pretty pianoforte duets; Miss Dorothy Oxley gave recitations with great effect, and received an encore; Mrs. Gregory sang very tastefully, and also was encored; and Master Childs and Miss W. Savage played violin and pianoforte duets very prettily. At the close the Vicar thanked all who had helped, and especially Mr. Gregory for his address. The collection amounted to 5s. 4d.

The late Mr. Richard Berens, of Marlings, St. Paul's Cray Common, son of Mr. R. B. Berens, J.P., left property valued at £9,248.

Mr. William Lee Thornton, of Sunnymead, Chislehurst, late of St. Petersburg and Moscow, left estate valued at £203,765 gross, with net personalty £196,189.

Mr. Herbert Frederic Allen Ray, of Whitmore-road, Beckenham, formerly of 29, Queen's-road, Beckenham, and late of the Stock Exchange, who died on Aug. 30th, aged 63, left estate of the gross value of £1,986, with net personalty nil.

Births.

BRENAN.—On the 30th November, at Fairholm, Chislehurst, the wife of A. R. M. Brenan, M.D. (Cantab), of a son.

BORLAND.—On the 9th December, at 81, Bromley-road, Catford, the wife of Dr. John E. Borland, of a daughter.

BUTLER.—On the 12th December, at 63, Cedars-road, Beckenham, the wife of John Sealy Butler, of a daughter.

COWEN.—On the 13th December, at Heathfield, Scott's-lane, Shortlands, the wife of George Cowen, of a daughter.

DAWSON.—On the 1st December, at The Woodlands, Barnmead road, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson- a son.

HOWARD.—On Nov. 27th, at Waxham, Shortlands, the wife of Sydney Edgar Howard, of a daughter.

WIMBLE.—On the 15th December, at "La Ruche," The Avenue, Bickley, the wife of Charles Frederick Wimble, of a son

Marriages.

CARR—LLOYD-OWEN.—On the 1st December, at the Parish Church, Bromley, by the Rev. S. Kirshbaum, M.A., Lecturer and Tutor of King's College, London, assisted by the Rev. D. Tait, M.A., Vicar of Bromley, the Rev. Frederic Mark Bennoch Carr, M.A., L.Th., only son of Francis Bennoch Carr, A.K.C., of Lee, to Elfrida (Queenie) Lloyd-Owen, elder daughter of Edmond Lloyd-Owen, M.E., C.E., of Bromley.

Deaths.

BAXTER.—On the 26th November, at Bromley, Kent, Eliza Walmisley Baxter, daughter of the late William and Mary Baxter, in her 84th year. Colonial papers please copy.

BOULDEN.—On the 12th December, at 271, High-road, Lee, S.E., Arthur George Boulden, in his 55th year

BURGESS.—On the 22nd December, suddenly, of heart disease, Frank Burgess, of "Homesdale," Main-road, Sidcup, aged 49

GUMPEL.—At 3, Elm-road, Beckenham, Eliza, the wife of Godfrey Gumpel, in her 80th year.

LOWRY.—On the 3rd December, at Lulworth, Manor-road, Beckenham, Arthur Stephen Lowry, aged 57.

MCILWRAITH.—On the 2nd December, at 6, Burnt Ash-lane, Bromley, William McIlwraith, aged 57. Deeply regretted.

MARK.—On the 30th November, at The Priory, Bromley, Phœbe Elizabeth Mark, aged 56.

TROWER.—On the 20th December, from pneumonia, Ernest Geoffrey Fisher, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Trower, of Bromley, age 3 years 9 months.

TYLOR.—On the 20th December, at Hove, William Henry, Tylor, in his 83rd year.

WHITLOCK.—On the 26th December, at 4, Rossdale-road, Putney, Alfred Allen, fourth son of the late George Whitlock and of Mrs. Whitlock, Bromley.

WILSON.—On the 14th December, at the residence of her son-in-law, Ringwood, Bromley-road, Beckenham Emma, widow of Josiah Wilson of Beckenham, aged 77.

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CHISLEHURST.—A picturesque detached Freehold Residence, placed back from the road upon a plateau, and approached from the road by a winding carriage drive, through fully matured shrubberies. There are 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms; usual offices; stabling for 3 horses; glasshouses, etc. The grounds of about 3 acres in extent are nicely timbered and well laid out. Price, £5,000. Fo. 20,177.

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Last Quarter, 2nd, 11 27 a.m. | First Quarter, 16th, 6 33 p.m.
New Moon, 10th, 1.13 a.m. | Full Moon, 24th, 3 36 a.m.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom at 11 a.m.—Debate on Old Age Pensions by Bickley and Widmore Debating Society.

2nd.—Lecture by the Rev. E. T. Carrier on "The Women of the French Revolution," at Bromley Wesleyan Church. —Bromley Brewster Sessions.

6th.—*Quinquagesima Sunday.*

7th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Concert in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. at the Grand Hotel, Bromley.—Sale of valuable furniture at "The Priory," Homesdale-road, Bromley Common, at one o'clock, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper.

8th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

10th.—Chamber Music Subscription Concert at Bromley High School.—Sale of Freehold Ground Rents by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, at eight o'clock, in two lots.

13th.—*First Sunday in Lent.*

14th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

15th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

20th.—*Second Sunday in Lent.*

21st.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Recital by Miss Dorothy Apthorpe at Town Hall, Bromley.

22nd.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—First annual troop dinner in connection with the Legion of Frontiersmen at the Swan and Mitre Hotel, Bromley.

27th.—*Third Sunday in Lent.*

28th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings, at 8 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on Jan. 4th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

NICHOL LANE.

The Highways Committee further considered the plan submitted by Messrs. Waterer and Dickins, together with an application for consent to the diversion of the footpath leading from Nichol-lane in the direction of the railway bridge. Resolved that the Town Clerk reply pointing out that it would take a considerable time to obtain the necessary order of Quarter Sessions for any diversion, and that in the meantime it is necessary that the footpath should be put into a proper state of repair.

CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS.

A letter was read to the Highways Committee from the Secretary of State forwarding copy regulations made by him under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, which Act received the Royal Assent on the 25th ult. and came into force on January 1st, and that after that date cinematograph and other similar exhibitions for the purpose of which inflammable films are used, must not be given unless these Regulations are complied with, nor elsewhere than in premises licensed under the Act, subject to special provisions for premises used occasionally for moveable buildings or structures, and for private dwelling houses when the public are not admitted. The Town Clerk reported that the licensing authority under the Act is the County Council, but the provisions of the Act may be delegated to District Councils or to Justices in the discretion of the County Council.

BECKENHAM LANE.

The Highways Committee again had under consideration the question of widening Beckenham-lane on the northern side, together with reports from the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer, and it was resolved that the Town Clerk again communicate with the various frontagers interested in the matter.

THE COKE CONTRACT.

The Establishmants Committee reported fully on the matter of the coke contract. The Council will remember that upon the receipt of the tenders for coke it was resolved to accept the tender of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company, but that Company, having been informed accordingly, wrote to the Council stating that their attention had been called to one of the conditions under which they had tendered and which they stated was unprecedented, and that under those circumstances they declined to enter into any contract, and that if necessary they would withdraw their tender. The Council accordingly decided that the tender of Messrs. N. Pegg and Co. be accepted, but Messrs. Pegg and Co. intimated that as nearly three months had elapsed since their quotations were sent in for the supply of coke, they were not now able to accept the prices then quoted, and quoted certain other prices subject to acceptance within seven days. The Borough Engineer was

then authorised to ascertain prices from the South Suburban Gas Company and also from the South Metropolitan Gas Company, and if those prices were satisfactory the Chairman was authorised to accept the same. At the following meeting of the Committee on the 14th inst., a further letter was read from Messrs. N. Pegg and Co., stating that they would execute the orders in hand at the prices of 9s. 9d. per chaldron unbroken, and 10s. 6d. per chaldron broken, but that after that day's date and until further notice the charges would be 13s. and 14s. respectively. The Borough Engineer subsequently reported that he had ascertained that the probable amount of coke which would be required was 480 chaldrons. He had obtained quotations from the respective Companies, as instructed.

The South Suburban Gas Company had given a quotation of 9s. 11d., delivered at the Bromley South Station, but they had only been able to quote for 200 tons, which was now in course of delivery and being stored at the Waldo-road depot.

The report was adopted.

A further meeting of the Council was held on Jan. 18th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis) presiding.

THE LATE MR. W. R. MALLETT.

The Mayor moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Mallett assuring her of the Council's sincere sympathy with her in the great loss she had sustained by the death of her husband, whose unselfish work on behalf of the town was held by the Council in grateful remembrance.

Alderman McIntyre seconded the resolution and said he had never heard Alderman Mallett say an unkind word against anyone. He was a thorough gentleman, and did his work with all his heart. They had lost a kind friend and a good colleague.

The resolution of condolence was carried in silence.

PRESENTATION TO ALDERMAN T. C. MCINTYRE.

The Mayor reminded the Council that at the close of their last year's business on Nov. 9th a resolution was passed by the Council showing their appreciation of the way in which Alderman McIntyre had discharged his duties as Mayor during the previous year, and it was resolved that that resolution should be engrossed on vellum, framed and presented to the ex-Mayor. That had been done, and all that remained was to discharge the pleasing duty of presenting it to Alderman McIntyre.

Alderman McIntyre suitably acknowledged the gift.

MASON'S HILL SCHOOL.

To the General Purposes Committee the Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council, the award in the arbitration in connection with the compensation to be paid for the Mason's Hill Schools, had been taken up; the terms of the award being as under:—"That the trustees shall convey to the Corporation the fee simple of the whole of the land, buildings and premises known as Mason's Hill Schools, Bromley, and that in exchange therefor the Corporation shall convey to the trustees the plot of land with frontage of 172ft. to the main road delineated on the plan annexed hereto and thereon coloured pink, and that the Corporation shall pay to the trustees on the completion of such conveyance the sum of £5,700 together with the taxed costs of the trustees in relation hereto."

COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

Councillor Pearce moved the following resolution: "That the Town Clerk's annual return of Council employees be referred to a special committee consisting of the chairmen of the standing committees of the Council, and two other members of the Council." The old method of dealing with the report in full Council in committee had not been very satisfactory. The Council was too large a body to give that detailed consideration to the claims of every individual member of their staff which was necessary for them to be justly treated.

Alderman James seconded the motion, which was carried; and Councillors Pearce and Crossley were selected to serve on the special committee.

BROMLEY'S BANKING ACCOUNT.

Alderman Bell, pursuant to notice, moved: "That the following resolution passed by the Council at a meeting held on Dec. 21st, 1909, be and is hereby rescinded, viz.:—'That the tender of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., be accepted subject to definite terms being arranged with the Bank, and for that purpose the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.'" Appended to the notice of motion were the signatures of six members, in accordance with Standing Order No. 37, viz., Alderman G. Lawrence, Alderman T. C. McIntyre, Alderman Weeks, Councillors W. J. Homewood, Bertram Pearce and G. Haywood. The London and County Bank had financed the local authority for a large number of years, and they should hesitate to change their bankers unless it could be shown that the Council were going to gain some very material financial benefit from the change.

Councillor Pearce seconded.

Alderman James pointed out that there had been a variation of the terms from those which were contained in the original tenders, and said it had been a recognised principle on the Council that tenders had got to be considered in the form in which they were originally presented. He suggested that they should clean the slate and start fresh.

Other members joined in the debate, and the voting on Alderman Bell's motion resulted as follows:—For: The Mayor Aldermen McIntyre, Lawrence, James, Bell and Weeks, Councillors Pearce, Botterill, Homewood, Haywood, Heaysman and Crossley (12). Against: Councillors Marshall, Williams, Peill, Comins, Jarvis, Gillett, Newton, Harris and Lindley Jones (9).

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Education Committee was held on Jan. 17th, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

THE COUNTY'S EDUCATION EXPENDITURE.

The Chairman said a letter had been received by the Town Clerk of Bromley enclos-

ing a circular letter from the Southborough Urban District Council in reference to the expenditure of the Kent Education Committee, which he would be glad to have brought to the notice of the Education Committee. The Chairman explained that it was a long circular containing a lot of figures which went to show that the administration expenses of the Kent Education Committee were unusually high.

The Mayor: If it has to do with elementary education, it is nothing to do with us; and if it has to do with higher education it should go to another committee.

No action was taken in the matter.

CORRESPONDENTS AND THEIR EXPENSES.

The Chairman said a letter had been received from a correspondent of one of the local Church of England Schools applying for his postal and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with his school, and he (the Chairman) thought that was a matter that should be dealt with by the Finance Committee.

The Mayor: We have no control over their correspondence.

The Chairman: When I saw this letter I instructed the Secretary to write to the correspondent and get three questions answered before we proceed to deal with the matter.

ENGLAND'S NAVAL SUPREMACY.

Owing, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather there was only a small attendance in the Lecture Hall of Bromley Public Library on January 11th, when another "Model Parliament" was held under the auspices of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society. The subject under discussion was the naval programme of Mr. Asquith's Government. Mr. T. C. Rogerson acted as Speaker; the Prime Minister was Dr. Randall; and the Leader of the Opposition Mr. Philpott.

Dr. Randell moved: "That this House approves of the naval programme of Mr. Asquith's Government as being amply sufficient to ensure the continuance of that complete supremacy on the seas which is a vital necessity for our national and Imperial existence." He gave in detail the number of battleships now possessed or about to be built by Great Britain, Germany, the United States of America, France and Japan. Those particulars, he said, showed what an enormous supremacy England had in first-class battleships. By the end of 1912 England would have 15 Dreadnoughts in commission, 25 battleships of the most modern type, and 55 battleships under 20 years old. In addition, England would have five cruisers of the Invincible type, and that would give use a total of 20 battleships of the Dreadnought class. The Germans at the end of 1912 would have 10 Dreadnought battleships in commission and three cruisers of a similar type. He, therefore, submitted with every confidence that the programme to which Mr. Asquith's Government was definitely committed was amply sufficient for ensuring the continuance of the complete supremacy of our fleet.

An interesting discussion followed, and the motion was carried, only three voting against it.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

The Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings was crowded on January 8th with an enthusiastic gathering of the scholars, their parents and friends, who attended to witness the distribution of prizes and certificates gained by the students in attendance last session at Bromley School of Science and Art. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and was supported on the platform by the Vicar (the Rev. Donald Tait, Chairman of the Higher Education Committee) and Mr. R. Blair, M.A., B.Sc. (Education Officer of the London County Council and a former student at the classes in connection with the school), who attended in order to present the awards of merit. There were also present:—Alderman R. W. James, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, Alderman George Weeks, Councillor Bertram Pearce, Councillor T. H. Heaysman, Councillor C. Comins, Mrs. Mann, Mr. T. C. Rogerson, Mr. H. J. Helm, Mr. J. Randall (head master of the Art Classes), Mr. A. C. Bodey (head master of the Science Classes), Mr. R. W. Wentworth Hortop (Secretary of the Higher Education Committee) and Mr. Harold Langrish.

Reviewing the report, the Vicar said he must utter what he almost feared was his annual lament, and he hoped it would not always be an annual lament. He could not conceive it possible to find a town of a third of the size of Bromley anywhere in Germany where there would be so few students of English as there were of German in this town. Say what they would about the Germans, they might, or they might not, be inclined to take the views of Mr. Blatchford in his recent pronouncements—surely there was no foreign language of greater importance for everybody to learn in commercial life than German. He could not understand why our young people were not devoting more attention to that language. It was easier to get a smattering of French than German, but he believed it was much easier to become a good German scholar than a good French scholar.

Prior to distributing the prizes Mr. Blair delivered an excellent address.

JACK TAR.

There was a large gathering at St. Mark's (Bromley) Church Hall on January 10th, when the Rev. Herbert W. Farrer, M.A., the enthusiastic superintendent of Missions to Seamen, delivered a lecture on "Jack Tar: His Life and Work for the Empire." Mr. Farrer is a speaker of considerable forcefulness, and commands a wide range of fact and illustration in buing his addresses with exceptional effect. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, and the chair was occupied by Mr. F. R. Ball, a well-known local advocate of temperance, whose addresses on this subject are invariably convincing. The attendance included the Rev. S. E. Osborne, the Rev. E. W. C. Horner and Mr. A. E. Garrard (the popular and esteemed hon. secretary of the Bromley branch of the C.E.T.S.).

ARTS AND CRAFTS.

The sixth exhibition of the Bromley Arts and Crafts Society was opened at the High School for Girls on Jan. 4th, and remained open until Jan. 11th inclusive. There was a fairly large attendance at the opening ceremony, and from an artistic point of view the exhibition was again a great success. The quality of the work was up to the splendid standard of last year, and a high level of excellence was attained.

Lord Avebury is the president of the Arts and Crafts Society, and the chairman of the executive committee is Dr. John Scott. The post of hon. treasurer is occupied by Mr. Alfred Wright, and the hon. secretaries are the Misses Measor, who are both zealous and enthusiastic workers on behalf of the Society and in connection with the exhibition. The following were the judges and sectional managers:—Painting: Mr. John Muirhead; sectional manager, Miss M. G. Simpson. Drawing, etching, etc.: Mr. Frederick Taylor; sectional manager, Mr. C. H. B. Quennell. Photography: Mr. F. J. Mortimer; sectional manager, Mr. F. R. Ball. Applied Design: Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Frederick Taylor; sectional manager, Miss Measor. Wood and Ivory Work: Mr. George Jack; sectional manager, Mrs. Fowler. Jewellery: Mr. Omar Ramsden; sectional manager, Mrs. Fowler. Metal Work: Mr. Omar Ramsden; sectional manager, Mr. T. C. Rogerson. Leather and Bookbindinig: Miss Ellen Sparks; sectional manager, Mr. J. Weeks. Lace: Mrs. Mitchell; sectional manager, Mrs. Mann. Needlework: Mrs. Mitchell; sectional manager, Miss A. Measor. Elementary and Secondary Schools: Needlework, Miss Margaret Scholfield; Art Work, Mr. C. W. S. Hudson; sectional manager, Mr. R. F. Measor.

Dr. John Scott, as chairman of the executive committee, presided at the opening ceremony, and was supported on the platform by Mr. George C. Haité, R.I., R.B.A., who had kindly consented to open the exhibition, Mr. Archibald C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. John Muirnead, R.S.W., R.B.A., Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer), the Misses Measor (hon. secretaries) Mr. F. R. Ball, Mr. T. C. Rogerson, Mr. F. R. Measor, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Mann, B.A., Mrs. Schooling, Miss M. G. Simpson and Mrs. Willett.

The Chairman said in some ways they came before them that vear more or less like the good man struggling with adversity, but not without hopes that the good man would emerge successfully from the struggle. Hitherto, as they knew, they had always had their exhibitions at the rooms in the "Bell" Hotel, and their exhibitions had always been successful. Their last year's exhibition, he thought, was the most successful of any. But it had been necessary for them this year to leave the excellent central position which the "Bell" Hotel afforded, and seek other quarters. Their exhibition last year was, as he had said, a great success, but in spite of its being a great success, as a financial transaction it very little more than covered its expenses. When they approached the authorities of the "Bell" Hotel again for the present exhibition they wanted such a very much larger sum for the use of their rooms that they came to the conclusion that it was quite impossible for them to afford it, and they had to seek other quarters. The High School for Girls was found to be the most suitable place they could get, and they had to express their very grateful thanks to the chairman and council of the High School for the extremely kind way in which they had met them in allowing them to have the use of their rooms. So far as the exhibition went, he was quite sure that they had as good an exhibition as they had ever had, and the only thing they wanted now was to get as good an attendance, and then they would make it as great a success as the previous ones had been. They had always been very fortunate in the gentlemen that they had got to come and open the exhibition, and that afternoon they were going to have the pleasure of hearing the distinguished painter, Mr. George Haité. (Applause.)

Mr. Haité gave some figures showing the steady progress which had been made by the Bromley Arts and Crafts Society, and said he was very proud, as a Kentish man, in being present to declare the exhibition open. (Applause.)

Mr. A. C. Norman proposed, and Mr. T. C. Rogerson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Haité.

Mrs. Mann then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Scott, to the judges, especially Mr. Muirhead, and to the Misses Measor. She spoke eulogistically of the enthusiasm of the secretaries, of their genius for detail and their capacity for work.

Mr. Alfred Wright seconded this comprehensive vote, which was carried by acclamation.

Music was supplied by Miss Gwynne Kimpton's Orchestra.

"THE TAMING OF THE SHREW."

On January 14th a very successful dramatic reading of "The Taming of the Shrew" was given at the Public Library by the members of the Reading Circle. The characters were taken by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Baptista, Mrs. F. S. Edwards; Vincentio, Mr. Armstrong; Lucretio, Mr. F. S. Edwards; Petruchio, Mr. H. D. Kelf; Gremio, Mrs. Bennett; Hortensio, Mr. W. J. Harris; Tranio, Mrs. Bell; Broidello, Miss Portway; Grumio, Mrs. Payne; Curtis, Miss Portway; Pedant, Tailor, etc., Miss Bart; Katherina, Mrs. W. J. Harris; Bianca, Mrs. H. D. Kelf; Widow, Miss Bouillon.

Miss Marjorie Whyte, daughter of Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., has passed the recent Metropolitan examination of the Royal Academy of Music in violin, qualifying for the diploma of Licentiate of that institution, and may now write L.R.A.M. after her name. Miss Whyte has been for many years and still is, a pupil of Miss Gwynne Kimpton, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., A.G.S.M., and has gained this distinction at an unusually early age.

PHILLIPS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

A delightful entertainment was given at the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital on December 20th for the benefit the patients. The proceedings commenced with an excellent tea, and a number of past patients sat down with those who are at present in the institution. In the evening a successful concert was given by "The Coons," whose performances gave great pleasure to everybody. Amongst those present were Mr. John Churchill (chairman of the committee) and Mrs. Churchill, Dr. Wynne Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Stoneham, Miss Tapp (secretary of the Ladies' Committee), Miss Kate Simpson and Mr. T. Bennett (hon. treasurer). Miss Hyde, the matron, was assiduous in looking after the wants of the patients, and her kindly minis trations were thoroughly appreciated. The tea and entertainment took place in the men's ward, Mr. R. Smith being in charge of the musical arrangements. The Coons were very successful in entertaining their hearers, the performers being Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith, Mr. and Miss Collett and Miss Warmington. The Coons were heartily thanked at the close, on the motion of Mr. John Churchill, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the matron, on the initiative of one of the patients. The platform, seats and tables were kindly lent by Mr. G. Pyrke, and the urns and teaspoons by W. Maunder, Ltd. Contributions were also received from the following:—The Creamery, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Uridge, Mr. Webb, Mr. J. Howard, jun., Mr. Follett and Mr. Wood, and the best thanks of the committee are tendered to these tradesmen for their generous assistance.

MR. W. F. SKILTON'S EMPLOYEES' DINNER.

The second annual dinner given by Mr. W. F. Skilton to his employees at 6, Market-square took place on Jan. 4th, when about sixteen of the firm sat down to an excellent repast consisting of good Christmas fare served up in first-rate style by Mrs. Hewson and staff. The chair was occupied by Mr. Spooner, supported by Mr. Rudderham.

After doing justice to all the good things the tables were cleared and games and harmony was the order. Miss Dennis ably presided at the piano, and some good songs were rendered by Mr. G. Hopgood, Mr. Colin Clarke, Mr. Chapman, and others. Mrs. Hewson contributed some very amusing recitations.

The Chairman, in his remarks, said they owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Skilton for providing them with such an excellent dinner, and he was sure they all appreciated his kindness. (Hear, hear.) He (the Chairman) had just received a telegram from Mr. Skilton wishing them all a happy New Year and trusting they would enjoy themselves. That he considered very kind and thoughtful, and he would ask them to be upstanding and drink to the health and prosperity of Mr. F. W. Skilton and family.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and after a vote of thanks to Miss Dennis for presiding at the piano and to the housekeeper, Mrs. Hewson, the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very enjoyable time to a close.

SIR A. E. HAMBRO'S SON IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Angus V. Hambro, who has been elected as the Member for South Dorset in the Unionist interest, is the third son of Sir Everard Hambro, of Hayes, and Milton Abbey, Dorset, and is only 26 years old. He was educated at Eton, and afterwards went to France for a year. On the completion of his studies he made a tour of the world. Mr. Hambro is best known as an amateur golfer, having three times played for England against Scotland. Last year he won the King's Cup at Biarritz. He has the reputation of being one of the longest drivers in England. He is the younger brother of Mr. Eric Hambro, formerly Member for Wimbledon.

HOLIDAY RAMBLES IN HUNGARY.

There was a splendid attendance at the Bromley Public Library Lecture Hall on Jan. 17th, when a delightful lecture, entitled "Rambles in Hungary," with lantern illustrations, was given by Mr. W. H. Shrubsole, F.G.S. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., presided.

The lecturer said that during the last ten years he had had the good fortune to spend very much time in Hungary and had travelled throughout that country. He had made himself quite familiar with its various aspects and studied the habits, customs and characteristics of the people; and he had done that not by going to hotels in the ordinary way, but by going into the people's houses, living with them and becoming acquainted with their inner lives, so he was in a position to speak accurately with respect to the Hungarian people. The Hungarians had suffered very much from misrepresentation. There had been a very large amount of ignorance prevailing in this country with respect to them, and their relations, for instance, with Austria. Hungary was a very compact kingdom, and had a population of 20 millions, the great bulk of whom were animated with the most friendly feelings towards the people of this country. "They compliment us," proceeded the lecturer, "by learning our language and using it, by studying our literature, and in very many other ways, and whenever any British people go there they are given the warmest possible welcome. The Hungarians think more highly of us than they do of any other people on the face of the earth." Hungary had its own king and its own laws. It was not subject to the Emperor of Austria. His Majesty Francis Joseph was Emperor of Austria, and he was also King of Hungary, but as Emperor of Austria he had no more power and authority in Hungary than he (the speaker) had. In Hungary his Majesty had limitations which did not apply to him as Emperor of Austria The lecturer devoted a good deal of time to Budapest, and referred to the successful State and municipal enterprises in the city.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer at the close.

BROMLEY HEALTH SOCIETY.

The first annual general meeting of the Bromley and District Health Society, which is the local branch of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement, was held in the Lecture Hall of the Public Library on January 22nd. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided over a fairly large attendance, and amongst those supporting his Worship were the Bishop of Ripon (chairman of the Executive Council of the National League), Dr. A. F. G. Codd (Medical Officer of Health), Alderman T. C. McIntyre (Deputy Mayor), Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Miss Dewey, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker, Councillor Bertram Pearce, Mrs. A. C. Norman, Dr. Rolland, Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer), Mrs. Cholmondeley Harrison (hon. secretary), Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., Mrs. J. S. Mann, B.A., Miss Aeppel, B.A., Dr. Eleanor Sproull (School Medical Officer), Mrs. F. S. Boas, Mr. W. Weeks and Dr. A. E. Price.

The Mayor moved the adoption of the report, which stated that there are 43 women on the books, and they have made during the year 285 attendances at the weekly meetings.

Mrs. Mann seconded, and said the work done by the Society in the first year of its existence had been a very good and useful one. What they wanted in Bromley was a paid lady who would be a health visitor, and they looked with confidence to the Borough Council to appoint such an official. (Applause.)

The report and accounts were then adopted.

The Bishop of Ripon prefaced an eloquent address by proposing the following resolution:—"That this meeting heartily sympathises with the objects of the Bromley and District Health Society, the Bromley branch of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement." That was a resolution of sympathy, but, after all, he hoped sympathy in that case might be taken to mean very practical sympathy, that was sympathy which intended to give active and energetic support to the work of that oganisation.

Mrs. Boas, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie and Dr. Price supported the resolution, which was carried.

PRESENTATION AT ORPINGTON.

The distribution of prizes in connection with the Wellington-road Sunday-school, Orpington, which is carried on in association with the Temple Congregational Church, St. Mary Cray, took place on January 23rd. The prizes, which were awarded for regular attendance and good conduct, were distributed by the Rev. W. Lewis, who addressed a few encouraging remarks to the the young folk upon their studies and conduct. In the course of the happy proceedings, Miss Brockway, who has been for some time a teacher in this school (of which Mr. F. B. Best is the superintendent), and who is taking up work in connection with the Banner-street Mission, London, under the London Congregational Union, was presented, on behalf of the teachers and officers of the school with a handsome silver cruet, as a mark of esteem. In making the presentation, Mr. Lewis spoke of the good, varied, and earnest work Miss Brockway had performed in their midst, and he expressed their best wishes for her future happiness and prosperity.

BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The interior of the large banquetting room at the Masonic Hall presented a particularly inviting and festive appearance on December 31st, the occasion being the annual New Year's Eve whist drive, which is given under the auspices of the Bromley Football Club. The gathering was again organised by Mr. and Mrs. L. Beeston, and the committee of the club, whose whist drives, held at the Masonic Hall, enjoy wide repute on account of their eminently enjoyable and successful character. On carefulness of arrangement as well as in variety of programme the evening could scarcely have been improved upon, with the result that from 8 p.m. until two o'clock on the following morning the spirit of social intercourse and general enjoyment was unflaggingly maintained. The attendance constituted a record, the players numbering no fewer than 154. Many interesting games were witnessed, and the following were duly announced as the prize-winners:—Ladies: 1, Miss Pitts, 234 points; 2, Miss Prentice, 229; 3, Mrs. White, 228; 4, Mrs. S. A. Pearce, 227; surprise prize, Miss Hodgson, 199. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Hopkins, 236; 2, Mr. Pearcy Smith, 234; 3, Mr. McWhirter; 4, Mr. R. H. Grey, 223; surprise prize, Mr. L. Beeston.

The prizes were presented by Mr. Alfred Wright, who said he would like to be allowed, in his own name and in the name of the committee, to wish all present a very happy New Year. (Applause.) He also wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Beeston on behalf of the club, for their kindness in arranging that function and carrying it to so successful an issue.

The motion was carried by acclamation

Just before 12 o'clock the whole of the company united in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and everyone afterwards wished his or her neighbour a happy New Year.

Dancing was then indulged in with unflagging zest until 2 a.m., the M.C., Mr. George Hopton, performing his duties with an efficiency which further enhanced the success of the gathering.

THE OLDEST POST-BOY.

John Wilson, 95 years old, was buried at Dartford on Jan. 25th. For 20 years he was employed at the Bull Hotel, the last of the old posting-houses on the Dover Road. Wilson had acted as postillion to the King and to other members of the Royal Family, and when a lad he drove a postchaise from Bromley to Tunbridge Wells in which were the Duchess of Kent and her daughter, the future Queen Victoria.

THE SEVENOAKS ELECTION.

Early in January preparations were made on a large scale for the Parliamentary election in the Sevenoaks Division of Kent, the candidates being Mr. H. W. Forster (Conservative) and Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E. (Liberal). Successful meetings were held on both sides in every polling district, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The division was placarded with huge posters such as "Forster for Ever" and "Lely This Time," both parties being well equipped in this direction, and cartoons were exhibited in every part of the constituency. In the display of these "works of art" there was keen rivalry between the Liberals and Conservatives, and the pictures on both sides caused a great deal of amusement. The election agents—Mr. Frank de Lisle Solbé (Conservative) and Mr. Alfred Mills (Liberal) were extremely active, and each had the advantage of being supported by a loyal and enthusiastic band of workers. The division is a very wide one, the area covered being from a portion of postal Penge, which is in the parish of Beckenham, on the North, to Sevenoaks on the South, and from Chislehurst on the East to Cudham and Westerham on the borders of Surrey on the West. The Parliamentary register contained 19,035 names, an increase of nearly 2,000 since the previous election in 1906. On Jan. 18th, the eve of the poll, enthusiastic meetings were held in Bromley by both candidates, Mr. Forster speaking at the Drill Hall and Sir Frederic Lely at the Grand Hall. Voting took place on Jan. 19th, and there was a record poll, no fewer than 16,772 exercising their rights as citizens. Promptly at 8 p.m. the doors of the respective polling booths were closed, and the ballot boxes having been duly sealed were conveyed to Sevenoaks for the counting on the following day, and shortly before 1 p.m. on Jan. 20th the Returning Officer, Colonel Stanley Williams, High Sheriff of Kent, declared the result from the windows of the Royal Crown Hotel as follows:—

FORSTER, H. W. (C.)	10,421
LELY, FREDERIC S. P. (L.) ...	6,351
Majority for Mr. Forster ...	4,070

The result was received with ringing cheers, and Mr. Forster returned thanks for the great and triumphant victory which they had won together. In the afternoon Mr. Forster, accompanied by the Hon. Mrs. Forster, motored from Sevenoaks to Bromley, where the victor met with an enthusiastic reception.

Mr. Henry W. Forster (U.), who has once more overcome all opposition in the Sevenoaks Division of Kent, was born in 1866 and educated at Eton and Oxford. A fine cricketer, he played in the Oxford eleven, and afterwards for the Gentlemen against the Players, as well as for his county. He has since taken to golf, and once won the Parliamentary Handicap. He has represented Sevenoaks since 1892, and for three years acted as a Junior Lord of the Treasury and Whip in the Unionist Government. The great popularity which he then enjoyed has been fully maintained during his service as one of the Whips of the party in Opposition.

THE DARTFORD ELECTION.

The election in the Dartford Parliamentary Division came to a close on Jan. 27th. The contest excelled in excitement and enthusiasm any General Election of modern times. The questions at issue had a great interest for all classes of the community, and never before in the history of living man was there displayed such widespread enthusiasm for one cause or the other. Politics supplanted all other topics of conversation, and party feeling ran high. The innumerable meetings held on behalf of both the candidates drew large crowds, often necessitating overflow meetings, and these meetings culminated on Jan. 25th in great demonstrations at Dartford, when Mr. Winston Churchill attracted about 8,000 people to the Tramway Sheds, and Lord Charles Beresford drew a crowd of equally large proportions. Both meetings evoked immense enthusiasm.

The poll was declared at twenty minutes past two on Jan. 27th, as follows:—

W. FOOT MITCHELL (U.)	9,807
J. ROWLANDS (L.)	8,990
Unionist majority	817

The result was received with an outburst of cheering by the thousands in the street, and when Mr. Foot Mitchell came forward to the window the cheering went on for a minute or two before he could even think of attempting to make himself heard. He held up his hand to try and secure silence, which he eventually obtained, and the Member for the Dartford Division formally proposed a vote of thanks to the Returning Officer. He said: First of all, I desire to return my sincere thanks to my supporters, and my gratitude for the brilliant victory they have won for me. (Loud cheers.) It is my pleasure to move a hearty vote of thanks to the Returning Officer for the capable and efficient manner in which he has conducted the election. (Cheers.)

Mr. Rowlands, the defeated candidate, came forward to second the vote of thanks. He said: I am quite pleased with the fight my friends have helped me to put up. (Cheers.) I represent the constituency and the out-voters killed me. (Cheers and uproar.) Mr. Rowlands again essayed to speak, but a great uproar and angry cries again broke forth from some, and Mr. Rowlands did not attempt to address anything further, but was heard by those close to him to say that the contest had been conducted, so far as his own friends were concerned, without any personalities.

Cheering and counter-cheering and some angry scenes, brought the proceedings to an end.

Colonel Frank Griffith, acting on his doctor's advice, has gone for a holiday in Italy. Major Lea will be in command of the 4th London Territorials in his absence.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT BROMLEY.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Camera Club, a charming and successful photographic exhibition was held at the School of Science and Art on Jan. 4th, 5th and 6th. Dr. John Scott is the president of the Society, and the arrangements were admirably carried out, Mr. T. D. Graty being the indefatigable and enthusiastic hon. secretary and treasurer. The exhibits were ably and carefully judged by Mr. Furley Lewis.

In the open class for landscape, seascape, and river scenery, many fine pictures were seen ,the best being No. 1, "A Winter's Morning," by Mr. Walter Selfe, who was awarded the silver medal. The sense of air and space in this exhibit was very marked, and a great feature was the truthful rendering of the winter tones, the bleakness of the scene being well emphasised by the admirable placing of two forlorn figures in the centre of the picture. Mr. Kenneth C. Goodyear showed a pretty little piece of work, entitled "Soft Autumn Sunlight," and there was a mellow sense of sunlight in "The Inn Yard," by Mr. H. Essenhigh Corke, the shadow quality being also good in this picture. A very nice and poetical exhibit was sent by Mr. Grafton Goatley, the subject being "Twixt the Lights." No. 23, "A Winter's Solitude," was another noteworthy picture, the photographer being Mr. E. Alwyn Biscot. The bronze medal went to Mr. H. E. Corke, the exhibit which brought him this distinction being "The Inn Yard." He was honourably mentioned for No. 3, "The Bourne," as were also Messrs. Biscot and Goatley for their exhibits. Mr. Oscar Hardee's "Night on the Seine" was declared by experts to be one of the best night scenes they had ever seen, and for this splendid picture he was awarded a bronze medal. He was also honourably mentioned for No. 36, "The Night Mail, Eynsford Viaduct," and the same distinction was obtained by Mr. T. A. Bennett for "The Storm," and Mr. Arthur Mann for "Durham Cathedral." The Rev. H. Bedford Pim was a large contributor to the open architectural class, and his work attracted a good deal of attention.

Mr. H. E. Corke not only did well in the landscape section. He was also a most successful exhibitor in the open class for portraits, still life, figure and animal studies. For his charming portrait of "Miss E.W.S." he was awarded a silver medal, but the gold medal for the best picture in the show was secured by Mr. Oscar Hardee with "Frederic, the Philosopher of Monmarte," the gaiety of this "old boy" being superbly represented. Mr. Hardee's portrait group (No. 82) was also a charming exhibit, and may be truly said to be one of the most subtle pieces of work this clever artist has ever accomplished. A bronze medal was deservedly awarded to Mr. G. W. Miller for his portrait of "Maman Lenoir," the picture being full of pathos. Mr. Chas. A. Morgan ("Devotion" and "Irene"), Mr. H. E. Corke ("The Motorists"), Mr. J. A. Lovegrove ("Crab Apples"), and Mr. J. H. Hay ("Young Willow Wren"), were all honourably mentioned.

In the class devoted to landscape, seascape and river scenery for members of the club much beautiful work was displayed. The sense of sunlight in "Amalfi," by Mr. W. Clark Pettigrew, was very good indeed, and this exhibitor was honourably mentioned, as was also Miss E. Lucas for "The Bridge." Miss Lucas' best work was, however, seen in "The Disused Waterway," which was broadly treated, and for which she was awarded a bronze medal. Mr. W. Clark Pettigrew was awarded a silver medal for "January," but the best picture in the Club Classes was No. 138, "A Sunlit Court," by Mr. T. A. Bennett, who was awarded a silver plaque. There was a beautiful sense of air in this picture, and the shadow quality was distinctly good. Mr. T. A. Bennett also won a silver medal in the architectural class for members of the club, the exhibit which brought him this further distinction being No. 159, "Cathedral of St. Ouen." Mr. F. A. Robinson took a bronze medal for his capital picture of "Beauchamp Chapel, Warwick." Mr. F. W. Shoebridge's "Chrysanthemums" won him a bronze medal, and Messrs. F. A. Robinson ("Rena") and A. W. M. Dickins ("The Call of the River") were both honourably mentioned.

In addition to the open and members' classes there was an interesting loan collection contributed by Messrs. S. G. Kimber, Ed. de Q. Quincey, E. Seymour, John H. Gear and Bertram C. Wickison.

GIPSY CHOIR AT BROMLEY.

A large and highly appreciative audience assembled in the Grand Hall, Bromley, on January 24th to greet Douglas W. Eley's Gipsy Choir and Dioramic Company on the occasion of their first visit to this town. A most entertaining programme was submitted, and every item was a huge success. The singing of the gipsy maids was exceedingly good and it was a real treat to listen to their stirring and humorous choruses. Individually, as well as collectively, they won golden opinions, and every soloist was recalled. The young ladies captivated all hearts and were immensely popular. The versatility of the party was shown by the many attractive "turns" they introduced, in addition to their songs and choruses, such as graceful dances, skilful playing on the flute and mandoline, vivacious acting, clever performances on the fairy bells and sleigh bells, and club manipulations of a most daring description. The male artistes were excellent, and especially good was the ventriloquial sketch, which caused roars of laughter. The exhibition in the art of chapeaugraphy was also amazingly clever, and amongst the characters impersonated were Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington, Lord Nelson, a Salvation Army lass and a monk of the Spanish Inquisition. Amusing and realistic animated pictures were shown by the "Elegraph," and other features were superbly illustrated songs and original and beautiful dioramic effects.

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DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1st.—Production of the pantomime "Dick Whittington and His Cat" at the Grand Hall, Bromley. — Students' social gathering in connection with Bromley South Evening Preparatory Classes.

2nd.—Address by Mr. David Williamson at the Bromley P.S.A.—Organ recital by Mr. Frederic Fertel at Bromley Parish Church.—Rev. Dr. Laws, of Livingstonia, at Bromley Trinity Presbyterian Church.

3rd.—Alderman T. Davis on "Tramps at Home and Abroad" at the Bromley Public Library.—Opening of annual exhibition of the Bromley Arts and Crafts Society at the Bromley High School for Girls.—Opening of a three days' photographic exhibition in connection with Bromley Camera Club at Bromley School of Science and Art.—Illustrated lecture by Mr. W. J. Harris, the Borough Librarian, on "The History and Evolution of the Printed Book" under the auspices of the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society.

8th.—Distribution of prizes by Mr. R. Blair, M.A., B.Sc., to students at Bromley School of Science and Art.

9th.—Service for men at Bromley Parish Church in connection with the Bromley branch of the Church of England Men's Society.

10th.—C.E.T.S. entertainment at St. John's Parish Room.—Lecture on "Jack Tar by the Rev. . W. Farrer, M.A., in St. Mark's Church Room.

4th.—Second annual dinner given by Mr. W. F. Skilton to his employees at 6, Market-square, Bromley.

11th.—Address by Dr. Randall on the naval programme of Mr. Asquith's Government at a "Model Parliament" held in Bromley Public Library.

15th. —Sundridge Laundry employees' seventh annual New Year's Party at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley.

17th.—Illustrated lecture on "Rambles in Hungary," by Mr. W. H. Shrubsole, F.G.S., at the Bromley Public Library.

18th.—Whist drive at Town Hall, Bromley, in connection with Howard's Stores, Ltd.

19th.—Polling day for the Sevenoaks Parliamentary election.—Production of "Ages Ago" and "Charity Begins at Home" at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital.

20th.—Return of Mr. H. W. Forster as Member for the Sevenoaks Division.

22nd.—Address by the Bishop of Ripon at the first general meeting of the Bromley Health Society.

24th.—Fancy dress ball and bon-bon carnival at Bromley Town Hall.—Douglas W. Eley's Gipsy Choir at Grand Hall, Bromley.

25th.—Hayesford Football Club's annual concert at Co-operative Hall, Bromley. —Church Sunday-school social gathering at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.—Debate on "Rudyard Kipling" by the Bromley Literary and Debating Society.—Address on "Parliament and Temperance Reform," by Mr. John Newton, at the Old Court House, Market-square, Bromley.

26th.—Bromley Football Club whist drive at Masonic Hall.

28th.—Prudential superintendent's dinner to staff at Masonic Hall, Bromley.

31st.—Lecture by Miss Punch on "Daniel Defoe as a Social Reformer" at Bromley High School for Girls. in connection with the National Union of Women Workers.—St. John Ambulance Brigade's annual entertainment at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Lecture by Mr. H. W. Fincham on "Westminster Abbey," in the Bromley Library Lecture Hall..

HOLY TRINITY CHOIR.—An exceedingly pleasant evening was spent at the Vicarage, Bromley Common, on January 22nd, when the gentlemen of Holy Trinity Church choir were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Swabey. This was the second annual gathering of the choir during the incumbency of the present Vicar. Mr. H. Youens, the choirmaster, was among the guests, and his geniality added much to the success of the evening. After supper various amusements were indulged in. Some capital part songs were rendered and charades acted. Before the close the Vicar spoke a few words on the work of the choir, and thanked them for their services, and Mr. Youens for much painstaking effort in training them. Mr. Youens thanked the Vicar for his kind words. He, in turn, had to thank the choir for their loyal support. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Swabey for their hospitality.

BIBLE CLASS SUPPER AT CHISLEHURST.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the annual supper in connection with the Church of the Annunciation Men's Bible Class, Chislehurst, which was held at St. Mary Hall, on January 26th. Upwards of sixty members and friends (including the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, the Rev. G. R. Sampey, Dr. Allan and Dr. E. J. Penney) sat down to a capital repast, which had been generously provided by lady and gentlemen friends.

After supper, the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell gave his customary address, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be amongst them that night—all the more pleasure because, after looking back upon the last few days of the election, and whatever their political differences might be, they could now meet together once more on a friendly footing, and work together as brother men, as before. (Hear, hear.) One thing that had surprised him very much during the election, and that was a remarkable fact, was that they had heard from various candidates of such matters as the Budget, Tariff Reform, Home Rule and the wicked doings of the House of Lords, but two things that were more important had been entirely left out of sight—the position of the Church in Wales and the question of their voluntary schools. Those two questions ought to be more interesting than any other. Mr. Asquith, at the Albert Hall, said that two things he would do would be to disestablish the Church in Wales and to re-introduce the Education Bill. Disestablishment of the Church in Wales would not be so bad if it did not mean disendowment, and that would mean nothing less than robbery. The Education Bill meant the destruction of the voluntary schools. He appealed to them, as strong Churchmen—for whatever their individual political views might be, he believed they would sacrifice a great deal for the sake of their Church—to remember that the disestablishment of the Church in Wales meant, in years to come, the disestablishment of the Church of England, and he was glad to say that he knew men in Chislehurst who had voted on the Liberal side who would be the first to support their Church, if necessary. (Applause.) He was glad to be able to be there to express his gratification at having such a body of men around him, and if ever they were needed for the active defence of their Church and their schools, they would, he was sure, rally to the assistance of that Church and for the continuance of the religious education for their children. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. R. Sampey thanked the Vicar for his presence, which, he said, served to show that the head of the parish was interested in their men. They had also to give their thanks to the subscribers and donors who had supplied them with the food or rendered the necessary financial help: it showed the real generous spirit in which their wealthy friends were ever ready to stand behind them. (Applause.) They owed, too, a deep debt of gratitude to the committee of working men, who were wholly responsible for carrying out the entertainment. His trust in them had never been misplaced. He would also like to specially couple the names of Messrs. Woodger and Witten, who were responsible for the table decoration and the cooking arrangements respectively. He had great faith in the solidity of Englishmen, and he did not think that when men weighed matters up there was much danger of disestablishment and disendowment.

Dr. Penney uttered a few words in praise of the choir at the Church of Annunciation. Their success reflected the greatest credit upon them. He also expressed deep appreciation of the services of the Vicar and Mr. Sampey.

Contributions to a capital programme were given during the evening by Messrs. G. England (violin), C. Dabner, Davey, Pope, Bayman, Waters, Davies, Simmond, Cooling, Dr. Allan (gramophone selections), Dr. Penney (anecdotes), and Mr. E. Witten (at the piano).

SUNDRIDGE LAUNDRY.

The Co operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, presented an animated appearance on January 15th, the occasion being the seventh annual New Year's party in connection with the Sundridge Laundry, Scott's-road, Bromley. These annual gatherings of the members of the staff and their friends were inaugurated by Mr. E. B. Gambrell while he held the post of manager, and they have always been conspicuous for the success which attended them. That of last year was held to have been the most successful, but it was unanimously felt on Saturday that the party this year has completely eclipsed all its predecessors. A pleasant feeling of bonhomie and good fellowship pervaded the whole atmosphere, and from beginning to end a characteristic of the gathering was the delightful swing with which everything passed off. On the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Gambrell some ten months ago the management was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rawlinson (brother-in-law and sister to Mr. Gambrell). Though the past year was not all that could be desired from the point of view of trade the Sundridge branch of the London United Laundries, Ltd., has made very satisfactory progress under the control of its new manager and manageress, and a cordial appreciation of their services in this respect was forthcoming from the general manager of the Company during the evening. In a like manner Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson threw themselves into the arrangements for the annual party, and to their efforts in no small measure is due the thoroughly enjoyable time which was spent by the hundred and forty odd guests.

Alderman Sir George Truscott, Bart., will preside on Wednesday, May 25th, at the annual festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse and Orphan Asylum Corporation.

Mr. J. E. Shaw, solicitor, of 136, High-street, Bromley, and Greenwich, acted as election agent for Mr. I. H. Benn, the successful Unionist candidate at the recent Parliamentary Election for Greenwich.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS KATIE GIBBS AND MR. W. J. MARSH.

A large amount of public interest was aroused amongst all classes in Bromley by the wedding of Miss Katie Gibbs, daughter of our esteemed townsman, Mr. John Gibbs, of Campbell House, Bromley, which took place at the Wesleyan Church on January 11th, the bridegroom being Mr. William John Marsh, son of Mr. William Henry Marsh. Mr. John Gibbs is held in deservedly high esteem in Bromley, and in Wesleyan circles his name is a household word. It follows, therefore, that there was a large attendance of friends and well-wishers at the church on the happy occasion of his daughter's marriage. Splendid arrangements were made for the ceremony, which was quite picturesque, the building being beautifully decorated, and very handsome dresses being worn by the bridal party.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. William J. Gibbs, was attired in an exquisite gown of ivory satin, draped with ninon de soie with a satin train, at the end of which was a true lover's knot of ninon and orange blossom, and she wore a gold and pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Violet Gibbs, Miss May Hicks and Miss May Lamb, who wore handsome gowns in pastel blue silk cashmere, embroidered with silver. Their large black hats were trimmed with feathers to match their gowns, and they carried muffs of flowers and wore gold pendants set with tourmalines and peridots, the gifts of the bride. Mr. John Roberts acted as best man.

The officiating ministers were the Rev. A. T. Southouse, assisted by the Rev. William Wood and the Rev. G. R. Forde, and while the wedding party were in the vestry a solo was beautifully sung by Miss Janet McDougall, a friend of the bride, Mr. Percy Sharland officiating at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Campbell House, and later in the day the happy pair left for the honeymoon, the bride going away in a coat and skirt of cinnamon brown, trimmed with black braid, and a large picture hat of brown moire, trimmed with large ostrich feathers.

MISS GLADYS COLLINS AND MR. F. C. BUNE.

Considerable public interest was aroused by the wedding which took place at St. Mary's, Shortlands, on Jan. 19th, between Miss Gladys Collins, fifth daughter of the late Mr. Collins and of Mrs. Collins, of Mill Vale, Bromley, and Mr. F. C. Bune, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bune, of Dulwich. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Stuart Collins, wore a handsome wedding gown, and the bridesmaids—the Misses Dora and Winifred Collins, Miss Bath and Miss Silk—were becomingly attired. Mr. A. Gedge Plante acted as best man. The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. G. H. Billows, M.A., Rev. Dr. Chilton, and the Rev. Canon Wolley, M.A. Special music was played on the organ by Mr. Frederic Fertel. A reception was afterwards held at Mill Vale.

MISS S. E. BEER AND MR. W. COOLING.

On January 13th, Miss Saras Emily Beer, daughter of Mrs. Beer, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, was married to Mr. William Cooling, son of Mr. Cooling, of Bromley Common, at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common. The Rev. Mark R. Swabey was the officiating minister. The bride was dressed in white voile, embroidered with silk, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and tuberoses. Her bridesmaids were the Misses Grace and Amy Cooling, sisters of the bridegroom, who were attired in dresses of blue reseda, trimmed with embroidery to match, and large black hats, with loops of black velvet; they also carried bunches of mauve chrysanthemums and wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. G. Cooling, the bridegroom's brother. The bride was given away by Mr. Charles Cooling. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Village Hall, and at four o'clock Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooling left for Gloucester, the bride wearing a cream coat and skirt, with lace blouse and large black hat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL.

An admirably arranged and thoroughly successful social promoted by the Bromley Deanery Sunday-school Teachers' Association was held in the Masonic Hall on January 25th. Teachers from all parts of the town attended and had the gratification of listening to an earnest and forceful address from the Lord Bishop of Rochester, who presided over the gathering. Amongst the clergy present were the Rev. Canon H. F. Wolley (Vicar of Shortlands), Rev. W. Gowans (Vicar of St. Mary's, Plaistow), Rev. H. T. Powell (Diocesan Inspector), Rev. C. C. Gosselin (Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common), Rev. J. H. Broadhead (Bromley Common), Rev. S. E. Osborne, Rev. E. W. C. Horner, Rev. A. H. Stevenson and Rev. Bassett Pike. The joint hon. secretaries of the Association, which is one of the strongest organisations of its kind in the diocese, are the Rev. J. H. Broadhead and Mr. E. C. Taylor, the former being a particularly active worker in the movement. Light refreshments were energetically dispensed by the following ladies:—Miss Edith Romilly, Miss Wolley, Miss Dewey, Miss Davis, Miss Beer, Miss Gedge, Miss Sleigh and Miss Trimmer. An interesting musical programme was then contributed by Miss Mason, Mr. George Hopgood and Miss Eileen Esler, the latter a very clever little girl of eight summers. Miss Mason (soprano) gave "Cupid at the Ferry" and the "Cradle Song" in pleasing style, and an "Old English Love Song" and "Blow, Blow thou Winter Wind," were finely rendered by Mr. George Hopgood. Miss Eileen Esler sang very successfully "Won't you be my Teddy Bear?" and "Walking Home with Angeline," and her sweet singing and dainty dances gave immense pleasure to those present.

Local Obituary.

MRS. M. E. STRONG.

Another link with the life of old Bromley has been severed by the death of Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Strong, which occurred on Jan. 8th, the day following her 75th birthday. Mrs. Strong was well known to a wide circle of Bromley residents during the eighties as the widow of Mr. Thomas Edward Strong, for many years senior partner in the firm of E. Strong and Sons, of 14, Market-square, and Editor of the "Bromley Record." At his death, in 1886, the business passed to his widow, who carried it on until 1890, when she disposed of her interest in the business and removed from Bromley. The late Mrs. Strong had enjoyed good health until October of last year. The deceased lady was interred at Brookwood on Jan. 12th. She leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

MR. W. R. MALLETT.

We deeply regret to announce the death of an old and respected townsman and public servant in the person of Mr. William Robert Mallett, who passed away after a short illness early on January 12th, at the age of 66 years. The deceased gentleman was born in London in 1844, and came to reside in Bromley about 1849. He was, therefore, one of its oldest inhabitants, and had seen it gradually change from a very small country town to its present position. By profession he was an architect and surveyor, being a member of the firm of Wadmore, Wadmore and Mallett, of Great St. Helen's, in the City of London, successors to Wadmore and Baker, one of the oldest firms of architects in London. Mr. Mallett was their chief assistant for many years, during which a number of important works, including churches and schools, &c., were erected, and on the retirement of Mr. Baker he succeeded him as a partner in the firm. Amongst the works in Bromley carried out from his designs are the chancel and transept of St. Mary's Church, Plaistow Vicarage and Cemetery. He took a particularly keen interest in St. Mary's Church, and had done much valuable work in the compilation of its history. His recent chapters in the history of the church, given at St. Mary's Men's Hour were read with great interest by very many people, and he was looking forward to completing that series of addresses. The subject was one with which he was thoroughly acquainted, and it was the large personal knowledge that he had that made those addresses so interesting and important. Mr. Mallett was one of the oldest members of the Architectural Association, a late member of the Council of the Society of Architects, a Fellow of the Surveyors' Institution, and a member of several other societies. He was also a Freemason, and was Master of the Hervey Lodge in 1898. Mr. Mallett first identified himself with the work of local government in Bromley in 1894, being a member of the first Urban District Council. He took a keen interest in all the duties of the Council, and was especially valuable as chairman of the Highways Committee, upon which his special knowledge was frequently of great service. He was appointed vice-chairman of the Council in 1897, and became chairman in 1898, a post which he filled with zeal, tact and ability. Mr. Mallett was still a member of the local governing body when the Charter of Incorporation raised it to the status of a Town Council, and upon the construction of the new Council in 1903 was elected an Alderman, an honour which was fully merited by past service. Had he so desired the Mayoral chair would have early been bestowed upon him, but Alderman Mallett did not seek the honour, contenting himself with serving the burgesses with equal capacity in the humbler sphere. During this period his great technical knowledge was of incalculable assistance to his colleagues, and the existing building bye-laws of the Borough will remain a monument to the weeks of untiring devotion lavished upon their drafting by the late Mr. W. R. Mallett. Shortly before the last elections he resigned his seat on the Aldermanic Bench of the Town Council and thus severed a long and honourable record of public service.

The funeral took place at the Plaistow Cemetery, Bromley, on Jan. 15th, and at St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 16th, a touching tribute was paid by the Vicar (Rev. W. Gowans) to the memory of the deceased gentleman.

MRS. A. M. SEADON.

Much sympathy has been expressed with Mr. Edwin Robert Seadon, of the S. J. Baldwin Apiary, Bromley, in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Ada Maria Seadon, who passed away at Biggin Hill, Westerham, on Jan. 19th, at the age of 39 years. The funeral took place on Jan. 22nd at Bromley Cemetery, the body being interred in the family grave. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. In addition to those from the husband, children and relatives, wreaths were sent by Mrs. Harding and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jefford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Doggett, Mrs. Hockley and Mrs. Craker, Mr. and Mrs. Monckton, and the members of the Croydon and District Beekeepers' Association. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. L. Graham and Son, Stanley-road, Bromley.

MR. A. P. TOWNEND.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur Powell Townend, which sad event took place on Jan. 16 at his residence, Chipstead, Chislehurst Common. The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, was very well-known in the City and in Chislehurst, and the sincerest sympathy is felt for his widow and family in the loss they have sustained. The funeral took place at Chislehurst Parish Church on January 20th, a choral service being rendered. The service was conducted by the Revs. G. H. Pole (Vicar of Christ Church, Chislehurst), and J. E. Dawson (Rector of Chislehurst), the first-mentioned reading the committal sentences at the graveside. The hymns, "Lead, kindly light," and "How bright those glorious spirits shine," were sung, and the service throughout was of a beautiful and impressive character.

MR. W. HUTCHERSON.

Bromley has lost a well-known and widely respected tradesman in the death of Mr. W. Hutcherson, who passed away on January 20th, after a long and painful illness borne with great patience and fortitude. Mr. Hutcherson came to Bromley 16 years ago, and founded the up-to-date and successful hair-dressing establishment in East-street. He was well-liked by his fellow tradesmen, and had the esteem of all those whom he served in business. Mr. Hutcherson took a lively interest in the affairs of the Borough, and did quiet and unobtrusive work as a member of the Charter Commemoration Committee. Every year he rendered good service in connection with the arrangements for the sports held in Sundridge Park on August Bank Holiday. Many residents will regret his loss, and much sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Hutcherson and family in their great bereavement. Amid many manifestations of sorrow and respect the funeral took place at the cemetery in London-road, Bromley, on Jan. 26th, the funeral arrangements being satisfactorily carried out by Mr. J. Humerston.

MR. S. WELLS.

His many friends will be grieved to hear of the death of Mr. S. Wells, of 84, Beckenham-lane, Bromley, who passed peacefully away on January 24th. The wedding of his daughter took place on the same day at the Central Hall, and the melancholy news of her father's death arrived during the reception which followed the marriage ceremony. Mr. Wells had been ailing for a week or two, but no one expected that the end was so near. The utmost sympathy will go out to the widow and family in the sudden bereavement which has befallen them. Mr. Wells was a great worker at the Central Hall and evinced the keenest interest in the Sunday-school, of which he was one of the superintendents. He had been associated with Mr. W. J. Gibbs in the work from the commencement of the Mission in Farwig-lane nearly 30 years ago, and no one laboured with more earnestness and zeal on behalf of the good cause. Mr. Wells was held in high esteem, and deservedly so, and his loss will be keenly felt.

MR. H. J. LUBBOCK.

The death occurred on January 25th, at his residence, 65, Lowndes-square, of Mr. Henry James Lubock, J.P., D.L., brother of Lord Avebury and Sir Neville Lubbock, K.C.M.G. Mr. Lubbock had been ill for only a short time, and the fatal issue followed an operation. Mr. Lubbock would have completed his 72nd year on Feb. 7th next. He was the second son of Sir John William Lubbock, third baronet, who was at one time vice-president of the Royal Society, vice-chancellor of London University, and a physicist and mathematician of eminence, especially in regard to the theory of the tides. His two predecessors in the baronetcy had been bankers, and his second son, now deceased, also entered the banking profession. He was educated at Eton, and in 1897 filled the office of High Sheriff for the County of London. Mr. Lubbock was Master of the West Kent Harriers for 13 years. He married, in 1866, Frances Mary, daughter of the Rev. H. Turton, incumbent of Betley, Staffordshire, and leaves three sons and three daughters.

CHISLEHURST COTTAGERS' SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Chislehurst Cottagers' Society was held in the National Schools on Jan. 21st, when the Rev. J. E. Dawson presided over a small attendance, which comprised Messrs. F. Golding (hon. secretary), Yoell, Last, Miles, Sampson, Wilby, Crane and Charlton.

The balance-sheet, which was read by the Rector, showed that the receipts were £112 17s. 9d., and the expenditure left a balance in hand of £6 15s. 6d. This was an improvement on last year, when the balance was £1 5s. 3d., and the secretary mentioned that he had received 5s. since the balance-sheet was audited, so that they had really £7 to start the year with. He also referred to a special prize of a silver teapot, given by Messrs. Fletcher and Brown, of Sidcup, which had not been previously acknowledged.

The financial statement was considered very satisfactory, and on the motion of Mr. Last, seconded by Mr. Sampson, it was adopted, and the secretary was voted a gratuity of £1.

The Rev. J. E. Dawson was re-elected president, and thanked for his past services; the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, as also were the committee (with power to add to their number); Mr. Payne was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. Golding hon. secretary, the Rector referring to the efficient, energetic and enthusiastic way in which he carried out his duties. This was generally endorsed, and Mr. Golding, in response, referred to the great help given to him by the committee.

Mr. Charlton proposed and Mr. Last seconded that the show be held on July 13th.

Mr. Lees wrote enclosing a letter from Messrs. Whitelegg and Page offering the following prizes: For the best collection of 10 vegetables, including potatoes, first prize. £1 1s.; second, 10s. 6d.; third, 7s. 6d.; for the best collection of nine varieties of sweet peas the same prizes; all exhibits to be grown from seed supplied by them, and competitors to register their names at the time of purchase: both competitions to be open.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, Mr. Yoell thanked him for the way in which he received them at his house.

The Rector, in response, said he was glad they felt at home in his house. His own feeling about the Rectory was that it was the home of the parish in a certain way, and he was sorry he did not see so many in itas he should like.

A successful fancy dress ball and bon-bon carnival, arranged by Mr. J. B. Matthews, took place at the Town Hall, Bromley, on Jan. 24th. The dresses were very pretty, and handsome prizes were offered for the best costumes, the winners receiving their awards at the hands of Councillor A. T. Harris.

WORDS!

("IDLE" AND "LIVING.")

How many idle words are floating in the air around us to-day, for sounds, we are told, never die! How often evil is wrought "through want of thought, as well as want of heart"! What are those idle words that so many of us fain would cancel? By whom or what inspired? When and where were they uttered? Words can be weighed as well as counted. Whence comes their guilt, and wherefore their punishment? These questions intimately concern us, as, "by our words, "we are to be condemned, or justified, as the case may be, by the Great Judge of all! Idle words are sometimes winged messengers, and penetrate often where weightier words never reach.

Do we ever think over the number of words we use to express, or conceal, our thoughts during a lifetime. It has been computed that Milton had a range of some 8,000 words in his vocabulary, that Shakespeare had about 15,000, and C. H. Spurgeon possibly 30,000! How quick one's thoughts sometimes fly—speech cannot keep pace with them at times. Perhaps it is well so, for if our thoughts were all clothed with words, we might possibly rue it! How different the world might be if everyone said what they meant, and meant what they said. C. H. Spurgeon once said, on being taken to task over some witty utterances of his, "If you only knew what I kept back"! Obviously our words need restraining at times. There was only one Moltke, who "was silent in seven languages." In speech discretion is the premier thing.

To the utterance of idle words many of us would no doubt plead guilty at times. Some time ago it was stated in the papers that a gentleman desirous of learning the nature of the conversation of the "man in the street" took up a position outside Charing Cross Station one day, intending to remain there an hour, noting the conversation of the passers-by. But a quarter of the time was enough, for the idle words disquieted, while some more than idle words pained him. And we have to remember that what he could not endure for a brief few minutes the Almighty hears at all times!

Idle words, we all know, are spoken in all kinds of society. So many are addicted to the use of unmeaning language, or use the passing word to hide their thoughts. When two words would suffice in ordinary conversation a dozen are often used. Are they all necessary? The condensation of words is an art, which often gives a subtle charm to a speaker, and one is apt to listen where this is practised. And when our speech does go a little astray, as it will at times, one might, perhaps, recall (with possible advantage) that old British King's advice to his daughter, "Mend your speech a little, lest it mar your fortune"! A famous actor was reported to have once said that the "reason why theatres were so often crowded and chapels and churches less frequently in that much to be desired state was because, in the one case, imaginary things were treated as real, and in the other some very real things were apt to be treated as imaginary."

Speech is a great gulf, so to speak, between man and the animal creation. "Theirs is not to make reply—theirs but to do, and (sometimes) die." A dog or a horse may often be "the better man of the two," so to speak; but these are for ever subject to man, who rules over them all. Therefore this gift of speech should be prized and cultivated, not left to itself, like wild flowers in a garden are, as being one of our greatest assets, it may often only need training to lead to higher and, perhaps, greater things.

But there are living words as well as idle words, and a bright side to their study. How many a soul inspired by the fitting word spoken at the right time! Living words have often given life and hope to "some forlorn and shipwrecked brother," for words are felt as well as heard. "Say a kind word when you can," is excellent advice for us all.

It is not logic, but sentiment, that governs the world," Disraeli once remarked, and he, as it is well known, was a keen observer of human nature. The instinct and judgment of the people seldom err, and words straight from the heart may kindle a fire. Many a heart is waiting, may be, for the word of cheer that is some of ours to give, more especially at the fireside, for there—

"Sweet is the smile of home, the mutual look.
. . . . . .
The haunt of all affections pure."

Who is there that can measure or limit the influence of kind words? Of little cost, these are sometimes of "priceless worth." Such words, when uttered, may possibly prove the turning-point in the life of another. Charles Mackay once wrote—

"A nameless man, amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love
Unstudied from the heart;
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath—
It raised a brother from the dust;
It saved a soul from death!

It was said of one once "that the soul was where he won," and this was high praise! In the rush of life we seem to forget sometimes that we are body, soul and spirit, and the two last most important of the trinity of life. Let us call to mind the words—

"The face you wear, the thoughts you bring,
A heart may heal or break."

Words are God's gift to us all. The Commandments are God's words spoken to us, through his servant Moses. The Saviour spoke those memorable words, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," that telling message to us for all time! To speak with power is a grand thing, a gift obviously not given to us all. Eloquence will sway the multitude and inspire the people (though orators seem to be somewhat lacking in this twentieth century); they are born, not made. Some older ones amongst us can remember the intense interest and gratified pleasure experienced in listening to such masters of, words as Henry Vincent, John B. Gough, Morley Punshon, C. H. Spurgeon, Newman Hall, or John Bright, in the days of their power! Those intellectual treats seem strangely wanting now-a-days.

And yet, if we seek to live "for the good

that we can do," there is still much that may be achieved by us all through wise and courageous speech. Then let us recall the words of the poet—

"Be what thou seemest; live thy creed;
Hold up to earth the torch divine.
Be what thou prayest to be made,
Let the Great Master's work be done."

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DISTRICT NEWS.

CHELSFIELD.

At a meeting of the Chelsfield Parish Council, held on Jan. 25th, a long discussion took place on the proposed extension of drainage at Green-street-Green. Mr. Dowler and Mr. Rowley both thought that any addition was unnecessary at the present time, and this seemed also to be the general feeling of the Council. It was their opinion, too, that should the work be proceeded with at some future time, the charge for the same should fall upon the area specially created for drainage purposes, and not upon the frontage owners. Resolutions embodying these views were unanimously passed, and copies directed to be forwarded to the Bromley Rural District Council.

CHISLEHURST.

On Dec. 28th a very successful Christmas entertainment was given to the members of Chislehurst Wesleyan Band of Hope in the Willow-grove Schools, the programme being arranged by the Christian Service Committee of the Wesley Guild. At half-past five, some 200 members and parents sat down to a substantial tea, and later on, a capital miscellaneous entertainment was contributed to by the Misses Powell, Mr. L. Powell, Mr. G. Powell and Miss McIntyre. After a short interval, a large decorated bonbon, containing presents, and a snow man, with a large snowball, were brought on to the platform, when Father Christmas and the snowman handed to each member a garment, book, or toy, a small snowball, containing a bag of sweets, and a beautifully illuminated motto card for 1910 (presented by Messrs. E. C. Waters and Son); also an apple or orange, the appearance of the snowman and Father Christmas causing a good deal of excitement and fun.

CUDHAM.

The Cudham Day School children were entertained on Jan. 3rd and 4th, by the kindness of Lady Howse, of the Tower House, Cudham. On Jan. 3rd the older children to the number of between 70 and 80, met to listen to a magic lantern lecture on Japan and the Japanese, followed by a good display of humorous slides. Between the two displays refreshments were handed round in the shape of cake, buns and milk, and on going home each child was handed a packet of sweets. On Jan. 4th the smaller children, numbering over 80, were entertained in a somewhat similar manner. "Jack and the Beanstalk." "Ali Baba, and the Forty Thieves," followed by humorous slides, were the magic lantern items, followed by refreshments. After various games had been indulged in, Father Christmas made his apperance. He brought with him a good supply of toys of all sorts, which the children were only too willing to accept. After the distribution of sweets hearty cheers were given for Lady Howse.

GREEN-STREET-GREEN.

A fairly well attended public meeting was held at Green-street-Green Baptist Church, Orpington, on Jan. 26th, in connection with the anniversary of the Church and pastor. Mr. John Edmed, of Orpington, was in the chair in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Alexander, of Crofton, Orpington. Mr. John M. Higgs submitted a report on the church work of the year, and referred to the establishment of the men's society in association with the Church, from which much was expected. The financial statement which was also submitted by Mr. Higgs showed that the amount of the outstanding balance, which was very considerable at the beginning of the year, had been reduced to one of 13s. by the end of the year. Addresses were given by the Rev. William Lewis, of St. Mary Cray, and the Rev. Percy Smith (formerly minister of the church, and afterwards a missionary in China). The Rev. W. Lewis, in the course of his address, referred to those associated with the Church at Green-street-Green, naming the late Mr. Vinson and the late Mr. John Higgs, both of whom had taken a keen interest in the welfare of local Nonconformity. The Rev. J. Smith, pastor of the Church, also addressed the meeting, and thanked the speakers for their admirable addresses.

KESTON.

A well-attended meeting of the Keston Horticultural Society was held at the School, Keston, on Jan. 7th, to hear a lecture on roses by Mr. Booth, of Orpington. The speaker dealt fully with his subject, supplying useful first-hand information on some important heads, as soil, drainage, aspect, stocks, the choosing of plants, pruning, the rose house, work among the roses at different seasons, the management of hybrids, etc. A hearty vote of thanks was deservedly accorded Mr. Booth for his useful remarks. Points for the evening's exhibits were then read out as follows: Mr. Squelch, 9; Mr. Woodgate, 8; Mr. Clark, 7; Mr. Field, 5; Mr. Smith, 5.

Thanks to the enterprise of Mr. Jonah Lettington, a capital evening concert took place at The Haven, Keston, on Jan. 17th, in the comfortable hall there. The following artistes contributed to an excellent programme: Mr. G. Towns, Mr. V. Howden, Mr. Bert Harris, Mr. Jack Spencer (Canadian axe bolo and glass bolo swinging), Messrs. D. Booker, Thomas and W. Webster (trio), Mr. J. Blakeley, Mr. Harry Austen and Mr. Bob Grenaway (banjo and concertina duet). The programme concluded with a farcical comedy, entitled "The Wanderer's Return," by Messrs. Fred Sharp and Will Kelly. The accompanists were Mr. T. Williams and Mr. F. Sharp, and the stage was in the care of Mr. Bert Harris.

MOTTINGHAM.

The annual supper of the 9th West Kent (Mottingham) Company of the Boys' Brigade took place on Jan. 17th, when about 60 lads enjoyed a splendid spread. At the conclusion, Mr. Higgins moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gosling, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ledger, Mrs. Worters, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Hodge, who provided and cooked the supper. The lads were entertained by Miss Dixon's company of pierrots and by "Diavolo," a clever conjurer. Captain J. H. Worters expressed his regret at having to leave the district, and said he had handed the command over to Lieut. Odell, who expressed the hope that the Company would progress in the same way under his command as it had done for the past two years under the command of Captain Worters.

ORPINGTON.

A largely attended musical evening was given in the Orpington Primitive Methodist Church on Jan. 22nd, by a number of friends associated with the Lewisham Wesleyan Church. A very pleasing quartette, "Dame Durden," was given, and the various songs, recitations and instrumental selections by the members of the party were very much appreciated. Miss Gladys Bell, Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Morgan, Miss Chanter and Mr. Eric Hoskins were among the helpers.

ST. MARY CRAY.

The popular Irish drama, "Pike O'Callaghan," was well rendered to an appreciative audience at St. Joseph's Schools, St. Mary Cray, on Jan. 20th, 21st and 22nd. Mr. John Stacey took the role of Pike, and sustained his part admirably. The Irish peasant found in him an excellent representative. Miss Annie Corcoran, as Pike's wife, also acquitted herself excellently. Mr. Harry Falvey took the part of Red Rufus and did justice to the miserly spy, and so also did Mr. David Barry to the rascally Sir James Blackadder. Mr. Stephen Cronin's personation of Neil O'Connor was a good piece of acting. Miss Murphy, Mr. L. Epsom, Mr. A. Epsom, Mr. J. Crowley, and Misses Maggie and Kitty Holland went through their parts very creditably. In the farce of "The Waiter," which followed, and caused continuous peals of laughter, Mr. Stacey and Mr. H. Falvey were exceedingly comic figures. Miss E. Clements and Miss Alice Dunn admirably seconded the leading parts, and Mr. Edward Holland and Miss Maggie Holland deserve high commendation.

A largely attended special service was held in connection with the St. Mary Cray Congregational Church Auxiliary of the International Bible Reading Association on Jan. 16th, the arrangements being carried out by Miss Sales and Mrs. Bowers (Miss Sales being the hon. secretary of the auxiliary). Mr. William Mansfield, a former superintendent of the Temple Sunday-school, presided, and gave a short and very thoughtful address on the subject of Bible reading. Miss Sales, who has carried on the work of the auxiliary most successfully, gave an instructive address on the aims and methods of the association. The young people gave recitations and readings bearing upon the subject of Bible reading and study. The Rev. W. Lewis opened the meeting with prayer, and expressed the gratitude which it gave him to see so many of the young people and their parents present. He also spoke of the good work being done by Mrs. Sales.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. Mary Cray branch of the Church of England Temperance Society took place in the Institute, St. Mary Cray, on Jan. 5th. The Vicar presided over a fairly good attendance, and the Rev. H. B. Hume, M.A., Curate of the Parish Church, Sevenoaks, attended, and gave a very earnest address. There was an excellent entertainment. The Vicar played pianoforte solos, "The White City" and "Merrie England"; the Rev. J. Gregory sang "The Village Blacksmith" and "The Pilot"; Miss Verrall gave recitations, and Miss Relf, accompanied by the Vicar, played violin solos. At the close the Vicar thanked Mr. Hume for his address and all who had helped.

Births.

BOUGHTON.—On the 2nd January, at 21, Cedars-road, Beckenham, the wife of Stanley Boughton, of a son.

BUDGETT.—On the 9th January, at Elmfield House, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Budgett—a son.

CARROLL.—On the 6th January, at Bickley Vicarage, the wife of the Rev. William Alexander Carroll, of a daughter.

GEORGE.—On the 30th December, at East Looe, Perryhill, Catford, the wife of Frank E. George, of a daughter.

HOWE.—On the 15th January, at Eversley Cottage, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Howe—a daughter.

REAVELL.—On the 17th January, at 8, Oakwood-avenue, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Reavell—a son.

SISSON.—On the 7th January, at Beckenham, the wife of Norman Sisson, of a son.

SLESSOR.—On the 14th January, at Fieldhead, Keston, the wife of Paul A. Slessor, of a son.

WEST.—On the 7th January, at Beech Tree Cottage, Chislehurst, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. West—a son.

WHITE.—On the 18th January, at The Knoll, Beckenham, the wife of Sir Henry A. White, C.V.O., of 14, Great Marlborough-street, W., of a daughter.

Marriages.

MARSH—GIBBS.—On the 11th January, at the Wesleyan Church, Bromley, by the Rev. A. J. Southouse, assisted by the Revs. William Wood and George R. Forde, William John, son of William Henry Marsh, of Pasadena, California, to Ellen Katie, daughter of John Gibbs, of Campbell House, Bromley.

Deaths.

ARKELL.—On the 17th January, at Falaise, Sidcup, John James Meldon Arkell, of pneumonia.

COOKE.—On the 15th January, at Bromley, Laura, the beloved wife of Henry Cooke.

FREEMAN.—On the 9th January, at Brighton, Frederic Freeman, late of the Bank of England, eldest son of the late Mr. Charles Freeman.

MALLETT.—On the 12th January, William Robert Mallett, of 32, Tweedy-road, Bromley.

TOWNEND.—On the 16th January, at Chipstead, Chislehurst, Arthur Powell Townend, aged 77.

STRONG.—On the 8th January, at Wandsworth, Martha Elizabeth Strong, widow of the late Thomas Edward Strong (for many years Editor of the *Bromley Record*), aged 75.

WAGSTAFFE.—On the 22nd January, at Dorset House, Sevenoaks, William Warwick Wagstaffe, B.A., F.R.C.S., aged 67.

WATES.—On the 11th January, suddenly, at Highland-road, Bromley, Benjamin Cunningham Wates, aged 76.

WILKINS.—On the 18th January, at University College Hospital, Alfred Wilkins, youngest son of J. Edwin Wilkins, of 1, Elm-road, Beckenham, in his ninth year.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

2nd.—Adjourned Brewster Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Reception at the Grand Hall, Bromley, by Mr. Corbet Woodall to Sir Frederic and **Lady Lely.**

6th.—*Fourth Sunday in Lent.*

7th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

8th.—County Council triennial election.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

13th.—*Passion Sunday.*

14th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings, at 8 p.m.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

15th.—Annual meeting of Kent County Nursing Association at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

20th.—*Palm Sunday.*

21st.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

22nd.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

27th.—*Easter Sunday.*

29th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held at the Municipal Buildings on Feb. 1st, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

The Borough Accountant Dismissed.

A supplemental report of the Finance Committee in reference to certain circumstances which have arisen in connection with the Borough Accountant was brought up for consideration.

His Worship the Mayor having reported to the Council generally upon the circumstances which had arisen, the Town Clerk read the report of the Finance Committee, and it was moved by Councillor Comins and resolved that such report be received and adopted, the words "General Purposes Committee" being substituted for the words "Finance Committee" in the recommendation.

It was moved by Councillor Gillett, seconded by Alderman James and resolved that the Borough Accountant be dismissed.

It was moved by Councillor Comins, seconded by Alderman Lawrence and resolved that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign all cheques in respect of orders on the Treasurer, and also to endorse cheques made payable to E. Trower or the Borough Accountant until further instructions are given.

[The above matter was dealt with by the Council in Committee at the conclusion of their ordinary meeting on Jan. 18th.]

The New Borough Accountant.

The General Purposes Committee reported that they had further considered the question of the appointment of a Borough Accountant, and in connection therewith interviewed Mr. H. J. K. Wharrie, accountant in the education department, as to his previous experience and capabilities, and it was resolved to recommend that Mr. Henry James Knowles Wharrie be appointed Borough Accountant at a commencing salary of £200 per annum.

Alderman James moved the adoption of this report, and suggested that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Education Committee and ask them to be good enough to make such arrangements as would release Mr. Wharrie from his present position at the earliest possible opportunity.

After some discussion the report was adopted.

The Late Mr. W. R. Mallett.

The following letter was received from Mrs. Annie E. Mallett, 32, Tweedy-road, Bromley:—"Will you kindly convey to the Town Council sincere thanks from sons and myself for their sympathy expressed through you for the great loss we have recently sustained. It is somewhat comforting to hear and receive such kind mention by all of my husband and that his services were valued."

Another meeting of the Council was held on Feb. 15th, the Mayor(Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

Fire Brigade Matters.

A letter was read to the Establishments Committee from Messrs. Robins and Co., enclosing cheque for £32 0s. 8d., in discharge of the expenses incurred by the Corporation in obtaining assistance of outside fire brigades on the occasion of the fire in Market-square on June 21st, 1909.

Public Library Committee.

The Committee considered the annual return of the Public Library staff, and it was unanimously resolved to recommend that the salary of Mr. W. J. Harris, the Librarian, be increased by the sum of £25 per annum; and it was resolved that the salary of Mr. H. Alderton, second assistant, be increased by the sum of £5 per annum, and that the salary to T. A. J. Ranson, evening assistant, be increased by the sum of 1s. per week.

An amendment that the increase of salary to Mr. Harris be only £10 a year was lost.

The New Borough Accountant.

Mr. H. J. K. Wharrie wrote thanking the Council for the honour which they had conferred upon him by appointing him to the post of Borough Accountant. He could assure them that he would do his utmost to merit the confidence they had placed in him and to carry out the duties entrusted to his care to their satisfaction.

The Audit Question.

Councillor Weller submitted the following motion, of which he had given notice: "That it be referred to the General Purposes Committee to consider and report upon the advisability of obtaining powers to secure a Local Government audit, and the steps to be taken in connection therewith."

Councillor Weller said the question of the audit of their accounts was interesting to all of them and to the burgesses at large at the present time. There was apparently, and he supposed not without foundation, a feeling abroad that some alteration ought to be made with reference to the audit of the accounts of the Borough. Whether that be so or not, he did think the time had arisen when a committee should go fully into the circumstances and report to the Council so that they might know fully the position and the differences between the Local Government audit and the independent audit, and when they had that information the public would be able to say, and they, as representing the public, would be able to decide, whether the course hitherto adopted was a safe and sufficient course under the whole of the circumstances.

Councillor Comins, in seconding, said he was very strongly of opinion that they were much better off under the present system than they would be if they had a Government audit.

Considerable discussion took place, and in the end Councillor Weller's motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Jan. 31st, Alderman T. Davis presiding.

Dinner Fund.

To the Raglan-road Special School Sub-Committee statements as to the cost of dinners supplied to children attending the school during the months of November and December, 1909, were submitted, showing that there was a surplus of 3s. 11½d. for the month of November, and a surplus of 5s. 5½d. for December.

Resignation of Dr. Sproull.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter from Dr. Eleanor Sproull, the School Medical Officer, in the following terms:—

"Dear Sir,—I beg to resign the post of School Medical Officer to the Bromley Education Committee, as I have obtained a similar appointment in the West Riding of Yorkshire. The West Riding Education Committee would like me to begin work there on March 1st, or as soon after as possible. I told them my agreement here was to give three months' notice, but that I should bring the matter before the Committee and ask them to allow me to leave as soon as they could conveniently arrange to do so. I shall be exceedingly sorry to leave Bromley, and should like to thank the members of the Committee for their consideration and kindness which has helped so much to make the work a pleasure.—Yours faithfully, Eleanor Sproull."

The Chairman said he was sure he would be voicing the feelings of the Committee when he said how very much they regretted to have to lose Dr. Sproull's services. (Hear, hear.) He thought, however, that they might sincerely congratulate her on having obtained an appointment elsewhere of a similar character.

Local Success.

Mrs. Clara M. Edwards wrote stating that at the examination of the National Froebel Union, held in December last, leave of absence to attend which the Committee so kindly granted her, she was successful in passing Part II., and now held the Higher Froebel Certificate with distinction in educational handwork and class teaching.

The Chairman: We congratulate her on her success. (Hear, hear.)

A further meeting of the Education Committee was held on Feb. 14th, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

Overcrowding.

A letter was read from the Board of Education stating that the average attendance of the boys', girls and infants' departments of the Bickley and Widmore C. E. School must not be allowed to exceed 137, 127 and 191 respectively, the numbers for which they are recognised, or payment of grant will be endangered. The Secretary reported that the average attendance for the school year 1908-9 was as follows:—Boys, 146; girls, 145; infants, 205. Resolved to recommend that a copy of the Board's communication be sent to the managers with a request for their observations.

A letter was read from the managers of the Bromley Parish C.E. School in reference to the overcrowding of the boys' and girls' de-

partments; the managers state that they did not see their way to turn away some 44 children in each department in the middle of a term, but have not admitted any new pupils, and it was expected that the attendance would conform with the recognised accommodation by the end of the school year.

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

The School Management Sub-Committee reported that they had considered questions arising on the resignation of Miss Eleanor R. Sproull of the appointment of School Medical Officer, which was referred to them by the Education Committee on Jan. 31st. In order that there may be no break in the continuity of the work of school inspection, the Sub-Committee recommended that a lady doctor be temporarily appointed School Medical Officer until July 31st, 1910.

MR. H. NYE AND THE BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A crowded public meeting of burgesses and ratepayers, convened by Mr. Henry Nye, was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on February 22nd "for the purpose of protesting against any compromising of the serious offence in relation to the Borough Funds." Mr. Nye presided, and was supported by Mr. C. W. Gedney (a member of the Board of Guardians), and others.

A resolution was carried demanding a full inquiry with regard to the recent disclosures, and the meeting passed a vote of no confidence in the Council.

Mr. Nye said that until such time as they might get a Government audit they must insist that their present system shall not be made void by r easons of a time limit utterly inadequate. They must also insist that their elective auditors shall have every book and account that they might deem necessary which in any way referred to monies received and paid on behalf of the ratepayers. (Applause.) There must be no question of courtesy, but an absolute demand. There was no possibility of bringing about any reform of their present extravagant expenditure without first routing the greater part of the members of their present Council. They must take some united action between now and next November, and be prepared with candidates, and if he could be of any service he should be only too willing to help. (Applause.)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

To hear a lecture by Mr. S. G. Kimber, F.R.P.S., is a treat of a rare kind. He is an acknowledged expert in architectural photography, and is as good a lecturer as he is an artist. There is no subject with which he is more acquainted than "Westminster Abbey," and the Bromley Camera Club was extremely fortunate in securing so eminent a photographer to bring before its members and friends the architectural glories and historical associations of this ancient and noble edifice. The lecture was given on Feb. 18th, and illustrated by 112 excellent photographic views taken by Mr. Kimber himself.

PROPOSED RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting, convened by Councillor Albert T. Harris, in redemption of his election pledge to take steps to secure the formation of a Ratepayers' Association, was held at the Town Hall, Bromley, on Feb. 18th. There was a most encouraging attendance.

Mr. C. H. Gunton delivered an excellent speech in favour of the proposal to form an association. In the first place, he wished to say that he was in favour of a Ratepayers' Association, provided the object was not ossentially for the purpose of opposing the Town Council, but rather to assist it by making known the wishes of the ratepayers on matters under discussion. Success was possible only through combination. He proposed the following resolution: "That this meeting, having considered the question of the desirability of forming a Ratepayers' Association for the Borough of Bromley, resolve that such an association would be of great service to the town, and recommends that a committee be now formed to arrange for a public meeting at an early date." (Applause.)

Mr. W. H. Smith seconded the motion.

Several addresses from Councillors followed, and Mr. Gunton's motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Subscriptions were invited from those present so as to cover the expenses which are being incurred in connection with the formation of the association, and the money needed for this purpose was speedily guaranteed.

A strong committee was then appointed to frame a code of rules, etc., for consideration at a public meeting of ratepayers.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Howard for kindly allowing the meeting to be held at the Town Hall free of charge, and said they must all appreciate the fine spirit Mr. Howard had shown in the matter.

The motion was carried with great cordiality.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

An interesting meeting was held at the Bromley School of Science and Art on February 12th, when about forty past and present students in the science classes met to hear a paper on "Argon and the Inert Gases of the Atmosphere." Mr. A. C. Bodey, B.Sc., A.I.C., presided, and the paper was read by Mr. Gerald N. White, a former student of the school.

EASTERN CANADA.

The Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library was crowded on February 14th, when an admirable lecture on "Eastern Canada" was given by Mr. Nugent M Clougher, whose remarks were illustrated by a number of excellent slides, many of them from original photographs. Councillor A. T. Harris made a genial chairman.

BROMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

In view of the scheme for the enlargement of the Bromley Cottage Hospital, more than ordinary interest was taken in the annual meeting of subscribers, which was held in the Lecture Hall of the Public Library on February 10th, and the attendance showed an encouraging increase as compared with former years. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.) presided.

During the greater part of the year the subject of the enlargement and improvement of the older portion of the hospital has occupied the continuous attention of the Committee. In May they summoned to their aid Mr. Paul Waterhouse, F.R.I.B.A., an architect well known to be skilled in hospital work, and in due time procured from him designs for the very important alterations which modern requirements demanded to meet in any adequate way the needs of the population of the place. These designs, long deliberated over and at length brought down to the irreducible minimum, made provision for the following new work:—

(a) A new two-storey building at the end of the south corridor, containing on each floor a ward of 14 beds, with a ward kitchen attached, and a verandah and balcony on the south side.

(b) A new three-storey block of lavatories, baths, etc., for the service of the two wards and the servants' rooms on the second floor, and two other lavatories in different parts of the hospital.

(c) A new kitchen, with scullery and service room attached, and heating apparatus for the whole of the hospital beneath.

(d) A second floor for servants' room above the south corridor, leaving the first floor rooms available for single-bed wards, two or three of which it is hoped may be used for paying patients.

(e) Recovery room for patients who come in for minor operations and now have to be sent into the ordinary wards.

The scheme thus leaves untouched the more modern portions of the hospital, which comprise the whole of the north wing devoted to the nursing staff, the Wheeler-Bennett Ward, containing eight children's cots, and the operating room, ante-rooms, etc. The number of beds will be raised from 24 to 34, exclusive of the children's ward, but the increase in the number of beds has never appeared to the Committee to be of such moment as that the wards should be remodelled and enlarged, and, more important still, that the hospital should be properly equipped in accordance with modern ideas in the sanitary and kitchen departments, which occupy so essential a place in every modern institution of the kind.

It is not to be supposed that all these important works can be carried out except at a considerable cost. The Committee at first hoped that the actual expense of building might be limited to £5,000 or thereabouts, but until the quantities of the approved designs had been taken out, and tenders submitted, it was impossible to forecast with any degree of certainty what sum would be required. The tenders, however, proved so far in excess of what was hoped for, that a further elimination of items was found necessary before the contract could be given out, but even so the cost will reach at least £7,500, apart from architect's fees, furnishing, etc. Mr. Wm. Crossley, whose tender was the lowest, had been accepted as the builder.

Mr. R. F. Measor proposed the re-election of the executive committee; Mr. F. Medhurst seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously; and Mr. Dewey briefly replied on behalf of the Committee. The Chairman announced the unavoidable absence of Mr. M. H. Hodder and Mr. G. S. Hunt.

Mr. Alfred Wright proposed the re-election of the honorary auditors, Messrs. Gerard Van de Linde and Son, and said he should like the proposition to be accompanied by an expression or thanks, not only on behalf of the committee, but of all the subscribers to the hospital.

Mr. Cotgreave Brown seconded the motion, which was carried.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

A Sundridge Ward meeting of the Primrose League in connection with the Bromley Habitation, No. 1,521, was held at St. John's Parish Room, on February 17th, Mrs. P. Barker, the energetic and devoted Warden, presiding, supported, amongst others, by Mr. T. K. Crossfield, J.P. (Ruling Councillor), Mr. D. Nowell Pritt, Mr. Guy Barker, and Mrs. Englehardt, the ward secretary.

Mrs. Barker, in opening, said once again it was her privilege, as warden of the Sundridge Ward to welcome them all there that night, and she did so with very great pleasure, because since their meeting last year they had increased somewhat in membership, not very much, it was true, but still they had increased; but they had not done nearly enough for them to rest yet, and think that there was no need for further work. There w as room for very many more members in their ward, and t here was need of them. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. D. N. Pritt, a fluent speaker, gave an address on Tariff Reform, and pointed out that the policy preached by the Conservative party at present was not that of absolute prohibition, or the very high protection that was adopted by the United States of America, but the careful adoption of a scale of tariffs which would not have the effect of keeping out all goods, but which would give them the maximum benefits of Tariff Reform without any serious disturbance of trade.

A vigorous address was then given by Mr. Crossfield.

To the musical programme Mrs. Cubitt contributed two nicely-executed piano solos. Mrs. Chesters gave with much charm and spirit "My song is of the stirring north" and "April's here," and fully deserved the hearty plaudits her bright and cultured singing evoked. Mr. Philps sang, in excellent style, "The Englishman" and "The Carnival," and Dr. Cogswell gave a couple of humorous Irish songs, with banjo accompaniment, the latter being very much enjoyed.

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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The Masonic Hall, Bromley, was the scene of a very bright and happy gathering on January 28th, the occasion being the annual dinner to the Prudential staff in the Bromley District, given by the genial and popular superintendent, Mr. G. H. Heap. The Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., with which the name of our esteemed townsman, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., is so intimately associated, was represented by a jovial party, numbering about forty, and in addition to the assistant superintendents and agents, several visitors honoured the proceedings with their presence, these including Mr. W. Hillier (inspector), Mr. T. Walker (superintendent, Sevenoaks), Mr. R. C. Hawkes (superintendent, Dartford), and Mr. W. Rouse (superintendent, South Croydon). Mr. Heap occupied the post of honour and ably and pleasantly discharged his duties as chairman, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. T. Oulds. In the catering department Mr. Owen, the steward at the Masonic Hall, did excellently, and the dinner he served up was first-class in every respect. "Good fare and plenty of it" is evidently Mr. Owen's motto, and those present did not disguise their feeling of satisfaction at the bountiful spread, and of gratitude to Mr. Heap for entertaining them on such a lavish scale. The proceedings commenced at half-past five so as to allow a full evening for social intercourse, and with song and toast the hours passed pleasantly away. But business was the main purpose of the gathering. There can be no doubt that Mr. Heap is the right man in the right place. He is the superintendent of a very important district, including such places as Bromley, Beckenham, Chislehurst and Orpington, and although he has only been in charge here for a couple of years, his persistent efforts and judicious methods have already borne rich fruit. Mr. Heap works enthusiastically for the Prudential Company, and he has around him a staff who are exceedingly loyal and prepared t do anything in their power for their chief. In the past year splendid work has been done by the assistant superintendents and agents in the Bromley district, but as a result of the social gathering on Jan. 28th, and particularly as the outcome of the stirring address then given by Mr. Heap, they have become imbued with his spirit more than ever, and there was not a man present on that occasion who did not determine to work harder and do greater things for the Prudential in the days that are to come, every agent knowing full well that the more he does for the Company the greater will be his own individual prosperity. Messrs. T. Oulds, H. Harris and E. Barden are the assistant superintendents in the Bromley District, and as their names appear, so was their order of merit last year. The following were the fifteen leading agents in the roll of honour in 1909:—Messrs. J. Cook, A. Barker, J. W. Still, H. F. Wilkinson, G. Walford, W. E. Gayford, G. Palmer, T. E. Matthews, A. C. Rolfe, A. Tucker, E. Spark, J. Hockley, P. C. R. Legh, F. G. Baxter and P. H. Jennings. Handsome presentations were made by Mr. Heap to those who had done the best work during the past year, and Mr. H. F. Wilkinson, who is leaving the Bromley District to take up the position of assistant superintendent at Croydon, also received a suitable gift.

BECKENHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Beckenham Cottage Hospital was held at the Council Offices on February 8th. Mr. H. Sherley Price presided, and there were also present Drs. Giddings, G. R. Stilwell and Hope Murray, Messrs. Borrowman, Dutton, Duffield, Byron, Jackson, Harvey and Cardross Grant (hon. secretary).

The annual report was as follows:—The Committee, in presenting its 38th annual report to the subscribers and donors, is pleased to state that the hospital continues its beneficent usefulness. The Committee regrets very deeply the loss by death of its late chairman, Mr. C. A. Jones, who had taken a very lively interest in the hospital for some years. The Committee hopes that the subscribers and donors will bear in mind that the hospital is wholly dependent on their voluntary contributions, and earnestly solicits not only their continuance, but, where possible, their increased liberality, and also their help in recommending its needs to their friends and acquaintances. Gratitude is due, and gladly accorded by the Committee, to all interested in the hospital, and especially to the hon. consulting surgeons, medical officers and the staff, the hon. ophthalmic and dental surgeons, the hon. chaplain, the hon. auditor, the hon. solicitor, the hon. architect and the hon. secretary and treasurer, and also to the subscribers and donors generally for gifts received. The Matron's department continues to afford the Committee complete satisfaction.

The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, Mr. Jackson moved a vote of thanks to the hon. consulting surgeons, medical officers and the staff, the hon. ophthalmic and dental surgeons, the hon. chaplain, the hon. auditor, the hon. solicitor, the hon. architect and the hon. secretary and treasurer, for their work, to the subscribers and donors generally for gifts received, and to the Council for the use of the room. He said that on behalf of the general public he begged to thank the hospital management most sincerely for the good work they had done. He thought it was a deplorable fact that there was a deficit. It was much to be regretted, and he sincerely hoped the apathy of Beckenham would be moved and that the efforts of the Committee might have influence on the outside public that they might come forward with their subscriptions and leave the hospital with a balance in its favour.

The vote was carried, as also was one to the Chairman, who, however, remarked that if anyone deserved the thanks it was their indefatigable hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Cardross Grant.

The Committee were re-elected as follows: Canon Arnott, Rev. R. S. Fleming, Messrs. W. A. Beney, R. Borrowman, J. Byron, W. H. Duffield, T. F. Garrard, Cardross Grant, H. Sherley Price and G. Sutton.

BROMLEY AND CRAYS GAS COMPANY.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company was held at the Company's Offices, 156, High-street, Bromley, on Feb. 22nd, the Deputy Chairman (Mr. Bertram H. Latter) presiding.

The report of the directors was as follows:—The accounts for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1909, duly audited, are submitted here with. The make of gas during the half-year shows an increase of 7,322,000 cubic feet over that of the corresponding half of 1908, equivalent to very nearly 3½ per cent. The directors are glad to report that all the works rendered necessary by the decision to concentrate the manufacture of gas for the whole of the amalgamated district at the Bromley works (as mentioned in their report a year ago) have now been completed, and are giving every satisfaction in operation, reflecting much credit upon the various contractors and upon the chief engineer who has directed the work. Since Jan. 1st, 1910, when the manufacturing plant at the Crays works was shut down, the whole of the Company's district has been supplied from Bromley, and it already appears as if the economies predicted as likely to result from this policy are in a fair way to be realised. The directors have decided, subject to the approval of the meeting, to pay to the secretary, by way of gift, a sum of fifty guineas in recognition of special services rendered by him in the process of the amalgamation of the two Companies. The directors recommend the declaration of dividends under the sliding scale at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum upon the "A" ordinary stock of the Company, at the rate of 4¾ per cent. per annum upon the "B" ordinary stock, and at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum upon the "C" ordinary stock (all less income tax), payable on and after March 10th next, which will absorb £9,260 17s. 11d., and leave a balance of £2,399 7s. 6d. to be carried forward to the next account.

The Deputy Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman (Mr. Dickson).

Mr. Wilde seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.—Carried.

The three retiring directors—Messrs. S. J. Wilde, H. Wyatt and E. Vinson—were re-elected, and Messrs. Wyatt and Vinson suitably returned thanks.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

A vestry meeting was held in the choir vestry on February 19th for the purpose of applying for a faculty for the following works:—(1) The erection of a chancel screen; alterations in position of existing pulpit and lectern; and consequent displacement of certain seats. (2) Alterations in east end windows. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Peter Barker) presided.

After some discussion, the vestry was adjourned for complete information both as to the actual plan and as to the cost of carrying out the work.

BROMLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society was held at the Parish Room, West-street, on Feb. 15th. Mr. E. M. Garnar (a vice-president) occupied the chair, and the attendance, numbering 30, also included Mr. R. S. Patterson (the excellent hon. secretary), Mr. W. Collings (hon. treasurer) and Mr. W. Weeks.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, which he said was a most encouraging one. He was very pleased indeed to see that the prize-winners at the last exhibition had received their prize-money in full, in addition to which they actually had a small balance in hand.

Mr. Stent seconded the adoption of the report, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Collings presented the balance-sheet showing a balance in hand of £2 18s. 8d.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, presented to Mr. Patterson a solid silver rose bowl, and said it gave him great pleasure to perform that little ceremony on their behalf. As they had already heard, they had a secretary of whom they had every reason to be proud. Indeed he had performed his duties so well that the committee were unanimous in their wish that he should be presented with some tangible token of their appreciation of his services, on behalf of the Society.

Mr. Patterson suitably acknowledged the gift.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

The Adult Reading Circle gave another dramatic reading at the Public Library on February 17th. These readings are beginning to form a most attractive item in the Circle's programme, and are keenly enjoyed by both members and visitors alike.

The play read on this occasion was Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer." The success of the evening was largely established by the rendering by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of the parts of "Mrs. Hardcastle" and her son "Tony Lumpkin." They entered into the spirit of the play with zest, and provoked unbounded mirth. Mrs. Kelf was an arch "Kate Hardcastle," and Miss Bath ably read the part of "Miss Neville" at a moment's notice, owing to the inability of Mrs. Bell to be present. Mr. Harris, as that "gay dog" and "agreeable little rattle, young Marlow," displayed a new side to his individuality, not visible in everyday life. Mr. Kelf was an adequate Hastings, and Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Philpot, as the two fathers, "Sir Charles Marlow" and "Mr. Hardcastle" respectively, were all that paternity could demand from reading circles. The reading also consisted of the following parts:—"Landlord," Miss Bouillin; "Diggory," Mr. A. F. Clark; Servants and Maid, Misses D. Portway and E. Griffin.

Refreshments, dainty both in kind and service, were provided by the Misses Portway and Griffin, and Mr. Edwards proposed, and Mr. Philpot seconded, a vote of thanks to these ladies for their kindness and trouble in the matter.

SCIENCE AND ALCOHOL.

It was estimated that there were fully 500 persons at the temperance social held in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Congregational Church on February 14th, and no more sucessful gathering of the kind has ever been held in the town. All the day-school teachers in the district were invited to the meeting, and a large number accepted the invitation, members of all denominations being present. The arrangements were admirably made by Mr. Andrew Brown, the energetic secretary of the Bromley Congregational Temperance Association, in conjunction with the Rev. W. Mottram, a well-known temperance worker in connection with the Congregational body. The Rev. W. Justin Evans and Mrs. Evans threw themselves whole-heartedly into the proceedings, and graciously received the visitors. Important addresses on "The Teachings of Science on the Whole Question of Alcohol" were given by those eminent members of the medical profession, Dr. A. Pearce Gould (surgeon of Middlesex Hospital) and Surgeon-General G. J. H. Evatt, C.B., M.D.; and during the evening charming songs were contributed by Mrs. E. H. Bayley, whose talented services were fully appreciated. Light refreshments were served in the early part of the meeting.

Dr. Pearce Gould gave an excellent address, and as he spoke authoritatively his words carried great weight and made a deep impression on his hearers. He gave some striking illustrations, showing that a man who abstained from alcohol was better physically and mentally and his judgment was more reliable than the man who took even a little alcohol. What did it all mean? To him, it meant that the wise man and woman did not take any alcohol. (Hear, hear.) Alcohol was the great foe of the human race. It was the friend of disease. Tubercle, the great scourge in temperate zones, had no single accessory so potent as alcohol. The death rate from cancer was as 71 abstainers to 100 non-abstainers, and exactly twice as many died from cancer, if they were brewers and publicans as if they were abstaining clergymen. That was a fact they would do very well to think about. (Applause.)

A stirring and breezy address was then given by Surgeon-General G. J. H. Evatt.

BRIGHTON EXPRESS DISASTER

The Brighton express to Victoria on January 29th met with disaster at Stoat's Nest, fourteen miles from London. Five passengers were killed outright and two men who happened to be standing on the platform also lost their lives. The deaths consequently numbered seven, and nine passengers suffering from grave injuries were detained in hospital. In addition, several others, more or less seriously hurt, were able to proceed to London after receiving medical attention. Amongst the passengers were Miss Amy Measor, of Glen thorne, Elmfield-road, Bromley, and Miss N. Bittleston, of 77, College-road, Bromley, both of whom had miraculous escapes.

BROMLEY BRANCH OF THE C.E.T.S.

A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Mark's Church Room on Feb. 14, the occa sion being a social gathering of members and friends of the Bromley branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. There was a large attendance, among those present being the Rev. S. E. Osborne (who presided), Rev. A. H. Stevenson, Mr. C. Hodgkinson (treasurer) and Mr. G. H. Warren. Mr. A. E. Garrard (hon. secretary) was unable to be present, owing to an attack of influenza, at which great regret was expressed.

During the evening light refreshments were served. An excellent programme of music was rendered by St. Mary's (Plaistow) Orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Pickering. Mrs. Montagu Smith and Mr. Inglis each contributed two songs very effectively, and two recitations by Miss Marjorie Bull gave much pleasure, these items of the programme having been arranged by Miss Emily Davidson, who, as usual, proved herself an efficient accompanist. Later in the evening the Rev. S. E. Osborn spoke a few words, and called upon the Rev. G. M. Scott (Diocesan Secretary, C.E.T.S.), who gave an earnest address on the varied work of the Diocesan Society, and referred to its financial needs.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Scott for his address, and to all who had contributed towards making the gathering a success.

THE PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE.

On Friday, Jan. 28th, the spring session was opened with a social of members and friends, at the Cooperative Small Hall, Bromley. In addition to a programme of music and recitations, an inspiring address on the ideals of the League—an exposition of what the League stands for in the national life—was given by Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, assistant editor of the "Christian Commonwealth."

On February 1st, Dr. F. W. G. Foat lectured on "Social Education." Dr. Foat has a conversational style peculiarly his own, which never fails to make his deliverances intensely personal and impressively interesting. Dr. Foat is a master at the City of London school, and an expert in educational matters: he also lectures on evolution and public speaking at the City of London College. It is not therefore surprising that the very fair sized audience enjoyed his lecture, and there will be a still larger gathering at his next visit.

Dr. Foat has invented the educational "game" known as "Mental Cricket": and after his lecture he utilised his audience and the subject of his address to give a demonstration of this game, which he has used with such success in teaching boys, that the youngsters have been known to spend their recreation time learning French verbs in order to "bowl out" their schoolmates in class time.

Mr. Tavernor Finnis, of Kildare, Station-road, Orpington, left estate of the gross value of £11,063.

QUEEN'S REIGN COMMEMORATION FUND.

The 12th annual general meeting of contributors to the Bromley Queen's Reign Commemoration Fund, 1897, was held at the Municipal Buildings on February 22nd, the Chairman of the Fund, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., presiding. There were also present: Mrs. Chalmers, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C. (hon. treasurer), the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait), Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. W. R. G. Hay and Mr. J. Y. Hay (members of the Management Committee), Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. auditor) and Mr. K. E. Chalmers (hon. secretary).

The Committee of Management, in their 12th annual report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1910, stated that the year had proved uneventful and the work of the Fund had proceeded in its customary way. In addition to two letters given by Mr. W. R. G. Hay (whose annual gift was much appreciated), two letters were carried forward from the previous year and thirty letters purchased. Thirty-four letters were therefore available for distribution, and all of these had in fact been issued. Gifts of letters would be always welcomed by the Committee and would enable them to extend the benefits of the funds to a larger number of applicants.

The report was adopted.

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS.

Considerable energy is being displayed by the members of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers. The objects of the National Union, as defined in its constitution, are (1) to promote sympathy of thought and purpose among the women of Great Britain and Ireland; (2) to promote the social, civil, moral and religious welfare of women; (3) to focus and redistribute information likely to be of service to women workers; and (4) to federate women's organisations and to encourage and assist the formation of local councils and unions of women. The Union is organised in the interest of no one policy, and has no power over the organisations which constitute it. Federated societies incur no responsibility on account of any action taken either by the Council of the Union, or by any other federated society. The object of the Bromley branch is to form a common centre for all women engaged in or interested in social, educational, philanthropic or religious work, and to promote sympathy and co-operation. The branch does not pledge its members in the slightest degree either to advance or resist the movement towards women's suffrage. The committee hope that all societies working in Bromley and the neighbourhood for the moral, mental or physical well being of women or children will affiliate themselves to the local branch of the National Union of Women Workers.

Lectures are given from time to time, and on February 11th, in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library, an able address was given by Professor C. S. Loch on the Majority Report of the Poor Law Commission. The Hon. Mrs. Forster presided, and there was a large attendance.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROMLEY.

The annual meeting of the Church and congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, was held on Feb. 10th, the minister, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, presiding.

The reports of the Kirk Session and the Deacons' Court, presented respectively by Mr. Caverhill and Mr. O'Hanlon, showed that, as the minister states in his pastoral letter for the year, "the past year has been one of quiet, steady and harmonious work in every department of congregational activity." The membership of the congregation remains at the same figure as last year (275), notwithstanding that the number of people who have left Bromley during the year is again exceptionally large. The receipts for purely congregational purposes amounted to £1,347, as compared with £1,445 last year, and for denominational and other outside objects there was contributed £846, as compared with £575 last year, showing an increase under both heads of from £2,021 to £2,194. The proportion of the contributions to the various schemes of the denomination is thus exceptionally large.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

A scholarly and entertaining lecture on "Samuel Johnson" was given by Professor F. S. Boas to the members of the St. Luke's Men's Hour on Feb. 20th, the lecturer being introduced by the Vicar, Rev. C. C. Gosselin.

Professor Boas, referring to the dictionary, which appeared in 1775, said had Johnson left nothing but this work one might have traced there a great intellect. Looking to its clearness of definition, its general solidity, honesty, insight and successful method, it might be called the best of all dictionaries. There was in it a kind of architectural nobleness. It stood there like a great solid square-built edifice, finished symetrically complete. They judged that a true builder did it. When the last sheet of the dictionary had been carried to the publisher, Johnson asked the messenger, "What did he say?" "Sir," said the messenger, "he said, 'Thank God I have done with him.'" "I am glad," replied Johnson, "that he thanks God for anything."

Mr. F. Lewis, headmaster of Aylesburr-road, School, Bromley, has been elected a member of the Executive Council of the National Union of School Orchestras, an association having as its objects: To promote the study and practice of instrumental music in elementary schools; to secure qualified teachers and expert supervision; to provide scholarships and prizes for promising pupils; to encourage evening classes, orchestral societies and local concerts.

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

1st.—Debate on Old Age Pensions by the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society.

2nd.—Bromley Brewster Sessions.—Annual dinner of D Troop, F Squadron, of the Legion of Frontiersmen at the Swan and Mitre Hotel, Bromley.

4th.—Smoking concert at the Masonic Hall. Mason's Hill, in connection with the Bromley and West Kent Masonic Club.—Kentish Cyclist Batt. ("A Co.) whist drive and dance at Bromley Co-operative Hall.

7th.—Concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.—C.E.T.S. meeting at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, Bromley.

8th.—Debate on Poor Law Reform at Bromley Public Library.

9th.—Bromley Athletic Club whist drive and dance at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

10th.—Chamber subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.—Annual meeting of subscribers to Bromley Cottage Hospital

12th.—Concert at the Drill Hall in aid of the sufferers of the Paris floods.

13th.—Address on "Why go to Church?" by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, at St. Mark's Church, Bromley.

14th.—Reception at Bromley Congregational Church to meet Dr. A. Pearce Gould (surgeon of Middlesex Hospital) and Surg.-General G. J. H. Evatt, C.B., M.D.—C.E.T.S. social meetings at St. John's and St. Mark's Parish Rooms, Bromley.—Lecture on Eastern Canada by Mr. Nugent M. Clougher, at Bromley Public Library.

15th.—Whist drive at the Town Hall, Bromley in connection with Howard's Stores, Ltd.—Address on temperance by the Rev. G. M. Scott, at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common.—Annual general meeting of Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society.—Conference on the Minority Report of the Poor Law in the Co-operative Hall, Bromley.—Debate on Socialism by the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.

16th.—Address on "My Life in an Enclosed Convent," by Miss Madge Moult, at The Central Hall, Bromley.—Annual Meeting of the Juvenile Branch of the I.O.O.F.M.U. at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.

17th.—Primrose League meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.

18th.—Lecture on Westminster Abbey by Mr. S. G. Kimber, F.R.P.S., at the Parish Room. West-street, Bromley.—Meeting at the Town Hall, Bromley, to consider the desirability of forming a Ratepayers' Association for the Borough.

20th.—Presentation of Mendelssohn's "Lauda Sion" by the Choir at the evening service at Bromley Congregational Church.

21st.—Recital by Miss Dorothy Apthorpe at the Town Hall, Bromley.

22nd.—Half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Co.—Debate on "Is our Literature Decadent?" at Bromley Public Library.—Annual general meeting of contributors to the Queen's Reign Commemoration Fund.—Meeting at the Town Hall, Bromley, under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.—Protest meeting at the Drill Hall Bromley, in reference to the disclosures in the financial department of Bromley Town Council.

23rd.—Bromley Football Club whist drive at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.—Annual ball of the 5th Batt. the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt) at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

24th.—Concert at the Lecture Hall of Bromley Presbyterian Church in aid of the Choir Fund.

25th.—Address on the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission, by Mr. Sidney Webb, at Bromley Public Library.

28th.—Reception of nominations in connection with the triennial County Council elections.

Mr. Benjamin Cunningham Wates, of Hillbrow, Highland-road, Bromley, who left estate valued at £62,281 gross, with net personality £55,886, bequeathed £500 to the Baptist Missionary Society, and £100 to the Leicester Infirmary and House of Recovery from Fever.

DANIEL DEFOE AS A SOCIAL REFORMER.

Under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers, an able and interesting lecture on "Daniel Defoe as a Social Reformer" was given by Miss Punch on Jan. 3rd at the High School in Elmfield-road, by kind permission of Miss Hodge.

Miss Punch said amongst the schemes now before the country, as they all knew, was one for the improvement and development of their roads and highways. One of the first projects in Defoe's essay was for the making and maintaining of good roads whereby rich and poor would be benefited, and employment and houses and half-acre gardens found for a certain number of poor persons, who would be employed constantly on the maintenance of the roads along which their cottages should be built at definite and frequent intervals. How much they had heard lately about pensions for old people, as if it were such a new and brilliant idea that both parties in the State during the last ten years or so wished to take credit for it—(laughter)—but they found their old friend more than 200 years ago well to the front with an elaborate scheme, well thought out in every particular and embracing some of the ideas which had been most strongly urged of late. Defoe's scheme had three chief features: First, it was to embrace all sorts and conditions of men and women; second, the scheme was not only to be contributory, but the whole money for paying the pensions was to be found by the entire population who were adults under 50 years of age and sound in body paying small quarterly subscriptions of 1s. each, the money so subscribed to be invested by trustees. Every person who subscribed would have a right to claim a pension under certain rules and conditions, if from age, accident or sickness they were unable to provide for themselves. Defoe calculated that if all the people of England, old and young, rich and poor, were to pay into one common stock 4s. per annum per head, and that money was duly and honestly managed, that the surplus paid by those who died off and by those who never came to want would in all probability maintain all that should be poor and for ever banish beggary and poverty out of the kingdom. She had already incidentally mentioned the third chief feature of his scheme, that the poor who were unable to work to provide for themselves should either be medically treated and cured at the expense of the fund or be taken into a hospital, or should be allowed a pension for life, whether they were aged or not.

The wedding has been fixed to take place at St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, at two o'clock on March 9th, of Mr. A. Lockley Cook, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, of Orpington House, St. Mary Cray, and Miss Maude Heath, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Heath, of Ivy Lodge, Denmark Hill, and Herne Bay.

ESCAPED NUN AT THE CENTRAL HALL.

There was a large attendance at the Central Hall, Bromley, on February 16th, when the escaped nun, Miss Madge Moult, from the Benedictine Convent, East Bergholt, Suffolk, gave her popular lecture, entitled "My Life in an Enclosed Convent." She is an excellent speaker, and had no difficulty in securing and maintaining the close attention and interest of the audience. She said at the outset she had come there to secure their interest in the question of placing convents under the control of the State. She had not come there to attack the doctrines of the Church of Rome, or to give them her opinions as to whether convents should or should not exist, but she came there to say that if the convents were the abodes of bliss which certain people would make them appear to be, then they could have nothing whatever to fear from inspection. On the contrary, it would do away with a great deal of prejudice which existed in the public mind, and if, on the other hand, they were not quite what they should be, then the nuns living in those places ought to be very grateful for the interference of the British public. In graphic language she told the story of her life in the Benedictine Convent, East Bergholt, where she spent seven years, and in conclusion gave a thrilling account of her escape.

GREAT GALE.

A great gale, developing into a hurricane, did much damage in Bromley and district on Feb. 20th. "The hurricane," says a metereological expert, "reached an occasional velocity of eighty miles an hour. Such a storm is quite without precedent in the month of February, and has not been equalled in any month since the late eighties." Early in the afternoon, when the storm was at its height, the large hoarding in Park-road, owned by Messrs. Strong and Sons, of East-street, was blown down, together with about 30 yards of the brick wall which stood in front of the bill posting station, and the street lamp was smashed. A large portion of the hoarding in Market-square, the property of Messrs. Strong and Sons, was also blown down, and the street lamp in front was broken clean in two. At 2.30 p.m. one of the plate-glass windows at the premises of Messrs. Herbert Collins, Ltd., drapers, 12 and 13, Market-square, was blown out, considerable damage being done. Despite the fact that the storm came at the time of an absence of foliage, the damage caused to trees in Bromley was the worst for several years. Two large elms were uprooted in Sundridge Park.

Under the will of Mrs. Mary Jane Griffith, of 37, Central Hill, Norwood, S.E., and formerly of Brentford, Bromley, and Brighton, there is a bequest of £250 to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. The estate is valued at £8,747.

BROMLEY MEN AND THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

At the annual meeting of the Bromley Men's Total Abstinence Union held at the Old Court House on February 2nd, the following resolution was passed and ordered to be forwarded to the Prime Minister:—"That this meeting of the Bromley Men's Total Abstinence Union earnestly hopes that the provisions relating to intoxicating liquor which were embodied in the Finance Bill recently before the Houses of Parliament will speedily become law, and also that on an early date an Act will be passed providing for the closing of all licensed premises on the occasions of Parliamentary or municipal elections." In moving the resolution, Mr. Harper referred to the keenness which was being shown in this movement for temperance at the present time and to the hopefulness of the movement notwithstanding all the forces that were arrayed in opposition. He besought the men of Bromley to take their share in this glorious work for humanity, sure that they were on the right and winning side.

POOR LAW REFORM.

The proceedings at the "Model Parliament" in the Public Library Lecture Hall on February 8th, held in connection with the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society, took the form of an exchange debate with the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society, and the subject of discussion was "Poor Law Reform." The Vicar of St. George's, Bickley (Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A.), acted as Speaker; the part of Prime Minister was taken by Mr. Kenneth Chalmers; and the Leader of the Opposition was Mr. D. N. Pritt.

Mr. Chalmers delivered a thoughtful address, and submitted the following motion:—"That while the time is ripe for dealing with Poor Law Reform upon a comprehensive scheme, and while the reports of the Royal Commission on Poor Law Reform supply the necessary data for preparing such a scheme, neither the report of the Majority nor that of the Minority supplies an entirely satisfactory scheme of Reform."

Mr. Pritt replied as the Leader of the Opposition, and described the resolution as "somewhat inconclusive."

Mr. Francis Clark described the scheme set out in the Minority report as "perfectly feasible and logical." The Majority report had fallen absolutely flat. No one, as far as he could see, bothered with it in the least. It was dead, but the Minority report was living, and he believed that was the report on which legislation would be based in the near future.

Mr. P. J. D. Wiley maintained that the Guardians ought not to have to deal with the question of unemployment. Under the Minority report the family would be so split up that they would hardly find a trace of it. Was the head of the family to have no responsibility whatever?

Mr. Chalmers, in reply, said it was unfair to say the Majority report was dead, when the subjects dealt with by it were distinctly living. He was not a Socialist; he was a social reformer. He believed that the careful and sound application of democratic principles to the poor law would provide them with perfectly satisfactory machinery for looking after the poor.

Dr. Randall proposed a vote of thanks to the Speaker and to Mr. Chalmers.

Rev. W. A. Carroll replied, and thanked the members for the very kind welcome they had given to the Bickley and Widmore Society. He hoped that a "return match" would be arranged.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is a great and noble work and one deserving of the utmost support. At all hours of the day and night the well-trained men belonging to this excellent association are only too glad to give help where their services are required, and to render "first aid" to the injured, and the capital attendance at the concert given under the auspices of the Bromley Division at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on January 31st, showed that the townspeople fully recognise and thoroughly appreciate the valuable work done by the ambulance men in this district. There is, of course, an intimate connection between the objects of an institution of this kind and those of the Cottage Hospital, and it was fitting that the proceeds of the concert should be divided between the ambulance funds, and the scheme for the enlargement of the Cottage Hospital.

The entertainment was given under the direction of Maskelyne and Devant's Entertainment Bureau, from St. George's Hall, and was excellent in all points.

TERRITORIAL BALL.

The annual ball in connection with the 5th Batt. the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt.) took place at the Drill Hall on February 23rd, and proved a very enjoyable and successful affair, about 200 being present. As usual, the decorations were extremely tasteful, the principal feature being the centrepiece, which consisted of a large basket of evergreens and flowers, with festoons of evergreens stretching away to the roof, the whole being electrically illuminated. Amongst those present were Capt. C. D. Clark and Mrs. Clark, Capt. A. N. W. Clark, Major and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. and Miss Satterthwaite, Capt. Stilwell, Capt. Hills and Capt. Shaw (Kent Cyclists). Capital music was provided by Bradbury's Whitehall Quadrille Band, and the duties of M.C.'s were ably carried out by Mr. J. Doyle and Sergt. J. Park. The stewards were Capt. C. Douglas Clark, jun., Col.-Sergt. C. Field, Sergt. F. Manmore, Sergt. E. Maynard, Sergt.-Major J. Spooner, Sergt. T. Jenner, Corpl. C. Dunford, Corpl. H. Kingsnorth, Pte. R. Soans and Pte. C. W. Herbert, with L.-Sergt. R. C. Fawsitt as the energetic hon. secretary. The catering was in the hands of Mr. Follett, the alcoholic department being supervised by Mr Andrew Adams, of the Swan and Mitre Hotel.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS MATILDA A WELLS AND MR. F. TAPLIN.

The wedding took place at the Central Hall, Bromley, on Jan. 24th, of Miss Matilda Ann Wells, daughter of Mrs. Stephen Wells, of Beckenham-lane, Bromley, and Mr. Frederick Taplin, son of the late Mr. Taplin, of Basingstoke. Considerable interest was evinced in the marriage, which was the first to be solemnised at the Central Hall. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Wood, superintendent of the Bromley Wesleyan Circuit, assisted by the Rev. George H. Shafto. The service was choral, and the hymn, "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven," was sung at the commencement. The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, was attired in a navy blue costume, trimmed with white. She wore a white hat trimmed with orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Miss B. Wells, who wore an Empire robe of brown, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. Mr. John Taplin was best man. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played as the bride and bridegroom left the vestry. After the wedding the relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom assembled in the Institute Rooms, at the Central Hill, and at six o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Tamplin left for Strood.

MISS M. M. FURRELL AND MR. G. L. MELLIN.

Considerable interest was evinced in the wedding, which took place at West Wickham Parish Church on Jan. 26th, of Mr. Gustav Lassen Mellin, son of the late Mr. Gustav Mellin and of Mrs. Emily Mellin, of Wickham Hall, with Miss Madge Marian Furrell, daughter of the late Mr. Lincoln Furrell and Mrs. Ellen H. Furrell, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Mellin, the bridegroom's mother. Both bride and bridegroom are very popular in West Wickham. The weather favoured the event, and long before the hour fixed for the ceremony the seats not reserved for the guests began to fill with interested well-wishers from the village.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Wanstall (uncle of the bride), who was assisted by the rector of the parish, the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts. Mr. E. A. Edney, the organist, was at the organ, and while the guests were assembling played various appropriate selections, including an Andante in G (Baptiste), "Chorus of Angels" (Clark), a March by Pollard, and an Andante in F (Wely). Mr. Edney played the Bridal March from "Lohengrin" when the bride arrived at the church, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Walter Lincoln Furrell, who gave her away.

The interior of the church had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, and a canopy was erected from the gates to the entrance of the church. The ancient chancel screen was dressed in chrysanthemums, arum lilies and lilies of the valley, and at the chancel gates and on either side of the altar were handsome palms and foliage plants.

The bride looked very charming in a costume of white astrakhan silk, trimmed with old Brussels lace, the train being also covered with old Brussels lace. Her veil was of net, with Brussels applique. Her bridesmaids were Miss Ruby H. Mellin (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Alice Furrell (sister of the bride), and these young ladies were attired in grey-blue cashmere de soie, draped with silk net of the same colour, and oxidised trimmings. They wore grey hats, which were lined with blue, and trimmed with blue roses. Their pendants of silver and pearls were the gifts of the bridegroom. While the register was being signed, the organist played "O rest in the Lord ("Elijah"), and as the bridal party left the church he gave Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The church bells also chimed merrily as the bridegroom and his wife made their departure.

The ceremony over, a reception was held at Wickham Hall, and later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Mellin left for Switzerland, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride wearing a light bronze cashmere de soie Russian costume, trimmed with beaver, and a black velvet hat and muff, also trimmed with beaver.

The bride's presents to the bridegroom were a ring and writing desk, the bridegroom giving the bride a diamond and pearl pendant.

Some very beautiful portrait pictures of the wedding party were taken at the Hall by Messrs. Lavender, of The Studios, Bromley.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

There was a splendid attendance at the Bromley Public Library Lecture Hall on January 31st, when a delightful lecture entitled "Westminster Abbey: Its History, Its Architecture and Its Tombs," with lantern illustrations, was given by Mr. H. W. Fincham.

The chair was taken by Alderman R. W. James, who gave a short introduction. The lecturer, who was received with applause, said in this wonderful Abbey most of England's great men were buried. In the year 1269 the Abbey was first opened to public service. Like most churches, it is in the shape of a cross. The usual entrance to the Abbey is by way of Solomon's Porch. Above the porch are four coats of arms—those of the Earl of Norfolk, Earl of Gloucester, King Louis IX. of France and King Richard II. The most popular part of the Abbey is the "poets' corner," where lie nearly all England's great poets. The lecturer then proceeded to speak of the different tombs and chapels of the Abbey, and in conclusion he referred to the chapter house. This house was the first meeting place of the House of Commons.

Alderman R. W. James proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fineham for his very instructive and interesting lecturer. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. G. Weller, and carried.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT AT CAMDEN PLACE.

Another enjoyable concert was given at Camden House, Chislehurst, on Jan. 27th, the artists being M. Zacharewitch (violin), Mr. Leonard Borwick (piano), and Mr. Davis Brooks (vocalist). The programme opened with Beethoven's Sonata in F, Op. 24, for piano and violin, in which the violinist was joined by Mr. Leonard Borwick. They played with true musicianly feeling, and won hearty rounds of applause, but were even more successful in their second effort—the fine sonata in A by César Franck. Both artists were also heard as soloists. Mr. Borwick's playing of Schubert's F Minor Impromptu so delighted the audience that they insisted on an encore, whereupon he played with equal perfection a Scherzo of Schumann's for Pedal Piano. M. Zacharewitch chose as his solo a Suite in two parts, from his own pen, entitled "Moods," the moods being "Jealousy" and "Imagination"; and, needless to say, the pieces received the most effective treatment in his hands. As an encore, his choice fell upon Schumann's "Träumerai," which he played in a most expressive manner. Mr. Davey accompanied the solos in admirable style. Mr. Davis Brooks (baritone) was heard first in a group of Brahms' "Lieder," which included the well-known "Wie bist du, meine Konigin," and later in some English examples. Of these the most attractive were Dr. Vaughan Williams' settings of two of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Songs of Travel," "The Roadside Fire" and "The Vagabond." These pleased the audience so much that Mr. Brooks was called back to the platform. He sang as an encore "Drink to me only with thine eyes," which was also immensely enjoyed.

CONCERT IN AID OF THE N.S.P.C.C.

The funds of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children will be materially augmented as the result of the excellent concert, arranged by the Rev. J. H. Broadhead, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, which was given in the Grand Hall, Bromley, on February 7th. Mr. Broadhead is a past master in work of this kind, and the entertainment was up to that high standard for which he is justly noted in this district.

The concert opened with the instrumental trio for violin, 'cello and piano, "Tema con variazione" (Beethoven), which was superbly played by the Misses E. Alston, D. Hunt and O. M. Hunt. The music of the various instruments blended beautifully, and a very fine effect was produced. Mr. Robin Overleigh gave a stirring rendering of "My heart's song" (Cuthbert Wynne), to the great delight of the audience, and in the encore piece—for it goes without saying that this popular artist was recalled—he sang with splendid expression and evoked hearty rounds of applause. Rubinstein's "Allegro" was presented as a 'cello solo, by Miss D. Hunt, who played with undoubted skill and won golden opinions. By way of a change, Mr. Fred Milner contributed a humorous item, "A Glimpse of Life" (Milner), chiefly about dogs, and the piece was so funny and the artist such a success, that he had to reappear, giving as his encore song a horticultural ballad, which was equally amusing, and being again recalled, Mr. Milner entertained the audience with a short dramatic sketch, both grave and gay. Miss Violet Bower was warmly recalled for her bright and vivacious rendering of "The Castilian Maid," by Lehman; and the next item was an instrumental quartette—Moskowski's "Dance"—by the Misses E. Alston, O. M. Hunt, D. Hunt and M. Haines, whose tasteful playing again gave great pleasure. Dr. Cogswell's songs, with banjo, were a distinct success, one of the best being that old favourite, "De ole umbrella," by Corney Grain, which he gave in the first part of the programme. In the second part Dvorak's "Bagatelle No. 2" was delightfully played by the Misses E. Alston, O. M. Hunt, D. Hunt and M. Haines, and the instrumental trio, "Gebet der Druiden" (Dawson), exquisitely played by the Misses M. Haines, O. M. Hunt and D. Hunt, was also a great feature. Miss Violet Bower sang "I hear you calling me" (Charles Marshall) with so much charm as to win an enthusiastic recall, and the violin solo, "Largetto and Allegro" (Dvorak) was played with exceptional skill by Miss O. M. Hunt, who was rapturously encored, a compliment she thoroughly deserved. W. H. Squire's fine song, "Mountain Lovers," was admirably given by Mr. Robin Overleigh, who had to make a second appearance. The amusing song, "His parents have not seen him since," was given in characteristic style by Dr. Cogswell, and being clamorously recalled he sang "Mrs. Brady's daughter," which was equally mirth-provoking. Roars of laughter were caused by Tilley's song, "Sydney's holidays," which was contributed as the last item by Mr. Fred Milner. Being encored, this clever humorist made another great hit with one of his original sketches.

CHAMBER MUSIC AT CAMDEN PLACE.

A delightful concert—the third of the series—was given at Camden Place, Chislehurst, on Feb. 7th, under the direction of Mr. Frank Davey. The programme was filled with the Sonata for piano and violoncello (Op. 6) in E flat, by Richard Strauss; a violin Sonata by Leclair; and the Brahms' Trio in C minor (Op. 101), and the performers were Mr. Frank Davey, Mr. B. Patterson Parker and Mr. Spencer Dyke.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT.

Admirable as the chamber music subscription concerts, given at the Bromley High School under the direction of the Misses Beatrice Fowle and Gwynne Kimpton, have been in the past, the concert on February 10th reached, if anything, an even higher standard of excellence. The programme on this occasion was of a specially attractive character. There was quite a galaxy of talent represented in the list of artists. The Misses Fowle and Kimpton are hosts in themselves, but in addition to these gifted

instrumentalists, Dr. Ernest Walker (the famous pianist) made his appearance, and the vocalist was a no less distinguished personage than Mr. Robin Overleigh. The other accomplished performers were Miss Ruth Howell (violin), Miss Frances Marshall and Miss Ada Stuart (violas), Miss May Burgess and Mr. Robert Grimson (violoncellos).

The programme opened with Schubert's trio in B nat, Op. 99, for pianoforte, violin and violoncello, which was ably and sympathetically treated by the Misses Fowle, Kimpton and Burgess. Each artist showed a true insight into Schubert's great work, and played with a skill and charm it would have been difficult to excel. There was some very fine playing in the opening allegro, and the andante which followed was also thoroughly enjoyed, but the third movement (scherzo-allegro) was, perhaps, the most fascinating of all, and the beautiful passages in this trio gave unalloyed pleasure to the audience. The final allegro vivace was also a brilliant effort, and roused those present to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Throughout the talented performers were seen at their best, and their splendid execution of this famous work stamped them as artists of a very high order. Mr. Overleigh presented a group of songs with considerable success—Schumann's "Im wunderschonen Monat Mai" and "Wenn ich in deine Augen seh," and Schubert's "Aufenthalt." The first two were sung with much feeling and tenderness, and Schubert's song afforded an agreeable contrast by the spirit and fire with which it was presented. Dr. Ernest Walker made a brilliant hit with the pianoforte solo, "Kinderscenen, Op. 15," by Schumann. The marvellous dexterity with which he manipulated the keys astonished everyone present. It was a stupendous effort, and won for him, as he deserved, a rapturous recall. The encore piece was Schumann's Romance in F sharp major, which was also exquisitely played. Two songs of Ernest Austin's, "Those haunting eyes" and "Sigh no more, ladies," were finely given by Mr. Robin Overleigh, who was enthusiastically applauded. The concert was crowned with Brahms' sextet in B flat, Op. 18, by the Misses Kimpton, Marshall, Burgess, Howell, Stuart and Mr. Robert Grimson. The artists did their work exceedingly well and are to be congratulated on what was a very artistic and successful performance. The tuneful variations were most delightful to hear, and the audience gave expression to their feelings after each movement, and particularly at the end of the piece, by a spontaneous outburst of applause. A Bechstein grand pianoforte was used for this concert.

CONCERT AT BROMLEY.

The townspeople of Bromley were invited on Feb. 12 to give their support to a movement with the object of making a contribution to the Mansion House Fund opened by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the sufferers from the Parish floods, and a very encouraging response was made to the appeal. The proceedings took the form of an evening concert at the Drill Hall, and the arrangements were in the able hands of Madame M. Laffitte, of Holbrook, Crescent-road, Bromley. The building was not filled, but there was a gratifying attendance, and amongst those present we noticed his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.). On the platform the French and English national colours were conspicuously displayed.

The opening piano solo, Rachmaninoff's "Prelude," was brilliantly played by Mr. H Stuart Welch, and this sparkling solo gave a fine introduction to the concert. Madame Laffitte appeared early on the scene, and the pleasing quality of her voice was very pronounced in Goring Thomas' song, "A summer night," which was rendered additionally enjoyable by a tasteful 'cello obligato. In the prologue from "Pagliacci," by Leoncavallo, Mr. Melton Nightingale scored heavily, singing with a great deal of spirit and splendid expression. Tennyson's poem "The Sisters," was recited with considerable dramatic effect by Miss Dorothy Apthorpe, who received a good share of applause. Madame Thomas delighted her hearers with Venzano's "Ah che assorta," which she sang in great style, being particularly successful with her notes in the upper register. Responding to a clamorous demand for another song, she gave "Fairy's Lullaby" in a very charming manner. Mozart's "Adagio" was played, as a 'cello solo, by Herr Alfred Gallrein, a skilful musician, of the Richter and Wagner concerts, Queen's Hall and others. He played excellently and received an enthusiastic recall. The superb piano playing of Mr. Stuart Welch in Chopin's "Fantaisie—Impromptu" evoked numerous expressions of admiration, and the artist reappeared and gave another selection, to the great delight of the audience. Madame Laffitte was charming in the two songs. "Obstination" (H. de Fontenailles) and "Unmindful of theRoses" (Hermann Lohr), and after these successful efforts and in appreciation of her kindness in getting up the concert, she was made the recipient of a lovely bouquet. Coates' "Stonecracker John," as sung by Mr. Nightingale, caused a good deal of amusement. The audience wanted more and would not be denied, and acceding to their request he gave "The Lute Player," by Allitson. Madame Thomas' exquisite vocalisation in "A Breton Cradle Song" (Liza Lehmann) and "A Muletee Song" brought her enthusiastic rounds of applause. She had to reappear, and gave as her encore piece "Les Perles d'Or," by Thomé. Miss Dorothy Apthorpe gave two capital recitations, "Similar Cases" and "Spacially Jim," and Herr Gallrein brought the concert to a close with two fine 'cello solos, "Le Cygne" (St. Saens) and Popper's "Mazurka." Before the audience separated, "La Marseillaise" and "God Save the King" were played on the piano.

ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The Juvenile Branch of the Orphans' Friend Lodge held their annual tea and concert on Feb. 16th, at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley. Over 60 members—adults and juveniles—sat down to an excellent tea, catered for by Mr. Ewens, Widmore-road. During tea gramophone selec-

tions were supplied by Bro. W. Axcell. After the meal the secretary, P.G. Hoskins, in the absence of the president, P.G. Everest, through illness, gave the yearly report. The room was packed for the concert, which started at eight o'clock. All the artistes did themselves credit, especially Stanley Bell, who kept the audience in roars of laughter for an hour and a quarter. Encores were the order of the evening, and were granted as time allowed, but had to be stopped at the end of the programme. Bro. E. M. Garnar presided, and proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and all helpers, which was carried. P.G. Hoskins proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Garnar for presiding, and Mr. Garnar suitably returned thanks, saying he was pleased to see so many juveniles present. Bro. George Hopgood, dressed as "Father Christmas," presented each juvenile member with an orange, and P.G. Hoskins distributed buns. The stage decorations were by Bro. W. H. Mayhew and Mr. Humerston. Miss K. Hughesman and Bro. Bushnell acted as pianists.

MISS DOROTHY APTHORPE AT BROMLEY.

Miss Dorothy Apthorpe, the talented elocutionist, gave a dramatic and humorous recital before a large audience at the Town Hall, Bromley, on February 21st. Dramatic works occupied a large portion of the programme. It is true that there were other pieces calculated to affect the risible faculties; but the humorous element was not strongly represented. It was on this account, no doubt, that the last recitation, "Similar Cases," was changed for the duologue, "Unsolved Problems," and Miss Apthorpe did well in making the alteration. In the first recitation, "The Forsaken Merman" (Matthew Arnold), she used her imagination to good purpose and recited with much dramatic fervour. Due attention was paid by the artist to rhythm, enunciation of final consonants, purity of initial and other vowels, and musical inflection; and in addition to these scholarly methods, she infused a great deal of life and feeling into her work. The pathos of the ever-recurring appeal to the dear children was most touching and made a deep impression on those present. It was a refined and moving recitation, and Miss Apthorpe fully deserved the applause which broke forth at the close. The duologues by Austin Dobson were in a lighter vein, and Miss Apthorpe took her part in a natural, colloquial and, therefore, easy manner. She was ably assisted in these pieces by Miss Ethel Hollis, who is a most accomplished elocutionist. In the first duologue, "The Cap that Fits," an amusing description was given of a lady engaged in the fascinating work of buying a hat; the ladies disclosed their ideal man in "The Secrets of the Heart"; and in the third piece, "Idyll in a Conservatory," a quarrel was realistically developed and as realistically made up. The movements, gestures and by-play of the artists were in perfect keeping with their respective rôles. The pains and pleasures of a poet in "The Making of a Song" (Richard le Gallienne) were unfolded by Miss Apthorpe with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, the song of the poet bubbling up from a fount of tears. She also did well in "Recrimination," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the argument being between Life and Death. In Rosetti's "Sister Helen" Miss Apthorpe showed the true dramatic instinct, but the character of this recitation was not such as to arouse the audience to enthusiasm. Still it was a great effort, and stamped the performer as an elocutionist of no ordinary ability. Miss Apthorpe called imagination to her assistance, and placed the reality of the personage she had to depict firmly and definitely before her hearers. The part allotted to Miss Hollis was excellently taken. The amusing recitations, "Orphant Annie" (Whitcomb Riley) and "C'est mon ami" (Weatherley), and the laughable duologue, "Unsolved Problems," were successfully given at the close, when the audience showed their appreciation of Miss Apthorpe's efforts and she gracefully bowed her acknowledgments. Miss Edith Hanson (the celebrated 'cellist) contributed a number of solos in excellent style, and greatly pleased the audience. She played Saint-Saens' "Allegro Appassionata," Boccherini's "Adagio and Allegro from Sonata in A Major," Hamilton Harty's "Romance," and "Popper's "Chanson Villaigeoise." Miss Hanson did splendid and artistic work all through, and was enthusiastically applauded.

ST. MARY CRAY DISTRICT ODDFELLOWSHIP.

The 45th annual meeting of the St. Mary Cray District of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows was held in the Pride of Kent Lodge Room, the Beech Tree Inn, St. Mary Cray, on Jan. 29th. The chair was taken by Prov. G.M. Harry Ambler, who was supported by Prov. D.G.M. George Bull and Prov. C.S. Harry Pinyon.

The receipts for the half-year to the funeral fund (including £5,611 9s. 7d. balance brought forward) were £5,939 0s. 5d.; the expenditure by three members' funeral claims £36, and eight members' wives, £52, was £88; and the balance carried forward was £5,851 0s. 5d. The widows and orphans fund receipts (including balance brought forward of £2,436 9s. 1d.) were £2,579 3s. 3d.; the expenditure by three widows' bonuses £36, one annuity £2 12s., and one funeral claim £6, was £44 12s., leaving £2,534 11s. 3d. to carry forward. The balance in the united lodges' distress fund was £53 6s. 1d., and in the management fund £11 10s. 11d.

The auditors, Bros. C. Matthews and C. Ribbens, having given their report, which showed everything to be in a satisfactory condition, the accounts were passed with a vote of thanks to the auditor.

The management committee's report showed that six meetings had been held during the year, and that there had been no absentees at any of the meetings, also that £1,739 8s. 5d. had been invested during 1909. The amount received for investment in the united lodges' investment fund was

£1,081, and the withdrawals had been £245, and a repayment of loan of £248 18s. 3d.

A resolution from the Star of Mottingham Lodge sought to insert in the district rules a clause for the compulsory re-valuation of all properties in hand every five years. It also defined the method of such re-valuation and reports thereon. As the chairman was a member of that lodge, and also as it appeared likely to prove a contentious resolution, it was agreed to defer the matter till the next district meeting in July.

Prov. D.G.M. George Bull was elected to the position of Prov. G.M.

There were three candidates for the position of Prov. D.G.M., and the result of the ballot was that P.G. E. Checkfield, of the Pride of Shoreham Lodge, was elected. He has the honour of being the first district officer from Shoreham.

It was decided to send two delegates to the Southampton Annual Moveable Conference. Five candidates went to the poll, and Prov. G.M. H. Ambler and P.P.G.M. A. J. Sheene were elected to represent the district.

Five candidates went to the poll for the three vacancies on the Management Committee, and P.P.G.M.'s G. Ingarfill, E. Hatch and W. Bennett were successful in the ballot.

P.P.G.M. W. Bennett was appointed examining officer.

It was decided to let the salaries of the Prov. C.S. and treasurer remain as at present.

Bro. Blandon said he had been asked to submit to that meeting an idea of P.G. W. Willmin, of the Flower of Kent Lodge, that each lodge in the St. Mary Cray district should supply an apple tree for the grounds of the Herne Bay Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home.

The delegates present from the respective lodges were unanimous in agreeing to the proposal, and the trees will be sent and planted in this the centenary year of the Order.

To mark their appreciation of Bro. H. Ambler's services as chief district officer, it was resolved unanimously that a sum of £5 be granted from which a P.P.G.M.'s jewel be purchased; that he also receive the Past District Officers' degree, and that his portrait be inserted in the grouped balance-sheets. Prov. G. M. Ambler made s me fitting and appropriate remarks in thanking the meeting for their generous recognition of his labours.

NEW SCHOOL FOR FOR ST. MARY CRAY.

The formal opening of the new County Council School at St. Mary Cray took place on Feb. 10th, the ceremony being performed by Sir William Hart Dyke, of Lullingstone. The school stands on the site of the old endowed school, and has cost £3.500, exclusive of furnishing. The exterior walls are of red brick, and the well-lighted classrooms are grouped around a central hall of splendid proportions and excellent pitch. This hall, which comes as an acquisition to St. Mary Cray, will admit of the whole of the scholars being paraded in it, and the school is provided for the accommodation of 300 children. The classrooms open off the hall, and the upper portions of the doors being largely composed of glass, the headmaster of the school (Mr. Webster) is able to command a view of the room without breaking in upon the work of the teachers unless this become absolutely necessary from the varying aspects and claims of educational work. The school is well lighted and ventilated throughout, and specially constructed warming stoves have been provided for use during the winter months. The painting throughout is in white, and the dados are of a specially prepared compo, similar in appearance to some marbles—durable, pleasing to the eye, and easily washed down. In the infants' department long slates are affixed to the walls for free arm work by the children, and the windows throughout the building are so constructed as to obviate down-draught inconvenience. There is ample lavatory and cloakroom accommodation, and the girls and boys have their own separate playgrounds. In front of the building stands the flagstaff, presented by Mr. E. H. Joynson, together with a Union Jack, which was run up on Feb. 10th amid a scene of enthusiasm.

LEGION OF FRONTIERSMEN.

The first annual dinner of "D" Troop "F" Squadron of the Legion of Frontiersmen was held at headquarters, the Swan and Mitre Hotel, High-street, Bromley, on February 2nd. and proved an unqualified success. The formation of the troop was undertaken by Sergt. Pownell and Corpl. A. H. Banning about twelve months ago, and thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of these genial officers, it already numbers 30 members, and promises to speedily become one of the most popular and efficient in the Legion. Though the Legion has been in existence but four years it now numbers no fewer than 5,000 members. The Commandant General is Sir William Eldon Sergeant, C.B., lately commanding the Royal Rifle Brigade, and Colonel Driscoll, D.S.O., has charge of the London command, which includes six of the Home Counties. Colonel Driscoll has seen much active service, and had command of Driscoll's Scouts, which rendered such splendid service in the late South African campaign. Only men of good character can join the Legion, and before being allowed to do so they must have served either in the Army or Navy or seen service on the frontier abroad. They have to provide their own equipment and are allowed to carry arms and travel on the railways in the United Kingdom at Volunteer rates. Included in the ranks of the Legion are specialists in wireless telegraphy, torpedo work, signalling, etc., and anyone wishing to become a member should communicate with Quartermaster-sergt. Adams, of the Swan and Mitre Hotel, who will gladly answer inquiries concerning the movement.

Harking back to the dinner, it should be mentioned that the chair was occupied by Colonel Driscoll, under whose genial sway a truly enjoyable evening was spent. Amongst those also present were Colonel Radford, C.B.I.E., Captain Palmer (Yorkshire Command), Lieut. Withers and Veterinary Officer Robert Elliott, together with various

representatives of the Royal Artillery, the Royal Engineers and the West Kent Territorial Yeomanry.

Local Obituary.

MR. H. S. HUGHES.

By the death of Mr. Hugh Spencer Hughes, at his home in Newick, Sussex, on February 12th, at the advanced age of 82, one has been removed who was well known and deeply respected in Bromley, Mr. Hughes having spent a valuable part of his life as medical practitioner in this town. Mr. Hughes, whose residence used to be Redwood House, in the High-street, was a most kindly, genial man, and a true friend to all his patients, as well as medical adviser. When he first came to Bromley he joined Mr. Williams, who was at that time in practice here, being later joined by Mr. Morgan, the partnership afterwards becoming that of Morgan and Hughes. On the retirement of Mr. Morgan, Mr. Hughes was joined by Dr. Willey, and later by Dr. Playfair, Drs. Willey and Playfair continuing in partnership on Mr. Hughes leaving Bromley. Dr. John Scott joined Dr. Playfair when Dr. Willey ceased to be a member of the firm. Dr. Hughes removed from Bromley in 1883, and was presented with a handsome testimonial on leaving the town. Mrs. Hughes also received a suitable gift. Mr. Hughes was a director of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company up to the time of his death, and had held that office for 16 years. The funeral took place at the Bromley Cemetery on Feb. 16th, and simultaneously a memorial service was held at Newick Parish Church, a large congregation being present.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company on February 22nd, Mr. Bertram H. Latter (Deputy Chairman), who presided, moved the following resolution: "That the directors and stockholders of the Bromley and Crays Gas Co. assembled in general meeting hereby record their deep sense of the loss which they have sustained by the death of their old friend and colleague, Dr. Hugh Spencer Hughes, and respectfully tender to his widow and family their sincere sympathy in their bereavement."

The resolution was carried.

REV. J. A. BROWN.

His many friends in Bromley will be grieved to hear of the death of the Rev. J. Alexander Brown, of Loch Maree, Westmoreland-road, Bromley, which took place at a nursing home in London, after an operation early on February 16th. The operation, which was performed on Feb. 15th, was extremely successful, but other troubles supervened, and the end came quite unexpectedly. The Rev. J. A. Brown—or Dr. Brown as he was generally known—was a retired Baptist minister, and when he came to Bromley in 1900 he associated himself with the Baptist Church in Park-road, and became a valued member and an indefatigable worker there. He was one of the deacons and filled the important office of treasurer. In connection with the building of the new schoolroom, he rendered invaluable service. The rev. gentleman had occupied the pulpit at Park-road Baptist Church on several occasions. He possessed rare gifts as a preacher, and the congregation always enjoyed listening to his earnest and illuminating discourses. Dr. Brown was a noble Christian gentleman, with a particularly kind heart and gracious disposition, and the loss of such a highly-esteemed resident will be keenly felt in this district. To the widow and family who have been so suddenly plunged into sorrow, the deepest sympathy of all classes has been extended.

MR. R. STANFORD BROWN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. R. Stanford Brown, who died suddenly, from heart failure, at his residence, Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, on Feb. 16th. Mr. Brown had complained of pains in his chest recently, but was well enough to go to business on the previous day. The deceased gentleman was a partner in the firm of E. M. Denny and Co., produce merchants, Hibernia-chambers, London Bridge. He started in the house as a boy, some fifty years ago, and rose from his humble position through sheer force of character and ability. He was well-known on the Home and Foreign Produce Exchange, London Bridge, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him in the City and in Bromley. He took no great interest in public affairs, devoting all his energies to the business in which he had grown up. Mr. Brown leaves a widow and family.

MR. FREDERICK HARDING.

A well-known inhabitant of Bromley has passed away in the person of Mr. Frederick Harding, who died, after a long and painful illness, at 20, Stanley-road, on Feb. 18th. The deceased gentleman had resided here for over 40 years, and for nearly 35 years he was with Messrs. Arnaud and Son, the well-known builders, of High-street. He bore his illness, which lasted about a year, with great patience, and passed peacefully and happily away, aged 64 years. Mr. Harding was a Forester, and had been a member of Court "Pride of Mason's Hill" for 30 years. The funeral took place at the Bromley Cemetery on Feb. 21, the Rev. S. E. Osborne officiating. The service was of a very impressive character, the Forester's charge being read over the grave. The principal mourners were Messrs. Fred. Harding (son), J. M. Burrows (Folkstone), W. E. Burrows, Louis D'Elboux, A. I. Davies, R. E. Seadon, W. Doggett, H. Wilkinson, J. Crowhurst, A. M. Austin, J. F. Arnaud, J. N. Arnaud, T. Wells, E. Vickers and R. Layton. A number of Foresters also attended the funeral. Many lovely floral tributes were received.

The funeral arrangements were entursted to and satisfactorily carried out by Mr. S. F. Harris, of Simpson's-road, Bromley.

The election of County Councillors for the Bromley (No. 3) and Bromley (No. 4) electoral divisions of the county is fixed to take place on Tuesday, March 8th.

DISTRICT NEWS.

BECKENHAM.

Presents to the Parish Church.—Miss Beck, says the Beckenham Parish Church Magazine, "has given a beautiful early print of Holman Hunt's famous picture, "The Light of the World," for the baptistery in memory of her late father, Lister Beck, formerly churchwarden. And Mr. Sidney Harding has executed an excellent rubbing of a well-known brass in the chapel, and presented it, suitably mounted and framed to hang in the church porch, opposite the similar rubbing of other interesting old brass which he presented some months ago. In a newly built Parish Church on so old a site it is natural to observe jealous care in the preservation of any remaining links with the past. These capital copies of the brasses in the chapel are therefore most welcome, for the dim light of the chapel makes it difficult to decipher old inscriptions.

CHISLEHURST.

A large measure of success attended the amateur dramatic performances at the Chislehurst Village Hall on Feb. 5th, given by a number of ladies, together with Mr. E. H. Gibson and Mrs. E. H. Gibson. The programme comprised three interesting little pieces, the opening play being Mr. F. Hutchinson's "The Man Next Door," in which the following appeared:—Miss Priscilla Carfax, Miss A. J. Dawson: Miss Mary Carfax, Miss Field; Kitty Carfax, Miss Tiarks: Elizabeth Day, Miss F. W. Field. The characters were ably impersonnated. In the little playlet, "Cinders," which followed, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gibson did splendid work, the former filling the title rôle, and Mr. Gibson taking the part of "Jack Warrender," a briefless barrister. The programme closed with a capital performance of Keble Howard's "Compromising Martha," the characters being cleverly impersonated by the following.—Martha, Miss Field; A Neighbour, Miss F. W. Field; Monica, Mrs. E. H. Gibson; the Curate, Mr. E. H. Gibson.

A successful smoking concert was held at the Crown Hotel, Chislehurst, on February 12th in connection with the centenary celebration efforts of the Prince Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows, P.P.G.M. Esmead Hatch presiding over a full attendance. During the interval, Bro. A. J. Sheene explained that the proceeds of that evening were being devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the Prince Imperial Lodge. In the report of the chief registrar of friendly societies it was shown that the payments from the benevolent funds of lodges in the Manchester Unity for five years amounted to £108,572, the amount being chiefly expended in the payment of contributions of members who were out of employment or suffering from invalidity. There was another point also to which the registrar drew attention, and that was travelling relief. If a member of the Manchester Unity desired to travel in search of employment a card was given him by his lodge, duly dated and signed. The amount allowed per day was not large—perhaps 1s. 3d.—but the members on travel visited the lodges in the place where they were staying for the night, and they were invariably further assisted from the benevolent funds.

HAYES.

A very successful social was given by the Hayes Village Club and the Hayes Rifle Club on Feb. 8th, and during the evening the spoons won by the competitors in the monthly competitions were distributed by the Rector of Hayes, the Rev. Geo. Clowes. The winners' names are as follows:—Nov. 27th.—W. Jones, A. Ottaway, P. Jones, J. Smith, L. Fossey, R. Stacey. Dec. 27th.—Class A: F. Keech, J. Dingwall; Class B: T. P. Stiles, R. G. Barnes, E. Keech. Lucky Number Competition.—F. Keech, A. Farquhar, W. Cole. Jan. 29th.—Class A: H. J. Terry and H. Bryant; Class B: E. Keech and A. Ottaway. The Treasurer briefly referred to the progress which had been made in the shooting since the inauguration of the Rifle Club last September, and stated that it was the earnest desire of the committee that members should use the club as a stepping stone to the Territorial Forces. Some excellent songs were afterwards sung by Messrs. Berryman, Plant, Andrews, Pattenden and Howden, of Hayes.

KESTON.

A number of friends of Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson met at Keston School on Feb. 5th to present them with a token of affection and regard on their departure from Keston for Devonshire. Dr. Stevenson has been resident in the neighbourhood for seven years, and it was evident on the occasion under notice that he had succeeded in that time in winning the esteem of those with whom, in the course of his professional duties, he had been brought in contact. The presentation took the form of a large, handsome silver teapot and cream jug, together with a motor watch, with electric light attachment. Both the teapot and the motor watch were inscribed as follows: "Presented to W. Dynes Stevenson, Esq., M.R.C.S., England, and L.S.A., London, by friends and patients, as a mark of esteem and respect, on his leaving Keston, February, 1910." Accompanying the gift was a list of subscribers, bearing a similar superscription, and a beautifully executed water colour drawing of one of Keston's beauty spots—the old windmill, with adjacent common, done by Mr. A. Kirk.

ST. MARY CRAY.

The annual business meeting and soiree of the members of the Temple Church and congregation, St. Mary Cray, took place in the schools on Feb. 3rd. Mr. Edwin Vinson, of Higheroft Hall, Swanley, presided over a large attendance, and he was supported by the Rev. William Lewis, minister of the church, together with several of the church officials. The reports of the various funds and organisations connected with the church were read, and these proved of a most gratifying nature, and contained many points of increased encouragement to those responsible for the work of the church.

WEST WICKHAM.

An informal social evening was held last month in the Lecture Hall, West Wickham, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. Edney, who has been organist at the Parish Church for more than thirty years. During the first part of the evening a large number joined in a whist drive; the number of tables was about 15. At the conclusion of the drive the presentation was made. The members, past and present of his choir, and the clergy, gave him a gold watch-chain with a locket and pencil, and an illuminated address. The members of Mr. Terry's choir gave a handsome inkstand. The present from the congregation was a purse containing £30 0s. 6d. The presentation was made by Sir Henry Lennard, J.P., who spoke most kindly of Mr. Edney's work, and of the tact and painstaking way he had done this work for so many years, which had made him win the esteem and respect of them all.

Births.

BERK.—On the 10th February, at 12, Downs-road, Beckenham, to Robert and Nancy Berk—a son.

BOUCH.—On the 24th January, at Bankside, Keston, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E Bouch—a daughter.

BURLEY.—On the 31st January, at 9, Townshend-road, Chislehurst, the wife of Percy Burley, of a daughter.

PATON.—On the 26th January, at Strone, Bromley, the wife of Charles J. Paton, of a son.

RUSSELL.—On the 18th February, at Sitka, Chislehurst, the wife of Captain N. H. C. Russell, Central India Horse—a son.

ULLYETT.—On the 7th February, at 115, Tannsfeld-road, Sydenham, the wife of Harry Ullyett, of a son.

Marriages.

BOWATER—DE LISLE.—On the 29th January, at St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., by the Rev. Canon R. Rhodes Bristow and the Rev. Stephen Barrass, Rector, Sydney Bowater, of Sundridge Park, Kent, to Jeannette Lucille, daughter of the late Hirzel P. C. de Lisle and Mrs. de Lisle, of Tyrwhitt-road, St. John's S.E.

DARWEN—PERKINS.—On the 5th February at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, by the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, William Paul Emilie Darwen, eldest son of J. S. Darwen, of Bickley, to Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Perkins, of Guildford, Surrey.

MELLIN—FURRELL.—At the Parish Church, West Wickham, on January 26th, by the Rev. Canon Wanstall, assisted by the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts, Rector of the Parish, Gustav Lassen, son of the late Gustav Mellin, of Wickham Hall, to Madge Marian, daughter of the late Lincoln and Ellen Furrell, and adopted daughter of Emily Mellin, of Wickham Hall.

PERKINS—COLLINS.—On the 8th February, at St. Mary's, Shortlands, by the Rev. F. G. H. Billows, M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. Stather Hunt, M.A., of Holy Trinity, Tunbridge Wells, and the Rev. Canon Wolley, M.A., Vicar of the Parish, Philip Meyler Perkins, eldest son of Dr. H. A. Perkins, of Longford House, Tunbridge Wells, to Winifred May, youngest daughter of the late H. Collins, Esq., and of Mrs. Collins, of Mill Vale, Shortlands.

Deaths.

BALL.—On the 31st January, Alice Caroline, wife of Henry Houston Ball, of 27, Glenmore-road, Haverstock-hill, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. George Leopold Langdon, Rector of St. Paul's Cray. R.I.P.

BROWN.—On the 13th February, at 24, Great Elms-road, Bromley, George Brown, in his 86th year.

BROWN.—On the 16th February, at Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, Robert Stanford Brown, aged 66 years.

BURKIN.—On the 26th January, at 6, Pembroke-road, Bromley, Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Edward Burkin, aged 71 years.

HARDING.—On the 18th February, at 20, Stanley-road, Bromley, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne, Frederick Harding passed peacefully and happily away, aged 64 years.

HILL.—On the 29th January, at 52, Burnhill-road, Beckenham, the beloved son of the late William Hill, aged 4 years.

HUGHES.—On the 12th February, at Holly Grove, Newick, Hugh Spencer Hughes, M.R.C.S., late of Bromley, aged 82.

LAYARD.—On the 9th February, at 19, Hayes-road, Bromley, Gertrude, the widow of J. Granville Layard.

MARSHALL.—On the 27th January, Frances, the beloved wife of Thos. E. Marshall, Lindum Lodge, Beckenham, and 23 25, Gresham-street, London, aged 62.

NEAL.—On the 19th February, at Myrtle House, West-street, Bromley, Kent, Maria Mary Ann Neal, wife of W. G. Neal, who passed peacefully away in her 64th year.

WORMLEIGHTON.—On the 15th February, at Downe, after a brief illness, Lucy, the wife of Edward Wormleighton, of Downe, Kent.

In Memoriam.

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Wednesday, ...	April 20th	Wednesday, ...	October 12th
Wednesday, ...	May 4th	Wednesday, ...	October 26th
Wednesday, ...	May 25th	Wednesday, ...	November 2nd
Wednesday, ...	June 15th	Wednesday, ...	November 16th
Wednesday, ...	June 29th	Wednesday, ...	December 7th
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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 76,087, assuring the sum of £7,044,603, and producing a new annual premium income of £415,015.

The premiums received during the year were £4,710,107, being an increase of £93,770 over the year 1908.

The claims of the year amounted to £3,018,981. The number of deaths was 8,375, and 17,629 endowment assurances matured.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 882,804.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH. — The premiums received during the year were £7,171,770, being an increase of £246,015.

The claims of the year amounted to £2,877,978, including £176,401 bonus additions. The number of claims and surrenders, including 4,545 endowment assurances matured, was 382,233.

The number of free policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 151,865, the number in force being 1,506,408. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 41,386.

The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 18,375,229: their average duration exceeds eleven and a-half years.

The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the balance-sheet, after deducting the amount written off securities, are £74,201,701, being an increase of £2,242,842 over those of 1908.

The Directors are pleased to announce an increase in the rate of bonus of both Branches of the Company as follows:—

In the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 14s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876. This is an increase of two shillings per cent. over the rate declared for the past three years.

In the Industrial Branch all policies of over five years' duration which become claims either by death or maturity of endowment from the 4th of March, 1910, to the 2nd of March, 1911, both dates inclusive, will participate. This bonus will be paid by way of addition to the sums assured of:—

- £5 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least five but less than ten years' premiums have been paid,
- £10 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least ten but less than fifteen years' premiums have been paid, and
- £15 per cent. on all policies becoming claims upon which at least fifteen years' premiums have been paid.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1909.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' capital	1,000,000	0	0
Life assurance funds	71,328,318	14	9
Reserve funds	1,625,000	0	0
Claims under life policies admitted	157,480	12	8
Balance of bonus under life policies reserved for distribution	90,902	3	6
	£74,201,701	10	11

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
British Government securities	2,997,703	18	3
Indian and Colonial Government and provincial securities	6,604,314	8	4
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	11,090,547	13	0
Loans on County Council, Municipal, and other rates	14,859,330	17	7
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	4,934,552	13	2
Freehold and leasehold property	3,908,493	10	7
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	9,488,680	11	1
Railway, Gas, and Water stocks	6,799,751	12	9
Suez Canal shares	160,217	7	7
Telegraph and other shares ...	100,889	15	4
Leasehold ground rents ...	8,153	11	11
Metropolitan, London County Consolidated, and Port of London Authority stocks, and City of London Corporation bonds	253,696	1	5
Metropolitan Water Board stocks	435,263	10	7
Bank of England stock	203,724	2	11
Indian, Colonial, and Foreign corporation stocks	2,980,960	14	4
Foreign Government and provincial securities	3,138,078	3	11
Reversions and Life Interests	1,372,351	10	10
Loans on the company's policies	2,967,472	15	0
Rent charges	312,084	12	4
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	494,838	6	6
Outstanding interest and rents..	596,891	9	3
Cash—In hands of superintendents	34,754	13	3
do. On Deposit, on current accounts, and in hand...	458,939	11	0
	£74,201,701	10	11

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We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion such accounts are correct, and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

PHILIP SECRETAN, W. H. NICHOLLS, *Auditors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1909, 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, 1909.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & Co., *Chartered Accountants.*

14th February, 1910.

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MOON'S CHANGES.—APRIL.

Last Quarter, 3rd, 0.48 a.m. | First Quarter, 16th, 2 4 p.m.
New Moon, 9th, 9.25 p.m. | Full Moon, 24th, 1 23 p m.

MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

3rd.—*Low Sunday.*

4th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

5th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

10th.—*Second Sunday after Easter*

11th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

12th.—Concert at the Town Hall, Bromley, in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

13th.—First annual dinner of Bromley Athletic Club at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley.

14th.—Sale of important freehold and leasehold property at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at 8 p.m.

17th.—*Third Sunday after Easter*

18th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

19th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

20th.—Sale of freehold business premises, commodious residence and freehold cottages, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., at 2 p.m.

22nd.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's sale of freehold villas, important freehold building land, freehold ground rents; also 10 £100 4½ debenture stock and 280 £5 ordinary shares in the Bromley (Kent) Electric Light and Power Company, at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, at 8 p.m.

24th.—*Fourth Sunday after Easter.*

25th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

26th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on March 1st, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

THE LATE BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT.

To the Finance Committee a letter was read from the Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society, Ltd., enclosing cheque amounting to £154 9s. in payment of the amount of defalcations of the late Borough Accountant under the policy issued by that Company, such amount being arrived at as under:—Total deficit as per statement furnished, £161 4s. 6d.; less amount of salary due to officer, £6 15s. 6d.; net amount payable, £154 9s.

The Town Clerk reported to the Finance Committee that he had made the necessary proposal to the Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society for a guarantee policy in respect of Mr. Wharrie, the Borough Accountant, for the sum of £500, and it was resolved that the Town Clerk's action be approved.

ALMOST IMPASSABLE.

A memorial was read to the Highway Committee from 43 residents of Liddon-road calling attention to the bad condition of the road, it being almost impassable, and quite unfit for any one to walk along, and asking that the matter may receive immediate attention. Resolved to recommend that the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare the necessary plan, sections and estimate of cost of making up the road under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875.—Adopted.

STREET NOISES.

The General Purposes Committee reported that they had given careful consideration to Bye-law No. 4, as follows:—"No person shall on Sundays for the purpose of hawking, selling or advertising any article whatsoever, sing, shout or use any bell, gong or any noisy instrument in any street in the Borough so as to cause annoyance to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood." It is suggested that the words "on Sundays" should be deleted, making the bye-law applicable to all days of the week. It is further suggested that the following additional model bye-law should be adopted, viz.: "No person shall keep within any house, building, or premises any noisy animal which shall be or cause a serious nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood. Provided that no proceedings shall be taken against any person for an offence against this Bye-law unless the nuisance be continued after the expiration of a fortnight from the date of the service on such person of a notice alleging a nuisance, signed by not less than three householders residing within hearing of the animal."

Alderman James moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Lindley Jones said he was very strongly opposed to the new bye-law with regard to "noisy animals." He moved that the paragraph be deleted.

Councillor Heaysman seconded.

Seven voted for the omission of the bye-law and 13 against. Councillor Lindley Jones' amendment was, therefore, lost.

With regard to the bye-law dealing with street noises, Councillor Newton urged that the words "on Sundays" should remain and not be struck out, and moved an amendment to that effect.

Councillor Jarvis seconded.

Councillor Lindley Jones, Councillor Williams and Councillor Crossley joined in the discussion, and in the end Councillor Newton's amendment for the retention of the words "on Sundays" was defeated.

A further meeting of the Town Council was held on March 15th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

THE LATE MRS. HOMEWOOD.

The Mayor read the following letter from Councillor W. J. Homewood, of Holmbury, Shawfield Park, Bromley:—"Would you kindly convey to the members of the Council my sincere thanks for and deep appreciation of their sympathy at this time of my great sorrow? The knowledge of those kindly feelings and the many other marks of sympathy which I have received have been no small help to me during this period of my life, when so great a shadow has fallen on it."

FINANCE.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made to complete the purchase of the land from Messrs. Adams and Franks on March 24th, and on the same date to exchange that land for the Mason's Hill School site and buildings, which would necessitate the payment of the amount awarded by the umpire, namely, £5,700, together with the balance of purchase money payable to Messrs. Adams and Franks, namely, £3,175, which the solicitors required should be paid by bankers' drafts, and that the stamp duty payable would be £16 10s.

THE CENTRAL HALL.

Consideration was given to the application of Mr. W. J. Gibbs for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Central Hall, and subject to the provision of a proper ventilating pipe from the enclosure to the open air, it was resolved that such licence be granted and that the Corporate seal be affixed thereto when the work in question has been carried out.

BECKENHAM LANE.

A memorial was read signed by 93 occupiers of Beckenham-lane and adjoining roads asking that the matter of the widening of Beckenham lane on the northern side, and the construction of a pathway might receive early consideration, as the roadway in question was quite inadequate at present owing to the large amount of traffic continually passing. Resolved that the Town Clerk reply stating that the matter is now receiving the careful consideration of the Committee.

THE GRAND HALL.

Councillor Crossley referred to the refusal of the Council to allow sacred concerts with pictures to be given in the Drill Hall on Sunday evenings, and asked what the position of the Council would be if the applicant used the hall without their consent. He pointed out that lantern services took place on Sundays in a large hall in the neighbourhood, and he failed to see why a distinction should be made in the present case.

The Town Clerk said if the hall was used for the purpose in question without the permission of the Council it would be a matter for the serious attention of the Council as to whether they should take away the licence the building had already got.

Alderman Lawrence: It would be a contravention of the terms of the licence.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Councillor Pearce, pursuant to notice, moved: "That in view of the approaching triennial election of co-opted members to the Education Committee, a return be presented showing the attendance of the co-opted members of the Committee during their present term of office ,together with a statement as to any members who may have been absent from all meetings of the Committee during the period prescribed by paragraph 5 of the Education Scheme."

The resolution was carried without comment.

THE OVERSEERS.

On the motion of Alderman Lawrence, Mr. Robert Peill, Councillor Haywood and Councillor Crossley were appointed overseers for the parish of Bromley, and the Corporate seal was ordered to be fixed to the formal appointments.

A DANGEROUS CORNER.

Councillor Crossley urged upon the Highways and Works Committee the necessity of putting up a motor warning post at the corner of Orchard-road and Plaistow-lane, and said a collision had already occurred at the spot.

Councillor Lindley Jones said it was a very dangerous corner.

Councillor Comins remarked that the lamp post was very awkwardly situated.

Alderman Lawrence said the Borough Engineer would inspect the road in question.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held in the Education Committee Room at the Municipal Buildings on Feb. 28th, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell presiding.

WHARTON ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOLS.

The Works Sub-Committee reported that they had received an application from Mr. J. G. Russell, the caretaker of the Wharton-road School, for an increase of wages. The Sub-Committee carefully considered the question, and resolved to recommend that his wages be increased from 27s. to 29s. weekly, as from April 1st next.—Adopted.

THE NEW ESTIMATES.

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that they had checked in detail and carefully considered an estimate of the probable income and expenditure for the ensuing financial year, and recommended that the Town Council be asked to provide the sum of £12,165. It is probable that this amount would be met by a rate of 11½d. in the £, instead of one shilling.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Weeks.

Medical Treatment of School Children.

The following letter was received from the Bromley Medical Society:—"We understand that there is a probability of the question of the medical treatment of school children coming before your Committee for discussion. In the event of it being decided to undertake that treatment, we suggest, with all respect, that it would be desirable to ascertain the views of the medical men practising in the Borough. May we ask whether the Education Committee would be willing to receive a deputation from this Society on the subject?—John Scott, President; J. H. Yolland, Secretary."

It was decided to reply in accordance with the facts.

Organisation of the Office.

Councillor Lindley Jones submitted the following motion: "That a special sub-committee be appointed to consider and report on the organisation of the office, particularly with reference to the way in which the work is affected by the combination of the duties connected with elementary and higher education."

The Mayor, in seconding, said they were all fully aware that the organisation of the office was not entirely satisfactory. Their difficulties began when they took over the non-provided schools, and their difficulties had been increased by the way in which the county higher education was managed.

Alderman James supported the motion, and said there was no doubt in the past that they had, probably unwittingly, been assisting higher education to some considerable extent by monies received from the elementary rate.

The motion was carried, and the following were appointed on the special committee:—The Mayor, Alderman Weeks, Councillor Pearce, Alderman James, Rev. D. Tait and the Chairman (Alderman Bell), the latter as ex-officio member.

Sunday School Treats.

The Vicar moved that the schools be closed for the purpose of Sunday-school and other excursions on the following dates:—All schools, June 22nd and 29th; Raglan-road, Bickley and Widmore and Addison road, July 4th; and all other schools, July 6th.—The motion was carried.

Another meeting of the Education Committee was held on March 14th, the Chairman, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, presiding.

Officers' Guarantees.

To the Finance Sub-Committee the Secretary submitted correspondence with the Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society, Ltd., and it appeared that the Society were willing to cancel the policy for £500 in favour of Mr. Wharrie, as from Feb. 21st, and to issue policies in favour of Mr. Langrish for £500 (in lieu of the current policy of £200, which is to be cancelled), and Mr. Champion for £200, as from Feb. 21st, respectively; rebates in respect of the unexpired periods of the policies to be cancelled will be made. Resolved to recommend that this arrangement be agreed to.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Alderman Weeks.

Office Staff.

The following candidates for the post of shorthand writer and typist were interviewed by the Finance Sub-Committee, viz.:—Mr. G. P. L. Syms, Mr. W. F. Kent and Mr. F. Strange, and the Sub-Committee, in pursuance of the authority given to them resolved to appoint Mr. Syms, of the Devon County Education Offices, as shorthand writer and typist at a commencing salary at the rate of £65 per annum, as from March 29th, 1910.

Official Handbook.

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the tenders received for printing the Committee's Official Handbook, and had resolved to recommend that 60 copies in limp cover of the handbook be obtained and that the tender of Mr. E. B. Purnell, of Croydon, for three issues within three years at £9 10s. per issue be accepted.

School Medical Officer.

The question referred to the School Management Sub-Committee of making arrangements to release Dr. Sproull was deferred until the appointment of a temporary school medical officer. Fourteen applications for the post were submitted and considered, and the following candidates were interviewed by the Sub-Committee on March 14th, viz.:—Miss Margaret Forrest, M.B., Ch.B., of Lingfield, Surrey; Miss Isabel Hill, M.B., Ch.B., of Huddersfield, Yorks; Miss Mabel Russell, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., of South Hampstead; and Mrs. Winter, M.D., L.S.A., D.P.H. (Part 1), of Hampstead, N.W.

The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had interviewed the various candidates and had decided to recommend the appointment of Miss Russell as from March 21st. They also recommended that Dr. Sproull be released from her appointment on March 31st.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee were adopted.

Overcrowding.

To the School Management Sub-Committee a letter was read from the managers of the Bromley Common C.E. School stating that the average attendance in the mixed department, which last year was 143, being five in excess of the recognised number, was for the first quarter of the current school year 134, and pointing out that it seems probable that the recognised number will not be exceeded this year.

Resolved that a communication be sent to the Board of Education in these terms.

A Piano for Juniors.

The Requisitions and Log Books Sub-Committee, who have been authorised to obtain a second-hand piano for the Raglan-road Juniors' School, reported that they had decided to obtain an instrument from Messrs. H. Morley Phillips and Co., for £15, less £1 10s., which Messrs. Phillips will allow for the harmonium now in the school.

A further meeting of the Education Committee was held on March 21st, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

School Medical Officer's Report.

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the question of the cost of printing the annual report of the School Medical Officer. They had ascertained that, approximately the cost of printing 60 to 70 copies would

be £3, and they recommended that the report be printed accordingly. The Sub-Committee found that it was the practice of a large number of Education Committees to print their School Medical Officers' annual reports.

Councillor Pearce said the reports were interesting and valuable. Moreover, they would be very useful not only to members of the Committee but also to certain members of the Town Council who were under a misconception as to what the duties of the School Medical Officer really were.

The recommendation was adopted.

THE BOROUGH FINANCES.

The question of the advisability of obtaining powers to secure a Local Government audit was again discussed at the meeting of the Bromley Town Council on March 15th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

The General Purposes Committee submitted the following report: "The Committee have given further consideration to the resolution of the Council by which it was referred to them to report on the advisability of obtaining powers to secure a Local Government audit and the steps to be taken in connection therewith, and after careful consideration of the whole of the facts have to report that having regard particularly to the conclusions arrived at by the Joint Select Committee of the House of Lords and House of Commons, as set out in the report presented to the Council on the 1st inst., they do not think it advisable for steps to be taken to obtain a Local Government audit."

In the absence of Alderman James, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell moved the adoption of the report. He said the General Purposes Committee, after taking into consideration all the facts, had come to the conclusion that the Borough of Bromley would not gain by having a Local Government audit. The cost of getting powers to secure a Local Government audit was between £600 and £1,000, and there was no great benefit to obtain by applying for those powers. The responsibility of electing well-qualified men to fill the offices of elective auditors rested with the burgesses themselves. The elective auditors were acquainted with the Borough, and in addition to that they were in a position to practically finish their work before the Local Government audit would commence. There had never been any irregularity pointed out by the elective auditors and brought to the notice of the Council.

Councillor Weller said he was sorry Alderman James was not present to support the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee. The report was of an extremely disappointing nature. He admitted that Alderman Bell had tried to do the best he could with a bad case. The complaint he had to make was that the recommendation scarcely followed out the intention of the Council, as he understood it, when the motion was discussed on a previous occasion. He quite expected to find in the report the premises that had led up to the Committee's conclusions. They had the conclusions, but they had not got the facts which the Committee said had been carefully considered, and it was for that reason that he moved that the matter go back to the General Purposes Committee for a more exhaustive and more detailed report, so that they might know the facts upon which the Committee came to their conclusions when they said that they did not think it advisable for steps to be taken to obtain a Local Government Board audit.

Councillor Adams seconded Councillor Weller's amendment. Alderman Bell had told them that the elective auditors were in a position to finish their work before the Local Government audit would commence, but he did not say that the elective auditors went through the books so efficiently as a Government auditor would do.

Councillor Lindley Jones said to his mind, the whole thing was a bogey. At present they had a running audit, and they had in addition two elective auditors. They were asked to change the present system for a Local Government audit, which would result in their books being audited at some very remote period after the accounts had been closed.

Councillor Williams also supported the Committee's recommendation. His feeling was that it was a reflection on the burgesses in electing them to the Council if they were not capable of carrying on the business of the Council, and it was also a reflection on the Council in electing them on the Finance Committee if they were not capable of carrying out the Finance Committee work.

Councillor Pearce said there was absolutely no case made out for a change in the system of audit.

Councillor Haywood could not agree with Councillor Williams that their financial system was perfect in every detail.

Councillor Williams: Did I say that? You are rather stretching it. (Laughter.) I said the present system is a very good system.

Councillor Haywood: You spoke of the Borough aiming at having one of the best financial systems in the kingdom.

Councillor Williams agreed.

Councillor Haywood: I venture to say that the Borough has not got one of the best financial systems.

Councillor Lindley Jones: It is aiming at having one of the best.

Councillor Haywood urged that the present system was far from perfect, and said the Standing Orders ought to be amended.

Councillor Gillett said he was very glad to see that there were men round that table who could stand up and say what they really thought. He thought that Councillor Weller was rather playing to the gallery, but he did not know that an election was near. (Laughter.) It seemed to him that it was absolutely unnecessary to emphasise the scurrilous remarks which had been flying about the town for some weeks.

The amendment was lost, only two voting for it—Councillor Weller and Councillor Adams; and the report was then adopted with only one dissentient.

A highly interesting lecture on St. Columba and Iona was given on Feb. 25th by Mr. D. Chisholm Simpson in the principal room of the Bromley Literary Institute.

A scene of enthusiasm was witnessed at the Valley Boys' School, Shortlands, on February 28th, when certificates gained by the members of the Natural History Club connected with the school and signed by Lord Avebury, the eminent naturalist, who is a vice-president of the club, were distributed by Alderman G. Weeks, who was accompanied by Councillor A. T. Harris.

BROMLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A public meeting was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on March 11th for the purpose of forming a Ratepayers' Association. Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., presided, and supporting him on the platform were Councillor Gillett, Councillor Harris, Councillor Weller, Mr. G. Medhurst, Major Lea, Mr. W. Howard, Mr. R. Girling, Mr. C. H. Gunton and Mr. W. H. Smith. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. R. Beasley, representing the National Federation of Ratepayers (Incorporated).

Mr. Gunton, the temporary secretary, said that the objects of the Association were: To promote the efficient and economical administration of local affairs; to further the interest of the inhabitants in all matters affecting them; to foster a wider interest in local administration; the support of candidates for election to local elective bodies; to afford representatives of the ratepayers opportunities of learning the wishes of the inhabitants; the Association to be non-political and non-sectarian.

Councillor Harris submitted the first resolution: "That a Ratepayers' Association is desirable and be now formed, and every ratepayer in the Borough of Bromley be eligible for membership." He said that one of the objects of a Ratepayers' Association was to induce all ratepayers to take an active interest in local affairs. On this point Councillor Harris referred to the apathy of the ratepayers, and emphasised the necessity of a Ratepayers' Association. The second object he mentioned was to help the formation of a reasoned public opinion on all questions of local government and administration.

Major Lea seconded, and mentioned one or two grievances he had against the Council.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried nem. con.

Councillor Gillett moved: "To enable every ratepayer to become a member, it is desirable that the annual subscription be as low as possible, say one shilling, but as this amount would not be sufficient to meet expenses, the subscription be fixed at a minimum of one shilling and a maximum of five shillings, except for vice-presidents, whose subscription shall be 10s. 6d., it being left to each member within these limits as to how much he subscribes."

The resolution was carried.

Councillor Weller said every association was largely dependent for its success upon the worthiness and business capacity of its president, or chairman, and he was sure that the name he was going to submit to them would meet with the hearty approval of every burgess and ratepayer in that hall and in the Borough. He had the honour to propose that Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., be the first president of the Association. Councillor Weller referred to the good work Mr. Rogerson had done on the Education Committee and the Public Library Committee, and said he took a very keen interest in public affairs.

Mr. G. Medhurst seconded. Mr. Rogerson would be a very able president, and they would all look forward to having a very successful Association under his leadership.

The resolution was carried, and Mr. Rogerson briefly replied.

Mr. Girling directed attention to the broad and generous lines on which the Association was to be run, and said so long as it was run on the lines suggested, so long would it be of great assistance in keeping the municipal life of the town at a high level. He moved the following resolution: "That the committee formed to arrange this meeting be asked to act as temporary committee until the next meeting, at which a standing committee will be elected, and that Mr. Gunton be asked to continue as secretary and treasurer pro tem."

Mr. Alchin seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The Chairman read the draft rules, and Mr. Smith then moved that the proposed rules as read be referred to the committee for consideration as to amendment and alteration (if any) and brought up at the next meeting for adoption. He said there would be some very knotty questions that the Association would have to face if it was going to be a live society and if it was to do any good.—The resolution was carried.

BROMLEY LITERARY INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Literary Institute was held at headquarters on February 26th, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., one of the vice-presidents, presiding.

The Committee, in their annual report and financial statement for 1909, stated that although it at one time appeared probable that the Institute would be faced with an adverse balance of £15, yet they were pleased to record that in response to a special appeal sufficient donations had been received from members to meet this amount, and thanks to their generosity the Institute was enabled to commence the year free from debt. The expenses remained about the same as before, and the Committee would draw attention to the increased amount paid for circulating library books in the endeavour to keep that section well supplied. It was with much pleasure that the Committee had to announce the addition to the list of vice-presidents of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., and Mr. F. Schooling, who were nominated at the last annual meeting and had kindly consented to give their support.

Mr. Simpson proposed the re-election of Lord Avebury as president of the Institute for the coming year. The great interest he had shown in his desire to advance the interests of the Society, apart from anything else, was ample justification for asking Lord Avebury to continue the presidency of the Institute. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. F. Arnaud seconded the motion which was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. James White proposed that the following gentlemen be re-elected vice-presidents:—Right Hon. Sir Gainsford Bruce, Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. Edward Latter, Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. F. Schooling and Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P.

The motion was carried, and the Chairman thanked the members on behalf of himself and his colleagues for this renewal of their confidence.

Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer) and Messrs. J. N. Arnaud and T. J. Eliot (joint hon. secretaries) were re-elected.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

THE WORK OF THE R.S.P.C.A.

The annual meeting of the Bromley and District branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, on March 12th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, said possibly many of them were congratulating themselves on having so many convictions for cruelty during the past year, but to him it was a matter for regret that there were so many convictions. Very few people, he thought, were guilty of intentional cruelty to animals, and judging from the cases brought before the Bench cruelty was, as a rule, to be attributed to ignorance more than to anything else. Moreover, he did not think that punishment had the detrimental influence that some people thought, and if they wanted to make progress in this direction as in other directions they must inform and they must educate.

Canon Barker announced that letters regretting inability to be present had been received from the President (Sir Gainsford Bruce), the Vicar of Bromley (Rev. Donald Tait), Mr. D. G. Simpson and Dr. Scott. Two of the writers, he said, had sent a cheque for a guinea on behalf of the funds of the Society.

Mr. Alfred Wright presented the annual report—a most encouraging one.

The Inspector, in his report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1909, stated that during the past year there had been 21 convictions for cruelty to animals registered in this district. Four old and worn out horses were mercifully destroyed with the consent of their owners. During the year he had given no less than 800 verbal cautions to persons for minor acts of cruelty and three monitions in more serious cases were sent direct from the chief office, resulting in the animals being rested and otherwise treated. He thankfully acknowledged the assistance rendered by the Metropolitan and Kent Constabulary Police Forces, the Magistrates and their learned clerks, and also the ready courtesy of the Press in reporting all the doings of the Society.

Mr. Alfred Wright also presented the accounts, from which it appeared that there is a balance in hand of £11 9s. 8d., compared with £7 12s. 4d. at the commencement of the year. The accounts, he said had been very kindly audited by Mr. F. Schooling, the hon. auditor, and to that gentleman their best thanks were due for undertaking that work. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Montague Fowler proposed that the report and statement of accounts be adopted and circulated in the usual manner, and that the president the vice-presidents and the local committee and officers be re-elected and thanked for their services in the past year. It was very important, he thought, that they should try and realise that they were not a punishing society. They existed for the purpose of preventing cruelty, which was quite a different thing. He was afraid, however, that he was not so optimistic as the Mayor, who had told them that it was his belief that no one , or hardly anyone, was wantonly cruel, because some of the terrible cases that came before them at the head office inclined rather to give one a low view of certain types of human nature. Still he did believe that the amount of wanton cruelty in the present day was far less than it was some years ago, and he also believed that it was growing less every year. That excellent result was due very largely to the educational work in humane matters which was carried on by the R.S.P.C.A. and its branches throughout the country. They all knew, he supposed, that they held an essay competition every year, and they would be pleased to know that that competition had grown so quickly that there were now over 500,000 children in the Metropolitan area who every year wrote an essay on kindness to animals. In addition to the 500,000 children there were no doubt in many cases several members of the family who were also interested in the preparation of the essay—because each child was sure to talk about it at home—and that would give them an idea of the immense success that had already attended this competition. It was an excellent medium for impressing upon people the necessity of being kind to animals, and he was extremely anxious that the system should be universal throughout all the branches in the country before many years had elapsed, as he thought that was the pivot round which this work on behalf of animals should centre. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. E. P. S. Counsel seconded the motion. They had every reason, he said, to be proud of the work done during the past year. A grand work was being done in London by getting the children to think kindly of animals, not only by thinking seriously as to how animals might be treated kindly, but by writing essays on the subject.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. G. Fairholme moved the following resolution: "That this meeting of the subscribers to the Bromley and District branch views with deep concern the traffic in decrepit horses, and begs to express its sympathy with the efforts made by the R.S.P.C.A. and others in endeavouring to minimise the distress and pain to the worn out horses caused by their export to foreign countries." This resolution was one which he had very much at heart, and he was thankful to say that the country was now fully awake to the importance of the subject. That was due chiefly to the work of the R.S.P.C.A., which for many years past had been struggling and striving to convince Parliament how necessary it was that this question should be dealt with.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, in seconding, said it was righteousness that lay at the bottom of this Association. It was justice to these dumb friends of theirs that invoked their sympathy and that took grip, not of their hearts, but of that deeper thing in them their consciences, and compelled them to support a movement like that carried on by the R.S.P.C.A. (Applause.)

Mr. Fairholme's motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Canon Barker proposed that the best thanks of the meting be given to the Mayor for presiding and to the speakers who had addressed them that afternoon.

Mr. Crossefield seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P.'s election expenses in the recent contest in the Sevenoaks Division amounted to £2,001 4s. 1d.

MR. J. W. WHEELER-BENNETT ENTERTAINED.

If ocular proof of the popularity of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., among the members of the Bromley Conservative Club were needed it was to be found in the fact that there was not a vacant seat in the large room of the club on March 2nd, when that gentleman was the principal guest at a house supper. Coupled with the dinner was the interesting ceremony of unveiling a portrait of Mr. Wheeler-Bennett, and it goes without saying that the picture will form an admirable companion to the portraits which already adorn the walls of the reading room, for Mr. Wheeler-Bennett is certainly one of the most generous supporters the club has ever had. At the supper the chair was occupied by Mr. Wheeler-Bennett.

Mr. Selby, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, and at the conclusion he unveiled his portrait, and said how very proud they were to see it adorning the wall of the reading room. (Applause.)

Mr. Wheeler-Bennett delivered a characteristically vigorous speech in reply, and said he was deeply sensible of the kind manner in which the members had received the toast so generously proposed by his friend, Mr. Selby.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley and District branch of the Tariff Reform League was held at the "Royal Bell" Hotel on March 4th, Mr. Talbot K. Crossfield, J.P., presiding.

The Executive Committee, in their annual report, stated that they had the greatest regret in having to record the loss of the late president of the branch, Mr. E. Packe. In securing the services of Mr. Talbot K. Crossfield to fill the vacancy they felt that the branch had been exceedingly fortunate, this gentleman's hearty support of all matters pertaining to the best interests of the Empire being well known and appreciated in this district. The Committee regretted to report that their chairman, Mr. Guy Radford, found it necessary, through pressure of other matters, to resign from active work in connection with the branch. The Committee desired to express their deep sense of loss in the retirement of Mr. Radford, who had in many ways done excellent work in furthering the cause in Bromley

Mr. Crossfield was re-elected president; Mr. M. H. Marks was appointed chairman; and the following were elected members of the executive committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:—Rev. James White, Dr. J. Scott, Messrs. Henry Alchin, Kenneth Baddeley, D. T. R. Gray, R. Ritherdon, D. G. Simpson and A. H. Wright.

After the business had been transacted, Mr. T. H. Batten addressed the meeting.

Mr. Archer Baker, of North Park Lodge, Eltham, European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who died on Jan. 15th, aged 64, left estate in the United Kingdom, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £11,131.

MR. H. W. FORSTER, M.P., ENTERTAINED.

To celebrate Mr. H. W. Forster's victory in the Sevenoaks Division at the General Election in January last, a complimentary dinner was given to him at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on March 9th, the festive proceedings being under the joint auspices of the Bromley Conservative Association, Conservative Club and Primrose League. The national colours were conspicuously displayed around the hall, and at the back of the Chairman, in bold letters and figures, appeared the inscription, "Lest we forget—4,070," a reminder that attracted a good deal of attention. The company numbered 180, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Coles Child, J.P., the president of the Bromley Conservative Association.

After the loyal toasts, Mr. T. K. Crossfield, J.P., submitted "His Majesty's Imperial Forces," and Colonel T. C. Dewey, J.P., suitably responded. Sir Henry Lennard, Bart., J.P., proposed "The Conservative Cause," and to this toast the Right Hon. Akers Douglas, M.P., replied.

The toast of the evening, "Our Member," was proposed by the Chairman, and Mr. Forster, in reply, thanked them for the cordiality of the greeting which they had given him and for the loyal and steadfast friendship which they had all shown to him ever since he had been connected with the Sevenoaks Division. They had stood together on many occasions, and it was owing to the loyal, enthusiastic and unremitting support they had given him that he owed all the position which he occupied in the political world at the present time. There was one gentleman to whom, to a very great extent, they owed the magnitude of their triumph, and that was his friend and their friend, Mr. Frank Solbe (Applause.) Mr. Forster mentioned that he had emerged successfully from six elections. They had fought together in days gone by during the last 18 years or so. "We have always won, and I hope we always shall." (Applause.)

THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

In furtherance of the work of that excellent organisation, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a public meeting was held at the Town Hall, Bromley, on February 22nd, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

The Chairman, in the course of his opening remarks, asked if the Church had risen to a sense of its responsibility of caring for the spiritual welfare of those large numbers of different races outside their own people who were constituent parts of this great Empire?

The Rev. J. A. Sharrock (Madras), in an intensely interesting and convincing address, said he was glad to find that India was getting more attention than it had done for a very considerable number of years past.

Mr. W. McCarthy (Hankon) gave a telling address on the work of the Society in China.

The hymn, "Lord, her watch Thy Church is keeping," was sung, and after a short prayer by the Vicar the proceedings terminated.

PRESENTATION TO SIR FREDERIC LELY.

Rarely, if ever, has the Grand Hall Bromley, presented a more picturesque appearance than it did on March 2nd, on the occasion of a reception given by Mr. Corbet Woodall (president) and Executive of the Sevenoaks Division Liberal Association for the purpose of meeting Sir Frederic and Lady Lely. The building was very tastefully decorated, and the scarlet uniforms of Herr M. G. Fericescu's Red Viennese Orchestra lent additional colour and brightness to the proceedings. The attendance numbered nearly 600. Sweet music was contributed by the orchestra, and by way of a change Mr. Sidney Hamilton introduced some modern American magic and gave a musical sketch, both "turns" being exceedingly clever. During the evening light refreshments were dispensed.

Midway through the programme interesting presentations were made to Sir Frederic and Lady Lely.

Mrs. Selby stepped forward, and in the name of the Sevenoaks Division Central Liberal Association presented Lady Lely with a handsome bouquet.

Lady Lely, in reply, said she did not feel that she deserved that lovely gift. She enjoyed the election exceedingly until the fateful hour when they knew of the dreadful majority against them. Instead of being thanked, she would like to thank the splendid workers, especially the women, who did so much during the election. (Applause.)

Mr. Corbet Woodall said one portion of their pleasing duty that night was to ask Sir Frederic Lely to accept a small token of the regard in which he was held by the constituency, something that would remain with him as a memento of the good fight he fought.

Amid applause, the Chairman then handed to Sir Frederic Lely a handsome silver salver, which bore the following inscription:—"Sevenoaks Parliamentary Election. 19th January, 1910. Presented to Sir Frederic Lely, K.C.I.E., on behalf of the Liberal Executive. Corbet Woodall, President. A. J. Martin, Hon. Secretary."

Sir Frederic Lely, who was enthusiastically received, said he could not find words to express his thanks and those of his wife to the Chairman for the kind words he had spoken, and to them for the cordial reception they had given to him, and also for that beautiful present, which would be to him and his children a memento of a struggle for progress and liberty—(applause)—a memento, too, of the time when he had the privilege of making many valued friendships, the friendships of men who were generous to the point of chivalry in their appreciation of what little he was able to do to answer their hopes. As for any merit in the matter, or any credit earned in the last election, that belonged to the gallant and devoted workers, both men and women, in every part of the constituency, and he took that opportunity of thanking them in his own name and in the name of the Liberal party for what they did. They deserved success if they did not gain it.

WEST KENT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Council of the Sevenoaks Division Central Liberal Association was held at the Town Hall, Brimley, on March 19th. Mr. Corbet Woodall presided.

Mr. Mills presented a report, on behalf of the Executive Committee, as to the re-organisation of the Association, and said it was thought that the name of the Association—Sevenoaks Division Central Liberal Association—was not quite clear. There was a Sevenoaks polling district, and it was thought desirable that the name of the Association should be altered, so as to make it embrace the West Kent Liberal Association.

The Chairman moved that the modifications in the organisation recommended by the Executive Committee be adopted.

Mr. Murray Hyslop seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he had much pleasure in proposing that Lord Weardale be elected president of the Association for the coming year. (Applause.)

Mr. Leonard Powell seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

Lord Weardale thanked them sincerely for the honour that they had so unanimously and kindly conferred upon him.

The following were added to the list of vice-presidents:—Messrs. W. Green, Aisbitt Gibson, J. Caverhill, L. W. Beddome and T. Ely.

Mr. Murray Hyslop moved that Mr. Corbet Woodall be elected chairman of the Executive Committee. He referred to the efficient services Mr. Woodall rendered last year, and said he was the right man in the right place.

Mr. Swanzy seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and Mr. Woodall, in reply, said so long as he was in the chair he would do the best he could.

Mr. Robert Mond and Mr. R. Leonard Powell were appointed vice-chairmen.

Messrs. F. Swanzy and H. J. Harvey were re-elected hon. treasurers, and the hon. auditors (Messrs. C. Comins and E. Boothroyd) were also reappointed.

BROMLEY AND DISTRICT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

There was a capital attendance at the annual meeting of the Bromley and District Liberal Association, which was held on March 4th at the Liberal Institute, 94, Tweedy road, Bromley. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. A. J. Harvey.

Hon. officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. H. J. Harvey; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Howard Moore, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. Geoffrey Sayer; hon. librarian, Dr. Randall; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Cumming and C. G. Twallen.

A ballot was taken for the executive committee and representatives to the Sevenoaks Division Central Executive and Council.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the officers for their services during the past year, and at the conclusion of the formal business Mr. D. M. Mason gave a short address.

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DIARY FOR MARCH.

1st.—Chamber music concert at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley.—Debate on the possibility of an international language, by the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society.

2nd.—Adjourned Brewster Sessions at the Court House, Bromley.—Reception at the Drill Hall, Bromley, to meet Sir Frederic and Lady Lely.

3rd.—Adjourned vestry meeting at St. John's Parish Room to consider the desirability of carrying out various improvements to the church.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District Liberal Association.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District branch of the Tariff Reform League.

5th.—Concert at the Grand Hall, Bromley, for the benefit of Mr. F. Lewis Thomas.—Opening of the re-built organ at St. George's Church, Bickley.

8th.—Lecture on "Jack Tar," by the Rev. Herbert W. Farrar, at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, Bromley.—Kent County Council triennial election.—Debate on "Conscription," by the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society.—Primrose League meeting at Widmore Schools.—Sacred concert at Shortlands on behalf of St. Mary's Mission Room.

9th.—Complimentary dinner to Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Lecture on Canada by Archdeacon Lloyd at the Town Hall, Bromley.

11th.—Public meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, for the purpose of forming a Ratepayers' Association for the Borough.

12th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District branch of the R.S.P.C.A., at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley.

13th.—Address on "The World's Missionary Conference," by Mr. C. F. Wood, at a service for men at Bromley Parish Church.—Special sermon at St. John's Church, Bromley, by the Rev. Professor White on behalf of the Christian Evidence Society.

14th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Bible Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley—Lecture on "Practical Attempts to Rescue the Perishing," by Mr. Gerald A. Thompson, at St. Mark's (Bromley) Church Room.—C.E.T.S. meeting at St. John's Parish Room, Bromley.—Lecture on "In the Days of the Giants," by Mr. Frederic Hudson, at Bromley Public Library.

15th.—Annual meeting of the Kent County Nursing Association at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.—Lecture, entitled "Songs of Shakespeare," by Dr. F. S. Boas, to the members of the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.—Recital from "The Sky Pilot," by Alec E. Glassey, in the Lecture Hall of Bromley Congregational Church.—Meeting at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union.

17th.—Primrose League meeting at the Town Hall, Bromley.—Chamber music concert by Miss Gwynne Kimpton and Miss Beatrice Fowle.—Meeting at Bromley Congregational Schoolroom in connection with the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union.

18th.—Debate on "Adult Suffrage at the Co-operative Hall, Bromley, under the auspices of the Bromley Women's Liberal Association.

20th.—Hour of sacred music at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

22nd.—Annual winter tea and entertainment in connection with the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union.

29th.—Commencement of the Easter Vestries.

PIONEERING ON THE PRAIRIE.

A large audience assembled in the Town Hall, Bromley, on March 9th, to hear an address on "Canada" by Principal Lloyd, better known as Archdeacon Lloyd, under the auspices of the Colonial and Continental Church Society. The Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.) presided. After a hymn, prayer was offered by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bromley Common.

The lecturer gave some interesting particulars with regard to the work of the Church in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, which was 35,000 square miles bigger than all Germany. He reminded them, and English people generally, of their responsibility towards the hundreds of thousands flocking to Canada every year, and earnestly appealed not merely for their cash, but for their prayers and heartfelt sympathy.

A highly interesting lecture, entitled "A Holiday in Venice," was delivered by the Rev. James Critchison at the Willow-grove Schools, Chislehurst, on February 28th.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The claims of that excellent organisation, the British and Foreign Bible Society, were eloquently advocated at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on March 14th on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Bromley Auxiliary. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided. There was an encouraging attendance, and the singing of special hymns was led by a ladies' choir.

Mr. MacGregor presented the annual report, as follows:—"The Committee are thankful to say that during the past year this Auxiliary has sent £239 12s. 9d. to the Bible House as a free grant. This shows some progress. The Ladies' Committee has been strengthened by the addition of several new members. Owing to the energy of a few ladies, a sale of work was held in June. We have to welcome a new lady collector who has done valuable work. The committees gratefully thank all who have helped in any way, especially those who so faithfully collect year after year. We regret to record the loss through death of old and valued friends, Mr. W. McKewan and Mr. C. R. Ford. Owing to ecclesiastical alterations Shortlands has been transferred from the Beckenham to the Bromley Auxiliary. There are still many who do not appear to realise the importance of the Society. We earnestly ask all to join in prayer for this work on Sundays and in times of intercession for foreign missions. Seeing that the British and Foreign Bible Society is the handmaid of all foreign missions, should not every Christian who believes in the open Bible help this Society by gifts and prayer and by interesting others in its work, and thus take their share in evangelising the world?"

The Mayor, in his opening address, referred to the great loss they had sustained through the death of their old friends, Mr. McKewan and Mr. Ford, who "rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Mr. McKewan was one of those who originally joined with others in forming the Bromley Auxiliary, and for some time he was the hon. secretary, in which capacity he showed his usual energy with marked success. They had often had to lament similar losses, and every removal from amongst them was a reminder to those who remained and a fresh call "to work while it is called day, for the night cometh when no man can work." When he looked back to the record of the original formation of this Auxiliary 44 years ago he found that of the 16 gentlemen who occupied the platform at the "White Hart" Assembly Rooms on that occasion, there were only two who remained amongst them now—their friend, Mr. Hodder and himself; andof the eight hon. secretaries who at one time or other had filled that office, he found that apart from the present hon. secretary, there were only Mr. Dennes and himself who were still amongst the living to praise God for His mercies.

Rev. R. Kilgour, D.D., proposed the following resolution: "That the report be adopted and that the officers and committee be reappointed, and that this meeting pledges itself to a more vigorous support of the British and Foreign Bible Society in its efforts to spread the knowledge of the Word of God over all the earth."

The Rev. F. S. Webster seconded the resolution and delivered an interesting address.

Mr. Shoji Murakami, from Japan, followed with an interesting address, and thanked them for their prayers for the open door in Japan. The Japanese Christians thanked them, and those who would become Christians would thank them, too. He testified to the great work done by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Vicar (Rev. D. Tait) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and choir. They had had a real Bible Society meeting. The speakers had spoken, as they wished them to speak, of the work of the Society, and they had been absolutely loyal and true to the broad Bible Society platform.

Rev. D. F. Mackenzie seconded the vote, and said they had had the East meeting the West on the best of possible terms—one in Christ Jesus.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

BICKLEY CHURCH.

There was a large congregation at St. George's Church, Bickley on March 5th, on the occasion of the re-opening and dedication of the organ. After the service, which was impressively conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A.), a full choir being in attendance, an organ recital was given in masterly style by Mr. C. Harford Lloyd, Mus. Doc., M.A., Precentor of Eton College, and during the afternoon a collection was taken for the Organ Fund.

A tremendous volume of rich music was produced from the organ by Dr. Lloyd, who played with consummate taste and skill. The programme opened with the impressive strains of Handel's Concerto in B flat, which were keenly appreciated. Dr. Lloyd's playing of Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D was an admirable performance, and another artistic and delightful number was the Fantasia in F minor by Mozart. Towards the close two choral preludes by Brahms were given, and these were perfect gems. The programme also included a charming Scherzo in E, by C. H. Lloyd himself. Other choice works were played, and with such a wide range of music the organist fully tested the capacity of the instrument. The result, it must be confessed, was satisfactory in every respect, and the church now possesses an organ which will materially add to the dignity and impressiveness of the services.

VESTRY MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S.

A vestry meeting, adjourned from Feb. 19th, was held in the choir vestry of St. John's Church on March 3rd for the purpose of applying for a faculty for the following works:—1. Erection of a chancel screen; alterations in position of pulpit and lectern; and consequent displacement of certain seats. 2. Alterations in east end windows. The Vicar (Rev. Canon P. Barker, M.A.) presided. After some discussion, the proposal to alter the east end windows was dropped. With regard to the chancel screen, the following resolution was carried by 13 to two:—"That the vestry approve of the scheme for a chancel screen, etc., and that application be made for a faculty so soon as three-quarters of the total cost is guaranteed."

QUEEN'S NURSES IN BROMLEY.

Noble work is being done in Bromley by the Queen's Nurses, who perform their duties under the ægis of the Bromley District Nursing Association. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., occupies the post of president, and is a generous subscriber to the funds. The hon. secretary is Mrs. Grant-Wilson, a most devoted and enthusiastic worker in the good cause, and the Association is very largely indebted to this estimable lady for the success which has attended its operations during the comparatively short time it has been in existence.

The annual meeting of the Association was held at the Literary Institute on Feb. 24th. The President, Mr. T. C. Dewey, occupied the chair, and in moving the adoption of the report, described it as highly satisfactory. They had been able to engage the whole of the year a second Queen's Nurse, and her time had been fully occupied. During the eight months of 1908 the nurse that they had then had 75 cases and paid 1,829 visits. During the year 1909 the two nurses attended 210 cases, and paid 4,979 visits, which showed an average of about four cases and one hundred visits per week, and that did not take into account at all the very many casual visits paid by the nurses.

WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE GATHERING.

The Wesleyan Lecture Hall, Bromley, was crowded on March 16th, on the occasion of a temperance meeting organised by the Bromley and Shortlands branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, the chief attraction being an address from Mrs. Lewis, the well-known temperance worker from Blackburn. Mrs. E. H. Bayley presided, and supporting her on the platform were the Rev. William Wood, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Aisbitt Gibson and Miss Green.

Mrs. Lewis said that was her first appearance in Bromley. She was thankful to tell them that all her life long she had been a thorough teetotaler, and that intoxicating drink had never yet passed her lips in any way whatever. Why was she a teetotaler? First of all, because her father and mother taught her when she was a little girl that if she never wanted to be a drunken woman she must never taste the drunkard's drink. When she grew up she came to the conclusion that the teaching her father and mother had given to her was wise teaching, and that if she wanted to be a strong, healthy and good woman, she must have nothing at all to do with the drink. Mrs. Lewis recalled her courting days, and said when her husband proposed to her she told him there were two things that were necessary for her happiness before she could accept him as her husband. One was that he should be a teetotaler, and the other was that he should be a non-smoker. They had been married 42 years, and there had never been a drop of intoxicating drink in their house, neither had anyone smoked a cigar, cigarette or pipe. Some people might wonder if they enjoyed themselves. All that she could say was that she did not think there was a happier home anywhere. She was a teetotaler so that she could ask others to do that which she had done herself. They had been praying for years that beautiful prayer that God's will should be done upon earth, and that His Kingdom should come. They might pray that prayer from now until doomsday, and they would never have people doing God's will upon earth, and they would never have His kingdom coming until the great stumbling-block of strong drink was swept away. (Applause.) They might say there were other vices. She knew that; but after many years of experience in the homes of the people she had come to the conclusion that strong drink was the great stumbling-block, and if they could only sweep that away, in a very great measure the others would begin to disappear.

Mrs. Aisbitt Gibson warmly thanked Mrs. Lewis for her splendid address, and Mrs. Bayley for presiding.

UNITED KINGDOM BENEFICENT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting in aid of the United Kingdom Beneficent Association was held at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on February 24th, the Vicar (the Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.) presiding.

The aim of the Association is to grant annuities to necessitous persons of the upper and middle classes. Its work, however, is not merely confined to the granting of annuities: it also assists candidates who are waiting for election, and, moreover, further assists them in times of pressing need after election. The annuities of the Association are necessarily limited to £20 to £25 a year, except in a few special cases. Therefore, as no candidate is elegible for election who has more than £30 a year from other sources, no annuitant can be in receipt of a larger income than £55 a year, while many have nothing beyond the grant made them.

Mrs. Kirby delivered an address explanatory of the work of the Association. The Association, she said, had two objects: One was to grant annuities and the other was to help the candidates during their waiting time. Temporary relief was given in this way.

Mr. F. Burton Osborn, the secretary of the Association, also addressed the meeting.

A UNIQUE ORGAN AT CHISLEHURST.

Musical people attended in large numbers at Shepherd's Green, Chislehurst, on March 5th, at the invitation of Mr. E. G. Meers, Mus. Bac., Oxon., to hear a short recital on the grand organ which has been built there, and also to learn something about this unique instrument from a lecture which Mr. Meers was good enough to give on the subject. The most noticeable feature of the instrument, said Mr. Meers, was the ability to build up from piano to double fortissimo, without any violent contrasts, a perfect crescendo. Apart from this great achievement, every stop was a solo one in itself, capable of melodic uses. Mr. Meers paid a high tribute to the genius of Mr. Whiteley, whom he had fortunately persuaded to come from New York to undertake the voicing of his organ. Dr. Haigh, of Ramsgate, then gave a recital of classical music.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

The eighth annual meeting of the Bromley Swimming Club was held at the Literary Institute, 22, Widmore-road, on March 21st. Councillor W. G. Weller presided, and amongst those also present were Mr. C. H. Gunton (hon. treasurer) and Mr. P. N. Woodall (hon. secretary).

In proposing the adoption of the report, the Chairman referred to the satisfactory state of the finances, which showed a balance in hand of £17 0s. 11½d., as compared with £14 5s. 8d the previous year.

Mr. Gunton submitted the balance-sheet and compared the principal items with those of the previous year. He also presented an interesting statement showing the progress of the club from its inception nine years ago. In 1901—the first year—the number of members was 90. The membership had greatly increased during Mr Woodall's secretaryship, and the total at the present time was 197. They had a ladies' section and also a boys' section. The boys section was growing very considerably.

The balance-sheet was adopted.

Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., was unanimously re-elected as patron, Councillor Weller referring in appreciative terms to that gentleman's kindness and generosity.

Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., was reappointed president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. C. H. Gunton was again elected hon. treasurer.

Mr. Woodall said he very much regretted to have to tender his resignation as secretary, as he could not give sufficient time to the duties. He nominated as his successor Mr. W. R. Freeth, who was heartily elected.

Miss M. E. Portway was re-elected secretary of the ladies' section.

On the motion of Mr. Gunton, seconded by Councillor Weller, a new officer was appointed, viz., a secretary for the boys' section, and Mr. B. Ayling was unanimously chosen for this office.

Mr. Gunton said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. It was to make a little presentation to Mr. Woodall for his kind services as secretary during the last three years. They were very sorry to lose him as secretary, although they hoped he would continue to show his interest in the club for some years to come. A few friends and well-wishers had subscribed for a little gift, which took the form of a dressing case, and in handing Mr. Woodall the present Mr. Gunton again thanked him, and wished him health and happiness in the future. (Applause.)

Mr. Woodall suitably acknowledged the gift.

We have pleasure in noting that Dr. Josiah Oldfield, of Lady Margaret's, Bromley, has just been gazetted as Major in the 3rd East Anglian Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.T.

Under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers, a valuable lecture on "Industrial Legislation Treated Internationally" was given in the Public Library Lecture Hall on March 14th by Miss S. Sanger, who is the hon. secretary of the British Section of the International Association for Labour Legislation.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS A. M. HEATH AND MR. A. L. COOK.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Herne Hill, on March 9th, the contracting parties being Mr. Albert Lockley Cook, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, of Orpington House, St. Mary Cray, and Miss Alexandra Maud Heath, eldest daughter of Mr. John T. Heath, of Denmark Hill, S.E., Herne Bay and Bournemouth. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Lindsay), in the presence of a large congregation of friends of the happy couple.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was accompanied by four maids—the Misses Marian, Doris and Norah Heath, sisters of the bride, and Miss Marjorie Clarke, niece of the bridegroom. The bride's dress was of ivory satin, the long train being finished with an exquisite silver bow, and a trail of satin roses finished off the left side. Her veil was of exquisite Brussels lace, and was worn by her mother on her wedding day. The bridesmaids were attired in white chiffon frocks, made up over pale lilac coloured chiffon, and trimmed with trails of miniature chiffon roses, in the most delicate shade of mauve. Their large Irish lace hats were trimmed with pale lilac-coloured ribbon to match their frocks, and their large shower bouquets were of mauve and white lilac, with lilac satin ribbons. The bride's bouquet was of choice exotics, with white heather and orange blossoms intermingled, and she wore orange blossoms in her coiffure. The bridesmaids' presents from the bridegroom were silver card cases, and the brodegroom's present to the bride was a gold handbag, and the bride gave the bridegroom a fitted suit case and a silver bridge set. Mr. G. T. Laing acted as best man. A reception was afterwards held by Mrs. Heath, at Ivy Lodge, Denmark Hill, the guests numbering over 60. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. D. George Collins, C.C. (late of Hawley Manor, Dartford).

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook left for their honeymoon in a limousine car, which started for Folkestone at four o'clock, en route for the Riviera. The bride's travelling costume was a pale heliotrope cloth Russian coat and skirt, which was beautifully braided in the same colour, and was worn with a lovely set of furs, in ermine, with toque to match, which was one of the many wedding gifts from her mother.

The wedding presents numbered over a hundred, including some handsome silver given by the staff at Orpington House, and at New Burn, Cudham, where Mr. and Mrs. Cook will take up their residence.

There was a large gathering of friends and members of the St. Mary's branch of the Church of England Temperance Society in the Boys' Club Room at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, on March 8th, when a limelight lantern lecture was given by the Rev. Herbert W. Farrar, M.A., entitled "Leaves from My Log; or Eleven Years with Jack Tar." The chair was occupied by Mr. Henry Allan.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION AT BROMLEY.

In connection with the first visit to Bromley of Mrs. Lewis, the well-known temperance worker, of Blackburn, a crowded meeting was held in the Congregational Lecture Hall, Widmore-road, on March 17th, organised by the Bromley and Shortlands branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union. Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., presided.

Mrs. Lewis, who was enthusiastically received, said it was most encouraging to see such a magnificent audience, but at the same time it made one feel one's responsibility very much. She earnestly hoped that those of them who had not yet adopted their glorious teetotal principle would do so before leaving the room, and that those who were already teetotalers would be more earnest workers in that grand cause in the future than ever they had been in the past. For 27 years she had been holding four teetotal meetings in Blackburn every week of her life, and in the summer time, in addition to those inside, she had held two or three during the week outside, and she did not know, after all her experience, that there was anything that helped to uplift, bless and make people prosperous more than the gospel of teetotalism. She knew of nothing that cursed people more than intoxicating drink. She did not know anything that so degraded, demoralised and vulgarised as the drink. Mrs. Lewis spoke of the wonderful change that took place in the lives of men and women when they gave up taking the drink, and said complete wrecks were transformed into sober, good and useful citizens.

ADULT SUFFRAGE.

An interesting debate on Adult Suffrage took place at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on March 18th, the meeting being held under the auspices of the Bromley Women's Liberal Association. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. E. H. Bayley, Mrs. T. G. Selby presided, and amongst those present were Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, M.P. for Newcastle-under-Lyne, Mrs. Brown (vice-president of the Women's Co-operative Guild), Mr. D. M. Mason, Mr. H. J. Harvey, Miss Harvey and Mr. A. Baker.

Mrs. Brown, in an interesting address, said electoral reform was one of the most pressing problems they had before them at the present time, next to the question of the House of Lords. Electoral reform was long overdue, and what they had to do was to give a lead to the Government. She urged the necessity of doing away with the anomaly of plural voting, which was one of the worst features they had to contend against at the present time, and in conclusion said Liberals ought not to hesitate for a moment in saying that every man and every woman should be given the whole rights of citizenship. (Applause.)

Mr. Wedgwood, M.P., in an able address, said the present system gave an undue predominance and power to wealth, and that was the sort of thing they wanted to stop. (Hear, hear.) What they had got to put in its place was a complete system of a vote for every man and woman over 21. (Applause.) He suggested that there should be a three months' qualification, and said every man and every woman in a constituency, having lived there for three months must go on the register and must be put on the register not by party agents, but by a Government official. (Hear, hear.)

BROMLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

There was a representative attendance of members at the annual general meeting of the Bromley Conservative Club held at the headquarters on March 22nd. The chair was occupied by Mr. F. Medhurst.

In presenting the report and balance-sheet for 1909, the Committee regretted that the hopes expressed on this occasion last year about the revival of trade, and consequently better returns at the club, had not been fulfilled, but they thought they were justified in saying that now the General Election had taken place the Conservative party—although not in office at the present moment—were in a much better position at the beginning of 1910 than they were at the same time in 1909. In any case the party as a whole were to be congratulated upon the splendid result of the Conservative returns all over the country. They in the Sevenoaks Division of Kent, by a greatly increased majority, returning once more to Parliament their tried and valued member, Mr. H. W. Forster, by the grand majority of 4,070 votes.

Mr. Bleeze - I would like to know how the membership stands at present compared to what it was five or six years ago.

Mr. Selby: It has been steadily going down all the time.

Replying to a member, Mr. Selby said the financial loss on the last year's working was £4 12s. 0½d.

THE WONDERS OF THE SKIES.

As the outcome of an invitation sent by the members of the Valley School Natural History Society to the boys and girls attending the various schools throughout the Borough, a large number gathered at the Bromley Public Library on March 21st to hear a lecture by Councillor Albert T. Harris on "The Wonders of the Skies." Mr. J. J. Webber, B.A., occupied the chair and introduced the lecturer with a few appropriate remarks.

The lecturer referred to the comets and to the fear expressed by so many that we may travel through the tail of Halley's comet. At one time a comet in its journey to the sun got mixed up with Jupiter's moons, and as far as can be gathered the comet came off the worse through its encounter, as it lost part of its tail. Further, not many years ago the earth actually travelled through the tail of a comet, and nobody appeared to know anything about it until afterwards when they remembered that the sky had a peculiar appearance, but nobody was any the worse for it.

Twenty-eight tables were engaged at the highly successful whist drive which was held at the Masonic Hall on February 23rd, under the auspices of the Bromley Football Club, so that there was an attendance of considerably over 100. In the arrangement of the gathering admirable work was again done by Mrs. Beeston, and Mr. L. Beeston, the excellent secretary of the club, was as active as ever.

THE MIGHTY PRUDENTIAL.

Evidence of the overflowing opulence of the Prudential Assurance Company is afforded by the sixty-first annual report, which is now in circulation. The Prudential, as "The Insurance Record" observes, continues to wake wonder by its achievements. In magnitude it dwarfs all rival institutions in this country. There is nothing in the whole history of British life assurance to compare even remotely with the evolution of this great undertaking from small beginnings and its irrestible advance in popularity and importance year by year. The figures published by the Company in their annual reports proclaim the triumph of administrative efficiency and a perfect organisation. The Prudential stands before the world in three aspects —as a commercial undertaking, as a vast agency for the distribution of insurance benefits, as an educative force in our national life— and in each it commands universal attention and esteem. The annual report shows that in the ordinary branch, where over 76,000 new policies were issued last year, assuring more than £7,000,000, the premium income was increased by £93,770, and reached a total of £4,710.107; the claims of the year involved a payment of over £3,000,000. In the industrial branch the increase in premiums was nearly a quarter of a million, and the total income from this source was £7,171,770. The claims of the year in this branch amounted to £2,877,978, and a practical illustration of the value of the new industrial bonus system is seen in the statement that this figure includes £176,401 bonus additions. The widespread character of this claim distribution and the protective influence exerted by the Prudential are declared in the number of the claims, 388,233. A drain upon the resources of the Company of an unusual type had to be met last year, for owing to the long-continued depreciation in the market value of certain classes of securities the necessity arose of writing down the assets to the extent of £1,540,000, but notwithstanding this depletion the Prudential is still in a position to announce an increase in the assets of £2,242,842. Taking both branches, the total assets at the end of last year stood at the impressive figure of £74,201,701. Valued on the same stringent bases as in 1908 the business of the ordinary branch shows a surplus (including the balance brought forward) of £1.687,990, as against £1,569,824 in 1908. In the industrial branch the surplus (including balance brought forward) is £1,314,078, as compared with £1,240,966. After appropriating sums to be applied in part replenishment of the Investments Reserve Fund (as particularised in the report) the directors have a highly gratifying announcement to make to policyholders in both branches. A reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 14s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876. This is an increase of 2s. per cent. over the rate declared for the past three years.

The Bromley district—comprising Beckenham, Chislehurst, Farnborough and Orpington—has again had a prosperous year. During the year the claims paid for death and matured endowments numbered 675 and amounted to £9,267 15s. 7d. The Company's investments in the Bromley, Beckenham and Chislehurst municipal and union authorities amount to nearly £150.000. The Company's business is not confined to the industrial classes. To take Bromley as a case in point, the Company have a larger number of policies in force of £100 and upwards, where the premiums are paid yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly, than probably all the other companies transacting business in this district put together. The premiums are low, the bonuses declared annually, and loans and surrender values are given after three annual payments have been made. It is claimed for the Prudential that it is the best Company to assure with, whether for life, endowment or annuity. From what we have seen of the personnel of the Bromley staff, we are quite sure the Company possess a devoted, loyal and energetic body of men, who are determined to uphold the great reputation of the Company and prestige of the district. Proposal forms and any other information will be given by Mr. G. H. Heap, at the District Office, Town Hall, Market-square, Bromley.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.

The Executive Committee in connection with the University Extension movement in Bromley met on March 7th at the London and County Bank, at 6 p.m. There were present: The Rev. D. Tait (in the chair), Mr. E. D. Draper, Miss Woods, Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer) and the hon. secretary. Letters of regret for absence were read from Mrs. J. S. Mann, Mr. R. F. Measor and Mr. Payne. The hon treasurer produced a financial statement showing that the previous deficit and subsequent liabilities, amounting in all to £5 2s. 7d., had been met by subscription, leaving the Centre solvent. It was proposed by the Chairman, and carried unanimously "that in view of the inadequate support given to University Extension work in Bromley the lectures shall be discontinued and the Centre dissolved. This decision has been reported to the London University. Before the meeting broke up the Chairman alluded to the loss sustained by University Extension in Bromley, through the death of the late Mr. William McKewan, the founder of the Centre and one of its warmest supporters since 1885.

THE FUTURE OF WORKHOUSES.

An important lecture on the question of the re-moulding of Poor Law administration was given by Mr. Sidney Webb before the members and friends of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers at the Bromley Public Library on February 25th. By reason of his great experience of Poor Law work, Mr. Webb is well qualified to speak on a subject which is more and more engaging the serious consideration of all thoughtful people. The Lecture Hall, in which the meeting was held, was nearly full, and the attendance included a number of those who take a prominent part in public work in the Borough. The Hon. Mrs. Forster presided.

Mr. Webb said they did not want to improve the Poor Law. They wanted to abolish it and have no Poor Law, and deal with the cases which would arise in a preventive way long before destitution set in in order that they might not slip down into the morass of destitution. (Applause.)

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

BRAHM'S "REQUIEM" AT BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.

At the Bromley Parish Church on Feb. 27th there assembled a large congregation to hear the performance by the choir of Johannes Brahms' "Requiem" (Op. 45), under the conductorship of Mr. Frederic Fertel. Although by no means an easy work, the choir gave a successful rendering of it, and the fine music was keenly enjoyed by all present. Brahms' "Requiem" is world-famous for the consolatory strains with which it opens, for its gloriously triumphant climax, and also for the touching and effective solos which the composer has so skilfully introduced. And when it is said that the piece was worthily rendered, it will be gathered that no small amount of praise is due to the choir, the conductor, the organist and all concerned. We have said it is a difficult piece, and some of the choristers found the upper notes rather exacting. On the whole, however, they gave a good account of themselves. The opening verses, "Blessed are they that mourn," and "Behold, all flesh is as the grass," were sung with considerable feeling. In the line, "At the sound of the trumpet," a great deal of spirit was infused into the singing, and the closing words, "Worthy art Thou to be praised, Lord of Honour and Might," were also given with the necessary amount of emphasis. With reverential feeling, Mr. Bertram H. Latter gave the solo, "Lord, make me to know the measure of my days on earth," and this formed one of the most effective parts of the work, the words being afterwards taken up by the choir. The treble solo, "Ye now are sorrowful," was very creditably rendered by Master Leslie Darn, of the London College of Choristers. He found it somewhat difficult to reach the notes in the upper register, but did very well considering the nature of the music. Mr. Fertel conducted with his usual skill, and at the organ conspicuously successful services were rendered by Mr. Percy D. Hodsoll, F.R.C.O., while Mr. F. J. Adams did admirable work at the pianoforte.

CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE "BELL" HOTEL.

A highly successful chamber music concert was given by Mr. Ernest B. Moss, A.G.S.M., and Miss Beatrice Youngman, A.G.S.M. (Mrs. Ernest B. Moss), directors of the Bromley College of Music, at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, on March 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Moss made all the arrangements, and were assisted at the concert by Mr. H. B. Wyand, N.S.O., Madame Dickinson ('cello), Mr. Clement Bishop, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., and Mr. C. J. Hoggett (vocalist). Excellent music was contributed by these talented artistes to a large and very appreciative audience. The instrumental portion of the programme included a quartette, a duet and a trio, and everything went off extremely well; there were no hitches of any kind. Beethoven's fascinating quartette in C Minor was played at the opening by Miss Youngman and Mr. Moss (violins), Mr. Wyand (viola) and Madame Dickinson ('cello); later on Miss Youngman and Mr. Bishop performed the sonata for violin and pianoforte in A Major (Kreutzer), also by Beethoven; and at the close Silas' trio in C Major was given by Mr. Moss, Madame Dickinson and Mr. Bishop. After each effort the performers were applauded with much warmth. Mr. C. J. Hoggett delighted the audience with his songs, and deserved all the compliments which were showered upon him. His songs are appended:—"Sweet Amarylis" (Ernest Birch), "Roses in the garden" and "Shepherd, see thy horses' foaming mane" (Hungarian, by G. Korbay); and a group by Grieg, "Springtide," "A Swan," and "The Poet's Last Lay." A Broadwood grand piano was used.

SPARKLING CONCERT AT BROMLEY.

For thirty years Mr. F. Lewis Thomas has occupied with great distinction the important post of conductor of the Bromley Musical Society, and during that long period he has made a host of friends in this district. Some months ago he had a serious illness, which evoked a widespread feeling of regret, and the sympathy of the townspeople took a tangible form on March 5th, when a concert for the benefit of Mr. Thomas was given by the Musical Society as a partial compensation for losses arising from his illness. It was a touching and affectionate act on the part of the Society to a respected and valued colleague and friend. Influential support was readily forthcoming, and the Grand Hall was well filled for the concert, which was an unqualified success. The genial secretary of the Society, Mr. Bertram H. Latter, played a prominent part in making and carrying through the arrangements, and worked most enthusiastically with the view of raising as substantial a sum as possible for the benefit of his old comrade. Mr. E. Henslow Orchard kindly gave his services as conductor, and too much praise cannot be lavished upon him for the singularly able manner in which he performed his duties. Mr. Frederic Fertel, the conductor of the Bromley Choral Society, willingly acted as accompanist, in which capacity he played with sympathetic insight and artistic finish. The Society's full orchestra appeared, and the members were assisted by several amateur friends and London professionals, Mr. G. H. Wilby being the capable leader.

The choice pieces selected for the orchestra embraced Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," Humperdinck's "Hansel und Gretel," Wagner's "Tannhäuser," and Rossini's "William Tell," and it would have been difficult to have chosen four finer works. On the solo side, the programme was unusually strong, the artistes being Miss Edith Hanson ('cellist), and Miss Grace Ivell and Mr. Thorpe Bates (vocalists). Miss Hanson considerably enhanced her already high reputation by a charming and worthy rendering of the Adagio and Allegro from Boccherini's Sonata in A. In the second part she played Schumann's "Abendlied" and Godard's Scherzo in superb style and was very warmly applauded and encored. Miss Grace Ivell won favour instantly with Saint-Saens' fascinating song, "Softly awakes my heart," from "Samson and Delilah," which she gave in a very winning and sympathetic manner, the

line "Ah! once again do I implore thee!" being sung with deep feeling. In the second part Miss Ivell entertained her hearers with "An Emblem," by J. Thompson, and Guy D'Hardelot's "I know a lovely garden," and beautiful expression marked her vocalisation in each case, the audience showing their appreciation by insisting on an encore. A popular vocalist was Mr. Thorpe Bates, who was enthusiastically received at each appearance. The successful concert closed with the "William Tell" overture by the orchestra.

CONCERT AT SHORTLANDS.

A thoroughly enjoyable concert was given in the Bromley-gardens Mission Room on March 8th in aid of the good work carried on by the Church Army. There was a very large attendance. Great credit is due to Miss M. Wolley and to Nurse Huntley for arranging such a nexcellent entertainment. The first part consisted of sacred music, the programme being opened with a well-executed piano solo, "Resignation," by Miss L. Wolley, and Miss K. Fryer greatly pleased the audience with the violin solo "Legende." Miss Cowen sang "The King of Love" in pleasing style, and the trumpet solo by Mr. Dale was also much appreciated. Miss Panter successfully recited "The Gift of Tritemius." Gounod's song, "There is a Green Hill," was excellently sung by Mr. Cowen. The first part closed with the trio, "Lift thine eyes," from Mendelssohn's "Elijah," which was admirably given by the Misses M. and L. Wolley and Miss Fryer. The second part was successfully gone through, the piece that the audience liked most being the song, "Young Tom o' Devon," contributed by Mr. Cowen. The vocal duet, "Sunset," by the Misses L. and M. Wolley, was very well rendered. Miss Panter gave a capital recitation, "The Inchcape Rock." Mr. Dale was loudly applauded for his trumpet solo. The song, "The Admiral's Broom," was splendidly rendered by Mr. R. Wynn, the audience demanding another piece. Miss S. Wolley scored greatly in the song, "Love's Coronation," the violin obligato being by Miss K. Fryer. Miss Bruzand successfully closed the concert by singing "Abide with Me."

STUDENTS' CONCERT.

Considerable success attended the concert which was given by the students of the Beckenham and Bromley School of Music at 5, Aberdeen Buildings, High-street, Bromley, on March 12th. The pianoforte solo "Swallows" (Gurlitt) was well played by Miss Dora Smith, pupil of Miss Ethel Winder. Purity of tone was a feature of the singing of Miss Katherine Cawston (pupil of Madame Ada Patterson) in the aria, "Lungi dal caro bene" (Secchi). Miss S. Speyer, pupil of Miss C. Heasman, gives much promise as a pianiste, and in the pianoforte solo Albumblatt, Op. 28, by Grieg, she scored a distinct success. Landon Ronald's songs, "Drift down, drift down" and "Love, I have won you," were very nicely sung by Miss Grace White, a pupil of Mr. Gale Gardner. Miss Daisy Brown (pupil of Mrs. E. M. Boughton) showed marked ability in the pianoforte solo, "Humoreske," by Grieg. In place of Miss M. Haines (pupil of Mr. Gale Gardner), who was absent through a cold, Miss Grace White sang very artistically "Down in the forest," by Landon Ronald. Miss Darvill Green (pupil of Miss Lillian Gray) recited "The Water Mill," by Sarah Doudney, and this was a much-appreciated item. The "Kashmiri song," by A. Woodforde Finden, was given in excellent style by Miss Katherine Cawston. Good touch and technique marked the pianoforte playing of Miss C. M. Crowther (pupil of Mr. Ernest Kiver) in Poldini's Etude in F minor and Sterndale Bennett's "Bavaura." The recitation, "Sheltered," by Jewitt, was admirably given by Miss Darvill Green. Mendelssohn's Molto Allegro Agitato, from Trio in D minor, Op. 49, was given as the closing piece by Miss Ethel Winder (pianoforte), Mr. Henry Tolhurst (violin) and Miss Edith Berridge (violoncello), a pupil of Mr. Prosper Burnett, each of whom played splendidly. The accomplished accompanist was Miss Ethel Winder, L.R.A.M.

"JUDAS MACCABÆUS."

A great deal of interest was taken in the performance by the Bromley Choral Society of Handel's "Judas Maccabæus" at the Drill Hall on March 19th. There was a gratifying attendance, and those present were well rewarded for turning out on a cold winter night.

The orchestral parts were admirably rendered, and the opening overture and the march towards the close stood out as gems in the programme. Much fine work was done by the chorus, although they were not quite so strong on the contralto side as could have been wished. The male voices were well heard, and the sopranos gave an excellent account of themselves. Mr. Frederic Fertel conducted with praiseworthy tact and undoubted ability.

The solo artists were Miss Towena Thomas (soprano), Mr. Alfred Heather (tenor), and Mr. J. Ireland (baritone), the latter taking the place of Mr. Jamieson Dodd, who was unable to appear. Considerable success was achieved by Mr. Ireland, who possesses a musical voice of wide compass. He sang with great power and feeling the recitatives, "Not vain is all this storm of grief," and "I feel the Diety within"; and his voice was also excellently heard in the air, "Arm! arm! ye brave," which was a very spirited performance. But Mr. Ireland secured his greatest honours by a superb rendering of "The Lord worketh wonders," which had to be repeated. Miss Towena Thomas has the good fortune to be gifted with a voice of pleasing quality and a manner gracious and winsome. With clear articulation and in the sweetest of tones, she sang "Pious orgies," and later on she gave, with much charm and taste, "O! let eternal honours," a recitative that was very much appreciated. The air, "From mighty kings he took the spoil," was exquisitely sung by Miss Thomas, who was enthusiastically encored. This was a most artistic effort, and she fully deserved the compliment. Towards the close she sang, with particular charm and sweetness, "So shall the lute," and was again rapturously applauded, the brightness of the melody and the sprightliness of her voice giving great satisfaction. Miss Thomas was joined by Mrs. Bertram Pearce and Mrs. H. Levens in the trio, "See the Conquering Hero Comes." The tenor parts were excellently taken by Mr. Heather. He gave the recitative, "'Tis well, my friends," in a crisp and spirited manner, and in the difficult air which followed, "Call forth thy powers," he did really first-class

work. Mr. Heather also shone after the interval, and his splendid singing of "Sound an alarm!" was one of the features of the second part. He gave this air with fine expression and with the necessary spirit, and his clear notes rang through the building. The audience desired a repetition, but did not unfortunately succeed in persuading him to respond. Many of the numbers were omitted through the exigencies of time, and the oratorio closed with the splendid chorus, "Sing unto God, and high affections raise."

TEMPERANCE CONCERT.

The concert, got up by Councillor Bertram Pearce and given at the Old Court House, Bromley, on March 22nd, for the benefit of the members of the Men's Total Abstinence Union, deserved a much larger audience than that which assembled, for it was a really excellent programme, and all the items were admirably sustained. The small attendance, particularly of men, gave further emphasis to the old saying that people do not appreciate that which costs them nothing. Mr. H. W. Amos genially presided over the gathering. Songs were charmingly given by Miss Constance Mustead, Mrs. George Day and Mrs. Bertram Pearce; and a duet by Mrs. Pearce and Miss Milstead also gave great pleasure. Mr. Bertram Pearce and Mr. S. H. Bacon both sang with much spirit; and Mr. Leonard Harman ably played a couple of violin solos. Another enjoyable feature was the singing of the male voice quartette. The humorous element was skilfully supplied by Mr. Bob Bennett. The Chairman gave an interesting address, and was warmly thanked, as were also Councillor Pearce and the other artists.

NATIONAL DEPOSIT FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The 15th annual general meeting of the Bromley and District branch of this Society was held at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley, on March 22nd. Mr. J. Nutting, chairman of committee, presided.

Mr. H. P. Steer presented the annual report, which showed that the total membership in the district in December last was 658. The amount paid in contributions to the common sick fund was £764 5s. 6d., while members had paid to their deposits £254 9s. 6d., their balances having increased from £2,830 9s. 7d. to £2,944 18s. 10d.; and members had withdrawn from their accounts sums amounting to £267 6s. 2d. One hundred and ten members received sick pay to the amount of £195 6s. 3d., ten of these being the results of accidents; 289 members received medical pay to the extent of £142 4s. 3d.

Messrs. S. J. Brown, G. Brown and A. Davis, with Mrs. Leeves, were elected to fill the vacancies on the committee.

Mr. R. Whyte, jun., was re-elected president; and Mr. J. Nutting chairman of committee.

The following seven members were chosen as delegates to the divisional annual meeting on April 16th, to be held at Wimbledon: Messrs. J. Tipping, A. Parfett, F. Griffin, W. Cook, A. Eves, H. P. Steer and J. Nutting.

The "Bromley Chronicle," the popular local newspaper, every Thursday morning. Of all newsagents and Railway Bookstalls. One penny.

Local Obituary.

MR. JAMES HOW.

Bromley has lost one of its oldest tradesmen by the death of Mr. James How, watchmaker and jeweller, of 4, Widmore-road, which took place with painful suddenness on February 27th. The deceased gentleman, who was 69 years of age, was at the head of one of the oldest-established firms in the town, the business having been started by his grandfather in 1797. The Bromley of his boyhood days is a quickly vanishing and almost quite forgotten little world. He often referred to the entire change in the Ravensbourne, of Glass Mill-lane and the adjacent meadows. For more than half a century Mr. How had been associated in happy Christian fellowship and devoted work with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the High-street—a Church which largely owes its commencement to the earnest work of his grandfather, who worked along with the founder of Methodism—John Wesley. Mr. How had filled almost every office in that Church, and especially had served as local preacher, not only in Bromley but in the country round for many miles. A year ago, on the completion of 50 years' service, the Church took the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his faithful continuance in well-doing. Up to the very last he so worked, his decease occurring as he was travelling home from a preaching appointment in Chelsfield.

MRS. HOMEWOOD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. Adeline Homewood, the beloved wife of our esteemed townsman, Councillor W. J. Homewood, which sad event occurred after a long illness, at her residence, "Holmbury," Shawfield Park, Bromley, on February 28th. Mrs. Homewood was the daughter of the late Mr. James Haslip, of Gravesend, and was 36 years of age. She had suffered a great deal, having been ill for upwards of a year. The sincerest sympathy is felt for Councillor Homewood and the two children who have sustained such a severe loss.

Before proceeding to business at the Bromley Town Council on March 1st, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) made a feeling reference to the sad event. He said they would notice the absence that evening from his usual place in that room of their colleague, Councillor Homewood, and he regretted to have to tell them the cause of his absence. Most of them were, no doubt, aware that he had been in great trouble for some time past owing to the illness of his wife, and now, after many months' anxiety, on his part, and suffering on hers, she had been removed from him. He was sure it would be the wish of all of them that he should write, on their behalf, as he had already done on his own, to convey to him the assurance of their sincere sympathy in his trouble.

MR. C. R. FORD.

A much-respected townsman in the person of Mr. Charles Richard Ford passed away at his residence, Fairoaks Lodge, Homesdale-road, Bromley, on March 2nd, after a

brief illness. Mr. Ford had been in failing health for the past year or two, but it was not until Saturday, Feb. 26th, that he was taken ill. The son of a solicitor, he was born at Shrewsbury nearly 73 years ago. He came to reside in Bromley some 18 years ago, on retiring from business, and soon identified himself with St. Mark's Church. Mr. Ford filled many offices and did much valuable work. He was a sidesman of the church, and until a year or so ago conducted a class for youths in the Sunday-school. He had, in fact, been a Sunday school teacher and worker for half a century. Mr. Ford was associated with various societies and organisations in the Borough, including the Bromley Charitable Society, of which for some years he was secretary. He was a former secretary of the Bromley Sunday-school Teachers' Association, and was connected with the Bromley branch of the Church of England Men's Society. The deceased gentleman was keenly interested in temperance work, and was a strong supporter of those excellent exhibitions held in recent years under the auspices of the Church of England Temperance Society. He was also an enthusiastic worker on behalf of foreign missions. Mr. Ford was a member of the Central Committee of the Church Missionary Society, and was mainly responsible for the organisation of the successful sales of work annually held in Bromley in aid of the society. He was also connected with the Church Pastoral Aid Society and was on the committee of the Home for Little Boys at Farningham. Mr. Ford was for a short time a member of the Bromley Education Committee. A very impressive funeral service was held at St. Mark's Church on March 7th, and on March 8th the interment took place at Stafford.

MR. A. WHIFFIN.

The funeral of the late Mr. Alfred Whiffin, 17, Hammelton-road, Bromley, retired Paymaster-in-Chief, Royal Navy—whose death occurred on March 12th—took place on March 16th, the interment taking place at Plaistow Cemetery, after a service in Bromley Parish Church.

ST. MARY'S MEN'S HOUR.

This excellent institution—founded some five years ago—continues its good work at St. Mary's Church Hall, where meetings are held every Sunday afternoon, under the leadership of the Vicar (Rev. W. Gowans). At the gathering on March 6th two cleverly executed violin solos were contributed by Miss Hopgood, and two spirited vocal solos by Mr. Clement Alliston. This gentleman possesses a very fine voice, and his efforts, as well as those of Miss Hopgood, gave much pleasure to those present. The speaker was Mr. G. Loly, B.A., who took as his subject "Erasmus." Mr. Loly handled his subject in a masterly manner, and the address was listened to with rapt attention.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that the treasurer of the Bromley District Nursing Association has received a cheque for £34 7s. 8d. as the result of the highly successful performances of "The Rivals" in November last.

BROMLEY FORTY YEARS AGO.

[By WEST INDIAN.]

In those days Bromley was as countrified a little village as if it were 80 miles from London instead of only 10. It was completely ruralised by the surrounding great country seats of Colonel Long, Lord Kinnaird and Mr. Scott, of Sundridge Park. The Long estate began at the old flour mills at Southend and ran up to the Shortlands road as far as the "Swan," a good mile and three-quarters; then down to Shortlands Station and along the valley to Beckenham, and thence over to Southend. This noble property was strictly enclosed and consisted of rich pastures, park lands and woods. The old mansion stood in the centre of a lovely park, with an entrance near to the new Bromley Cemetery. The Misses Long were often shopping in the village, and were charming young ladies and dressed in the strict simplicity of those days.

The Kinnaird property began also at Southend, and ran up as far as the Hope Park Estate, over to Plaistow, along Burnt Ash-lane as far as Grove Park, and was also strictly enclosed by a park fence. From Southend to the lodge gates of Colonel Long and Lord Kinnaird, opposite to each other, no sign of habitation was visible; only rich green fields on either side of the London road, itself but a simple country lane. From Lord Kinnaird's lodge up to Hope Park and thence to the back of Farwig and then down to the beginning of Burnt Ash-lane was all farm land. Plaistow Church stood completely surrounded by these fields. The farm and bailiff's house were situated opposite to Major Satterthwaite's house, and next to the farm was a little neat-looking cottage in which dwelt Messrs. Latter and Willett's venerable chief clerk, to whom many journeyed for gratis legal advice. At Hope Park was the little hamlet known as "London Road," with villas on the left side of the road and cottages on the right down as far as Hunter's, the carriage builders. Next the "Beech Tree" Inn was "Farwig-lane," a dark, muddy road with small cottages on either side. Next to Hunter's Colonel Long's park fencing came in sight again, and the "College Fields" on the left again ruralised the road to Bromley. These fields were very extensive, running parallel to Farwig and Plaistow to Palace Grove, including the "Big Field" (Sherman's) the South-Eastern Railway Station is built on, skirting Palace-grove to Widmore-road, near to the Baptist Chapel, then running back as far as the Drill Hall and the Local Board Offices, thence up to Stidolph's Nursery. The back of the Local Board building looked out on a large field ("Cage Field"), which I distinctly remember having seen sowed by hand. From Stidolph's the fields skirted the College wall down to the front entrance to this beautiful, reposeful retreat for widows of the clergy. Here Bromley began, and it ended at a little shop occupied by Mr. Satchell, which was fronted by a pretty little villa, in which lived a gentleman named Dewey. Judge Sparks' old house began the country again.

Let me describe the shops and the "tradespeople." Facing the College was Ayling's little oil and colour establishment; at the corner of Shortlands-lane was Browning's milk and green-

grocery. The "Swan" was a small and low building, conspicuous for its lengthy horse trough. Next the College wall was a fine old villa, standing back within a garden in which stood a big walnut tree, affectionately remembered. This house was occupied by a gentleman named Selby. Next came Ferris' harness shop, in which sets of harness were all hand-sewn and beautifully finished. Opposite stood a row of new and modern shops, one of which was shortly afterwards completely gutted by fire one night, providing Bromley with its big and only fire in my days. Next to Ferris' were a few old cottages, with a flight of stone steps up to them, one of which was occupied by Mother Larkin, famed for her "Lemon Lumps." Some wooden cottages stood opposite; lower down was a small butcher's shop—Eaton's—having a high-class family trade. In those days business was a family sort of affair. Mr. Shillcock's, Mr. Weeks', Mr. Crowhurst's, and several other shops were conducted by the proprietors, assisted by their respective sons, with quiet and unvarying courtesy. Next to Eaton's came the big grocery of T. Wells. This shop supplied to Shortlands, Beckenham, Penge, Elmers End, Hayes, Keston, Locksbottom, Green-street-Green. Widmore and Bickley, and only employed two young men besides the proprietor. Opposite Harman's art and music shop, with photographic studio. Mr. Harman was a very enthusiastic Volunteer, and he afterwards became Major in the "Tower Hamlets." I saw an account in "Lloyd's" a couple of years ago, describing him as one of the oldest members of the old Volunteer force.

To be continued next Month.

Births.

Dewey.—On the 11th March, at Toots Wood, Bromley, the wife of Marshall Dewey of a son.

Evershed.—On the 5th March, at 22, Queen's road, Bromley, the wife of William J. Evershed, of a son.

Fester.—On the 1st March, at Temperley, Bickley, the wife of E. C. Fester, of a son.

Hawkings.—On the 12th March, at Keston, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hawkings—a daughter.

Potter.—On the 19th March, at 21, Holligrave-road, Bromley, the wife of Frank Stuart Potter, of a son.

Smith.—On the 1st March, at Wingate, Avondale-road, Bromley, the wife of Sydney A. Smith, of a daughter.

Verinder.—On the 19th February, at Melford, Monivea road, Beckenham, the wife of J. H. A. Verinder, of a daughter.

Walter.—On the 18th February, at Overfield, Orpington, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Walter, a daughter.

Marriage

Coote—Tolhurst.—On the 19th February, by special licence, at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, Harry Coote, of Beckenham, to Evelyn Tolhurst, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. Tolhurst, of Ferndale, Priory-road, Maidstone.

Marriage—Richardson.—On the 19th March, at All Souls' Church, Langham place, by the Rector, the Rev. S. F. Webster, M.A., Herbert James Marriage, M.B., B.S., Lond., F.R.C.S., son of James Marriage, of Kynard, Beckenham, to Amy Grace, only daughter of Edward W. Richardson, of the Firs, Romford.

Deaths.

Baxter.—On the 21st February, at 115, Mackenzie-road, Beckenham, William Baxter, in his 73rd year.

Birkbeck.—On the 7th February, at 20, Berkeley-square, Mary Harriet, wife of Robert Birkbeck, of Kinloch House, Inverness-shire, and eldest daughter of the late Sir John William Lubbock, Bart., in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

Bunbury Thompson.—On the 6th March, Charlotte Wilkinson, wife of Lt.-Gen. Arnold Bunbury Thompson, R.A., and daughter of the late Robert Dent Esq., and of Mrs. Dent, late of Homewood, Chislehurst.

Dennison.—On the 4th March, at Fairmead, Grove Park, Edward William Dennison, aged 34.

Ford.—On the 2nd March, at Faircaks Lodge, Bromley, Charles Richard Ford, younger son of the late Richard Ford, solicitor, of Shrewsbury, aged 72.

Harryman.—On the 14th March, at 10, College road, Bromley, Lydia, widow of William Harryman, aged 93.

Haslam.—On the 6th March, at Moscow, after an operation, Minnie J. Haslam, late of Bromley, Kent, aged 39.

Holmwood.—On the 28th February, 1910, at Holmbury, Shawfield Park, Bromley, Kent, Adeline, the beloved wife of Wilfred James Homewood, and daughter of the late James Haslip, of Gravesend, aged 36.

Jenings.—On the 26th February, at Bloomville, Wellmeadow-road, Catford, John Willson Jenings, youngest son of the late John Willson Jenings, Barrister-at-Law, Ireland.

Lawford.—On the 14th March, at 11, Vernon-terrace, Brighton, Emilia Frances, widow of Henry Smith Lawford, and daughter of the late Lancelot Holland, formerly of Beckenham.

Phillips.—On the 27th February, at Earlsmead, Beckenham, George Phillips, aged 76 years.

In Memoriam.

Barrell.—In ever loving memory of Matilda, the beloved wife of Allen Barrell, who was called to her rest on the 12th of April, 1891.—"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

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Wednesday,	June	29th	Wednesday,	November	2nd
Wednesday,	July	6th	Wednesday,	November	16th
Wednesday,	July	27th	Wednesday,	December	7th

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—*Rogation Sunday.*

2nd.—Fancy dress ball and paper hat carnival at the Town Hall, Bromley.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

3rd.—Annual dinner of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers at the Royal Bell Hotel.—Reception and meeting in the Lecture Hall of Bromley Congregational Church in advocacy of the claims of the Central Fund of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

4th.—Bromley Football Club whist drive and presentation to S. G. Grayer as marking the occasion of his marriage, at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.—Presentation of "Merrie England," under the direction of Mr. Montford Baker, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of Bromley Cottage Hospital.

5th.—Welte-Mignon pianoforte recital at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

6th.—Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meetings of the Joint Hospital Board and the West Kent Main Sewerage Board at the Offices, Park House, Bromley at five o'clock.—Important sale of freehold residences and blocks of shop property by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C.

7th.—Preparatory meeting for the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Freemasons of Kent at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

8th.—*Sunday after Ascension.*

9th. Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings, at 8 p.m.

10th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Farnborough, at 11 a.m.

11th.—Meeting in support of the recommendations of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

15th.—*Whitsun Day.*

17th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

22nd.—*Trinity Sunday.*

23rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

24th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Farnborough, at 11 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m.

25th.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper sale by auction, at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, E.C., of detached residences and country cottages.

29th.—*First Sunday after Trinity.*

30th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

31st.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 11 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council was held on March 30th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that they had considered the 27 applications received for the appointment of independent auditor, and three of the applicants had been personally interviewed by the Committee, and it was resolved to recommend that Mr. Ernest Boothroyd, of the firm of Messrs. Ellis, Hill, Boothroyd and Co., 79, Mark-lane, E.C., be appointed independent auditor for one year, ending March 31st, 1911, at an inclusive fee of fifty guineas.

The report was adopted.

THE GRAND HALL.

The Highways and Works Committee reported that they had further considered the application of Mr. A. Moul for a licence in respect of the Grand Hall under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, and it was resolved that the attention of Mr. Moul be called to Regulation No. 12 of the regulations made by the Secretary of State, and that he be asked to furnish information as to how he proposed to comply with such regulation.

LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Rev. C. C. Gosselin calling attention to the lighting of the Bromley Common end of Southlands road, and asking that a lamp might be placed on the West side of the road opposite the northern entrance to the church, as frequent complaints arose from the fact that nuisances were committed against

the boundary wall of the church. Resolved to recommend that one new lamp be erected and the position of one existing lamp altered.

THE ALLOTMENTS QUESTION.

To the General Purposes Committee a letter was read from the secretary of the Bromley branch of the Independent Labour Party inquiring what would be the probable cost of fencing the land at Chatterton-road proposed to be used for allotments, and also for how long a period the Council would be prepared to let the land, and pointing out that other allotments in the district had no very substantial fences and suggesting that a wire fence would meet the requirements, as it would be a waste of money to put up an elaborate arrangement, especially in view of the fact that the land might be sold at no distant date. Resolved that the Town Clerk be instructed to reply pointing out that the cheapest form of fence would cost approximately £15 to erect, and the construction of the necessary road would involve a further sum of £25, and that it appeared to the Committee that the return to the Council in the shape of rent of the land for allotments on the usual basis of payment prevalent in the district would not be enough to enable the ground to be let for a short period without loss to the rates.

MOTOR 'BUSES.

Alderman James inquired whether the Council had any jurisdiction with regard to dealing with stands for public conveyances.

The Town Clerk said that was absolutely under the control of the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Alderman James suggested that the Borough Engineer should bring up a report to the Highways and Works Committee having regard to the altered conditions set up by the motor 'bus traffic.

The Mayor said there was no objection to the Borough Engineer doing that.

BURIAL BOARD.

The General Purposes Committee of the Burial Board submitted the estimate of their requirements for the year ending March 31st, 1911. A copy of such estimate accompanied the report, from which it was seen that a net sum of £791 had to be provided. Resolved to recommend that a rate at 1½d. in the £ be made, and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the statutory notice of the intention to make such rate

The report was adopted.

Another meeting of the Town Council was held on April 12th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

A NEW MEMBER.

The Mayor said he hoped the new member, Councillor Cooling, would find his association with the Council pleasant to himself as well as useful to the Borough.

FINANCE.

To the Finance Committee a letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding sanctions to borrow the sum of £812 in respect of the old Whitehall Recreation Ground, and a further sum of £124 in respect of the erection of a lodge on the Whitehall Recreation Ground. Resolved that the Town Clerk apply to the London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd., with a view of ascertaining whether they will be prepared to advance the sum of £812 for a period of five years with interest at the rate of ¾ per cent.

OVERHANGING TREES.

A letter was read from Messrs. Thomas Tilling, Ltd., calling attention to the fact that at several places along the Bromley-road the branches of trees overhang the roadway and are a source of danger to passengers riding outside their omnibuses, and although they had written to several owners and pointed out the possibility of someone being injured, in most cases the branches had not been lopped, and asking if the Council would kindly give the necessary instructions in the matter. After receiving the Borough Engineer's report thereon it was resolved that the necessary notices be served for the lopping of the trees where necessary.

TAR PAINTING.

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Kent County Council in reference to the tar-painting of main roads, stating that the County Council have resolved that the actual cost, not exceeding one penny per square yard in any one year, of treating the main roads with tar be from April 1st, 1910, repaid to retaining urban authorities.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library Committee reported that they had under consideration the petition in reference to the Sunday opening of the Public Library, and after very careful consideration resolved to recommend that the petition for the Sunday opening of the library be not acceded to.

Alderman Bell moved the adoption of the report. The Committee, he said, had under consideration the petition presented to the Council in favour of the opening of the Public Library on Sundays, and before dealing with the matter they had obtained all the information possible on the subject.

The report was adopted.

NEW BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of State in reference to the proposed additions to the bye-laws for the good rule and government of the Borough, stating that he was prepared provisionally to agree to the proposed bye-law as to noisy animals and to the repeal of No. 4 of the existing set and its replacement by a bye-law in the same form with the words "on Sundays" omitted, and with regard to the bye-law as to nuisances contrary to public decency, pointing out that such bye-law was only allowed when the Secretary of State was satisfied that sufficient sanitary accommodation had been provided, and asking to be furnished with a map of the Borough showing the number and situation of the public conveniences. Resolved that the information required be furnished, and also that the Town Clerk at the same time explain various matters it is suggested might be dealt with under the bye-law in question.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The Town Clerk reported that the Old Age Pensions Committee had held four meetings during the last quarter. Nineteen fresh claims had been received and all of them were allowed. Up to the present time 279 claims had been allowed in the Borough and 49 disallowed.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Lindley Jones.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Com-

mittee was held on April 11th, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

STAFFING MATTERS.

The staffing of the girls' department at Mason's Hill School was under consideration by the School Management Sub-Committee at their meeting on April 4th, in view of the recent recognition of Miss Alice Betts as a certificated teacher. The staff now consists of head teacher and four assistants (three certificated and one uncertificated). The average number of children on the roll for the past school year was ---, the average attendance 168; the present numbers being: on roll, 170; in attendance, 160.

The Sub-Committee recommended that the present staffing be agreed to until the end of the current school year (Oct. 31st), when it is understood the managers propose to reduce the staff to head teacher and three assistant teachers.

The recommendation was adopted.

The staffing of the Bickley and Widmore C.E. (Infants') School was also considered in view of the recent recognition of Miss K. E. Graham as a certificated teacher. The staff now consists of head teacher and five assistants (one certificated, three uncertificated and one supplementary). The average number of children on the roll for the last school year was 250, the average attendance being 205. The present numbers being: on roll, 215; in attendance, 202. The average attendance is thus 11 in excess of the revised recognised accommodation.

Resolved that the question of the staffing of the school be referred to the managers with a recommendation that a certificated assistant teacher should be appointed to take a class now taken by an uncertificated teacher and a 9supplementary teacher, and that the attention of the managers be called to the attendance beyond the recognised number.

The Sub-Committee also reported that they had considered a letter from the Board of Education pointing out that it will be necessary to increase the strength of the existing staff at the Bromley Common C.E. (Infants') School if the average attendance is likely to exceed 55 for the current school year.

The Secretary reported as to attendance since Nov. 1st, 1909, and it appeared that the weekly average attendance in the period ending March 25th, 1910, was 48.1.

The Committee considered that no action was necessary at present.

TEACHING OF THRIFT.

A circular letter from the Charity Organisation Society enclosing pamphlets which show plans for thrift teaching adopted by certain Education Authorities in England was read to the School Management Sub-Committee.

Resolved that copies of the pamphlets be sent to head teachers of senior departments for use as they may find necessary in their several departments.

The dignity of Knight Commander of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun has been conferred by the Emperor of Japan on Alderman Sir George Truscott, Bart.

In the recent school examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music Dorothy Lewin, a pupil of Mrs. S. R. Leishman, Belmont, Southborough-road, Bickley, passed in pianoforte playing, higher division.

BROMLEY'S NEW RATE

At the meeting of the Bromley Town Council on March 30th the Finance Committee received from the various Committees of the Council the estimates of their requirements from the General District Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1911. A copy of such estimates accompanied the report, from which it was seen that a net sum of £39,168 had to be provided, for which a rate of 3s. 4d. in the £ was necessary. Resolved to recommend that two rates of 1s. 8d. in the £ respectively be made during the year, and that the Town Clerk be directed to give the statutory notice of the intention to make the first of such rates for the half-year ending Sept. 30th next.

They (the Finance Committee) had also considered the various requirements from the Borough Rate for the year ending March 31st, 1911. A copy of the estimate accompanied the report, from which it was seen that a net sum of £18,000 had to be provided. This sum represents a rate of 1s. 5.14d. in the £ on the net assessable value of the Borough for Poor Rate purposes. Resolved to recommend that the necessary precepts be issued and served on the Overseers of the parish of Bromley to pay such sum as a contribution to the Borough Rate out of the Poor Rate made or to be made for the said parish. Resolved, further, to recommend that the seal of the Council be affixed to the first precept to pay the sum of £9,000 by two moieties for the half-year ending Sept. 30th, 1910.

Councillor Comins moved the adoption of the report, and made a clear and comprehensive statement with regard to the financial position of the Borough.

Alderman Bell moved, as an amendment, that the Finance Committee be instructed to refer the estimates back to the various committees for their consideration as to the possibility of reducing the amount of their estimated expenditure.

Alderman James seconded the amendment.

Councillor Comins hoped the Council would not agree to the proposal to refer the estimates back.

Only three voted for the amendment, which was lost.

Discussion was then continued on the report which was eventually adopted.

BROMLEY ATHLETIC CLUB.

A completely successful and thoroughly enjoyable gathering took place at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, on April 13th, the occasion being the first annual dinner of the Bromley Athletic Club. Although a young club, it has plenty of life and vigour, and promises to become a strong and flourishing organisation. A company of about 70 foregathered in the large Assembly Room, and the post of honour was held with characteristic suavity by Councillor W. Lindley Jones, the president of the club, who has from the beginning taken, and still takes, the keenest interest in its welfare. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) graced the proceedings with his presence, and no fewer than four other Aldermen attended—Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, Alderman R. W. James, Alderman G. Lawrence and Alderman G. Weeks.

THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Polling took place on March 31st to fill the casual vacancy at Bromley Common, caused by the resignation of Mr. H. Marshall. There were three candidates, Mr. C. Cooling, Mr. Nye and Mr. J. Waters. Mr. Cooling was elected after a close contest with Mr. Waters, Mr. Nye being at the bottom of the poll. The figures are appended:—

COOLING, CHARLES	248
WATERS, JESSE,	232
NYE, HENRY	115

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS.

ORPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Polling for the election of members to serve on the Orpington Parish Council took place on April 4th. There were 25 candidates for the 15 seats, and the voting resulted as follows:—

ELECTED.

E. H. Martin	315
John Culbertson	24
G. Eldridge	240
J. T. Greenslade	237
H. Roper	234
R. J. Pugh	232
J. C. D. Jenkins	226
W. Mansfield	219
T. Harlow	204
J. Wale	198
E. Yeates	188
P. Schletter	187
H. M. Glassup	167
E. A. Edmed	156
F. W. Austin	150

NOT ELECTED.

H. Virtue	147
T. C. Hoar	146
A. J. Wells	128
J. How	127
W. R. Taylor	123
H. G. Wale	120
T. C. Memes	101
J. Lidlow	99
H. Pearl	97
E. L. Pierce	92

CHISLEHURST URBAN COUNCIL.

Polling for the election of Urban, Rural and Parish Councillors took place on April 4th, but the contests excited very little interest. At Chislehurst there was only one contest, and that was in the Upper Borough. Here the voting was very close, the retiring members retaining their seats, and Mr. J. Y. Joynson taking the place of the late Mr. A. Marshall. Details:—

ELECTED.

*H. Wise	282
*E. G. Gibson	213
J. Y. Joynson	209
*C. Dabner	207

NOT ELECTED.

A. J. Sheene	205

FOOTS CRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The interest taken in the election at Sidcup was not great, only 575 voters out of a total of 1,343 on the register exercising their privilege by going to the poll. The old members who sought re-election were successful in retaining their seats, and Mr. Blackman had the distinction of heading the poll. Details:—

ELECTED.

A. Blackman	361
*G. Goodes	340
*A Sharp	337
*A. Dewey	312
*J. C. Peace	309

NOT ELECTED.

W. Pool	159
C. H. Hilbert	94

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

In the rural parishes those elected to the Rural District Council also serve on the Bromley Board of Guardians, the representatives of Chislehurst being Messrs. H. J. Hadrill, E. G. Turner, and Mrs. M. H. Vinson; for Foots Cray, Messrs. T. Knight and S. H. Wright; Bromley, Mrs. A. J. Chalmers, Mrs. E. Hall, Messrs. C. W. Gedney, G. Lawrence and F. W. Peill; Beckenham, Miss M. Vian, Miss F. E. Stenning, Messrs. Seymour Conway, Cardross Grant and W. Potter.

BROMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

There was only one contest for the Bromley Rural District Council—at Cudham, where the result was as follows:—

ELECTED.

*C. Smither	68

NOT ELECTED.

G. J. Gill	41

ST. MARY CRAY PARISH COUNCIL.

Polling for the election of nine Parish Councillors for the parish of St. Mary Cray took place at the Endowed School on April 4th and resulted as under:—

ELECTED.

*E. H. Joynson	217
*J. Goodwin	201
*H. S. Heath	192
G. E. Wright	160
*H. Taylor	154
*F. Stanger	152
J. Jones	144
*G. Ogburn	144
*H. T. Cleaver	142

NOT ELECTED.

*G. Dow	137
T. May	134
F. W. Powell	121
*W. Sands	120
B. Mervin	107

ORPINGTON LAND CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the Orpington Land Club took place on April th Mr. Pierce occupying the chair. Mr. E. A. Edmed and Mr. Wale were congratulated by the meeting upon being returned to the Parish Council at the recent elections, and Mr. Edmed thanked the members who had assisted in forwarding the candidature of himself and the other candidates who stood on behalf of the club. Two new members were elected.

A gymnastic display, under the direction of Miss Sheard, was given on April 14th at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, in aid of the funds of Cray Valley Hospital.

BROMLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A public meeting was held at the Town Hall, Bromley, on April 11th, under the auspices of the Bromley Ratepayers' Association, the President, Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., being in the chair.

The President read the list of rules, and one or two alterations were made.

Mr. W. H. Smith moved that the committee meet once a fortnight.

The motion was lost.

A resolution that the committee meetings be once a month was also defeated.

The President urged the members to have confidence in the committee.

Some discussion took place with regard to the rule making provision for the discontinuance of membership in the case of any member who by reason of his conduct habitually made himself objectionable to the other members.

Mr. Ward proposed a new rule to the effect that upon the election of any member of the committee or officer of the Association to any public body, such member shall forthwith be requested to resign the position held in connection with the Association.

Mr. Walbrook opposed the proposition, which he said was scarcely of a broadminded character.

The resolution was lost.

Mr. Gunton said the committee had considered the question of the secretaryship on two or three occasions, and they had decided to invite Mr. William Howard to take that position, and he had very much pleasure in proposing him as hon. secretary for the coming year. Mr. Howard was a man of experience in secretarial work. He had time, and what was more, he was willing.

Mr. Soan seconded, and said Mr. William Howard was a thoroughly capable man.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

Councillor Weller was elected hon. treasurer.

Mr. Smith moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Gunton, who during his temporary holding of the office of secretary had worked extremely hard.

Mr. W. H. Smith seconded the motion, which was heartily carried, and Mr. Gunton suitably replied.

The old committee were re-elected en bloc, and several more were added, the list being as follows:—Mr. P. Bleeze, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. A. H. Pain, Mr. W. W. White, Mr. Gale, Mr. C. H. Gunton, Mr. W. Tarry, Mr. W. Hopton, Mr. Dalley, Mr. A. Ridgway, Mr. William Howard, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Page, Mr. Orgles, Mr. Ley, Major Lea, Mr. Soan, Councillor Harris, Mr. Poingdestre, Mr. Pritchard and Mr. G. Medhurst.

It was decided that the Association should meet at least four times a year in the Town Hall, most liberal terms for the use of this building being offered by Howard's Stores, Ltd.

A discussion then took place on "Should the Public Library be opened on Sundays?" Mr. Lewin Hill, C.B., opening and answering the question in the affirmative. On a show of hands being taken, Mr. Hill's resolution was lost by 22 votes to 15.

The annual meeting of the Chislehurst branch of the National Anti-Sweating League was held on April 11th.

MR. THOMAS MAY ELECTED A COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

The election of Sir Henry Lennard, of Wickham Court, West Wickham, to an Aldermanic seat on the Kent County Council, created a vacancy in the Bromley No. 6 Division, and Mr. Thomas May, of St. Pauls Cray, has been elected to the seat unopposed. The Returning Officer (Mr. Charles Turner) attended at the Court House, Bromley, on April 12th, to receive nominations, and the nomination of Mr. Thomas May being the only one handed in, he was declared duly elected. Mr. Thomas May is one of the best known agriculturists and fruitgrowers of the district. He has considerable agricultural interests in various parts of the county, chiefly at St. Paul's Cray (where he resides), Chislehurst, Milton, Sittingbourne and Waltham, near Wye, and on behalf of a large body of hop growers of the county he gave evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Commons which sat a few months ago to inquire into the condition of the British hop industry. Mr. May will bring to bear upon his duties as a County Councillor a large and varied experience of Local Government administration. For the past 17 years he has represented his district upon the Bromley Board of Guardians and the Bromley Rural District Council. He has served as a member of the Chislehurst Urban District Council since its formation (sitting as one of the representatives of the Lower Borough), and has for some years been Vice-Chairman of that body. He is also the Vice-Chairman of the St. Paul's Cray Parish Council and a manager of the Chislehurst and St. Mary Cray Council Schools.

FINE GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

Bromley is well to the fore in the gymnastic world. The local club is one of which any Borough might justly boast, and Bromley is fully entitled to feel proud of having such a flourishing institution in its midst. The annual display by the members shows no signs of deterioration. Every year they have given an excellent account of themselves, and the manner in which they acquitted themselves at the Grand Hall on April 6th proved no exception to the rule. Needless to say, there was a large and keenly-interested audience, who showed their warm appreciation of the various performances.

Great interest centred in the tug-of-war (final) between the 5th R.W.K. Regt. and the Bromley Corporation A.C. The Territorials won the first pull with comparative ease; the second, after a keen struggle, ended in favour of the Corporation; and in the third pull the Territorials were again beaten. The flag race between the Wesleyan Gymnastic Club and the Bromley Gymnastic Club was very keenly contested, and the Wesleyan team (under Miss Powell) won in capital style.

The prizes were distributed by the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.).

The Town Hall, Bromley, is a most desirable place for private concerts, whist drives, meetings, dances, at homes, etc., being central, cosy, comfortable and cheap. Terms and vacant dates can be had on application to the Secretary, Howard's Stores, Ltd.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL.

Quernmore, Bromley, was gaily decorated with flags on Easter Monday, on the occasion of the annual athletic sports, which were held in the spacious grounds adjoining the school. Some of the events, and most of the heats, were decided on March 26, but the principal races took place on Bank Holiday. The weather, though hazy, remained dry, and there was a large assemblage of parents and friends, who evinced the keenest interest in the proceedings. It got rather chilly as the afternoon wore on, and a little more sunshine would have been welcomed by the onlookers, but from the point of view of the runners the weather was ideal. The reputation of the school was well maintained by the boys, who showed a splendid sporting spirit throughout. Moreno ii., notwithstanding his recent indisposition, was in great form, breaking several records and carrying off a large number of prizes. Harrington was also a very successful competitor.

The arrangements for the sports were again excellent. A better course it would be difficult to find, and a more genial set of officials could not be wished for. The head master, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., acted as president of the sports, and under his wise and tactful guidance, and with the splendid co-operation of his capable staff, everything passed off smoothly and well. The competitors' steward was Mr. G. C. Middleton, the Press steward Mr. D. McK. Ohm, the starter Mr. C. F. Braithwaite, the time-keepers Mr. Fowler Dixon and Mr. G. M. Loly; and the hon. secretary and referee, Mr. A. C. Martin. On the committee were the staff, with J. L. Spence, W. H. J. Harrington and W. E. Hewett, and the judges comprised Colonel E. Satterthwaite, Messrs. A. Carr, C. Courtney, J. Golding, T. E. Hodgson, J. Laffitte, P. Reynolds, F. de L. Solbé, W. W. Stocker, E. Lopez and F. A. A. Caro. The committee were very fortunate in securing the services of so experienced a timekeeper as Mr. Fowler Dixon, who was one of the judges at the Marathon race in Athens some years ago.

During the afternoon an excellent programme of music was performed by the Band of the 20th (County of London) Battalion The London Regiment, by permission of Colonel E. J. Moore and officers, the band being skilfully conducted by Mr. C. S. Birkhead, late Bandmaster of the Seaforth Highlanders.

The visitors were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Loly, and at the conclusion of the sports the prizes were graciously presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. S. R. Earle, who was accompanied by Mr. Earle.

The boys of Quernmore School, Bromley, were in high spirits on April 8th, the joyful occasion being the distribution of prizes by the Headmaster, Mr. G. Loly, B.A. Before proceeding with this pleasing ceremony, he addressed the boys, and ably reviewed the work of the past term. He gave them some excellent advice, and urged them to work hard next term. He also expressed the hope that the weather next term would be better than that which they had had during the last few weeks, so that they would be able to have an uninterrupted series of matches. Mr. Loly took that opportunity of saying how very much they appreciated all that Mr. Martin was doing for the games. They were sorry in his first term there was so little football, but they looked forward to a very much more successful cricket season. They were greatly indebted to him and the other masters for the excellent way in which they organised the sports a week or two ago. They were favoured with fine weather on that occasion, and the flattering reports which appeared not only in the local Press, but in the London papers, showed it was the opinion of those who were in a position to judge that the sports were as good as could possibly be expected in a school of that size. He took that opportunity of saying how very pleased they were to see that Youle, an old Quernmorian, had obtained his blue for hockey in the University of Oxford, and another boy, who was formerly at Quernmore, Freddie Allen, had had the honour of being included in the gymnastic six at Harleybury. He obtained the first prize amongst the junior boys in the gymnastic competition. (Applause.) Proceeding, Mr. Loly said next term they hoped to have carefully-organised expeditions to the Swimming Baths at Beckenham, and judicious arrangements would be made for the instruction of the boys in swimming. He was anxious that all of them should avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining those swimming certificates which were now being prepared. Every boy who could swim 100 yards would get a certificate. They lived in an island country, and every English boy should be able to swim. They were sorry they had not got baths in Bromley; but the Beckenham Baths were not far away, and last year they found it perfectly easy to organise expeditions to the neighbouring town. He brought the matter forward so that they might ask their parents to give them permission to takeadvantage of that opportunity. Mr. Loly then proceeded to distribute the prizes, the list being as follows:—

Form Prizes.—Class 1, J. L. Spence; Class 2, Stanger; Class 3, Fraser i.; Class 4, Hill i.; Class 5, Farman i.; Class 6, Fernadez ii.

Juniors 1, Hill ii.; Juniors 2, Bateman; Juniors 3, Sotomayor.

Latin 1, Bishop; Latin B, Earle; Latin 2, Lowe; Latin B, Bryning; Latin 3, Lockey ii.

Mathematics 1, Moreno ii.; Mathematics B, Moreno i.; Mathematics 2, Lowe; Mathematics 3, Arnaud; Mathematics 4, Best.

Greek, Bishop; German, Guy; French, Guy.

Drawing 1, Moreno ii.; Drawing 2, Shaw.

Chemistry 1, Pain; Chemistry 2, Caro ii

Mrs. Loly's House Prize, Caro i.

Preparatory School.—Form 1, A. B. Hill; Form 2, R. C. Bateman; Progressive Prize, E. P. Solbé; Form 3, A. Sotomayor; First Drill Prize, E. M. Cazeaux; Special, R. R. Airey; 2nd Drill (under eight years), E. P. Solbé.

In conclusion, Mr. Loly heartily wished the boys a very happy holiday indeed, and he was sure, on their behalf, he might wish all the masters the pleasant holiday they so richly deserved. (Applause.)

A capital entertainment was given by the Blackbirds' Minstrel Troupe before a large audience at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on April 4th, the laudable object being to augment the funds of the Cottage Hospital.

We take the following from the "London Gazette," of Friday, March 18th:—Territorial Force.—5th Battalion the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), John Gurney Lepper to be Second Lieutenant; dated Feb. 15th, 1910.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

There was a large attendance at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on April 19th, on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Bromley Habitation, No. 1,521 of the Primrose League. In the unavoidable absence of the Dame President, Mrs. Coles Child, the chair was occupied by Mr. Coles Child, J.P., the Founder of the Habitation.

Mr. Coles Child said he had a message to give them from the Dame President, to express to them her very deep regret that illness should prevent her attending there and taking her place. She had been unfortunately laid up for some two months, and she was not yet allowed to go out at night.

An address was given by Mr. Granville Wheler, M.P. for Faversham.

Mr. Edgar Sharpe (acting hon. secretary) reported a membership of 1,141.

Mr. Coles Child vacated the chair for his daughter, Miss Audrey Child, who, in the absence of the Dame President, gracefully presented badges to a number of officers and members in recognition of their hard work at the last election.

Mr. Coles Child presented the badge to the champion warden of the year, Miss Hilda Rogers, Bromley Common No. 1.

Again rising, the Chairman said he was called upon to make a further presentation, which had a note of sadness to some of them. Primrose Leaguers in this district regretted that their good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Graty were going to leave the neighbourhood. He spoke in appreciative terms of the work which Mr. and Mrs. Graty had done in the interests of the Habitation, and the Chairman handed to Mr. Graty a handsome silver salver with a book containing the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Graty thanked them very sincerely for that handsome present.

The following were elected as officers:—Dame President, Mrs. Coles Child; Ruling Councillor, Mr. T. K. Crossfield; treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Baddeley; executive councillors, Mrs. Barker, Mr. H. ... Bothamley, Miss M. F. Bothamley, Major Carre Smith, Mr. Coles Child, Mr. Guy Radford, Miss Dayrell Reed, Miss Hilda Rogers, Mr. Edgar Sharpe, Mr. Frank Solbe, Mrs. Stansfield, Mr. H. A. Vallings, Rev. J. White and Mrs. Young; hon. auditor, Mr. F. Schooling; registrar, Mr. H. W. Richardson; acting hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Sharpe.

During the evening enjoyable selections were played by the St. Mary's Orchestra, under the able condustorship of Mr. Pickering, and the following also contributed to an excellent programme:—Miss Hope Jackson, Miss Amy Simpson and Mr. Charles Wood. Mr. F. J. Adams was the efficient accompanist.

A very enjoyable gathering in connection with the Bromley Common Ward of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League was held at St. Luke's Institute on April 6th. Four years ago the members of the Bromley Common Ward numbered only five members, but in the meantime the Ward has grown at almost record rate and the membership now numbers 83. This growth is mainly due to the energy and untiring efforts of the Warden, Miss Hilda Rogers, and the sub-wardens, and the result of these efforts was seen at the enthusiastic and crowded meeting held on April 6th. The proceedings took the form of an address on Tariff Reform and a lantern lecture on "Our Navy," and amongst those on the platform were Miss Hilda Rogers, Mr. E. C. E. Sharpe (the acting hon. secretary of the Primrose League), Major Carre-Smith, Mr. W. F. Gomme and Mr. A. H. Bartlett.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

Not for a long time has such a pleasant evening been spent at the Public Library Lecture Hall as that which was passed on April 1, when a dramatic reading of Goldsmith's incomparable comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," was given by the members of the Adult Reading Circle before a large and keenly interested audience. Considering that this was the first public performance by the members, they gave an uncommonly good account of themselves. The rich drollery of the farce was greatly relished, and for two hours the audience were highly amused and entertained. Most of the characters were very cleverly impersonated, and the performers were deservedly rewarded with hearty rounds of applause. Too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. F. S. Edwards, who admirably filled the rôle of "Mrs. Hardcastle." She read with clear articulation and dramatic effect, and won great favour. The tricks of the irrepressible "Tony Lumpkin," her son, caused Mrs. Hardcastle no end of trouble, and in those passages in which she bemoaned the wretchedness of her situation, Mrs. Edwards was superb. One of the most laughable scenes was that in which Mrs. Hardcastle mistook her husband for a highwayman, and implored him to spare her darling boy. The excellent and realistic manner in which Mr. F. S. Edwards took the part of "Tony Lumpkin" showed that he had carefully and thoroughly studied the conversational powers of this unique and humorous individual. The life of the farce centres in "Tony," and all the scenes in which Mr. Edwards appeared were excruciatingly funny, especially the make-believe love affair with his cousin, "Miss Neville," which produced ringing peals of laughter. Mr. W. J. Harris, as "Young Marlow," was in capital form. His bouncing and swaggering behaviour before "Mr. Hardcastle," whose old-fashioned house he mistook for an inn, presented a sharp contrast with his timid and bashful manner in the presence of "Miss Hardcastle," whom he believed to be the barmaid, and the audience roared. Mrs. Harris' representation of "Miss Hardcastle" was one of the best efforts. She used her imaginative, elocutionary and dramatic powers to excellent purpose. Mr. H. D. Kelf capably took the part of "Mr. Hardcastle," and Mr. A. F. Clark shone in the rôle of "Hastings." Mr. J. Armstrong did creditable work as "Sir Charles Marlow," and also as "Diggory"—a talkative individual. The amusing love scene between "Young Marlow" and "Miss Hardcastle," with their parents, "Sir Charles Marlow" and "Mr. Hardcastle," hiding behind a screen and listening to the touching dialogue, was a great feature in the last act. Mrs. H. D. Kelf distinguished herself as "Miss Neville." Miss G. Bath ("Maid") had not a great deal to do, but the work that fell to her share was well done. At the close, the audience showed their warm appreciation of the performance.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL, BROMLEY.

The pupils of Holmcroft School, Bromley, of which Miss Fertel is the popular and capable principal, gave another demonstration of the proficiency they have attained under the gymnastic instructress, Miss Stempel, at the Gymnastic Hall, College-slip, Bromley, on April 13th, when they gave their annual display in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The classes, without exception, went through their work in very excellent style, and each item of the programme was enthusiastically applauded. Novelty was introduced into the programme by the Misses Horsbrugh and Stempel, who gave an excellent display of fencing, and another item which evoked the admiration of the audience was the skirt dance by the Misses L. and E. Besant (pupils of the "Holmcroft" dancing class).

Midway through the programme, Dr. John Scott said when Miss Fertel did him the honour to ask him to present the cups and medals he acceded to her request with the very greatest pleasure, because he thought the physical education of children and of young people a matter of the greatest importance. The importance of it was fairly generally recognised now, but only a few years ago it was entirely neglected so far as this country was concerned, and even now he was afraid that many of the Continental people were ahead of us in this respect. Proceeding, Dr. Scott said he supposed there never was a people more beautiful or more highly cultured mentally and physically than the ancient Greeks, and he believed that they owed their extreme physical beauty to their careful physical education and to the way in which they practised exercises. They did not quite know what those exercises were, but probably they were exercises very similar to those they had witnessed that afternoon. The object of the exercises should be, of course, to develop the whole of the limbs of the body, and one part should not be exercised at the expense of the other. The exercises given that afternoon were well calculated to exercise the whole body. The girls had acquitted themselves admirably, and he was quite sure that the visitors would agree with him when he said that the performances reflected very great credit on Miss Stempel, who was responsible for the physical training of the pupils at Holmcroft School. (Applause.) Dr. Scott then presented the prizes as follows:—

Cupholder for 1910 (cup given by Colonel Drage).—Miss E. M. Powell.

Junior Cupholder for 1910 (cup given by Alderman R. W. James).—Master C. B. Cook.

Bronze Shield (given by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.; for the highest position in public examinations for the year).—Miss Whittle.

The winners of the medals were as follows:—

Gymnastics (Seniors).—1, Miss E. M. Powell (given by Mrs. Beaumont); 2, Miss F. E. Scholpp (given by Miss Stempel).

Gymnastics (Juniors).—1, Master C. B. Cook (given by Mrs. Stacy); 2, Miss K. Warren (given by Miss Fertel).

High Jumping.—Girls over 14: Miss Mabel Powell (given by Mrs. Whittle). Girls under 14: Miss Phyllis James (given by Mrs. H. Cook).

The prize-giving over, beautiful bouquets were presented by the classes to Miss Fertel and Miss Stempel. The last named also received a handsome photo frame subscribed for by her pupils.

Miss Stempel suitably returned thanks on behalf of Miss Fertel and herself for the charming gifts. The programme was then proceeded with and at the conclusion the performers were heartily applauded.

BROMLEY ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY.

The second annual general meeting of the Bromley Arts and Crafts Society was held in the Bromley Parish Room on April 14th, Dr. John Scott presiding. Amongst those also present were the Misses E. and M. Measor (hon. secretaries), Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. F. Measor, Mr. D. G. Simpson, Mr. W. Weeks, Mr. C. Alliston, Mr. J. Muirhead and Mr. C. H. B Quennell.

The committee, in presenting their second annual report, said the sixth exhibition was held in January (4th to 11th), 1910, at the Bromley High School for Girls, Elmfield-road. The previous exhibitions had been held in November, but a change of date was necessitated by the fact that the committee did not see their way to accept the estimate of the proprietor of the Royal Bell Hotel, which meant an increase of 40 per cent. for the hire of rooms. The committee considered all the likely buildings in Bromley, and unanimously agreed that the High School for Girls was the most suitable, but as the school was not available in November the earliest opportunity was during the Christmas holidays. The committee took that opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Council of the Girls' Public Day School Trust and to the head mistress for their kindness in meeting the Society on reasonable terms and for the courtesy which smoothed away all difficulties. The building lent itself excellently to the purpose of the exhibition—everyone agreed that the exhibits showed to greater advantage there. At the same time, owing to the fact that the exhibition was held just after Christmas, and a few days before the General Election, the attendance fell considerably short of that recorded last year, whilst the sales also showed a considerable diminution.

Mr. Alfred Wright presented the statement of accounts, which showed receipts amounting to £378 9s. 5d., including £146 4s. 9d. from 1908. They received by way of subscriptions £64 1s., by entry fees £8 18s. 5d., by tickets and gate money £54 0s. 10d., and the sales amounted to £28 12s. (arts) and £39 15s. (crafts). The exhibition expenses came to £109 6s. 1d., and printing and advertising to £71 19s. 10d. There remained a balance at the bankers of £11 12s. 2d. on current account, and on deposit £70, making a total balance of £81 12s. 2d.

Mr. Weeks moved the re-election of the Misses Measor as hon. secretaries, and Mr. Alfred Wright as hon. treasurer.

Mr. Alliston seconded and congratulated one of the secretaries on her recovery from the serious railway accident in which she was involved some time ago.

Mr. Alfred Wright replied on behalf of the Misses Measor, and on his own behalf, and said it gave them a very great deal of pleasure to work for the Society.

There were four vacancies on the committee and the following were elected to fill them:—Miss Agnes McFarlane, Mrs. C. M. Walker, Mr. Clement Alliston and Mr. John Muirhead.

LIBERAL INSTITUTE.

On April 15th Mr. Vivian Phillipps delivered the first of a series of public lectures on "Some Tariff Reform Tales and the Truth" at the Liberal Institute, 94, Tweedy-road, Bromley. There was a fair attendance.

Mr. Vivian Phillipps said he was glad to have the opportunity of speaking on Free Trade in Bromley, because there was no more dangerous and unscrupulous conspiracy against the welfare of England than the endeavour that was being made by the Tariff Reform party to upset the commercial system that at present existed in this country. The ground lost with regard to Free Trade had been lost because the question had been argued upon a rather too intellectual basis. There were a great many audiences extremely anxious to understand the question, and unless it was put to them quite clearly and simply, with ample illustration, a great number went away after the meeting completely fogged as to what the Free Trade cause really was. Mr. Phillipps referred to the false information that was being sent over to the Colonies with regard to the position of England, and then drew attention to the various statements made by Tariff Reformers with regard to their policy. At first they said it meant "Work for all." Then they made it "Work for more." Another change took place, and "Work for more" was altered to "Work for some." (Laughter.) The speaker quoted from Mr. Balfour's speeches on the fiscal question. Proceeding, he said if Germany had not got unemployment, why had she got a network of Labour Exchanges established all over the country. A quarter of a million men applied for work at the Labour Exchanges in Germany every month. He did not say they had not got unemployment in England. His whole case was that Tariff Reform was no remedy for unemployment. No men had done more to increase unemployment in this country than Tariff Reformers, who had cried down British credit. Germany was England's best customer, except India. Tariff Reformers never told them that. The anti-German agitation was not only a wicked agitation, but a foolish agitation. (Applause.)

WORKING MEN'S CLUBS' LEAGUE.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Bromley and District Working Men's Clubs' League at St. John's Parish Room, on April 13th, the occasion being the presentation of the shield to the St. John's Club, which won it during the past season.

Mr. A. S. Mark, in a complimentary speech, presented the shield to Canon Barker, who received it on behalf of the St. John's Club, and made a suitable reply.

Mrs. Barker then presented the medals to the members of the winning team as follows:—Messrs. F. Darby, F. Williams, E. Saker, E. Walker, G. Ransom, G. Walker, G. Brown, E. Banks, W. Smith, C. Lee, J. Lee, J. Carrick, T. Mumford, T. Russell, W. Ranson and G. Allen. The presentation was accompanied by a graceful speech from Mrs. Barker, containing some excellent advice.

Mr. A. Travers Hawes, J.P., generously entertained the workers in the Conservative cause at Chislehurst at dinner at the Bull's Head Hotel on April 11th.

BROMLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bromley Electric Light and Power Company, Ltd., was held at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, on April 18th, the chairman of the Board of Directors (Mr. F. E. Gripper) presiding.

The report of the directors for the year ended Dec. 31st last was as follows:—The directors submit herewith statement of accounts and balance-sheet to Dec. 31st last. The lamp connections have increased from 84,052 to 89,282. It is satisfactory to note that in spite of the introduction of metallic filament lamps the sale of current shows a slight increase. The works have been maintained in good order and repair. The result of the year's trading, including £296 19s. 11d. brought forward from last year, shows a profit of £12,196 1s. 5d., and after payment of debenture interest and trustees fees, amounting to £3,202 10s., there is a balance of £8,993 11s. 5d. An interim dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum was paid for the half-year in October ,and the directors recommend the payment of a further dividend for the second half-year at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, making a total dividend of 5½ per cent. for the year, and that £2,095 4s. 4d. be placed to reserve account for renewal of plant, and £2,600 to general reserve fund, leaving a balance of £172 7s. 1d. to be carried forward to the next account. Two directors—Mr. D. Grinsted and Mr. R. Taylor—retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Charrington.

The Chairman mentioned that the retiring directors were Mr. D. Grinsted and Mr. R. Taylor, and said he should have much pleasure in proposing that they be re-elected.

Mr. Medhurst seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

S. MARY C.E.M.S.

A large gathering of men assembled at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, on April 17th last, the occasion being the quarterly service of the St. Mary's branch of the C.E.M.S. The special preacher was the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, Vicar of Greenwich. A large choir, consisting entirely of men, led the singing, and throughout the service was characterised by much heartiness. The Vicar of St. Mary's (Rev. W. Gowans) conducted, the opening hymn being "Praise to the Holiest in the Height." Psalm cxii. was sung, and the special lesson was read by Mr. H. Allan. Mr. F. H. Boyer efficiently presided at the organ. The preacher delivered an able and telling address, taking his text from St. Luke xxiv. part of verse 19. During the singing of the hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," a collection was taken in aid of the branch funds. The annual general meeting of the branch was held at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, on April 19th under the presidency of the Vicar. Amongst those also present were Mr. J. Y. Hay (chairman of committee), Mr. H. Allan (hon. treasurer), and Messrs. R. F. Measor and G. Parfett (hon. secretaries). The annual report was presented to the meeting, together with the financial statement, both of which were very satisfactory.

THE SCENERY OF ENGLAND.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Literary Institute, Lord Avebury gave a fascinating lecture on "The Scenery of England, and the Causes to which it is Due," at the Town Hall, Bromley, on April 8th. Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., presided, and there was a large and appreciative audience.

The Chairman, in a few opening remarks, said it seemed superfluous for him to introduce Lord Avebury to a Bromley audience, seeing that Lord Avebury was well known in Bromley long before he was; still, it was the custom on those occasions that someone should take the chair. That was not the first time by any means that they had had the pleasure of seeing Lord Avebury on a Bromley platform, and let them hope it would not be the last. (Applause.) Lord Avebury had never failed to draw a good audience in Bromley, and never failed to send them away well satisfied.

Lord Avebury said he must first of all express his great regret for having been obliged to postpone his lecture at the last moment, and to apologise to them, and especially to the Chairman and Mr. Wright, for the trouble he gave them. Secondly, he must tender his thanks to the members of the Bromley Literary Institute for the honour they had done him in re-electing him to the presidency. He was all the more grateful because he was conscious how little he had been able to do for the Institute. The subject, however, on which he had been invited to address them that evening was so vast and so interesting that he thought he should be acting in accordance with their wishes in at once devoting himself to it.

The general ideas on the origin of scenery seem to have gone through four principal phases. 1. It was not supposed to need or admit of any explanation. It was so made at the creation. 2. The features of the earth's surface were mainly attributed to cataclysms and convulsions of nature. 3. They were due to marine action. 4. The main features are now attributed to the contraction of the earth, and the surface conditions to the action of rain and rivers.

Great Britain may be said to be a mountain with its base in the sea, but it is a mountain of a very varied and complex character. It has not been raised by one simple simultaneous elevation, but is the result of many varying forces, which have acted differently in different parts, and at many distant periods. The relief is again complicated by the great variety of rocks and of the agencies to which they have been subjected—heat and cold, ice and water, wind, storms and rain.

It must always be borne in mind that the original surface has long since disappeared. If we stand on a mass of granite we stand on a rock which was once at least 30 to 40,000ft. deep below the surface. The present configuration of the surface depends on three main facts—the original surface when the country rose from out the azure main, the nature of the rocks and the inclination of the strata.

Attention was called to the Ice Age through which our islands passed in a recent geological period, and which was proved by the existence of moraines, of polished surfaces of rock, of "erratics," or rocks brought from a distance, and by the remains of arctic animals and plants. One of the most interesting—the musk ox—was discovered by Lord Avebury himself and Charles Kingsley many years ago in the great gravel pit at Taplow.

The English coast was then described and illustrated by several beautiful photographs. Passing inland, the general configuration of the Island was described.

How were the mountains formed? asked Lord Avebury. It used to be supposed that they were upheaved by volcanic action, by forces acting more or less vertically from below upwards. It must be confessed that when we first visit a mountainous region, this theory seems rational, and indeed almost self-evident.

It is now, however, generally admitted that such an explanation is untenable; that the igneous rocks were for the most part passive and not active; that so far from having been the moving force which elevated the mountains, they have themselves been elevated, and that this took place long after their formation. There is still some difference of opinion on the subject, but it seems evident that mountains were formed, not by upheaval, but by compression.

Though we have now no volcanoes in England, he proceeded to show how greatly our scenery had been influenced by the volcanoes of ancient times. The enormous amount of denudation was illustrated by a photograph clearly showing that the top of Snowdon was once the bottom of a valley. The photograph was taken when the mountain had a sprinkling of snow on it, which brought out the saucer shape of the strata.

Reference was then made to the action of rivers and the direction of river courses, and it was shown that the upper waters of the Thames had probably been cut off by the Severn; in fact, that the upper Severn, the Usk and the Wye were originally the head waters of the Thames. He then came to the interesting phenomena presented by our English lakes, referring especially to the Lake District and the Broads of East Anglia.

Mr. Norman thanked Lord Avebury very heartily for the extremely interesting address he had given them.

CHISLEHURST DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the Chislehurst District Nursing Association, in their report for 1909, regret that the fund did not meet with better support, although it had been hoped to have made it self-supporting. But for two special receipts from entertainments, given by the Misses Field, and a donation from 50 members of the old Chislehurst Lawn Tennis Club, there would have been a serious deficit of £45 6s. 7d. The services of the nurses had been in greater request than ever. The total visits made by the three in 1909 was 8,899, an increase of 405 over 1908. The balance-sheet showed that the income was £338 18s. 3d., which included £2 18s. 2d. balance from the previous year; subscriptions and donations, £203 2s. 10d.; paying patients, £54 8s. 6d.; the Misses Field (entertainments), £57 0s. 9d.; and Chislehurst Lawn Tennis Club, 50 members' share in assets on winding-up in 1907, £21 8s. There was a balance at the bank of £33 2s. 2d.

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DIARY FOR APRIL.

1st.—Exhibition billiard match at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley.—Dramatic reading of Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" by members of the Bromley Public Library Reading Circle.

4th.—Concert by the Blackbird Minstrels at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Cottage Hospital.

6th.—Annual display and distribution of prizes in connection with Bromley Gymnastic Club at the Grand Hall, Bromley.—Primrose League meeting at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.

8th.—Lecture on "The Scenery of England," by Lord Avebury, at the Town Hall, Bromley.

11th.—Concert at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of the new wards of the Cottage Hospital.—Meeting of the Ratepayers' Association at the Town Hall, Bromley.—Tariff Reform meeting at Widmore.—Concert by the Bromley Common Orchestral Society at the Village Hall, Bromley Common.

12th.—Concert at the Town Hall, Bromley, for the benefit of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.—Tariff Reform meeting at Shortlands.—Annual meeting of the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society.

13th.—Annual dinner of the Bromley Athletic Club.—Annual gymnastic display and presentation of prizes in connection with Holmcroft School at the Gymnastic Hall, College-slip.—United missionary meeting at the Parish Room, West-street, under the auspices of the C.E.T.S.—Girls' Friendly Society entertainment at St. Mark's (Bromley) Church Hall.—Concert and presentation of shield in connection with Bromley and District Working Men's Clubs' League, at St. John's Parish Room.

14th.—Annual general meeting of Bromley Arts and Crafts Society.

15th.—First of a series of public addresses on "Some Tariff Reform Tales and the Truth," by Mr. V. Phillipps, at the Liberal Institute, Bromley

18th.—Annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bromley Electric Light and Power Company, Ltd.

19th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Habitation of the Primrose League at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Annual meeting of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society.—Concert at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, by pupils of Mrs. Frank Richardson.

20th.—Sale of work in aid of the funds of the Primitive Methodist Church, Bromley Common.

21st.—Concert by pupils of Mr. Henry Jarvis, at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

22nd.—Amateur theatricals by members of the Bromley Literary Institute, at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church Hall.

23rd.—Opening of a new rifle range by Lord Roberts at Hayes.

25th.—Unveiling by Sir G. Wyatt Truscott of the memorial tablet to the late Dr. E. M. Madden, placed in the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley.

26th.—First of a series of lectures "In the Elements of Political Economy," by John A. Hobson, at the Town Hall, Bromley.

28th.—Inaugural meeting of the Bromley Division of the British Red Cross Society (County of Kent Branch), at Bromley Public Library.

UNITED TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Bromley branches of the Church of England Temperance Society and the Church of England Men's Society a united meeting was held in the Parish Room, West-street, on April 13th. The chair was taken by Mr. T. S. Townend, who, in a short speech introduced Mr. B. B. Keable, who was announced to read a paper on "Probable Future Temperance Legislation."

Mr. Keable first gave a very clear outline of the history of temperance legislation from its beginning in 1495 down to the present day Turning to the future, he dealt in turn with most of the proposals in this connection now usually advanced. Some people would have entire prohibition; but it was his opinion that they could not make a man sober by Act of Parliament. If they attempted to compel a man not to do a thing, it might make him do it, and therefore what should be done was to point out the right way. As regards local veto, he thought it would be an excellent thing to pass a law to deal with each new licence to begin with. He would have earlier closing on every day of the week, but particularly on Saturday. Why should barmaids and barmen not be brought under the Factory Acts, which limited a girl's hours of work per week to 76½? Compare that with the barmaid's 108 hours, or 123½ in London. Sunday closing had been in force in Scotland since 1854, Ireland since 1871 and Wales since 1879, but we had not got it, because in this country the power of the brewers was so enormous. In concluding, Mr. Keable asked. "Are laws of any use?" He believed that individual action was better and far more successful.

MR. HODDER'S RETIREMENT.

The thirty-seven years' service which Mr. M. H. Hodder has so faithfully and earnestly rendered as leader of the Mission carried on at the Iron Room, Great Elms-road, Bromley Common was brought to a close on March 27th, when he delivered his farewell address. In many cases valedictory services attract large numbers in consequence of the element of novelty associated therewith, but in this instance the presence of such a large congregation—the room was comfortably filled—was unquestionably the result of the affection in which Mr. Hodder is held as well as an expression of appreciation of his ministrations.

In the course of his address, Mr. Hodder, who was evidently deeply touched by this severing of the link which has united him to those who attend the services at the Iron Room, said the time seemed to have arrived when he ought to be thinking about making arrangements for the future conduct of the work in that place, and he thought he had acted wisely in doing so. He was very anxious that the same old Gospel should be preached there as before, and before he was taken home he thought he would like to make such arrangements that he might confidently expect that the same truth would be preached in the future as it had been preached in the past. In the first place he thought of his dear friends connected with the City Mission, who were very much cramped for room; but inquiries showed that it was impracticable for them to carry on the work connected with the Iron Room. Ultimately he was visited by his friend, Mr. Trevor Francis, whom he had known for 30 years, and it had been arranged that that gentleman and his friend, Mr. Willy, should be responsible for the future work of the Mission. It had been agreed that the building and its contents should be handed over as a gift, without reservation, to these two brethren, and that arrangement dated from Lady Day.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

The members of the Primitive Methodist Church at Bromley Common, with that enterprise which is characteristic of this denomination, made another special effort on April 20th to reduce the Building Fund Debt on their new chapel erected a little over two years ago. The effort took the form of a sale of work, which was held in the Schoolroom. April 20th was the third anniversary of the stone-laying, a coincidence to which the minister (Rev. J. T. Taylor) referred in the course of the proceedings. The ladies of the congregation had been working for some time in various ways to raise £400, and a considerable sum was realised before the sale commenced. One of the most acceptable gifts came from Sir William P. Hartley, J.P., who generously promised to give 15 per cent. on the net amount raised last year, and as considerably over £100 was realised a cheque for £22 10s. was duly received from this well-known philanthropist. In connection with the sale splendid service was rendered by Miss M. A. Botcherby, who acted as hon. secretary, and worked with great energy and enthusiasm.

The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided at the opening ceremony, and in a happy speech, his Worship said he most willingly responded to the invitation of their pastor to come there that afternoon and to take part in their sale of work because he wished to show at all times his sympathy with everybody who was doing anything whatever to the best of their ability to further either the material or spiritual welfare of the Borough.

Rev. J. T. Taylor presented the financial statement, and said they had spent on their magnificent suite of buildings £3,800, and they had raised during seven or eight years a matter of £2,000 for the Building Fund. (Applause.)

Mrs. Aisbitt Gibson then declared the sale open, and business was at once commenced.

The stalls were very prettily arranged, the ladies in charge being Miss Botcherby, Mrs. John Day, Mrs. Hedworth and Miss Atkins (Refreshment Stall), Mrs. Thompsett, Mrs. Dawes, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Lewis (Church Stall), Mrs. chelbert and Miss Hobden (Young People's Stall), Mr. Dawes (Men's Stall), and Mrs. Herrett (Penny Toy Stall).

The following firms kindly contributed to the sale:—Messrs. Uridge, Welford, Francis, Bond, Speller and the Chislehurst Mineral Water Company.

MUSIC AND TEMPERANCE.

A very successful meeting of the Plaistow branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, Bromley, on April 5th. It was the annual gathering, and there was a most encouraging attendance. The lengthy programme consisted of business, music and refreshments, a number of ladies working very energetically in the latter department, and ably supplying the wants of the company. After the refreshments, which were daintily served, the meeting was charmed with a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Miss D. Beddome, Mr. Russell, Mr. Gripper, the Rev. E. H. Lord (songs), the Misses Peachey and Ritherdon (piano duet), and Miss Newland (piano solo).

Mr. J. Y. Hay, who ably presided, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had charmed them by their music, and this was seconded by Mr. Measor, and heartily carried.

The treasurer (Mr. Parfett) presented the statement of accounts which showed a total revenue for the year of £11 14s. 9½d., and there was a balance of slightly over £1 carried forward.

Mr. Wright (secretary) gave a full and accurate report of the work done by the Plaistow branch during the year. Two big events had taken place in the parish in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society. The first was the Industrial Exhibition organised by the Bromley Temperance Council, and the second was the Forward Movement. The Industrial Exhibition was held last May and was a distinct success, although the interest displayed by the adult members of that branch was deplorable. The results of the winter's work had been encouraging, and 31 more members had been enrolled, bringing the total membership of the adult section up to 119.

The reports were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kinder.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

CONCERT AT BROMLEY COMMON.

To the members of the comparatively recently formed organisation—the Bromley Common Choral and Orchestral Society—the success attendant upon their concert held on April 11th at the Village Hall must be highly gratifying, and it speaks volumes for their assiduity and keenness that they so successfully surmounted the difficulties connected with the presentation of the cantata, "The Ancient Mariner." The audience which filled the hall was most enthusiastic and unstinted in their applause and appreciation of the singers efforts.

The members of the chorus proved their ability to rise to the exactions of Mr. Harry Youens, who conducted, and to whose energy and skill as a conductor much of the success of the performance was due. The chorus sang throughout with accuracy and feeling, and though it would be flattering to say that there were none of those minor faults which are so often noticeable in the work of such societies, the general excellence was so high that they may be fairly overlooked. The soloists were Miss Nellie Dunford, Mrs. Ada Bacon, Dr. Hugh Parrott and Mr. Owen Colyer, who sang the numbers allotted to them with a due regard to the spirit of the work and achieved much success.

After the interval the orchestra contributed a couple of items which found much favour with the audience. The opening contribution was Sarakowskis' "Polish Dance," which was excellently played, and later on they played Sarakowskis' "Arabian Dance" with dash and vivacity. Mr. Owen Colyer received an enthusiastic encore for his Irish folk songs, "The short cut to the Rosses" and "Trotting to the Fair," which were accorded treatment deserving of the highest praise. Miss Nellie Dunford has acquired a deserved reputation as a very capable vocalist, and this she enhanced by her cultured rendition of Claribel's "Come back to Erin," an encore being demanded and graciously conceded. Dr. Hugh Parrott sang Newton's "Nita Gitana" in excellent style and received his full reward in the shape of an enthusiastic encore. The other soloist was Mrs. Ada Bacon, whose rendering of "A song of thanksgiving" was excellent. The two part songs also afforded much pleasure to the audience. Miss Hilda Lubbock was the skilful leader of the orchestra, and Mrs. Swabey and Mr. J. Bevan accompanied with great ability and good taste.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT CHISLEHURST.

The Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund should benefit to some considerable extent from the excellent concert which was given on April 15th under the auspices of the Chislehurst Gardeners' Mutual Improvement Association. The Village Hall was crowded, and the varied and attractive programme arranged by Mr. Bertram Pearce, of Bromley, gave a great deal of pleasure. Mr. Harry Briden secured a recall for his very clever rendering of "My beastly eye-glass" and for "I had a little garden." Mr. Herbert Tracey was responsible for fine renderings of "Heva, heva, ho" (Slater), and "A Chip of the Old Block" (Squire). Mr. Wilfred Stracey won distinction with the piquant sketch, "Moving the Piano," and his rendering of "Have you noticed it?" was no less successful. Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved recited in excellent style "The Lost Test Match" and "If I were King." Miss Mary Williams (contralto) gave a pleasing rendering of Barratt's "My Ship," responding to the applause with "My Dear Zoul." In the second part of the programme she gave "When a knight loves a ladye" (German). Miss Dora Thorpe's singing of Braga's "La Serenata," in which she performed her own 'cello obligato, was superb. For an encore she gave the ever-popular "Killarney." Later Miss Thorpe delighted her audience with Molloy's "For all Eternity." The duets by Miss Thorpe and Miss Williams were greatly enjoyed. Miss Woodhams ably played the accompaniments.

PUPILS' CONCERT.

The pupils of Mrs. Frank Richardson, 8, Torrington-square, W.C., gave a very successful concert at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on April 19th. A goodly company assembled, and the lengthy programme was very highly appreciated. The songs by Mr. Guy Richardson were excellent, these being "An Emblem" (Jack Thompson), "When I was a Bachelor" (Harold Gregory), and "Dumble dum Day" (Herman Lohr). Mr. Kenneth Harper sang in splendid style, "So fair a flower" (Herman Lohr), and Mr. Alan G. Harper was deservedly applauded for his rendering of "King Charles" (Maude V. White). Miss Florence Moore sang "Summer" and "Autumn," by Landon Ronald, with much taste, and Miss Winifred M. Hickman gave pleasure with "Sunshine and Butterflies," by Herbert Bunning. Mrs. George Parks won applause with her songs, "I know a lovely garden" and "Love Song." The Misses Elsie M. Hickman and Winifred M. Hickman delighted the audience with the duet, "The Venetian Regatta," by Rossini. Miss Dorothy Fitchew gave "Butterflies" (Edward German) with considerable success. The programme included a large number of recitations, those by Miss Marjorie Grose ("Jones Minors Recitation") and Miss Mona Measures (selections from "King John") being excellent. Miss Elsie M. Hickman gave "Mrs. Brown on Hamlet" in good style, and the two pieces by Miss Doris Slipper, "After the Battle" and "Somebody else and Someone," were also recited in an admirable manner. Miss Doris Mallett recited "Mother's Baby" very successfully, and other recitations were "War," by Mr. J. M. Seddon; "The Wind and the Moon," by Miss Lorna Bradshaw; "The retort," Miss Gladys Reading; and "The Death of Minnehaha," by Miss Gladys Buist. Mrs. Frank Richardson sang and recited with exquisite charm, her recitations being "A selection from Barnaby Rudge" and "A Warning to Parents," and her songs "Connais tu le pays" and "Absent." The pianoforte accompaniments were sympathetically played by Mrs. George Parks and Miss Edith Buist.

PRESENTATION.—Detective Inspr. Ebbage, who recently retired from the Police Force, on pension after twenty-five years' service, was on March 30th, presented, in the Beckenham Police Station, with a marble clock and an electro-plated cut-glass tantalus, which had been subscribed for by the officers and men of the Bromley, Lewisham and Norwood Sub-Divisions. There was a large attendance of officers and men. The presentation was made by Supt. Glayzer.

CHESS CONGRESS AT BROMLEY.

His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) had an important and interesting engagement on Easter Monday, when at 9.45 a.m. he opened the annual Congress of the Kent County Chess Association at the Town Hall, Bromley. In 1909 no Kentish club could be found willing to undertake the Congress, and a joint Congress was arranged in that year by the County Associations of Kent and Sussex. This was held at Hastings, and thanks to the kindness and hospitality of the Chess Club in that town, the meeting proved a great success, but the members of the K.C.C.A., while gratified at the result of that gathering, did not disguise their feelings of regret that their Association for the first time since these annual Congresses were instituted in 1898, should be forced to go outside the county, and at the annual general meeting of the Association last year Mr. C. F. Delcomyn kindly promised to use his influence as President of the Bromley Chess Club to induce his committee to undertake the Congress in 1910. The local club acquiesced in the proposal, and Mr. Delcomyn made a generous contribution towards meeting the necessarily heavy expenses. The following were elected from the Bromley Chess Club on the Congress Committee:—Mr. C. F. Delcomyn (president), Mr. W. M. Brooke, Mr. C. E. Gripper, Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis (who is, we believe, the first lady chosen to serve on the Congress Committee), Mr. R. H. S. Stevenson and Mr. A. Yeates, with Mr. Charles H. May as hon. secretary. Splendid arrangements were made for the Congress, and too much praise cannot be given to Mr. May for his share in the work.

BROMLEY TOWN CRICKET CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the Swan and Mitre on April 5th.

Mr. S. A. Pearce was voted to the chair, and presented the annual report and balance-sheet on behalf of the committee.

The Committee, in their 28th annual report, reported that the following was a summary of matches played:—1st XI.—Played, 21; won, 8; lost, 8; drawn, 5. 2nd XI.—Played, 16; won, 7; lost, 7; drawn, 2. The highest averages for batting and bowling were as follows:—Batting.—1st XI.: C. F. W. Gedney, 44.7; F. H. Gedney, 18.2; F. J. Darby, 16.7. 2nd XI.: C. G. Neale, 22; C. H. Proctor, 16; H. R. Holloway, 15.5. Bowling.—1st XI.: F. J. Darby, 12.3; T. J. Elliot, 13.1; A. E. English, 14.2. 2nd XI.: A. E. Davis, 7.3; C. G. Neale, 83; F. S. Darby, 14.4. The subscriptions from playing members were equal to those of last year, but it was regretted that there was a decrease in the number of honorary subscribers. The Committee recorded with deep regret the loss of one of their vice-presidents—the late Mr. E. Davey Lavender. The annual cricket week commencing on August Bank Holiday, again proved highly successful, and an equally pleasant one was anticipated this year. In conclusion the Committee begged to tender their thanks to all the honorary members for their generous support, and also to the ladies who so kindly presided over the teas provided at the matches.

The officers for 1910 were elected as follows:—President, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.; vice-presidents, Lord Avebury, Messrs. Bromley, Coles Child, J.P., Alderman T. Davis, J.P., F. Fawsitt, H. W. Forster, M.P., E. M. Garnar, R. Girling, J. Howard, H. Marler, W. Maunder, Alderman T. C. McIntyre, H. L. Nichols, A. C. Norman, J.P., H. J. Selby, J. Uridge and Dr. Yolland; captain, Mr. C. F. W. Gedney; vice-captain, Mr. S. A. Pearce; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. H. Jones; auditors, Messrs. H. L. Gooding and Geo. Hopton; hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Elliot; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. T. Swinford. The committee were elected as follows: Messrs. H. Bailey, F. S. Darby, Davis, F. Gedney, H. F. Priter, Proctor, Patten and Sear.

The hon. secretary submitted the fixture list for 1910, comprising a full list of matches, and this was approved.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society was held at the Public Library on April 19th. Dr. P. N. Randall presided.

The Committee, in their report for the Session 1909-10, stated that twelve meetings had been held, and each meeting was well attended, and the subjects for debate were well discussed. The Committee desired to thank those ladies and gentlemen who had assisted the Society by contribution of papers, and also those gentlemen who had so kindly presided over the meetings. They also desired to thank the president and vice-presidents for their financial assistance, and the Press, who on all occasions had given them their support. The finances of the Society were in a satisfactory condition, the Committee having a balance in hand of £3 14s. 6d.

The report and accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Clark.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Kelf proposed that Rule 2 should be amended so as to read as follows:—The objects of the Society shall be the consideration of literary, scientific and philosophical subjects, and others of general or local interest."

Mr. Harris seconded,

Miss Evans proposed, as an amendment, that the rule in question should read as follows: "That the objects of the Society shall be the consideration of literary subjects and others of general or local interest."

In the end the amendment was adopted.

It was next proposed, and agreed to, that it be an instruction to the committee not to arrange for any more "Model Parliaments."

The Chairman proposed that Alderman Bell should be re-elected president of the Society, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, subject to the deletion of the names of Mr. P. Harper and Mr. T. M. Tolputt and the addition to the list of the name of Councillor Albert T. Harris.

Mr. Symmons was chosen to take the place of Mr. Gumner on the committee, who has resigned, and the other members consenting to serve again were re-elected.

Mr. Harris and Mr. Kelf were appointed as joint hon. secretaries, and reference was made to the splendid services which have been rendered by Mr. Harris

Mr. E. Ashley Dodd was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. Gedge was once more appointed hon. auditor.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS MADGE PRINCE AND MR. T. R. LAUMANN.

At St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, on Easter Tuesday, the wedding took place of Miss Madge Prince, eldest daughter of Mr. F. M. Prince, and Mr. Theodore R. Laumann, of Dunsford, Widmore-road, Bromley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a costume of white cloth, and a silver-trimmed hat. The bridegroom's brother acted as best man. Only relations of both families and a few friends were present at the church, and afterwards met at luncheon at The Elms, Mason's Hill, Bromley, the residence of the bride's parents.

MISS MAUD CHIESMAN AND CAPTAIN H. S. LAWSON.

Great interest was aroused at Shortlands, on March 30th, in the wedding of Miss Maud Winifred Chiesman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Chiesman, of Carisbrooke, Shortlands, with Captain Herbert Sleeman Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lawson, of Weston-super-Mare. The ceremony was performed at St Mary's Church by the Rev. Canon Wolley, Vicar, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. While the guests were assembling, Mr. W. Bentham Martin, organist, played appropriate music—a March in B flat (E. Silas), Andaluse (Pesard) and Cantilène Religieuse (Dubois).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a Princess robe of ivory duchess satin, with a tunic of rich silk lace in an Oriental design. On the skirt a drapery of ninon was caught up with pearl cabuchons and tassels. The train, of the same lace as on the gown, was suspended from the shoulders, and trimmed with orange blossom and chiffon. The veil was of white net, and was fastened to a coronet of real orange blossom, and the bride shower bouquet was of beautiful white flowers. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Chiesman (sister of the bride), Miss M. Lawson (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Muriel Hunt, Miss Iris Marler and Miss Pauline Ponder. These young ladies were attired in dresses of ivory crepe-de-chine, with over-dresses of ninon de soie, delicately trimmed with pearl embroidery, the effect being most becoming. They wore large black hats, underlined with pale pink chiffon and trimmed with pink roses, and carried bouquets of pink roses. The two younger bridesmaids wore long crepe-de-chine dresses, trimmed with pearl embroidery, and pearl juliet caps, and carried crooks of pale pink roses. The bridesmaids wore pearl and opsidian pendants and pearl brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's mother wore a gown of cashmere de soie, in Genlian blue, the bodice of tucked ninon being relieved with touches of Oriental embroidery. The skirt was arranged with an over drapery, bordered with a design of Soutache embroidery. Mrs. Chiesman wore a hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The best man was Captain T. M. Hutchinson.

On her arrival at the north-west door, the bride was met by the choir, the hymn, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," being sung as she advanced to the chancel steps. The 67th Psalm was rendered, and the other hymns were "O perfect love," sung kneeling, and "Thine for ever, God of love," which was sung after the address. While the register was being signed, Mr. W. Bentham Martin played the Bridal March from "Lohengrin," giving Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party made their depature from the church.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Carisbrooke, and later in the day Captain and Mrs. Lawson left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a going-away dress of new Gazelle colouring, the skirt being of the finest suede finish cloth, and the bodice principally in ninon de soie. The bride's hat was of Gazelle straw, trimmed with a large and handsome osprey, and she carried a long squirrel coat, the gift of the bridegroom.

The wedding presents were numerous and handsome.

MISS M. A. PAYNE AND MR. R. THOMPSON.

Much interest was taken locally in the wedding which took place at St. Mary's Church, Hayes, on April 12th, between Miss Mabel Adaline Payne, daughter of Mr. Frederick Payne (of the well-known firm of Baxter, Payne and Lepper), of Newfarme, South Hill, Bromley, and Mr. Raymond Thompson, son of the late Dr. Thompson, of Oxford. The bride and her family have for many years resided in Bromley, and have been prominently identified with various movements in the town. They have therefore a wide circle of friends, who showed their friendship for the bride and their interest in her welfare by attending the church in such large numbers that it was almost full.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of charmeuse satin, draped with ninon, bead and pearl trimming and Honiton lace. She was attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses C. and K. Payne and the Misses M. and G. Slack (nieces of the bridegroom). They wore dainty costumes of pink, blue, green and mauve crepe de soie, and carried beautiful bouquets of sweet peas to match. Mr. G. Drinkwater discharged the duties of best man.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rector of Hayes, the Rev. G. Clowes. Mr. Sullivan D. T. Mortimer was the organist, and prior to the arrival of the wedding party played suitable voluntaries, and while the register was being signed other wedding music was rendered. The church was charmingly decorated for the occasion.

After the service a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, at which the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many hearty good wishes for their happiness and future welfare. Later Mr. and Mrs Thompson left for London en route for Italy, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress consisted of a Saxe blue coat and skirt, with picture hat.

The presents were numerous and formed a splendid collection.

The bride's and bridesmaids' dresses were supplied by Miss Dew, of Holwood-road, Bromley.

MISS E. M. G. PATON AND MR. E. C. SCHOOLING.

Under circumstances of the happiest augury and in the presence of a large and influential

gathering of relatives and friends the wedding took place at the Parish Church, Radford Semele, on April 14, of Miss Edith McTaggart Gordon Paton, daughter of Mr. James Nisbet Paton and Mrs. Paton, of the Manor House, and Mr. Eric Charles Schooling, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schooling, of Holly Dene, Bromley. The villagers had marked their sense of the happy event by decorations and the flying of many flags, and long before the arrival of the bridal party, a large crowd had collected round the church. From the lych gate the bridal procession passed along a covered and carpeted way to the church, on entering which they proceeded up the nave to the chancel, through an arcade of giant palms. The church itself was decorated with arum lilies and palms by the gardeners at Manor House and by Miss Branscombe. The officiating clergy were Canon Grinter (Vicar of Radford) and the Rev. Cecil Schooling, brother of the bridegroom. The village choir was in attendance, and the hymns used in the service were "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O Perfect love." The Wedding March from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "March" were played by Mr. Redfearn, the organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a beautiful dress of soft white satin, trimmed with old Mechlin lace and orange blossom. She also wore a tulle veil, and carried a bouquet composed of white lilac and carnations. Her ornaments were a pearl necklace and a diamond brooch, the gifts of her mother. She was followed by two pages—Masters Jan and Pat Robertson—and two bridesmaids—Miss Honor Worthington (cousin of the bride) and Miss Georgie Leaf, who wore very pretty white satin dresses and white hats trimmed with daffodils and blue ribbons. Their bouquets were daffodils, and they carried silver prayer books, the gifts of the bridegroom; while the little pages wore diamond scarf pins, presents from the bridegroom. Captain Haddon, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, acted as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Radford Manor House, and later in the day the happy pair left for Lynmouth, South Devon, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride went away in a dress of pale blue crepe charmeuse, and black hat trimmed with pale blue feathers.

MISS MARY GELLIBRAND AND MR. PERCY J. WRIGHT.

At Marylebone Parish Church on April 16th, a pretty and fashionable wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Gellibrand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gellibrand, 20, Netherhall-gardens, Hampstead, and Mr. Percy J. Wright, son of Mr. H. J. Wright, of Hollydale, Keston.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a satin dress draped with crepe de soie, silver and pearl trimming and very handsome Duchesse lace. She carried a lovely bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids were Miss L. Wright (sister of the bridegroom), Miss M. Gellibrand, Miss M. Sim and Miss V. Barney (cousins of the bride), and Miss Marjorie Vigers, the young niece of the bridegroom. The four elder bridesmaids wore dresses of pink satin, veiled with heliotrope ninon, and large black hats, and they carried bouquets of pink roses, and the little one looked extremely pretty in a long white satin dress, in old-fashioned style with fichu bodice, quaint hat (white), with pink bows and strings, and she carried a crook with pink roses. Mr. Leslie Munns acted as best man.

The Church was beautifully decorated and the service was fully choral, Mr. S. Kiddle presiding at the organ. The Rev. Dr. Morrison performed the nuptial ceremony, and a reception was afterwards held at Wharncliffe Rooms, Hotel Great Central. Later in the day the happy pair left for Paris, the bride going away in a dress of peacock blue and large picture black hat, trimmed with white ostrich feathers, and she had an ermine tie and muff. The presents were numerous and very handsome.

MISS P. M. J. COULDREY AND MR. A. E. POLLARD.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Joseph's Church, Plaistow-lane, Bromley, on April 16th, when Miss Palmyre Marie Josephine Couldrey, daughter of Mr. Walter F. Couldrey, of "Nuneham," Rodway-road, was wedded to Mr. Albert Edward Pollard, son of Mr. Frederick Lessey Pollard, of Westcliffe-on-Sea. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Cooksey. The church was tastefully decorated, and special music was rendered, including the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Mr. Alfred Couldrey, uncle of the bride, ably officiated at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome dress of ninon de soie, with satin Court train, and wore a diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Elvire Couldrey, sister of the bride, and Miss Ruth Cherry, who were becomingly attired in dresses of mauve crepe de chine, made after the "Kate Greenaway" style. They wore mole lace hats, trimmed with mauve ribbon and violets, and carried crooks decorated with violets, which together with the pearl brooches, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Hugh Roberts acted as best man.

A reception was afterwards held at "Nuneham," and at 4.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard left by motor en route for Cornwall, the bride's going-away dress being of old rose satin charmeuse and black hat, trimmed with feathers. The catering was in the hands of Messrs. Babillion, of New Bond-street.

MISS VIOLET M. E. MYERS AND MR W. F. FOSTER.

An interesting event was witnessed at the Parish Church, Chislehurst, on April 16th, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. William F. Foster, of Fontridge, Etchingham, elder son of Mr. Richard Foster, of Homewood, Chislehurst, and Miss Violet M. E. Myers, elder daughter of Mr. Ernest Myers, of Brackenside, Chislehurst. The church was tastefully decorated with primroses from Fontridge, and hot-house flowers, by Mr. Last. The officiating clergy were the Rev. the Warden of Wadham, assisted by the Rector of Chislehurst and the Rev. Kingsbury Jameson.

The bride was attended by six bridesmaids—Miss E. N. Myers (sister of the bride), Miss H. Webb, Miss D. Hunt, and three nieces of the bridegroom, Miss Barbara Nosworthy, Miss Audrey Foster and Miss Jean Cooke-Yarborough

—and was met at the church door by the full choir and clergy, the hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," being sung as the procession moved up to the chancel. The bride's dress was of ivory brocade, her only ornament being a diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, white carnations, orange blossom and white heather, and wore a wreath of orange blossom and white heather. The bride was given away by her father.

The bridesmaids carried bouquets of deep yellow roses, their dresses being of pink ninon, over tussore of the same colour. The three elder bridesmaids wore Tuscan hats, trimmed with pink ribbon, grown net and roses; and the three younger close-fitting caps of pink ninon over pink tussore. Mr. Maurice Birley acted as best man, and Mr. P. D. Hodsoll officiated at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Brackenside by Mrs. Myers, and the bride and bridegroom left at 4.30 by motor, en route for Italy, the bride wearing a dress of blue serge.

MISS R. H. WHITEBREAD AND SURGEON F. M. V. SMITH.

A naval wedding of a very picturesque description was witnessed at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, on April 19th. A dash of colour was imparted by the uniforms of the officers, and this combined with the floral decorations gave to the proceedings a peculiar charm. At the entrance to the chancel bunches of choice white blooms were effectively arranged, relieved by the foliage of towering palms, and the font was also tastefully adorned. The bride was Miss Rosina Helen Whitebread, daughter of the late Mr. T. W. Whitebread, and the bridegroom Surgeon Frederick Morton Vincent Smith, son of Mr. Morton W. Smith, of Thanet Lodge, Garden-road, Bromley. Great interest was evinced in the wedding, and there was a large attendance of the parishioners as well as relatives of the contracting parties.

The Right Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General to the Forces, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. Gowans (Vicar of St. Mary's), and the Rev. E. H. Lord (curate). The service was fully choral, and a programme of special music was brilliantly played by the organist, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the list of pieces being as follows:—Carillon, Wolstenholme; Wedding March, Hollins; Allegretto in E flat, Wolstenholme; Grand Chœur in G, Hollins; The Answer, Wolstenholme; and Andantino in D flat, Lemare. The hymns, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," "O perfect love" and "Fight the good fight," were sung with much heartiness, and the musical portion of the service also included a Psalm to a chant in F by Hopkins, and the Sevenfold Amen.

The bride wore a handsome dress of white satin, with Court train of chiffon over satin, and was attended by Miss Florence Morton Smith, sister of the bridegroom, the bridesmaid looking exceedingly well in a dress of cream Liberty satin and mauve plumed hat. The train bearers were Audrey and Kenneth Roberts-Wray. Lieut. and Commander Arthur Marsden, R.N., acted as best man.

After the service a reception was held at Thanet Lodge, and at 5 p.m. Surgeon and Mrs Smith left for the honeymoon, the bride going away in a gown of pale blue, with white cloth coat and Leghorn hat.

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Mr. Morley's private school, with iron railings in front, was next to Harman's, and a little lower down was Verrall's newspaper shop, full of animation on Saturday nights. Next came old John Hall's two tiny shops, with quaint bow windows and tiny glass panes. Mrs. Hall kept a sweetstuff shop and Mr. Hall a candle shop. In a shed at the back he industriously made his "farden" dips and rush lights. He was a well-known and most highly respected character, old and deaf, yet always in a hurry, with no time for gossiping. The gentry around made him their almoner-in-chief, and many a big dinner in the cold, bitter weather has old John engineered for the benefit of the poor. Up a narrow alley next door was situated the old Wesleyan Chapel. A little lower down, on the opposite side, was the big drapery shop of Nash and Lukey, outside which in the afternoons many county families' stately solid barouches might be seen. It was a lesson in the highest art of deportment to watch old Mr. Nash, tall and thin, with long white whiskers, and most scrupulously dressed in a black Prince Albert frock coat, receive and escort into the shop the big lady of the neighbourhood. Shillcock had the Post Office and chemist shop combined. The Post Office served a wide territory—as far out as Hayes, Keston and part of Chislehurst, although the quantity of the mail was not large. Next door, with an iron railing around and up a flight of steps, was the miller's shop, with large granaries behind. Then came the Bell Hotel—only two stories high, having small cottage window panes. It had an imposing portico entrance, at which the proprietor, Mr. Sutton, used to stand, correctly dressed in black. Opposite was Bean's grocery. Mr. and Mrs. Bean were a sweet, gentle couple; they, being dissenters, did the chapel trade.

About 37 years ago a fountain was placed in the square, facing Covell's butcher's shop. Covell did a very big trade and had an extensive slaughter-house at the rear; in fact all butchers had to "kill," as there was no frozen foreign meat then. In the Market-square were some very quaint buildings. Hopton's shop was down some steps leading into a dingy little shop; here was done the largest greengrocery and coal trade in the district. The finest ladies in the place went down those steps to purchase their fruit, etc. Mr. Hopton was a very energetic tradesman, and afterwards rebuilt the establishment in modern style, about 35 years ago. Next door was the "Rose and Crown," with entrances in the Square and in High-street, up a flight of steps. This house did a very old-fashioned trade: the tradesmen used to meet in the bar parlour and smoke their long churchwardens and talk politics, etc. There were no political clubs, as now, in every town and village. My father has told me that a part of "Robinson Crusoe" was written in this public. At the corner of the Square, facing the clock entrance to the Town Hall, stood a large house, rigidly and tightly closed up. An old lady occupied it, but was never visible. Boys losing a "brown" down her cellar grating never recovered it, although it might be tantalisingly

visible ever so long. Isard's establishment was famous for its candles, and when the factory in the rear was boiling down the gentle breezes proclaimed the news far and wide. Isard's at Christmas time was a joy to youngsters, the candle department being all taken up with the many coloured candles, hanging all around in huge clusters, for Christmas tree decorations. Candles were very largely used both by rich and poor, as gas illumination was confined to a very limited area. Shortlands, part of Bickley and beyond the one mile stone at Shooting Common were all in black darkness after sunset.

In a two-storey cottage, situated at the corner of the Market-square and the lane leading to the Cricket Field, with a front garden surrounded by a railing, came Mr. C. W. Gedney to live. He erected in the back yard a steam printing works and acquired the "Bromley Telegraph"—a small double-page affair. Near by, in a little shoemaker's shop, worked old Mr. Doe, the famous Bromley cricket umpire, and his son Bob, who was a very fast round arm bowler. He was always straight, and when he struck a good length was unplayable. Another really good player was Stubberfield, a grand bat and good bowler. Joe Wells (father of the now famous H. G. Wells) was also a very fine bowler. Many sons of the country gentry played with the team; among them were Mr. Lubbock and Mr. Charley Hoare, an enthusiastic sportsman. The White Hart Field on an all-day cricket match was very smart, with its tents filled with spectators all very keen on the game.

John Jennings, the headmaster of the Boys' School, was another notable figure; he was probably one of the finest schoolmasters in England, a strict disciplinarian and very thorough in his methods. The word "thorough" was his pet word, and he once gave me a caning for failing to spell it correctly. I soon learned after that, and have not yet forgotten it. He taught the boys early to love English literature by reading Dickens during the writing exercises. He also gave religious instruction in a most graphic way, telling the old stories in a way adapted to his boyish hearers and so pathetically as to draw tears. Inspector How was another conspicuous figure, always alert all over his district, watching for infractions of the law with eagle eyes. When he received promotion and removed from Bromley we burned his effigy in the White Hart Field in celebration. That was our idea of honouring a most zealous and active police officer, who insisted on Metropolitan methods of law and order. Old Doctor Hughes drove around in his countrified doctor's carriage; the other medicos footed it. The greatest event known in Bromley was the Staunton murderers' trial in '77. The Court was held in the Town Hall, and under the experienced guidance of Mr. Latter, the Magistrates' Clerk, the proceedings were conducted in a dignified manner. Such legal giants of the Bar as Mr. Poland, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Douglas Straight and Mr. Percy Guy appeared. Checkley, the beadle and town crier, was also a figure. He was, I believe, the son of a clergyman.

In Widmore-road, next to "How's," stood a few poor cottages; these were demolished and some modern shops built as far as the "Compasses"; there were private dwellings and villas as far as the Palace Lodge entrance. On the opposite side were possibly a dozen shops; then came an old-fashioned villa, enclosed by a high black fence, extending to the entrance to the College Fields. Two old bachelor brothers dwelt there; they used to drive about in a high two-wheeled gig. From the Palace Lodge gates the park was enclosed by a high fence extending as far as the bailiff's lodge opposite Freelands-road. Beyond the bailiff's house the fields were enclosed by a hedge, over which, on a clear summer's day was an uninterrupted view of Bromley Common, Keston and the famous Knockholt Beeches, ten miles away. Just opposite, where the hedge ended was a large field in which was annually held the Bromley rural fete, a great local event. The Palace Estate ran as far as Tylney-road, down to the Gas Works, and up Homesdale-road, skirting the back of Stanley-road. The park fence again came into view at Mason's Hill, ending at the old horse-pond, over which wall another beautiful view of the park was obtainable. There were many footpaths through this property, so that its numerous beauties were freely accessible to the public. Next to Mr. Dewey's little villa, in the High-street, came the Bromley Lodge Estate, enclosed by a high fence; it ran down to the Railway Station and up Love-lane, which bounded the Palace Estate, and its boundary fence ran along the bottom of the White Hart Field, back to the High-street. Mr. Devas occupied the old mansion. The Railway Station was small and quaint: a little sentinel box stood on the platform, in which the signalman worked, and a tall semaphore was outside.

The first to encroach on the Bromley Lodge Estate were the Wesleyans, who built a large and handsome chapel and manse about 35 years ago. The pathway beginning from the end of High-st. and as far as Bromley Common Church was of dirt and very muddy in wet weather. At the corner of Homesdale-road stood a dairy farm, which was demolished in about '72, and a small iron chapel was erected on part of the land, in which in 1874 "Uncle Tom," the hero of Mrs. Beecher Stowe's romance, gave an address. "Oh, no," many readers will cry, "poor Uncle Tom was whipped to death down South." Uncle Tom was whipped; but he ran away and lived to preach another day just in that little chapel. The vast Norman property began at Hayes-lane, and excepting for a farm house a couple of hundred yards down, the lane ran for two miles, with only fields on either side, until the tiny hamlet of Hayes was reached. The beautiful pastures of Hayes Place, on the right, lay out flat, extending to Pickhurst Green, with a small brook running through it. The Norman property ran up to Keston, down the road to the church, and thence for a mile and a quarter back again to Hayes-lane. On the other side of the road the property was almost as extensive, running over to Southborough and Chelsfield, including the Race Course. There was one footpath through this beautiful estate, beginning behind the George Hotel at Hayes and coming out on Bromley Common below "The Rookery." At Shooting Common, beyond the mile-stone, were a dozen old brick cottages, with fruit gardens and many apple trees, which were simply beautiful when clothed in full blossom in the spring. Behind these cottages was farm land, extending down to the railway line at Bickley; these cottages were demolished some 30 years ago to make room for villa residences. The little Post Office there was run by a thrifty little body—Mrs. Jenkins—whose mail generally

consisted of half-a-dozen letters; and 10s. worth of stamps supplied her patrons for a week or ten days.

Now a word on Shortlands. The railway ran through the valley, with bright green fields on either side, intersected by the little streams we boys used to catch minnows in. The old mill-pond we bathed in all the long summer's day, running about the meadows to dry. Behind the mill-pond extended fields and woods over to Pickhurst Green-lane. Shortlands was being gradually built up, and opposite its pretty church were the Shortlands Woods, covering about 25 acres, a famous place for nuts and blackberries; it still existed 32 years ago. The residents of Shortlands used to vie with one another in having the most beautiful gardens. At the end of Shortlands, in a pretty Tudor villa, lived Mrs. Craik, the authoress of that great English classic, "John Halifax Gentleman," which should be in every home.

A word about the old Parish Church. When the Rev. A. G. Hellicar came to Bromley he found the church most hideously fitted with ugly, stiff, white-painted pews, with doors to each. He got to work and enlarged the church and re-seated it in a most handsome yet suitable style. A fine large organ, costing £1,000, was presented by Mr. E. H. Scott—a princely gift. The Vicar was a fine looking man, with full black beard, and possessed a rich, full voice and was a most eloquent preacher, attracting visitors from afar. His wife was an energetic worker among the poor.

Now I have finished my sketch of the old place as I knew it, and still vividly recall it in my mind's eye. You old residents have seen it gradually grow bigger and bigger, and probably hardly recall when it was different. I trust these few lines may recall sweet memories of your childhood days and of those dearly-to-be-remembered walks when as sweethearts you strolled through park and wood, resolving on your bright and happy future days. Have they been realised? Perhaps a whiff out of the old hay fields of long years ago may bring a ray of sunshine into some sorrowing or disappointed heart!

The well-known "Blackbirds' Minstrel Troupe" appeared with great success at St. Mark's Room, Bromley, on April 18th.

HOSPITAL CONCERT.—A concert, arranged by Mr. Sidney James and Mr. Bert Knott, was held at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on April 11th, and the organisers named are to be congratulated on not only achieving their main object, i.e., obtaining monetary aid for the new wards of the Bromley Cottage Hospital, but on providing a large audience with a very pleasing evening's entertainment. The programme was of an interestingly versified character and seemed to meet with general and hearty approval. The programme was contributed to by Miss Daisy Houchen, Miss Irene Greville, Little Dot, Mr. P. Gorton Young, Mr. Sidney James, Mr. Bert Hayden, Mr. John E. Nester, Mr. Charles West, Mr. Will Spencer, Mr. Bertram Banks, Mr. Jack Crow, Mr. Bert Knott, those clever boy musicians, E. and A. Galer, and Mr. Herbert Collier (of St. George's Hall), whose display of legerdemain was one of the features of the evening. Mr. William S. Robinson efficiently discharged the duties of accompanist.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

A quarterly meeting of the officers of the Chislehurst Wesleyan Methodist Circuit was held on March 29th, the Rev. J. Critchison presiding. Mr. J. Buckenham, circuit steward, presented a most satisfactory financial statement, and reported an increasing income from both Chislehurst and Sidcup. The Rev. George R. Forde gave the membership returns, which showed a total of 313 members, being a net increase of 30 on the year, with 40 members on trial. The amount of £293 11s. 5d. has been raised for the Wesleyan Missionary Society, including £86 from Sidcup, the largest amount yet raised there for missions. The Rev. J. Critchison was invited for a third year, and the Rev. T. Naylor, B.A., of Guildford, was invited to succeed the Rev. George R. Forde at Sidcup in September. Mr. Dayrell was elected to represent the circuit at the annual May Synod.

We are given to understand that the capital necessary (£20,000) for the new Wesleyan College for Girls to be erected at Shepherd's Green, Chislehurst, is in hand, and the freehold of the site has been purchased from the Hon. R. Marsham Townshend. "Farrington," the title of a mansion which stood on the same site in the time of Cromwell, has been selected as the name of the College, and June 23rd has been decided upon as the date of the foundation stone-laying, when the Rev. Scott Lidgett will deliver an address.

A very clever display was given by the young Ladies' Gymnastic Class at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, on April 14th, under the able direction of Miss Mildred Sheard. The programme included fancy marching by the combined squads; high jumping, dumb-bell exercises and figure marching by the juniors; and wand exercises and a smart parallel bar display by the seniors. The ball drill by the children from St. Barnabas' Orphanage was well done, and the first part closed with competition drill by the combined squads, the patriotic song, "Land of Hope and Glory," being nicely rendered. In the second part the seniors gave a clever exhibition of high jumping, tactical marching and Indian clubs. An attractive item was a display of skipping by H. Dawe, V. Emmans, M. Potts, D. Powell and A. Whur, with solo by D. Powell, and the juniors did capitally with a flag drill and Swedish dance. A charming "bell dance" was given by the talented instructress. Miss S. Tiarks distributed the medals, and Mr. John Sheard voiced the thanks of his daughter and the class generally to Miss Tiarks for her kindness. The pianist was Miss C. Bailey, and the soloist Mr. A. Dowsett. The proceeds were in aid of the Cray Valley Cottage Hospital.

Large and enthusiastic meetings were held at the Village Hall, Chislehurst, on April 19th and 20th, under the auspices of the Chislehurst Habitation of the Primrose League. The Ruling Councillor, Mr. E. J. Fooks, presided over both gatherings. On April 19th the Chairman congratulated the Chislehurst Habitation on its success, and said the members of the League there already exceeded 600. Lord Midleton then addressed the meeting, and said the struggle was not between the Lords and the people. It was

between the Lords and the present Government, who could not control their own party, and could not control, though they might manipulate, the present House of Commons. The principal speaker on April 20th was Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Bart., K.C.V.O., who was cordially received.

CHELSFIELD.

An enjoyable concert was given in the Wesleyan Sunday-school, Chelsfield, on April 19th, when the building was completely filled with a delighted audience. The first item on the programme (after the opening chorus) was a short cantata, "The Awakening of the Spring Flowers." This was given by several girls representing the various flowers which appear at this time of the year, each of them carrying garlands and bouquets of the blossoms they represented. Miss Miriam Foreman was enthroned as Queen of the Flowers, and at the wave of her magic wand the flowers rose from their winter sleep. The cantata was charmingly executed, and much enjoyed by the audience. The children were responsible, too, for an amusing action song, "Sing a Song of Sixpence." The principal item in the second part of the programme was a patriotic sketch, in which Britannia (fully equipped with helmet and trident) was seen surrounded by representatives of Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Colonies. The chief parts in this sketch were taken by Miss Knight (Britannia), Miss Stacey (Wales), Miss M. Foreman (Ireland) and Miss M. Smith (Scotland). A very popular feature was the appearance of ten nigger boys, who gave a humorous sketch, "The Darkie's Bride," and a song, "Keep in de middle ob de road." Other noteworthy items were recitations by Mr. W. R. Stacey, and an amusing barber's shop scene by a number of boys. One or two instrumental selections were given during the evening, the principal violinist being Mr. W. Seymour. The performers were almost all members of the Wesley Guild and children of the Sunday-school, and the greatest credit is due to Miss Stacey and Miss Knight (the organisers of the concert) for the successful way in which the programme was carried through. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of a piano for the use of the Wesley Guild, Sunday-school, etc.

CUDHAM.

The pleasant series of whist drives which have taken place during the winter at Cudham were brought to a close on April 1st, when some sixty ladies and gentlemen spent a decidedly pleasant social evening at the popular game. The drives were arranged for a double purpose—to serve as a pleasant evening's pastime and to augment the funds of the Cudham Hockey and Tennis Clubs respectively. Both socially and financially they have been very successful, and thanks are due to the indefatigable efforts of Messrs. W. Crooks, D. Devine, C. Beale and the Misses Blundell, Coombs and Williams, in bringing them to a satisfactory issue; while the thanks of these ladies and gentlemen are offered to the managers of the schools for allowing the use of the schoolroom.

KESTON.

The Keston Football Club held their annual supper on April 8th, at the Village Club, when a company of about 50 sat down to an excellent repast, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. P. Slessor. Amongst others present were Messrs. G. Brown (captain), J. Dunmall, jun., and W. Kirton (joint hon. secretaries), J. F. McColm (hon. treasurer), the Rev. E. W. Harradine, Mr. H. E. Bouch. The Chairman gave the toast of "The Club", and Mr. McColm briefly replied. A splendid musical programme was then entered upon, songs being rendered by Messrs. J. Blakely, Chester, Plant, Cutler, Taylor, Mallam, Emmett, Adcock, V. Howden and J. Dunmall, jun. A most enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem, and a vote of thanks to the chairman and musical friends, Mr. Mortimer being specially thanked for his services at the piano.

FARNBOROUGH.

Mr. H. E. Atkinson, organist of Farnborough, gave his annual concert in the Parish Room on April 4th. He was assisted by an excellent company of artists, whose contributions gave a large audience extreme pleasure. The numbers included a quartet by Mendelssohn, the soloists being Mr. T. Roffe (violin), Mr. W. F. Coles (viola), Mr. J. S. Coles ('cello), and Mr. H. E. Atkinson (piano), the same performers presenting in an admirable way, at a later stage of the programme, a movement from a work by Rheinberger. The vocal soloists were Miss Millicent Cobb, Miss Alice Chartres, Miss Gilderoy Scott, Mr. Gordon Challen and Mr. Cecil Sharp, while humorous songs and recitations were provided by Mr. Alfred Beck. Violin solos were also contributed by Mr. T. Roffe.

Births.

Burrows.—On the 3rd April, at Westwood, Keston the wife of Ernest P. Burrows, of a daughter

Chettoe.—On the 13th April, at Ethelburga, Westmoreland-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Noakes Chettoe—a son.

Du Croz.—On the 15th April, at Novista, Chislehurst, the wife of Arthur M. Du Croz, of a daughter.

Fox.—On the 17th April, at Brasted, Kent, the wife of Charles Edmund Fox, of a son.

Fry.—On the 23rd March, the wife of T. Hallet Fry, barrister-at-law, of American House, Beckenham, and King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C., of a daughter.

Grey.—On the 4th April, at 13, Bevington-road, Beckenham, the wife of Bertram Grey, of a son.

Hartley.—On the 23rd March, at Woodbank, Sidcup, the wife of B. C. Hartley, of a daughter.

Higgs.—On Easter Sunday, March 27th, at Chislehurst, to Mr. and Mrs. James Higgs—a daughter.

Mackenzie.—On the 27th March, at 20, St. James' Avenue, Beckenham, the wife of H. G. Mackenzie, of a daughter.

Parfett.—On the 20th April, at "Corby," College-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parfett—a son.

Potter.—On the 19th March, at 21, Holligrave-road, Bromley, the wife of Frank Stuart Potter, of a son.

Sherley-Price.—On the 12th April, at Elmleigh, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Sherley-Price, twins, sons (stillborn).

Shortt.—On the 16th April, at The Briars, Grove-park, Kent, the wife of Charles W. Shortt, of a daughter.

Staples.—On the 28th March, at Idsworth, Royston-road, Beckenham, the wife of Martin G. Staples, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Barugh—Kendall.—On the 30th March, at St. George's Parish Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. Canon Arnott, Rector, Jasper Barugh, eldest son of the late Jasper Barugh, J.P., of Stockton-on-Tees, to Ethel Mary Lobmeyer, second daughter of J. G. and Mrs. Kendall, of Lennard-road, Beckenham.

CAREY—BRYAN SMITH.—On the 7th April, at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, by the Rev. A. E. Dalby, Vicar, Herbert Douglas, eldest son of H. S Carey, of Coverdale, Bromley, to Emily Winifred, daughter of the late Bryon Hinton Smith, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire, and Mrs. Bryan-Smith, of Llandrindod Wells.

CRANE—RYDER.—On the 9th April, at Christ's Church, Sidcup, by the Rev. B. W. Chancellor, M.A., Vicar, Frederick Crane, B.Sc., son of John Crane, Stoke Newington, N., to Winifred Lilian, elder daughter of George Poole Ryder, "Redland," Sidcup.

HIRST—SMITH.—On the 9th April, at the Parish Church, Beckenham, by the Rev. Canon Arnott, Arthur William Garfield Hirst, eldest son of the late A. W. Hirst, of Crouch-end, N., to Emily Matilda, younger daughter of C. J. Smith, of Shenley, Beckenham, and 5, Fenchurch-street, E C.

POLLARD — COULDREY. — On the 16th April, at St. Joseph's, Bromley, by the Rev. Walter Cooksey, Albert Edward, third son of Frederick Lessey Pollard, of Westcliff-on-Sea, to Palmyre, elder daughter of Walter T. Couldrey, of Nuneham, Bromley.

STRONG—PETERS.—On the 26th March, at the Parish Church, Trumpington, Cambridge, Leonard William Strong, of Bromley, to Maud Peters, of Trumpington and Bromley.

WALL—WESSEN HUSBANDS —On the 8th April, at St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, by the Ven. Archdeacon of Taunton, assisted by the Rev. C. de R. Wall, Rector of Snodland, Kent (brother), and the Rev. W. Woods, of Gillingham, Dorset (brother-in-law of the bridegroom), Arthur Henry Wall, M.A., Marlborough College, second son of the late C. H. Wall, of Bromley. to Dora Eleanor, elder daughter of H. Wessen Husbands, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., North Town House, Taunton.

WRIGHT—GELLIBRAND.—On the 16th April, at the Parish Church of St. Marylebone, by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, Percy John, younger son of H. J. Wright, of Hollydale, Keston, to Mary (Mollie), only child of D. B. Gellibrand, of 20, Netherhall-gardens, Hampstead.

Deaths.

APPLEBY.—On the 9th April, "Gladys," the only and beloved daughter of George and Alice Appleby, of Beckenham, aged 11 years.

"God in His wisdom, knowing best,
Has taken our dear one to her heavenly rest."

AYLING.—On the 3rd April, at Phœnix Lodge, Bromley, after much suffering patiently borne, Mary Ann, wife of William T. Ayling, and daughter of the late Joseph Harradine, aged 69 years.

BRODIE.—On the 26th March, very suddenly, at his residence, 28, Rodway-road, Bromley, Walter Brodie, eldest son of the late Rev. James Brodie, Minister of Monimael, Fife, in his 78th year.

BURROWS.—On the 1st April, at Lanywood, Orpington, after a long and painful illness, borne with great fortitude, George William Burrows, in his 64th year.

FABER.—On the 6th April, George Henry Faber, of "Kinloch," Beckenham, and of Lloyds.

GOODWIN.—On the 30th March, at the residence of her mother, Amy May, wife of W. Duvall Goodwin, of Kalgunce, Sutton, and daughter of Mrs. Smith, and the late J. W. Smith, of Cumberland House, Beckenham.

EDWARDS.—On the 12th April, Henry Edwards, of 45, Sidney-road, Beckenham, and 17, King-street, Deal, in his 66th year.

FILBY.—On the 11th April, at 7, Breakspears-road, St. John's, S.E., Carrie, the dearly-loved wife of Charles Edwin Filby (late of Beckenham).

HERNU.—On the 1st April, at The Nook, Tubs-hill, Sevenoaks, Jane Emma Hernu, wife of Albert Hernu, of London, and daughter of the late Horace Wigan, in her 65th year.

HOPF.—On the 9th April, at her residence, Trehingsta, Tudor-road, Beckenham, after intense suffering, most patiently borne, Lavinia, the dearly loved and devoted wife of Adolph Hopf.

LARNER.—On the 24th March, at 38, Barnmead-road, Beckenham, George Larner, late secretary of the Booksellers' Provident Institute, in his 75th year.

LIGHT.—On the 4th April, at Bromley, Edward Light, of "Stangrove," Park-road, Bromley.

MIST.—On the 12th April (suddenly), at 56, Bromley Gardens, Shortlands, Charles Mist, in his 71st year. Interred in Bromley Cemetery, April 16th.

NUSSEY.—On the 30th March, at Chislehurst, Gertrude Eleanor Nussey, daughter of the late John Nussey, Esq., of Cleveland-row, St. James's, and Chislehurst, aged 76.

RASHLEIGH.—On the 21st March, at Horton Kirby Vicarage, Louisa Maria, younger daughter of the Rev. George Rashleigh, late Vicar of Horton Kirby, in her 92nd year.

STANFORD-BROWN.—On the 10th April, at Worthing, Ann, widow of Robert Stanford-Brown, Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, aged 62 years.

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

3rd.—Monthly sitting of the Bromley County Court at the Church House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

5th.—*Second 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 Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

7th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Farnborough, at 11 a.m.

12th.—*Third Sunday after Trinity.*

13th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Sale of valuable household furniture and effects at "Parkside," Beckenham, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper.

14th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

15th.—Important sale of freehold property and ground rents at the Mart, E.C., by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper.

19th.—*Fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

20th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipa lBuildings at 8 p.m.

21st.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Farnborough, at 11 a.m.

26th.—*Fifth Sunday after Trinity.*

27th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

28th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

30th.—Sale of freehold cottages and villa residences at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on April 26th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

FINANCIAL.

To the Finance Committee a letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding their formal sanction to the borrowing by the Town Council of the sum of £941 for the provision of a place for post-mortem examinations, and formally approving of the appropriation for that purpose of a site adjoining the proposed fire station.

EMPIRE DAY.

A meeting of the Joint Committee appointed to consider the question of the celebration of Empire Day was held on April 15th, when it was resolved that the Mayor be chairman of the Committee. The Committee had under consideration the letter received from the Earl of Meath stating that he would be grateful if the Council could see their way to organise on May 24th, or some date not far removed from that date, a united demonstration of children and adults within the Borough for the celebration of Empire Day, and if such demonstration be impracticable he suggested that the spirit of the movement might be very appropriately carried out by the Corporation (perhaps in conjunction with the local units of the Territorial Army and such organised bodies as Cadet Corps, members of the Legion of Frontiersmen, Boy Scouts, Friendly Societies, schools, etc.) attending in state the Parish Church or their respective places of worship on Empire Sunday, May 22nd. As in the opinion of the Committee there did not appear to be time to organise any satisfactory demonstration, they did not recommend any action being taken this year.

The report was adopted, on the motion of the Mayor.

BETTER RAILWAY FACILITIES WANTED.

Councillor Adams, pursuant to notice, moved: "That a deputation from this Council wait upon the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company for the purpose of asserting the advisability (1) of introducing a 3rd class season ticket between Bromley and London; (2) of rebuilding Bromley North Station."

Councillor Crossley seconded, and said some years ago a plan was prepared for rebuilding Bromley North Station, but it was never carried out. With regard to season tickets, Bromley was undoubtedly paying more than other places.

Councillor Gillett supported the motion, and expressed his dissatisfaction with the way in which the town was spreading in certain districts. They were getting too many of the richer class and too many of the poorer class.

Alderman James said this was a very important question so far as the inhabitants were concerned, because railway facilities were very

largely responsible for the making or the marring of a district.

Councillor Weller said Bromley ought to have a cheaper and better service, and the North Station no doubt ought to be rebuilt.

Councillor Lindley Jones moved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee with the view of crystallising the various suggestions made that evening.

Alderman Lawrence seconded.

The Mayor said he was entirely in sympathy with Councillor Adams' resolution, but he was a little doubtful as to whether a deputation was quite the right thing at the present stage. He was disposed to think it would be better to send a strongly-worded memorial emphasising all the points mentioned before sending a deputation.

Councillor Adams thought a deputation would carry more weight than a memorial. He accepted the suggestion that the matter should be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

This was agreed to.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Council then proceeded to the appointment of ten persons, not being members of the Council, to be members of the Bromley Education Committee.

The following were nominated for election as members of the Bromley Education Committee under Clause 2 of the Education Scheme:—Mr. Henry Allan, Mr. Henry W. Amos, Mr. W. Braginton, M.A., Mr. Arthur Day, Mr. Henry J. Helm, I.S.O. Miss M. L. Heppel, B.A., Mr. George Hunt, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., Mrs. Mann, B.A., Mr. F. Pemberton, Miss Mary Phillips, Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., and the Rev D. Tait, M.A.

The voting resulted in the election of the following:—Mrs. Mann, Mr. Braginton, Mr. Rogerson, Mr. Hunt, Rev. D. Tait, Miss Phillips, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, Miss Heppel, Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Page.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on May 10th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

A letter was read to the Recreation Grounds Committee from Councillor Homewood resigning his seat on this Committee, and it was resolved that such resignation be received with regret.

The Borough Engineer submitted estimate he had obtained for fixing lockers and counter in the pavilion on the Queen's Mead amounting to £20 11s., together with an estimate for separating the gas supply to enable the supply to the caterer to be taken off a separate meter, amounting to £4 15s. By delaying the execution of less important work for which provision was made in the last estimate, the above work can be carried out within the approved estimate, and it was resolved to recommend that the work in question be carried out.

The Committee further considered the question of the letting of the refreshment rooms at the pavilion on the Queen's Mead, and it was resolved that a special meeting of this Committee be held on May 10th to settle the draft agreement embodying the terms arrived at by the Committee, and further to recommend that tenders be invited by advertisement for the hire of the refreshment rooms on the terms as finally settled, and that the Committee be authorised to open the tenders received and report to the Council thereon.

The Committee also considered the terms for the user of the dressing rooms, etc., by clubs playing on the Queen's Mead, and it was resolved to invite the secretaries of the various clubs to whom pitches have been granted to appoint three of their number to meet three members of the Committee to discuss the matter.

Councillor Newton moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Weller referred to the paragraph dealing with the question of the letting of the refreshment rooms at the pavilion on Queen's Mead, and asked whether they would have an opportunity of seeing the draft agreement embodying the terms before they were asked to vote on the passing of the agreement?

Councillor Newton said the Town Clerk would read the draft agreement.

The draft agreement was read by Mr. Norman.

Councillor Lindley Jones moved that the question of the agreement be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Alderman Bell seconded Councillor Jones' amendment.

Alderman Lawrence hoped the matter would not go to the General Purposes Committee, who had quite enough to do.

The Council decided not to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee.

Alderman James then moved, as another amendment, that a clause be added to the agreement reserving the powers of the Council with regard to arrangements for refreshments on the Queen's Mead in the event of a public function being held there.

Councillor Lindley Jones seconded.

A show of hands was then taken, and Alderman James' amendment was defeated by 11 votes to 8, the report being adopted.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Seward, resigning his position as assistant librarian upon his appointment as librarian of the Oswestry Public Library, and requesting that his resignation might take effect on June 30th. Resolved that the resignation be accepted, to take effect on June 30th, and that the second assistant, Mr. H. Alderton, be appointed the assistant librarian at a commencing salary of £70 per annum. It was further resolved that Mr. Gedge and Mr. Richardson, with the Chairman, ex-officio, be appointed a sub-committee to consider and report to the Committee as to further rearrangement of the staff.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

The General Purposes Committtte reported that they had had under consideration the question referred to them by the Council of the desirability of approaching the Railway Company with a view of the introduction of a third class season ticket between Bromley and London, and also the question of rebuilding the Bromley North Station, and the Town Clerk was instructed to obtain information and statistics and prepare a draft memorial to the railway company.

A further meeting of the Council was held on May 24th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

FINANCIAL.

Mr. E. Boothroyd, the independent auditor,

submitted his monthly report, from which it appeared that he had attended at the Municipal Offices and carried out his prescribed duties from April 16th to May 14th, and had compared the various cash and deposit books with the counterfoils of receipts and other subsidiary books and found that all moneys had been duly lodged with the Treasurer.

THE MEDICAL OFFICERSHIP.

The Health Committee recommended that a whole-time Medical Officer of Health be appointed at a salary of £500 per annum, £350 being allocated to General District Fund, leaving £150 to be paid by the Education Committee. That a Lady Assistant be also appointed at a salary of £100 per annum, £50 of such salary being allocated to General District Fund, leaving £50 to be paid by the Education Committee. The staff of the public health department and the salaries will then be comprised as under, viz.:—Medical Officer of Health, £500; Lady Assistant, £100; Sanitary Inspector, £230; 1st Assistant Sanitary Inspector, £115; 2nd Assistant Sanitary Inspector, £95; total, £1,040; to be repaid by the County, £290; net total, £750. Of this sum £200 will be paid by the Education Committee, leaving a net sum of £550 payable by the Council. It was further resolved to recommend that the Committee be authorised to issue the necessary advertisements inviting applications for the appointment of Medical Officer of Health and a Lady Assistant.

Councillor Lindley Jones moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman McIntyre spoke in favour of the scheme.

Councillor Harris moved, as an amendment, "That the Council do not consider the needs of the Borough require a whole-time Medical Officer of Health and do not agree to such an appointment, but are willing to consider a recommendation for the appointment of a health visitor, or nurse, whose services shall by arrangement be apportioned between the Council and the Education Committee."

The Mayor: I am afraid you have overloaded your amendment. (Laughter.)

Councillor Harris: Oh! Well, as you know, I am a new member, and no doubt I have something to learn yet.

The Mayor: I think you are less likely to obtain what you want by putting two things together.

Councillor Harris: Very well, then I will delete from my amendment all reference to the appointment of a health visitor.

Councillor Gillett seconded the amendment as amended.

Councillor Harris' amendment was put and voted upon as follows:—In favour: Aldermen James, Weeks and Bell, and Councillors Peill, Pearce, Gibbs, Gillett, Homewood, Newton, Harris, Heaysman, Crossley and Weller. Against: Aldermen Davis, McIntyre and Lawrence, and Councillors Williams, Cooling, Comins, Haywood and Lindley Jones.

The amendment was therefore carried by 14 votes to 8.

SPORTS FOR THE CHILDREN.

Mr. F. Lewis, headmaster of the Aylesbury-road Schools, wrote stating that he was requested by the Bromley Schools Athletic Association to ask the Council to kindly grant the use of the Queen's Mead on Friday, July 15th, for the purpose of holding athletic sports for the children attending the elementary schools. With the consent of the Council a small charge would be made for admission to the ground, and the proceeds would be devoted to the prize fund. Members of the Council interested in athletics were invited to become vice-presidents of the Association.

Councillor Lindley Jones moved that the necessary consent be given and that the arrangements be left in the hands of the Recreation Grounds Committee.—Carried.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on April 25th, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

WASTING THE GAS.

Requisitions for the supply of fuel, cleaning materials and repairs were submitted to the Works Sub-Committee. Sanction to the issue of the necessary orders was given, and instructions were given to the Secretary to call the attention of the caretakers and cleaners to the excessive use of light in some cases during cleaning hours.

WATER CHARGES.

Correspondence with the Metropolitan Water Board was read from which it appeared that the assessment for water charges in respect of the Bromley Parish C.E. School had been reduced from £234 (annual payment £11 14s.) to £195 (annual payment £9 15s.), the reduced assessment being 6s. 8d. per school place, which the Board considered a fair basis for arriving at the annual value of non-provided schools.

The Secretary submitted a statement showing the past and present water charges in respect of the other non-provided schools, except Bromley Common, for which no information was obtainable as to the present charges. As the present charges were in excess of the 6s. 8d. per school place basis, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Water Board with a view to the assessments being reduced in accordance with the Board's letter of March 16th, 1910.

AFTER 14 YEARS.

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that they had before them a letter from the Prudential Assurance Company regarding the repayment of the second instalment of loan No. 6, taken up in 1894 for the building of Wharton road Council School. It appeared that the amount of the second instalment, repaid in May, 1895, was £217 6s. 11d., instead of £227 6s. 11d., the difference of £10 being due to an error in the amount of principal; and the Assurance Company asked for payment of the sum of £10, together with compound interest amounting to £6 10s. 10d. The opinion of the Town Clerk as to the legal aspect of the matter had been obtained, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the claim for interest be not acceded to; but that an order on the treasurer for the sum of £10 be signed in payment, without prejudice, of the claim for principal.

The recommendation was adopted.

MUMPS.

The Town Clerk wrote enclosing an Order issued by the Medical Officer of Health for the closing of the Juniors' and Infants' Departments of the Raglan-road School from April 22nd until May 18th, owing to an outbreak of mumps

amongst the children. No less than 200 children were absent from the school the day before it was closed.

A special meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on May 2nd, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

The Town Clerk wrote notifying the appointment of the following ten members (not being members of the Town Council) to the Education Committee for a period of three years:—Mrs. Mann, Mr. W. Braginton, Mr. T. C. Rogerson, Mr. G. Hunt, Rev. D. Tait, Miss Phillips, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, Miss Heppel, Mr. F. Pemberton and Mr. E. Page.

The Committee then proceeded to fill vacancies on the various sub-committees and to elect visitors to the Council Schools and managers to the non-provided schools—vacancies created by the changes in the constitution of the Committee.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on May 9th, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell presiding.

BROMLEY PARISH C.E. SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Councillor Bertram Pearce presented the report of the Requisitions and Log Books Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee considered a claim received on March 10th from the managers of Bromley Parish C.E. School for repayment of 4s. paid by them for repairs to head teacher's desk in the boys' department. From the particulars submitted it appeared that the account was incurred and paid for in December last. The work was not of an urgent nature, and as the Sub-Committee had no knowledge of its being done, they recommended that the claim be not paid.

The Mayor said it seemed to him that the work was one of those things the Committee were liable for, and if they were liable for it, they could not legally refuse to pay. He moved, as an amendment, that the claim be paid.

Councillor Haywood seconded.

The amendment was rejected by eight votes to six, and the Sub-Committee's report was then adopted.

VALLEY COUNCIL SCHOOL.

A letter was read to the School Management Sub-Committee from Mr. A. Martin, of Recreation-road, complaining of annoyance caused to him by Valley School children during their recreation time in the playground. The Secretary was instructed to see the head teachers and to inform Mr. Martin that steps would be taken to endeavour to prevent a repetition of the annoyance.

RAGLAN ROAD COUNCIL SPECIAL SCHOOL.

Mrs. Mann was unanimously reappointed Chairman of the Raglan-road Council Special School Sub-Committee. Twenty-five applications for the post of assistant teacher in the Special School were submitted, and the following candidates were interviewed:—Miss E. M. Appell, Sydenham; Miss E. P. Hodges, Raynes Park; Mrs. L. E. Harvey, East Ham. Resolved unanimously to recommend that Miss Hodges be appointed assistant teacher at the Raglan-road Special School at a salary to commence at the rate of £85 per annum.—The recommendation was adopted.

MASON'S HILL SCHOOL.

Plans of the new buildings for Mason's Hill School were laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

The Chairman said they were really sketch plans, and it was proposed to send them to the Board of Education to get their preliminary approval before the detailed drawings were got out.

The Vicar explained the plans.

Councillor Haywood objected to the position of the school. He directed attention to the front line, and said the classrooms were placed within four feet of the main road. Traffic was ever increasing on Mason's Hill, and the teachers would find it difficult to teach owing to the noise. The classrooms should have been on the south side instead of the north.

The Vicar pointed out that in the wall next to the road there was no window. The site had been approved by the Board of Education.

Councillor Comins thought the managers should be congratulated. Undoubtedly the children would be much better off on educational grounds and certainly on grounds of health and sanitation.

Mr. Hunt spoke against the site.

Councillor Lindley Jones: Could you have found us a better one, Mr. Hunt?

Mr. Hunt: I have not had the opportunity. Proceeding, he said Mason's Hill was a very dangerous position.

Councillor Williams said it was certainly objectionable that the classrooms should be within four feet of the main road. Could not the plans be altered?

Eventually it was decided to send the plans to the Board of Education.

THE BREAK-UP OF THE POOR LAW.

A fairly well-attended meeting was held at the Drill Hall on May 11th in support of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission. The chair was taken by the Vicar of Bickley, the Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A., and supporting him were the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich, President of the National Committee to Promote the Break-Up of the Poor Law, and late Chairman of the Central (Unemployed) Body for London, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Rev. S. A. Wilson-Haffenden, Miss Patteson Nickalls and Mr. Hamilton Fox, J.P.

The Dean of Norwich commenced an eloquent and forcible address by saying that he had had some opportunity afforded him of knowing something of their new King, and of his Queen Consort, and he thought the nation was happy whose destinies were in the hands of King George and Queen Mary, because he had never been with them on any occasion—and he had been with them fairly often—when they had not had some cause at heart which they were trying to further for the benefit and blessing of the poorer amongst their people.

Miss Bondfield, in an impassioned address, dealt with that section of the Minority Report which concerned itself particularly with the women and children.

The Rev. S. A. Wilson-Haffenden gave a vigorous address, and said he looked forward to the day when legislation would take place on the lines of the Minority Report.

The speakers and the Chairman were cordially thanked, on the motion of Miss Patteson Nickalls, seconded by Mr. Hamilton Fox.

BROMLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The fourteenth annual report on the work of the Public Library has just been issued by the Bromley Public Library Committee, of which Alderman A. Lindsay Bell is chairman and Councillor W. G. Weller vice-chairman. It shows that this valuable institution is still making most encouraging progress. A richly-merited tribute is paid to Mr. W. J. Harris (Borough Librarian) and the Library staff.

In their report the Committee record the increased popularity and the rapid growth of the usefulness of the Library, and state that they have no doubt that the question of the enlargement of the Library is one that will have to be considered in the near future. The Committee aim at getting the best results from the Library by making it attractive to the public and a benefit to the community, and their activities are organised and promoted with the object of making the Library not only a place for mental recreation, but also an educative institution.

The system of open access to the books which has been in operation since the opening of the present Library, has proved an unqualified success, and the facility given to borrowers for taking their books direct from the shelves has without doubt encouraged reading and conduced to the present large issue of books; and it is satisfactory to state, and as some answer to criticism on "Open Access," that only five books are missing from the library stock.

In the endeavour to make the Library an educational centre, special attention is given to juvenile readers, and in furtherance of this the Committee co-operate with the Education Committee in the maintenance of the School Libraries in the public elementary schools in the Borough. The selection of books is made by a joint committee, the purchase is made by the Librarian, the Education Committee paying for the same, the Library staff being used to classify and list the books and to issue them in turn to the various schools, the necessary periodical examination, repairs and stocktaking being done at the Library.

The Committee have also arranged for parties of older scholars from the public elementary schools to visit the Library, and the uses and advantages of the Library have been explained to them. Lectures to children have also been given which have created great interest, and the number of children desiring to attend has taxed the accommodation of the Lecture Hall. The Committee desire to thank the teachers for fostering these good relations between the Library and the Schools. The regular registration at the Library as borrowers of boys and girls at school-leaving age is most satisfactory.

During the year 1,091 volumes were added to the Library, 1,223 by purchase and 168 by gift from various societies and from ladies and gentlemen interested in the Library. Eighteen were withdrawn from circulation and not replaced. The stock of volumes in the Library is now 17,224. The Committee consider the selection of the books for purchase a most important part of their work, for on a wise selection of books depends to a large extent the success of the Library. In the purchase of books the Committee act on the principle that it is desirable to provide a sound course of reading on particular subjects rather than a few books on many subjects. The Library is now well equipped with good standard works, an especial aim in the purchase of new books being to acquire the best and most up-to-date works on technical subjects.

The Central Library was open for the issue and return of books on 266 days; and 117,025 volumes were borrowed for home reading, compared with 107,371 in the previous year, an increase of 9,652. The Reference Library issue was 12,578 (excluding directories, year books, calendars and indexes, which are upon open shelves in the Reading Room), as compared with 12,062 for the year 1908-09. The total daily average was 487, as compared with 454 in the previous year, an increase of 33.

The Raglan Road Branch Library issue was 8,606, and the daily average 32. The Bromley Common Book Station issue was 2,966, the daily average being 11. The College-road Station issue was 3,496, and the daily average 13. The Shortlands Book Station issue was 1,861, and the daily average 7.

The combined issues from the Central Library and branch stations numbered 146,530, as compared with 136,446 during the previous year, an increase of 10,084, and the daily average is 550, as compared with 519. The branch library and delivery stations were established to supply books to those living some distance from the Central Library. These branches are well used and appreciated.

BROMLEY CHESS CLUB.

The most successful match season in the history of the Bromley Chess Club was brought to a close on May 7th with the game against Herne Bay in the final of the Lewis Cup (reported in our last issue), and we are now able to give the full list of results. Besides winning the Lewis Cup the club tied with North Lambeth for second place in the C Division of the London Chess League, being only half a point less than Toynbee, the League leaders. In the Lewis Cup the number of matches played was four, all of which were won. In the League nine matches were played, of which six were won, two drawn and one lost. Only three "friendlies" were played, all of which were won. The totals are therefore: Matches played, 16; won, 13; drawn, 2; lost, 1. Altogether there were 142 games played, of which 79 were won, 30 drawn and 33 lost, a record on which the club and the match captain are to be congratulated. Appended are the results:—

		Result.			Final.	
Date.	Club.	W.	D.	L.	for	a'gst.
Oct. 21.	—*Wood Green...	5	5	0	7½	2½
Nov. 5.	—Metropolitan ...	4	5	1	6½	3½
,, 18.	—*The Toynbee	5	0	5	5	5
,, 25.	—Lee	4	2	2	5	3
Dec. 1.	—†Lewisham ...	3	2	1	4	2
,, 7.	—*The Maurice ..	5	3	2	6½	3½
,, 21.	—*The Athenæum	8	2	0	9	1
Jan. 10.	—*Lud Eagle ...	4	2	4	5	5
,, 20.	—†Lewisham ...	4	1	1	4½	1½
Feb. 4.	—*Hampstead ...	6	2	2	7	3
,, 14.	—Lee	7	1	2	7½	2½
,, 22.	—*North Lambeth	4	3	3	5½	4½
Mar. 3.	—*Harlesden ...	3	1	6	3½	6½
,, 14.	—*Finsbury Park	8	0	2	8	2
April 6.	—†Sydenham & Forest Hill II.	4	1	1	4½	1½
May 7.	—†Herne Bay ...	5	0	1	5	1

* London Chess League Matches (C. Division).
† "Lewis" Cup Matches.

BROMLEY GAS WORKS.

The inventive genius of Mr. William Woodward, the Chief Engineer of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company, is known far beyond the confines of this district. Wonderful things he has accomplished during the 20 years he has spent in the Company's service. The operations of this skilled engineer have been of such a nature as to arouse the greatest interest amongst the younger generation of gas engineers, and it is not surprising that some of them should wish to pay a visit to Bromley to inspect the plant which is under his supervision. Accordingly on May 21st about 50 members of the London and Southern District Junior Gas Association were conducted over the works by Mr. Woodward, who lucidly explained the many interesting features, and the party spent a very profitable afternoon. They included Mr. W. J. Liberty, president of the Association, and Mr. L. F. Tooth, the vice-president.

The plant has already been admirably described in "The Journal of Gas Lighting." As this journal says, the absorption of the Crays Gas Company by the Bromley Gas Company under the powers conferred by Parliament in the session of 1908, had as one of its purposes the production of manufacturing and business economies generally, which under the law of the sliding scale will eventually be advantageous alike to the consumers in the whole district and to the shareholders.

In respect of manufacture, the fullest economy it was agreed by the Chairman (Mr. Alexander Dickson), the directors and the Chief Engineer (Mr. Woodward), could only be obtained by plant concentration at Bromley and the closing down as a manufacturing station of the works of the defunct Crays Gas Company. The Bromley Works, although quite capable of dealing with the requirements prior to the amalgamation, naturally needed some additions and alterations with the increased demands from the 15,000 acres added to the district of supply. The question of increasing the productive power of the works thus became a matter of practical politics.

The directors having, as before stated, determined that the whole of the gas required should be manufactured at Bromley, instructed Mr. Woodward to prepare a scheme and plans for carrying this into effect, the result being the installation of a carburetted water-gas plant, and the laying of a Mannesmann steel high pressure main from the Bromley works to the inlet of the St. Mary Cray station meter, 5½ miles distant, with two pairs of compressors to force the gas from Bromley through this main into the holders at Cray, from which it is distributed through the governors and the canalization of that district as before and in the usual way.

There being on the works an old small coal-gas retort-house not well placed for coal delivery, or in close proximity to the coal storage, and consequently little used, and only then when absolutely necessary, it was decided to dismantle this house, lift the roof, and convert the building into a proper home for the carburetted water-gas plant, an adjoining smaller oil-gas retort house serving admirably, with alteration, for the machinery house, viz., for blowers and exhausters when necessary. The carburetted water-gas house is 80ft. long by 60ft. wide. Before lifting the roof it was very low, and it has been heightened to 34ft. at the eaves, which means that walls and roof have been raised by 14ft. The building, formerly very squat and ugly, has by this heightening and judicious architectural designing been now rendered into quite a pretentious structure, having a good exterior elevation and being light, lofty, airy and roomy inside.

A special system of coke lifting and storing apparatus being in operation at Bromley, Mr. Woodward decided not to erect any independent hoist or elevator for placing the necessary coke on the stage for supplying the water-gas generators; but an elevated gantry has been erected (and this out of disused material), with a large coke hopper at one end, suitably placed for taking a supply from the special coke-loading machine in the yard.

After fully considering the question with their engineer, the directors concluded that for their special purpose Messrs. Humphreys and Glasgow's twin-generator plant would be most suitable; and to cut direct from inception to completion, there are in the house to-day two sets of the plant, each of a guaranteed producing capacity of 750,000 cubic feet a day, but capable, as test has proved, of yielding nearly one million cubic feet. The plant has been arranged to allow of the most ready and economical extension to a third section, which, if thought fit, may be larger and may be operated independently of, or together with, the other sets. "The figures as to capacity require," says our contemporary, "a word of explanation. Each of the present sections is capable in continuous work of producing in twenty-four hours 750,000 cubic feet when working in series; but when working in parallel, each section is capable of yielding 850,000 cubic feet. Here we have the interesting fact that on this ground space which contributed under the old order of gas manufacture, some half-million cubic feet to the output of the works carburetted water-gas plant can find accommodation equal to an output of between two and a half and three million cubic feet per day."

The explanations and details in regard to the twin generator plant that were afforded by Mr. Woodward were extremely interesting, both on account of the completeness of the system and the effectual achievement of object in every respect by the designed means.

ANTI-VIVISECTION.

A very successful drawing-room meeting was held at "Elsworth," 33, Tweedy-road, Bromley, on April 27th, under the auspices of the Bromley and District branch of the National Anti-Vivisection Society. Lord Llangattock is the president of this Society, and the director and treasurer is the Hon. Stephen Coleridge. The energetic hon. secretaries of the Bromley and District branch are Miss A. Holworthy and Mr. F. M. R. Holworthy, of "Elsworthy." Tea and coffee were generously provided before the meeting. Mr. J. Foster Howe, chairman of the Bromley branch, presided, and supporting him were Mr. E. P. S. Counsel, LL.D., and Mr. Lionel Arbuthnot, the general secretary.

Dr. Counsel delivered an eloquent and forcible address; and Mr. Arbuthnot, the general secretary, gave an interesting account of the visit he paid to America with Mr. Coleridge, and of the campaign they had on the other side of the Atlantic.

LORD ROBERTS AT HAYES.

The pretty village of Hayes was en fête on April 23rd on the occasion of the visit of Field Marshal Earl Roberts to open a new rifle range which has been provided on the cricket field for the Hayes Rifle Club. The utmost interest was taken in the proceedings by the residents, who turned out in large numbers to do honour to the distinguished soldier and to give him an enthusiastic welcome. The village was gaily decorated with flags, especially in front of Hayes Place, the residence of Sir E. A. Hambro, and outside the Glebe House, the home of Mr. C. F. Wood. A guard of honour was formed by the local Territorials (5th Batt. Royal West Kent Regt.), under Captain Douglas Clark, who were accompanied by the regimental band from Chatham, under Bandmaster Refoy; and a Company of Boy Scouts also took part in the proceedings.

The Hayes Rifle Club originated in this way. About 18 months ago a suggestion was made to the Rev. G. Clowes, Rector of Hayes, by a resident who wished to remain anonymous, that he would give a certain sum of money to start a Rifle Club, as he felt that it was a matter of national urgency that all able-bodied men should, in Lord Roberts' words, learn to shoot, and shoot straight. For various reasons nothing could be done at the moment, but last July the matter came to a head. A meeting was called and was enthusiastically supported in the village, and as a result the Rifle Club was formed. Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., as the owner of the cricket field, Mr. W. Harrod, he tenant, and Mr. C. F. Wood, the captain of the cricket club, agreed to allow the use of the field for an outdoor range, and a site was also found for a covered range. Great assistance was given to the club in the construction of the butts and in the general arrangements by Mr. E. J. D. Newitt, who is a member of the Council of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. The covered range was opened last September, and the ceremony on April 23rd was the opening of the outdoor range. The Hayes Rifle Club numbers 60 members. It is open to residents and those who work in the village, and special facilities are given to Territorials, the idea being to induce men not only to become members of the club, but to go a step further, and join the Territorial Force. Mr. C. F. Wood is the genial president, and the committeemen are Messrs. B. Mann, R. Lowndes, E. Stone and S. Keech and Mr. T. P. Stiles, the latter being the energetic hon. secretary and treasurer.

Lord Roberts, who motored from Ascot, via Croydon, arrived on the cricket field about four o'clock. The Territorials, who were looking very smart, stood on one side of the ground, and the Scouts on the other. After the general salute, Lord Roberts inspected the guard of honour, and engaged in conversation with those men whose medals showed that they had seen active service. He then inspected the Scouts.

Amongst those present at the ceremony of opening the rifle range which followed were Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., Mrs. Norman, Sir Steyning Edgerley, Miss Miller (Lord Roberts' niece), Mrs. Frank Marchant, Mrs. Devas, the Misses Devas (2), the Rev. G. Clowes (Rector of Hayes), Miss Burns, Miss Stuart, Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Slessor, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Stiles, the Misses Anderson, Dr. Yolland, Mrs. Yolland, Mrs. Douglas Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Clark, sen., Mrs. Hugh Anderson, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Tilby, Mrs. Fox, Mr. Montague Morris, Mr. E. J. D. Newitt, Mr. W. Plant and Mr. W. F. Holroyde.

The veteran soldier fired the first shot on the new range. He took steady aim, and notwithstanding a strong wind nearly got a bullseye. The members of the committee were afterwards presented to Lord Roberts, together with the three best shots—Messrs. F. Keech, J. Dingwall and A. Farquhar.

After tea Lord Roberts left the field amid enthusiastic cheers.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' DINNER.

The 31st annual dinner of the Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers' and Beer Retailers' Protection Society was held at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, High-street, Bromley, on May 3rd, and proved of an entirely successful character, there being a large and representative attendance The miscellaneous programme interlarding the speech making was a most attractive one, the musical items rendered by Miss Minnie Higgs, Mr. Arthur Mortimer, Mr. Findlay Dunn and Mr. Harry Hall affording much pleasure. The dinner itself reflected infinite credit upon the catering resources of the management of the "Bell" Hotel. The tables were brightly decorated with choice flowers and foliage, and the enjoyability of the repast was enhanced by the selections of Mr. Frank Sayer's String Band. The evening's arrangements were, as usual, excellent, and reflected great credit upon the dinner committee, consisting of Messrs. Andrew Adams (chairman of the Society), T. P. Thomas (vice-chairman), J. D. Kincey (hon. treasurer), J. B. Botterill (hon. secretary), T. Crowe, E. G. Carpenter, E. Tong, T. M. Marshall, C. Roberts, N. Maynard, F. G. Thomas and G. H. Packman.

The banquet was presided over by Mr. Cyril Crowley (of Crowley's Brewery, Croydon), and amongst the large attendance were Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C. (Chairman of the Bromley Bench), and Alderman E. Johnson, J.P. (Chairman of the London Central Board).

Mr. Coles Child proposed the Houses of Parliament," and Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., in reply, said they heard a great deal of of reform of the House of Lords. Well, he took it that none of those present, certainly no members of the party to which he belonged, were opposed to a reform of the House of Lords—(hear, hear)—a reform designed to bring the House of Lords into closer harmony with the democratic growth of the last half of a century, but he said this most emphatically, that while they were willing to honestly assist to carry out a reform of their second chamber, they would not lend their hands to destroy it. (Applause.)

Lady Lennard hopes to hold another garden fete and stall at Wickham Court on June 24th, with a view to augmenting the funds of the Women's S.P.G.

Under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers, a lecture was given by Miss A. Churton on "The Housing Problem in the Country," at the Lecture Hall, Public Library, on April 29th.

DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII.

Our much-beloved Sovereign King Edward the Seventh passed peacefully away at Buckingham Palace on Friday, May 6th, at 11.45 p.m. George V. His consort will be known as Queen Mary. King Edward's remains were taken to Westminster Hall on Whit-Tuesday, May 7th, and there was a lying-in-state for three days, May 17th, 18th and 19th. The body was removed to Windsor for burial on Friday, May 20th.



THE KING WHOSE DEATH WE MOURN.

During the last moments of his late Majesty the Archbishop of Canterbury read special prayers and conducted a short service in the King's room, at which Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal Family were present. On Monday, May 9th, the new King was proclaimed, with all due ceremony, as King

From the great majority of the pulpits in Bromley and district on Sunday, May 8th, reference was made to the great loss which the nation had sustained by the death of the King. In almost every case allusion was made to the great influence which his Majesty had quietly and unostentatiously exercised in the affairs of

the nation, and many eloquent tributes were paid to the value of his life, and the great example he had set, not only to his subjects, but to the whole civilised world. At nearly every church some portion of the edifice was draped, or the service altered to give expression to the national sorrow, whilst the hymns selected were of a suitable type. On May 20th, the day of the funeral of his late Majesty, an impressive memorial service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), was held in the Bromley Parish Church. There was a crowded congregation, which included the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) and Corporation, and the local Territorials. For the Free Churches a united memorial service was held at the Central Hall, which was packed to its utmost capacity. The Rev. G. H. Shafto conducted, and eloquent and moving addresses were given by the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D. (Presbyterian) and Rev. W. Justin Evans (Congregational). Special music was feelingly rendered by the Central Hall Orchestra and the choir of the Bromley Congregational Church.

KING GEORGE V.

The announcement early on May 9th that the Royal Proclamation of His Majesty King George's Accession would be read from the steps of the Municipal Buildings, Bromley, at 12.30, by his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.), aroused the greatest interest in the Borough, and there was a huge gathering at the time mentioned, the crowd including hundreds of the school children of the town. It was the first time that the ceremony of publicly proclaiming a monarch had been witnessed in the town, as Bromley was not a Borough on the occasion of the accession of his late Majesty King Edward VII., and being a unique event locally, everybody naturally evinced the liveliest interest in the proceedings. Kings are not proclaimed every day, and the loyal citizens of the new monarch residing in the Borough met in their hundreds with "one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart" to proclaim that "the High and Mighty Prince George" was now their lawful and rightful King.

Punctually at the time specified the Mayor, wearing his robe and chain of office, came to the front of the Municipal Buildings, accompanied by the Aldermen in their robes and Councillors and other leading men of Bromley, and from the steps his Worship read the proclamation of King George V. as follows:—

> WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King Edward the Seventh, of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these of His late Majesty's Privy Council, with Numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do hereby, with one Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, publish and proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert, is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the Fifth by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India; To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection; beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Prince George the Fifth with long and happy years to reign over Us.—Given at the Court at St. James's, this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

In a loud voice, the Mayor cried, "God Save the King!" and the crowd then broke into a rousing cheer. The National Anthem, led by Councillor Bertram Pearce, was afterwards sung with great heartiness. Thus closed a short but memorable ceremony.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Centenary Synod of the London II. Division of the Primitive Methodist Church was held at Bromley from April 28th to May 3rd

The preacher at the morning service on April 30th was Mr. Ernest Heywood, ministerial candidate. In the evening, following a mission outside, an impressive ordination service was held in the chapel, where a goodly congregation assembled. Mr. W. Tarver, J.P. (Forest Hill) occupied the chair, and Mr. Benjamin Wise (Reading) the vice-chair. The singing was unusually hearty, and during the evening Mr. George Day, jun., gave an effective rendering of the solo, "The Son of God goes forth to War" (Farmer). The Rev. Shergold offered the opening prayer, and the scripture lesson was read by the Rev. A. Fawcett.

Rev. A. Goodacre (Sheerness) related his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He said so far as his conversion was concerned, there were two things that led to the experience. The first was Sabbath school training, and the second was the influence of a pious home. His ambition was to be a useful and successful circuit minister, and to that end he would dedicate all his powers.

The ordination charge was delivered by the Rev. W. Rastrick.

On behalf of the Bromley Circuit, Mr. Wickens, in an address containing some original turns of thought, presented a nicely-bound Bible to the Rev. A. Goodacre.

The closing hymn was "Master, speak! Thy servant heareth."

The Synod Sessions were held on May 2, and there was a large attendance at the public tea which was provided in the schoolroom between 4.30 and 6 p.m., the number sitting down being estimated at 200. This was followed by the centenary meeting in the chapel, which was numerously attended notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Joshua Wilford, C.C. (Maidstone), the chair was taken by Mr. James Skinner (Centenary Fund Treasurer). They were supported by the Revs. W. Jones Price, E. J. T. Bagnall, Edwin Dalton and J. T. Taylor.

THE LATE DR. E. M. MADDEN.

The faithful work of the late Dr. E. M. Madden in the foundation and extension of the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital will be gratefully and affectionately remembered by a large number of residents in this district. He laboured with ardent devotion to perpetuate the memory of that eminent and popular physician, Dr. Phillips, and it is fitting that the memory of Dr. Madden, Dr. Phillips' worthy successor should also be perpetuated. Dr. Madden was the first Honorary Medical Officer to the hospital from 1889 until his death in 1908, and no more appropriate memorial could have been suggested than that which has been raised to him by the endowment of an "In Memoriam" bed in the institution he so loved and worked for, the erection of a memorial tablet in the entrance corridor, and the placing of an excellent portrait of the deceased gentleman in the Board Room. The project was successfully carried out by the subscriptions of numerous patients and friends, and the tablet was unveiled, with befitting ceremony, on April 25th. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and amongst those present were Sir G. Wyatt Truscott, Bart. (President of the Hospital), Lady Truscott, Miss Mary Truscott, Miss Davis, Mr. John M. Wyborn (hon. secretary), Dr. Wynne Thomas, Mr. T. Bennett, Mr. W. R. G. Hay, the Rev. E. W. C. Horner, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. John Gibbs, Miss Hyde (the Matron), Rev. A. J. Southouse, Mrs. J. A. Stoneham, Mr. D. Avis, Miss Benham, Miss K. Simpson, Dr. George Burford, Dr. Ramsbotham, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. E. Ford Duncanson, Mrs. Goodyear, Miss Green, Mrs. Man and Miss Stoneham.

The Mayor said he could only express the hope that that hospital might never fail in finding a worthy successor to Dr. Phillips and Dr. Madden, who sacrificed themselves for the benefit of their fellow creatures. (Applause.)

Alderman Sir G. Wyatt Truscott said although in the past it had not been considered by all an honour to be associated with the cause of homœopathy, yet he thought in the years to come the memory of those men who had fought the battle of homœopathy would be remembered with honour and gratitude, and amongst those names none would stand out for them more boldly than that of the late Dr. Madden. It was in the spirit of thankfulness for his life's work that his wife would now undertake the duty of unveiling the memorial tablet which it was their pleasure to place in affectionate regard for his memory. (Applause.)

Lady Truscott added a very grateful tribute to the memory of her true and valued friend, Dr. Madden, and then unveiled the tablet.

The inscription reads as follows:—

"This tablet has been erected

by patients and friends in grateful memory of

EDWARD MONSON MADDEN,

M.B., EDIN., M.R.C.S., ENG.,

The first Honorary Medical Officer to this Hospital from 1889 until his death in 1908 it was to his devotion and persevering endeavours that its foundation and extension were mainly due."

Mr. E. Smith moved, and Mr. Duncanson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Sir G. Wyatt Truscott and Lady Truscott.

Sir G. Wyatt Truscott briefly replied, and said although they had left the neighbourhood as residents, their interest in Bromley and in that hospital would never cease.

Dr. Burford proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, and referring to Dr. Madden, said they always found in him personally a faithful friend, and professionally a physician second to none.

Mr. John Gibbs seconded, and said the Mayor was always ready to help in every good work. They were proud of their two hospitals in Bromley, the Cottage Hospital and the Phillips' Memorial Hospital, and they hoped that both would go on flourishing for ever. (Applause.)

The Mayor acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings then terminated.

BROMLEY CAMERA CLUB.

We do not remember a more enjoyable "social" arranged in connection with the Bromley Camera Club than that which was held in the Parish Room, West-street, on April 29th. The building had been transformed for the occasion, and presented a most cosy and comfortable appearance. Dainty refreshments were dispensed under the direction of Mrs. and Miss Skinner and Miss Bennett, and the tables were prettily decorated with flowers, Mrs. Scott, the president's wife, taking a leading part in this work. The platform was also effectively adorned. A large company of members and friends attended, and a most pleasant evening was spent by all.

At a convenient interval Dr. Scott made a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. T. D. Graty, from the members of the club. He said when they heard that Mr. Graty was about to leave Bromley, and consequently had to give up the secretaryship of the club, they thought that they could not possibly let him leave them without giving him in some public way their thanks for what he had done, and also some little token of the esteem in which they held him. The presentation took the form of a rose bowl, and nearly all the members had joined in getting the testimonial.

The rose bowl was a very handsome one, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Thos. D. Graty as a mark of esteem and friendship from the members of the Bromley Camera Club. April 29th, 1910."

Mr. Graty suitably replied.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

An outdoor procession was held on Sunday the 1st day of the Month of Mary (May), in the beautiful grounds of Holy Trinity Convent, Plaistow-lane, Bromley. There was a large number of Bromley Catholics and their friends present, and the threatening rain being averted, the event passed off most successfully.

A most interesting and instructive lantern lecture on the Holy Land was given by Rev. Father Cooksey, Catholic Rector of Bromley, in the Schoolroom, Plaistow-lane, on April 27th, to the congregation of St. Joseph and their friends. The attendance was most gratifying to the organisers, the Brothers of the Guild of the Blessed Sacrament, and to all concerned, the room being full to overflowing and a substantial sum, far exceeding the most sanguine expectations entertained, was handed over to the New Church Building Fund, as a result of the lecture.

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DIARY FOR MAY.

1st.—Dedication services at St. John's Church, Bromley.

2nd.—Fancy dress ball and paper hat carnival at the Town Hall, Bromley.

3rd.—Annual banquet of the Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers' and Beersellers' Protection Society.—Rev. J. D. Jones at Bromley Congregational Church in advocacy of the claims of the Central Fund of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.—Lecture on International Trade by Mr. John A. Hobson at Bromley Town Hall.

4th.—Last whist drive of the season of Bromley Football Club at the Masonic Hall.—Presentation of the comic opera "Merrie England," by local amateurs, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of Bromley Cottage Hospital.

5th.—Welte-Mignon pianoforte recital at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.

6th.—Death of King Edward VII.

7th.—Dedication of the new organ at St. Mark's Church, Bromley.

11th.—Mass meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, in support of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission.

16th.—Invitation dance arranged by Mr. J. B. Matthews at the Gymnastic Hall, College Slip.

20th.—Funeral of King Edward.

24th.—Last of the series of lectures on International Trade, by Mr. John A. Hobson, at the Town Hall, Bromley.

26th.—Formal opening by Sir William Hart-Dyke, of the new County School for Girls, Bromley.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District Football League.

27th.—Sale of work at Bromley Presbyterian Church.—Discussion on Elementary Education by Bromley Ratepayers' Association at the Town Hall, Bromley.

31st.—Annual prize-giving at Bromley High School for Girls.

THE DUTIES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Baptist Church, Park-road, Bromley, spent a very happy and profitable evening on April 22nd, the occasion being a social and conference, the latter having special reference to the duties and responsibilities of Church membership. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Roderick, B.A., opened the proceedings with a few helpful and encouraging remarks, and then called upon Mr. Walter Bibby to address the meeting.

Mr. Bibby proceeded to give his idea of the duties and responsibilities of Churchmanship in three relationships—the first being the Church member's relation to Jesus Christ; secondly, his relationship to his fellow Church members; and, thirdly, his relationship to the world. In the course of his observations the speaker urged that it was the duty of Church members not only to support the Church financially, but to work in the Church. He also strongly urged the duty of working outside the Church. They ought to go down to the people, as the people would not come to them.

Miss Reynolds, in an earnest address, urged that the Church member should be an ardent lover of the Church; also Church members should do their utmost to promote a healthy Christian fellowship amongst themselves. She was very emphatic on the point of Christian work. Love for Jesus Christ, she remarked, must have an outlet. They were not there to play, nor dream; but they had hard work to do. Referring to the villages round about, she remarked that they were crying out for workers.

Mr. Roderick said that it fell to his lot to fill a gap occasioned by one who meant to take part in that conference, but could not be present. There were one or two points he wished to touch upon, and he would begin right at the very end. He would begin with the work outside, for the work outside was going to decide all the fellowship and all the unity, and all the love, and everything else within the Church. If they, as a Church there, could only feel as they had never felt before the great and urgent need there was for work for Christ outside, the problem concerning their Church would be for ever settled. There were young people in that Church already who went regularly to the poorer streets in Bromley, and they told him of that work, and it was most encouraging indeed. The people welcomed them with open arms. On another point the pastor urged the duty of brotherliness among Church members. Not only inside the church, but outside, wherever they met, there should be manifest that spirit of brotherliness and fellowship which made them one.

Mr. Riley, Mr. Paine and Mr. Thomas, one of the deacons, also joined in the conference.

Light refreshments were afterwards provided, and the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

REV. J. D. JONES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Lecture Hall of the Bromley Congregational Church was on May 3rd the scene of a large and influential gathering, the occasion being an "At Home" to meet the Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B. D., of Bournemouth, the Chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, who had come to Bromley to explain the Central Fund scheme for raising the sum of £250,000 for ministerial support.

During the year, mainly through the unceasing labours of the Rev. J. D. Jones, more than £100,000 has been already subscribed. As there are three years longer to be given to the work, it is fully expected that the whole amount will be promised before May 1913.

The guests were warmly welcomed by the pastor (Rev. W. Justin Evans), and light refreshments were dispensed during the evening. Shortly before eight o'clock the company repaired to the church, where an admirable programme of music was rendered, Mr. Arthur C. Sharland presiding at the organ. Miss Nellie Dunford gave a pleasing rendering of Haydn's "With Verdure Clad" ("Creation"), and later on she took the solo in the anthem, "Sweet is Thy mercy, Lord" (Barnby), singing with great taste. The chair was taken by Mr. Edward Smith.

Promise forms were in the pews to be filled in during the meeting, and at the close, the Rev. R. J. Wells had pleasure in announcing that a total of £1,574 9s. 6d. had been received or promised; and it is hoped that this amount will be considerably increased before the fund is closed.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

A well-attended and influentially supported meeting was held at the Public Library, Bromley, on April 28th in support of the British Red Cross Society. It was the inaugural meeting of the Bromley Division of the County of Kent branch, and His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided. Amongst those also present were Mr. G. H. Makins, C.B., F.R.C.S., Mr. Coles Child, J.P., Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., Mrs. A. C Norman, Colonel Lewin, Dr A. F.G Codd, Dr. J. Scott, Dr. J. H. Yolland, Mr. Bertram Latter and Mr. Alfred Wright.

Mr. A. C. Norman moved a resolution forming the Bromley Division (County of Kent Branch) of the British Red Cross Society, and Dr. Scott seconded.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the following were elected to constitute the committee of the Bromley Division:—Mr. A. C. Norman (vice-president), Colonel Lewin, Hon. Mrs. Forster, Dr. Mathewson, Dr. Randall, Dr. Grant-Wilson, Mrs. Grant-Wilson, Mrs. Yolland, Mrs. Satterthwaite, Miss Coad, Colonel Satterthwaite, Captain C. D. Clark, Captain A. N.W. Clark, Captain Shaw, Mr. T. C. Dewey, Rev. D. Tait, Mr. Coles Child, Mr. A. C. Norman, Mr. K. Chalmers, Dr. Cogswell, Alderman Davis, Mr. Healey, Mr. F. Gibbs, Mr. W. Hay, Mr. J. Hay, Mr. G. Loly, Colonel B. Latter, Alderman James, Mrs. James, Mr. T. Bennett, Dr. Scott, Dr. Codd, Mr. Alfred Wright (hon. treasurer), and Dr. J. H. Yolland (hon. secretary).

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

Mr. Montford Baker and those associated with him have always been happy in the choice of operas with which they have delighted Bromley audiences in the past, and at the same time raised funds for that grand institution, the Cottage Hospital, and on May 4th they fully maintained their reputation in this respect by the presentation of "Merrie England," an amusing and delightful opera (libretto by Basil Hood, music by E. German), which appeals to the popular taste quite as much as any of the works do that have ever been produced locally under the same auspices. Indeed, no one could wish for a more pleasantly humorous or more charmingly staged entertainment than that which was given in the Grand Hall on May 4th. There was a large and influential audience, and everybody went away perfectly delighted with everything they had seen and heard. The fact of Mr. Montford Baker being at the head of the affair was a guarantee that nothing would be wanting in the arrangements, and all the details were carefully planned and most admirably carried out. It was a wonderfully clever performance, and there was not a hitch of any kind during the evening.

"Merrie England" was first produced at the Savoy Theatre, London, on April 22nd, 1902, and the opera takes one back in imagination to the days of Good Queen Bess. A brilliant spectacle was presented by the various costumes, some of which were of a very beautiful description. There was plenty of colour, and the scenery was superb. It was a dashing performance from first to last. Much of the singing was excellent, the dancing was exceptionally fine, and better acting by amateurs has never been seen in this district.

The orchestra rendered noble service under the skilful conductorship of Mr. E. Henslow Orchard, hon. musical director. Mr. Albert H. Hutchinson ably occupied the position of hon. assistant stage manager, and Mr. F. Benson (hon. secretary), Mr. Stanley H. Nash (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Jenyns (accompanist) all did splendid work.

The dramatis personæ were as follows:—The Earl of Essex, Mr. Reginald R. France; Sir Walter Raleigh, Mr. Arthur F. Nye; Walter Wilkins (a player in Shakespeare's Company), Mr. F. W. Simmonds; Silas Simkins (another player), Mr. Montford Baker; Long Tom and Big Ben (Royal Foresters), Mr. J. M. Nussey and Mr. Ernest Nicholls; the Queen's Fool, Mr. H. B. Tuffil; a Butcher, Mr. Percy Nelson; a Baker, Mr. H. G. Loder; a Tinker, Mr. P. A. Hill; a Tailor, Mr. P. Simmonds; a Lord, Mr. F. H. Boyer; a Soldier, Mr. A. R. Langton; 1st Royal Page, Master W. Bennett; 2nd Royal Page, Master Noel Cook; Queen Elizabeth, Miss Olive Morris; Miss Bessie Throckmorton, Miss Mabel Hall King; Jill-All-Alone, Mrs. Stanley Nash; the May Queen, Mrs. Maxwell Hicks; Marjorie, Miss Evelina Lepper; Kate, Miss D. S. Gibson Mclagan; Lords, Ladies, Townsfolk, Soldiers, etc.

The performance was repeated on May 5th and 6th, but that announced for May 7th was postponed owing to the death of King Edward.

The Bromley Chronicle is a splendid advertising medium.

Mrs. Harriet Ann Brown, of Bromley, who died on April 10th, left £86,945.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

A large number of the friends of the Plaistow (Bromley) Company assembled at St. Mary's Church Hall—the Company headquarters—on April 27th. It was the occasion of the annual prize-giving and entertainment. Mr. John Y. Hay presided, and after reviewing the work of the Company, Mr. Hay called upon Mrs. Graty to present the medals and prizes. The latter were kindly provided by Rev. E. H. Lord, Mr. J. Y. Hay, Messrs. T. Tatham, C. W. L. Wright, R. Wickham, Councillor and Mrs. J. Botterill, Mr. and Mrs. Garcia, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Williams.

On May 16th the Rochester Regiment had a field day in the vicinity of Shipbourne, Hitchenborough, Yalding, Oxoath, Hadlow and Tonbridge. The detachments from Bromley consisted of 27 lads, staff-sergts. H. E. Stubbings, C. F. Garcia and Captain P. M. Williams, from Plaistow Co. St. Luke's, Bromley, 30 lads and band, under Captain P. W. Beauchamp, and 30 lads under Sergt.-major F. Carter, of St. Mary's, Shortlands. The chaplains of St. Luke's and St. Mary's, Shortlands, also accompanied the lads, viz., Rev. P. W. Kaye and Rev. S. G. Basset-Pyke. Upon detraining at Hildenborough at 11.15 a.m., the detachments were met by the St. Albans, Dartford, Church Scouts, Kippington Scouts, Sundridge Co., and Major Simms, commanding the 2nd Battalion Rochester Regiment.

The general scheme was that a hostile force had landed on the south coast and were advancing on London in a line extending from Tonbridge to Ashford. The defending force had a strong position extending from Sevenoaks to Maidstone, and a strong line of resistance between Shipbourne and Hadlow. The defending force, under Captain P. M. Williams, O.C. Plaistow Co., consisted of companies from Plaistow, St. Luke's and St. Mary's, Shortlands, and Sundridge. Another force, under Major Simmons, was supporting, in a strong position to the rear. The enemy consisted of Tonbridge, St. James' Tonbridge Wells, Chatham, and other companies, under Colonel Penefather, C.O. 1st Battalion Rochester Regiment. The defending force was not successful in repelling the advance of the invaders, who succeeded in getting past the line of resistance. The chief umpire was Major R. S. Johnson, R.S.O., Rochester Regt., assisted by Adjutant Langton. After the sham fight the Regiment marched into Hadlow for tea at 5 p.m. A short drumhead service was subsequently held, conducted by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge.

Major R. S. Johnson said in the course of his remarks that the work had been carried out very well. Also that officers and lads were entire strangers to the country and no more difficult piece of country could be found in Kent or Sussex. He praised the Church Scouts for the splendid way in which they had carried out their work, this being the first occasion upon which they had paraded with the Brigade, and it was surprising how the whole of the lads, with only one casualty, had covered the ground during the day, roughly about 17 miles. The Regiment, headed by the massed drummers, marched into Tonbridge with muffled drums.

The ambulance section of St. Mary's, Plaistow, fell in for some good work. They had a case of sunstroke, and carried a lad five miles into Tonbridge upon their stretcher.

The Bromley Companies entrained for home at 8.42, after spending an enjoyable day, arriving home at 11.15 p.m.

CHISLEHURST TERRITORIALS.

The following interesting report has been issued by Lieut. Oldendorff:—"The tradesmen of Chislehurst and Sidcup again came forward with a generous list of prizes, which were greatly appreciated. Since I made my last report on the Chislehurst Detachment, the same has been transferred from the Bromley Company to the new Company raised at Sidcup, which has its headquarters at Sidcup Hall, situated conveniently almost midway between the two places. The headquarters of the Chislehurst Section have been retained. In order to make this Company the best and strongest in Kent, appeal is made to everyone to lend their help, either by personal service or pecuniary assistance. Employers are especially asked to be good enough to grant their employees facilities for joining the force. It is also hoped that private residents will show their sympathy by inducing their gardeners, coachmen, etc., to join, even if at some small personal inconvenience. In order to offer as many inducements as possible to the members of the new Company, and to encourage recruiting, I am making a strong appeal to all the residents of Chislehurst and Sidcup to contribute towards the annual expenses of the prize shoot and general expenses of the Company. I take this opportunity of thanking all donors and subscribers for their liberality, which I venture to hope will be continued in the future."

ST. JOHN'S DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

The dedication festival in connection with St. John's Church, Bromley, was celebrated with much heartiness on May 1st. Bright hymns were sung, and the anthems, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth" (Gounod) and "How lovely are the messengers" (Mendelssohn) were nicely rendered Mr. A. Burton ably presiding at the organ. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and at mid-day, and in addition to the morning and evening services a children's service, conducted by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson, B.A. (curate of Bromley Parish Church) was held in the afternoon. The offertories were given to the fund for providing a chancel screen, by advice of the Church Council.

The preacher in the morning was the Vicar (Rev. Canon P. Barker, M.A.), who took two texts, "The house that is builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnifical" (I. Chronicles xxii., 5) and "Ye are the temple of the Living God" (II. Corinthians vi., 16), on which he founded a most appropriate discourse.

Associated with the Bromley Football Club's last whist drive of the season, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Mason's Hill, Bromley, on May 4th, was a highly interesting ceremony—namely, the presentation to Mr. S. G. Grayer (one of the most popular members of the team) of a handsome case of cutlery, subscribed for on the occasion of his wedding at Christmas.

STUDENTS' CONCERT.

The concert which was given in the Masonic Hall, Bromley, on April 21st by the pupils of Mr. T. Henry Jarvis and Miss Edith Jarvis, of the Academy of Music, 63, Tweedy-road, Bromley, was one upon which all concerned must be heartily congratulated. The students showed signs of having been carefully and thoroughly taught, and all entered with zest into the evening's work. Mr. T. H. Jarvis managed the concert, and the large company of parents and friends gave vent to their feelings of satisfaction in vigorous rounds of applause. In the first place, high praise must be given to the work of the orchestra, who performed with credit to themselves and to their conductor, Mr. Jarvis. They opened the concert with Haydn's Symphony, No. 6 (adagio cantabile and vivace), and closed the programme with the andante and allegro from the same tuneful work. They also played the delightful "Zampa" overture, by Herold as an introduction to the second part. Two performances that stood out pre-eminently were the pianoforte solo by Miss Edith Pollard (certificated R.A.M.), pupil of Mr. T. H. Jarvis, and the two violin solos by Miss Ruth Wingate (certificated R.A.M., honours), pupil of Miss Edith Jarvis. Miss Pollard played Paderewski's Minuett with considerable spirit as well as technical skill; and Miss Ruth Wingate scored a distinct success with Mozart's Minuett and Brown's Gavotte. She produced a very nice tone, and was particularly happy in the lively gavotte. Both artistes were rapturously applauded. The pianoforte solo, Fantasia in C (Handel) was cleverly played by Miss Ivy Harris (certificated R.A.M.). Master Pollard's violin solo, Allegro Vivace (Jansa) was a performance of much promise. Miss Edith Woodrow (certificated R.A.M.) entered into the spirit of Chopin's fine music, and ably executed his Nocturne as a pianoforte solo. The violin solos, Chant Sans Paroles (Tschaikowsky) and Gavotte (Grosse) were played with considerable success by Miss Linda Chiesman. The Misses Christine (certificated R.A.M.) and Mary Butler contributed a couple of pianoforte duets, Am Abend and Tarantella (Arnold Krug). They did their work in a very effective manner and won a good share of applause. The violin solo, Concerto No. 23—Rondo (Viotti) was played with much charm by Miss Phyllis Harding (certificated R.A.M.), and the attractiveness of the performance was greatly enhanced by the tasteful orchestral accompaniment. Elgar's stirring military march, in D, introducing the patriotic melody, "Land of Hope and Glory," was skilfully played as a pianoforte duet by the Misses J. and W. Cardwell (certificated R.A.M.), who were deservedly applauded. The first movement of Haydn's sonata, G Minor, No. 4, was creditably performed on the piano by Miss Annie Alexander (certificated R.A.M.). Master F. Broadley did very well indeed in the violin solo, Concerto, No. 23—Allegro (Viotti), with orchestral accompaniment. During the evening songs were admirably rendered by Madame Alice Gotelee (contralto), who gave "Piccaninny mine, good night" (Trotere) and "Smiles" (Kathleen Maxwell), and on each occasion she was enthusiastically recalled. Miss Edith Jarvis (solo violin) also contributed to the programme, and played in her usual admirable style De Beriot's second Fantasia-Ballet, Op. 105, which so pleased the audience that she was compelled to reappear. She performed this difficult work with delightful ease, and the quality of the tone stamped her as a true artiste. Mrs. George Parks and Mr. T. H. Jarvis were very efficient accompanists.

THE MAY QUEEN.

The public procession of the May Queen of Bromley and Hayes took place on May 7th, in brilliant sunshine over the country dressed "as once in May." The children assembled in the public gardens, next the Free Library, about three o'clock.

The procession consisted of a good number of gaily dressed school girls and a few little boys. There were eight banners and a "Jack-in-the-Green" (Miss Emily Page). In the first carriage rode the Maids of Honour—Misses Olive Bessant, Leila Lush and Doris Rump, all dressed in white silk. In the second carriage rode the May Queen, Miss Eva Marshall, aged thirteen, dressed in white silk frock, and wearing white shoes and stockings, and over her head and shoulders hung a soft veil of Russian net. She had around her head a crown of red and white flowers, with six pendants of flowers trailing from the crown over her hair and shoulders. In the one hand she held her sceptre, with the other she scattered flowers along the road. Master Attle was her page.

The May Queen and most of the girls wore black rosettes or black bows out of respect for the Royal mourning, the news of which came too late to postpone the festival.

There were a good many spectators all along the line of route and hundreds of children present. At Hayes the maypole was in the field kindly allowed open to the public for the fourth year by Mr. Harrod.

Mr. Deedy before the performance started pointed to a large black bow on the maypole, and said that sufficiently told the tale of why the festival should have been postponed. But he thought the children would remember the day with more tenderness by letting them finish their festival.

They then sang the chorus of the National Anthem, which, hardly applicable, was the only expression of patriotism they knew. The Fairy Queen, Miss Lizzie Herrington, then bade the ex-Queen, Miss Elsie Robinson, to crown the May Queen. Afterwards followed a couple of songs, and two or three maypole dances, and the May Queen's speech.

Much of the success of this year's festival was due to the co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Moate and the pupils of the Bromley Common School, who rallied round their schoolfellow—the May Queen—not only by getting her the highest votes but by seeing to her honour till the finish.

Mr. Deedy feels that if all the schools took part in this festival and a committee of helpers were formed to superintend special parts, it would at once become most popular. Those who would be willing to do this for next year should send their names to him at 62, Bromley Common.

Mr. Ralph James Fremlin, of Heathfield, Maidstone, and of Messrs. Fremlin Brothers, brewers and maltsters, actively interested in philanthropic and religious work, and an earnest advocate of temperance, left estate valued at £117,692 gross, with net personalty £105,877.

S. MARY MEN'S HOUR.

The annual general meeting of the St. Mary Men's Hour was held at the Church Hall, Farwig-lane, on May 3rd. The Vicar (Rev. W. Gowans) presided.

The Vicar said their first duty was the election of an hon. secretary. Mr. Threadgold had carried out the duties very ably from the commencement of the movement five years ago to the present time, and he trusted that he would continue to do so for many years to come.

Mr. Loly said he had great pleasure in moving the re-election of Mr. Threadgold.

Mr. H. J. Wilson seconded, and the re-election was carried amid applause.

A letter was read from Mr. R. F. Measor, resigning his position as hon. treasurer

On the motion of Mr. H. P. Steer, seconded by Mr. R. Gibbs, Mr. Trevor J. Tatham was elected to the vacant treasurership.

Mr. H. Reeves, Mr. H. S. Harden and Mr. C. Garcia were next elected to fill the three vacancies on the committee.

CENTRAL HALL.

On hearing of the deeply lamented death of King Edward VII., Mr. W. J. Gibbs, the hon. secretary, delayed the printing of the bills concerning the Whit-Monday attractions at the Central Hall, Bromley, wondering if he should have the usual Bank Holiday entertainments which in past years have been so greatly enjoyed by the large numbers who have been present, but after reading the thoughtful message from King George V., who hoped that the general mourning would not prevent his people from taking advantage of the various opportunities afforded them for rest, relaxation and amusement during Whitsuntide, Mr. Gibbs felt that it would be wise to make the holiday as bright as possible for young and old.

Four entertainments were given on Whit-Monday, in the morning at 11, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and in the evening at 5.45, and again at 7.30. The evening programme was of a special character, and included such attractive items as songs, piano, violin and 'cello solos and trios by Miss Clara and the Brothers Cherniavsky, recitals by Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved, and an exhibition of modern magic and ventriloquism by Mr. Fred. Vallance, from Bristol. Prior to Whit-Monday the three Brothers Cherniavsky had paid twelve visits to the Central Hall and played before 15,000 delighted men and women; and the opportunity of again hearing this talented trio was readily seized by the townspeople, with the result that the building was well filled for the evening entertainment.

Mr. Fred Vallance was eminently successful with his exhibition of modern magic and ventriloquism; and these "turns" were amongst the most entertaining in the programme. Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved was deservedly recalled for his humorous recital "Jud Browning on Rubenstein's Playing," his second piece being "If I were King," which was given with splendid dramatic effect. His character sketch, "The Workhouse Man" (Chevalier) was a very pathetic performance. The entertainment closed with an exhibition of humorous animated pictures shown by Mr. Charles Waters.

WELTE-MIGNON PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

On May 5th, notwithstanding counter attractions, a fairly large audience assembled in the Masonic Hall, Mason's Hill, Bromley, at the invitation of Messrs. Steinway and Sons, to hear a recital by the world-famous "Welte-Mignon," and those present were entertained to a rich musical treat. The Welte-Mignon is an instrument which reproduces, without the aid of hand or foot, the renderings of our greatest living pianists, and it reproduces them in such a way as to record faithfully the individual touch, tone and pedalling of each of the artists. And not only does it work with wonderful accuracy, but (as Mr. Henry J. Wood says) the mind of the artist seems to actually make itself felt at the back of it all. The Welte reproduction instruments are supplied in three different models, all three playing in the same way the same music without the aid of hand or foot—Welte-Mignon, complete in itself, upright piano, without keyboard; Steinway-Welte, upright piano with keyboard, can therefore be used as an ordinary piano as well; Welte-Cabinet (latest and newest development), which can be adjusted to any piano, grand or upright. At the Masonic Hall on May 5th, the Welte player was adjusted to a Steinway orchestral grand pianoforte, and those present had the exquisite pleasure of hearing interpretations by such masters as Lamond, Carreno, Paderewski, Mero and Lhevinne. "Wonderful!" "Marvellous!" "Grand!" were the expressions used by the delighted audience. It is truly an extraordinary invention. Carreno says "it is the most amazing of all inventions which have hitherto been made in the field of musical instruments." The reproduction of each composition was so amazingly true to the original, both as to merely technical expression and in regard to the musically poetical element that it really created the delusion of having the artist personally in the room and of listening to his own execution. The programme included the following gems:—Concert Etude, D flat major (Liszt), Nocturne, "Liebestraum" (Liszt), played by Frederick Lammond; VI. Rhapsodie (Liszt), Valse (Carreno), played by Carreno; Ballade A flat (Chopin), Menuett (Paderewski), played by Paderewski; Staccato Caprice (Vogrich), II. Rhapsodie (Liszt), played by Yolanda Mero; Valse, Arabesque on "Blue Danube" (Schulz-Evler), played by Josef Lhevinne. The audience became very enthusiastic and applauded with much warmth after each number. In addition, Miss Dora Eshelby sang with exquisite taste the "Jewel Song" from "Faust" (Gounod), "Angels Guard Thee" (Godard), and "A May Morning" (Denza); and Herr Hans Neumann (violinist) played, with faultless technique, the following choice works: Preslied from "Die Meistersinger (Wagner-Wilhelmj), Hungarian Dance, No. 1 (Brahms-Joachim); Romance, F Major (Ries), and Hungarian Dance, No. 2 (Brahms-Joachim). The accompaniments as well as the piano solos were played by the "Welte," without the aid of hand or foot. Miss Eshelby and Herr Hans Neumann were loudly applauded. Full particulars of the Welte reproduction instruments can be had of Messrs. Steinway and Sons, Steinway Hall, London, W.

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER AT ORPINGTON.

The Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Harmer) visited Orpington on May 25th, and administered the rite of confirmation to 21 male candidates and 34 females at the Parish Church in the presence of a large congregation. The clergy present in robes included the Vicar of Orpington (the Rev. Dunstan May), who read the preface to the Order of Confirmation, the Vicar of St. Mary Cray (the Rev. E. Ball), who read the lesson, the Rev. Canon Chapman (St. Paul's Cray), the Rev. J. Gregory (St. Mary Cray), the Rev. A. E. Hall, and the Rev. H. F. G. Curgenven (Orpington). The Vicar of Rosherville (the Rev. Fisher) was acting chaplain to the Bishop. Of the candidates 26 were presented from Orpington, 23 from St. Mary Cray, three from Chelsfield, and one each from Foots Cray, St. Paul's Cray and Sevenoaks.

The Bishop, in addressing the candidates before confirmation, remarked that the laying-on of hands was a pledge of strength to them, as the Lord Jesus Christ laid His hands upon sick people and healed them. The laying-on of hands in confirmation was also intended to show in figure the gift of the Holy Spirit, and that they were sealed by the Holy Spirit, being set apart. They (the candidates) were asked to centre their thoughts for a few moments upon the subject of anointing and the setting apart, that was their being chosen by God for their special work and service in life. In early times prophets, priests and kings were anointed to their high office. When Christ spoke of His being anointed it was of course in figure; but as far as earthly anointing was concerned it marked the setting apart of special work, and it was for the Holy Spirit to perform the work of anointing. It was essentially the Holy Spirit's work. They had in this country passed from the reign of one King to that of another, and within a few months there would, he presumed, be the ceremony of the Coronation of the King. The placing of the crown upon the King's head was not in early days the chief or central act, but the anointing of the sovereign; and that was still regarded as an important act in connection with the Coronation ceremony. This showed in figure the setting apart of the King for his high office. In putting the question commencing, "Do ye here, in the presence of God," the Bishop said this applied to all candidates, whether they had been baptised with sponsors or not.

After the laying on of hands, Dr. Harmer emphasised the points of his earlier remarks with regard to the setting apart for Christian service and the gift of the Holy Ghost as enjoyed in confirmation. It was by the Holy Spirit that they were chosen for their high service and special work. They might ask what was the special work for which they were set apart. The answer was that they had been chosen to become prophets, priests and kings. That they could be prophets he proceeded to show. It was a great mistake to suppose that God's ancient prophets were "foretellers" only; they were "forthtellers" as well. That was, they declared the will of God; they make known the will of God to men, and this was what those who had just been confirmed could do. They could set forth God before their fellow men. Then they must stand up against the wrong and do battle for the truth. They must come out into the open for Christ; it was simply cowardice to retire into the background. Then they must take up the work of priests in regard to intercession. They must pray for the blessing of their Church on foreign missions, and for God's people everywhere. In the Church the people had their part in the prayers and in the service; in the Nonconformist churches it was quite different; the minister did it all. Their Church service was the best of any of the Eastern or Western Churches, and in it the people had a right and privilege to take their part. They had a perfect right to complain if the clergy so mumbled their part that the people could not understand what was being said, and on the other hand the clergy had a right to complain if the people did not take up their part as they should do. They were, therefore, set apart for priestly work in the church and in the home. Here there should be family prayer, and the home should become the house of God. Theirs was also a kingly service—service that should make kings as well as priests for God, and which, if they but persevered, would end in their receiving the victor's crown.

In the course of the service the Veni Creator was sung, and the hymn, "Fight the good fight." Mr. Cole presided at the organ.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

There was a large congregation at St. Mark's Church, Bromley, on May 7th, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ. It was to have been a joyful service, and arrangements had been made accordingly, but the death of the King necessitated an alteration in the programme, including the omission of the recital which was to have been given by Mr. Bertram Luard-Selby, Mus. Doc., organist of Rochester Cathedral. Nunc Dimittis was substituted for Te Deum Laudamus, and Psalm 90 was used instead of Psalm 150. The service was feelingly and impressively conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), assisted by the Rev. S. E. Osborne, M.A. There was a full choir in attendance.

JACKSON ALLOTMENT HOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the Jackson Allotment holders, coupled with which was the interesting ceremony of the presentation of prizes to the most successful holders, was held at the Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common, on April 29, Mrs. A. P. Jackson presiding. There were also present:—The Vicar of St. Luke's (Rev. C. C. Gosselin), Mr. Lionel Jackson, Councillor J. Williams, Mr. W. Judd (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. Townsend (the excellent hon. secretary), and most of the allotment holders.

Mr. Lionel Jackson presented the prizes as follows:—

Best Kept Allotments.—1, Mr. Humphrey, 85 points; 2, Mr. Carpenter, 77; 3, Mr. J. Smith, 71; 4, Mr. F. Crow, 62; 5, Mr. W. Holton, 59; 6, Mr. P. Thorn, 51; 7, Mr. G. Fleet, 50; 8, Mr. J. Bloomfield, 49; 9, Mr. S. Tedman, 47.

Best Pigs.—1, Mr. L. Humphrey; 2, Mr. J. Townsend; 3, Mr. J. Elliott; 4, Mr. G. Collins.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the judges, Messrs. McGlashan, King, Neighbour and Rüegg, and also to the donors of prizes, comprising Mrs. A. P. Jackson, Mr. Lionel Jackson, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. F. C. Forde, Alderman G. Lawrence, Mr. Edwin Beer, Mr. R. Creed and Mr. Jayes.

WILLIAM PITT, THE YOUNGER.

HIS INTIMACY WITH THE GREAT SLAVE EMANCIPATOR.

(Reprinted from the "Bromley Telegraph.")

May 28th was the anniversary of the birth of William Pitt, the younger, who rose to be one of the most famous statesmen in English history. The date is also remarkable for the fact that, 32 years ago, Lord John Russell, another statesman who played a distinguished part in political affairs, passed away from the scene of his labours and activities. Both statesmen lived in stirring times, when the French Revolution cast its baleful shadow over the nations of Europe and the ambition of Napoleon caused so much bloodshed. But it is with the career of Pitt, in one or two of its aspects, that the writer wishes to bring before the minds of his readers, for Pitt was a man of Kent, being born at Bromley on May 28th, 1759. His associations, too, with the high-minded philanthropist, William Wilberforce, who laboured so long and so zealously for the overthrow of the slave trade, may be of interest to readers.

Pitt was the second son of Earl Chatham, and soon made his mark in the political world. He was not such a brilliant orator as his father, whose speeches were tinged with genius and poetic and passionate rapture. But Pitt was nevertheless a public speaker of extraordinary merit. Coleridge, a no mean judge, declared that "he had a power of pouring forth with endless felicity perfectly modulated sentences of perfectly chosen language, which as far surpassed the reach of a normal intellect as the feats of an acrobat exceed the capacities of a normal body." Pitt also possessed a sonorous voice; a figure and bearing which, though stiff and ungainly, were singularly dignified; an inexhaustible copiousness of grandiloquent phrase; a peculiar vein of sarcasm, which froze like ice and cut like steel—these were some of the characteristics of the oratory which from 1782 to 1806 at once awed and fascinated the House of Commons. It may appropriately be mentioned here that in 1784 Pitt was returned for the University of Cambridge, which seat he retained till his death on Jan. 23rd, 1806. Fox, his life-long rival in public affairs, paid a generous tribute to him when he said, "I never want a word, but Mr. Pitt always has at command the right word." It was little wonder that, possessing these qualities, Pitt rose rapidly to fame and power. He was only 25 years of age when he became Prime Minister. The opponents of the new administration were many and its downfall in a short time was confidently predicted. Indeed the opposition papers of the day defied Pitt "in spite of the assistance he receives from the eloquence of Mr. Wilberforce." The prevalent opinion is aptly summed up in the following remark made by Mrs. Crewe to Wilberforce. "So your friend Mr. Pitt means to come in. Well, he may do what he likes during the holiday, but it will be only a mince-pie administration, depend upon it." But Pitt, unmoved alike by threats and provocations, held on his course, and remained at the head of the Government for the long period of 17 years.

The high rank which Pitt occupies among the statesmen of his age was undoubtedly achieved through his great financial ability. At least that was a potent factor in determining his reputation, and it is only possible within the compass of a short article like this to briefly point out one or two reforms which he introduced. When Pitt came into power he turned his attention to the finances of the country, which were in grave disorder. The interest of the funded debt, the civil list appropriated duties, and the expenses of the service exceeded the permanent taxes by two millions, and there was an unfunded debt of about 14 millions, of which the bills were at 15 to 20 per cent. discount. Towards funding this debt he issued a loan of £6,500,000, for he would not disturb the money market by going too fast. At the same time he consulted the interest of the country by taking the then novel step of offering the loan for public tender and accepting the most advantageous terms. The duty on tea he reduced from 119 to 12½ per cent. ad valorem, providing for the anticipated loss by imposing a window tax. This bold stroke made Pitt's reputation as a financier. In 1785 Pitt brought forward a scheme for the reduction of the National Debt. He rightly regarded the debt as an excessive burden on the country, and in that belief declared it better for the country to borrow at a high than at a low rate of interest. Having a surplus of revenue of nearly a million, he proposed that a million a year should be placed in the hands of commissioners to be applied to the reduction of the debt, and to it should be added the interest of the sums so redeemed; that this "sinking fund" should be out of the control of the Government, and that its operation should continue whatever the financial condition of the country should be. This scheme was ultimately adopted, and by 1793 ten and a quarter millions of debt had thus been paid off, a striking tribute to Pitt's perspicacity. The consolidation of the port and excise duties, and the produce of other taxes into one fund was an important fiscal improvement which stands to his credit, and showed his mastery of intricate financial problems. Other instances of this could be cited, but the writer must now pass on to briefly sketch the delightful intimacy which existed between the great Minister and the distinguished philanthropist, Wilberforce, which friendship was only severed by the hand of death.

Pitt and Wilberforce were both Fellows at the same University—Cambridge, and there formed a slight acquaintance. Wilberforce, who had ample private means, determined, upon leaving the 'Varsity, to enter public life, for which he was well fitted, and accordingly went up to London. During the year 1780 he resided in lodgings in the Adelphi, and constantly frequented the gallery of the House of Commons. Naturally he often fell in with Pitt, then serving the same apprenticeship in public life, and the acquaintanceship, which had been commenced at Cambridge, soon ripened into intimacy. Wilberforce was a great frequenter of clubs, and was a member of one which held its gatherings on the premises of a man named Gostree—a site which is now occupied by the Shakespeare Gallery. The friends often used to be seen there with other kindred spirits, some of whom made their mark in public life, and Wilberforce has thus sketched his friend as he appeared in the social circle: "Pitt was the most amusing of the party and the readiest and most apt in the required allusion. He entered with the same energy into all our different amusements—we played a good deal at Grostree's; I well remember the intense earnestness which he displayed when joining in these games of chance. He perceived their increasing

fascination, and soon after suddenly abandoned them for ever."

Wilberforce and Eliot, who was a kinsman, went on a tour in France in 1783, and Pitt joined with them. They had an amusing experience at Rheims, where a question arose as to their credentials. For a long time they were in a quandary until they managed to enlist the services of an intendant of Police, who took them to the Abbé Lazeard, who satisfied himself as to their identity, and proved himself a good friend to them. One of the complaints of Pitt was: "Here we are in the middle of Champagne, and we cannot get any tolerable wine." The good Abbé replied, "Dine with me tomorrow, and you shall have the best wine the country can afford." The Abbé was as good as his word.

Wilberforce, who rapidly made his way into public favour, was able in a short time to render Pitt effective assistance in the House of Commons as member for the County of Yorkshire; and his brilliant eloquence was of incalculable help to Pitt in keeping his opponents at bay after becoming Premier. In 1787 Wilberforce, who had embraced the Christian faith, devoted himself publicly to the abolition of the slave trade, and from the first had the hearty support and co-operation of Pitt. Both by speech and letter Pitt did all he could to forward the movement, and at one critical period in its history, when Wilberforce was stricken down with illness which seemed likely to prove fatal, Pitt undertook, at the request of his friend, to take up the work if he did not recover. Happily the life of the great champion was spared to deal the death-blow to the iniquitous human traffic. But it would be tedious and unprofitable, and somewhat out of the scope of this article to go further into the history of the struggle. The writer's object has been to outline the friendship of two remarkable men, whose tastes were similar in many respects, and who, in their individual spheres did yeoman service to the State and to the community at large. Wilberforce survived his friend, and at the funeral of Pitt was one of the bearers of the banner which was borne behind the coffin.

Mr. George Henry Faber, of Kinloch, Fox Grove, Beckenham, Liberal M.P. for Boston, Lincolnshire, 1906-1909, for some years a member of the committee of Lloyds, and until lately a director of Messrs. Willis, Faber and Co., Ltd., insurance brokers, a director of the Kinta Tin Mines, Ltd., and other tin companies, left estate valued at £111,283 gross, with net personalty £102,270. He bequeathed £100 to Lloyd's Benevolent Fund; £100 to each in or out door servant of ten years' service; £50 to each in or out door servant of five years' service.

Lecture.—On May 23rd at the Bromley High School (by kind permission of Miss Hodge, M.A.) the first of a course of lectures on "La Litterature et les Litterateurs au temps de Napoleon Ier" was given before an appreciative audience by Mademoiselle Pécontal. A most accomplished lady, she dealt with her first subject, "Les Bonapartes, la famille du grand homme," with refreshing lucidity. The lectures will be given on successive Monday evenings till July 11th. Those desiring tickets should apply to Miss Hodge, the High School; or Mademoiselle Pécontal, 20a, Queen's-road, Bayswater, W.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.

MISS O. T. GILZEAN-REID AND MR. D. L. AMAN.

The wedding took place very quietly at Hendon Parish Church on May 16th of Mr. Dudley Leigh Aman, R.M.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Aman, of Chislehurst, and Miss Octable Turquet Gilzean-Reid, daughter of Sir Hugh Gilzean-Reid, of Tenterden Hall, Hendon, N.W.

The church was tastefully decorated with white flowers, and the service was choral, and was performed by the Rev. S. E. Chettoe, the Rector. There were two bridesmaids—Miss Lesley Aman (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Dorothy Stephenson—dressed alike in soft white satin, and wearing tulle veils over wreaths of iris, instead of hats, while to each the bridegroom gave a gold ornament pendant, in the form of the regimental crest, and a bunch of white lilies, tied with purple ribbons.

In the unavoidable absence of Sir Hugh Gilzean-Reid, the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Potter, and she wore a simple dress of soft white satin, the bodice draped with Limerick lace, while the old lace veil she wore was lent by Mrs. Aman, the bridegroom's mother, and covered a spray of orange blossoms and heather in her hair. Mr. J. W. Seigne, R.M.L.I., was the best man.

Only a few near relatives and very intimate friends were present at the wedding, although the church was filled with holiday-makers.

There was no reception afterwards, and early in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Aman left for Merton Moor End, Cleveland, Yorks, lent to them for the honeymoon by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reid, the bride's brother and sister-in-law.

NATIONAL COMPETITION AWARDS.

At the annual prize distribution of the Beckenham School of Art the national competition awards were presented as follows:—

Still Life (oils), silver medal and prize £1.—Hilda S. Wedekind, Shortlands.

Book Illustration (book prize £1).—Reginald H. Baxter, Beckenham.

Still Life (water colour), book prize £1.—May B. Baker, Bromley.

Design (book prize £1).—Lilian Howland, Chislehurst.

Drawings of Hands (book prize £1).—Chris. G. Temple, Beckenham.

Studies from Life.—Highly commended, Reginald H. Baxter, Beckenham, and Alfred H. Blackman, Beckenham.

Drawing of Plants.—Highly commended, Constance Kendall, Beckenham.

Book Illustration.—Highly commended, Edward Lohmeyer, Beckenham.

Design.—Highly commended, Charlotte I. Skinner, Bromley, and Frank Watts, Beckenham.

Portrait Head (oils).—Highly commended, Hilda S. Wedekind, Shortlands.

The Black and White Club prizes were awarded to:—Chris. G. Temple, Beckenham; Reginald H. Baxter, Beckenham; Maud Ballantyne, Bromley; Roy Neldrett, Beckenham; Dorothy Legge, Beckenham; Ernest Dawe, Beckenham.

Local Obituary.

MR. ROBERT HENRY COOPER.

It is with deep regret that we have this month to record the death of a well-known and highly respected tradesman in the person of Mr. Robert Henry Cooper, who had carried on business as a corn merchant in Bromley for 34 years, the deceased gentleman having succeeded his father in the business in 1876. With painful suddenness, Mr. Cooper passed away on May 5th, the cause of death being syncope. He was 64 years of age. Mr. Cooper was a very popular resident, and will be greatly missed in the town. His geniality and kind heartedness endeared him to all classes. He did an immense amount of good in a quiet and unostentatious way. Mr. Cooper leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place on May 9th, at the cemetery in London-road, and the principal mourners were: Messrs. Lester and Charles Cooper (sons), Mr. George Cooper (brother), Messrs. Sydney and Leslie Cooper (nephews), Mr. Robert Wright (nephew), Mr. Ward Dawe (friend) and Dr. Ilott (medical attendant). The service was conducted in a very impressive manner by Canon Peter Barker, M.A., Vicar of St. John's Bromley. Many beautiful wreaths were received.

The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. G. Pyrke, of Bromley.

MR. C. ROBERTS.

His many friends were grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Charles Roberts, of the "Lord Homesdale," Homesdale-road, Bromley, the licence of which he had held for only twelve months. He passed away on May 5th, the cause of death being pneumonia. The funeral took place on May 10th at Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow, amid every mark of respect. The principal mourners were:—Mrs. Amelia Crowe (daughter), Mrs. Robinson (daughter), Mr. Charles Roberts (son), Mr. T. Crowe (son-in-law), Mr. F. W. Crowe (representing Mr. T. Crowe, sen.), Mr. W. Downes, Mr. H. Grinell, Mrs. Cupitt, Mr. A. Adams, Mr. J. D. Kincey, Mr. P. Thomas and Mr. J. B. Botterill (officers of the Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society), Mr. Brown, Mr. Tong and Mr. Greed. Lovely floral tributes were received from the following:—Amelia (daughter), Tom Crowe (son-in-law), Violet (granddaughter), Mr. and Mrs. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mr. Garner, Mr. Brown, Homesdale Loan Club, Brothers of the General Roberts Lodge R.A.O.B., Mr. and Mrs. A. Marsh, Mr. Worger, Mr. Judd, the Central Board Protection Society, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Cupitt, Mr. and Mrs. F. Crowe, Mr. Crowe, sen., and Eugie, Mr. and Mrs. Boyall, Charles (son), Annie (daughter), Polly (granddaughter), Mr. and Mrs. G. Buckland, Miss Russell and Bert (Greyhound), staff of the Lord Homesdale, Mr. J. Willett, the Borough of Bromley Licensed Victuallers' Protection Society, and Sir Blundell Lodge R.A.O.B. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass fittings. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to and satisfactorily carried out by Mr. G. Pyrke, of High-street, Bromley.

MR. GEORGE HARLOW.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Harlow (whose death at the age of 56 occurred on April 27th, at 43, Valley-road, Streatham) took place at St. Mary Cray Cemetery on April 30th, in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends. The burial service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary Cray (the Rev. E. Ball), and several of the residents of the neighbourhood who knew Mr. Harlow during his residence at Rosecroft, St. Mary Cray, were present at the graveside. Mr. Harlow was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Harlow, of Skeet Hill Farm, and brother of Mr. Thomas Harlow, who now lives at Skeet Hill. The deceased gentleman was well-known in the St. Mary Cray district 18 years ago, when he was in the habit of assisting at nearly all the local concerts organised for charitable purposes. His remains were laid to rest with those of a daughter who passed away while the family were living at St. Mary Cray. The deceased gentleman had been a Mason for many years, and some of the members of the craft were present at the graveside and threw sprigs of acacia upon the coffin, which was covered by many lovely floral tokens of appreciation and esteem.

MR. W. EVEREST.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Everest, 1, Horsley-road, Bromley, for 25 years the esteemed secretary of the Loyal Orphans' Friend Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, M.U., South London District. He had been in failing health for a considerable period, and the end came on May 11th. Mr. Everest had lived in Bromley about 50 years and was held in great respect.

MR. WILLIAM EPSOM.

The death of Mr. William Epsom, late of Derry Downs, St. Mary Cray, and of Anglesea-road, Orpington, occurred on May 22nd, at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, at Penge. Mr. Epsom, who was 79 years of age, was for many years well known in Orpington and Crays district. He was a native of the place, and was for a long period a foreman in Messrs. William Joynson and Son's Paper Mill. His chief work in public life had been in association with friendly society development, and he was one of the founders of the St. Mary Cray District of Manchester Unity of Oddfellows at the time when the Pride of Kent Lodge at St. Mary Cray and the Flower of Kent Lodge at Foots Cray separated themselves from the Dartford District, more than 40 years ago. Mr. Epsom and Mr. I. Whatson, of St. Mary Cray, were brothers in arms at that period, and their services were in after years publicly recognised by the presentation of suitable testimonials. The deceased held the post of secretary to the Pride of Kent Lodge (M.U.) for many years, and he was succeeded by Mr. A. J. Sheene, of Chislehurst.

We congratulate Mr. Frank Seward, sub-librarian of Bromley, on his promotion to the position of chief Librarian of Oswestry. He was selected out of 87 applicants, and succeeds the late Mr. T. N. Diamond. Mr. Seward has been connected with public library work in Bromley since the inauguration of the movement here in 1894. He has performed his duties in a highly satisfactory manner and thoroughly deserves his promotion. Mr. Seward will take up his duties at Oswestry on July 1st, and we wish him every success in his new sphere.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

A delightful entertainment was given before a large and highly appreciative audience in the Village Hall, Chislehurst, on April 23rd. The programme opened with a capable performance of a couple of trios for pianoforte, violin and 'cello (Schütt) by the Misses E. Alston, Margetson and Hunt. Mr. Spencer Clays interpretation of "Take a pair of sparkling eyes," from "The Gondolier," was admirable, and he sang "Mountain Lovers" (Squire with equal effect. Mrs. E. H. Gibson gave a charming rendering of Leoni's "A Spring Song." Miss F. White charmed her hearers with her singing of "Still wie die nacht," and Miss E. Johnson was heard to much advantage in "Habanera," from "Carmen." Mr. Jamieson Dodds made the most of his songs, "Adoration" (Thelma) and "The Toreador Song" (Bizet), and the dancing of Miss Leslie Aman and the 'cello solos of Miss E. D. Hunt were likewise keenly appreciated. Miss Alston, Miss Margetson and Miss Hunt were very successful in further musical trios from Brahms' "Hungarian Dances." The feature of the evening was, however, the production of a comedy, in two scenes, entitled "Cupid Weeps," by the Rev. Cecil Page, whose efforts at dramatic authorship resulted in loud and insistent calls for "author," when the curtain fell. The little comedy was an unqualified success, and the parts were sustained as follows:—Mary Wood, Ellen Wood (daughters of Julius Wood, Esq., J.P., of Tennice Court Manor House), Miss Tiarks and Mrs. Tallent; Maria Toxton (a strong advocate of Women's Rights), Mrs. E. H. Gibson; John Brownlow (of the Foreign Office), Mr. Warburton Gamble; Pat Herd (of the War Office), Mr. P. D. Hodsoll; Major Stavis (of the 118th Dismounted Cavalry), Mr. W. McKewan.

An interesting meeting was held at Chislehurst on May 3rd, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Critchison, when Mrs. W. Vinson, of Chislehurst, gave an effective address on "Not this man, but Barabbas." A graphic description of the condition of Jerusalem at the time of our Lord's crucifixion was given, and of the state of public feeling in regard to Him which resulted in His death on the Cross, and the liberation of Barabbas. The same problem faced young people to-day, they must decide between Christ and Barabbas. The latter may mean self-pleasure, or the world. The choice must be made. Weighty reasons were given in a most persuasive and convincing manner to influence the members of the Guild to surrender to Christ as their Lord and Master. The address was listened to with marked attention, and the keenest interest was manifest. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Rev. J. Critchison, on behalf of the members of the Guild, presented Miss Linnington with a gold Guild Badge and chain. Much of the success of the Guild is due to the zealous and devoted work of Miss Linnington as secretary, and testimony was borne to the high opinion in which she is held by all, both as regards her personal character and ungrudging service.

DOWNE.

On April 30th the Downe Village Club wound up their winter season with a social evening. Mr. Saunders had arranged an excellent programme, and Mr. John Hayward, of Farnborough, rendered splendid service at the piano. He also sang three or four songs, and his performance gave great pleasure. Mr. Sales sang two songs, and was recalled for each, and Mr. Udall was encored for his song, "Love me and the world is mine." Two recitations by Mr. Wheatley were most effective. Mr. Saunders sang "The Spy" and "Anchored." Mr. Solomon and Mr. Crittell followed, the former with the ever-popular "Anybody here seen Kelly." Messrs. Day, Blake and Clark also contributed to the pleasure of the audience, as did also Mr. John Ellis, whose comic songs met with ringing cheers, and his concluding step-dance was a most clever performance. During the interval refreshments were served, and an interesting incident of the evening was the presentation of a silver-mounted umbrella by the club to the hon. secretary. In a suitable speech, Mr. Blake testified to the success of the club season, and asked the secretary to accept the present. The recipient gratefully acknowledged the gift, and expressed himself highly pleased with the kindly feeling existing among the club members.

ORPINGTON.

The chastely-designed figure of Christ in choice mosaics placed on either side of the chancel window of Orpington Parish Church, in memory of the late Mrs. Ellen Howard, the devoted wife of Mr. H. B. Howard, of Bark Hart, are now complete, and exposed to the view of the congregation. Upon a small scroll across the figure on the north side are the words, "I am the bread of life," and across the figure on the south side a similar scroll with the words, "I am the true vine," upon it. The whole of the work has been beautifully executed, and the Redeemer is represented in triumphant form. The following inscription also appears on a small tablet on the north side of the church, by the side of the vestry door: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Ellen Howard, who lived for many years at Bark Hart, in this parish, and entered into her rest on the 28th February, 1909, the eastern wall of this church was decorated by her husband and children."

ST. MARY CRAY.

The ninth annual concert of the Pride of Shoreham Lodge of the St. Mary Cray District (Manchester Unity) was held in the Council School, Shoreham, on May 4th, and proved a great success. Mrs. Catherine Higgs (gold medallist, L.R.A.M.), of St. Mary Cray, was the solo pianist, and Miss Winifred Boult (gold medallist, A.R.C.M.) the principal vocalist, while Miss Dorothy Shadwell, who is well-known at St. Mary Cray, was the elocutionist. The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

"The Bromley Chronicle" is the best and cheapest medium in this district for small advertisements of the "Want" kind.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in August, between Ethel Mary Kennett, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Woldemar O. Kennett, of Elmstead Glade, Chislehurst, and Mr. Charles E. Brown, fourth son of the late R. Stanford Brown, of Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley.

Births.

BARNES.—On the 19th April, at Hayes, the wife of Reginald G. Barnes, of a daughter.

CAZEAUX.—On the 12th May, at Dulce, Bromley, the wife of Raymond J. Cazeaux, of a son.

ELLIOTT.—On the 21st May, at Cheriton, Sevenoaks, the wife of Thomas Campbell Elliott, of a son.

HARMER.—On the 15th May, at The Cottage, Park-hill-road, Sidcup, the wife of Percy J. Harmer, of a daughter.

HODGSON.—On the 4th May, at Grove Cottage, Palace-grove, Bromley, the wife of Edward Highton, Hodgson, of a son.

LEWIS.—On the 20th April, at 3, Hope Park, Bromley, the wife of Sidney C. Lewis, of a son.

MARTIN.—On the 10th May, at Queen's-road, Beckenham, the wife of James Henry Martin, of a daughter.

MITCHELL.—On the 26th April, at 45, Cromwell-road, Beckenham, the wife of T. Forbes T. Mitchell, of a daughter.

ORCHARD.—On the 3rd May, at Stanhope Villas, Bromley, the wife of E Henslow Orchard, of a son.

PIPKIN.—On the 6th May, at "Eversleigh," Priestlands Park-road, Sidcup, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pipkin - a daughter.

SCOTT.—On the 29th April, at Ridgefield, Pinewood-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. F. Scott - a son.

SELBY.—On the 21st inst., at The Barn, Bickley, the wife of Fred. Kesteven Selby, of twin sons.

STEPHENSON.—On the 25th April, at West Wickham, the wife of Frank L. Stephenson, of a daughter.

WEHRLI.—On the 1st May, at Westbourne-street, Hove, the wife of Charles Alexander Wehrli, of a son.

Marriages.

HUGHES—GINN.—On the 25th April, at Sydenham Wesleyan Church, by the Rev. E. Theodore Carrier, Charles Morland Cunynghame, youngest son of the late General C. J. Hughes, Bengal Staff Corps, to Elsie Louise, second daughter of Alfred Durant Ginn, Esq., of Sydenham.

OLLETT—TOONE.—On the 30th April, at S. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C., by the Rev. Edgar Rogers, M.A., Vicar of the Parish, George William Ollett, eldest son of the late George Palmer Ollett, of Beckenham, to Katie Constance, second daughter of Samuel Toone, of Bishopton, Shortlands.

Deaths.

ALLEN.—On the 18th May, at 23, Merton-street, Oxford, formerly of Salcombe, Chislehurst, Margaret Agnets, beloved wife of Arthur John Allen, and daughter of the late H. D. C. Satow.

FARNELL.—On the 22nd April, at 10, Station-road, Shortlands, James John Farnell, in his 47th year.

HARTLEY.—On the 22nd April, at Knighton, Oakhill-road, Beckenham, John Hartley, aged 62 years.

HOADLEY.—On the 18th May, suddenly, of heart failure, after long suffering, Benjamin Ernest, the dearly-loved eldest son of Mrs. A. Hoadley, and the late Benjamin Hoadley, of "Sussex House," South Norwood (formerly of Keston), aged 49 years.

HOLT.—On the 8th May, at Waratah, Chislehurst, Sophie, widow of the late Hon. Thomas Holt, M.L.C., of The Warren, Sydney, Australia, age 88.

LANGMORE.—On the 24th April, at Bickley, Richard Pell Langmore, in his 78th year.

MOORE.—On the 29th April, at The Briars, Oakwood-avenue, Beckenham, Eleanor Moore, widow of the late James Moore, formerly of Highgate and Bickley.

ROGERS.—On the 30th April, at Laurel Bank, Bromley Common, Kent, Alice Burden, second daughter of the late Longdon M. Rogers, H.E.I.C.S.

VORLEY.—On the 1st May, at midnight, passed peacefully away, William Sharp, the dearly-beloved husband of Alice Vorley, of "Tayside," Muswell-hill, N., and late of Clovelly, Shortlands.

WOODGATE.—On the 12th April, at Albert-road, Orpington, Nurse Woodgate, aged 95.

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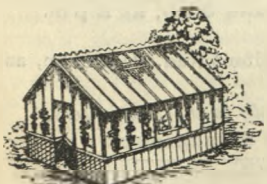
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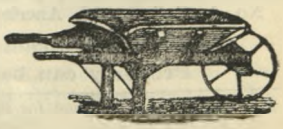
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Wednesday, ...	September 21st	Wednesday, ...	December 7th
Wednesday, ...	September 28th		

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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

2nd.—Garden party and sale of work at "Brockhampton," Bromley Common, under the auspices of the Bromley and Shortlands branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union.

3rd.—*Sixth Sunday after Trinity*—Commencement of 15th anniversary services of the opening of Bromley Presbyterian Church.

4th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

5th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11.30 a.m.

6th.—Important sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, E.C., at two o'clock precisely, of residential properties, freehold land, a freehold modern building, etc.

10th.—*Seventh Sunday after Trinity.*

11th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper's sale of valuable furniture and effects at "The Briars," Oakwood-avenue, Beckenham, at 11 for 12 o'clock precisely.

12th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

13th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Football Club.—Beckenham Flower Show.

17th.—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

18th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

19th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.

23rd.—Bromley Common Flower Show.

24th.—*Ninth Sunday after Trinity.*

25th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

27th.—West Wickham Flower Show.

31st.—*Tenth Sunday after Trinity.*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held at the Municipal Buildings on June 7th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

THE LATE KING.

The Town Clerk read the following letter from the Home Secretary:—

Home Office, Whitehall,
June 2nd, 1910.

Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bromley on the occasion of the lamented death of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh. I am to say that the expression of sympathy with Queen Alexandra has been laid before Her Majesty, who desires me to communicate to you her thanks.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL.

The Town Clerk,
Bromley, Kent.

MEDICAL OFFICERSHIP.

The Health Committee had under consideration the steps to be taken with regard to the re-appointment of a Medical Officer of Health at the expiration of the term sanctioned by the Local Government Board, namely, July 31st next, and having regard to the resolution passed by the Council at their last meeting, it was resolved to recommend that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mr. Arthur Frederick Gamble Codd be reappointed to the office of Medical Officer of Health for the period of one year, ending July 31st, 1911, at a salary of £200 per annum. It was further resolved to recommend that in transmitting such reappointment to the Local Government Board for their approval the Town Clerk inform that Board of the action taken by the Council in connection with their letter of Oct. 23rd, 1909.

The report was adopted.

BROMLEY NORTH RECREATION GROUND.

Alderman James, pursuant to notice, submitted the following motions:—(1) "That the resolutions of the Council passed on Jan. 18th and March 15th, 1910, adopting the third paragraph in each of the reports of the Recreation Grounds Committee dated Jan. 11th and March 8th, 1910, respectively, be hereby rescinded." (2) "That it be an instruction to the Recreation Grounds Committee to prepare a complete plan and a detailed estimate of cost of laying out the

Bromley North Recreation Ground for presentation to the Council for approval."

Councillor Crossley seconded, but after some discussion the motions were withdrawn.

A further meeting of the Council was held on June 21st, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

A Petition from the Shop Assistants.

Councillor Weller asked permission to present a petition on behalf of the shop assistants of Bromley asking the Council to consider the advisability of providing for their use on the lower part of Martin's Hill a number of tennis courts.

The petition was couched in the following terms:—"Dear Sir,—Would you kindly draw the attention of the Council to the need for recreation for the female portion of the inhabitants of Bromley, and to suggest to them that they might appropriate to our use the centre portion (the ground below the hill) of the Martin's Hill Recreation Ground, for the purpose of lawn tennis courts. The local shop assistants and clerks have not the facility to become members of other clubs which are situated some distance from the town, and it would be a great boon to them and others of the Council could see their way to provide public tennis courts similar to those at Beckenham. We might add that for this season it would not be necessary to have the ground levelled.

"Thanking you in anticipation,

"We are, faithfully yours,

"Norah M. White.

"Mabel Wenn."

"June 18th, 1910."

Then followed the signatures of a large number of shop assistants in the Borough.

It was decided to refer the petition to the Recreation Grounds Committee for their consideration and report.

Widening of Beckenham Lane.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council the Highways and Works Committee have for some time past had under consideration the question of widening Beckenham-lane on the north side and have been in communication with the various owners and lessees of property with a view of ascertaining if terms could be arranged for the acquisition of the necessary strip of land for that purpose. The Committee regret that the terms suggested by some of the parties are such that they cannot recommend the Council to accept them, and they therefore propose at the present time to deal with only a portion of the property, that is, between Meadow-road, and Shortlands-gardens. By this scheme the frontage of 18 houses—Nos. 60—94—will be affected, and satisfactory terms have provisionally been arranged with the owners and lessees. The total estimated cost of the improvement, including compensation, etc., is approximately £500; and it was resolved to recommend: (1) That the necessary land be acquired as shown on the plan now submitted and thereon coloured blue on the terms set out in the schedule submitted; (2) that the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare the necessary plan, specification, etc., with a view to inviting tenders in due course; (3) that it be referred to the Finance Committee to make the necessary arrangements in connection with the matter; (4) that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary formal provisional contracts for the purchase of land.

Damage to Trees.

The Highways and Works Committee had under consideration the question of damage to trees in Widmore-road, and it was resolved that the Town Clerk issue a warning notice calling attention to the penalty incurred under the Public Health Act, 1875, for damage to trees, and also to offer £1 to any person giving such information as will lead to the conviction of any offender.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Lawrence.

Cricket Matches.

A letter was read to the Recreation Grounds Committee from Mr. F. J. Weston asking whether it would be possible for the Council to reserve the lower portion of the Martin's Hill Recreation Ground for children to play in and prevent them playing on the Queen's Mead while cricket matches are being played, as he thought this would do away with the risk they now ran of being struck by cricket balls, he himself having several times seen children of tender years without anyone to look after them when they might have been struck down by the cricket balls and received serious, if not fatal, injury, and that it would conduce to the comfort and pleasure of the cricketers using the ground, since the presence of so many children made players almost afraid to hit the ball. The Committee, after carefully considering the matter, resolved to recommend that notices be posted warning children to keep off the Mead during the playing of cricket matches, and that the recreation grounds superintendent be instructed to, as far as possible, see that this course is adopted.

After Many Days.

The Mayor said the Council would be glad to know that the Local Government Board had at last given their consent to the raising of a loan for the erection of a Boys' Secondary School, which the Council asked for as long ago as the beginning of February. The Local Government Board were then invited by the Council to sanction the loan as soon as possible, as they wished to provide work for the artisans in the Borough who were unemployed, and now, after six months had elapsed, they had obtained the necessary sanction. (Laughter.)

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on May 30th, the Chairman, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, presiding.

The Auditor's Report.

The Town Clerk of Bromley (Mr. F. H. Norman) wrote forwarding a copy of the report of the assistant auditor, which was in the following terms:—

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that on May 9th I completed my audit of the education accounts of the Borough Council of Bromley and its Education Committee for the year ended March 31st, 1910. The total receipts for the year were £24,051 17s. 9d., and the total expenditure £20,295 18s. 3d., while the total outstanding loans at the end of the year amounted to £42,644 2s. 4d., as compared with £43,288 13s. 4d. for the preceding year. For full details of these items I would refer you to the certified copy of the statutory financial statement forwarded by me to the Secretary of your Education Committee. There is nothing, I think, to

which I need draw your special attention; but I have much pleasure in saying that I found all your officers most ready and willing to render me every assistance during my audit.

Alderman James said he would like to know whether the difference between the total expenditure and the total income was anything like £4,000, as suggested in the report.

The Chairman said the report of the auditor covered both elementary and higher education.

Alderman James: It is a most misleading certificate—that is all I can say.

"GENERALLY SATISFACTORY."

A letter was read from an official of the Board of Education stating that he was directed to return the accompanying sketch plan of the proposed new school at Mason's Hill, which appeared to be generally satisfactory. He was, however, to point out that another head teacher's room was required, and that it would be preferable to turn the building round so that the infants got the early morning sun on the south east side. The accommodation provided was for 194 girls and 146 infants according to the plans.

Another meeting of the Committee was held on June 15th, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell presiding.

SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

The School Management Sub-Committee had under consideration the question of the appointment of a School Medical Officer at the expiration of the period for which Dr. Russell was appointed (July 31st next), and resolved to recommend that Miss Mabel Russell, M.B., B.S. (London), D.P.H. (Cambridge), be appointed as from Aug. 1st, 1910, School Medical Officer at a salary to commence at £250 per annum, and to rise by annual increments of £20 to £300 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board of Education and to the following conditions, viz.:—(1.) Not to engage in private practice, but to devote her whole time to the duties of the office as specified by the Committee from time to time such duties to be carried out under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough for the time being, as required by the Board of Education in their Circular 576. (2.) Not to set up in private practice in the Borough of Bromley for a period of three years from the date of the termination of the engagement. (3.) The appointment to be determined by either party by three calendar months' notice in writing.

Mr. Pemberton objected to Clause 2, and said it was rather hard that the School Medical Officer should be bound down in this way.

Alderman Lawrence supported the Sub-Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Pemberton moved that Clause 2 be referred back.

There being no seconder, the motion fell to the ground.

HANDICRAFT CENTRES.

The following reports were received from H.M. Inspector with reference to the Wharton-road and Raglan-road Handicraft Centres:—

Wharton road:—"The instruction is efficient and successful. The construction of models for use in connection with other school lessons is a development of the work to be specially noted. Further co-operation between the class teachers and the instructor could well be secured through periodical examination by the former of the bench note-books, which now play an important part in the course. It is also desirable that the training in geometrical drawing in the schools should be arranged in definite relation to the work of the manual training course."

Raglan-road:—"This centre is doing effective work. The encouragement given to the older boys to work out original designs in their models is a good feature in the course. A scheme of geometrical drawing has been arranged with the head master of the Raglan-road School, and similar co-operation in this respect should be secured in the case of the other contributory schools. There should be more use of bench note-books for free sketching and note making."

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Bromley, on May 27th, under the auspices of the Bromley Ratepayers' Association (of which Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., is president; and Mr. W. Howard hon. secretary), for the purpose of hearing an address by Mr W. A. Nicholls (ex-president of the National Union of Teachers) on the important subject of "Elementary Education." The members and other ratepayers were cordially invited to attend, but only about twenty put in an appearance, there being several counter attractions in the town.

Mr. Nicholls gave some striking figures as to the cost of education, and pointed out that the Government grants had been diminishing, which was a very serious thing to the ratepayers. Did they get value for their money. Everybody admitted that the moral training in the elementary schools to-day was excellent, and with regard to the intellectual training of the children, he believed they were quicker to apprehend than they were in the past. But all that needed to be followed up afterwards, and the subject he should have liked to address them upon would have been the treatment of these young people after they came out of the day school. If they were trained morally and intellectually from 5 to 14, a great deal of that was lost from 14 to 18, and they could see it in the streets of every large town, and in the lanes of every country village. Then they had the children turned out physically fit, because of the physical exercises they had to undergo, and they wanted a race like that in this country. One of the things they had in their schools to satisfy was to see to it that the children had a love of work, another was that they had a conscious individuality, and a third that they had the power of initiative, and if they produced those three results, then if they spent instead of the 23 millions spent to-day on elementary education—if they spent 43 millions, they would get value for their money. (Applause.)

A legacy of £100, states the "Daily News," on Friday, June 17th, has been received by Dr. Josiah Oldfield from one of his patients, the late Mr. Henrick Borkstorm, to be used by him on behalf of the Lady Margaret Fruitarian Hospital, Bromley, Kent.

OBITUARY.—The funeral took place at St. Nicholas' Churchyard, Chislehurst, on June 15th, of the late Miss Julia Maughan, of Summer Hill, Chislehurst, who died on June 13th, at the age of 78. The Rector, the Rev. James E. Dawson, performed the last rites. Mr. C. A. Bulley, of Chislehurst, carried out the arrangements.

BROMLEY'S BILL OF HEALTH.

The annual report of the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Arthur F. G. Codd), recently presented to the Bromley Town Council, contains much valuable information.

For the purpose of statistics the population is always calculated for the middle of the year. At the census taken April 1st, 1901, our population was 27,354, being an increase since the previous Census of 5,669. In calculating the population Dr. Codd has this year largely depended upon two factors which must always modify any estimate of yearly increases in the intercensal periods. One is the rate of increase of new buildings, the other is the proportion of unoccupied houses in the Borough. Last year the depression in the building trade continued and plans for the erection of only 143 houses were deposited with the Borough Engineer—a number which is less than half the average of the years 1901-1907, when building operations were active. The percentage of rate irrecoverable from empty houses in the Borough continued at the same figure as in the previous year, viz., 8 per cent. Guided by these factors, Dr. Codd considers the evidence shows that the rate of increase of population which had been high from 1901-1907 inclusive, and had fallen in 1908, continued low last year, and therefore estimates the population for the middle of 1909 at 34,900 approximately. The Borough comprises 4,706 acres, having a population of 7.4 persons to the acre. For 1909 the rateable value was £274,974, and the assessable value was £255,986.

The births during the year were 716, of which 347 were males and 369 females. These include nine born in the Workhouse, which is outside the boundaries of the Borough. This gives a birth rate of 20.5 per 1,000, compared with a rate of 25.6 for England and Wales and 25.6 for the outer ring of London. This is the lowest birth rate on record in Bromley. The next lowest was in 1907, when it was 21.0 per 1,000. Twenty-six illegitimate births were registered, i.e., 3.6 per cent. of the total number of births.

During the year there were registered 256 marriages, of which number 130 took place in churches of the Established Church, 25 took place in Nonconformist Churches, 5 took place in the Roman Catholic Church, 96 took place in the Superintendent Registrar's Office. The marriage rate for Bromley was 14.6. The rate for England and Wales for the year ending Sept. 30th, was 14.5.

The number of deaths registered in the Borough was 314. To this number must be added the deaths of 35 Bromley persons which occurred in our Union Infirmary, which is outside the district, and 18 must be deducted which occurred in the Infectious Hospital and local institutions of persons not belonging to the district. There are no means at present of ascertaining with any accuracy the total number of Bromley residents who may have died away from the district. We thus have a total of 331 deaths, of which 153 were males and 178 females, which is equal to a recorded death-rate of 9.48 per 1,000. The death rate for England and Wales was 14.5, and for the outer ring of London 11.9. Our death rate for 1909 of 9.48 per 1,000 compares very favourably with the rates of most of the districts around London. The gradual decline during the last 10 years is very marked. Three persons reached the age of 90 years. The proportion of deaths under one year of age to registered births (i.e., the infant mortality rate) was 68 per 1,000, compared with 109 per 1,000 for England and Wales.

Twenty-two deaths were attributed to the principal zymotic diseases, being at the rate of .62 per 1,000, compared with a rate of 1.12 for England and Wales, and 1.13 for the outer ring of London. Generally speaking, the effects of sanitary improvements and precautionary methods are best indicated by a lower death rate from infectious diseases, fever, diarrhœa, consumption, and amongst children under 5 years of age from all causes.

Under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 102 cases of the diseases to which this Act applies were reported during the year. Of this number 63 were removed to the Infectious Hospital at Skym Corner, 3 were removed to the London Fever Hospital as private patients, and the others were treated in their own homes. The 102 cases occurred in 88 houses in 57 streets.

CATHOLIC PROCESSION.

The second annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament took place in the grounds of Holy Trinity Convent, Freelands, on June 12th, at five o'clock. Several hundreds of people were present, including many non-Catholics.

The Procession consisted of:—"Cross-bearer: boys and girls from the elementary school; girls from the Convent; the Trinitarian Community of Nuns, carrying lighted tapers; the choir; little girls dressed and veiled in white, scattering rose leaves for the passage of the Blessed Sacrament; acolytes and altar boys; two thurifers incensing the Blessed Sacrament, which was borne, beneath a canopy carried by four men in cassock and cotta, by the Very Rev. Canon St. John, vested in festal cope, and attended by two servers; torch bearers; the Guild of the Blessed Sacrament with their new banner; the band from St. Joseph's Orphanage, Orpington; the congregation and friends.

The altars were all very tastefully arranged, and the pathways had been decorated with banners and religious emblems. The procession was marshalled by the Rector, the Rev. Father Cooksey.

The Orphanage boys were afterwards supplied with refreshments, concluding a very happy day with a friendly game of cricket versus the altar servers of St. Joseph's.

VALLEY BOYS' SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

A small party of boys from this society walked to Horniman's Museum on June 11th, and spent a most enjoyable time examining the specimens. The ingenious method of ærating the fresh and salt water aquaria especially evoked comment, while the colossal walrus and the realistic setting of the Polar bear sent a thrill through those members who intend to do it themselves should Captain Scott fail to reach the South Pole. The elaborate clock with its stately announcements of the hour was also much admired, so that despite the five mile tramp there and back on a sultry summer afternoon, the 11th of June will no doubt be chronicled as a red-letter day in the club's annals.

BROMLEY CHARTER FETE.

The first meeting of the General Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Charter Day in Bromley on August Bank Holiday took place at the Municipal Offices on May 27th. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., the Chairman of the Committee, presided over a large and representative attendance.

The following report of the sub-committee appointed last year with regard to the formulation of a programme for the coming Bank Holiday was presented:—

The sub-committee have met on four occasions, and after making many inquiries with a view to recommending the introduction of new features, have come to the following conclusions:—

1. That the St. Joseph's Orphanage (Orpington) Prize Band be engaged to supply programmes of music during the sports and dancing, and that the St. Joseph Squads contribute a physical drill display.
2. That dancing and skipping rings be provided, to commence immediately after the presentation of prizes.
3. That a flower and vegetable show (including table decoration and class for wild flowers) be arranged, if possible, under the direction of a separate committee.
4. That the sports programme be curtailed by about one hour, thus effecting a saving in the prize fund.
5. That a maypole dance follow the sports and form a more central feature in the day's programme.
6. The horse parade to take place as in previous years under the auspices of the Bromley branch of the R.S.P.C.A.
7. That a performance by the Blackbird Minstrels take the place of the usual concert, thus making a change and effecting a further economy.
8. That a firework display be arranged as before, and that the usual amusements (roundabouts and the like) be provided.
9. It is hoped to arrange a fancy dress advertisement competition, introducing well-known advertisements.
10. That tenders be invited and the matter referred to the Ground Committee.
11. That the following committees be set up:—(1) Sports Committee; (2) Entertainment Committee; (3) Flower Show Committee; (4) Ground Committee (consisting of two representatives from each standing committee, with power to add to their number).

Some discussion took place with reference to the horse parade. Suggestions were made as to whether it might not be held in the streets or elsewhere, but it was generally felt that as the committee were unable to have the ground as last year it was now no longer a matter for them but for the R.S.P.C.A., under whose auspices the parade was held. The recommendation in the report of the committee was accordingly withdrawn. With regard to the suggested fancy dress advertisements competition, the committee, after consideration, unanimously came to the conclusion that they would be overloading the programme this year by having it, and it was resolved that the paragraph be deleted so far as this year was concerned.

The report as amended was adopted, the Chairman warmly complimenting Councillor Lindley Jones upon the admirable report he and the sub-committee had presented.

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Notwithstanding cold and unseasonable weather, there was a large attendance at the Bromley High School for Girls on May 27th, on the occasion of the distribution of prizes and certificates to the pupils by the Hon. Mrs. H. W. Forster. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon G. Bell, vice-president of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, Ltd., with which the Bromley High School is associated. Under the direction of Miss Hodge, M.A., this important educational establishment continues to flourish in our midst.

Miss Hodge submitted a highly satisfactory report. After a sympathetic reference to the death of our great and beloved King, she explained that the report was on the work of the school for the year 1908-9, the first year of her work at Bromley. On the whole, the year was a very successful one, and it was satisfactory to note that their numbers had been steadily increasing.

The Hon. Mrs. Forster, before distributing the prizes and certificates, gave an interesting and helpful address to the girls.

MASON'S HILL GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A very bright and clever entertainment was given in St. Mark's Church Room on June 9th by the present and some of the past scholars of Mason's Hill Schools, the splendid object being to augment the fund for the enlargement and furnishing of the Bromley Cottage Hospital. Under the skilful direction of Miss Betts, ably assisted by Miss Marchant, who were mainly responsible for the arrangements and who deserve commendation for the care and attention with which they discharged the arduous duties of training and coaching the children under their care, the performers, from the past scholar to the smallest infant, entered with enthusiasm into the spirit of the entertainment, and the result was seen in a series of exceedingly pretty and dainty performances. Miss Betts and Miss Marchant are themselves old scholars of the school. Much valuable help was also given by Miss Stent from Raglan-road Schools, which was very greatly appreciated.

There was a full "house," amongst those present being the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Mann, B.A., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and family, Miss Carter (Matron of the Bromley Cottage Hospital), and the Rev. S. E. Osborne, M.A., and these ladies and gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. The neat appearance of the boys and girls who took part in the programme reflected credit on the parents, whose loving care was seen in a variety of ways.

During the evening a beautiful basket of flowers, a gift from all the performers, was presented to Miss Betts by Master Freddie Ridgway, the youngest performer engaged.

Under the auspices of the Bromley and District Liberal Association a public address on "Retaliation and Colonial Preference" was given at the Liberal Institute, 94, Tweedy-road, Bromley, on May 27th, by Mr. Vivian Phillipps, of Orpington. The chair was taken by Mr. S. R. Earle, a vice-president of the Association.

COUNTY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

After many weary months of waiting, in their temporary quarters at Widmore House, the girls of the County School have at last been transferred to the permanent buildings which have been erected in Nightingale-lane; and May 20 was an auspicious day in the history of the school, the occasion being the formal opening of the permanent buildings by the Right Hon Sir William Hart-Dyke, and the holding at the same time of the sixth annual meeting of the school.

The visitors were received in the hall, and were conducted to the rooms on the first floor, where they had the pleasure of inspecting the work of the girls, amongst the subjects dealt with being history, drawing, embroidery, geography, nature study, hygiene and wood carving. Much of the work was excellent, and the whole reflected the greatest credit on the accomplished head mistress and her capable staff. After tea in the dining room, the guests and the pupils assembled in the hall. Here his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and amongst those present were Sir William Hart-Dyke, Lady Hart-Dyke, Mr. F. Wingent (chairman of the Kent Education Committee), Sir Francis Belsey (chairman of the Works Sub-Committee of the Kent Education Committee), the Rev. Donald Tait, M.A. (chairman of the Bromley Higher Education Committee), Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., Mrs. Coles Child, Miss Child, Mrs. J. S. Mann, B.A. (chairman of the County School Sub-Committee), Miss Heppel, B.A., Mrs. Sophie Bryant, D.Sc. (headmistress of the North London Collegiate School), Miss Waters, B.A. (head mistress of the County School for Girls, Bromley).

A handsome bouquet was presented to Lady Hart-Dyke by Beatrice Walder; a basket of flowers to Mrs. Bryant by Margery Waight; a bouquet to Mrs. Mann by Olive Rippengal; and a bouquet to Miss Waters by Nellie Drage.

Sir William Hart-Dyke expressed the pleasure it gave him to come amongst them, and in declaring the school open, said he hoped it would have a great future before it, and that it would prove a lasting blessing of usefulness to many generations of girls to come. (Applause.)

Daisy Hyde, the head girl of the school, in a neat address, presented an illuminated roll of names now on the school register to Mr. F. Wingent (Chairman of the Kent Education Committee), and Mr. Wingent suitably acknowledged the gift.

The Head Mistress (Miss Waters) presented an able report, giving the history of the school since 1905, and indicating its aims for the future.

Mrs. Sophie Bryant, D.Sc., then delivered a most interesting and instructive address.

LADY MARGARET HOSPITAL, BROMLEY.

The annual meeting of the Governors was held at the hospital on May 27th. Another year has emphasised the importance of fruitarian diet in the treatment of the sick, and the Council are more firmly convinced than ever that they are pioneers in the matter of hospital diet which will in due time be adopted by all progressive institutions. During the year 168 patients have been admitted into the hospital, and the length of stay has varied from a few days to a complete year. This is five more cases than were admitted in 1908. Seventy-four operations have been performed under anæsthetics, and two deaths have occurred during the year. In each of those cases, however, the patient was admitted in either a dying or a hopeless condition. The one thing that is now urgently needed is the children's ward, and the Council venture very earnestly to ask every friend of the hospital to join immediately in this work. The Council especially record the very generous gift of Sir William Cooper in donating the sum of £150 for the purpose of naming the Muriel bed.

BROMLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Another of those interesting and picturesque sales of work, promoted from time to time by the ladies of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, was held in the Lecture Hall adjoining the church on May 27th. As in former years, the ladies had worked skilfully and unremittingly with the splendid object of helping the missionary cause, and the result of their labours was seen in a charming display of goods, which for beauty of design, and excellence of workmanship was quite up to the high standard reached on previous occasions. The object of the sale was to raise £50 towards the salary of "Our Own Missionary," £10 for the funds of the Women's Missionary Association, on whose staff one of the members of the Church is a missionary, and to devote any balance that remained to such requirements as the Deacons' Court might direct. The stalls were arranged in a most artistic manner, and were heavily laden with goods of all descriptions. There was a unique display of Chinese, Indian and Syrian work shown by Mrs. Christie Reid, who collected many of the articles herself during her holiday in the East. Included in this exhibition, which formed quite a conspicuous feature of the sale, were old Chinese cushions, Swatow drawn thread work, Syrian lace and teacloths and Indian Chicon work. The opening ceremony was performed by Sir Andrew Wingate, K.C.I.E.

PROTESTANT REFORMATION SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the West Kent Auxiliar of the Protestant Reformation Society was held on May 27th at Christ Church Hall, Highland-road, Bromley. The chair was taken by Mr. Benjamin Nicholson, who was supported by the incumbent (Rev. R. Moore, M.A.).

Mr. Walter A. Limbrick, F.R.Hist.S., the Secretary of the Society, moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting of residents in Bromley is opposed to the alteration or modification of the Sovereign's Protestant Declaration believing that the past history of the Roman Catholic Church, its present attitude of intolerance towards all who reject its tenets, and, its claim to civil as well as religious supremacy over the whole world make it essential for this country to retain unimpaired every existing safeguard of its Protestant liberties and constitution. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Balfour, and the Hon. H. W. Forster, M.P., for the Sevenoaks Division."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

BROMLEY WESLEYAN GYMNASTIC CLUB.

Always successful in the past have been the displays given by the Bromley Wesleyan Gymnastic Club, under the skilful direction of the popular honorary instructress, Miss Emily Powell, and the fourth annual entertainment on June 15th proved no exception to the rule. The items were all spiritedly performed, and afforded much pleasure to the large ring of spectators.

Owing to a domestic bereavement, Mr. E. B. Rawlings (who was to have presided) and Mrs. Rawlings (who had kindly consented to present the medals) were unable to attend, and their places were ably taken by Mr. G. H. Heath, B.A., and Mrs. Heath.

The Chairman, in a neat speech, referred to the excellent services which had been rendered by St. Mary's Orchestra and by the Men's Section of the Bromley Gymnastic Club. He then paid a richly-deserved compliment to Miss Powell, whose work, he said, could not be too highly spoken of.

The medals were then presented by Mrs. Heath, the prize list being as follows:—

Juveniles.— N. Marchant (given by Mr. E. F. Hughes), M. Hawkins (special prize).

Intermediates.—E. Woodhams (given by Mr. T. J. Warth), Elsie Waterman (special prize).

Juniors.—2nd, L. Pinion (given by Mr. F. E. Powell); 1st, F. Lanbourne (given by Mr. W. A. H. Naylor).

Seniors.—2nd, M. Weeks (given by Mr. A. W Powell); 1st, K. Borer (given by Mr. W. Powell).

Jumping Competition.—Winner, L. Pinion.

A pleasing little ceremony then took place, a beautiful silver photograph frame being presented to Miss Powell "with love from the members of the B.W.G.C." Miss Powell suitably acknowledged the gift.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The new Catholic Church of St. Swithin, Fashoda-road, Bromley Common, was solemnly blessed and opened by the Rev. Father Cooksey, Catholic Rector of Bromley, on June 5th, in the presence of a large congregation. After the Blessing, Holy Mass was celebrated by the Rector.

The evening service at 6.30 was also well attended, and consisted of Rosary, sermon and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Father Cooksey based his sermon on the passage of St. Luke's Gospel—"And entering into one of the ships which was Simon's. He sat down and taught the people out of the ship." He reminded his hearers how Christ still taught His people from the barque of Peter, in the person of the Pope, and said that though all Catholics were necessarily in close communion with the head of the Church on earth, the congregation of St. Swithin's had an even closer bond with him than usual, since he had lovingly sent his Apostolic benediction to the new church and congregation of St. Swithin's through him (Father Cooksey), who had seen the Holy Father but a few days before. His Holiness had, moreover, sent a further token of his paternal solicitude in the shape of a chalice, which had been used for the first time at Holy Mass that morning. .

FIGHTING VIVISECTION.

A public meeting in support of the Bromley branch of the National Anti-Vivisection Society was held in St. John's Parish Room, on May 30th. Mr. Charles Nye was voted to the chair, and supporting him on the platform were the Rev. James White, M.A. (Chaplain of Bromley College), Mr. R. Somerville Wood, M.A., Oxon., Mr. Foster Howe and Mr. F. M. R. Holworthy, one of the hon. secretaries.

Mr. Holworthy presented an encouraging report. The Bromley branch was formed on Oct. 27th last year, and since then they had got together 63 members and associates, which he thought was very good in about seven months. They had a drawing-room meeting a short time ago and were able to muster over 50 people. "It is not your money we are after in this Society," proceeded Mr. Holworthy, "it is your interest and sympathy we require." They could become a full member of the branch for 2s. 6d., and an associate for 1s., and he hoped those who were not members would join. They needed a great number of helpers to run that branch successfully. They had a few who had done a lot for the Society, but they wanted more workers. They would like to have more drawing room meetings, and if there was anybody present who could lend them their drawing room for a meeting they would be very much obliged.

Addresses were afterwards given by the Rev. James White and Mr. R. Somerville Wood.

AL FRESCO CONCERT.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Dence, a concert was given in the grounds of "Kingsbury," Valley-road, Shortlands, on June 20th in aid of the Shortlands Congregational Mission Church, of which from its establishment the Dence family have been warm and generous supporters. There was a large attendance, and the weather being delightfully fine a most enjoyable evening was spent in the beautiful and prettily illuminated grounds. The concert was given by "The Coons," a very clever and versatile party, and the arrangements were in the able hands of Mr. E. Collett, Miss Collett, Messrs. Monty and R. Smith. The various items gave great pleasure to the audience. The opening chorus by the Coons was a thoroughly enjoyable number, and later on they gave the river song, "Up Stream," and "Off to Brighton." The programme also included the following items:—Solos, "Old Greenisle," "Teddy Bear," "The Sun's Shining Still," "The Silvery Moon," "Stonecracker John," "Contrary Mary," "How Dare You?" "Enchanted Garden," "My Moon," "Rose's Young Man," "Little Willie Brown," "The Flower Girl," "Irish Song," "A Fallen Star," and "Months and Months"; the duet, "Great Scott": and the trio, "Back to the Land." Some of the solos were excellent, and the audience showed their appreciation of the delightful music in rounds of enthusiastic applause. Light refreshments were supplied during the evening. At a convenient interval, Rev. A. E. Abel warmly thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dence for their great kindness in allowing the use of the ground and also gratefully acknowledged the talented services of the entertainers, the vote of thanks being seconded by Mr. D. A. Bumsted.

HISTORIC HOLWOOD.

In support of the splendid work of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society a highly successful meeting was held at Holwood, Keston, on June 20th, through the kindness and hospitality of the Dowager Countess of Derby. The visitors, who numbered about 80, were charmed by the gracious manner of their hostess, as well as by the sylvan beauty of the surroundings. The mansion is surrounded by a beautifully wooded park of 125 acres, and the extensive view from the lawn is magnificent. Following the meeting, which was held in the library, the company were hospitably entertained to tea, after which they took full advantage of the opportunity to stroll round the Park, admiring the glorious prospect, and being particularly charmed by the lovely rose beds. Holwood is an interesting place from its historical associations, and a well-known object in the Park is the celebrated Wilberforce oak, under which Mr. Wilberforce, after a conversation with Mr. Pitt, resolved to give notice on a fit occasion in the House of Commons of his intention to bring forward a Bill for the abolition of the slave trade. Keston, nobly and generously led by Mr. J. Wheeler Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., and Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, of Ravensbourne, is rendering splendid service to the Waifs and Strays Society. It is a movement in which Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett is very deeply interested, and she is a most energetic worker on its behalf.

The Lord Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Harmer) presided at the meeting, and amongst those present were the Dowager Countess of Derby, Earl and Countess of Mar, Lady Beatrix Stanley, Mrs. Harmer, Rev. G. Herbert Johnson (Rector of Keston), Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., and Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett, Rev. E. de M. Rudolf (founder of the Church of England Waifs and Strays society), Rev. W. E. Williams (organising secretary for the Rochester Diocese), Mr. H. Allan, Rev. E. Ball (Vicar of St. Mary Cray), Rev. W. D. May (Vicar of Orpington), Rev. J. H. Broadhead, Rev. E. W. C. Horner, Mrs. George Devas, Mrs. Smail, Miss Devas, Mrs. Hugh Anderson, Mrs. Previté, and the Misses Measor.

The Rev. E. de M. Rudolf, in an earnest and convincing address, said they had always looked upon the Waifs and Strays Society as not a mere philanthropic agency amongst the many which they were asked to support, but they had also considered it, and rightly so, a part of their national Church's machinery for doing her work amongst the outcast and destitute children.

Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., said he rose with pleasure to propose that the best thanks of this meeting be presented to Lady Derby for her great kindness in having them there that day. The house of Stanley had been distinguished through a long range of time for efforts to ameliorate the condition of those around them who were not well placed in life, and they rejoiced that there was evidence of the same spirit down to the present time. They, therefore, gratefully appreciated the interest that Lady Derby was taking in the Society of the Waifs and Strays. Their best thanks were also due to their Bishop.

The Rector of Keston seconded, and said there was no one who felt a keener interest in the work of the Waifs and Strays Society than he did He supported it with all his heart and soul. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the zealous work which Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett was doing for the Society.

The Bishop suitably replied on behalf of Lady Derby and on his own behalf.

A collection taken at the close of the meeting amounted to £13.

BROMLEY BOROUGH SILVER PRIZE BAND.

Bromley Borough Silver Prize Band added to its list of successes by securing a fourth prize at the band contest at Dartford on June 11th, promoted by the Dartford Silver Prize Band. The following bands entered in the First Section:—Barnet Town, Battersea Borough, Grays Temperance, Great Western and Paddington, North London Excelsior, Upper Norwood Temperance and Luton Red Cross. In the Second Section the competitors were Bexley Heath, Bromley Borough Silver, Caterham United, Dartford Town, Edmonton Temperance, Great Central and Met., Hanwell Town, Hitchin Town, Lewisham Borough, New Barnet, Sevenoaks Temperance, St. Albans City, and Yiewsley and West Drayton.

This was a splendid entry, and some very close playing was heard in both sections. The test piece for the First Section was a selection from Donizetti's "Roberto Devereaux," arranged by Mr. William Rimmer; and for the Second Section "Memories of the Past," also arranged by Mr. Rimmer. The prize-winners in the First Section were:—1st prize and Challenge Shield, Great Western and Paddington; 2nd, Luton Red Cross; 3rd, Barnet Town.

In the Second Section the following were the successful bands:—1st prize and Challenge Cup, St. Albans City; 2nd, Edmonton Temperance; 3rd, Lewisham Borough; 4th, Bromley Borough.

It was a great victory for Great Western and Paddington, as Luton have hitherto been invincible in southern contests, they at present holding the Southern Championship.

The adjudicator was Mr. Frank Owen, of Manchester, who made some very flattering comments in his notes with regard to the Bromley players. The Bromley Borough Band were coached and conducted by Mr. J. Jackson of Belvedere.

TARIFF REFORM.

A public meeting—postponed from May 13th on account of the lamented death of King Edward— was held at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on June 21st. Mr. Talbot K. Crossfield, J.P., presided, and the principal speaker was Mr. J. W. Allen (the well-known working man advocate of Tariff Reform), who dealt with some of the points raised by Mr. J. A. Hobson, M.A., in his recent lectures on "International Trade" at the Town Hall. There was only a moderate attendance. Amongst those supporting the Chairman, in addition to Mr. Allen, were Dr. John Scott, Mr. M. H. Marks, Mr. R. Ritherdon, Mr. H. Alchin and Mr. F Adams.

A short concert followed, to which Miss Batten, Miss Dorothy Batten, Miss Walter, Miss Wilkes, Mr. Harry Dawe and Mr. William May contributed.

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DIARY FOR JUNE.

3rd and 4th.—Concluding performances of the comic opera, "Merrie England," by local amateurs, at the Grand Hall, Bromley, in aid of Bromley Cottage Hospital.

7th.—Annual cricket match between local police and an eleven captained by Mr. L. Beeston on behalf of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., at Bromley Sports Ground.—C.E.T.S. meeting at St. Mary's Hall, Plaistow.

9th.—Children's entertainment at St. Mark's Church Hall in aid of Bromley Cottage Hospital.

15th.—Annual display and presentation of prizes in connection with the Wesleyan Gymnastic Club, Bromley.

22nd.—Concert at St. Mark's, Bromley, on behalf of the Bromley and district troops of the Boy Scouts.

20th.—Meeting at Holwood, Keston, in furtherance of the work of the Church of England Society of Waifs and Strays.—Concert at "Kingsbury," Shortlands, in aid of Shortlands Congregational Mission Church.

21st.—Tariff Reform meeting at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.

26th.—Sunday School anniversary services at Bromley Congregational and Baptist (Park-road) Churches.

29th.—Address on "Tariff Reform Tales," by Mr. Vivian Phillipps, at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common.

30th.—Annual meeting of the subscribers to the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital, Bromley.

Mr. Robert Stanford Brown, of Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, formerly of 37, The Gardens, Peckham Rye, merchant, late a partner in the firm of Messrs. E. M. Denny and Co., produce merchants, of London Bridge, left estate valued at £95,100 gross, with net personalty £92,756.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

A well-attended meeting of members and friends of the above-named Society, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (now King George the Fifth), is president, was held on May 3rd at 15, Sandford-road, to consider the advisability of forming a branch of the Society for Bromley and West Kent. The chair was taken by Mr. E. G. Watts, who briefly explained that the primary objects of this English Society are to encourage and strengthen the spirit of patriotism among all classes of Englishmen, irrespective of creed or party; to revive the recognition and celebration in every part of the world, and especially throughout the whole Empire, of the old English Festival of St. George, on St. George's Day, April 23rd; to disseminate patriotic literature, dealing with important periods of English history, with facts relating to our vast Empire, our victories by land and sea, and acts and incidents illustrative of English pluck and heroism, etc.; to publish a journal recording the proceedings of the Society, and of those thereto affiliated or allied; to issue gratuitously illuminated, illustrated and other cards of proverbs, devices, apt quotations, extracts, etc., from the writings and speeches of great men calculated to foster and inspire a jealous pride in all that concerns the welfare and greatness of this land; to present to English schools patriotic literature and the flag of their country; to render assistance in furtherance of all English and patriotic movements; to "wear the rose" (the English and Imperial colours, red and white) on St. George's Day, April 23rd.

After some discussion it was resolved: "That the President and Council of the parent Society be asked to sanction the formation of a branch for Bromley and West Kent."

The names of several friends were given as willing to become members, and applications for membership should be made to Mr. S. Muggeridge, hon. secretary pro tem., 15, Sandford-road, Bromley. Membership is restricted to Englishmen and English women, or their issue, wherever born, being British subjects.

BECKENHAM PAST AND PRESENT.

Mr. Robert Borrowman is to be congratulated on the excellent book he has produced, entitled "Beckenham Past and Present." The author's aim has been to place on record the result of his researches into the past history of the village of Beckenham, and to give a slight sketch of the present modern suburb. He has done his work exceedingly well, and by patient research has gathered a mass of information which makes very interesting reading. The chapters deal with the early history of Beckenham; Old Beckenham Church; the modern Parish Church; the Bells of Beckenham Parish Church; Epitaphs on Gravestones; the Rectors of Beckenham; the old Workhouse, Charities, Wills and Bequests, Country Seats and old Houses and landmarks. The book is published by Mr. T. W. Thornton, 42 and 44, High-street, Beckenham, and the printing is first-class, so are the illustrations. Mr. Borrowman acknowledges the care and attention which Mr. T. W. Thornton has given to every detail connected with the publication of the book, and the selection and preparation of the illustrations.

Local Obituary.

MR. J. R. BRADSHAW.

His many friends will regret to hear of the death of Mr. John Richard Bradshaw, of "Claremont," Queen Anne-avenue, Bromley, which sad event occurred on June 1st. The deceased gentleman, who was 74 years of age, was a sidesman at St. Mark's Church, and the morning superintendent at St. Mark's Sunday-school, and in a quiet, unostentatious way he did a great deal of good. The funeral took place on June 7th, an impressive service being held at St. Mark's Church, conducted by the Revs. S. E. Osborne and E. W. C. Horner, the interment following at St. Luke's Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. S. F. Harris, of Simpson's-road, Bromley.

MRS. HANNAH BOULTON.

On June 11th Mrs. Hannah Boulton passed away at Frogpool Farm, Perry-street, Chislehurst, at the age of 81 years. She was well-known both in Sidcup and Chislehurst, and had resided at Frogpool Farm for some 61 years. The funeral took place at Chislehurst on June 15th, the remains being interred in a grave beside that of the deceased lady's late husband, who died 13 years ago. The service was conducted both in the church and at the graveside by the Rev. James E. Dawson, Rector of Chislehurst, the hymns sung being "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," and "Peace, perfect Peace."

BROMLEY BOY SCOUTS.

Under the auspices of the Bromley and District Boy Scouts, who enjoy the distinguished patronage of the Chief Scout, General Sir R. S. S. Baden Powell, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Bishop Taylor-Smith, D.D., Sir Andrew Wingate, K.C.I.E., Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., D.L., and Mr. Coles Child, D.L., J.P., a most successful concert was given at St. Mark's Church Room, Bromley, on June 22nd, the object being to raise funds for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bromley Troops. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, and the delightfully varied programme was immensely enjoyed. Admirable arrangements for the concert were made by Mr. Leslie K. Wright, W.S.M., hon. secretary. The room was decorated with flags and plants, skilfully and tastefully arranged.

During the interval Mr. Wright, in a neat speech, thanked those present for their kind and generous support, and then gave some figures showing the growth of the movement in this district. They started two and a half years ago with six boys, and at the present moment they had between 80 and 100 in the three troops in this district. (Applause.)

An interesting ceremony followed, that of the presentation of proficiency badges by Mr. A. J. Kyle, the headquarters secretary. Appended are the names of those receiving badges:—Patrol Leaders Tapley, Gane, Picot, Noakes and Wood; Cpl. Pocock, Cpl. Benham, Scout Whitehead, Cpl. Naylor, Cpl. Davis, Scout Rogers, Scout Tapley ii., Cpl. Ford and Scout Buckworth. Mr. Kyle gave an eloquent address on the movement, which was followed with close attention and interest. He emphasised the importance of good citizenship and patriotism.

THE POLICE AT CRICKET.

The annual cricket match between Mr. T. C. Dewey's XI and a side selected from the Metropolitan Police Force was played on the Sports Ground, Bromley, on June 7th, and was attended with the same splendid success that has accompanied this delightful fixture in past years. This time the guardians of the peace put a much stronger side in the field. It was not the Bromley Police Force, as on former occasions, that opposed Mr. Dewey's XI., but the P Divisional cricket team, a much more formidable combination, and the result was that for the first time since the inauguration of these matches Mr. Dewey's XI. suffered a defeat.

Through the generosity of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., the players sat down to a first-class luncheon, and later in the afternoon this hospitable gentleman entertained a large company including the Mayor and other leading residents, as well as the members of the local police force who were off duty. At five o'clock tea was provided; and the wives of the policemen also sat down to this meal. The catering was again in the experienced hands of the well-known firm of Howard's Stores, Ltd., who supplied no fewer than 121 luncheons and 270 teas, and the catering, which was under the personal supervision of Mr. W. Howard, gave complete satisfaction. The whole proceedings passed off with wonderful smoothness, thanks to the admirable arrangements made by Mr. L. Beeston, who captained Mr. Dewey's XI.

THE POLICE.

Maynard b Willett	5
Guns c and b Gregory	3
Cole b Gregory	35
Plummer c Arnaud b Darby	32
Dawson c Willett b Gregory	3
Hawker b Gregory	68
Holter c Arnaud b Gregory	4
Overton c Osborne b Arnaud	7
East c Pearce b Arnaud	16
Frisby b Gregory	5
Butcher not out	1
Extras	9
Total	188

MR. DEWEY'S XI.

S. A. Pearce b Cole	8
F. H. Gedney b East	8
C. L. Gregory b East	10
Rev. S. E. Osborne run out	16
E. A. Willett c Frisby b Cole	40
J. N. Arnaud b East	5
F. S. Darby run out	0
L. Beeston run out	0
G. P. Medhurst b Dawson	7
S. F. Edwards run out	3
R. Maddams not out	0
Total	97

During the afternoon delightful music was contributed by the Bromley Borough Band.

The Chislehurst Habitation of the Primrose League are holding a garden party at Cranmore Place (by permission of Mr. Dewrance) on July 6th, when there will be speeches, games, competitions and music. Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., has promised to speak and Mrs. Forster to distribute the prizes.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS E. A. LIEBENTHAL AND CAPTAIN W. C. LAMARQUE.

The marriage of Captain Walter Charles Lamarque, in command of the Orpington and District Company of the 1st Battalion (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Territorial Regiment, and elder son of Mr. Walter Alvin Lamarque, of Kokine, Orpington, with Miss Elma Agnes Liebenthal, second daughter of Mr. Louis Liebenthal, of 34, Regency-terrace, Edinburgh, was duly solemnised on June 4th, at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, by the Rev. A. Wallace Williamson, D.D., assisted by the Rev. W. Phin Gillieson, Ayr, in the presence of a large company of the bride and bridegroom's friends.

The bridegroom is well-known at Orpington, where his father has resided for many years, and where he succeeded Dr. A. Tennyson Smith as first officer in command of the local Volunteer Company after having served for some considerable time as lieutenant.

The wedding presents numbered over 300, and included a handsome silver salver from the officers of the 1st Battalion (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Territorial Regiment, and the members of the Orpington Company are presenting their Captain with a splendid photograph of the company.

Captain and Mrs. Lamarque are taking up their residence at Bromley.

MISS M. E. BEGGS AND MR. HENRY MILLER.

A wedding took place at the Parish Church, Chislehurst, on June 14th, between Mr. Henry Miller, son of Mr. Henry Miller, of Chislehurst, and Miss Margaret Ellen Beggs, daughter of the late Mr. David Beggs and of Mrs. Beggs, of Chislehurst, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. C. W. Page. The bride, who was given away by her aunt, Mrs. Menchenten, was handsomely gowned in cream, trimmed with Maltese lace, with wreath and veil, and she carried a shower bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaids were Miss Beggs (sister of the bride) and Miss Lily Miller (youngest sister of the bridegroom), who wore dresses of nattier blue, and black picture hats, with blue feathers. Their bouquets were of pink carnations, and they wore gold curb bracelets, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Frederick Miller attended his brother as best man. After the ceremony, during which Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played, a reception was held by the bride's mother at Camden House, which was lent for the occasion, and later, the newly-wedded pair left for the honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, the bride travelling in a costume of aricula cloth, her black picture hat being trimmed with feathers to match the costume. Many valuable and useful presents were received by the bride and bridegroom, including a handsome fire screen from fellow employees at Messrs. Ryder and Sons'. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold watch, and the bride presented the bridegroom with gold links and studs.

MISS FLORENCE WHITE AND MR. W. R. BRISTOW.

At the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on June 15th, the marriage was solemnised of Mr. Walter Rowley Bristow, F.R.C.S., youngest son of the late Mr. H. J. Bristow, J.P., of The Mount, Bexley, and Mrs. Bristow, of Ravenshill, Chislehurst, to Miss Florence White, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James White, of South Home, Chislehurst. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Rhodes Bristow (uncle of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. Cooper Marsdin (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) and the Rev. G. R. Sampey, curate of the Church of the Annunciation. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, and had a most charming appearance.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attractively attired in an Empire gown of white satin, with girdle and sleeves of pearls, and pearl trimmings and orange blossom. She also wore a diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a beautiful bouquet of Malmaison carnations and white heather. She was attended by five bridesmaids, Miss Blaith wayte, Miss Muriel Webb, Miss Gwennydd Beazley, Miss Leila Leighton and Miss Maud Bristow, who each looked charming in an Empire style gown, with a skirt of muslin, tastefully adorned with old-fashioned lace and blue ribbon and posies of Dorothy Perkins rambler roses. The bridegroom was attended by four groomsmen, who each wore in their coats white carnations. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were gold purses. The address was given by Canon Bristow.

After the ceremony a reception was held by Dr. and Mrs. James White at South Home, there being upwards of 400 guests, and subsequently the newly-married couple left for a motor tour through France to Lake Como and Venice, the bride's travelling dress being of embroidered white cambric, with pale blue hat. There were over 250 presents.

MISS DOROTHY GRIFFITH AND MR. F. P. GRANT.

In brilliant sunshine, the wedding took place on June 16th of Miss Dorothy Florence Griffith, the elder daughter of Colonel Frank Griffith, V.D., and Mrs. Griffith, The Gables, Bromley, the bridegroom being Mr. Frederick Percy Grant, of Lexden House, Croydon. The service was held at St. John's Church, and was attended by a large congregation, Colonel and Mrs. Griffith being widely known and deservedly respected in this district. Colonel Griffith had the distinction of being the first Mayor of Bromley. The church was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the service was fully choral, Mr. Arthur F. Burton ably presiding at the organ. The hymns used were "O Perfect Love" and "Now thank we all our God," and Psalm 67, "God be merciful unto us," was also sung. Mr. Burton played as introductory voluntaries before the bride arrived, Goltermann's "Le Reve" and "The Invocation," by Alex. Guilmant, presenting at the end of the service and while the register was being signed, the Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" and a "Grand Offertorie" by Pariosot, Mendelssohn's Wedding March announcing the departure of the bridal party.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attractively gowned in ivory chiffon velvet trimmed with pearl and silver ornaments, with a train of silk fish-net lined with satin. She wore her mother's own wedding veil draped

over an antique silver coronet and surmounted by a chaplet of myrtle and orange blossom. The bouquet she carried was composed of white roses, white carnations, myrtle and lilies of the valley. Her bridesmaids were the Misses L. and O. Griffith (sisters of the bride), the Misses A. and M. Grant (sisters of the bridegroom), Miss Beddome and Miss Durler, these wearing gowns of pale pink silk veiled with thin grey voile, and trimmed with silver tissue, and black hats trimmed with silver tissue and pink roses. They carried bouquets of pink ramblers, which, with silver and enamel bracelet-clasps, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mrs. Frank Griffith wore a black Chantilly lace gown over turquoise blue silk, and carried a bouquet of lovely Madame Abel Chatenay roses. The bridegroom's mother was attired in grey cashmere-de-soie, trimmed with handsome embroidery of the same colour. The best man was Mr. Richard Grant, jun., brother of the bridegroom.

The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Barker, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, and after the service a largely-attended reception was held at The Gables, where hearty congratulations were showered upon the happy couple. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Grant left for Devonshire, the bride's going-away dress being of grey cashmere-de-soie trimmed with turquoise blue velvet and grey passementerie trimming. She wore a black picture hat trimmed with a large black ostrich feather and blue velvet, and a grey braided coat.

MISS GRACE HEATH AND MR. ARTHUR W. WARDLEY.

The wedding took place at the Registrar's Office, Bromley, on June 22nd, of Mr. Arthur William Wardley, of Eltham (son of Mr. Edward A. Wardley, of London), with Miss Grace Ann Heath, daughter of Mr. G. Wilson Heath, of Netherhall, Sidcup. In connection with the marriage a service was held in the Public Hall, Sidcup, which was charmingly decorated for the occasion, and crowded with friends of the contracting parties from Sidcup, London, and elsewhere. The service opened with the beautiful hymn, "Love divine, all loves excelling," after which prayer was offered by Mr. George Buist, of Otterbourne, uncle of the bride, and Mr. Russell Elliott, of Leeds, read portions of Scripture from Genesis xi., Revelations xix., and Ephesians v. The second hymn, "When all Thy mercies, O my God," followed, and was joined in heartily by all present. Dr. A. T. Schofield, of London, who conducted the service, delivered an appropriate address on the marriage story from St. John ii., emphasising the importance of the marriage rite. The address was followed by the singing of the well-known hymn "Fight the good fight with all thy might." It was then suggested that a short season of prayer would be appreciated by the newly-married couple, and in this Mr. Witt, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Heath and Mr. Mace took part. The last hymn, "How good is the God we adore," was then sung, and Mr. George Kenrick, of Birkswell, closed the meeting with the Benediction. The music before, during and after the service was played by the Misses Maude and Edith Heath on the piano and harmonium in unison. Subsequent to the service, a reception was held by Mrs. G. Wilson Heath, at Netherhall, Sidcup, about 150 relatives and friends being present. Just before six o'clock the happy couple left by motor car for Waterloo, en route for the South of England, where the honeymoon is being spent.

MISS L. WILLETT AND MR. EDWARD MACGOWAN.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Bromley, on June 23rd, of Miss Lilian J. Willett, daughter of the late Mr. Archibald E. Willett and of Mrs. Willett, of Woodcote, Bromley, the bridegroom being Mr. Edward MacGowan, son of the late Dr. MacGowan, of Oldham, and Mrs. MacGowan, of Manchester. The ceremony was a very quiet one, only near relatives being invited, but the best wishes of everyone in Bromley went out to the bride, who is a member of a family held in much honour, and who herself enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends. The Rev. Walter Cooksey officiated. The bride, attractively attired in a dress of white satin meteor, was escorted to the church by her brother, Mr. Edward Willett, who subsequently gave her away. Mr. Percy Hodsoll, organist of Chislehurst Parish Church, presided at the organ, and before the ceremony played a Benediction Nuptiale and an Allegro by Schumann, giving Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bride and bridegroom departed from the church.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

MR. AND MRS. R. B. BERENS.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Berens, of Kevington, St. Mary Cray, was celebrated with much rejoicing on June 13th, and handsome gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Berens in token of the affection and regard in which they are held not only by the members of their family, but by the whole neighbourhood.

The happy day was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Berens and members of their family attending a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Parish Church, at which the Rev. George Berens, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Berens, was the celebrant, assisted by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Edmund Ball. Then followed the presentation of the family's gifts at Kevington and the expression of sentiments of affection and congratulation.

At ten o'clock, a small deputation, consisting of the Rev. Edmund Ball, as Vicar of the parish, Mr. Alfred May, Mr. H. Figgess, Mr. F. Stanger, Mr. R. H. Strouts and Mr. W. Beer, visited Kevington, and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Berens.

The Vicar introduced the deputation, who, he said, represented some 300 subscribers. Mr. Alfred May then presented Mr. and Mrs. Berens with a handsome golden rose bowl on behalf of the tenants, parishioners and friends of the family. Mrs. Berens was presented with a massive gold curb bracelet. Mr. and Mrs. Berens gratefully acknowledged the gifts.

Accompanying the gifts was a beautifully bound and illuminated album in red morocco leather, bearing the initials of Mr. and Mrs. Berens in gold on the outside of the cover, and on the second page the following inscription:—

"We, the undersigned, residents of St. Mary Cray, tenants and friends, desire to tender to Mrs. Berens and yourself our hearty congratulations on this your golden wedding anni-

versary. We assure you of our esteem and regard for your family and yourself, and beg your acceptance of the accompanying piece of plate as a token of the same. We earnestly wish you both continued health and prosperity, and pray that you may be spared many years yet of happy married life in your home at Kevington."

The gold plate bowl is of Georgian design, hand raised, and chased with elegant flutes and having bold chased handles. Engraved on one side of the bowl is the family crest, and on the reverse the monogram, "R.B.B." and "F.G.B.," also the dates 1860—1910. The bowl stands on a finely moulded onyx base.

ORPINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

The Orpington Football Club has passed through one of the most successful seasons experienced since its formation, and on June 18th a complimentary dinner was generously given by the President (Mr. H. Roper) to celebrate the winning by the club of the handsome shield awarded in the Western section of the Kent League. Mr. Roper genially presided over the gathering, and he was supported by Captain Mossman, Mr. B. D. Holroyd, Mr. E. Sykes, Mr. Percy Medhurst, Mr. S. R. Carr (secretary of the London League), Mr. S. C. Austin (chairman of the Orpington Club), Mr. G. Bull (late chairman of the club), Mr. C. F. Barham, Mr. F. Thorpe, Mr. T. Holmes (hon. secretary of the club), and Mr. C. R. Butler; the captain of the club (Mr. S. Denton), Mr. G. Blackstone, jun. (vice-captain), Mr. J. W. Barr (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Denton, Mr. D. Falvey and Sergt.-Major McRedmond. Colonel F. Griffith, V.D., of Bromley (president of the K.C.F.A.), who had promised to be present, sent a telegram, expressing his regret for enforced absence, and he cordially congratulated the Orpington Club upon its success.

The loyal toast having been honoured, the President submitted "The Orpington Football Club," and said the members of the club had every reason to be proud of their success. They met there last year, and he ventured to predict on that occasion that they would win the Western Section of the Kent League, and they had done so. They were very proud of their team, who had done very well. Hear, hear.) Their success spoke volumes for the way they had been captained, and for the way in which they had stuck together. He hoped the team would continue to work together in the future as they had done in the past. In regard to the management of the club, they had been exceptionally favoured. Mr. Roper associated the name of Mr. Austin with the toast, amid a scene of enthusiasm.

Mr. S. C. Austin, Chairman of the Committee, said it was indeed a very real pleasure to him, and he considered it also an honour to be allowed the privilege of responding on such an occasion as that. He felt the honour all the more because their club was that day one with which everybody who was at all interested in football could be proud to be connected. (Applause.) The club occupiel the happy position in which it was placed that day purely upon the merit of its team; and the winning of the Kent League had set up a record for the club. Out of 16 matches played, no less than 13 had been won, and of those clubs in the list the little club of theirs had beaten every team once, and in the majority of cases twice. (Applause.) They had suffered two defeats and drawn with Tunbridge Wells. They had scored 64 goals—more than any other club—won most matches, and had the least number of goals scored against them of any team in the League. One thing that had brought about so successful a termination to the season was that the men had played with good fellowship, and a splendid sporting spirit had existed amongst them, while there had been an absence of jealousy, which often existed and ruined a team. Mr. Austin then briefly referred to the financial position of the club, and remarked that with regard to this subject he could not speak in such glowing terms. They had had to meet great expense, while the "gates" had not been as good as they could have wished. He was happy to be able to say, however, that although they had no balance in hand, they would start the season owing nothing to any man. On the previous Monday night they still needed some £3 to meet current expenditure, but every member of the committee put his hand into his pocket, and they paid off the debt. (Applause.) With reference to next season, the winning of the Kent League entitled the club to promotion to the premier division, and they had availed themselves of their opportunity, and were going up. They would, therefore, meet better teams, and they would have to work very hard to win, but he was confident that with the team they now had they would be able to hold their own. They were going in for the Kent Senior and Kent Amateur Cups, and the club had decided to enter for the English Cup and the English Amateur Cup. In conclusion, Mr. Austin thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks respecting the club, and said so long as Mr. Roper remained their president they would try to do greater things. (Applause.)

Mr. G. Bull proposed the next toast, "Our Associations," and in doing so, spoke in felicitous terms of the excellent work of Colonel F. Griffith, V.D., in connection with the Kent County Football Association.

Mr. Carr, in responding, said he did not at all blame them for taking their promotion, and he wished the club every success.

The presentation of the shield and medals to the team came at this juncture, the former being handed to Captain S. Denton, amid ringing cheers.

Mr. Austin proposed the health of the President, which was drunk with enthusiasm and musical honours.

The President, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to be associated with the Orpington Football Club. He referred to the popularity of the matches between Orpington and Cray Wanderers, and said he thought it would be well if matches between these two clubs could be arranged for the Bank Holidays. If this were done, he would undertake on his part, and on behalf of the residents of Orpington, to put up a cup to be competed for between these two clubs, and suggested that it should be awarded for the best three or the best two out of three. His sole object for making this suggestion was to foster the local spirit in regard to the game. He expressed the extreme pleasure which it gave him to meet them on that occasion, and he promised that if they would only bring their association cup to Orpington it should be filled half-a-dozen times. (Cheers.)

The health of "The Visitors" was proposed

by the Chairman, coupled with the name of Captain Mossman, who replied.

Mr. Bull proposed "The Chairman of Committee—Mr. S. C. Austin," remarking that he was the best chairman they had had as a club, and they hoped he would continue in the office.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Austin responded and thanked all those who had assisted in any way to make the evening a success.

In the course of the evening, Mr. J. C. Fowler (piano), Mr. Bert Russell, Mr. Austin White, Mr. George Broughton, Mr. Bert Ellis, and Mr. E. Sykes took part in a capital musical programme.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

The Spring Meeting of the Chislehurst Ladies' Golf Club was held on May 24th, 25th and 26th, at Camden Place, in splendid weather, and though the entries did not come up to last year, some good scores were returned. Mrs. L. Jackson secured the club prize for best scratch score, with a return of 84, and Mrs. Albin Fleming won the Dunn Challenge Bowl with a score of 86—8—78. The club prize for the final monthly medal winners competition was tied for by Miss James (6) and Miss C. M. Search (12) with a good net return of 77.

The Village Hall, Chislehurst, was filled with an interested audience on May 26th, when the Rector lectured on a holiday he spent with his sister last year in Northern Italy. The lecture was charmingly illustrated by slides made by the Rector from photographs taken by his sister and himself. Delightful descriptions were given of the beauties of the towns visited—Bologna, Padua, Venice and Torcello, all of great historic and picturesque interest.

The annual photographic exhibition arranged by the Chislehurst Photographic Society, and held at the Old Crown-lane Schoolroom, Chislehurst, on May 28th and 29th, proved a great attraction, a large number of visitors coming to inspect the pictures, and the exhibition was voted a great success, the opinion being generally expressed that the high standard achieved by the talented members of the society in previous years was fully maintained.

The Catholics of Chislehurst celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi on May 29th by a very impressive procession. All the members of the congregation seemed bent on contributing to the success of this profession of their faith. The children were in white dresses and white veils, the Sisters of Chislehurst Convent and the Sisters of Sidcup, in their sombre dresses, all carried lighted tapers, and the gentlemen bore the canopy over the celebrant, Father Stefanini, of Sidcup.

The 1st Troop Chislehurst Boy Scouts were about to start for their usual rowing practice on June 15th, when a motor car drew up at the club-house. Mr. Frank Tiarks alighted and stated that General Mackinnon, who had just opened the St. Nicholas' Men's Club rifle range wished to see the Scouts' boat and speak to the troop. As the gallant officer stepped from the car he was received with the Scouts' salute, which he acknowledged, and proceeded to closely question the Scoutmaster as to the name and number of the troop, etc. He then inspected the boat, and afterwards complimented the troop on their handiwork and wished them success.

The fine new rifle range which has been erected on the upper floor of the St. Nicholas' Working Men's Club, Chislehurst, was formally opened on June 15th by Lieut.-General Sir William Henry Mackinnon, K.C.B., C.V.O. The distinguished officer, who motored up to the club, accompanied by Mr. Frank C. Tiarks, was received by the Rector of Chislehurst, the Rev. James E. Dawson, as president of the club. General Mackinnon said it was a great honour to him to be asked to come there, and it was a great pleasure to him to be able to come. He was very pleased at all times to open rifle club ranges, because he felt that they did an immense amount of good in many respects and inculcated into men so many admirable and excellent characteristics and qualities, such, for instance, as patience, effort and self-denial. General Mackinnon then received a rifle from the range officer, Sergt. Breeze, and took the first shot, securing a bull's-eye, amidst hearty applause.

GREEN-STREET-GREEN.

Green-street-Green Village Club and the Green-street-Green Football Club united this year in their annual dinner, which took place at the Rose and Crown on June 9th. Mr. E. Allnutt was in the chair, and was supported by Messrs. W. L. Gill, T. Caley, W. E. Baugh and S. E. Thorp. After justice had been done to the excellent fare provided by Mr. Eyres, the distribution of prizes took place as follows:—Billiard Handicap No. 1 (large table).—1 (cigarette case), A. Crafter; 2 (pocket book), S. E. Thorp. Billiard Handicap No. 2 (large table).—1 (bag), G. Shorter; 2 (silver watch chain), T. Ellis. Billiard Handicap (three-quarter table).—1 (walking stick), H. Strugnell. Whist Tournament No. 1—1 (pocket book), T. Caley; 2 (pipe), H. O. Morgan. Whist Tournament No. 2.—1 (walking stick), T. Ellis; 2 (tobacco pouch), S. E. Thorp. Cribbage Tournament No. 1 (double).—*J. Eade and T. Gladwell (bag). (*Arranged with his partner to give him entire prize.) Cribbage Tournament No. 2 (double).—1 (salad holder), G. Shorter; 2 (cigarette case), H. Stephens. Cribbage Tournament No. 1 (single).—1 (walking stick), A. Crafter. Cribbage Tournament No. 2 (single).—1 (desk), S. E. Thorp. Dominoes Tournament (double).—1 (pipe), H. Cope; 2 (tobacco pouch), H. Stephens. Dominoes Tournament (single).—1 (walking stick), A. Ellis. Open Billiard Handicap.—1, P. Rich; 2, T. Ellis. (Prizes distributed for these were cash.)

The eighth annual general meeting of the Village Club was held on June 2nd, the chair being taken by Mr. P. Dawson. The Secretary's report and treasurer's statement were both adopted, the balance in hand being £4 7s. 1d. Mr. T. Hamilton Fox was re-elected as president, and Lord Avebury, together with Messrs. W. St. John Fox, G. T. Shorter, R. J. Cole, Norris, B. Suttley and H. W. Forster, M.P., as vice-presidents, with Messrs. P. Dawson and T. Caley in addition. Mr. A. Eyres was re-elected as hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Forward as hon. secretary, in place of Mr. S. E. Thorp,

who stated that he was shortly leaving the neighbourhood. Mr. A. Ellis was re-appointed hon. assistant secretary.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Green-street-Green Football Club took place at the Rose and Crown on May 31st, Mr. W. L. Gill being in the chair. The secretary's report and treasurer's statement were both adopted, the latter showing a balance in hand of £5 13s. 4d., which was considered very satisfactory. Mr. A. C. Cohen was unanimously re-elected as president, and Messrs. G. T. Shorter, F. Kendal Barnes, R. J. Cole, A. Eyres, W. Gill and B. Suttley as vice-presidents. Mr. A. Eyres was also elected as hon. treasurer, and Mr. E. Allnutt as hon. secretary pro tem. It was decided to compete in the Sevenoaks and District League and Sevenoaks Charity Cup.

ORPINGTON.

On June 10th the Lord Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Southwark (Dr. Amigo) and the Lord Mayor of London (Sir John Knill), accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Mr. Sheriff Schlesinger, visited St. Joseph's and St. Anne's Homes, Orpington, and were very pleased with everything they saw and heard. A lovely bouquet was presented to the Lady Mayoress, and an address of welcome was presented to the Lord Bishop. Subsequently there was a parade of the boys for physical drill, Indian club and dumb-bell exercises, with gymnastic marching for the junior boys. Then came a display of free and applied gymnastics by the senior boys. The drills and gymnastics were given under the direction of Instructor Chainey, and the various items were frequently applauded by Dr. Amigo and Sir John and Lady Knill. The exercises were very smartly carried through and the band accompaniments were all that could be desired for the drills. The girls provided a very pleasing al fresco concert. The Lord Mayor and Lady Knill left the Homes at six o'clock amid the hearty applause of the assembled company.

ZENANA MISSION.—On behalf of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, and by kind permission of Mr. Tweedy and Miss Violet Tweedy, a sale of work, organised by Lady Wingate, was held at Widmore Lodge, Widmore-road, Bromley, on June 7th. There were five stalls, on which were displayed a useful and tasteful variety of Indian, fancy and plain work, and they were presided over by Mrs. Thurle Moore, Mrs. Tatham, Mrs. D. M. Mason, Mrs. Gutteridge and Miss Jean Brown. In addition there was a cake stall, over which Mrs. Palmer presided. Among those present were Lady Bruce, Miss Brown (South Hill) Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Richardson and family (Ravensfell), the Misses Beamish, Mrs. and Miss Ellis, Mrs. and Miss Tatham, Mrs. McNair-Scott, Miss Poulden and Miss Molesworth. There was a very appropriate, as well as interesting adjunct to the sale of work in the form of some Indian scenes, entitled "The Call of the East," which were given during the afternoon under the superintendence of Miss Haughton, from the central office of the Zenana Bible and Medical Missions. Miss Mackenzie rendered valuable assistance. The visitors were entertained by the host and hostess to tea.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE LECTURES.

In connection with the series of three lectures on "International Trade," given by Mr. J. A. Hobson, M.A., in the Town Hall, Bromley, Mr. Hobson awarded the prizes for the best replies to his questions as follows:—

1. A. Francis Clark, 7, Lychett-road, Bromley.
2. Katherine Selby, 22, Oaklands-rd., Bromley
3. Ella Nye, 36, Palace-road, Bromley.

Ten of equal value: James Armstrong, 34, Farnaby-road, Bromley; E. H. Grout, 26, Elmers End-road, Anerley; F. W. Beavar, 34, Morgan-road, Bromley; Phil Stradwick, 32, Park-road. Bromley; Mrs. Annie Clark, 7, Lychett-road, Bromley; Mrs. Annie J. Grubb. 21, West-street, Bromley; E. Legg, 11, Billet Cottages, Bickley; T. Nicholson, 41, Newbury-road, Bromley; F. R. Ash, 6, Freelands-road, Bromley: H. J. Smith, 42, Howard-road, Bromley.

Accompanying his award, Mr. Hobson says: "The answers were, upon the whole, extremely good. In nearly every case the writer showed a clear grasp of the essential principles of International Trade, and a good many gave evidence of considerable knowledge of industrial science. The Merits of the first five writers differed very little, all dealing with the questions very skilfully and attaining a really high level of excellence."

Births.

BOLD.—On the 10th June, at 11, Holligrave-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. J. Bold—a daughter.

CAREY.—On the 6th June, at White Lodge, Bromley, the wife of Harold L. Carey, of a son

COOPER.—On the 25th May, at Bromley, the wife of Lieutenant K. E. Cooper, 110th Mahratta Light Infantry—a daughter.

DAVEY—BOUND.—On the 11th June, at Beckenham Congregational Church, by Rev Jno. G. Stevenson, Ernest Davey, son of Mr. Edwin Davey, of Finsbury Park, to Edith Nellie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Thos. Bound, of "The Pines," Beckenham.

JALLINGS.—On the 20th May, at The Chestnuts, Longlands Park-road, Siddup, to Mrs. James Jallings—a son.

PIKE.—On the 23rd May, at Church Cottage, Shortlands, to the Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Bassett Pike—a daughter.

SIMMONDS.—On the 10th June, at Dunchurch London-lane, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Simmonds—a son.

Marriage.

ELLIOTT—HUBBARD.—On the 4th June, at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, by the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, M.A., Vicar, Arthur Herbert second son of the late Edwin Downton Elliott, and nephew of Daniel J. Luckhurst, of Cricklewood, to Muriel Florence, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs T. Rowlatt Hubbard, of Keston

SHARPE—ST. JOHN SMITH.—On the 4th June, at St. Augustine's, Edgbaston, by the Rev. Claude L. Sharpe, brother of the bridegroom, Gerald Henry, second son of the late Rev. Clement Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, Meadow Lodge, Bromley Common, to Audrey Diana, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. St. John-Smith, late of Chiltonville, Thanet.

TRAPNELL.—STEWART.—On the 7th June, at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, by the Rev. M. G. Davis, Francis Cyril Trapnell, of Beckenham, to Ann M. J. Stewart, of Moffat, N. B.

TUGWELL.—FISHER.—On the 11th June at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, by the Rev. John Pearson, Percival Thomas, only son of the late Thomas Tugwell, of Hove, to Jessie Rachel, second daughter of the late Henry James Fisher, of Sidcup, Kent.

Deaths.

Alexander.—On the 30th May, at Oakbank Sevenoaks, Anna Maria Julia, widow of James Alexander, in her 87th year.

Basset.—On the 22nd May, at 57, Tweedy road, Annie, widow of James Basset, of Rochester, aged 73 years.

Boulton.—On the 11th June, at Frogpool, Chislehurst, Hannah, widow of the late Thomas Boulton, in her 82nd year.

Cheetham.—On the 24th May, at Kingsmead, Sidcup, William Johnson Cheetham, aged 70 years.

Gambrell.—On the 20th June, at Whitehurch, Salop, Edwin (sonnie) Gambrell, eldest son of E. B. Gambrell, of Whitchurch, and formerly of Bromley, Kent—aged 7 years.

Gray.—On the 31st May, at Sheepcote, St. Mary Cray, William Connan Gray, aged 80 years.

Haydon.—On the 7th June, at Elmhurst, Kent House-road, Beckenham, Emma, widow of the late Frederick Haydon, formerly Stockwell, aged 83.

Jones.—On the 8th June at Upper Norwood, Philip Edward Bristow Jones second son of the late J. A. S. Jones, of Bromley Common, in his 23rd year.

Maugham.—On the 13th June, at Coverdale, Chislehurst, Julia Maugham, last surviving daughter of the late Robert Maugham, aged seventy eight

Neuffert.—On the 15th June, at Bromley, August Adolf Heindich Neuffert, aged 73.

Nutting.—On the 12th June, at St. Catherine's, Bromley, and 106, Southwark-street, S.E., William James Nutting, in his 83rd year.

Santer.—On the 9th June, at 293, Beckenham-road, Beckenham, Susannah, widow of Charles Santer, aged 77 years.

Weir.—On the 30th May, at Nantes, France, suddenly, Percy Jenner Weir, son of the late John Jenner Weir, Accountant and Controller-General of H M. Customs, London, late of Blackheath and Beckenham, aged 59 years.

In Memoriam.

Wilby.—In fond and loving memory of George Wilby, who suddenly departed this life from shock, caused by the terrible fire in Bromley on June 21st 1909, aged 72.

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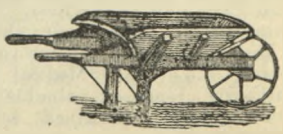
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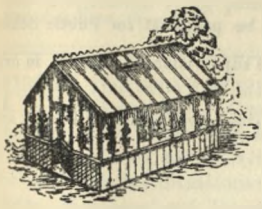
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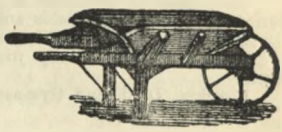
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—August Bank Holiday.—Bromley Charter Commemoration Fete at Sundridge Park, Bromley.

2nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 10.30 a.m.

4th.—Bromley and Crays Gas Co. half-yearly general meeting.

7th.—*Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.*

8th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

9th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

14th.—*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.*

15th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

16th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, bottom, at 11.30 a.m.

20th.—Keston Lodge of Oddfellows' annual fete.

21st.—*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

2nd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

23rd.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

28th.—*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

29th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

30th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings, Bromley, on July 5th, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

Refuse Destructor.

To the Establishments Committee, a letter was read from Mrs. M. L. Beer stating that on the morning of the 22nd ult., when the wind blew from the direction of the refuse destructor, the smell was abominable, and again on the evening of the 23rd ult. it was quite impossible to remain in the garden on account of the nauseous smells. The Borough Engineer reported that on one of the occasions complained of the refuse destructor had been shut down, and that therefore the smells could not have emanated from that source. and it was resolved to recommend that Mrs. Beer be informed accordingly.

Council Chamber Decoration.

The Establishments Committee reported that they had further considered the question of decorating the Council Chamber, and Mr. R. F. Atkinson attended the meeting of the Committee. The Committee at their last meeting decided to ask Mr. Atkinson his view as to the execution of the work for £185, and as to whether he could modify his estimate of £217. Mr. Atkinson now submitted a fresh scheme of decoration for the carrying out of which in its entirety he had obtained a definite estimate of £217 from an expert in that class of work. Mr. Atkinson explained that if the decorative figures shown in the design were omitted the work could be carried out for £185, and that this was also a definite estimate. The Committee, after carefully considering the matter, resolved that the design be placed before the Council at their meeting this evening and to recommend that Mr. Atkinson's entire scheme be carried out at his estimated cost of £217, and that it be referred to this Committee to take the necessary steps in the matter.

Memorial to the Railway Company.

The General Purposes Committee again had under consideration the question of approaching the Railway Company on the question of 3rd class season tickets, etc., and the Town Clerk submitted information he had received from various traders in the town with respect to the goods traffic, and having regard to the fact that the trade complaints are not sufficiently substantial, it was resolved that no action be taken in connection therewith. In the opinion of the Committee it appears desirable in the first instance to approach the Railway Company by means of a memorial setting out the various matters which the Council desire to be considered, which are:—(1) The desirability of issuing 3rd class season tickets; (2) a general reduction in the cost of season tickets and ordinary fares; (3) the necessity for rebuilding the Bromley North Station; (4) the insufficiency of platform accommodation at Sundridge Park Station. The Town Clerk submitted a draft memorial dealing

with these various matters, which was laid on the table, and it was resolved to recommend that such draft memorial be approved and submitted to the Railway Company.

Bill of Costs.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported to the General Purposes Committee that the solicitors to the trustees of the Mason's Hill Schools had delivered their bill of costs in connection with the arbitration under the Provisional Order, which, together with out-of-pocket expenses, amounted to £748 19s., and that such bill had been taxed with the result that the amount of £264 12s. 2d. was taxed off, leaving a balance of £484 6s. 10d. The Town Clerk submitted a statement showing the total cost in connection with the arbitration amounted to £1,233 9s. 7d., and it was resolved to recommend that such statement be referred to the Finance Committee with a view of obtaining the necessary loan.

Boys' Secondary School.

The Town Clerk read a letter to the effect that the County Committee regretted they could not make any exception in the case of Bromley, and the Boys' Secondary School must be called "The County School for Boys, Bromley."

Alderman Bell said it was rather an important matter, and he moved that it be referred to the General Purposes Committee. The naming of the school had been a matter of correspondence since April, 1908, up to the present time, between the Local Higher Education Committee, the Bromley Council, and the Kent Education Committee and the Board of Education. (Laughter.)

Alderman James seconded, pointing out that the bulk of the money on the building was being carried by Bromley, and Bromley alone.

The motion was carried.

Old Age Pensions.

The Town Clerk presented the report of the Pension Committee, which showed that during the past quarter 11 fresh claims had been dealt with, 10 of which were allowed, the other being adjourned.

Another meeting of the Council was held on July 19th, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

Health Committee.

The Health Committee reported they had on various occasions had under consideration a letter received from the Local Government Board with regard to the adoption by the Council of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, in which the Board wished to know what measures the Council had adopted or proposed to adopt by which the information as to births furnished to the Medical Officer of Health under the Act would be utilised with a view to the reduction of infantile mortality in the Borough. The matter has been in abeyance pending the definite decision of the Council with regard to the appointment of a whole-time Medical Officer of Health, as the scheme presented by this Committee included the appointment of a Lady Inspector whose services would be available for the purpose mentioned by the Local Government Board. The recommendations of the Committee were not adopted by the Council, and consequently for the present there would not appear to be any means of utilising the information received under the Act in question, and it was resolved to recommend that the Town Clerk reply to the Local Government Board accordingly.

Councillor Pearce proposed that this paragraph be referred back. It was unnecessary to say anything in justification of the Notification of Births Act, because time had proved that it was a very good Act indeed. If any justification were needed, they could find it very easily in the Act which had been introduced by the President of the Local Government Board to empower Borough Councils to appoint health visitors for the specific purpose of taking advantage of the Notification of Births Act.

Councillor Comins seconded the amendment. If there was no way for the Council to avail itself of the information obtained under the Notification of Births Act, then an opportunity should be given to those who felt so inclined to form a sort of Voluntary Care Committee in the Borough, who would be able to deal with the information that was obtained.

Councillor Lindley Jones said the Council had taken away from the Health Committee all the machinery that could be used to work the Act. The scheme presented by the Committee some time ago, which included the appointment of a lady inspector, was not accepted by the Council. There was no advantage to be obtained in sending the report back to the Committee. The Committee had no instructions from the Council to appoint a health visitor, and they felt from the attitude taken up by the Council when the matter was discussed that the appointment of a health visitor was hopeless at the present moment at any rate.

Alderman Bell described the attitude of the Health Committee as "very curious." He supported the amendment.

The amendment was carried by 11 votes to 7, and the rest of the report was then adopted.

Decoration of the Council Chamber.

A letter was read to the Establishments Committee from Mr. R. Frank Atkinson enclosing a draft of the specification for the decoration of the Council Chamber, and intimating that it was only possible to obtain the desired result by the employment of an expert and he submitted that the work should be entrusted to Mr. George Murray, of 10, Girdlers-road, Brook Green, Kensington, who was prepared to execute the work at the sum named, viz., £217. The matter having been referred to this Committee to carry out the work, it was resolved that Mr. Atkinson be instructed to give the work to Mr. George Murray and to recommend that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the necessary contract.

After discussion, the report was adopted by ten votes to nine.

Councillor Adams: We think there was a wrong count.

The Mayor: I counted myself, as well as the Town Clerk, and I have no doubt whatever in my own mind that the figures are correct.

Tennis on Martin's Hill

The Recreation Grounds Committee reported they had further considered the petition to the Council with reference to the need for recreation for the female portion of the inhabitants of Bromley, and suggesting that the centre portion (the ground below the hill) of the Martin's Hill might be appropriated to their use for the pur-

pose of lawn tennis courts, and stating that for this season it would not be necessary to have the ground levelled. The Borough Engineer submitted a plan showing the levels of the ground in question, upon which it appears that there would be a crossfall of one foot in ten feet in whichever direction the courts are marked out upon the suggested portion of the Martin's Hill, and that, therefore, unles sthe ground is levelled it is not at all suitable for the purpose suggested. The Committee also considered whether tennis courts could not be provided elsewhere, and it was resolved to recommend that the petitioners be informed that a piece of ground on the Whitehall Recreation Ground can for this season be allotted for the purpose of a tennis court and that the Council are willing to roll and mark out the same, provided the petitioners provide their own apparatus for playing. The Committee also decided to consider whether provision for the playing of tennis cannot be made at the Bromley North Recreation Ground when the same is being laid out for the next season.

Councillor Peill moved the adoption of the report. Referring to the petition asking that the centre portion of Martin's Hill (the ground below the hill) might be appropriated to the use of the female portion of the inhabitants for the purpose of lawn tennis courts, he said the Committee found it would be impracticable to lay out the ground this year. The Committee were quite willing to let the ladies play tennis on the middle portion of Martin's Hill. They would have to provide their own nets and mark out the ground themselves. He added that the ground was really unsuitable for tennis in its present conditon.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on June 27th, the Chairman (Alderman A. Lindsay Bell) presiding.

Cookery.

The Secretary reported that owing to the closure of various schools, it would be necessary to arrange for additional meetings of classes attending the cookery centres from Bromley Parish Girls', Valley Girls,' and Bromley Common Mixed Schools, to enable the classes to make the attendances required by the Code for the purposes of grant, and he was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Managers' Contributions.

Statements were submitted to the Finance Sub-Committee showing the amounts due from managers of non-provided schools for repayment of the agreed proportion of the cost of fuel, light, cleaning materials and repairs during the year ended March 31st, 1910. The Sub-Committee recommended that the claims as set out below be forwarded to the managers:—Bromley Parish C.E., £23 19s. 4d.; Mason's Hill, £12 18s. 9d.; Bickley and Widmore C.E., £25 5s. 7d.; Plaistow St. Mary's, £11 18s. 11d.; Addison-road C.E., £9 11s.; Bromley Common C.E., £8 2s. 11d.—Adopted.

Bromley Parish School.

The Secretary reported the receipt of Mr. Hellicar's certificate of the enlargement of the girls' and infants' departments of Bromley Parish School. Mr. Hellicar reported that he had personally inspected the school buildings and found that the enlargement had been carried out in all respects in accordance with the plans approved on Jan. 6th.

Mason's Hill School.

The Secretary reported the receipt of the revised plans of the new buildings and laid them on the table for the inspection of the members.

For the information of the members the Vicar mentioned that there were no structural differences at all. Certain improvements had, however, been carried out after a consultation between the managers and the architect. One was that the entrance to the girls' and infants' department had been transposed, but that would make no difference to the shape of the building or the outside of it. He thought they had carried out all that could be done, and moved that the revised plans be sent on to the Board of Education.—Carried.

A further meeting of the Committee was held on July 11th, the Chairman, Alderman A Lindsay Bell, presiding.

Valley School.

With reference to his visit to the Valley Council Boys' School on June 6th, H.M. Inspector reported as follows:—"The work of this school goes on well under the charge of the present head teacher. Amongst the many good points may be specially mentioned the arithmetic of Class I., and the intelligent character of the teaching in Class V. The handwriting is poor in the upper classes. It is understood that a scheme of hand work (already well managed in the lower class) is shortly to be extended to other classes."

Insuring the School Children.

The Finance Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the steps necessary to carry out the decision of the Education Committee to effect an insurance against liability for accidents to scholars, and they recommended that an insurance against all legal liability in respect of accidents occurring to scholars attending the public elementary schools, the cookery and handicraft centres, and the special school, including the conveyance to and from school by omnibus of the scholars attending the latter school, be effected through Messrs. T. Bell and Son, insurance brokers, with the Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd., at the rate of 2s. per 100 scholars on the roll,with an additional sum of £1 for the omnibus risk. This rate of 2s. per 100 scholars on the roll will cover accidents that may occur in all playgrounds. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Education Committee effect a full insurance against liability for accidents including accidents occurring to scholars in playgrounds of non-provided schools, and that the managers of the non-provided schools be asked to contribute the sum of 6d. per 100 scholars on the roll to cover their liability with respect to the playgrounds of their schools. The Sub-Committee further recommended that they be empowered to take the necessary steps to put the above-mentioned recommendations into effect.—Carried.

The Advantages of Education.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Braginton moved:—"That, with the object of getting children and parents to set a higher value on education, it be referred to the School Management Sub-Committee to consider: (1) Generally, what can be done to bring home to them its advantages; and (2) in particular, whether the education

given should be made more practical and brought into closer relation with the children's future occupation, and whether it can be made more efficient."

Mr. Rogerson seconded the motion, which, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

PROPOSED NEW TOWN HALL.

At the meeting of the Bromley Town Council on July 19th, the Mayor (Alderman Thomas Davis, J.P.) said before they separated there was one matter he wanted to call their attention to—a matter, it seemed to him, of very great importance to the town, and one which certainly required very careful consideration. His object in mentioning it now was in order that they might consider the subject during the vacation, and if they had the opportunity to discuss it with their constituents. No doubt all of them knew how very badly Bromley was situated at the present time with regard to places for meetings, the Drill Hall having passed into the hands of the Territorial Force. They knew how many occasions there were in which a large room was required for all kinds of purposes, for educational examinations, for social gatherings, for civic and ecclesiastic or religious purposes, and there was practically no place to which people could go except the Grand Hall. He was also thinking of places that were required for amusement and music, and at the present time there was a very great risk of musical operations in the Borough being brought to a standstill because there was no place for meetings to be held. It did seem to him that this was a very serious calamity to the Borough. The more people they could get to come to Bromley, such people as held conferences and congresses, the better it would be for the place. It was of very great importance to the welfare of Bromley that there should be some place called the Town Hall or the Public Hall, and they were likely to suffer in the future if they had not got such a place. He knew that the question had been considered outside from the point of view of such a hall being provided by private enterprise. That was one way of doing it, but his experience of such things was that it was not altogether a satisfactory way. Then there was the other way, which commended itself to his judgment, that it should be done by the public authority. Of course, people would probably be alarmed at the idea of spending more money in bricks and mortar, but they ought to consider what the effect on Bromley was likely to be as a residential district, and what benefit it was likely to be to the trade of the town if they had such a building. Therefore, he wanted them to consider the matter very carefully, and as fully as they could, because after they returned from the vacation, he would move that a small committee be appointed to consider the whole subject, especially from the financial point of view. He had an idea in his own mind, which he hoped was well founded, that such a building as he proposed could be erected and carried on satisfactorily without becoming a charge on the rates, or at so small a charge on the rates as practically to be inappreciable. The Mayor added that the matter had been on his mind for some considerable time, and he gave notice now so that they might be quite prepared to vote on it when they returned from their holiday.

BROMLEY HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the governors of, and subscribers to, the Phillips' Memorial Homœopathic Hospital and Dispensary was held at the hospital in Lownds'-avenue, Market-square, on June 30th. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided.

Before proceeding to the ordinary business, the Mayor made a sympathetic reference to the death of King Edward VII., and spoke of his late Majesty's interest in hospital work, and moved that a record be placed on the minutes of the profound sorrow and grief felt at the loss sustained since the last meeting by the death of the late King.

The report was adopted, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Trevor Francis.

Dr. Ramsbotham moved the alteration of a bye-law dealing with the visiting of patients at their own homes. The proposed alteration, he explained, would have the effect of limiting the maximum number of visits to be paid to a home patient to four a week. Last year there was one case where 17 visits were paid to a patient in one week by the medical officers of the hospital, and 17 visits in one week for half-a-crown was too much. It made more demands upon the medical officers than ought to be made upon them, and it must be demoralising to the patient. He thought the alteration was a very reasonable one indeed.

Mr. W. R. G. Hay seconded, and expressed surprise that the alteration had not been made sooner.

The bye-law will now read: "Home patients shall be visited at their own homes, distance not exceeding one mile from the dispensary, and not more than four visits weekly, at 2s. 6d. for attendance during one week, or 7s. 6d. during four weeks.

The Chairman proposed the re-election of the president, the committee, the medical staff, and other officers.

Mr. Avis seconded the resolution, and the officers, staff and committee were duly re-elected.

Mr. John Churchill responded on behalf of the committee, thanking those present for what was practically a vote of confidence in them.

Dr. Wynne Thomas replied on behalf of the medical staff.

Mr. William Willett proposed a vote of thanks "to the Ladies' Guild, and also to those who have made special efforts and collections in aid of the funds, or have contributed to the entertainment, comfort and consolation of the patients in various ways."

Miss Kate Simpson, responding for the Ladies' Guild, said she only wished all the members of the Guild were present to hear the kind words of appreciation that had been said about them. What they wanted was more personal interest, even more than annual subscriptions.

The annual confirmation at the Bromley Parish Church is to be held on Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m. Intending candidates should give in their names to the Vicar before Aug. 15th.

Miss Josephine Aiers, 12 years of age, daughter of Mr. David Aiers, Municipal Offices, Bromley, has passed the intermediate examination in piano playing held in London by the International Union of Musicians.

BROMLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Special services were held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Freelands-road, Bromley, on July 3rd, in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Church, and particularly of the semi-jubilee of the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., as a minister of the Gospel. Seven years Mr. Mackenzie has spent in Bromley, and his ministry here, like that which preceded it in Scotland, has been a most fruitful one. He is widely known as a gifted and scholarly preacher, and his unfailing tact, good humour and brotherliness have endeared him to a host of friends.

A special meeting of the congregation was held in the Church on July 4th, and there was a large attendance. Representatives from other Churches in the town, including clergymen of the Church of England attended, and the gathering was a memorable one. The platform was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and special music was rendered. Before the meeting a short "social" was held in the Lecture Hall.

Congratulatory addresses were given by the Rev. Alexander Connell, M.A., B.D. (Sefton Park Church), the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait), Rev. W. Justin Evans (Congregational minister), and others, and Dr. Maxwell presented to Mr. Mackenzie a handsome silver salver, together with a cheque for £200.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Smith attended as representatives of Langside United Free Church, Glasgow, to congratulate Mr. Mackenzie, and on behalf of that Church they presented him with another handsome silver salver.

Miss Hill, on behalf of the young people of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, said there were those among the young people who were very thankful that Mr. Mackenzie was sent to Bromley, and who owed him more than they could say.

Resolutions of congratulation were then read by Mr. Amos, on behalf of the Bromley Congregational Church, and by Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the Bromley Baptist Church.

Mr. Christie Reid said he wanted to make an entirely independent present to Mrs. Mackenzie, over which Mr. Mackenzie would have no control. (Laughter.) They wished to make Mrs. Mackenzie feel the place that she held in the affections of the people in the men's hearts as well as in the women's, and especially in the men's hearts. Mr. Reid then handed to Mrs. Mackenzie a gold bracelet watch, amid applause.

Mrs. Mackenzie: I want to thank you with my whole heart for your affection and kind gift.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie gratefully acknowledged the kindness of his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clements, of Crockenhill, on June 30th, celebrated their golden wedding. Both are enjoying fairly good health. Their united ages make 166 years, Mr. Clements being 83 and Mrs. Clements 82 years old. Mr. Clements is a native of Crockenhill, but has seen many years of business life in London in connection with the hop trade.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., preached a special sermon of a retrospective nature at the Bromley Trinity Presbyterian Church, on July 10th, taking as his text Hebrews xiii., 8. He said the thirty-three years that his ministry and student days covered had been eventful in the history of human effort and achievement. In the sphere of religious thought they had been years of special strain and anxiety. And many things had been shaken; many conceptions had had to be modified. There had been a necessity for readjustment of one's thinking on some of the profoundest problems of life and destiny. Even those who were least conscious of change had nevertheless been carried further than they knew on the broad tide of the progress of human thought. They all had been influenced in many ways by the environment—necessarily and properly influenced—and on many points on which they were absolutely sure 30 years ago they were not so confident now. At all events, the emphasis had shifted, and to-day faith was less burdened by irrelevancies it was not called on to carry. Many of them felt the relief from a great strain, as their creed had grown simpler, and the things that really mattered had emerged with clearer outline from amid the confusion of minor and unessential details.

The relations of science and religion had greatly improved. The antagonism was allayed, and the leaders in science and theology compared themselves to workers in a tunnel, approaching the centre from opposite sides of the mountain that long separated them, and the sounds were mutually heard. One day the line would be complete, and it would be found that all truth was one. In his student days Darwin was supposed to have dispensed with God, and Spencer to have demonstrated that at all events if He existed nothing could be known of Him. To-day the keenest intellects acknowledged that all they had to do with was an inquiry into processes. Of origins they knew nothing—that question they must leave to religion. There were many of the leaders of Christian thought who were not afraid to accept an evolution that worked from within—an evolution that was but another name for God's method of creation. And the other day some of the greatest physicians and surgeons had been saying that prayer very probably could tap spiritual sources that availed when all the skill of science had reached its limit. The old materialism was dead in the most advanced circles, and the pendulum had swung so far in an opposite direction that they would have to come to the rescue of matter from the arrogance of a pseudo spiritualism! The attitude of the profoundest science towards Christianity was deferential and reverent. And they asked for no more meanwhile, though they believed the time was not far distant when all the sciences would bow low before Him Who was King of all knowledge, and would cast the crowns of their most splendid achievements at His feet.

In his student days they were in the throes of the first onset of Higher Criticism. The views of the champions of a destructive criticism were then being popularised. He had to study the subject for one of the examinations set for the degree of B.D. One could hardly realise to-day the anxiety with which those new views

were met 30 years ago—an anxiety that was by no means without reason. For much of the criticism of those days was in the interests of pure rationalism, and was avowedly directed to the overthrow of the Bible as in any sense a revelation from God. The whole trend of much of it was to eliminate the supernatural from the Scriptures. It was part of a well-planned campaign against Christianity itself. To-day there was a strong reaction against the extreme views of other days. It was admitted that a mean use was made of a legitimate method of investigation, and the positions so confidently taken then were largely abandoned. One good result of those conflicts through which some of them passed was this—the "seat of authority" for them was based on a securer basis than any inerrancy of the letter of Scripture, even if that inerrancy could be guaranteed. The note of Divine authority was in the inspired thought, in the adequacy of the word to reveal the heart and will of God, and in the power it had to convey its own authority to the spirit of man which compelled without coercing the acceptance of reason and will—the inspiring Spirit bearing witness in and with the inspired Word, and demonstrating to the human spirit that it is in very truth the Word of God.

There was no more marked feature of present day Christianity than the growing desire to make it tell on all the social problems of the age. It was not so 30 years ago. Then the all-absorbing passion was to save the individual. It was true that there was a grave danger in the opposite extreme. Social salvation was but a mere abstraction. The community could not, as such, believe, could not deny itself, could not exhibit the great Christian graces. The community was only an aggregate of the individuals that composed it, and the tone and temper of society was but the sum total of the character of its constituent parts. But there was immense gain if the Christian conscience was aroused to its social duties. Christianity did not realise its full glory until it informed and inspired every relationship of life. They must apply it—and this was the modern note—with fearless courage to the affairs of the town, of the market, of the exchange. They must apply their Christian ethics to the warehouse, to the workshop, to the clearing away of the slum, to the improvement of the lot of the poor. They must apply it to their politics, to their world-wide commerce.

These years had witnessed a wonderful expansion of the Kingdom of God in the non-Christian world. The progress of foreign missions in that time had been marvellous. In his own memory the great events of modern missions had taken place. Nations were being born in a day. A great Church was coming to full maturity in non-Christian lands. It was good to live in these days when the Kingdom of Christ was visibly expanding before their amazed eyes.

There was a growing spirit of unity—a spirit deriving its inspiration largely from co-operation happily existing in the foreign field. Foreign missions were the salvation of the home Churches. What a contrast in his own attitude to-day to that which with all the zeal of a young Free Church pharisee he occupied towards all other Churches. He was ashamed to think of the intolerance and bigotry of those early years. Of course one must not seek peace at any price. One must not seek union at the cost of principles for which martyrs died. One must not allow the latitudinarianism that was lacking in fibre and strength to carry them away into a namby-pamby sentimentalism. But surely there were fundamentals on which Protestant England was agreed.

There had been a growing tendency towards a simpler creed. Theology must be a progressive science if it was to influence the thought and life of each succeeding age. And while this carried with it danger, it was a peril that each generation must face, and dare not evade if the Church was not to become a mere fossil. They wanted a simpler creed—a creed less in the technical language of theology and more in the simple words of Scripture. And more and more the emphasis was laid where it always ought to be in the personal relations of the soul to Christ, for Christianity was Christ.

With the processes of the suns many things were shaken. Change and continuous unfolding was Nature's law of progress. The old order changed and gave place to a new. Aspects of truth that one age specially needed lost their grip on a new age. Fresh adjustments were requisite, for each era had its own outlook, its own problems, its own special perils. And in a period of transition like this there was room for patience with one another, for a larger charity, for a huge optimism that was brave enough to believe that the issue would be a larger world, a clearer and bluer sky. Amid it all, one thing was certain. Christ was not taken by surprise. He led the ages. He was on the throne. All power was His, in heaven and on earth. There were in His great Gospel resources of wisdom and of power adequate to every emergency. He had come that men might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

They were entitled to ask him, after all these years, "What think you of Christ?" The experience of over 30 years among all sorts and conditions of men had perfected the conviction that He was the Son of God, the one absolutely sufficient Saviour, equal to every call on His grace and saving love. He was able to save to the uttermost all that came to God through Him. He (Mr. Mackenzie) had seen miracles of saving grace in these years, and to him, at least, there was no greater proof of the supernatural than those conversions showed. To him Christ became more and more precious as the years gathered. Infinitely more than His Church or His great and priceless Scriptures, or all the treasury stored up in their great theologies was Christ Himself, the chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely.

Outing.—Notwithstanding showery weather, a very pleasant time was spent on July 2nd by the employees of Mr. H. G. Dunn, the well-known upholsterer and undertaker, of 32 to 40, Widmore-road, Bromley, on the occasion of their annual outing to Margate. The party, accompanied by Mr. E. Dunn, left Bromley South at 7.39, and the seaside was reached at quarter to eleven. Breakfast was served at the Elephant Hotel, and after a substantial meal, Mr. J. Brown, foreman, proposed "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and family," Mr. E. Dunn suitably responding. Places of interest were afterwards visited, and the excursion proved thoroughly enjoyable. The arrangements were made by Mr. A. Poole. The return journey commenced at 8.25, and home was reached at 10.35.

BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

There was a large gathering of football enthusiasts at the White Hart Hotel on July 13th, on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Bromley Football Club. Mr. G. Loly, B.A., one of the vice-presidents (who from its earliest days has taken a very deep interest in the club), presided.

Mr. Loly read a letter from the President (Colonel F. Griffith) greatly regretting that owing to a clashing of engagements for which he was not responsible, he was unable to be present. After expressing the club's indebtedness to the annual subscribers and the vice-presidents for their generous support and the interest they have shown in the career of the Club, the President proceeded: "The heartiest congratulations to the gallant team that has secured two of the most coveted honours in the county of Kent and in the district of London—the championship of the Isthmian League for the second year in succession and the London Senior Amateur Cup. There is no doubt that the Bromley Football Club has reached a high standard of organisation and has a team of exceptionally skilful players. I hope that steady and persevering efforts will be made to maintain the physical condition during the recess. Special thanks are due to the captain for a year of brilliant leadership of his team. The committee have done exceptionally well. We are all indebted to Mr. Beeston, whose constant care and enthusiasm has produced wonderful results and has been almost the last word in club secretaryship."

Mr. Loly proposed the re-election of Colonel Griffith, "our most popular president."

Councillor Lindley Jones seconded, and said he had always found Colonel Griffith a sportsman of the first water. There was no cleaner sportsman and there was no kinder man.

The proposition was carried with enthusiasm.

The vice-presidents were re-appointed en bloc.

Mr. H. W. Noall was unanimously re-elected as captain, and Mr. Percy Smith was chosen as vice-captain.

Mr. Loly proposed the re-election of Mr. Beeston as hon. secretary.

Mr. Noall seconded the proposition, which was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Beeston suitably responded.

Mr. Harold Beeston was appointed assistant hon. secretary. Mr. T. M. Stancomb was re-elected as hon. treasurer. Messrs. John King and H. Lawrence Gooding were again selected as hon. auditors and thanked for their services.

The committee were constituted as follows:—Messrs. Button, Cox, Edwards, G. W. Hopton, W. L. Hopton, Medhurst, Pearce, Whitehead and Willson.

The following officers were also appointed:—Mr. Juniper, captain of the second team; Mr. Poingdestre, vice-captain; Mr. Maddams, hon. secretary. Mr. Jayes, captain of the third team; Mr. Witham, vice-captain; Mr. Cooper, hon. secretary.

Messrs. L. Beeston, Button, Edwards and Willson were elected four representatives to serve on the Management Committee of the Bromley Sports Ground.

The medal kindly given by the President to the best all-round player last season was presented to Mr. McWhirter.

The players who were the runners-up in connection with the Dupuich Cup at Brussels came forward to receive their medals.

Following the business meeting, the eighth annual concert (under the direction of Mr. Bertram Pearce) was given in the White Hart Hotel grounds, which were beautifully illuminated by Mr. G. L. Pyrke. There was a record attendance, and a very attractive programme was submitted, the various items giving great pleasure to the large audience.

BROMLEY GYMNASTIC CLUB.

The tenth annual general meeting of the Bromley Gymnastic Club was held at the Gymnastic Hall, College-slip, on June 28th, the esteemed president, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., presiding.

The Committee, in their report for 1909-10, regretted the loss at the commencement of the season of the assistance of their hon. steward, and one of their most active members of committee, in the person of Mr. H. E. Strong, who had left the neighbourhood. The total number of subscribers inclusive was 225 (men 51, ladies 51, girls 50, boys 28, juveniles 23, and hon. subscribers 22), as against 235 for 1908-9 (men 45, ladies 49, girls 59, boys 39, juveniles 23, hon. subscribers 20). Although the membership in senior classes and juveniles had been maintained, the Committee regretted there was a falling off in the girls' and boys' sections, and it was hoped that these classes might be considerably strengthened next season. The total receipts for the year were £227 6s. 5d., and the expenditure (which included a transfer to building fund of £35) was £213 15s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £13 10s. 7d.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts, and said although it was stated in the report that the membership had fallen from 235 to 225, yet it must not be forgotten that that number included honorary as well as juvenile members. Going through the report a little more in detail, he found that the adult members had increased from 94 to 102, so that the sexes were now equally divided as follows: 51 females and 51 males. Then they had 100 juvenile members, who would be ready in a few years' time to fill up any gaps that might arise in the ranks of the adult members. Taking the report as a whole, he thought it a very satisfactory one indeed, and if they compared their position to-day with what it was ten years ago it would at once be seen that they had made most encouraging progress all along the line.

The report and accounts were adopted, and officers were afterwards elected.

TERRITORIALS ENTERTAINED.

The members of the 4th London R.F.A. (Howitzer) Brigade, on July 2nd, learned with regret that their popular commanding officer (Colonel Frank Griffith, V.D.) is retiring in the autumn. The announcement was made after a route march, when the officers and members of the brigade were entertained by the honorary colonel (Colonel T. C. Dewey, J.P., of Bromley), at the new drill ground, Ennersdale-road, Hither Green. Altogether about 300 officers and men were on parade.

Y.W.C.A. GARDEN PARTY.

The Young Women's Christian Association, like the Y.M.C.A., is a most useful and beneficent institution, providing for young people a home away from home, with many helpful and instructive ways of spending their leisure hours, and affording opportunities for quiet recreation and pleasant social intercourse, and a very successful branch of the Association is carried on in Bromley and Bickley, the headquarters being at Shaftesbury House, in Widmore-road.

Further proof, if such were needed, of the kindness and hospitality of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mrs. Dewey (who take a deep interest in the Y.W.C.A.) was abundantly forthcoming on June 29th, when all the local members were invited by Mrs. Dewey to tea in the beautiful garden at South Hill Wood. The invitations numbered about 250, but owing to the showery weather a good many were kept away. Still about 150 attended, and all spent a thoroughly happy time. Between the showers the sun peeped out, and the party were able to take some delightful walks through the extensive and well-kept grounds.

An excellent tea was provided in a marquee on the lawn, the menu including strawberries and cream ad lib. A point worthy of note was the solicitude shown by Mr. Mrs. and Miss Dewey for the comfort and happiness of the party. Amongst those present were Mr John Gibbs, Mrs. Theodore Howard, the local hon. secretary, and Miss Firkin, superintendent at Shaftesbury House. The catering was successfully carried out by Messrs. W. Maunder Ltd.

After tea a meeting was held outside the pavilion, the proceedings commencing with the singing of "Jesu, lover of my soul," led by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.). The Vicar then gave a helpful address.

Mrs. Theodore Howard returned warm and heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey for their hospitality, and also thanked the Vicar for his address.

Mr. Dewey briefly replied, and before leaving another opportunity was afforded the visitors of wandering through the grounds, the beauties of which again excited the utmost admiration.

Parochial Excursion.—The parochial excursion in connection with St. Luke's, Bromley Common, took place to Hastings on July 4th, and no fewer than 687 (330 adults and 357 children) participated in the outing. The special train left Bromley at 7.30 a.m., and Bickley a few minutes later, and after a good run down, the seaside was reached at 9.30, the journey being accomplished in exactly two hours. Accompanying the party were the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Gosselin, M.A.) and the Rev. F. W. Kay. The weather was glorious, and the many attractions of Hastings were enjoyed to the full. Messrs. Atkins Bros. and Cox, of Queen-street, catered for the large party. The return journey was commenced at 7.45 p.m., Bromley being reached at half-past nine. There were no accidents of any kind to mar the day's proceedings, and everything passed off without a hitch. Great credit is due to Mr. Gosselin for the excellent arrangements he again made for the excursion.

C.E.T.S. WORK.

A garden meeting in connection with the Bromley branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held on July 4th in the beautiful grounds of South Hill Wood, by kind permission of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mrs. Dewey. The kindly hosts threw open the whole of their grounds and gardens, and the visitors were able to spend a thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable time wandering about the picturesque walks and exploring the beauties of the park-like grounds when not listening to the speeches or partaking of the dainty refreshments provided by the generosity of the host and hostess. After a charmingly served al fresco tea at 5.30, croquet, clock golf, and other games were indulged in by those who desired active amusement. As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey and Miss Dewey were here, there and everywhere, studying in every possible way the comfort and happiness of their guests, who were unanimously of opinion that they had never spent a more enjoyable time. At 7.30 more refreshments were enjoyed, and the party did not separate until the shades of evening had advanced. Before they did so a short meeting was held.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

By kind permission of Mrs. Harvey, a garden party had been arranged for the Women's Freedom League at her beautiful residence, "Brackenhill," Highland-road, Bromley, on July 11th, but owing to the unsettled weather it was decided to hold the meeting in the "Bell" Hotel. There was a fairly large attendance, amongst those present being Mrs. Despard (the veteran suffragette), Mrs. How-Martyn and Miss Edith Craig.

Mrs. Despard, who was cordially received, said she was very glad indeed to be amongst so many in Bromley who were interested in that great question. There could be no manner of doubt that that question, "the women's question," as it was properly called, was one of the great questions of the day—the greatest and most important question. Mrs. Despard mentioned that the eyes of many people in other nations were fixed upon England at the present moment, and the women of those countries, who perhaps had not the advantages that some of them in England had, "are looking towards us, feeling that our victory will be the beginning of that for which they were striving."

Mrs. How-Martyn, replying to a question, said the conditions of membership of the Women's Freedom League were that they should act entirely independently of all political parties; and, secondly, that they should demand the vote for women on the same terms as it was, or might be, granted to men. They might have to take less, but they would never cease demanding the removal of the sex disqualification.

After the meeting Mrs. Harvey generously entertained the company to tea.

As the result of a bazaar held in connection with Beckenham Wesleyan Church recently a sum of over £360 was raised.

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DIARY FOR JULY.

2nd.—Garden party and sale of work at "Brockhampton," Bromley Common, under the auspices of the Bromley and Shortlands branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union.

3rd.—Fifteenth anniversary services at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley.

4th.—C.E.T.S. garden meeting at South Hill Wood, by permission of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Dewey.

8th.—Garden meeting of temperance workers at Cedar Lawn, Beckenham, by permission of Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray Hyslop.—Missionary meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.

9th.—Bickley and District Flower Show.

11th.—Women's Freedom League meeting at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.

13th.—Annual meeting and al fresco concert in connection with Bromley Football Club at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley.—Beckenham Flower Show.

15th.—Schoolboys' athletic sports on the Queen's Mead, Bromley.

18th.—Sermon on "Our Protestant Faith and the King's Declaration," by the Rev. J. L. Roderick, at Bromley Baptist Church.

19th.—Annual cricket match between local coachmen and gardeners on the Sports Ground, Hayes-lane.

20th.—Hayes Flower Show.—Kent Band of Hope forward movement meeting at South Hill Lodge, by permission of Rev. and Mrs. C. Drayton Thomas.—Temperance meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room, in connection with St. John's branch of the C.E.T.S.

21st.—Annual cricket match between members of Bromley Town Council and their staff at Bromley cricket ground, Widmore-road.

23rd.—Liberal rally at Cedar Lawn, Beckenham, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray Hyslop.—Bromley Common Flower Show.

24th.—Dedication festival services at St. George's Church, Bickley.

26th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley and District Working Men's Clubs League at the Institute, Widmore.

27th.—Farnborough Flower Show.—West Wickham Flower Show.

28th.—Exhibition of Swedish hand loom weaving at New Belmont, Page Heath-lane, Bickley.

COUNTY SCHOOL SPORTS.

The Inter-County School for Girls athletic sports, instituted two years ago at Bromley, took place on June 25th at Ramsgate. The weather was so bad that all attempts to carry out the sports of the Ramsgate County School for Girls had to be abandoned, but during the short intervals between three thunderstorms it was found just possible to go through with the Inter-School contests. These are only two in number owing to the difficulties of conveying many girls from each school to remote parts of the county. The first event was a 220 yards flat race. There were six entries, and it was run in two heats as follows:—Heat 1: 1, Dartford (time, 30 2-5 secs.); 2, Chatham; 3, Ramsgate. Heat 2: 1, Tonbridge (time 31 1-5 secs.); 2, Bromley; 3, Ashford.

In the final race Dartford fell on the slippery grass, leaving the contest for first place between Tonbridge and Bromley. Tonbridge led until about 50 yards from home, then the Bromley girl spurted and won by less than a yard. Her time was 29½ secs. In the high jump all six schools entered, but the chief contest was between Ashford, Bromley and Ramsgate. The ground was wet, and none of the girls seemed at their best, but the Ashford and Bromley representatives jumped gracefully and easily, especially the former. Ashford fell out at 4ft., and Bromley went on to 4ft. 3in. This, however, was lower for both schools than last year. The final scores were as follows:—Bromley, 20 points; Ashford and Tonbridge, 5 points each; Ramsgate and Chatham, 3 points each.

The cup was presented to the Bromley representative by the Mayoress of Ramsgate (Mrs. Clutton) amid a deluge of rain.

THE DARTFORD DIVISION.

Although no Liberal candidate has yet been officially adopted for the Dartford Division, it is now generally understood that Mr. Winston Churchill has been approached, and that in due course he will be officially invited to take up the contest in this Division for the Liberal party. It is understood that the position is this. The Master of Elibank, the Chief Liberal Whip, is anxious that the party should make a determined attack upon the Southern and Midland counties, which are now Conservative strongholds, and that if it can possibly be arranged—subject to the Liberals of Dundee being consulted in the matter—the Dartford Division should be allocated to Mr. Churchill.

THE KING'S DECLARATION.

"Our Protestant Faith and the King's Declaration" formed the subject of an impressive sermon delivered by the Rev. J. L. Roderick, B.A., at the Bromley Baptist Church on July 17th, the preacher taking as his text, "While men slept the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat" (St. Matt. xiii., 24-25). He said the great concern of the Christian Church to-day was the coming of Christ's Kingdom, and more than that the great mission of Protestant England among the nations was the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and when she was disloyal to it he believed that her power would crumble in the dust. He would approach the subject of "Our Protestant Faith and the King's Declaration" from the point of view of the coming of Christ's Kingdom. The real peril—they were passing through a crisis—was the spirit of their modern life, the attitude of indifference to vital issues, the spirit of compromise which was ready to give up their birth-right for that which would bring no blessing, but which might and would bring strife and sorrow in the coming days. Most of them did not seek first the Kingdom of God. Instead of becoming one great passion that absorbed everything else, it had become one among many conflicting interests, and was gradually being crowded out of their life, and if their spirit of compromise to-day arose, as he feared it did, from their indifference, it was the story over again of that parable, "While men slept the enemy sowed tares in God's harvest field." If their Protestantism meant anything, it meant that they and he had convictions which were more precious to them than life, and it was well for them to look back for a moment to the past. When they read over the King's Declaration as it stood, they seemed to be on the battle field. Every word and every syllable of it rang with the sound of a great struggle. They were told that the men who drew it up lived in a time of panic. They lived in a time when the peril of Romanism overshadowed England like a storm cloud, and when England still remembered the fires of Smithfield and the rack and the dungeon and the tyranny of the priesthood. Their fathers safeguarded them. The cry to-day was that the language was very strong, and the words were offensive. "God forbid we should quench the smoking flax or break the bruised reed. God make us gentle with men and women. Whatever may be of God in their creed, however faint it is, should be recognised and encouraged. There are men and women in the Roman Catholic Church, some of whom I know personally, whose lives are blameless, and whose characters are Christlike, but," added Mr. Roderick, "God make us stern and uncompromising in our hostility to priestcraft and Jesuitry and high-handed wrong." Proceeding, he said the great grievance—and he quite believed it—was not the strength of the language, but the effectiveness of the declaration, the way in which it stood as a barrier for ever between Papal aggression and the Throne of England, and he said, as a Protestant minister, that perhaps there had never been a graver peril than there was to-day, all the more real because it worked underground, because their land was honeycombed with means and methods to win back this country once again to the Papal dominion. He was not an alarmist, but he realised the indifference of the people in the way in which their precious heritage was being surrendered almost without a struggle. There was peril not for them, but for the little children that were following after them. The note of the Christian Church to-day should be a note of courage, of strong, clear conviction; but they dared hardly in these times whisper among men that they had conviction. They lived so upon the surface, and they trifled so much with their principles. But the day was coming when they would have once again to make a stand for their Protestant faith. When the great Napoleon stood upon the French shore and looked with longing eyes across the Channel, he knew he dared not cross that little strip of ocean because Englishmen were watching on every hill top and on every cliff. They need not be afraid while they were alive to the great issues, but the peril always lay in their apathy and indifference. The danger lay to-day not in the Roman Catholic faith, but in Roman Catholic aggression. It was a political conspiracy, and there was an unholy lust for power. In Wales there had been founded convents and monasteries where colonies of French monks and nuns had made their home, but they need not be afraid of that. "The peril lies in that we are asleep, and the work is being carried on in the darkness and in the night." Continuing, Mr. Roderick said if it was only just a question of their King's personal faith he would be silent that night; but in it there were enshrined great principles, and it was linked on to all that they held holy and sacred. More than that, the cry that had arisen for the modification or abolition of the Declaration was not so simple and so innocent as it looked. It was a part of that campaign to win back England to the Catholic faith. Having read some words of Cardinal Manning with reference to the subjugation of England, the preacher said on the Continent, in Italy, Romanism was losing its grip. In France it was almost driven out, and in Spain to-day there had begun a battle for liberty that would only have one issue; but here in their country it was making progress. Even in the Anglican Church there were hundreds of clergymen that were driven Romewards, disloyal to their Protestant faith, who taught Romish doctrines and practised Romish rites, and there was ever the effort and the struggle to win back their beloved land. The Church of Rome never changed. Its pages were dark with inhuman cruelty, but it had never renounced the past; and to-day, like the enemy that sowed tares, it did its work in the darkness and thrived in times of ignorance and in blackest night. The countries that were under the heels of the priests were down deep in misery and corruption. God save their country from this peril. It was not a question for their Council Chamber. It was a question for the people. They could remove, if they would, the offensiveness, but what had been suggested took away for ever the safeguard of the Protestant faith. Might God help them at this time to make known, as far as they could, the principles for which they stood. Remember it was the sowing of the tares. The harvest would not come yet. It would lay in the soil for weeks and years. By-and-bye would come the bitter harvest. Might God ever give England a pure faith. They had liberty, and it had been won from battle field to battle field, from prison to prison, and here to-day they had liberty to worship God according to their consciences. Might that sun ever smile upon them.

and might the God of their fathers be still their stronghold and the power of their work.

During the service Mr. Bertram Pearce gave a capital rendering of "Be thou faithful unto death."

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BROMLEY SCHOOLBOYS ON QUEEN'S MEAD.

The Queen's Mead was set apart by the Bromley Town Council on July 15th for the athletic sports annually held in connection with the elementary schools of the Borough. Hitherto the races have taken place in conjunction with the flower show at Bromley Common, but this year it was wisely decided to have a separate day for the sports, and in selecting the Queen's Mead as the venue, the promoters made an admirable choice. A better spot for school sports it would have been difficult to find, and the surroundings made a very pretty picture. The headmasters and teachers worked hard in making the arrangements, and a capital course was prepared. A low price was considerately fixed for admission to the ground, and there was a large attendance of the general public. Delightful weather favoured the function, and the strenuously-contested races were watched with keen interest The pleasurableness of the proceedings was considerably enhanced by the stirring music of the Bromley Silver Prize Band.

The schools competing were Aylesbury-road, Bickley and Widmore, Bromley National, Plaistow, Raglan-road, Wharton-road, Bromley Common and Valley, and as each school had view the winning of the "Yolland Challenge Shield," presented in 1903 by Mr. Edwin Peill, there was naturally very keen competition between the boys, and some splendid running was the result. There was a spirited struggle for supremacy between Aylesbury-road (the champions) and Bromley National. The latter secured the highest number of points (27), Aylesbury-road coming next with 21, but Aylesbury-road obtained the greatest percentage of points (10.60), the number of boys on the roll under 14 years of age in that school being only 197 as compared with 258 at the Bromley National School. The shield therefore went once more to Aylesbury-road, making the eighth time they have won it in succession, and no other school has yet had the honour of having its name inscribed on the trophy. Mr. F. Lewis, the head master at Aylesbury-road, is to be congratulated on adding another to the list of his school's successes, and Mr. J. T. Elliot, of Bromley National, whose percentage was 10.46, is also to be commended for the gallant efforts his boys made to win the championship. Wharton-road scored 16 points and had a percentage of 10.45; Valley, 18 points, percentage 9.37; Raglan-road, 14 points, percentage 3.10. Bickley and Widmore, 14 points, percentage 9.70; Bromley Common, 3 points, percentage 3.40. Plaistow did not score a single point.

The programme was a very lengthy one, and owing to the large number of heats it was found impossible to get through the races as expeditiously as had been anticipated. After tea the spectators were allowed to come on the course, which did not improve matters. The presentation of prizes was to have taken place shortly after seven o'clock, and the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) was present to discharge this interesting duty, but a start could not be made until nine o'clock, and his Worship unfortunately was compelled to leave before eight to fulfil another engagement. It was dark when Dr. Yolland presented the prizes, and candles had to be lighted for the convenience of the Press and officials. It would be a good plan another year to run off the heats beforehand, leaving the finals only for the sports day.

Mr. D. Long made a genial hon. secretary and worked exceedingly hard, and another great worker was Mr. W. H. Willson, who officiated as starter. Mr. W. G. Brockman (A.A.A.) was the experienced handicapper, and Mr. H. J. Vivash made a courteous Press steward. The hon. treasurer was Dr. J. H. Yolland, who has from the first taken a deep interest in the school sports. The following rendered yeoman service as judges:—Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, Councillors W. Lindley Jones, W. G. Weller, Bertram Pearce, A. T. Harris, Messrs. L. Beeston, G. W. Perkis, E. J. Harris and T. Keats. The other officials were:—Marksmen: Messrs. F. Lewis, H. J. Salter, W. J. Sunman, E. Owen, W. Piffe-Phelps, J. J. Webber, J. L. Vann, A. M. Thomas, W. G. Moate, J. T. Elliot, A. Williams, H. A. Margetson, F. W. Beavan, C. Tickner and P. Wood; competitors' stewards: Mrs. Edwards, Miss Fluck, Miss Gully, Messrs. E. Wilson, H. Ewins, J. W. Daws, J. Huckle, H. Rothwell, W. Edwards, E. J. Lloyd, A. Gunner, D. H. Elliott and P. Greenyer; and telegraph stewards, Messrs. A. Dennis and F. D. Mitchell.

Seven members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (A and B Sections), with Corpl. G. W. Duke in charge, were on duty during the afternoon.

Dr. Yolland, before presenting the prizes, said as that was the first year of a new venture, he thought everybody had reason to be satisfied with the way in which it had turned out. Hitherto the sports had been held in connection with the Bromley Common Flower Show. This year they decided to hold them more in the centre of the town, and the attendance that day had justified the committee's action. He expressed thanks to the masters and assistants for the amount of work they had put in to bring the sports to such a successful issue; to the judges for the admirable way in which they had carried out their duties; and to Mr. Long, the most energetic secretary.

Mr. F. Lewis, on receiving the Challenge Shield on behalf of Aylesbury-road School, said they were prouder of winning it this year than they had ever been.

Mr. Piffe-Phelps called for three cheers for the hon. secretary, which were heartily given; and cheers were also raised for the judges and Dr. Yolland.

Amongst those who kindly gave prizes, in addition to those above mentioned, were Mrs Squirrell (an oxydised watch), the Bromley postmen (four knives for the team race), Mr. Marler (a boy's suit of clothes), the Bromley Police (10s.), Mr. J. Morton Crouch, Mr. J. Beasley, and the Bromley and Crays Co-operative Society, Ltd., the latter giving two first prizes of the total value of £1 10s.

The following pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Moss, of the Bromley College of Music, passed the recent examinations of the College of Violinists: Miss Elvire Couldrey, Miss May Curley, Miss Edith Oliver, Mr. T. E. Cox and Master Lorenzo de Amezaga.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS DOROTHY VANHOUSE AND MR. STANLEY GARRARD.

At St. Mary's Church, Shortlands, on June 23rd, Miss Dorothy Margaret Vanhouse, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marsh Vanhouse, of St. Valery, Shortlands, was married to Mr. Stanley Mitchell Garrard, youngest son of the late Mr. T. E. Garrard, of Campsie, Beckenham. The service was fully choral, and the officiating clergy were the Rev. W. Austin Garrard, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Howard Nixon, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Dulwich, and the Rev. Canon H. F. Wolley, Vicar of the parish (the address was given by the Rev. Howard Nixon).

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a soft white satin princess robe trimmed with Brussels lace and a full panel of chiffon down the side of the skirt with lace let in. The train was lined with chiffon, with lace on corner, and she wore an orange blossom and myrtle wreath and embroidered tulle veil. She had a piece of orange blossom tucked in bodice of dress, and carried a bouquet of white roses, carnations sweet peas and heather. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Miss May Vanhouse, sister of the bride; Miss Dorothy Bussell and Miss Grace Mitchell, who wore costumes of tunic frocks of pale blue crepe de chine, black hats, with pale blue ostrich feathers, and carried bouquets of palest pink sweet peas, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. H. Colin Allen filled the position of best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at St. Valery, Shortlands, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Garrard left for the Continent, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride's travelling dress being of pale grey cloth, black hat, with grey ostrich feathers.

The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold compass and easy chair, and the bridegroom's present to the bride a diamond pendant and wrist watch and pear and sapphire bar brooches to the bridesmaids.

MISS EMMIE COOPER AND MR. F. W. OSBORN.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, on July 2nd, the contracting parties being Mr. F. William Osborn, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Osborn, of Plaistow-grove, Bromley, and Miss Emmie Georgina, only daughter of Mrs. G. Cooper, of Park-road, Bromley. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, wore a Princess robe of cream voile, trimmed with lace, and hand-embroidered veil, over a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried an ivory and silver gilt prayer-book. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Ethel Wood, who wore a dress of mauve voile and black picture hat, and carried a bouquet of mauve sweet peas and ivory prayer-book, the gifts of the bridegroom; and Miss Dollie Hadley (cousin of the bridegroom), who wore a dress of cream silk and Leghorn hat, and carried a basket of mauve sweet peas. Mr. C. H. Cooper acted as best man. At five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Osborn left for Herne Bay, the bride wearing a dress of pale blue silk and black crinoline hat, trimmed with roses and forget-me-nots. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of about fifty useful and valuable presents.

MISS ELSIE GREEFF AND MR. R. H. GREEFF.

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, on July 9th, the wedding was solemnised of Miss Elsie Helen Josephine Greeff, second daughter of Mr. R. W. Greeff, and Mrs. Mary Antonie Greeff, of Elm Bank, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley, with Mr. Robert Henry Greeff, son of Mr. Edward Greeff and Mrs. Johanna Greeff, of Weimar, Germany. A great deal of interest was centred in the event, the bride being a member of a family well-known and held in high regard in the neighbourhood, and herself enjoying the esteem of a large circle of friends. St. Nicholas Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with palms and other plants, the screen being artistically treated with white Harriesi lilies, white gladiola and smilax. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. F. Johnson.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attractively attired in cream satin covered ninon, with lace neck and sleeves. She wore a bunch of orange blossom at the waist, and carried a beautiful bouquet of cream roses. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids—her eldest sister (Miss Greeff), her younger sisters (the Misses Janet and Tony Greeff), and Miss Bowater. These young ladies were becomingly attired in pink ninon over satin, and wore black hats with ostrich plumes, their bouquets consisting of pink roses. The bride's mother wore a dress of grey cashmere de soie with a black hat, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother was attired in black silk. The best man was Herr Rodolf Merz from Mains, Germany.

The ceremony over, a reception was held at Elm Bank, the guests numbering about 120. Later in the afternoon, at half-past five, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Greeff left for the West of England, the bride wearing a going-away dress of blue silk with black satin coat and blue hat to match.

MISS E. M. KENNETT AND MR. C. E. BROWN.

The wedding of Mr. Charles Edward Brown and Miss Ethel Mary Kennett took place at the Bromley Parish Church, on July 12th. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Woldemar O. Kennett, of Elmstead Glade, Chislehurst, and the bridegroom is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanford Brown, of Park View, Sundridge-avenue, Bromley. The church had been tastefully decorated for the ceremony. Mr. F. Fertel presided at the organ, and while the guests were assembling played "Imperial March" (Elgar), "Morning" by Grieg, and the "Benediction Nuptial," by D'Evry.

The service was fully choral. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, of the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, the latter portion of the service being taken by the Vicar of Bromley, the Rev. Donald Tait.

The bride looked extremely well in a dress of white satin embroidered with pearl and bugle pasmenterie. The yoke and under-sleeves were of tulle, and her tulle veil, over a wreath of orange blossom, had been embroidered by her sister. She wore a diamond ring presented to her by the bridegroom, and carried a magnificent bouquet of white Innocent and Frau Karl Druschki roses, tied with white satin ribbon. The bride was attended by three bridesmaids—

Miss Edith Markwell, the Misses Cissy and Mabel Brown (sisters of the bridegroom), and by her little niece and nephew, Miss Erica Bolton and Master Ronald Bolton. The bridesmaids wore white ninon over satin, the bodices being embroidered with white silk. Their large black Tegal hats had Lancer plumes, and they carried bouquets of white carnations and mauve orchids, tied with mauve ribbon, these and their pearl brooches being the gifts of the bridegroom. The little niece was a picture in white Broderie Anglaise over pink glace, and white muslin hat trimmed with pale pink ribbons, her tiny bouquet being of pink carnations. Master Bolton was dressed in a white Jack Tar suit.

Mr. Gordon Brown performed the duties of best man to his brother.

After the ceremony a reception was held at "Sundown," Elmfield-road, (the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Dickeson Bolton), but owing to the bridegroom's family being in mourning only relatives and intimate friends were invited.

At five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown left for London, en route for Scotland, the bride wearing a coat and skirt of amethyst Shantung with a blouse of ninon over lace of the same colour, a large mauve hat trimmed with shaded sweet peas, and shoes and stockings to match.

There were many handsome presents.

HON. HELEN BEST AND MR. GERALD WILSON.

There was solemnised at the Church of Holy Trinity, Sloane-street, on July 12th, the wedding of Mr. Gerald Wilson, son of the Rev. Charles Wilson, of Page Heath-lane, Bickley, with the Hon. Helen, eldest daughter of the Dowager Lady Wynford. The service was choral, and the officiating clergy were the Rev. Arthur Helps and the Rev. H. R. Gamble, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Sloane-street.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Lord Wynford, wore a dress of soft white satin, with a long tunic of mousseline de soie bordered round the hem with silver and crystal embroidery. The bodice was also finished with embroidery. She wore also a veil of old family lace over a wreath of orange blossoms and myrtle. The bride was attended by seven bridesmaids, five of whom were children. Her sisters, Miss Bertha Best and Miss Marion Best, wore white satin dresses veiled with long tunics of chiffon, bordered with silk beading, and draped over the left shoulder, where long white tassels fastened them. Their dark mauve straw hats were lined with pink, and trimmed with pink and mauve "button" roses. The bride's little niece, Miss Grace Best (daughter of Lord and Lady Wynford) walked next to her, and she was followed by the four child bridesmaids—Miss Diana Dimsdale, Miss Joan Wilson, Miss Irene Lees and Miss Eleanor Vidston—all wearing soft white Puritan dresses with a narrow line of embroidered leaves and berries round the high waists and yokes.

Gounod's anthem, "Praise ye the Father," was sung at the close of the ceremony.

Only near relatives and intimate friends were present at the reception which the Dowager Lady Wynford subsequently held at 65, Cadogan-gardens.

There were a number of very beautiful gifts. Mr. Gerald Wilson presented his bride with a diamond and emerald ring, a diamond ring, and a historic fan of Venetian lace. The bride's presents to the bridegroom included a fur motoring coat. The Dowager Lady Wynford gave a silver dressing case; Lord and Lady Wynford sent a tiara of white sapphires; Lady St. Davids sent a case of old silver spoons; the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton a set of diamond and enamel brooches, and Lady Amherst silver dessert knives.

MISS FANNY POPE AND MR. ERNEST MARTIN.

At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Westbourne-grove, on July 16th, Miss Fanny J. Pope, daughter of Alderman Pope, of Kensington, and of the late Mrs. Pope, was married to Mr. Ernest Martin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Martin, of Bromley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard Roberts, assisted by the Rev. Justin Evans.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in white satin charmeuse, trimmed with lace crepe de chine, and wore a peridot necklet, the gift of Sir Henry Robson. Her white hat was trimmed with tulle and large ostrich feathers.

The four bridesmaids were Miss E. Pope (sister), Miss N. Williams (cousin), Miss M. Pope (niece), and Miss D. Cambray (niece). They were becomingly attired in dresses of Wedgwood blue crepoline, trimmed with lace, the adults wearing Tuscan hats, trimmed with ribbon, velvet and pink carnations, and the children wearing large Leghorn hats, trimmed with wreaths of small pink roses. All wore pearl peridot brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. James W. Martin acted as best man.

After the service a reception was held at St. Paul's Church House, Newton-road, the guests numbering about 150. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for the West of England. The bride's going-away dress was of pale blue cloth, with black trimming, and she wore a black crinoline hat, trimmed with ribbon, velvet and feathers.

MISS ANNIE COLES AND MR. M. D'ARBLAY BURNEY.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on July 19th, when Mr. Malcolm d'Arblay Burney, youngest son of the late Rev. Alexander d'Arblay Burney, Witham Friary, Somerset, was married to Miss Annie Coles, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coles, Cievenden, St. Kilda, Melbourne, Australia. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney of Haworth, Yorkshire, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell.

In the unavoidable absence of the father, the bride was given away by Mr. Robert Whyte, and she looked charming in a soft crepe de chine gown, inlet with French net and embossed roses. From her hair fell a tulle veil and wreath of myrtle and orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet. Her bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Whyte (eldest daughter of Mr. Robert Whyte, jun.) was becomingly dressed in white ninon, with large white hat, with a cluster of pink la France roses, and a posey of the same blooms. The bridegroom was attended by Vicomte de Lapé as best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Oakwood, Chislehurst, and the bride and bridegroom afterwards left by motor en route for Cornwall, the bride travelling in a navy blue serge Russian costume blouse of green crepe de chine and hat to match.

FLOWER SHOWS.

BICKLEY AND DISTRICT.

The fifth annual exhibition of the Bickley and District Horticultural Society, held on July 9th, in the Tylney-road Schools, was an unqualified success, for not only was the show unanimously voted the best in point of quality ever held since the inception of the Society, but the entries, numbering over 200, showed a marked increase upon any other year, which is evidence, if such were needed, of the increasing popularity of horticulture in the district and of the great advance in the cultivation of what little land is available for the horticultural pursuits in such a rapidly growing borough as Bromley. Fine weather prevailed, and during the evening the show was liberally patronised.

The success of the show was undoubtedly due to the indefatigable exertions of the hon. secretary (Mr. R. S. Patterson), the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. A. G. Beazley), the treasurer (Mr. E. Bromham), and an energetic committee comprising Messrs. Boyce, Chandler, Coombes, Hudd, Hunter, Legg, Marshall, Morgan, Roberts, Stacey, Wooderson and H. Wraight.

At the conclusion of the judging the judges and officials repaired to the "Bird-in-Hand" public-house and partook of an excellent luncheon.

BECKENHAM.

The 19th annual show of that skilfully managed organisation, the Beckenham Horticultural Society, was held on July 13th, in the Croydon-road Recreation Ground, which had been kindly lent by the Urban District Council. The high standard of excellence achieved in previous years by the various exhibitors was more than fully maintained—indeed, in the opinion of competent critics this year's show, despite the inclemency of the weather, was in many respects the best that has been held for many years past. The number of exhibitors was not quite up to that of last year, for owing to the unfavourable weather which preceded the show there were not so many entries in the classes for cut flowers as is usually the case. Nevertheless, there was a very fine display of flowers, and the exhibits were in every way worthy to rank in a show of the very first class. Due credit for the success achieved must, of course, be given to the responsible officials. The hon. secretarial duties were once more undertaken by Mr. T. W. Thornton, to whose capable management and ability in the organising of this important fixture—for it is the event of the year so far as Beckenham is concerned—much of the success that attended the show must be attributed.

CHISLEHURST.

Delightful weather favoured the annual flower and vegetable show in connection with the Chislehurst Cottagers' Horticultural Society, which was held in the Rectory Meadow (kindly lent by Miss Fox) on July the 13th. The entries numbered 400 and the quality of the exhibits, generally speaking, was excellent. Especially fine were the table decorations. There was an exceptionally large attendance, and the show was an unqualified success. The judges were Messrs W. Green (Sidcup), Adams (Kingston), Westboy (Hayes) and Shelton (Sevenoaks).

The following were the officials:—President, the Rev. J. E. Dawson, M.A. vice-presidents, the Hon. Robert Marsham-Townshend, J.P., Sir George Truscott, Sir George Chubb, Sir Patteson Nickalls, J.P., Miss Monro, Messrs. J. H. Dalton, J. Dewrance, R. Foster, E. H. Joynson, F. J. Long, F. W. Lund, E. de Q. Quincey, E. Teichmann, H. F. Tiarks, J.P., and C. Woodall; committee, Messrs. W. Charlton, G. Crane, H. Hatto, T. Last, G. B. Lees, J. Lyne, W. E. Miles, W. Simmonds, H. Samson, R. Wilby, W. Wraight and H. Yoell; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. R. Payne; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Golding; collector, Mr. F. J. Rouse.

In connection with the show was held an interesting and instructive industrial exhibition, to which Miss A. J. Dawson again acted as hon. secretary. Many of the exhibits were of a high order of merit. The members of the executive committee of the industrial exhibition included Miss A. J. Dawson, Miss Bowen, Lady Chubb, Miss Dalton, Miss Edlmann, Miss F. W. Field, Mrs. A. Janson, Miss Patteson Nickalls, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Taylor, Miss F. Willis, Miss Worters, Miss Fox, Mrs. Pole, Miss M. de Q. Quincey, Mrs. Lloyd Russell, and Miss S. L. Tiarks, the first eleven mentioned ladies undertaking the supervision of classes, whilst Miss Worters superintended the refreshments. Miss Gibson acted as assistant hon. secretary. The rector was likewise president of the industrial exhibition. The judges were: Plain needlework, Miss Worship; embroidery, Miss Jewel; handicrafts, Mr. H. A. Davey; wood carving, Mr. Rogers; art, Miss Bradford; photography, Mr. Holding; letter-writing, the Rev. J. F. Johnson; cooking and laundry, Miss Watson; blouses and dolls, Mrs. Clifford; botany, Dr. Drabble; floral competitions, Mrs. Butchart; kindergarten, Miss Swannell.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the Chislehurst Band rendered some excellent selections of music. Mr. E. H. Joynson gave a series of most interesting demonstrations with a model paper-making machine, kindly lent by Messrs. Marshal land Co., and a fancy cricket match, promoted and carried out by the boys of St. Hugh's Preparatory School, under the Rev. J. F. Johnson, created much diversion.

HAYES.

The 19th annual exhibition of flowers, fruit and vegetables organised by the Hayes Cottage Gardeners' Association was held on the 28th July in Bourne Meadow, kindly lent for the occasion by the esteemed President, Sir E. A. Hambro, K.C.V.O. The season has been a rather trying one for horticulturists that it would have been no cause for wonder had the show failed in consequence to come up to its usual high standard, but although, as was inevitable, in certain respects there was a falling off, yet upon the whole the exhibition was quite the equal of its predecessors.

The outstanding feature of the show was a group of foliage and flowering plants, not for competition, exhibited by Sir E. A. Hambro. This fine group, which was very highly commended, was arranged with a great deal of taste and skill, and included some really beautiful carnations. The display of violas by Messrs Whitelegg and Page, of Chislehurst, also attracted much attention, as also did the hardy plants staged by Mr. G. Reuthe, of Keston.

There were a number of floral table decora-

tions, and these, together with the table centre-pieces called for general admiration.

In the other marquee, where the fruit and vegetables were shown, the fine quality of the exhibits was generally commented upon.

The Society has always done everything possible to encourage the housewife, and there were some very toothsome-looking home-made cakes and cooked potatoes. There were also some fine home-made loaves of bread on view, together with some excellent specimens of needlework.

The judges were:—Mr. Whittle (Addington), Mr. Rowbotham (Wickham Court) and Mr. Redden (Manor House, Wickham).

The Hayes Brass Band was present to play selections during the afternoon and evening.

In one part of the field were swings, cokernut shies, and other amusements, and for the school children an interesting programme of sports was provided.

The Society were again fortunate in having the duties of hon. secretary performed by Mr. E. A. Andrews, who filled the important office with his customary courtesy and efficiency, and in having the following experienced and hard-working committee:—Messrs. J. Crouch (chairman), H. Brown, H. Bryant, J. Dingwall, A. Farquhar, J. Findlay, C. Govier, J. Grandfield, C. Jordan, F. J. Keech, S. H. Keech, T. Lane, E. Lanaway, R. Lowndes, W. Mayhew, A. Pattenden, H. D. Reader, E. Stone, H. Tulett, H. J. Terry, G. Turner, and J. H. Willby, and Mr. Thomas Price (collector and assistant secretary).

The Rector (the Rev. George Clowes) presided at the luncheon held at the New Inn, and at the conclusion of the repast the judges were warmly thanked for the services they had rendered.

TEMPERANCE GARDEN PARTY.

Signs of the good work that is being accomplished by the Bromley and Shortlands branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union were not wanting at the successful garden party which was held at Brockhampton, Bromley Common, on June 30th, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. This branch has always been fortunate in the past in enlisting the services of kind friends who have entertained the members on the occasion of their annual gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are amongst the most generous supporters of the movement, and the entertainment they provided at their beautiful home on Saturday was one that will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present. The showery weather necessitated the holding of the meeting indoors instead of in the garden as originally arranged. As host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Williams were kind and gracious, and everybody was made to feel at home. In connection with the gathering a sale of work was held in aid of the funds of the parent Society.

By their latest victory, beating Bickley and Widmore National School by 97 to 18 runs, the Chislehurst National School again win the cricket shield, annually competed for by the various boys' schools in the Bromley and District Cricket League. The Chislehurst boys have won ten out of twelve matches played.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The members of the Girls' Friendly Society in Bromley held their annual meeting on July 13th. Following a service in St. John's Church, tea was provided in St. John's Parish Room, and afterwards the party assembled in the grounds of Oaklands, Sundridge-avenue some 250 members and friends meeting about 5.30 on the beautiful garden lent by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams. Among those present were some 25 girls from Bermondsey, whose visit was the result of the generosity of the Bromley Society members, a subscription of a shilling making it possible to bring down to the country one of the dwellers in the great city.

The Vicar, Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., after making the announcement of the annual sale of work to be opened on Oct. 26th by Mrs. Harmer, wife of the Bishop, said they were honoured by the presence of Lady Mary Pratt, the diocesan president, who had come to distribute the premiums and cards. They were grateful for the frank recognition from headquarters. He made particular mention that there were two cards to be given for 21 years' faithful membership. This did not mean that the recipients had merely been members for a long time, they had not been merely sleeping partners, but had been wideawake members for 21 years. No one got it without taking a living interest, an interest which had its expression on the members' committee. The Girls' Friendly Society was getting more democratic every day. In conclusion, he thought they ought to thank Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams for their kindness in letting them have those beautiful gardens. Then they must feel grateful to the Rector of Sevenoaks, who was a very busy man, for his helpful address, and Canon Barker for lending his church for the service, and to the members of the ladies' choir for their help in the singing.

Lady Mary Pratt said she had been looking forward to that meeting for two months, since she had been asked on May 11th to attend. They were glad of the fine day. Referring to the number of members in Bromley who were in service, she said the fact that there were so many spoke well for the district. It was such a help to the girls to see something of service. She congratulated the Bromley branch on sending £5, and the Plaistow branch on sending £8 to the Central Lodge Fund. She was glad to have so many premiums and cards to distribute—the premiums of 5s. being given to each girl at the end of a year's satisfactory service in the first place—in order to encourage them remaining in one place of service.

The recipients of the 5s. and cards were:—Florence Bashford (three years), Nellie Day (18 months), Mrs. Winifred Stark (marriage card), all from Holy Trinity; Maud Vincent (21 years), Ellen Osborn (10 years), Gladys Hutchings (three years), Lucy Dowell (21 years), Plaistow; Daisy Pearce (five years).

After the distribution, the Vicar, in a final word, said that though they had many girls in service who were members of the society, yet he would like them to know that the Girls' Friendly Society was thoroughly comprehensive, and offered to girls in business many attractions and privileges.

A County Council Junior Scholarship has been awarded to Violet Emmans, aged 11, pupil at the Chislehurst Common National Schools.

COACHMEN v GARDENERS.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH ON THE SPORTS GROUND.

The annual cricket match between teams representing the Coachmen and Gardeners of Bromley and district took place on the Sports Ground, Hayes-lane, on July 19th, and proved a great success, thanks to the fine weather experienced and the admirable arrangements made. In the end the Gardeners won by 41 runs and four wickets to spare. The Coachmen had first knock, but the wickets fell rapidly before the bowling of Knight and the brothers King, and the whole side were dismissed for the rather small total of 54. Faux was the most successful batsman. The Gardeners replied with 83. In their second innings the Coachmen performed much better, or rather one of them did, Bellinger scoring 37, which included five 4's. Going in again, the Gardeners did not have much difficulty in knocking off the runs necessary to secure the honours of the day. Score:—

COACHMEN.

B. Blackburn c Ashdown b A. Knight ...	2
R. Hooker c C. King b A. Knight ...	11
Pratt b H. King	0
R. Booker c Ashdown b H. King	0
Colgate b A. Knight	14
Billinger st Maddams b J. King	2
Levens (capt.) c King b A. Knight ...	3
Ashby c and b J. King	0
J. Jackson c A. Knight b J. King ...	1
Woodward b J. King	0
Baylis c F. Muncey b J. King	0
Faux not out	15
Fitch b J. King	5
C. Critcher c and b J. King	0
Extra	1
Total	54

Second Innings.

B. Blackman b J. King	2
R. Hooker b H. King	6
Pratt st J. King b H. King	0
R. Booker c and b Maddams	2
Colgate c H. King b Maddams	13
Bellinger st J. King b Cooper	37
Faux b H. King	0
J. Levens b H. King	4
Ashby c Osborne b Maddams	1
Jackson st J. King b Worsfold	7
Woodward b Worsfold	2
J. Baylis b Cooper	0
Fitch b Cooper	12
Critcher not out	4
Total	90

GARDENERS.

A. Knight c Booker b Blackman	12
J. Jackson b Blackman	2
C. Maddams lbw b Blackman	4
H. King b Colgate	8
H. Cooper (capt.) c Bellinger b Levens...	10
T. Worsfold c Bellinger b Levens ...	10
A. Ashdown c and b Colgate	4
J. King lbw b Booker	7
F. Muncey run out	0
Turvey c Blackman b Booker	9
W. Osborn c Hooker b Booker	2
Bedson b Bellinger	0
Pocock c Bellinger b Pratt	4
Green not out	0
Extras	9
Total	83

Second Innings.

A. Knight b Levens	25
Maddams b Hooker	24
P. Jackson b Levens	0
H. King b Levens	3
Cooper c and b Blackman	12
Ashdown b Blackman	10
J. King not out	15
F. Muncey b Blackman	3
Turney not out	0
Extras	9
Total (7 wickets) ...	102

T. Worsfold, W. Osborne, Bedson and Green did not bat.

At mid-day the players, together with a number of friends, sat down to an excellent luncheon with the president, Mr. H. J. Selby, in the chair. After the loyal toasts, Mr. A. Thorndycraft submitted the toast of "The President," which was received with enthusiasm, and Mr. Selby suitably replied. Later in the afternoon tea was provided.

The day's arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Thorndycraft and the committee. The catering was admirably done by Messrs. Howard's Stores, Ltd., Bromley and Beckenham, and Mr. Moore, of Elliott-road, supplied the refreshments.

The committee desire to thank the patrons and supporters, and also those of the townspeople who have been so good as to subscribe to the fund to cover the day's expenses. The visitors during the day included Mr. Alfred Wright and Mrs. and Miss Selby. In the evening a short concert was given, the following contributing to the programme:—Miss Thorndycraft and Miss Medhurst, Messrs. R. Booker, Romer, Dodson, T. Worsfold, Faux, Levens and Blackman. The piano was kindly lent by Mr. Soan. Mr. F. Muncey was the accompanist.

LAWN TENNIS MATCH.

On Saturday, July 16th, the Valley Lawn Tennis Club visited the Wendover Lawn Tennis Club for a match of six couples a side. The match was played in three divisions—ladies' doubles, mixed doubles and gentlemen's doubles—each club being represented by two couples in each division. A very interesting afternoon's tennis was provided, and the contest proved close and exciting, the home team just winning by seven matches to five. Full scores:—

MIXED DOUBLES.

Miss Thomas and Mr. F. Williamson (Valley) lost to Miss Harvey and Mr. L. Harrington (Wendover), 4—6, 6—4, 6—4.

Miss Thomas and Mr. F. H. Williamson (Valley) beat Mrs. and Mr. Upton (Wendover), 4—6, 6—1, 6—2.

Miss Green and Mr. L. M. Biden (Valley) lost to Mrs. and Mr. Upton (Wendover), 6—4, 4—6, 6—3.

Miss Green and Mr. L. M. Biden (Valley) lost to Miss Harvey and Mr. L. Harrington (Wendover), 10—8, 6—1.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Mrs. Williamson and Miss Smith (Valley) beat Mrs. Knight and Miss Walker (Wendover), 6—3, 6—1.

Miss Beaumont and Miss J. Beaumont (Valley) lost to Miss D. S. Portway and Miss Griffin (Wendover), 6—4, 6—4.

Mrs. Williamson and Miss Smith (Valley) beat

Miss D. S. Portway and Miss Griffin (Wendover), 6—3, 6—2.

Miss Beaumont and Miss J. Beaumont (Valley) lost to Mrs. Knight and Miss Walker (Wendover), 6—0, 6—0.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES

Messrs. F. S. Martin and O. E. Hill (Valley) beat Messrs. R. P. Gardner and F. Reed (Wendover), 7—5, 6—4.

Messrs. H. Sharland and G. Armstrong (Valley) lost to Messrs. H. Hewett and F. Gillett (Wendover), 6—2, 6—1.

Messrs. F. S. Martin and O. E. Hill (Valley) beat Messrs. H. Hewett and F. Gillett (Wendover), 6—4, 3—6, 6—4.

Messrs. H. Sharland and G. Armstrong (Valley) lost to Messrs. R. P. Gardner and F. Reed (Wendover), 6—2, 1—6, 6—2.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

In view of the missionary campaign to be conducted by students of the London University during the last week in September in various parishes of Bromley and neighbourhood, with the sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese, an introductory meeting was held in St. John's Parish Room, Freelands-grove, Bromley, on July 8th, when addresses were given by two of the students, Messrs. D. S. Bryan-Brown and F. H. Mosse. There was a fair attendance and the Vicar (Rev. Canon Barker, M.A.) was in the chair.

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At the side of the dangerous gradient leading from Handcross to Bolney, and close to the roadway, is the stump of an oak tree, on which a memorial tablet was placed on July 12th. The occasion was the anniversary of the terrible disaster which befel a holiday party from Orpington four years ago. The tablet placed on the tree is metal, and bears the inscription: "To the memory of the victims of the motor omnibus disaster which happened at this spot, July 12th, 1906."

SOCIAL GATHERING.—A social evening of the Sons of Temperance was held at the Wesleyan Church, Tylney-road, by the Helping Hand Sub-Division (No. 1,426), the local branch of the above order, on July 13th, when the adult members and friends were entertained by the juvenile members. The meeting was well attended. The chair was taken by Bro. T. Wright, P.W.P., and an address was given by Bro. F. J. Weston, P.W.P., on "Little Words." An excellent programme of songs, recitations, etc., was rendered by the juvenile members, under the direction of Mrs. Caton, the Worthy Patron of the section. The children taking part were Marjorie Wright, Edith Eley, J. and F. Weatherill, L. Revens, H. Caton, Edith Weston, Reggie Caton, Ronald Wright, C. Root, E. Eley, Louisa Eley, and the choir. At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Bro. F. J. Weston, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Sister Caton and the juvenile members for the splendid way in which they had entertained the senior members and friends. This was seconded by Bro. J. S. Hunt, R.S., and carried unanimously.

Local Obituary.

MRS. J. A. C. WOLLASTON.

Mrs. Julia Adye Catherine Wollaston, of Bishop's Well, Chislehurst, the widow of the late Mr. George Buchanan Wollaston, passed peacefully away on June 25th at the advanced age of 94 years. Mrs. Wollaston, who held a high place in the regard and affection of the residents of Chislehurst, was, through her marriage, connected with a family which has been closely connected with the place for a couple of centuries, an ancestor, the Rev. Canon Francis Wollaston, having been Rector from 1769 to 1815. The late Mrs. Wollaston was the oldest inhabitant of Chislehurst, and she leaves one son, Mr. Stanley Buchanan-Wollaston (now a resident in Devon, but formerly associated with the Chislehurst Parish Church choir and bell-ringers), to mourn her death. The funeral took place at the Chislehurst Parish Churchyard on June 29th, the arrangements being carried out by Mr. C. A. Bulley, of Chislehurst.

MRS. E. M. GARNAR.

The numerous friends of our respected townsman, Mr. Edward M. Garnar, of Elsworth House, Bromley, will learn with deep regret of the bereavement he has sustained in the death of his wife, Mrs. Eliza Elton Garnar, who passed away on July 5th at Elsworth House. Mrs. Garnar, who had suffered for a long time from a painful illness, bore her suffering with great cheerfulness and fortitude. During the last few days she got much worse, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Garnar had spent eighteen years of their thirty-four years' married life in Bromley. Mrs. Garnar was of a kindly and charitable disposition, always ready to help those in distress, and her name will be held in affectionate remembrance by many of the poorer people of Bromley to whom she had in an unostentatious manner rendered many acts of kindness. The deceased lady was in her 74th year. Amid many tokens of the respect in which the deceased lady was held, the funeral took place at the Cemetery in London-road, Bromley, on July 9th. An impressive service was first held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Barker, M.A.), who also read the concluding portion at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. G. L. Pyrke, of High-street, Bromley.

MR. CHARLES PICKARD.

The funeral took place at the Plaistow Cemetery, Bromley, on July the 12th, of the late Mr. Charles Pickard, saddler and harness maker, of London-road, Bromley, whose death, at the age of 60, took place on July 9th. The body was first taken to the Church of St. Mary, Plaistow, where the first part of the burial service was read. At the cemetery the officiating priest was the Rev. C. B. Sellwood, and in addition to the mourners there were a number of fellow tradesmen and others present to pay a last tribute of respect. There were a large number of floral tributes, and in addition to those from near relatives there were wreaths, etc., from the Rose and Crown Slate Club, Mr R. Ferris, a few fellow tradesmen and friends, Mr. H. R. Hunt, the Laurel Loan Society, Mrs. Ashton, Emily S. Brown, Mrs. Withycombe and

family, Mr. J. D. Kincey and Mr. D. Stockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Heath, the Ancient Order of Druids, and others. Mr. H. G. Dunn, Widmore road, was the undertaker.

MR. G. O. EASTWOOD.

We regret to record the death of Mr. G. O. Eastwood, who for over a quarter of a century was well-known all over this neighbourhood. Mr. Eastwood was known more particularly to the present generation as the Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act, but older inhabitants remember him as Sub-Divisional Inspector Eastwood of the Police. He was Sub-Divisional Inspector at Bromley for nine and a half years, and during that time earned the esteem of the whole town; so much was this the case that when he retired in 1887 he was given a banquet at the old Bell Hotel, in addition to a testimonial and a purse of money. He was in the Police Court quite recently conducting a case before the Bench, and the news of his death will come as a surprise to a very large number of people. His illness only extended over a period of five weeks, and he died on July 21st at the age of 75 years.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

A very interesting ceremony took place at Chislehurst on June 30th, the occasion being the foundation stone-laying in connection with the new Girls' College at Farringtons (Scadbury Estate). Amongst those present were Sir George Hayter Chubb, Bart., Revs. Dr. Scott Lidgett, M.A., W. H. Hart (Lewisham), Theodore Carrier (Sydenham), Thomas Evans (New Barnet), R. W. Allen (Army Chaplain), C. B. McCullagh (Sevenoaks), J. Critchison (Chislehurst), G. R. Forde (Sidcup), C. Arnold Healing, M.A. (Widmore), John Judge (Blackheath), and Josiah Banham, Mr. George Shrubsall, J.P. (Chislehurst), Mr. Henry Northcroft, C.E., Mr. Henry Holloway, Mr. John Gibbs (Bromley), Mr. J. Buckingham (Sidcup), etc. Dr. J. Scott Lidgett said they were gathered together in the presence of God that day to inaugurate a great undertaking—to lay the foundation of what they hoped and believed would be a great, a permanent, and a most beneficent institution. Sir George Chubb formally laid the stone and declared it to be "well and truly laid, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

The heavy rain experienced on June 30th must be blamed for the comparatively small attendance at the meeting held in the Chislehurst Village Hall, over which the Rector of Chislehurst, the Rev. James E. Dawson, presided, when an address was given by Miss A. H. P. Kirby, secretary of the National Association for the Feeble-Minded. In the course of an excellent address, Miss Kirby said it must not be supposed when legislative aid was forthcoming there would be no further need for voluntary effort. On the contrary, there would be the greater need, where provision for the feeble-minded was made compulsory, that every kind of aid should be pressed into the service.

The public dedication of the new wing of the Chislehurst and Cray Valley Cottage Hospital, Sandy-lane, St. Paul's Cray, so generously given and endowed by Mr. H. F. Tiarks, J.P., of Foxbury, Chislehurst, took place on July 2nd in the presence of a large and influential company of ladies and gentlemen.

The Chislehurst Habitation of the Primrose League held a garden fete on July 6th at Cranmore Place, by kind permission of Mr. J. Dewrance. Rain fell heavily, but notwithstanding this drawback several hundred ladies and gentlemen visited the grounds during the afternoon. Mr. Edward J. Fooks (Ruling Councillor) presided at the meeting, and the Hon. Mrs. Forster, who was loudly cheered, gave an address.

ORPINGTON.

Mr. George William Burrows, of Ladywood, Orpington, chairman of Messrs. G. W. Burrows, Sons and Co., Ltd., provision merchants, of 20, Duke-street, London, S.E., and in business in St. Mary Cray, as a brewer, a past master of the Gardeners' Company, having first been a warden, who died on April 1st last, aged 53 years, left estate of the gross value of £35,404 4s. 2d., with net personalty £8,168 8s. 1d. He left: £200 to the Worshipful Company of Gardeners for the charity fund; £20 to his gardener, Tomkins: £25 to H. C. Long, if salesman of Messrs. G. W. Burrows, Sons and Co., Ltd., at the date of his death.

Births.

Allan.—On the 11th July, at Ilminster, Somerset, the wife of Rev. A. P. Allan, of a son.

Hardy.—On the 15th July, at West Wickham, the wife of Lieut. H. N. M. Hardy, R.N., of a daughter.

Hewlett.—On the 26th June, at Hillside House, Beckenham, the wife of John C. Hewlett, of a daughter.

Latter.—On the 27th June, at Burrell's Meadow, Bromley, to Hugh and Isabella Latter—a daughter.

Quincey.—On the 29th June, at Avonhurst, Chislehurst, the wife of Bertram de Quincey Quincey, of a daughter.

Ripley.—On the 13th July, at 17, Holligrave-road, Bromley, the wife of E. Plowden Ripley, of a son (still born).

Roberts.—On the 12th July, at 17, St. James's-avenue, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Watkinson Roberts—a son.

Warner.—On the 3rd July, at Arpenden, Shortlands, the wife of Richard Cromwell Warner, of a daughter.

Wheeler.—On the 21st June, at 94, Burnt Ash-hill, Lee, S.E., the wife of Percy A. Wheeler, of a son.

Marriages.

Allan-East.—On the 16th July, at Christ Church, Regent's Park, by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, Vicar of the Annunciation Church, Chislehurst, assisted by the Vicar of Christ Church, Regent's Park, Dr. James Allan, M.B.C.M., of Chislehurst, to Ida, daughter of the late Mr. H. P. East, of "Homeleigh," Chislehurst, and Mrs. East, of 3, Chester-terrace, Regent's Park.

Barritt-Vane—Hopkinson.—On the 30th June, at the Church of St. Mary, Plaistow, Bromley, by the Rev. Walter C. G. Cubison, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Streatham, Hercey Barritt-Vane, of Tonbridge, to Rosalie Vera, only daughter of the late John Henry Hopkinson, of Streatham, and of Mrs. Hopkinson, of Shortlands.

Hughes—Bastone.—On the 23rd July, at St. Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks, by the Rev. John Rooker, M.A., Rector of the Parish, William Edward, only son of John William Hughes, of Alexander-square, South Kensington, S.W., to Elizabeth Emily (Mittie), eldest daughter of John Millard Bastone, of "Goodrest," Sevenoaks.

JACKSON—TINDALL.—On the 21st July, at the Church of Annunciation, Chislehurst, by the Rev. W. W. Dodsworth, Rector of Brauncewell-with Anwick, Lincs. (uncle of the bride), assisted by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, Vicar of the Parish and by the Rev. H. A. Hall, Vicar of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Eltham, William Hugo Selmes Jackson, sixth son of F. Selmes Jackson, of 3, North Park, Eltham, to "Dorothy," younger daughter of Henry E. Tindall, of "Arnside," Chislehurst.

GARRARD—VANHOUSE.—On the 23rd June, at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands, by the Rev. W. Austin Garrard, assisted by the Rev. Howard Nixon and the Rev. Canon H. E. Wolley, Stanley Mitchell, youngest son of the late Thomas Edward Garrard, of Beckenham, to Dorothy Margaret, youngest daughter of John Marsh Vanhouse, of Shortlands.

MACGOWAN—WILLETT.—On the 23rd June, at St. Joseph's Church, Bromley, by the Rev. Walter Cooksey, Edward, son of the late Dr. S. A. MacGowan, of Oldham, Lancashire, and of Mrs. MacGowan, of Manchester, to Lilian Joanna, daughter of the late A. E. Willett, Esq., and of Mrs. Willett, of Bromley.

SCHAFHAUSEN—ZIMMERMANN.—On the 2nd July, at the Church of St. Benedict, Beckenham, by the Rev. W. Thompson, Henrich Schafhausen, of Haspe, to Josephine, youngest daughter of the late Maurice Zimmermann, of Brixton-hill, and of Mrs. Zimmermann, of Shortlands.

WESTBROOK—KLINKHARDT.—On the 23rd July, at St. Mary's, Shortlands, by the Rev. S. Bassett Pike, Arthur Dudley, only son of the late Arthur Westbrook, of Blackheath, and Mrs. Westbrook, of Brighton, to Dorothy, elder daughter of Julius, and the late Mrs. Klinkhardt, of Shortlands.

Deaths.

BURKITT.—On the 22nd July, at his residence, "Glencoe," Granville road, Sevenoaks (formerly of High-street), from cardiac asthma, Henry Burkitt, aged 82 years.

CARPENTER.—On the 27th June, at Naraqreta, Nigeria, Africa, Stuart, youngest son of the late Dr. Carpenter, of Beckenham, aged 23. (By Cable).

FRASER.—On the 18th July, after an operation, Harry John Fraser, of Sunny Court, Bromley Park, Bromley, and Millwall, E., aged 42.

FRY.—On the 7th July, following on an operation for appendicitis, T. Hallett Fry, of Amersham, Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, and of 3, King's Bench-walk, (North) Barrister-at Law, eldest son of T. H. Fry, of The Elms, Blackheath, aged 37 years.

GARNAR.—On the 5th July, at Elsworth House, Bromley, Eliza Elton, the beloved wife of Edward M. Garnar, aged 73.

HIND.—On the 1st July, at Cambridge Lodge, Hope Park, Bromley, Sylvia Constance, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hind, aged 4 years and 11 months.

JASPER.—On the 26th June, at The Firs, Bromley, the beloved wife of Frederic Jasper.

WALLER.—On the 5th July, at 21, Royston-road, Beckenham-road, Penge, Mary Jane, the beloved wife of George F. Waller, after a long and painful illness, borne with great patience, aged 49.—R.I.P.

WOLLASTON.—On the 25th June, at Bishops Well, Chislehurst, Julia Adye Catherine, widow of the late George Buchanan Wollaston, aged 94 years.

WHITLOCK.—On the 19th July, at Eynsford, Bromley, Mary Anne Whitlock, widow of George Whitlock, in her 67th year.

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New Moon, 3rd, 6 6 p.m. | Full Moon, 19 h, 4.52 a.m.
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Partridge shooting begins.

3rd.—Opening of the Bromley football season.

4th.—*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

5th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

6th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

10th.—Hospital Parade and Street Collection by the Bromley United Friendly Societies.

11th.—*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

12th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

13th.—First meeting after the vacation of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 10.30 a.m.

18th.—*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.*

19th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

20th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

21st.—Important auction sale at the Mart, City, E.C., at 2 p.m., by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, of productive and fertile freehold land at Swanley, and of the valuable freehold property, "The Beacon," Westerham Hill, together with the well-known catering business, tea gardens, &c.

25th.—*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

26th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

27th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 10.30 a.m.

28th.—Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper will sell by auction, at the Mart, City, E.C., at 2 p.m., the delightful freehold residential property, "Waratah," situated at Camden Park, Chislehurst.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held at the Municipal Buildings on July 25th. Alderman A. Lindsay Bell presided.

INSURANCE OF SCHOLARS.

With reference to the insurance to be effected against liability for accidents to scholars, the Finance Sub-Committee reported that the policy of insurance with the Alliance Assurance Co. will be arranged to cover all risks for which the Education Committee and the managers of non-provided schools are legally liable—but it will be necessary for the policy to be a joint insurance of the Education Committee and the managers of the non-provided schools—as there may arise claims for which the managers would be solely liable—the premium would be as already arranged, and the charge on managers the same as already decided upon. It is therefore recommended that the managers be asked to agree to this joint insurance.

Alderman Bell moved the adoption of the report.—Carried.

THE CARE COMMITTEE.

The following letter, dated July 25th, and addressed to the Chairman and members of the Bromley Education Committee, was read from Mrs. Lindsay Bell, Holne Cottage, Bromley, hon. secretary to the Bromley Care Committee:—"At a meeting held on Friday, July 22nd, at which many ladies and gentlemen interested in social and philanthropic work in the Borough were present, a committee was formed, to be called a Care Committee, its chief object to be the welfare of children attending the public elementary schools of the Borough, and the following resolution was carried: 'That the Education Committee be asked to co-operate and assist in the work of the Care Committee and that the hon. secretary forward a copy of this resolution to the Education Committee.' The Care Committee desire the co-operation of the Education Committee particularly by the Education Committee authorising the School Medical Officer to furnish the Care Committee with the names of children recommended for treatment, who do not appear to have received that treatment, and by the School Attendance Committee being allowed to consult or refer to the Care Committee in any matter in which they think that committee would be of service to them. The Care Committee ask that the Education Committee will assist them by allowing the use of their staff for any general clerical work that may arise, and also that they will defray the incidental expenses of stationery and postages. I enclose a copy of the scheme of organisation of the Care Committee."

Mrs. Mann moved that permission be granted.

This was seconded by Alderman James, and carried.

THE GROVE PARK DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the London County Council, stating that the question of providing additional public elementary school accommodation in the Grove Park district was being considered by them. The district referred to was a sparsely populated one on the borders of the county, and was over two miles in extent from north-west to south-east. Nearly the whole of the population was in the north-western half of the area, in the centre of which was situated Baring-road Council School, the only school in the district. In the south-eastern half of the district, however, there were about 60 children, most of whom lived in the central portion of the south-eastern half of the area in the small colony near Grove Park Railway Station. The nearest school for these children was Baring-road; but this school was one mile from the homes of most of the children and one and a quarter miles from a number of them. The letter proceeded: In the circumstances, it is desirable that provision should be made for the small number of children living in the southern part of Grove Park district by the erection of a new school near to their homes. It has, however, been suggested that it might be desirable for your authority to join the London authority in erecting a school large enough to provide for the children living in this part of the county and also for the children living in the contiguous part of Bromley, or for possible building developments in these districts."

The letter was referred to the School Management Sub-Committee, on the motion of Alderman James, seconded by Councillor Comins.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GOLF BALLS.

A letter was received from Mr. McGowan, hon. secretary of the Bromley and Bickley Golf Club, bringing the following facts before the notice of the Committee:—"It has been discovered that boys are in the habit of stealing balls from our golf course, and unless the practice is discontinued it will be necessary to make a public example by instituting prosecutions for theft in the Police Court. My committee does not desire to be harsh, and it may be that some of the boys err through ignorance. I would respectfully suggest, therefore, that the headmasters of your schools should be instructed to inform the boys: (1) that they will be treated as trespassers if they loiter about the golf course, and if they cause any damage they render themselves liable to prosecution and fine in the Police Court; and (b) that if on any pretext whatever they remove balls, whether apparently abandoned or not, from the course they are guilty of theft and render themselves liable to prosecution and punishment in the Police Court and that they will certainly be prosecuted if any more such incidents occur. I trust that in the interests of the boys themselves your Committee will see their way to adopt my suggestion."

Alderman Lawrence said the boys attending the elementary schools might not be the culprits.

Alderman James thought the Bromley and Bickley Golf Club should put up any notices that were necessary.

Councillor Comins suggested that the Committee should let the letter lie on the table.

This course was adopted.

The newly-constituted Territorial Force Association for the County of Kent includes the names of Colonel T. C. Dewey, J.P., and Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P.

MUNICIPAL PASTIME.

There was not a very large attendance of spectators at the Bromley cricket ground in Widmore-road on July 21st on the occasion of the third annual match between the Town Council and the Staff, but those who were present, thanks to the fine weather, spent a most pleasant afternoon. From a cricket point of view, however, there was nothing very exciting in the game. The Council were poorly represented, and scoring was dreadfully slow in the early part of the contest. The absence of Councillor Crossley considerably weakened their team, and only six members of the Council turned out, the side being completed by the inclusion of Mr. J. F. Arnaud (a member of the Public Library Committee), Mr. F. Pemberton (a member of the Education Committee), Mr. A. W. Reid (veterinary inspector), Mr. A. Sparks (a former member of the Council), and Mr. H. Langrish (one of the officials in the Education Department). Councillor Bertram Pearce acted as captain for the Council eleven, and Mr. W Jermyn Harrison, B.A. (solicitor and Deputy Town Clerk) was the skipper for the officials. After the recent rain the ground was rather soft, but a capital pitch was prepared by the groundman (Mr. H. Smith). The umpires were Mr. Stanley Hawkings (Borough Engineer) and Mr. Taylor, and Mr. S. J. Brown officiated as scorer.

The officials won on the first innings by 55 runs. Score:—

THE COUNCIL.

Mr. J. F. Arnaud c Green b Mills ...	31
Cr. J. B. Botterill c Harris b Mills ...	0
Mr. E. Pemberton b Knight	1
Cr. B. Pearce b Knight	0
Cr. F. Gillett b Knight	0
Cr. W. G. Weller c Harrison b Knight...	15
Cr. T. Heaysman c Mills b Wilson ...	3
Mr. A. W. Reid c and b Mills	2
Mr. A. Sparks c Mills b Knight	0
Mr. H. Langrish not out	4
Cr. G. Haywood b Mills	0
Extras	8
Total	64

Second Innings.—Cr. Pearce, b Bunter, 10; Cr. Gillett, b Harrison, 4; Cr. Heaysman, c Hunter, b Hedworth, 12; Mr. Pemberton, c Knight, b Harrison, 3; Mr. Reid, not out, 20; Cr. Weller, b Mills, 1; Cr. Botterill, c and b Mills, 0; Mr. Langrish, not out, 1; extras, 7; total (six wickets), 58.

OFFICIALS.

A. Sykes c Pearce b Heaysman	1
J. B. Champion b Pemberton	4
H. Green b Heaysman	12
H C.Hedworth c Heaysman b Pemberton	11
F. E. Mills b Pemberton	29
R. R. Knight b Pemberton	21
J. Hunter c Pemberton b Gillett	14
H. J. K. Wharrie b Pemberton	2
G. Wilson b Gillett	2
R. I. Harris not out	11
W. J. Harrison c Langrish b Gillett ...	8
Extras	4
Total	119

The visitors included the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. Davis) and the Misses Davis, Alderman T. C. McIntyre, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell and Mrs. Bell, Alderman G.

Lawrence, the Vicar of Bromley (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.) and Mrs. Tait, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. F. H. Norman (Town Clerk), Councillor Cooling, Mr. George Stone, Mr. E. Booth royd, Mr. W. Male, Mr. H. F. Prior, Mr. R. W. Wentworth Hortop and Mr. T. Butler.

At five o'clock tea was provided in the pavilion.

KENT COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

LOCAL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

The following is a list of Kent County Scholarships awarded to local competitors on the result of the 1910 examinations:—

SENIORS.

In this section the schools mentioned are those attended by the candidates: Thomas Norton (Erith), Erith County; Arthur J. Bridgwater (Sidcup), Taunton School; Emmeline N. I. Dugon (Sidcup), Sidcup High School; Dorothy A. Sorrell (Dartford), Dartford County; John F Baddeley (Erith), Erith County; Marion C. Soar (Beckenham), Bromley County; Lodi H. F. Pope (Bexley Heath), Dartford County; Phyllis Matthews (Sidcup), Sidcup High School.

JUNIORS.

In the following the school last attended is given after the candidate's name, the schools at which the scholarships are tenable being those mentioned at the beginning of each paragraph:—

Bromley County School.—Josephine Summan, Louise H. Hart, of Wharton-road Council School; Mary Painting, Amy D. Field, Bromley Valley Girls'; Lilian M. Puckridge, private; Winnifred M. Heron, Bromley Parish Church of England; Dorothy E. Mullinder, Bromley-road Council, Beckenham; Freda G. Marchant, Mason's Hill Church of England, Bromley; Olive Wright, Oakfield-road Council, Penge; Elsie H. Gillman, Beckenham Alexandra; Hilda V. Allen, Bromley County; Violet A. Emmans, Chislehurst Church of England; Ruth Pedersen, St. John's, Penge; E. A. Taylor, Farnborough Council.

Dartford Grammar School.—Laurence W. E. Hartley, William T. Chettenton, of Upland Council School, Bexley Heath; Stanley G. Kendrick, Herbert Sorrell, York-road Council; Francis G. Anderson, Harold W. Copley, Harold G. Phillips, Dartford Church of England; Reginald J. W. Perry, Farningham Council; John Willatts, The Brent Council, Stone.

Beckenham County School.—Oscar P. Jones, Penge, St. John's; Arthur J. Pike, Bromley-road, Beckenham; William E. Peacock, Walter A. West, Charlie Ward, Alexandra, Beckenham; Kenneth Waller, Churchfields-road Council, Beckenham; Robert F. Humphrey, Bromley Parish Church of England; William E. Jackson, Aylesbury-road Council, Bromley; Gerald V. Fittness, Raglan-road Council, Bromley; George R. Edwards St. Paul's Church of England, Penge; Frederick R. Allen, Wharton-road Council, Bromley; William F. Gray, Green-street-Green Council, Chelsfield; Aubrey Phillipps, Farnborough Council; Alfred J. Tudhope, St. Mary Cray Council; Eric H. Osbourne, Beckenham County.

Mr. John Macpherson, of The Glebe, Penshurst, barrister, who died on July 26th, aged 69, left estate of the gross value of £58,716, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £50,332.

QUERNMORE SCHOOL.

In the class lists published on Aug. 22nd it is announced that the following pupils from Quernmore School have taken Honours at the University of Oxford Local Examinations, July, 1910:—A. E. Bishop (with distinction in Latin), N A. Guy, A. H. Bagley, F. A. Bryning, G. P. W. Earle, T. E. M. Gayford, L. H. H. Love, F. T. Stanger. The last-named boy has also just won a Classical Scholarship at Merchant Taylors School. Of the candidates presented by Quernmore 88 per cent. passed.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS.

In the examination of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., the following were successful: Violin (pupils of Miss Christina Brumleu): Higher Division, Connie Bourne; Elementary Division, Wenonah Wood and Helen Beadle. Piano (pupils of Miss R. L. J. Brumleu): Higher Division, Connie Bourne; Primary Division, Nora Shirwell (distinction) and Ronald West.

The following pupils of Miss Stringer, Girton House School, Chislehurst, have passed the College of Preceptors examination, Lower Forms, which was held last June: Hilda Dawe, Maude Ziegler, Winifred Coffin, and Florence Offord. In the School examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Adelaide Turville and Dorothy Rest have passed in pianoforte playing in the Lower Division: and Elinor Gartley with distinction in the Primary Division. These are pupils of Miss Winifred Stringer, Holmwood School, Sidcup.

The following successes at the Trinity College July examinations were gained by pupils of Miss Ethel Maggie Hall, Melrose Villa, Derry Downs, St. Mary Cray: Miss Lilian Fryer, advanced senior, pianoforte playing; Miss Florence Wallace (who is only nine years of age), junior, pianoforte playing; and Miss Lilian Elton (aged ten), junior, pianoforte playing, with honours.

The following pupils of St. Gertrude's High School, Sidcup, have passed the examination of the Royal College of Music: Rose Glaysher, in the elementary division, and Elsie Bruster, in the primary division, with honours.

GARDEN MEETING AT QUERNMORE.

The second summer garden meeting in connection with the St. Mary (Plaistow) Men's Hour was held on the charming lawn at Quernmore, Bromley (by kind permission of Mr. G. Loly), on the afternoon of Aug. 21st. There was a good attendance of members, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was engaged at the Sunday-school, Mr. G. Loly conducted the meeting. The St. Mary's Orchestra, under the able baton of Mr. J. T. Pickering, was in attendance, and rendered delightful selections of music which were much appreciated. The hymns sung were "The Church's one foundation" and "Soldiers of Christ, arise," which being accompanied by the orchestra, were rendered with much spirit. Mr. Albert T. Harris, who is very popular with the members of the Men's Hour, was the speaker, his subject being "Broadmindedness."

BROMLEY AND CRAYS GAS COMPANY.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Company was held at the Company's Works, in Homesdale-road, on Aug. 4th, the Chairman of the Board of Directors (Mr. Alexander Dickson) presiding. There were also present:—Mr. Bertram H. Latter (vice-chairman), Mr. A. S. Gedge, Mr. E. Latter, Mr. A. May, Mr. F. Stanger, Mr. E. Vinson and Mr. Hugh Wyatt (directors), Messrs. Alfred Wright, J. M. Edwards, A. Jackson, E. Bragg, C. Colven, J. F. Arnaud, W. B. Bryan, J. Bennett, and A. Dickson, jun.; also Messrs. Albert S. Hicks and Edward E. Price (auditors), W. Woodward (chief engineer), H. W. Amos (secretary) and E. Porter (collector).

The report of the directors for the half-year to June 30th last was submitted as follows:—The business of the Company continues to increase, both in its number of consumers and total supply. Most satisfactory results continue to be obtained from the concentration of the manufacturing plant at the Bromley works. A reduction of 1d. per 1,000 cubic feet in the price of the gas was made at midsummer of last year, upon the then reduced cost of coal. The contract for coal for the ensuing 12 months has recently had to be made at a substantial advance. The directors nevertheless purpose continuing the reduced price of gas. To give the proprietors an opportunity of inspecting the Company's works and plant at Bromley, the general meeting will, on this occasion, be held at the works. It is with deep regret the Board records the death of Mr. Hugh Spencer Hughes, F.R.C.S., one of its members, which, following upon prolonged illness, happened between the issue of its last report and the general meeting. His careful attention at all times to the Company's interests had established him in the high regard of his colleagues. In conformity with the Company's Act of 1908 (Amalgamation), there will not be any fresh appointment made on this vacancy; and, consequent thereon, a resolution formally confirming the sum last voted in general meeting as the remuneration of the newly constituted Board will be submitted for adoption.

The directors recommend the declaration of dividends under the sliding scale at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum upon the "A" ordinary stock of the Company, at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum upon the "B" ordinary stock, and at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum upon the "C" ordinary stock (all less income tax) payable on and after the 10th day of September next, which will absorb £9,260 17s. 11d., and leave a balance of £2,581 9s. 9d. to be carried forward to the next account.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Bertram H. Latter (deputy chairman) seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. A. S. Gedge seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Alfred Wright said he had great pleasure in moving: "That the remuneration of the directors of this company be £1,430 per annum, until otherwise terminated in general meeting, and that the same be apportionable and divisable amongst themselves as they may by resolution decide."

Mr. A. Dickson, jun., seconded the resolution, which was agreed to.

Mr. Bryan proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the directors and officers of the company for the able manner in which they had conducted the company's affairs during the past half-year.

This was seconded by Mr. J. F. Arnaud, and carried with great cordiality.

The Chairman, in reply, said that he would just like to say that the directors were exceedingly obliged to Mr. Wright for his kind remarks, and to themselves for their complimentary resolution passed in 1908. They need not have troubled them that day with any resolution; but it was always desirable to have everything so clear that no doubts could be started as to the meaning of any particular vote of the company. It was for that reason they thought it advisable to ask them for a confirmatory resolution.

Light refreshments were served, and before and after the meeting some of those present availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the works.

MUSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

At the recent examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music the following local pupils passed:—

Miss G. Loly, Quernmore School, Bromley.—Higher Div., pass, piano, Thomas F. M. Gayford.

Miss Irene Hubbard, Leecroft, Durham-road, Bromley.—Primary Div., pass, piano, Una C. Garvin.

The Rev. Mother Superior, Holy Trinity Convent, Freelands, Plaistow-lane.—Higher Div. distinction, piano, Mary C. Hakewill; higher div., pass, piano, Monica Wilson-Jones and Phyllis P. Harding.

Miss Annie A. Alexander, 6, Pope-road.—Elementary Div., pass, piano, Frances M. Parker.

Mrs. S. R. Leishman, Belmont School, Southborough-road, Bickley.—Lower Div., pass, piano, Brunhilde Werher.

Mrs. Ellen H. Balme, L.R.A.M., 56, Lansdowne-road, Bromley.—Primary Div., distinction, piano, Dorothy M. Horsford.

Miss Gertrude M. Spooner, 20, London-road.—Elementary Div., pass, piano, Helene M. Leatch.

Miss E. M. Dalton, Belamere, 28, Bromley Common.—Higher Div., pass piano, Ethel D. Jefferson.

Miss Mabel A. Hodge, M.A., Bromley High School, Elmfield-road.—Higher Div., distinction, piano, Dorothy Whyte; higher div., pass, piano, Dora E. Burgess, Mary H. Hunter and Nellie M. Medhurst; lower div., pass, piano, Ruth M. Hatch and Bessie Heath; elementary div., pass, piano, Evelyn Capern and Evelyn Dunlop.

A large number of members of the Beckenham and Bromley Habitations of the Primrose League assembled at Southend Hall (the residence of Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and Mrs. Forster) on August 3rd, the occasion being a garden fete. The Bromley Silver Prize Band was in attendance and played a selection of music. Addresses were given by Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and Mr. A. H. Bartlett, and subsequently an entertainment was given by the Wytenred Pierrot Party, and Mr. Robert Ayling, of Beckenham, who made himself responsible for the musical part of the programme.

THE CHARTER FETE.

There were thousands in this district on Bank Holiday morning whose faces were positively radiant with joy when they saw the blue sky and felt the bright sunshine. After a dripping June, and a cold and sunless July, it was a perfect treat to have the month of August opened in such a brilliant fashion, and crowds of holiday-makers took full advantage of the golden opportunity, and enjoyed themselves with great good humour. Many hundreds of burgesses visited Sundridge Park to join in the festivities held in connection with the Charter Fete and sports. This is always a great day for Bromley, the object of the gathering being to commemorate the historic event of a few years ago, when the charter of incorporation was granted to the town. The use of Sundridge Park was again kindly conceded by Sir S. E. Scott, Bart., M.P., and Mr. C. George, and as on former occasions the proceeds from the fete were divided between the Bromley Cottage and the Phillips' Memorial Hospitals.

This year the Charter Commemoration Committee, with Mr. Thomas C. Dewey, J.P., at the head, and Councillor W. G. Weller as hon. secretary, had shown a great deal of initiative and enterprise in the management of the fete. For various reasons the al fresco concert and the horse parade were omitted from the programme, but several new features were introduced, and these were conspicuously successful. There was a wide range of attractions to suit the tastes of all classes, young and old alike, and summed up briefly the programme comprised a capital list of athletic sports (capably managed by the Sports Sub-Committee), a charming flower show (organised by a committee under the excellent leadership of Councillor W. Lindley Jones), an entertaining musical drill by the Boys of St. Joseph's Orphanage, Orpington, a picturesque Maypole dance (arranged by Mr. J. Deedy), a programme of dances (under the direction of Mr. J. B. Matthews), and a grand display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. In addition, there were the usual side attractions, such as Punch and Judy shows, swings and roundabouts. It will be seen that the programme was sufficiently comprehensive to satisfy the holiday requirements of every section of the community. Many of those present, having had their fill of amusement, derived great pleasure in strolling through the park, admiring the beautiful scenery, or in sitting on the grass, taking refreshments in picnic fashion and having a health-giving sun bath..

The committee and judges were generously entertained to luncheon by Mr. T. C. Dewey, who himself presided, supported by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), Alderman Lindsay Bell, Alderman R. W. James, Alderman G. Lawrence, Councillor A. T. Harris, Councillor Lindley Jones, Councillor W. G. Weller, Mr. Alfred Wright, Mr. Essex Webb, Mr. C. H. Gunton, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Mr. L. Beeston, Mr. M. H. Marks, Mr. G. L. Pyrke, and others.

After a first-class luncheon, provided by Mr. T. Crowe, "The Greyhound," Bromley, the Chairman gave the loyal toast, which was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Vicar said he had the honour to propose "The Health of the Chairman." In a gathering of that sort it was very important to have the right man in the right place. Now they had got the right man in the right place. (Applause.) He was continually wondering how their chairman managed to find time to show a kindly interest in all that was going on in the Borough and to be conversant with all the details of the work in a function of that kind, and to have a friendly word for almost every worker that was engaged in it. (Hear, hear.) He asked them very heartily to dring the health of Mr. Dewey, and said they all hoped that he might be long spared to bring his genial presence into many of their gatherings in the Borough. (Applause.)

The toast was received with the utmost cordiality, "For he's a jolly good fellow" being heartily sung.

In reply, Mr. Dewey said he should like the inhabitants of Bromley to know how much they were indebted to the gentlemen who formed the various committees for the success of that fete. He could not think that the burgesses realised how many weeks they had been engaged in making those arrangements, and how many nights they had spent in doing everything they possibly could to complete the work. He particularly mentioned Mr. F. Essex Webb and Mr. C. H. Gunton (chairman and vice-chairman of the Sports Sub-Committee), Mr. W. H. Willson and Mr. R. Maddams (hon. secs. of the Sports Sub-Committee), and Councillor Lindley Jones, the chairman, and Mr. A. Gunner, the hon secretary, of the Flower Show Committee. They were also deeply indebted to Councillor Weller, the hon. secretary of the fete. Where could they find another man like him? He was a most able man, and a man who could get on with everyone. (Applause.)

At the conclusion of the sports a large crowd assembled to witness the presentation of prizes by the Deputy Mayor of Bromley (Alderman T. C. McIntyre). Mr. T. C. Dewey presided, and supporting him, besides the Deputy Mayor, were the Mayoress (Mrs. Davis), Alderman James, Alderman Lawrence, Alderman Lindsay Bell, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Dewey, Councillor Lindley Jones, Councillor W. G. Weller, Mr. M. H. Marks and Mr. Alfred Wright.

The Chairman said the Mayor (Alderman Davis) was enjoying a well-earned holiday in Switzerland. Therefore he was unable to be present that afternoon, but he was happy to say that they had the Mayoress with them. The Deputy Mayor had willingly come to present the prizes in place of the Mayor.

Alderman McIntyre said in the absence of his Worship the Mayor, he had been asked to present the prizes, and he was very pleased to have the honour of performing the important function of handing to the winners the trophies of their victories. Before doing so, he said they were honoured with the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, whom they were all very pleased to see. Their thanks were due to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey for coming there. Bromley owed them a great deal, and they all hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Dewey would live long to assist in the promotion of every good work in Bromley in which they took such a deep interest.

The prizes were then handed to the successful competitors, and at the close of the distribution Alderman James moved a hearty vote of thanks to Alderman McIntyre.

Councillor Lindley Jones seconded, and the Deputy Mayor, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to him to give away the prizes.

Alderman Lawrence moved a cordial vote of

thanks to Mr. Dewey, whose name, he said, was a household word in Bromley. He wished long life and health to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey. (Applause.)

Mr. Alfred Wright seconded in suitable terms, and Mr. Dewey, in responding, said it was always a pleasure to him to be present at gatherings of that kind. He hoped that the fete might continue for many years.

In the evening dancing took place in an enclosure on the lawn which was illuminated with Chinese lanterns. A capital programme was gone through under the experienced direction of Mr. J. B Matthews, N.A.T.D. The dance music was supplied by the St. Joseph's Orphanage Band A large number took advantage of the opportunity to indulge in their favourite pastime, and their friends who preferred not to dance looked on with delight.

A grand display of fireworks by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. brought the fete to a successful termination

PRESENTATION TO REV. C. A. HEALING.

The Rev. C. Arnold Healing brought his three years' faithful ministry at the Wesleyan Church, Widmore, to a close on August 14th, taking as the text of his farewell sermon Joshua xiv., 6-14. At the close of the service, the bulk of the congregation remained seated, and the minister having descended from the pulpit, Mr. J. T. Hilder approached him and said, as a Church, they would like him to carry away with him some small token of their regard and esteem. He had therefore very great pleasure in asking his acceptance of this small purse and its contents as a freewill offering from many friends, who had learnt to love and esteem him. Some very kind words were then addressed to Mr. Healing by Mr. H. O. Griffith, Mr. T. Galton, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Hardstone and Mrs. Hilder, all of whom thankfully acknowledged the good which had been done there during Mr. Healing's ministry, and expressed their desire that God would abundantly bless him in his future sphere of labour. The Rev. C. Arnold Healing suitably replied.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT CONCERT.

There was a fairly large and thoroughly appreciative audience at the White Hart Hotel Assembly Rooms, Bromley, on August 24th on the occasion of a complimentary benefit concert to Mr. John H. Eyers, late manager of the Grand Hall. The stage management was in the able and experienced hands of Mr. Charles Rodman. Amongst the artistes was Little Dot, Bromley's favourite petite comedienne, whose songs and dances were a tremendous success. The performers also included Miss Juliet Gascoigne, Miss Rosina Cates and Miss Connie Smith, whose contributions gave great pleasure. The Bromleigh Pierrots (Messrs. Fred Sharp, Bert Harris, A. E. Ellis and John H. Eyers) succeeded in amusing and entertaining the company, Mr. Tom Williams rendering efficient service at the piano. Other artistes were Mr. George Danville, Mr. Will Kelly and Signor Fredrico.

ODDFELLOWS' GATHERING.

The half-yearly meeting of the St. Mary Cray district of Oddfellows was held in the Star of Mottingham Lodge Room, at the Prince of Wales Inn, on July 30th. The chair was taken by Pro. G.M. George Bull, who was supported by H. Ambler, P.P.G.M., and H. Pinyon, Prov. C.S. Delegates were present from the local lodges.

The Funeral Fund receipts, including £5,851 0s. 5d. balance from last account, totalled £6,158 14s.; expenditure incurred by nine funeral claims, £108; three members' wives £18; the unity levey, £6 15s. 5d.; leaving a balance of £6,025 18s. 7d. to carry forward. In the Widow and Orphan Fund the receipts, including balance forward of £2,534 11s. 3d., totalled £2,657 16s. 5d.; on the expenditure side there were four widows' bonuses, £48; three widows' funeral claims, £18; one widow's annuity, £2 12s.; making a total of £68 12s., thus leaving a balance of £2,589 4s. 5d. to carry forward. The United Lodges' Distress Fund, from which no expenditure had been made, showed a balance of £59 10s. The balance in the Management Fund, after expenses had been met, was £14 13s. 3d. If further evidence were needed as to the value of a United Lodges Investment Fund, it was shown by the sum of £160 being invested during the past half-year. The withdrawals only came to £10, and left the balance at £2,770. The Property and Investment Fund showed total receipts of £320 18s. 3d.; expenditure incurred amounted to £78 9s. 8d., the balance being proportioned to the United Lodges Investment Fund, £102 4s. 11d.; to the Funeral Fund, £101 10s.; Widow and Orphan Fund, £38 13s. 8d. The total value of the district funds at June 30th stood at £8,695 3s. 9d., the amount in the United Lodges Investment Fund at £2,770, making a grand total of £11,465 3s. 9d.

Bro. Morton Longley was elected district auditor for the next 12 months.

The following nominations were made: For the post of Prov. G.M., Bro. E. Checksfield; for Prov. D.G.M., Bros. C. Ribbens and S. J. L. Barber; for the management committee, Bros. F. Cuttenden, A. Elliott, C. Packman, F. W. Crook, S. J. L. Barber, A. L. Andrew and E. Marshall; delegates to the Brighton A.M.C., Bros. A. J. Sheene, A. G. New, H. Pinyon, W. Bennett, F. Cuttenden, A. Elliott and F. W. Crook.

It was decided to present the Prov G.M., Prov. D.G.M., Prov. C.S., treasurer, and the three trustees with a centenary jewel, which has been specially struck for the occasion, and the die of which will be destroyed in November next.

At the recent school examination of the Associated Board, Miss Dorothy M. Horsford (pupil of Mrs. Balme, L.R.A.M., of 56, Lansdowne-road, Bromley) passed the Primary Division for Pianoforte Playing, "with distinction"

Sir Robert Laidlaw, of Warren House, Hayes, has accepted the treasurership of the London Missionary Society. He was knighted last year, and was formerly a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Chislehurst. By business he is an export merchant and Indian tea planter, and his Indian interests give him a deep and practical sympathy with missionary enterprise.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

Owing to the wet weather, the Church of England Temperance Society meeting which was to have taken place on July 20th at "The Shrubbery," Widmore-road, Bromley, by permission of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, was held at St. John's Parish Room, and was well attended. Light refreshments were served and games were afterwards indulged in. Meanwhile gramophone selections were given under the direction of Mr. Morley Phillips, and altogether the meeting was a very pleasant one. At seven o'clock there was a little speechmaking. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Peter Barker) presided, and amongst those also present were Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Ball, Miss Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Waghorn, Mr. and Mrs. G. Emms, Mr. Bennett, Miss Trimmer, the Misses Davis, Miss Devitt, Miss Banes, the Misses Hartridge, Mr. G. Allen and Miss Allen, Mrs. Clarke, Miss Bastable, Mrs. Mumford, the Misses Shillcock, Mr. W. G. Weller (the zealous hon. secretary of the branch) and Mr. Cyril Wright (secretary St. Mary's branch), and the Misses Clarke.

The Rev. Alfred T. Ellis, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Surrey-square, S.E., gave an interesting and instructive address on temperance work in a poor district in South London.

Mr. G. H. Warren, Police Court Missionary, in an interesting speech, offered to do what he could for St. John's Band of Hope, which offer was received with applause.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Ellis for his address, and to Mr. and Mrs. Scott, the social part of the programme was resumed.

In connection with the "Forward Movement" of the Kent Band of Hope Union, by which it is hoped to enrol 30,000 new members and to raise 30,000 shillings, a meeting of temperance workers and friends was held on July 20th at South Hill Lodge, by kind permission of the Rev and Mrs. C. Drayton-Thomas. The gathering was to have taken place on the lawn, but owing to the wet weather this was found to be impossible. Tea was generously provided by the host and hostess and the dining room was well filled for the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. C. Drayton-Thomas.

The Chairman said Mrs. Thomas and he were really glad to welcome them there. They had done their best, and done it gladly, to provide everything except the weather. That was in higher hands than theirs, and the rain had certainly afforded them all the opportunity of making the best of a difficult situation which was half the art of life.

Councillor W. Brownscombe, J.P. (Maidstone), delivered an earnest and enthusiastic address on "The Forward Movement."

Mr. Charles Harvey, who next addressed the meeting, gave a lengthy exposition of the scheme, principally from the financial point of view.

Mr. F. J. Hughes moved a resolution "That this meeting of Bromley and district workers and friends cordially endorses the Forward Movement scheme of the Kent Band of Hope Union and pledges itself to do all it can to bring it to a successful conclusion."

This was seconded and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Harvey a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. and Mrs. Drayton-Thomas for so kindly arranging that meeting for them; and Mr. Thomas spoke a few words in acknowledgment.

Mr. Harvey afterwards further announced that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas would give 100 shillings, with their very best wishes for the quick raising of the 30,000 shillings, and that Mr. Hughes had offered to give 100 shillings.

ANTI-VIVISECTION HOSPITAL.

By kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. B. White, a garden meeting was held at "Hasledene," Cambridge-road, Bromley, on Aug. 3rd, in support of the Battersea Anti-Vivisection Hospital. Tea was generously provided, and some enjoyable musical selections were contributed by Mrs. E. H. Balme, Miss Edith Jarvis, Miss May Graham and the Misses Wyborn. Mr. F. H. Sherriff presided at the meeting, supported by Dr. Herbert Snow (late senior surgeon, Cancer Hospital, Brompton), Miss Baillie Weaver (G. Colemore), the well-known author of "Priests of Progress," etc., and Mr. George W. F. Robbins, B.A., Oxon., secretary to the Anti-Vivisection Hospital. The attendance numbered over one hundred.

Dr. Snow, in an able address, said the meeting had been called to direct their attention to the good deeds of the National Anti-Vivisection Hospital at Battersea. He pointed out that that hospital was the concrete memorial and embodiment of a crusade—the most important crusade of the day on behalf of the humane instincts of humanity. In old times, as they knew, there were many gross abuses which England had taken the lead in abolishing and which had disappeared one by one. There were religious persecution, judicial torture, terrible torture in prisons, and slavery in mines and factories. All those had gradually disappeared in England one by one, not through any sudden revolution, but by the gradual education of the people in the sentiments of humanity. The crusade they were engaged in now was one of the last of those. Everyone who had been engaged before in any of those movements had been covered by abuse, and had been termed a sentimentalist and a faddist. That was their position now. What they were trying to do was to arouse the sentiment of the people to the righteousness of their cause and to the horrible things which were done by those who were engaged in the practice of vivisection. The practice of experimentation on living animals was not only productive of more or less cruelty in certain hands, but it was also in the highest degree unscientific and foolish.

Mrs. Baillie Weaver, in an eloquent speech, dealt with a few of the statements which are commonly made in favour of the practice of vivisection.

Mr. Robbins pointed out that the design of the Battersea Hospital was to maintain in a populous working-class district of London a general hospital for medical and surgical treatment from which vivisection in all its forms was utterly banished. It was a standing protest against cruel experiments on animals and a concrete demonstration that those were not necessary for the succour of the maimed or the healing of the sick.

At the close Dr. Snow moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. White.

Mr. and Mrs. White suitably replied and thanked the speakers.

BROMLEY CARE COMMITTEE.

A well-attended meeting, presided over by Alderman A. Lindsay Bell (Chairman of the Bromley Education Committee) was held in the Education Committee Room at the Municipal Offices on July 22nd for the purpose of establishing a Care Committee in the Borough. The chief objects of a Care Committee are to induce parents to follow the advice of the School Medical Officer, to inform ignorant parents how to adopt that advice, and obtain the necessary treatment, and to persuade indifferent and careless parents to take the proper care of their children.

Mrs. Mann, in moving that a Care Committee be formed, said during the six years that she had been connected with the Education Committee in Bromley the thought had come into her mind several times that the official work of the Committee should be supplemented by social, friendly and humane work done by a body of ladies and gentlemen outside the Education Committee, but in close touch with it. They must have an agency which would induce the parents to carry out the suggestions made by the School Medical Officer, and that could only be done by kindly and sympathetic visitors going into the homes and instructing the parents, who were very often poor and ignorant, in the responsibility which they owed to their children. The School Medical Officer could only give advice, and the number of parents who availed themselves of her advice was only 28 per cent. For the remaining 72 per cent. nothing was done.

The Rev. D. F. Mackenzie said he had very special pleasure in seconding that resolution, as he would have in seconding any resolution that Mrs. Mann proposed.

Miss Phillips supported the resolution, and said the very short time that she had been on the Education Committee had convinced her of the very great need there was for some committee of this kind, who would be in touch with the school doctor and with the members of the Education Committee, and also with the parents and the children in the homes. She contended that work of this sort would increase rather than lessen the sense of parental responsibility.

The resolution was carried.

The Vicar had pleasure in moving that Alderman Lindsay Bell be appointed chairman of the Care Committee. He referred not only to Alderman Bell's personal qualities, but to the extreme care with which he carried out his duties as Chairman of the Education Committee and to his grasp of principles.

Alderman McIntyre, in seconding, said they could not get a better man than Alderman Bell to occupy the position of chairman.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and Alderman Bell briefly responded.

Councillor Bertram Pearce proposed that Mrs. Mann be appointed hon. treasurer of the Care Committee.

Councillor Williams seconded, and said they would want a little money to carry out the work, especially among the poor.

The motion was carried with enthusiasm, and Mrs. Mann made a suitable response.

Miss Appell proposed as hon. secretary Mrs. Lindsay Bell, who, she felt sure, would make an admirable officer.

Mrs. James, in seconding, said Mrs. Lindsay Bell always worked with the kindest of hearts and was absolutely thorough in all she undertook, and whatever she undertook she carried through. They could not possibly have a better hon. secretary.

The proposition was heartily carried.

Mrs. Lindsay Bell, in reply, said it was very kind of them to think that she was able to carry out that work.

BROMLEY PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

The grounds adjoining the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, presented a very attractive scene on August 17th, the occasion being a well-organised concert in aid of the funds of the Bromley Philanthropic Society. Illuminated with Chinese lanterns and fairy lamps, the lawn looked extremely pretty, and the concert was largely patronised. Mr. E. M. Garnar is the esteemed president of the Philanthropic Society, which is the oldest charitable organisation in the town. The trustees are Messrs. H. Heaysman, Essex Webb and A. H. Harlow, and excellent work is being done by the Society, as will be gathered from the fact that during last winter no less than 4,000 quarts of soup were given away to those in need and 350 deserving cases were relieved in other ways. A great feature is that the applicants never have to come before the committee, all the inquiries and investigations being made privately. The concert was organised by Mr. H. R. Holloway, the energetic hon. secretary, and valuable help was also given by Mr. H.V. Cropton. The thanks of the promoters were due to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blom, manager and manageress of the Hotel, who kindly placed the grounds at their disposal. The illuminations and decorations were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. G. Pyrke.

Mr. Alfred Wright presided, and supporting him, besides the trustees, were Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Councillor W. L. Crossley, Councillor W. Lindley Jones, Mrs. Lindley Jones and Mr. F. de Lisle Solbe. The programme was of a varied and interesting character. The songs, sentimental and humorous, gave great pleausure, and encores were frequent. Miss Nellie Dunford was in fine voice, and gave "Prince Charming" and "Carmena" in splendid style. Another popular vocalist was Miss Daisy Rodman, who sang "Rose in the Bud" and German's "Waltz Song" (Tom Jones) in a very pleasing manner. Mr. Bertram Pearce sang in capital style "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" and "A Farewell," receiving a large share of applause; and the songs by Mr. J. Taylor ("Nirvana"), Mr. Morgan ("Nita Gitana"), Mr. W. J. Teele ("Haste to the Fair") and Mr. H. V. Cropton ("Are you one of England's soldiers?"), were all greatly enjoyed. The programme also included performances by Little Dot, the child comedienne, and songs at the piano by Mr. R. Coltman. The humorous element was supplied by Mr. Wilson Martell and Mr. Archie Peyton. The accompaniments were ably played by Mr. F. Adams. During the interval the Chairman briefly explained the objects of the society, and a collection was taken on its behalf.

The well-known Romany Amateur Dramatic Society are arranging to give an amateur dramatic performance in Bromley, in aid of the funds of the Phillips' Memorial Hospital, early in December.

CHURCH PARADE AT FARNBOROUGH.

The annual Church Parade of the Ancient Order of Foresters of Farnborough and members of other Friendly Societies in the neighbouring villages took place on August 21st. The procession, which included the Farnborough Fire Brigade, started, as usual, from Green-street-Green, with the band of St. Joseph's Home and Hayes Band, and wearing the sashes and carrying the banners of four Societies, at 4.30. It came up Farnborough Hill, made the detour of Tubbendens-lane, Cobden-road and Gladstone-road, and marched to Locksbottom, the numbers swelling as it passed, and the Foldens making good use of their collecting boxes amongst the people who turned out to see it Beginning the return to Farnborough about six o'clock, the paraders arrived at the Parish Church just after 6.30, where they were met by the Vicar, Bro. Rev. E. J. Welch, who wore round his neck a ribbon of the Order of Foresters. The south side of the church was reserved for them, and whilst they were taking their places and the banners were being placed, Mr. Atkinson (organist) fittingly played a voluntary. The service was taken by the Vicar, the lessons being read and the sermon preached by Bro. Rev. E. Ball, Vicar of St. Mary Cray. The processional was "O God, our help," the office hymn the Friendly Societies' "O praise our God to-day," the hymn before the sermon that for hospitals, "Thou to Whom the sick and dying," the offertory hymn the alms giving one, "Lord of glory," and the recessional, "Hark, hark, my soul." The melody of these was played on the cornet by Mr. G. F. Goodchild. The Canticles were taken to Stanford in B flat. The whole service was most impressive, and the hymns were heartily sung by the crowded congregation. The Rev. E. Ball took for his text the words, "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos iv., part of verse 12), and preached a brotherly, earnest sermon. He first spoke of the need of various kinds of preparation as suggested by what he saw before him. He eulogised Friendly Societies because they enabled the working men to make preparation for a rainy day—sickness, accident, or old age. He commended the Fire Brigade for their voluntary services and their constant practices, in order that they might be prepared to cope with an outbreak of fire. Looking down upon the Juvenile Foresters, who occupied the seats immediately beneath the pulpit, and were in the care of Bro. William Owen (a few choir boys wore their sashes in the choir), he said he was reminded of the efforts which parents made in order to prepare their children for the battle of life. To-day those efforts are more necessary than ever. In these days of more general and advanced education parents endeavoured to let their children have the best education they can possibly obtain, and they were wise. Then he spoke of the hospitals, for which some of them had made the laudable effort to collect on that hot afternoon, and for which he now hoped for liberal support from all present as making preparation against disease and accident, to which all were liable. And this led him to speak of preparation of another sort—the preparation of which the text spoke—the preparation to meet God. In this materialistic age their preparation was often neglected; but when we realise the importance of it what folly it was to neglect it. He illustrated by some interesting cases that had come before him—the forgetfulness of the necessity of preparation, the manner in which the conviction of that necessity was brought home to the conscience, and the blessedness of being prepared. He then showed how alone the preparation could be made, and concluded with a very earnest appeal to all present to prepare. His words acknowledging the honour which he felt it to be to address such an assembly and the responsibility which he also felt it to be were very moving. The sermon was listened to with breathless attention. The out voluntary was Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis," played by Mr. Atkinson and Mr. G. F. Goodchild.

The total collection (to be divided between the Bromley and the Cray Valley Hospital) amounted to £6 14s 11d., this being an increase of 19s. 7d. over last year.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

A very successful concert took place in the schoolroom attached to the above church on July 20th, in the presence of a large gathering of members of St. Joseph's congregation and their friends. The concert was arranged by the Guild of the Blessed Sacrament, and was in aid of the New Church Building Fund.

During the interval the Rector (Father Cooksey) made a little speech of thanks to all who had so kindly assisted in making the concert a success, making special mention of Mrs. Moss's excellent performance, who was present at considerable inconvenience to herself, and who is well known in the town in connection with the Bromley School of Music, High-street.

ORPINGTON GOLF CLUB HOUSE.

A start has been made with the new golf club house at Orpington, and the brickwork was commenced on August 15th. The plans have been prepared by Messrs. Austin, and the building will be an ornament to the neighbourhood. It will stand in charmingly situated and timbered grounds, the approach to which will be off the links. The contract for the erection of the building will be carried out by Mr. J. Howard, builder, under the personal supervision of Mr. F W. Austin. The club house, which will be one of unique design, will cost £2,500. It will be ready for opening in the late autumn.

Everything possible, writes Lord Avebury, should be done to stop the present ruinous and insane competition in armaments. The responsibility, however, rests with Germany; the Emperor's Government knows that we are prepared to agree to any reasonable arrangement.

ADULT SUFFRAGE.—There can be no doubt that the main outcome of recent events in connection with the suffrage movement has been to encourage and unite the supporters of Adult Suffrage. The next few months will, we understand, see the commencement of a vigorous campaign in favour of the democratic franchise. Those of our readers who believe in the principle of "One Man, One Vote; One Woman, One Vote," should communicate with Mrs. Selby, 22, Oaklands-road, Bromley, the local correspondent of the People's Suffrage Federation.

THE GLADSTONE LEAGUE.

A meeting was held at the Liberal Institute, Bromley for the purpose of forming a local branch of the Gladstone League.

Mr. S. R. Earle presided, and said it was a little difficult to get up enthusiasm now that there was comparative peace in the political arena. The question of the House of Lords ,and what its powers and functions were to be, was not yet settled, and was the subject of the conference between four leaders from both parties in the House. There were a good many Liberals who thought the conference would produce little good, but there were a great many who thought it would be useful. The best plan would be to "wait and see." Meanwhile, they must not let the opportunity of doing hard work slip by. The fight must come sooner or later, and they must prepare for it. The objects of the Gladstone League were: (1) To defend the independence of the elector; (2) to secure the supremacy of the House of Commons; (3) to oppose taxes on the food of the people; and (4) to establisn the people's rights to the land. These were, indeed, the great heads of the Liberal party's policy. But the one great question was the House of Lords. This they must keep in the forefront, and until it was finally settled it was the duty of all to work to uphold the supremacy of the people. He then called on Mr. Edwin Phelps, of the Gladstone League, to explain the aims and objects of the League.

Mr. Phelps did so, and said if they decided to form a group in Bromley members could be enrolled by the payment of a shilling, and it was hoped that possibly by the end of the year they might call all the groups to a conference to reconsider and decide what the constitution of the League might be.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr. Cave, who, in the course of his remarks, said that he hoped the Gladstone League had come to stay, and that it would do for the Liberal party what the Primrose League was doing for the Tory party. There was no doubt the danger of overlapping other societies, but he thought there was room for such an association, and so long as their work was to be the result of their own personal effort and individual endeavour, so long as the League was to be a working and fighting League, then it would have his hearty support.

The vote was seconded by Dr. Randall, and accorded with acclamation.

An open-air meeting in connection with the Gladstone League was held in the Market-square on August 22nd. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Cox, who was supported by Mr. T. Nicholson and Mr. W. E. Phelps.

The Chairman having referred to the benefits to be derived from Liberalism and Free Trade, said their opponents were working tooth and nail at the present time to further the cause of Tariff Reform, and they were going to do all they possibly could to further the cause of Free Trade.

Mr. Nicholson also addressed the meeting, and said they could trace history as they liked, but they would not find a better Government than the Government of Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Asquith.

Mr. Phelps then spoke, and referred to the objects of the Gladstone League, which were to defend the independence of the elector, to secure the supremacy of the House of Commons, to oppose taxes on the food of the people, and to establish the people's rights in the land. He said the Gladstone League was an entirely new organisation. It did not exist in January last at the time of the General Election. Already over 20,000 members had joined, and members were being enrolled at the rate of many hundreds a week. The rural voter was terrorised by social pressure and intimidation, and the first aim of the Gladstone League was to give to the rural labourer some protection similar to that which the trade unions gave to the industrial worker. A special fund had been raised to deal with cases of intimidation, and the League would take immediate action whenever they were satisfied that intimidation or undue influence had occurred.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL.

The following pupils of Miss Fertel (Holmcroft School, Holwood-road, Bromley) were successful at the College of Preceptors' Examination:—Miss M. Monkton passed in the 3rd Class, obtaining "Honours" in geography and history; Miss E. D. Whittle passed in the 3rd Class, obtaining "Honours" in geography; Miss E. M Powell also passed in the 3rd Class. At the recent examination held at the Trinity College, London, Miss M. G. Powell and Miss E. F. Donnelly (pupils of Miss D. A. Mason) passed in the Junior Division.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Great interest has been excited in the Chelsfield district by the discovery of what appears to be a smugglers' cave at Park Gate, a few yards from the entrance to Lullingstone Park. Some time ago a large quantity of earth fell in in a meadow belonging to Mr. H. Smith, leaving a circular pit at the bottom of which could be seen what appeared to be the mouth of a cave. In the meantime excavations have been carried out by a band of local antiquarian enthusiasts, under the direction of Mr. A. Moss (of Leicester), with the result that an arched chamber has been discovered. The chamber is circular in shape, about 18ft. in diameter and 8ft. high in the centre. The sides which are of chalk) bear evidence of having been hewn out with a pickaxe or other sharp implement. A century or so ago the people of Kent were largely addicted to smuggling, so much so that at one time the farmers found it difficult to obtain labourers to work for them, all the men being engaged in cargo running. It is supposed that the cave just discovered is one of the hiding places used by these men, and it is thought probable that a subterranean passage runs from here to one of the other similar places known to exist in the vicinity.

The will of the late Rev. Arthur Deane Hilton, of St. John's Vicarage, Uxbridge Moor, Middlesex, a member of an old East Kent family, has been proved at £125,626.

Miss Ena Leatch, pupil of Miss Gertrude Spooner, A.T.C.L., of 20, London-road, Bromley, has passed the school examination (elementary) of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M.

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DIARY FOR AUGUST.

1st.—Bank Holiday.—Bromley Charter Commemoration Fete at Sundridge Park.

3rd.—Garden meeting at "Haseldene," Cambridge-road (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. White), in support of the Battersea Anti-Vivisection Hospital. — Primrose League gathering at Southend Hall (the residence of Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs. Forster).

4th.—Ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Bromley and Crays Gas Co. at the Works in Homesdale-road.

13th.—Match on the Queen's Mead between the Bromley Collegians C.C. and a side captained by Councillor Bertram Pearce, president of the club.

14th.—Star of Keston Lodge of Oddfellows' Church Parade at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common.—Farewell sermon at Widmore Wesleyan Church by the Rev. T. Arnold Healing, M.A.

17th.—Al fresco concert at the "White Hart" Hotel, Bromley, in aid of the funds of the Bromley Philanthropic Society.

20th.—Marathon race at Keston in connection with Oddfellows' fete.

21st.—Sermon at Bromley Baptist Church by the Rev. Robert Silvey, of Reading, for many years pastor of the Church.—Church Parade at Farnborough.—Garden meeting at Quernmore, Bromley, in connection with St. Mary (Plaistow) Men's Hour, with an address on "Broadmindedness" by Councillor A. T. Harris.

22nd.—Meeting of the Gladstone League in the Market-square, Bromley.

24th.—Complimentary benefit concert to Mr. John H. Eyers (late manager of the Grand Hall) at the "White Hart" Hotel Assembly Rooms, by kind permission of the proprietor.—Quoit match at Shortlands between Mr. W. Stemp (champion of England, 1908-9) and Mr. J. Stemp (amateur champion of Essex, 1905).

27th.—Bromley Electric Light Company's employee's annual outing to Ramsgate.

ST. HUGH'S SCHOOL, CHISLEHURST.

July 28th was observed as prize day at St. Hugh's School, Chislehurst, and thanks to the fine weather experienced there was a large attendance of parents and friends of the boys to witness the performance of the school plays and the distribution of the prizes by Lady George Gordon-Lennox in the charming grounds of the school in Lubbock-road. Upon the success and splendid tone of the school the principals—the Rev. J. F. Johnson, M.A. (Oxon.), and Mr. A. S. Johnson, M.A. (Camb.)—are to be congratulated.

There were three school plays for the afternoon, and two of them were written by Mr. A. S. Johnson, and both proved of a most interesting order. The plays were well sustained as follows:—"Saxon and Norman" (by A. Macdonell): Edward the Confessor, Edwards i.; Harold, Earl of Wessex, Brooks; Gyrth, Brother of Harold, Pryor; Stigand, Archbishop of Canterbury, Noad; William of Normandy, Cowie; Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, Blake; Lanfranc, Prior of Bec, Edwards ii.; Fitzosbern (Norman Baron), Williams i.; Hugh (a Norman Monk), Reed; Saxon Messenger, Williams ii.; a Hermit, Uodmore; Edith (wife of Edward the Confessor), Darbishire; Gytha (mother to Harold), Ponsonby ii.; Edith "Swansneck," Edwards i.; Matilda (wife to William), Wigan; Cecilia (daughter to William and Maltida), Williamson. "L'Entente Cordiale (by A. S. Johnson):—Dick Foster, Charles Foster (Jeunes Anglais), Williamson and Brooks; Henri Lefevre, Louis Moreau (Jeunes Francais), Ponsonby ii. and Pryor; Maurice, Duc d'Orleans (Jeune Francais), Archer i.; Un Surveillant, Archer ii. "Le Merite Agricole" (by A. S. Johnson):—Monsieur Rigaud, Homme d'Affaires, Cowie; Madame Rigaud, Sa Femme, Darbishire; Monsieur Pigaud, Ministre, Ponsonby i.; Madame Pigaud, Sa Femme, Edwards i.; Jacques, Fils de Monsieur Pigaud, Williams ii.; Madeleine, Fille de Madame Rigaud, Eliot; Monsieur Lefevre, Monsieur Margot (Medecins), Podmore and Williams i.; Louis, Ami de Monsieur Rigaud, Blake; Adolphe, Ami de Monsieur Pagaud, Dalton; Marie, Servante, Edwards ii.

The Rev. J. F. Johnson referred to the year's work at St. Hugh's, and to the fact that the pupils had enjoyed exceptional good health, which had resulted in the best attendance and application to school work.

Lady Gordon-Lennox then distributed the awards of merit as follows:—

Form I.—Graham-Wigan. Form II., Brooks. Form IIIa., Pryor. Form IIIb., Ponsonby minor. Form IV., Edwards major.

Mathematics.——Form II., Pryor. Form III., Edwards major. Form IV., Podmore.

French.—Form II., Pryor. Form III., ffrench Blake. Form IV., Darbishire.

Scripture.—Senior, Ponsonby major; Junior, Dalton.

Natural Science.—Ponsonby major.

Writing.—Archer minor.

Highest Marks.—Pryor.

Gardening.—Williamson and Ponsonby mino

Drawing.—Senior, Edwards major; Junio Cowie.

The Eliot Cricket Cup.—Ponsonby major.

BROMLEY VETERAN POSTMAN RETIRES.

A familiar figure in the public life of Bromley disappears by the retirement on reaching the age limit of Mr. George Taylor, the veteran letter carrier, who for the past forty-four years has discharged the duty—a most important one—of delivering letters and packages in the postal service Very different is the Bromley of to-day from that when George Taylor first entered upon his duties, but through a long course of years he has faithfully carried out those duties, and is now enabled to enter upon a period of rest, which has been well earned. The congratulations and best wishes of all will, we feel sure, follow him into his retirement from active postal service, coupled with the hope that good health will continue with him and his wife in their later years



MR. GEORGE TAYLOR.

It seems somewhat like diving back far into the past when we consider the early years of this veteran, who was born at Bromley Common on July 30th, 1850, in a cottage which stood where St. Luke's Church is now built. It was on Nov. 11th, 1866, when George first made acquaintance with the postal service, and took up duty at Bickley, where he remained for four and a half years. His connection with the Bromley office commenced on May 2nd, 1871, and it is interesting to note that his letter of appointment was the first official document of its kind received here, as previous postmen had been duly sworn before a magistrate, and did not receive an official document of appointment.

At the time of his coming into the service at Bromley the local staff was necessarily of very small dimensions. The late Mr. J. B. Shillcock carried out the responsible duty of postmaster at his chemist's shop in High-street, and the number of postmen, who had to cover a very wide district, was six all told, their names being Messrs. E. Turner, B. Wood, J. Sharman, C. Warren and J. Churcher. The subject of our sketch made up the full number. From that date, May, 1871, when he was entrusted with the delivery of Bromley Town's letters, he has continued through the long course of years to walk over the same ground, discharging the responsible work of his office right up to the time of his retirement. To show the way in which Bromley's postal business has grown during the period under notice, it is only necessary to state that in 1871 a staff of ten, consisting of postmaster, one eclerk, six postmen and two telegraph boys, was found to be quite sufficient; whereas at the present time employment is found for an indoor staff of 26 persons, over 80 postmen, and some 20 telegraph boys. There has naturally been many changes during those forty-four years, and Mr. Taylor has worked under seven postmasters in that time, viz.:—Messrs. J. B. Shillcock, H. W. Hewick, N. R. Dyer, William Beale, J. Peach, J. H. Ayers and F. N. Crabtree.

A reflection upon the vast amount of business conducted during that lengthened period naturally produces some very interesting figures, and it is calculated that during his long career as a postman "George" has walked upwards of 229,000 miles, and delivered something approaching seven and a half million of letters, packages, etc.

It is very gratifying to know that the faithful discharge of a labour of such magnitude has brought with it a well merited reward, and George Taylor has the unqualified satisfaction of retiring with a "clean sheet," and having earned the full complement of six stripes, is thus enabled to enter upon his retirement in the enjoyment of a full pension.

During relaxation from his duties as a postman George found time to devote to service in the Bromley Volunteer Rifle Corps, and served for nineteen years. He was a bandsman, and for the greater part of the time bass drummer. George dwells with pride and pleasure upon the old days with the Volunteers, and has a very keen recollection of the great review at Windsor in 1881, and the Jubilee Review at Aldershot in 1887. No less is the pleasure with which he reflects upon the attendance of Easter reviews at Brighton, Dover and Eastbourne, when the arduous work naturally devolving upon a big drummer, was sturdily carried out by him. On one occasion the band had a long march, playing for quite three miles straight away, and not withstanding the great energy required of him, at the conclusion George was perhaps the least distressed of any member of the band.

George Taylor and his wife are blessed with a family of four sons and three daughters, and they have ten grandchildren. One of the sons saw service with the Naval Brigade, and went through the South African War, being possessed of the medal with two bars. Another son was for about four years a groom at Buckingham Palace. Both are now engaged in the Prudential Offices, Holborn Bars, whilst a third, electing to follow in his father's footsteps, joined the postal service at Bromley, being afterwards transferred to Lewisham, and is already the possessor of three bars.

Our photograph is by Mr. H. P. Harman, Bromley.

Lord Avebury has been elected a vice-president of the African Society.

FLOWER SHOWS.

BROMLEY COMMON FLOWER SHOW.

In this most inclement summer any society that secures fine weather for its outdoor functions must be regarded as distinctly fortunate, and the committee of the Bromley Common and District Horticultural Society had every reason to congratulate themselves on July 23rd on the occasion of the 32nd annual show and sports, which were held in The Park, Bromley Common, by kind permission of Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., and which, favoured with pleasant conditions, were a pronounced success.

Mr. Norman skilfully filled the dual office of president and hon. treasurer, and the energetic and courteous hon. secretary was Mr. W. J. Lyddiard, F.R.H.S., The Rookery Gardens, Bromley Common. The members of the committee were: Messrs. E. J. Harris, Green, Humphrey, G. Mogg, H. Squelch, Heims, Startup, Woodgate, R. H. Jackson, E. Tong, G. Wooding, W. Lyddiard, jun., G. Green, jun., H. W. Startup, jun., W. A. Smith and W. F. Coles; and they did their work well and thoroughly. The services of the following experienced horticulturalists had been secured to perform the difficult duties of judging and allocating the awards:—Mr. E. Dove, The Gardens, Albyfield, Bickley; Mr. G. B. Lees, Oakwood Gardens, Chislehurst; Mr. J. Neighbour, Pines-road, Bickley; and Mr. D. M. Russell, superintendent of West Ham Park.

The entries numbered 490, which must be regarded as eminently satisfactory, being within five of last year's record total, and notwithstanding the many difficulties which gardeners have had to encounter during this very trying season, the quality of the exhibits, speaking generally, was quite up to the average. The judges expressed their admiration of the wealth and variety of the display, and one of them had no hesitation in saying that the show was an improvement on that of last year.

The show was largely patronised in the evening, and dancing took place from 7 till 10 p.m. Delightful music was supplied by the Bromley Borough Silver Prize Band, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Groves. Five members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade ("Prince of Wales' Own"), under Sergt. Bush, were on duty during the day. Light refreshments were provided by Mr. E. Stacey, of Hayes.

DOWNE, FARNBOROUGH AND KESTON.

The first annual flower show since the Downe Farnborough, Keston and District Horticultural Societies have amalgamated under one authority was held on July 27th, in the beautiful grounds of Holwood Park, by kind permission of the Dowager Countess of Derby. In spite of the unsettled weather the public supported the efforts of the committee to make a success of the joint show, and if the exertions of the officials were not rewarded with as good an exhibition as some people might have anticipated it was due to no want of enterprise on their part, but rather to circumstances over which they had no control. The unseasonable weather has had a marked effect upon the quality of the produce in the kitchen and flower garden, and it is to this fact that the committee attribute a slight falling off in the entries. The judges and others qualified to give an opinion were unanimous in their admiration of the quality of the exhibits, and altogether the show was a most successful one. The Society caters for all classes and for juveniles as well as adults. It does not stop at giving awards merely for the exhibition of garden produce, but encourages the children to go into the highways and bye-ways to extend their knowledge of the large family of wild flowers and plants, and gives an incentive to the housewife to learn how to make her own bread and do good needlework, etc. The Society also renders valuable service in bestowing awards on cottagers for taking a pride and an intelligent interest in their cottage and allotment gardens, and one would have to go a long way to find any to exceed in point of appearance and merit many in the parishes of Downe, Farnborough and Keston.

Altogether the judges had a long, and in many cases difficult, task, a fact which will be readily recognised when it is mentioned that there were 401 entries in the fruit, flower and vegetable classes, 37 allotments and 212 entries in the needlework, cookery, etc.

Mr. J. E. Elsley kindly performed the duties of hon. secretary, and valuable assistance was rendered by the following committees:—General Committee: Messrs. A. N. Lubbock (Chairman), E. Allnutt, J. H. Blandford, J. Barham, A. Dunlop, T. F. Gatland, C. Goodchild, H. Jackson, M. E. O. James, W. Lewry, L. Staples, F. Udall, A. Waters, J. Westoby, and J. Woodgate. Ladies' Committee for Needlework: Mrs. Challen, Mrs. Elsley, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Greenaway, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Large. The hon. treasurer of the Society is Mr. G. N. Murton.

The judges for the several sections of the exhibition were:—Messrs. J. Lyne, W. Lyddiard, G. B. Lees and E. Rowbottom, fruit and vegetables; Mr. L. French, cake, bread and jam; Mrs. Beven, Mrs. Munster, Miss Whiting, needlework; and Miss Grace Pollard, of the Swanley Horticultural College, the decorative classes.

The opening ceremony at 2.30 was performed by the Countess of Derby, who afterwards inspected the exhibits under the guidance of Mr. A. N. Lubbock, Mr. Elsley and Mr. Mortimer E. O. James.

WEST WICKHAM.

The eighth annual show of vegetables, fruit, flowers and home industries was held on July 27th in the grounds of the Manor House, West Wickham, by kind permission of Mr. G. W. Bird. In addition to the displays of flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookery, needlework, and other things, there were numerous other attractions, including races and a Maypole dance by the village school children, which excited the keenest interest of the visitors. The Hayes Brass Band was in attendance and played a selection of music during the day.

There were keen competitions in many of the classes, and the judges must have had difficulty in allotting the awards in some instances. The judges for the vegetables and flowers were Messrs. Crosland, Whittle, Webster and Cogger, and the judging of the needlework, brass work, chip carving, fretwork and cooking was kindly undertaken by local ladies. The exhibits were arranged in four marquees, one devoted chiefly to flowers, another chiefly to vegetables, the third to needlework, etc., and the fourth to cookery.

Great credit is due to the hard-working com-

mittee, of which the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts (the Rector) is the chairman, and especially to the joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. J. C. Chillingworth and H. J. Plant.

Among the donors of special prizes were Lady Lennard, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. J. C. Chillingworth, Mrs. Mellin, Mrs. Packe, Mrs. Smail, the Rev. H. B. Roberts, and Messrs. W. Barber, H. H. Berlandina, G. W. Bird, C. Blick, E. Bliss, J. C. Chillingworth, J. W. Lawrence, J. R. Nind, W. Peters and R. H. Skinner.

The prizes were distributed on the show ground by Mrs. A. Gurney Preston, of Wood Lodge, West Wickham, in the evening, at a time when there was a very large attendance.

BROMLEY TOWN LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

A goodly number of members and supporters of the Bromley Town Lawn Tennis Club assembled on the Sports Ground on July 27th to meet the esteemed President, Mrs. T. C. Dewey, and Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., the occasion being the playing of the "finals" for the "Dewey" Cups, and other matches. The weather was pleasant during the afternoon, but in the evening it was uncomfortably cold. Amongst those present were Alderman and Mrs. James, Alderman and Mrs. Lindsay Bell, Councillor Bertram Pearce, Councillor and Mrs. Lindley Jones, Mr. Jones, sen., Mr. Alfred Wright, Mr. L. Beeston and Mr. J. F. Aruand. After some hard-fought games, which were watched with keen interest, the results were announced as follows:—

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Mr. G. P. Sharland and Miss L. Landrey beat Mr. F. Wood and Miss H. Pyrke.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap.—Miss Nellie Arnaud and Miss H. Pyrke beat the Misses Landrey.

Ladies' Handicap Singles.—Winner: Miss L. Landrey. Runner-up: Miss J. Watts.

Dewey Cup (Ladies' Singles).—Miss L. Landrey beat Miss R. H. Landrey, last year's holder. Runner-up: Miss Kendall.

Gentlemen's Doubles Scratch.—Winners: Messrs. A. Arnaud and N. Tosland. Runners-up: Messrs. Cyril Landrey and H. Tosland.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap.—Mr. A. Arnaud beat Mr. F. Wood.

Dewey Cup (Gentlemen's Singles).—Mr. Cyril Landrey beat Mr. H. J. K. Wharrie, last year's holder. Runner-up: Mr. H. L. Beeston.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made for tea, and about eight Mrs. Dewey presented the prizes to the winners and runners-up. Before doing so she received a lovely bouquet from the hands of little Miss Joyce Wharrie, daughter of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. K. Wharrie).

After the distribution, Mr. Bertram Pearce, in apposite terms, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey. He acknowledged the services of the ladies who had kindly undertaken the arrangements for the tea, thanked the judges who had carried out their duties with exemplary patience, congratulated the winners of the cups, and referred to the greatly improved form which had been shown by some of the members, particularly mentioning Mr. Harold Beeston and Mr. A. Arnaud.

Mr. Dewey, in reply, said Mrs. Dewey wished him to say how very much she sympathised with Mr. Wharrie and Miss Landrey in having to give up the cups after having had them for two years in their possession. At the same time she congratulated very heartily those who had won the cups that afternoon. Proceeding, Mr. Dewey gave it as his opinion that lawn tennis was superior in many ways to golf. In golf the sexes were rigidly divided. Sometimes they had to play on different grounds. But what could be more enjoyable than to be able to play, and also to be able to watch a good game of mixed doubles? (Hear, hear.) Mr. Dewey referred to the pleasure it had afforded him to watch the splendidly-contested matches that afternoon, and expressed the hope that the standard of play on that ground would never diminish in the future. (Applause.)

Subsequently a much-appreciated al fresco concert was given unde rthe direction of Mr Bertram Pearce, the artists being Miss Constance Milstead, Mr. Bertram Pearce, Mr. S. H. Collins, Mr. Darrington (cornet solo), Mr. C. F. Frood (musical sketches) and Miss Florence Hookley (accompanist).

QUOIT CHAMPIONS AT SHORTLANDS.

A grand exhibition game of quoits was played on the ground of the Shortlands Tavern on Aug. 24th, between W. Stemp (champion of England, 1908-9) and J. Stemp (amateur champion of Essex, 1905). The conditions of the game were 18 yards and 51 points up. The referee was Mr. Frank Brooks, secretary of the English Quoiting Association. Play was announced to commence at 5.30, at which time there was a good company of quoiting enthusiasts present. The play throughout was very keen and the pitching true. The champion used quoits of 10¾lbs. weight, whilst his opponent pitched 9lbs. In the first round both points went to W. Stemp, whilst in the second the amateur secured the two points; they were thus two all, but thence onward the champion went away, and at the end of the seventh round was leading by 10 points against 2. At the 20th round the game stood at 17 to 11, whilst at the 38th the score was 38 to 17. It will thus be seen that play generally was in favour of the star, who in the end ran out an easy winner, the final score reading:—W. Stemp, 52; J. Stemp, 26.

The pitching throughout was very fine, the leading man nearly every time striking the hob, while his opponent secured several points by shifting the quoits first thrown by a skilful throw. It was an interesting game to watch, and was keenly followed by those present.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Maynard for arranging the match by Mr. Brooks, and seconded by Councillor J. P. Botterill. Mr. W. Stemp, the champion, being called upon for a few words, spoke of the great pleasure it had given them to come down and give an exhibition match. He thought it would be far better if the Bromley League abolished the 12lb. quoit limit and went in for heavy weights. If they did that he thought the members would enjoy the game far better.

Mr. Brooks then challenged any of the company present to play a short game of 11 points with 12lb. quoits, and the challenge was accepted by C. Duncan, final'st for the individual championship of the Bromley League. A good game resulted, the score at the finish reading:—C. Duncan, 12; F. Brooks, 6.

Needless to say, the win was a very popular one and evoked considerable applause

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS DOROTHY TINDALL AND MR. W. H. S. JACKSON.

At the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on July 21st, the marriage took place of Mr. W. H. Selmes Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Selmes Jackson, of 3, North Park, Eltham, to Miss Dorothy Tindall, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Tindall, of Arnside, Chislehurst. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. W. W. Dodsworth, Rector of Brauncewell-with-Anwick, Lincolnshire (uncle of the bride), assisted by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. H. A. Hall, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Eltham.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a handsome gown of soft ivory satin, draped with beautiful Carrickmacross lace; close-fitting bodice embroidered in pearls and crystals, and a vest of finely-tucked net, and long-trained skirt of satin, the drapery of lace being finished with a bunch of orange blossoms. Her veil was of soft white net, and she wore a chaplet of orange blossom, and a pendant, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn M. Tylor (cousin of the bride), Miss Jackson and Miss Jocelyn Jackson (sisters of the bridegroom), Miss Becher, Miss Hodgkinson and Miss K. Hayward Butt. They wore gowns of white satin, covered with thick spotted net. The bodices were tucked and trimmed with motifs of Valenciennes lace and bows of white satin and silver, and the tunic skirts trimmed with pointed motifs of Valenciennes lace. Their hats were of biege-coloured taffeta silk, trimmed with Nattier blue roses and oats. Each carried a sunshade of the same shade as the hats, the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Noel Richardson. The service was choral, Mr. Frank Davey presiding at the organ.

The reception was held at Arnside, and later when the newly-married couple left, the bride travelled in a dress of biege-coloured crepon, with hat to match.

MISS DOROTHY KLINKHARDT AND MR. ARTHUR D. WESTBROOK.

The wedding took place at Shortlands Parish Church on July 23rd of Miss Dorothy Klinkhardt, daughter of Mr. Julius Klinkhardt, of The Homestead, Shortlands, and of the late Mrs. Klinkhardt, and Mr. Arthur Dudley Westbrook, son of the late Mr. Arthur Westbrook, of Backheath, and of Mrs. Westbrook, of Brighton. The Rev. S. G. Bassett-Pike conducted the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Mr. Frank Klinkhardt (brother of the bride) was best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white satin charmeuse arranged with pearl embroidery and old lace, the Court train being caught back by silver cord and tassels. She wore a long tulle veil over a wreath of orange blossom and white heather, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, heather and lilies of the valley, tied with white satin ribbon.

Miss Olive Klinkhardt (sister of the bride), Miss F. Cripps (cousin of the bridegroom) and Miss Ruth Cull (cousin of the bride) were her bridesmaids, and they wore white dresses of broderie Anglaise, with heliotrope facings and sashes, and large silvered crinoline hats, trimmed with lace and clusters of sweet peas, with shower bouquets to match. Each bridesmaid wore an amethyst and pearl brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in an elegant costume of Tussore silk, with black Tussore silk, with black facings, and large plumed hat to match. Her bouquet was of pale pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at The Homestead, and at 4.15 Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook left for Devonshire. The bride's going-away dress was pale grey faced cloth, very smartly modelled, and elegantly braided with silk graid and cord, and a smart hat of fine black chip, swathed with a long black ostrich feather.

MISS GLADYS M. LENDON AND MR. C. S. SIGURD ERICKSSON.

The many friends of Mr. William H. Lendon, a former resident of Beckenham, who was for many years a member of the Urban District Council, will be interested to learn of the marriage of his second daughter, Miss Gladys M. Lendon to Mr. Carl Sigurd Ericksson, on July 27th at Brompton Parish Church. The reception which afterwards took place at Iverna Court, Kensington, was confined to the immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom. The bride, who was attended by Miss Joan Carpenter as bridesmaid, was given away by her father, and the Danish Consul acted as best man. The wedding presents to the bride included cheques from her father, and from Captain Lendon, Mr. F. D. Lendon, Mrs. Reginald Smith, Entree dishes from Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carpenter, antique glass from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lendon; dessert spoons from Dr. and Mrs. Lendon; cut glass from Mrs. Argles; and included in those to the bridegroom were gifts from the Marquis de Soveral, the Danish Consul, Dr. Edward Madge, Dr. Christopherson, and others.

MISS NELLIE DOMMETT AND MR. R. SEATON TAYLOR.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Keynsham, Somerset, on July 28th, Mr. Raymond Seaton Taylor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Seaton Taylor, of The Laurels, Bickley, was married to Miss Nellie Dommett, of Frome, and of Mrs. Spill, of Eppleworth, Keynsham. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. P. Hatchard. The best man was Mr. Cuthbert Taylor (brother of the bridegroom), and the bride was given away by her brother (Mr. J. Dommett).

The bride's gown was a very handsome one of ivory Liberty satin, with an overdress of ivory lustee net, outlined with silk embroiderie lace, her bodice being trimmed with lace to match and chiffon, while she wore also on her corsage a spray of orange blossom. Her bridesmaids (Miss Taylor and Miss Butler) wore dresses of pale blue ninon over mauve soft silk, with a Magyar effect of bodice and trimming, to blend with the soft shades of ninon and silk. One little bridesmaid (Miss McTurk) wore white satin, made in the old English style, and a little lace cap, the elder bridesmaids' hats being of fine Tagel straw, trimmed with pink and mauve sweet-peas across the back, with wide black ribbon arranged with long ends and loops falling gracefully under the brim. They all carried bouquets of sweet peas, and each wore pearl pendants,

the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's mother wore a gown of black Tosca net, handsomely embroidered with soutache, over white satin, her hat being a fine Tagel straw, trimmed with pink roses and black velvet. Mrs. Seaton Taylor was attired in a mole grey costume and black hat, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Eppleworth, Keynsham, and at four o'clock Mr. and Mrs. R. Seaton Taylor left for Teignmouth, Devonshire, the bride wearing a costume of natural Shantung, trimmed with Liberty Rani satin and soutache braid, her large picture hat, composed of very fine softly veiled naturelle straw, being trimmed with masses of Cramoisi pourpre and blue pansies, nestling amongst little bunches of blue cherries.

MISS WINIFRED BOULT AND MR. STANLEY MALLETT.

In the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, the wedding took place at the Temple Congregational Church, St. Mary Cray, on July 30th, of Mr. Stanley Mallett, of Sylvanhurst, Blakeney-road, Beckenham, and Miss Winifred Boult, A.R.C.M., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boult, of Orpington. The interior of the Temple was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The service was choral, and Mr. C. W. Wilson, A.R.C.O. (organist of Holy Trinity Church, Damorbey), presided at the organ. The ceremony was performed by the minister of the Church, the Rev. Wm. Lewis.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of rich ivory satin, with Court train, trimmed with silk embroidery and true lover's knots in white satin ribbon, and orange blossoms in the corner of the train; her veil was richly embroidered Brussels net, and she carried a delightful shower bouquet, composed of white lilies, white heather, carnations and roses, with smilax, asparagus fern and adiantum. There were three bridesmaids, viz., Miss Elsie Boult (sister of the bride) and the Misses Hilda and Doris Mallett (sisters of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of pale green silk, with gauged silk applique on overskirt and gauged bodices, black picture hats lined with pale green to match the dresses, and trimmed with dewdrop net and wreaths of pale pink rosebuds. They carried shower bouquets of pale pink carnations with suitable foliage. Mr. Harold Mallett, brother of the bridegroom, attended in the capacity of best man. In the course of the service two hymns, "How welcome was the call" and "O love divine and golden," were sung, and as the newly-wedded couple left the church the triumphant strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March flooded the building.

After the ceremony a reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Boult in the School Hall adjoining the Temple Church, and many of the wedding presents were displayed. The guests numbered between 60 and 70. The gifts received included the presentation from the Temple Congregational Church of a silver water jug and cream jug, an antique silver flower bowl from the choir, and a case of carvers from the bridegrooms' colleagues in the office of the Northern Assurance Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mallett left at four o'clock en route for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride's going-away dress being of ciel blue silk voile, tastefully braided, with hat of satin straw trimmed with pink roses and loops of ribbon.

MISS ROSA BOWERS AND MR. ROBERT GOWER.

At the pretty Parish Church of West Wickham, on August 3rd, the wedding was solemnised of Miss Rosa Bowers, who is a well-known resident of the parish and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers, of West Wickham, and Mr. Robert Gower, of Sydenham, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Gower, of Tandridge. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. H. Bertie Roberts, Rector, assisted by the Rev. F. Easter.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. A. Daniels, wore a dress of French grey eolienne over glace silk trimmed with cream silk lace, and hat with ostrich feather to match. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of lilies and roses, and wore an amethyst and pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended as bridesmaid by Miss Amy Hemmings, whose costume was of white embroidery muslin with black hat and feathers. She wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. J. Gower was best man.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Gower left for Hastings, the bride wearing as her travelling dress a reseda cloth coat and skirt, the coat faced with white moire. She wore a hat of mole straw trimmed with hydrangeas. The beautiful wedding cake was presented by the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. A. Daniels, of Clapham.

The presents were handsome and numerous.

MISS E. J. WORTH AND MR. C. F. W. GEDNEY.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Bromley, on Aug. 5th, the contracting parties being Miss Emily Josephine Worth, youngest daughter of Mr. G. Worth, of Heatherleigh, Freelands-road, Bromley, and Mr Cyril Frederick William Gedney, youngest son of Mr. C. W. Gedney, of Glebe-road, Bromley.

During the assembling of the guests, the organist, Mr. Frederic Fertel, played appropriate selections, including the Bridal March from "Lohengrin." The Rev. S. Luffman, Vicar of Grove Park, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a very tasteful costume of ivory satin covered with silk net and trimmed with silver true lover's knots and silver fringe. She also wore a tulle veil with orange blossoms and a bunch of white heather, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The diamond ring she wore was the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister Christene, who wore a dainty dress of embroidered voile trimmed with pale blue silk and a cream crinoline hat, trimmed with net and William Allen Richardson roses. Her bouquet of William Allen Richardson roses and her gold bracelet were the gifts of the bridegroom.

Mr. Stanley Geary acted as best man.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mendelssohn's Wedding March pealed forth from the organ, and afterwards a reception was held at 3, London-road, at which the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many hearty good wishes for their happiness and future welfare.

At 4.30 the newly wedded couple motored to Euston, en route for Llandudno, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride wore a tailor-made costume in cinnamon brown, with

black glace pipings and cut jet buttons and a black hat to match.

The wedding presents, numbering upwards of fifty, formed a handsome collection, and included a beautiful fruit and flower stand subscribed for by the members of the Bromley Town Cricket Club, of which the bridegroom is a well-known member.

MISS M. L. BUSHELL AND MR. H. S. GRANGER.

The wedding took place at St. George's Church, Bickley, on August 9th, of Miss Margaret Lilla Bushell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bushell, of 4, Jaffray-road, Bromley Common, and Mr. Harry Stockham Granger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Granger, of Widmore-road, Bromley. The Rev. S. Lewis officiated, and Mr. Albert Bushell, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white silk, trimmed with pearl and silver embroideries, and a veil fastened with a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white heather and carnations. She was attended by Master Fred and Miss Cissie Page, and the latter wore white embroidered muslin, and carried a basket of pink and white sweet peas. After the ceremony the guests met at the Institute, Tylney-road, and at five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Granger left for Bournemouth, the bride wearing a dove grey costume and a black hat with black and white wings.

MARATHON RACE AT KESTON.

The Loyal "Star of Keston" Lodge of Oddfellows (M.U.) celebrated the centenary of the Order on Aug. 20th by a fete, which was held in the football field, by kind permission of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P. In the morning the members, in full regalia, assembled at headquarters, the Red Cross Inn, and accompanied by the Hayes Brass Band, under Bandmaster W. Robjant, marched through the village, stopping at the houses of the leading residents, and afterwards proceeding to the field, where they sat down to a capital lunch. Mr. R. J. Clasper, the well-known caterer, was engaged to provide the amusements, and these were both varied and numerous. Included in the attractions were an automobile race track, a cycle racing track, a juvenile racing circus, roundabouts ("The Royal Stud of Foxhunters and South African Ostriches"), sporting saloons, a cake walk, cocoanut shies, swing boats, and the "Hoop-la" pastime. There was also a Gipsy Queen fortune teller.

The fete was organised by the following committee:—Bros. A. Irvine, P.P.G.M., A. Elliott, P.P.G.M., M. Freakes, Hy. Jackson, P.G., A. Whitehead, P.G., B. Wood, P.G., T. Crane, P.G., A. Green, N.G., W. Mills, G.M., J. Crouch, P.P.G.M., and T. Standen, with Bros. G. W. Green, P.G., and H. Oliver as the joint secretaries.

Rain fell in the afternoon, but did not greatly interfere with the sports. The starter was Mr. T. Crane, the referee Mr. B. Wood, and the secretarial duties were energetically discharged by Messrs. G. W. Green and H. Oliver. The principal event was a Marathon race over the roads of the district for a distance of about seven miles. This event was open to all comers, the first prize being £3, the second £1 10s., the third 15s., the fourth 10s., and the fifth 5s. The competitors had to start in the field, and the route was to Keston Common, by the Ponds to Keston Mark, thence to the corner of Farnborough Common, turning to the main road on to the corner of Hayes-lane, to Hayes Common, and then home, the last mile being finished in the field.

The race attracted some fine athletes, the list including such well-known names as J. Keywood, Bromley Common; J. W. Kitchener, Sutton-at-Hone; and C. W. Gardiner, of Lewisham. The latter came to Keston with a big reputation, being the winner of the "Evening News" Marathon Race, the Newcastle Marathon Race, and the King's Championship Prize at Braemar, and having gained the further distinction of beating Dorando at the Albert Hall for the World's Championship and £150.

It was raining hard when the starter fired the pistol, and the competitors left the field on their seven-mile run, but the weather cleared on the journey. Gardiner and Kitchener soon forced the pace, and forged their way to the front, and towards the finish they had a substantial lead. Kitchener entered the field first, with Gardiner following close behind. They had to go round the field seven times (one mile) before reaching the winning post, and the race between these two splendid runners was watched with the keenest interest. After a few laps Gardiner passed Kitchener, but the latter recovered himself and again took the lead. Gardiner kept close to Kitchener in the last lap, and when in sight of home the Marathon champion put on a magnificent spurt, passing Kitchener in grand style, and winning by two yards. Both were very fresh at the finish. These two were a long way in front of the other competitors. Banham, of Farnborough, came in third, and Keywood finished fourth. The winners were:—1, C. W. Gardiner, Lewisham; 2, J. W. Kitchener, Sutton-at-Hone; 3, F. Banham, Farnborough; 4, J. Keywood, Bromley Common; 5, H. Aves, Westerham.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

Despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance of members at the Beckenham Baths on the Club Night on July 20th, when the Club Championship (four lengths) was decided. After a closely contested race, in which eight members swam, the result was as follows:—1, W. Green, 1m. 56 2-5s.; 2, R. Barber, 1m. 58s.; 3, G. Hatcher and H. J. Hankins, 2m. 10s. Also swam: G. Tyler, 2m. 12 2-5s.; W. Goebel, 2m. 13s.; D. M. Phillips, 2m. 20s.; B. Ayling, 2m. 22 3-5s.

Following the Championship Race a polo match versus Beckenham S.C. II. was played, which resulted in a victory for the Beckenham team by three goals to one. W. Green scored for Bromley in the second half amid much excitement. The team was composed of the following members:—W. Goebel, goal; D. M. Phillips and R. Barber, backs; H. J. Hankins, half-back; G. Hatcher, P. Taylor and W. Green, forwards. Mr. H. R. Austin, the hon. handicapper of the club, kindly acted as starter and judge of the Championship Race and as referee of the polo match.

The autumn term at the "Spenlove" School of Modern Art ("The Yellow Door"), near Railway Station, Beckenham, founded by Mr. Frank Spenlove-Spenlove, begins on Oct. 4th.

Local Obituary.

MR. WILLIAM LASH.

The funeral took place at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on August 9th, of the late Mr. William Lash, of High-street, Chislehurst, one of the oldest-established tradesmen in the village. Mr. Lash, who leaves a family to mourn his death, was 60 years of age, and had been ill for some time. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, and the arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. A. Bulley, of Chislehurst.

MR. WILLIAM WALTER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Walter, which sad event took place at his residence, Ashley, Bickley, on August 8th, from paralysis. The son of the late Mr. William Walter, of Surbiton, the deceased gentleman was in his fifty-seventh year. He came from Surbiton to reside at Bickley some 26 years ago, and had lived at Ashley the whole time. During this period, he was intimately associated with Christ Church, Lower Camden, taking a very active interest in the work there. He was churchwarden for 11 years, and only retired last year on account of ill-health. Mr. Walter was keenly interested in the work of the Society for the Propagation of Christianity amongst the Jews. He was one of the senior Liverymen of the Merchant Taylors Company and a Freeman of the City of London. Entering the London Stock Exchange in 1878, he founded the firm of Walter, Walker and Co., stockbrokers, of Bartholomew House, Bartholomew-lane, E.C., and although he had not been actively engaged in the business for two and a half years, he had not retired, and was senior partner of the firm until his death. In politics Mr. Walter was a Conservative and a Tariff Reformer. Away from business, he lived a quiet life with his family. Yachting, to which he was devoted, constituted his recreation. He was married in January, 1879, to Mary Emily, daughter of the late Mr. Frederick Morten, of Surbiton, who survives him.

The funeral arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. H. G. Dunn and Sons, Bromley.

EARL AMHERST.

We regret to record the death of Earl Amherst, which took place on August 14th, at Montreal, near Sevenoaks. Lord Amherst had been indisposed for some time, and in the month of May underwent an operation for an affection of the throat. Although he obtained immediate relief, his age was against permanent benefit, and his death was not unexpected.

William Archer Amherst was the third Earl Amherst, having succeeded his father, the second holder of the title, in 1800. Born in 1836, he sat in the House of Commons as Conservative member for West Kent from 1859 to 1868, and for Mid Kent from 1868 to 1880. In the latter year he was summoned to the House of Lords by writ as Baron Amherst, of Montreal, Kent, so that he sat successively in the two Houses for over half a century. Before entering Parliament he had served in the Crimea with the Coldstream Guards, in which he held the rank of captain, and he was wounded at Inkermann.

In August, 1862, his lordship married Lady Julia Cornwallis, of Linton Park, only surviving daughter and heir of the last Earl Cornwallis. She died in 1883, and in 1889 Lord Amherst married Alice D'Alton, widow of the fifth Earl of Lisburne, the eldest daughter of Mr. Edmund Probyn, of Huntley Manor, Gloucestershire. His full title was that of Earl Amherst, of Aracan, East Indies, Viscount Holmesdale, of Holmesdale, Kent, and Baron Amherst, of Montreal, Kent. He was J.P. and D.L. for the same county, and a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

For many years Earl Amherst was Pro-Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, in which office he was succeeded by Lord Ampthill two years ago. He also for many years held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Kent. He retired a few years ago, and installed Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis as his successor.

Lady Amherst survives her husband. There were no children by either marriage, and the title passes to the late earl's brother, Captain the Hon. Hugh Amherst, formerly, like himself, a captain in the Coldstream Guards. Captain Amherst saw active service in the Sudan expedition of 1884-5, and received the medal with two clasps and the bronze star. He is the sixth and youngest son of the second earl, and only became heir-presumptive in January of this year on the death of his brother, the Rev. the Hon. Percy Arthur Amherst. The successor to the title married, in 1896, the Hon. Eleanor Clementina St. Aubyn, daughter of the first Lord St. Levan, and has four children, of whom Jeffrey John Archer, born in 1896, now becomes the heir.

MAJOR-GENERAL SMALLEY.

The death occurred on Aug. 18th at his residence, 5, Park-road, Beckenham, of Major-General Smalley, late of the Madras Army, at the age of 68 years. The deceased officer was born at Bath in August, 1842. At the age of 17 he entered the East India Company's service, and obtaining his commission in May, 1859, gazetted Quartermaster-General in 1888 of the Burma Division, he was given the rank of Major-General in June, 1898. General Smalley was much respected. The funeral took place on Monday at St. Paul's Church, Beckenham.

The estate of Mr. Robert Henry Cooper, of 45, Palace-grove, Bromley, formerly of 19, Market-square, Bromley, who died on May 5th aged 64, has been valued for probate at £5,134 13s. gross.

On August 6th the Right Hon. Sir William Hart Dyke, M.A., of Lullingstone Castle, celebrated the 73rd anniversary of his birthday. Sir William was born on Aug. 7th, 1837, and succeeded to the baronetcy (which was created in 1676) on the death of his father in 1875. Sir William was one of the Conservative representatives of Kent in the House of Commons from 1865 to 1906, and in the course of that long period he filled the offices of Conservative Whip (1868-74), Patronage Secretary to the Treasury (1874-80), Chief Secretary for Ireland (1885-6), and Vice-President of the Council on Education (1887-92). He married in 1870 Emily, daughter of the late and sister of the present Earl of Sandwich. The Right Hon. Baronet is a Deputy-Lieutenant for Kent and Vice-Chairman of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company.

DISTRICT NEWS.

FOOTS CRAY.

The senior members of the choir of Foots Cray Church held their annual outing on Aug. 8th, Margate being the place selected for a visit. A party of seven including Mr. W. E. Downton, (organist) left Sidcup for London Bridge, where the steamer "Royal Sovereign" was boarded, and after a most enjoyable passage Margate was reached about two o'clock. On the way down, luncheon was partaken of on board, when the health of the Rector (the Rev. Charles Birch M.A.) was felicitously proposed, and very heartily responded to. The organist and choirmaster was also toasted, and Mr. Downton thanked the gentlemen of the choir for their loyal services. The return journey was equally pleasant, and when home was reached all were unanimous that the day's outing could not have been attended with greater success. A telegram was despatched to the Rector from Margate, expressing the good wishes of the choir.

KNOCKHOLT.

On Aug. 13th the villages of Knockholt, Halstead, Cudham and Green-street-Green again united in holding their 20th annual exhibition of fruit, flowers, vegetables, needlework, etc. The show was held in the Homefield Cricket Field, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Alfred W. Smithers, J.P. On the whole the exhibits were, notwithstanding the unfavourable season, quite up to the standard of previous shows. The large number of entries—nearly 450—testified to the increasing interest and keenness in competition throughout the district, the responsibility of selecting the prize-winners being correspondingly increased. The judging in the various classes was very kindly undertaken by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Fruit, plants and vegetables, Messrs. C. Sutton and W. Dryden; needlework, Mrs. Bullivant, Mrs. Waring and Mrs. Oswald Smithers; jams, bread and cooked potatoes, Mr. and Miss Stevens, Mrs. Waldron Smithers and Mrs. Oswald Jones; while Mr. Seadon, of Bromley, judged the honey.

ORPINGTON.

There was a good attendance in the White Hart Meadow Orpington, on July 21st, on the occasion of the Orpington and District Athletic Sports. The gathering was held under the presidency of Mr. W. Foot Mitchell, M.P., Messrs. C. L. Bruce and T. Holmes acted jointly in carrying out the arduous duties of hon. secretary, and the other officials were: Sports committee, Messrs. F. Thorp (chairman), H. Edmonds (vice-chairman), S. C. Austin, C. H. Barham, D. W Gayfer, F. Crust, T. C. Hoar, G. Blackstone, E. Walker, C. H. Lansdell, H. Cambden, J. Hamilton, W. Denton, A. Warner, W. Parketer and A. G. Woods; judges, Messrs. E. Sykes, A. A. Rice, T. H. Nash, W. L. Harrild and W. H. Banner; referee, Mr. W. G. Powell; handicappers, Messrs. W. G. Powell, F. Thorp, S. C. Austin and C. H. Barham; starter, Mr. C. H. Barham; hon. surgeons, Dr. A. T. Smith and Dr. Bennion; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Barr. A feature of the sports was a "Marathon" race (15½ miles) over the roads of the district, for which there were 24 entries, including J. Keywood, of Bromley, last year's winner.

ST. MARY CRAY.

The tradesmen of St. Mary Cray and Orpington played a friendly game at bowls on the bowling green of the Cray Valley Club, at the Blue Anchor Inn, St. Mary Cray, on Aug. 11th. The meeting proved a very pleasant one, and the members of the club gave the use of their appliances for the match. Amongst those figuring in the game were Messrs. F. Strouts, T. C. Hoar, J. Howard, Wood, Richardson (of Dartford), W. R. Taylor, and F. Tyrer. Mr. R. Bateman (secretary of the Cray Valley Bowling Club), Mr. F. Brock (host of the Anchor Inn), and others helped to make the evening a very pleasurable one. The St. Mary Cray team were easy winners, the score being—Cray, 36; Orpington, 18. After the game the teams repaired to the dining room of the inn and partook of an excellent supper under the presidency of Mr. Wood. The Chairman, in the course of the happy proceedings, proposed the toast of "The Cray Valley Bowling Club," and Mr. Bateman as happily responded. It should be said in regard to the club's success that as far as the season has gone they have not lost in a single full match, and some well-known clubs have been met.

SWANLEY.

The new building of the Swanley Working Men's Club was opened on Aug. 20th. Mr. Hesketh, having set the memorial stone in the wall, said it was with very great pleasure he performed that pleasing duty, and he hoped that with God's providence the new building would prove a benefit and a source of recreation to the working men of the Swanley district. The wording on the stone was as follows:—"Swanley Junction Working Men's Club and Institute. This foundation stone was laid by E. Hesketh, Esq., Aug. 20th, 1910. F. W. Ladds, president; H. Wellam, secretary. Fair and Myer, A.R.I.B.A., architects, 39, Furnival-street, W. Blay, Ltd., contractors, Dartford." On the opposite side of the entrance was a stone bearing the names of the trustees of the club and committee as follows:—Trustees, F. W. Packman, G. T. Ridout and T. J. Borrowdale. Committee, F. Ambrose, H. O. Boulter, H. A. Bunnett, J. Lambert, J. Pearson, G. Puplett, H. Puplett, J. Rogers, J. Shaw, W. Shillinglaw, R. Slade, W. Taylor and A. S. Thew. The president of the club (Mr. Ladds), in inviting Mr. Walter C. Jackson, as one of the oldest residents in the Swanley district, to open their new club building for them on that happy occasion, presented him with the key of the door. Mr. Jackson said it gave him very much pleasure to accede to Mr. Ladds' request on behalf of the club. He had, it was true, been a resident in the district for something like 30 years, and he considered it an honour in being asked to perform the pleasing duty with which he had been entrusted.

HOLMCROFT SCHOOL, BROMLEY.—At the recent examination for higher diplomas, held in London, Miss Dora Mason (assistant music teacher at Holmcroft School, and pupil of Mr. Frederic Fertel) successfully qualified for the diploma of Licentiate of Music. The principal subject taken was solo singing, and the examination also included theory of music, art of teaching, sight singing and musical dictation. The solos selected for examination were "From mighty

pens" (Haydn), "Elsa's Dream," from "Lohengrin" (Wagner), and "L'Ete" (Chaminade) The examiners were Madame Helen Trust, Dr. C. W. Pearce and Mr. R. B. Addison. Another of Mr. Fertel's pupils has also been successful at a Trinity College of Music examination, Miss Newcomb having passed the Senior Division in pianoforte playing at the London centre. The examiner was Mr. Myles B. Foster.

Births.

BOWLEY.—On the 26th July, at The Trellis, Bickley, the wife of Alfred William Bowley—a son.

GREGORY.—On the 5th August, at Sherborne Cottage, Albemarle-road, Beckenham, the wife of Henry H. Gregory, of a son.

HAAB.—On the 6th August, at Coniston Lodge, Bromley Hill, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Haab—a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On the 30th July, at Brincliffe, Bickley, to Mrs. and Mrs. Alfred H. Johnson—a daughter.

LEDGER.—On the 20th August, at Seymour Cottage, Lee-road, Blackheath, the wife of Robert W. Ledger, of a daughter.

MCCOMAS.—On the 7th August, at Feniton, Farnborough, Kent, the wife of Archd. McComas—a son.

MILES.—On the 27th July, at Sweffling, London-lane, Bromley, the wife of J. O. Miles, of a daughter.

MOORE.—On the 17th August, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Vernon Moore, of 36, St. James's-avenue, Beckenham—a daughter.

MORLEY.—On the 15th August, at Glen Druid, Chislehurst, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morley (formerly Statham)—a daughter.

PEACHEY.—On the 4th August, at "Hindover," London-lane, Bromley, the wife of James Peachey, of a daughter.

Marriages.

BROMLEY—UNDERWOOD.—On the 26th July, at the Parish Church, Ashstead, by the Rev. T. Phillips, Frederic Russell Bromley, of Bromley, to Hilda Violet, only daughter of James Underwood, of Ravenwood, Ashstead.

BROWN—MORTLOCK.—On the 18th August, at St. Augustin's, Bournemouth, by the Rev. S. C. Lowry, Bertram Goulding Brown, to May Marian, only daughter of the late William Mortlock, of Beckenham, and of Mrs. Mortlock, Lingdale, Lansdowne-road, Bournemouth.

DILLOWAY—HULBERT.—On the 30th July, at West Hackney Parish Church, by the Rev. A. L. Jukes, Leonard William, only son of Mrs. Margaret Dilloway, of Stoke Newington, to Grace Ella, youngest daughter of Frank Hulbert, of Bromley, Kent.

MALLETT—BOULT.—On the 30th July, at the Temple Congregational Church, St Mary Cray, by the Rev. William Lewis, Stanley, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mallett, of Sylvanhurst, Blakeney-road, Beckenham, to Winifred Boult, A.R.C.M., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boult, of Orpington.

Deaths.

JENNINGS.—On the 30th July, at 22, Foxgrove-road, Beckenham, Emma Jennings, aged 87.

MCNEILL.—On the 26th July, at Mowbray, Beckenham, Alexandra Fulton (Bobby) McNeill, youngest son of Adam McNeill, in his 21st year.

MAY.—On the 2nd August, at 15, Simpson's-road, Bromley, Emma, the dearly-loved wife of James May.

MUNRO.—On the 3rd August, at 2, Durham-road, Beckenham, Hettie, eldest daughter of Peter and Mrs. Munroe, in her 21st year.

SMALLEY.—On the 18th August, at 5, Park-road, Beckenham, Major General Frederick Smalley, late Madras Army, aged 68 years.

WALTER.—On the 8th August, at Ashley, Bickley, William Walter, in his 57th year.

WHYTE.—On the 3rd August, at "Narbethong," Garden-road, Bromley, W. K. Whyte, aged 81.

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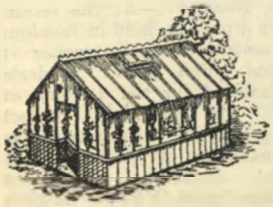
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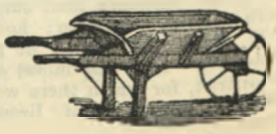
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Pheasant shooting begins.

2nd.—*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

3rd.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Address by the Lord Bishop of Rochester at the Drill Hall, Bromley, in connection with London Students' Missionary Campaign.

4th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

6th.—Harvest Festival at St. John's Church, Bromley.—Sale at Grandacre Farm, Waltham, Kent, of farming stock, by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at 11 for 12 o'clock.

7th.—Bromley County Court.

9th.—*Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.*

10th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

11th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings, at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 10.30 a.m.

16th.—*Twenty first Sunday after Trinity.*

17th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

18th.—Dedication of the new tower and spire at St. Luke's, Bromley Common (given by Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P.).—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

19th.—Concert recital by Mr. Arthur Newstead at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

20th.—Sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper of valuable building land and freehold villas, at the "Royal Bell" Hotel, Bromley, at 8 o'clock precisely.

23rd.—*Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.*

24th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

25th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

26th.—Opening by the Bishop of Rochester of G.F.S. sale of work at St. Mark's Church Room, Bromley.—Important sale by Messrs. Baxter, Payne and Lepper of the freehold residential property, "Waratah," Camden Park, Chislehurst.

30th.—*Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Bromley Town Council since the vacation was held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings on Sept. 13th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

A Complaint.

A letter was read to the Highways Committee from Mr. T. N. Marks complaining of a nuisance caused in connection with late dancing at the Gymnastic Hall, College-slip, and it was resolved that the Town Clerk reply stating the Council regret that the matter is one over which they have no control, and to suggest that he should communicate with the trustees of the building in connection with his complaint.

Granted.

A letter was read to the Highways and Works Committee stating that in consequence of the growth of correspondence posted by the inhabitants of Edward-road and neighbourhood, it was found that the letter box fixed near there is inadequate to meet the requirements, and it had been decided to erect a pillar box, and asking the Council to grant permission for such a box to be erected on the footpath at the junction of Edward-road and Plaistow-lane. Resolved that permission be given for such box to be erected on the site suggested by the Mayor, and that the Borough Engineer arrange accordingly.

Insufficient Lighting.

A memorial was received by the Highways Committee from the residents of Waldegrave-road calling attention to the insufficient lighting of that road, especially at the end nearest to Southborough-road, and requesting provision of at least one additional lamp. Resolved that one additional lamp be erected in the road in question.

No Power.

To the Recreation Grounds Committee a letter was read from Mr. P. Ashton calling attention to the class of children who are making a common playground of the Queen's Gardens and thereby making them unpleasant for those people who used to enjoy their quietude and pleasantness, and suggesting that they be confined to the Martin's Hill and the Queen's Gardens kept more exclusive. Resolved that Mr. Ashton be informed that the Council have no power to exclude children from the Queen's Gardens.

Proposed Extension of the Library.

A supplementary report of the Library Committee was read by the Town Clerk. The Com-

mittee have had under consideration for some time the pressing necessity of enlarging the Library building in order to afford proper accommodation to the continually increasing number of those using the Library, and resolved to recommend that the architect of the Library be consulted as to the best method of extension and that plans be prepared and sent to Mr. Carnegie asking for his consideration, hoping that he may see his way to add to the gift he has already made to the Borough. It was resolved, subject to the Council adopting the above recommendation, that a sub-committee be appointed to consult with the architect and report to the Committee; the sub-committee to consist of Alderman Lindsay Bell (chairman), Councillor W. G. Weller (vice-chairman), Mr. J. F. Arnaud and Mr. A. S. Gedge.

Alderman Bell moved the adoption of the report.—Carried.

In Case of Invasion.

A letter was read from Dr. Yolland, on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, asking for the loan, as temporary hospitals in a time of national emergency, of the following buildings:—Such part of the Municipal Buildings as could be spared, the School of Science and Art, and the Sherman-road Institute.

The Mayor said it was only in the very improbable event of an invation—(laughter)—that the buildings would be required. He thought in such an improbable, although not impossible, event it would be the duty of everyone to afford every facility they possibly could for the nursing of the sick and wounded. (Hear, hear.)

The matter was referred to the Establishments Committee.

Does Bromley Need a Public Hall?

In fulfilment of the promise he gave in July, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.), at Bromley Town Council's first meeting after the vacation on Sept. 15th, initiated a debate on the important question of the desirability of erecting a Public Hall in the Borough, moving the following resolution: "That a committee be appointed to consider the need for a Public Hall and the best means of supplying the want; and to report to the Council." His Worship said they would remember that before the vacation he gave notice that he should at an early date after the vacation bring to their notice the subject of the Public Hall. If he did not think the matter was of the very first importance to Bromley, he should have hesitated very much before bringing it to their notice from the chair. They were all anxious that the town in which they lived and which they represented should occupy the front place amongst the towns in this part of the country, and he did not think that any town could be said to be complete unless it had a Public Hall available for the use of its burgesses on all occasions.

Councillor Gillett seconded the resolution.

Councillor Comins, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said there was no need whatever in Bromley at the present time for a Town Hall in his mind. Certainly the Mayor had not brought any evidence to show that there was, and even if the need were very great and the evidence very strong, he submitted that Bromley was not in a position to enter upon this large capital expenditure. The capital liabilities had increased at a greater rate than the assessable value of the Borough, and that had been going on for some time. In 1904 the mortgage debt was £166,336, and in 1910 £227,011. an increase in six years of £60,675. The assessable value for general district purposes in 1904 was £214,615, and in 1910 £255,986, an increase in six years of £41,371. Thus, while the mortgage debt had increased by £60,000 the assessable value for general district purposes had increased by £40,000 in round figures. Interest at 3¼ per cent. on the present debt amounted to £8,796 every year, and this represented 9d. in the £ in the rates.

With regard to the division, Councillor Newton moved that the names be taken, but there were cries of "Agreed," and afterwards he withdrew the motion.

The Mayor's resolution was then put to the meeting and carried, 18 voting for and only three against.

The Mayor moved that the committee consist of the following:—Alderman Weeks, Councillor Lindley Jones, Councillor Pearce, Councillor Gillett and Councillor Harris.

On the motion of Councillor Newton, Councillor Comins' name was added to the list.

The Mayor will also serve on the committee.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the Bromley Education Committee since the vacation was held at the Municipal Buildings on Sept. 12th, the Chairman, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, presiding.

Grove Park School Accommodation.

A letter from the London County Council suggesting that it might be desirable for the Bromley authority to join the London authority in erecting a school at Grove Park has been considered by the School Management Committee, and it was resolved that a reply be sent that the Bromley authority are unable to join the London County Council in erecting a school at Grove Park as they do not consider such a school would be of service to Bromley.

Mason's Hill School.

A letter was read from the Board of Education approving of the plan submitted for the rebuilding of Mason's Hill School and suggesting that the plan returned should be forwarded to the managers of the school.

The Secretary reported that the plan had already been forwarded to the managers.

Replying to a member,

The Secretary said the new school would provide accommodation for 340 children—194 girls and 146 infants.

Mr. Rogerson said it was announced in the local papers a week or two ago that the plan had been approved by the Board of Education, and it seemed to him that the papers had no right to information of that sort before it was reported to the Education Committee.

The Secretary: I have no information to give the Committee as to how that happened.

The Foots Cray P.S.A. Brotherhood had a successful gathering on September 4th, when the president (the Rev. L. A. Wilson Haffenden) took the chair. The speaker was Miss Grimley of Leicester, who spoke upon "The great tree of intemperance." Miss Grimley, who is engaged by the Good Templars' Society in the work of temperance organisation, spoke of many cases which had come under her notice, in which strong drink had caused the downfall of men in all positions of life. Solos were most ably rendered by Miss Mosley, with Mr. E. Walker presiding at the organ.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

Another session of the Bromley School of Science and Art was inaugurated on September 16th, when before a capital attendance Mr. A. C. Bodey, B.Sc., A.I.C., gave an instructive lecture on "The Life and Work of Michael Faraday," with lantern and experimental illustrations. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and amongst those present we noticed Alderman T. C. McIntyre, Councillor A. T. Harris and Mrs. Harris, Counillor Bertram Pearce, Mr. H. J. Helm, I.S.O., and Mr. R. W. Wentworth Hortop (Secretary to the Local Higher Education Committee).

Mr. Bodey commenced his lecture on "Michael Faraday" by saying that it was very appropriate now they had provided for the teaching of electricity in their School of Science that they should know something of the work of one of the first and greatest of investigators in connection with that subject; and if it was appropriate that they should know something of his work it was imperative that they should know something of his life, for by the unanimous consent of his contemporaries the man was even greater than his work, and it was perhaps the least sentimental of his biographers who had placed it on record that his life left one with the feeling that "a life fraught with integrity is the noblest possession." The lecturer then proceeded to tell the romance of the man, who, starting at the humble task of an errand boy to a bookseller, lived to receive almost every honour that not alone his countrymen but scientific men of all nationalities could confer upon him. He received no less than 95 titles and marks of merit. Michael Faraday was born at Newington Butts, Surrey, on Sept. 22nd, 1791. His father, who was a blacksmith, had recently migrated from Yorkshire to London. At the age of 13 Faraday was apprenticed to a bookbinder, and a slide was exhibited showing the shop, the name of "Riebau" being seen over the entrance. In 1812 he was taken to hear the chemical lectures of Sir Humphry Davy, and he diligently took notes of all that he heard. He continued to work as a journeyman bookbinder till March 1st, 1813, when on the recommendation of Sir H. Davy, he was appointed assistant in the laboratory of the Royal Institution. He accompanied Davy in a tour on the Continent between 1813 and 1815. Mr. Bodey referred to Faraday's earliest chemical work. He made a special study of chlorine, and succeeded in liquefying several gases. Another notable discovery was the production of the continuous rotation of magnets and of wires conducting the electric current round each other. Illustrations were shown of Faraday's laboratory at the Royal Institution and of the apparatus he used. He was appointed director of the Laboratory in 1825. His wonderful work in 1831, when after persevering labour he obtained the first evidence that an electric current can induce another in a different circuit was ably described. Mr. Bodey referred to Faraday's lectures at the Royal Institution, particularly to the juveniles, and said he had the faculty of communicating his own enthusiasm to his audience. He received a pension in 1836, and in 1858 was given a house in Hampton Court. In 1862 Faraday gave his last lecture at the Royal Institution, and died at Hampton Court on Aug. 25th, 1867. The experiments made by Mr. Bodey were very interesting and successful, and the lantern slides included some admirable portraits of Faraday.

Mr. Gunner gave expression to the views of the students attending Mr. Bodey's classes, asked the Mayor, on their behalf, to make a presentation to Mr. Bodey, and thanked Councillor Harris for the free use he had given them of his valuable time and advice in that matter. Mr. Gunner likened Mr. Bodey to "a live wire," and said he induced a current of enthusiasm wherever he went. He also referred to Mr. Bodey's energy, patience, grit, perseverance and coolheadedness.

The Mayor then presented a first-class camera to Mr. Bodey, and congratulated him on having secured not only the regard, but the full affection, of his students.

Mr. Bodey returned thanks for the gift and the kindness which had prompted it. His work had received the most generous appreciation both from the Committee under whom he had worked and from the students who had attended his classes.

BROMLEY SOUTH CENTRE.

The Raglan-road Council School was on September 16th the scene of an interesting gathering, the occasion being the distribution of certificates to the students of the Evening Preparatory and Domestic Classes (Bromley South Centre) for the session 1909-10. Mrs. Mann, B.A. (representing the Higher Eduation Sub-Committee) presided, and was supported on the platform by the head teacher of the school, Mr. W. Piffe-Phelps, Miss Mackie, head teacher of the Domestic Course, and Messrs. D. Long and E. J. Lloyd, of the evening school staff. Mrs. Mann briefly opened the meeting and called upon the head teacher to review the work of the past year.

In doing so Mr. Piffe-Phelps said that there were 96 students admitted, who registered 229 class entries and whose average attendance was 102. Ten students registered 80 per cent. or over, of the possible number of attendances last session, and the Committee offered these students free readmission during the coming year. Nine had accepted the Committee's offer, and a reply was awaited from the remaining one. In addition two students, Kate Yeates and Dorothy Lord, had been awarded studentships permitting them to attend free of cost, courses of instruction at the School of Science and Art. Continuing, the speaker said that the students had worked very hard at school, but he was sorry to have to say that he thought many of them did not work at home as well, and he urged them to study not only at school, but wherever possible, if they wished to get on. He was disappointed at the small number who had made 80 per cent of attendances—only 10 out of 97. For this he did not blame the students so much, but he did blame the parents and employers for not seeing that they attended regularly. This would be the last year they would distribute local certificates; those for next year would be presented by Kent County. The minimum number of attendance would also be reduced from 80 to 75 per cent.

Mrs. Mann then distributed certificates to the students.

Mr. H. C. Dawe, a pupil of Mr. Ernst Hollstein, of Chislehurst, has been elected a member of the London Choral Society.

BROMLEY STUDENTS.

The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) attended at the Bromley Parish C.E. School, College-road, on September 12th, on the occasion of the distribution of certificates awarded to the students at the Evening Preparatory and Domestic Classes (Bromley North Centre) for the session 1909-10. During the session there were 150 students admitted, who registered 352 class entries and an average attendance of 137, while during the preceding session the number of admissions was 152, the number of class entries 263, and the average attendance 134.6. Twenty-seven students registered 80 per cent. or over of the possible number of attendances last session, and the committee offered these students free admission during the coming session. Of the 27, 18 have accepted the privilege offered, two are unable to accept, and replies are awaited from others. Two students have been awarded free studentships permitting them to attend free of cost courses of instruction at the School of Science, and three students have been granted exhibitions permitting attendance at the School of Science on payment of half the usual fee.

The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis) presented the certificates as follows:—

Philip Kent, English; Margery Dean, French; Margery Betts, English and arithmetic; Gladys Roberts, English and cookery; Dorothy Daws, English and cookery; Daisy Hills French; Leonard Day, English and arithmetic; George Chandler, English and arithmetic; Fred Hanmore, English and arithmetic; Maud Mersh cookery; Basil Mundy, English and arithmetic; Ernest Fairweather, English; Amy Wood arithmetic; Dorothy Thomas, arithmetic; Constance Mather, arithmetic; Constance Woolhead arithmetic; Elsie Mather, dressmaking; Ada Barnes, dressmaking; Louise Head, dressmaking; Dorothy Rhodes, dressmaking; Dorothy Fitz, dressmaking; Ellen King, dressmaking; Hilda Halfhide, dressmaking; Dorothea Watson, dressmaking; Sarah Way, dressmaking; Edith Hornsbury, dressmaking; Ethel Epps, dressmaking; Emily Standen, dressmaking.

The following is the list of students who made 80 per cent. and upwards of the total possible number of attendances in Session 1909-10 and who are recommended for free admission in Session 1910-11:—Second Year Course: George Chandler, Fred Hammore, Marjory Betts, Winifred Lush, Basil Mundy, Ernest Fairweather, Amy Wood, Dorothy Thomas, Edwin Clarke, Constance Mather, Constance Woolhead. English: Cecil Williams. Domestic Course: Maud Mersh, Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Fitz. French: Margery Dean, Daisy Hills. Dressmaking: Elsie Mather, Ada Barnes, Louise Head, Ellen King, Hilda Halfhide, Dorothea Watson, Mrs. Sarah Way, Edith Hornsbury, Ethel Epps, Emily Standen.

The Orpington Skating Rink was re-opened on Sept. 19th for the season.

Mr. Edward Pink, founder of the firm of Messrs. E and T. Pink, preserve manufacturers, of Bermondsey, who died on July 19th, aged 83, left estate of the gross value of £261,677 19s. 1d. of which the net personalty has been sworn at £107,896 11s. 4d. He left £3,000 to the Grocers' and Tea Dealers' Benevolent Protection Society; £1,000 each to the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Society, and the Commercial Travellers' Schools at Pinner.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

At the shorthand examination held at Bromley School of Science and Art at the close of the session 1909-10 by Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, in conjunction with the local committee appointed by Pitmans for that purpose, eleven of the sixteen students who took part were successful in obtaining certificates as follows:—

Full Certificate of Proficiency.—Mr. D. A. Hodges.

Speed Certificate (100 words per minute).—Mr. G. P. L. Syms.

Eighty words per minute.—Mr. D. A. Hodges, Mr. W. A. Carreck and Mr. Morris Jeppson.

Theoretical Certificate.—Mr. James A. Gristwood.

Elementary Certificates.—Miss Violet E. Williams, Mr. Ralph Ransome, Mr. Ernest J. Reed, Mr. Leslie Fostall, Mr. Charles E. Edwards and Mr. F. W. S. Poole.

The examination was held under Pitman's prize scheme open to the United Kingdom, and after examining the papers sent in two book prizes were awarded by the examiners for presentation to students attending the shorthand class held at Bromley School of Science and Art. Art.

BROMLEY SWIMMING CLUB.

The ninth annual entertainment of the Bromley Swimming Club (of which Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., is the popular president) took place at the Beckenham Baths on September 14th, and the interesting proceedings afforded enjoyment to a large number of spectators. The programme of events was of so varied a character as to prevent the semblance of monotony creeping into the proceedings, and allowed the interested spectators an opportunity of seeing many of the things that skilful swimmers can do. The racing throughout was exceedingly keen, the polo match was interesting, and the amusing events created roars of laughter.

At the conclusion of the contests the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Alderman R. W. James.

Bromley Council Chamber.—The decoration of the Council Chamber at the Municipal Buildings—a matter which provoked a good deal of controversy a few months ago—was completed during the vacation, and the work has been very artistically executed under the scheme of Mr. Frank Atkinson, architect of the building, by Mr. George Murray, A.R.C.A., of The Studio, 10, Girdler's-road, Kensington. The scheme of painted decoration in the Council Chamber is in the style of the building. The ceiling is ivory decorated, with bands of purple and yellow, broken by swags of fruit and leaves. In the soffits of the windows and gallery, in addition to the ornaments, are figure panels in monochrome, the motifs of which are the Virtues—Fortitude, with shield; Justice, with sword and scales; Temperance, tying the sword in its scabbard; Hope, with upturned head; Prudence, with book and convex mirror—the large view in small; Charity, with little child and basket of food. The capitals and bases of columns and the enrichments of the entablature are bronzed, and the walls a soft, broken green. The cost of the work was £217.

TRADESMEN'S PRIZES.

The Territorials' annual competition for prizes presented by the tradesmen of Bromley took place on Sept. 14th at the Shoreham Range. Notwithstanding unfavourable weather, about 60 attended, and the officers present were Captain C. D. Clark, Lieut. and Qmr. Cook, Lieut. Richardson, Lieut. Lepper and Lieut. Hay. Captain and Adjutant McClellen visited the range during the day. Details of the shooting are appended:—

First Competition.

1. Sergt. J. Breeze, 62 points; Mr. W. Maunder's prize, 25s.
2. Lieut. Richardson, 62; Mr. E. Romary's prize, walking stick.
3. L.-cpl. A. Beaton, 61; Mr. I. Uridge's prize, 21s.
4. Sergt. F. Hanmore, 61; Mr. A. Adams' prize.
5. Lieut. and Qmr. Cook, 58; Messrs. Steirt and Son's prize, value 10s. 6d.
6. Sergt.-Major J. Spooner, 57; Mr. T. Jenner's prize.
7. Sergt. R. C. Fawsitt, 55; Mr. R. Hunt's prize, 15s.
8. L.-cpl. A. Poole, 55; Co-operative Society, Ltd., prize, value 21s.
9. L.-cpl. D. T. R. Gray, 54; D. Grinsted, Ltd., half-ton of coals.
10. Sergt. E. G. Maynard, 54; Co-operative Society, Ltd., prize, value 21s.
11. Sergt. C. Allington, 53; Mr. Edwin Peill's half-ton of coals.
12. Sergt. E. Barlow, 53; Mr. F. Fawsitt's prize, 10s. 6d.
13. L.-cpl. E. Goulder, 51; Howard's Stores, Ltd., prize, value 10s. 6d.
14. Pte. C. Stringer, 50; "Bromley and District Times" prize, 10s. 6d.
15. L.-cpl. C. Leaver, 48; Messrs. Strong and Sons' prize, 10s. 6d.
16. Pte. R. G. Humphrey, 38! Mr. A. Toseland's prize.
17. Cpl. C. H. Dunford, 47; Mr. T. Mersh's half-ton of coals.
18. Capt. C. D. Clark, 47; Mr. G. Shillcock, case of Eau de Cologne.
19. Pte. J. E. White, 46; F. Medhurst .Ltd., prize, silk umbrella.
20. Pte. L. Chittenden, 44; Messrs. Clarke and Son's prize, value 10s. 6d.
21. Sergt. T. Jenner, 43; Messrs. Darby Bros.' set Doulton jugs.
22. Pte. P. J. Barnard, 43; Mr. W. C. Gale's prize, pair of boots, value 14s.
23. Pte. C. Meggs, 40; Mr. M. Keer's prize, 10s. 6d.
24. Pte. J. B. Peill, 40; Bromley Chronicle prize, 10s. 6d.
25. Pte. E. Richards, 40; Mr. A. Parsons' prize, value 10s. 6d.
26. Pte. A. A. Ray, 40; Mr. J. N. Curwood's prize, 10s. 6d.
27. C.-sergt. C. Field, 39; Messrs. Crossley and Son's prize, 10s.
28. Pte. C. Herbert, 38; Mr. H. P. Harman's prize photos, value 21s.
29. Pte. Page, 38; Messrs. Crowhurst and Son's prize, 10s. 6d.
30. Pte. Wright, 38; Mr H. Dunford's prize, 10s. 6d.
31. Pte. J. M. Smith, 37; Mr. G. Kirby's prize, value 10s. 6d.
32. Sergt. H. E. Pope, 37; Mr. Walter Parry's prize, pair of trousers.
33. L.-sergt. F. Harman, 36; Mr. G. Allen's prize, 10s. 6d.
34. Cpl. H. Kingsnorth, 36; Chislehurst Mineral Water Co.'s prize, 10s.
35. Pte. C. A. Day, 36; Mr. F. Lowrence's prize, value 10s. 6d.
36. Pte. H. Bartlett, 34; Mr. P. R. Milbank's prize, pair of trousers.
37. Pte. H. Mattholie, 34; Mr. Smallbones' prize.
38. Pte. Newnham, 34; Mr. F. W. Ackerman's prize, 10s. 6d.
39. Pte. W. Jones, 34; Mr. Mercer Hatch's prize, one dozen cabinet photos, 21s.
40. Pte. T. Belfield, 34; Messrs. G. Weeks and Son's prize.
41. Pte. B. Sayer, 33; Mr. G. Curwood's prize, value 10s. 6d.
42. Pte. R. J. Blackett, 33; Mr. Wm. Adye's prize, value 10s. 6d.
43. L.-cpl. T. Standing, 27; Messrs. T. W. Cook and Son's prize, 10s. 6d.
44. Pte. Humphrey, 25; Messrs. Arnaud and Son's prize, 10s.
45. Pte. C. Craker, 25; Mr. F. P. Duthort's prize, 10s. 6d.
46. Pte. H. Collett, 25; Mr. H. Tapley's prize, value 7s. 6d.
47. Pte. W. H. Higgs, 25; M. W. C. H. Bridger, box of cigars.
48. Pte. F. Doggett, 25; Mr. H. Drummond Bowie's prize, value 10s. 6d.
49. Pte. W. A. Thomas, 25; Mr. T. Heaysman, prize 10s. 6d.
50. Pte. T. Worsfold, 25; Mr. K. Dotter's prize, value 10s. 6d.
51. Pte. F. J. Samson, 25; Messrs. Doggett Bros., box of cigars.
52. Pte. J. N. Glenville, 25; Mr. Philip Howlett's prize, 10s. 6d.
53. Pte. R. T. Soons, 25; Messrs. Pamphilon and Son's prize, case of wine.
54. Sergt. R. Able, 25; Mr. W. R. Kennett's prize, value 10s. 6d.

Second Competition.

1. Sergt.-major J. Spooner, 32; Messrs. Monk, Amos and Hambleton's prize.
2. Lieut. Richardson, 29; R. Taylor, Ltd., prize.
3. Lieut. and Qmr. H. Cook, 28; Mrs. Sills' prize.
4. Sergt. E. Maynard, 28; Mr. T. S. Ayling's prize, pair of leggings.
5. Capt. C. D. Clark, 28.
6. Sergt. J. Breese, 28; Mr. C. Wells' prize, 5s.
7. L.-cpl. A. Beaton, 26; Messrs. Fremlin Bros., kilderkin of ale.
8. Pte. R. G. Humphrey, 28; Messrs. Mortlock and Son's prize.
9. Pte. J. E. White, 27; Mr. W. H. Wood's box of cigars.
10. Sergt. H. E. Pope, 25; Mr. J. Morton Crouch's prize, value 10s. 6d.
11. Pte. T. Belfield, 22; Mr. S. F. Meathrel's prize, joint of meat.
12. L.-cpl. E. Goulder, 22; Messrs. Covell and Harris, aichbone of meat.
13. Pte. W. Jones, 22; Mr. H. G. Dunn's prize.
14. Pte. P. J. Barnard, 22; Mr. A. H. Button's prize, box of cigars.
15. L.-cpl. A. Poole, 22; Mr. G. L. Pyrke's prize.
16. Pte. C. Stringer, 21; Messrs. H. Barlow and

Son's prize, turkey.
17. L.-sergt. F. Harman, 20; Mr. W. Mayhew's prize, value 10s. 6d.
18. Cpl. C. Dunford, 19; Mr. R. Hartridge's prize, joint of meat.
19. Sergt. R. C. Fawsitt, 19; Messrs. Fox and Son's prize, kilderkin of ale.
20. Pte. T. Humphrey, 19; Messrs. Hill and Gurr's prize, 5s.
21. Pte. Higgs, 18; Messrs. Lovibond and Son's prize, kilderkin of ale.
22. Sergt. F. Hanmore, 18; Mr. A. Williams' prize, cake.
23. Pte. J. Glenville, 18; Mr. W. F. Skilton's prize, joint of meat.
24. Pte. C. Day, 18; Mr. C. Koninger's prize.
25. Pte. Sayer, 18; Messrs. Powell and Lancaster's prize, walking stick.
26. Sergt. C. Allington, 17; Messrs. Cooper Bros.' prize, kilderkin of ale.
27. Pte. R. Soans, 17; Mr. Botterill's prize, box of cigars.
28. Pte. Chittenden, 17; Mr. G. Rendell's prize, two shirts.
29. Cpl. H. Kingsnorth, 16; Mr. P. Gibbs' prize, 5s.
30. L.-cpl. D. T. R. Gray, 16; Mr. C. E. Carpenter's prize.
31. Sergt. E. Barlow, 14; Mr. E. Tong's prize, box of cigars.
32. L.-cpl. C. Leaver, 14; Mr. C. Golds' prize.
33. Pte. Newnham, 13; London and Provincial Meat Stores' prize, saddle of mutton.
34. L.-cpl. T. Standing, 13; Mr. E. Bashford's prize, cake.
35. Pte. R. Blackett, 12; Mr. E. Fielding's prize, umbrella.

CHISLEHURST TERRITORIALS.

The Sidcup and Chislehurst Territorials took part in their annual prize shoot at Shoreham Range on Sept. 15th. Details:—

THE MYERS CUP.
(Unknown ranges; best scores.)

1.	Sergt. Fry	22
2.	Lieut. Oldendorff	20
3.	Pte. Small	14
4.	Cpl. Tester	13
5.	Cpl. Watson	12
6.	Pte. P. Adams	12
7.	Pte. Kidd	11

THE FLEMING CUP.
(200, 500 and 600 yards.)

1	Cl.-sergt.-inst. Reeves	93
*2.	Sergt. Fry	70
3.	Lieut. Oldendorff	66
4.	Pte. Adams	61
5.	Pte. Lynch	60
6.	Pte. Coffin and Cpl. Tester (equal)	59
7.	Sergt. Washer	58
8.	Pte. Mein and Lc.-cpl. Gardiner (equal)	52
9.	Pte. Kidd	50
10.	Pte. Small	45
11.	Cpl. Webb	43
12.	Pte. Bateman	37
13.	Pte. Hubbard	30
14.	Cl.-sergt. Shaw	29
15.	Pte. Watson	28
16.	Pte. C. Smeed	26
17.	Pte. Reid	25
18.	Pte. A. Smith	21
19.	Pte. Sullivan	18

* Instructors being barred from company prizes, the cup goes to Sergt. Fry.

SHOOTING MATCH.

An interesting shooting match took place at Elm Cottage, the headquarters of "D" Co. (Beckenham) 5th R.W. Kent Regt., on Sept. 13th. The opposing teams were captained by Captain C. E. McClellen, adjutant 5th Batt., and Lieut. Ball, of "D" Co. Captain McClellen's team were the winners by 33 points, but as they were drawn from the two headquarter Companies they had the advantage of a wider selection. On the whole the shooting of Lieut. Ball's team was highly creditable. The following were the teams and scores:—

A AND B COMPANIES (BROMLEY).

	200.	500.	Ttl.
Lieut. and Qmr. H. Cook	35	35	70
Capt. and Adj. C. McClellen	34	35	69
Sergt. E. Maynard	32	35	67
Sergt.-Major J. Spooner	33	34	67
L.-cpl. A. Beaton	32	34	66
Sergt F. Hanmore	33	32	65
Sergt. T. Jenner	30	34	64
Qmr.-Sergt. G. Payne	30	30	60
	259	269	528

D COMPANY (BECKENHAM).

	200.	500.	Ttl.
Col.-Sergt. Osborne	34	33	67
Lieut. Ball	33	33	66
Cpl. Blackburn	30	35	65
Cpl. Weatherall	33	31	64
Pte. Woodman	32	31	63
Pte. Cockill	29	31	60
L.-cpl. Gudgeon	25	32	57
Sergt. Novard	29	24	53
	245	250	495

HOSPITAL PARADE.

The annual hospital parade took place in Bromley on September 10th. The weather was fine, and the members of the societies taking part assembled outside the Post Office, West-street, at five o'clock, where a large crowd gathered to see them. The societies represented were as follows:—Court "Robin Hood," A.O.F.; Court "Pride of Mason's Hill," A.O.F.; "Orphan's Friend," Society of Oddfellows; "Star of Keston," Society of Oddfellows; Ancient Order of Shepherds; the Operative Bricklayers' and the Labourers' Union.

Preceded by the Bromley and Bickley Brass Band and the Borough Silver Prize Band, the paraders marched through the principal streets of the town, followed by a large number of people. The following streets were traversed:—East-street, Tweedy-road, College-road, Farwig-lane, London-road, High-street, Mason's Hill, Pope-road, Chatterton-road, Southlands-road, Jaffray-road, Havelock-road, Homesdale-road, Tylney-road, Widmore-road, Freelands-road, Freelands-grove, Palace-road, Widmore-road, and finishing at the Market-square.

The amounts collected were as follows:—Juvenile members, £8 5s. 7d.; parade collection, £1 3s. 7d. The parade was organised by the committee of the Bromley Convalescent Home and Hospital Society, the secretarial work being in the able hands of Mr. A. Thorndycraft.

BROMLEY BUILDING SOCIETY.

The 27th annual general meeting of the Bromley and South-Eastern Permanent Investment Building Society was held at the office of the Society, 26, Market-square, Bromley, on August 31st. Mr. D. Grinsted (Chairman) presided, and amongst those also present were Messrs. John F. Arnaud (Deputy Chairman), H. G. Dunn, J. H. Lepper, D. Payne and Alfred Wright (Directors), Mr. J. N. Arnaud, Mr. T. A. Manchip and Mr. John James (secretary).

The Directors' annual report for the year ended June 30th, 1910, was as follows:—It is with deep regret that the directors report the death of Mr. W. R. Mallett, one of their colleagues, who has been associated with them for over twenty years past and had rendered very valuable assistance in the management of the Society's affairs. They also have to further report, with much regret, the death of their late secretary, Mr. W. A. Amos, who had served them faithfully and well for the past eight years. The directors carefully considered the appointment of another gentleman to the vacancy on the Board, and they have pleasure in reporting that they have been able to secure the services of Mr. Alfred Wright, who is well-known to the members of the Society. In the place of the late Secretary they have appointed Mr. John James, of White Hart Chambers. The profit earned amounts to £1,281 0s. 4d., out of which interest has been paid to paid-up subscription shareholders amounting to £981 5s. 3d., and to depositors £195 1s. 3d. In addition to the foregoing profits, £300 has been received in respect of the exchange of a part of a lease belonging to the Society, but this amount, it will be observed, hase been added to the reserve bringing same up to £1,400. The balance on the profit and loss account is £198 8s. 6d. The scale of repayments for each £100 advanced and which includes all repayments 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 H. G. Dunn, who being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Mr. A. S. Gedge, the members' auditor, offers himself for re-election.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said during the year they had lost two members. Mr. Mallett was one of their oldest members, and his services were very valuable and his professional knowledge had always been a great help. They regretted very much his loss, and also the loss of their late secretary, Mr. W. A. Amos, who did his duty faithfully and well.

Mr. J. F. Arnaud seconded, and the report was adopted.

Messrs. J. F. Arnaud and H. G. Dunn were re-elected directors, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Manchip, and both briefly replied.

Mr. A. S. Gedge, the members' auditor, was also reappointed.

A vote of thanks to Messrs. Latter and Willett for the kind use of their offices was carried on the motion of Mr. Alfred Wright, seconded by Mr. Lepper.

Mr. Payne proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Grinsted, who, he said, always conducted the business of the Society very ably. He had been their Chairman ever since the foundation of the Society, and they could not do better than retain his services. They thanked Mr. Grinsted for his services during the past 27 years.

Mr. Dunn seconded the proposition, which was carried, and the Chairman suitably replied.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

The harvest festival was celebrated on Sept. 18th, at the Primitive Methodist Church, Bromley Common, the preacher both morning and evening being the Rev. W. Curry. A record congregation attended, and chairs had to be used for the accommodation of visitors. The festival was continued on September 16th, when a sale of produce was held in the afternoon, and in the evening a large audience assembled to hear A. J. Jamoneau's sacred cantata "Jonah," which was given by a chorus of upwards of one hundred voices, accompanied by an orchestra of 22 performers. The principals taking part were Miss Nellie Dunford (soprano), Mrs. Ada Bacon (contralto), Mr. W. Vawdrey Ley (tenor) and Mr. Herbert Collins (bass). Mr. Leonard Harman presided at the organ and Miss Lily Sims at the piano. The leader of the band was Mr. L. P. Tylor, and Mr. J. T. Bean, A.R.C.O., conducted with great ability.

MR. MOISANT FLIES OVER BROMLEY.

Bromley received its first visit from an aviator on Sept. 6th, when Mr. Moisant, the intrepid American, flew over the town, and the event occasioned no little excitement. It could be seen that he was making for the Crystal Palace, and a considerable crowd assembled on Martin's Hill, where an excellent view was obtainable of the white-winged monoplane. The whirring of the Gnome engine was distinctly audible, and the monoplane presented a very pretty picture in the sunlight. Mr. Moisant, with his mechanic Fileux, started from Paris on Aug. 16th for an oversea trip to the Crystal Palace. The aviator had a brilliant flight across the Channel, but in Kent he met with a series of accidents, and it was not till Sept. 6th that he was able to complete the journey. Even then, although he remained in sight of the Crystal Palace for seven minutes, circling round its towers and sweeping across its gardens, he did not land at the appointed spot. Seeing a crowd of people on the ground below him, he decided that it was dangerous to alight. When he did come down it was on the cricket pitch at New Beckenham, nearly three miles away, and this descent was the climax to the list of small tragedies. Bumping too sharply upon the turf, he buckled his wheels, broke the under part of the chassis, and smashed both blades of his propellers. Mr. Moisant was soon surrounded by a considerable crowd of admirers and sympathisers.

THE ETERNAL CITY.

In aid of St. Joseph's New Church Building Fund, the Rev. Walter Cooksey gave a highly entertaining lecture in the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley, on September 14th. There was a large and appreciative audience, and the lecturer, who has a full knowledge of the subject, and possesses descriptive powers of no mean order, had no difficulty in securing the rapt attention of all present. The lecture was illustrated by a number of capital protographic views.

In opening, the Rev. Walter Cooksey said he had been struck with the temerity of any individual standing up before an audience and attempting to lecture on so vast a subject in so limited a time as was necessarily at their disposal. One might as well attempt to put the Atlantic into an egg shell or to fill up Form IV. (Laughter.) The rev. gentleman then proceeded to take what he described as "a very hurried scamper" through the Eternal City, looking at such things as came in their way anu pointing out objects of interest. The first picture was a view from Pincio, which he explained had always been the garden of Rome, and was once covered with villas. The field of Mars was described, and next came a photograph of the Piazza del Populo, the lecturer pointing out the Corso, the site of many a great and stately pageant. After a view of the Piazza de Spagna had been projected on the screen, Mr. Cooksey gave a description of the Castle of St. Angelo. For over 1,000 years it had been a fortress—never a day but what it had been guarded by armed men. He referred to it as "an extraordinarily grim pile," and said round this building centred the history of Mediaeval Rome. Particularly interesting was the lecturer's description of St. Peter's, allusion being made to Constantine's Basilica, which stood for over 1,100 years. St. Peter's was the largest church in the world by a great way, easily the most famous, and in many ways quite the most wonderful. Views of the interior were shown, points of interest noted being the crypt, the statue of St. Peter, and the Dome. The rev. gentleman next came to the Vatican, which comprised the pontifical residence, the Sistine and Pauline Chapels, the picture galleries, the library, museums of sculpture and archaeology, the barracks of the Swiss Guard, and the Casino in the gardens. The library contained one of the largest collections of ancient manuscripts and books, if not the largest, in the whole wide world. It was thrown open to scholars, and wonderful research work was done within its walls. An American lady, on hearing that the Vatican was said to contain eleven thousand rooms, threw up her hands and said, "Think of the housemaids!" (Laughter.) As a matter of fact, there were no female servants employed. Allusion was made to the excavations and discoveries in connection with St. Cecilia and the Pantheon was then described, this having stood about 2,000 years and being practically untouched. There were 32 catacombs known to be situated about the City of Rome. Fifteen miles of galleries had been explored; in those fifteen miles of galleries there were over two millions of people buried, and amongst those two millions something like 250,000 died a violent death—martyrs to the faith. The blood of the martyrs was indeed the seed of the Church. The Mamertine Prison was next illustrated, then the Forum, the Arch of Titus, the Coliseum and the Appian Way, and the lecture closed with an excellent portrait of Pope Pius X., to whom the rev. gentleman referred as "the parish priest of the whole world." (Applause.)

During an interval the following musical programme was admirably rendered:—Pianoforte solo, "Valse" (Chopin), Mr. Plumer; violin solos, "Romance" (Wolff) and "Brindisi" (Alard), Mrs. Ernest Moss, A.G.S.M.; and the song, "Beloved, it is morn!" (Aylward), Mrs. Ada Bacon.

CHISLEHURST ALLOTMENTS.

The Chislehurst Allotments were judged in May, July and September, and the prize list has just been issued.

Rectory Allotments.

Division I.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	T. Glassup	28	41	56	105
2	D. Allchorne	28	42	26	96
2	G. Diaper	28	43	25	96
	G. Dickens, sen.	30	35	22	84

Division II.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	R. Wilby	28	46	32	105
2	— Kentell	25	39	25	89
3	Fred Teasdale	19	26	24	69
	Francis Teasdale	22	26	18	66

Perry Street Allotments

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	A. Hyland	31	35	27	93
2	— Brittain	28	38	18	84
3	— Proctor	26	29	21	72

Chislehurst West Allotments.

Division I.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	G. Crane	31	43	35	109
2	W. Chrisford	19	35	20	74
3	J. Treadwell	17	22	28	67

Division II.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	W. Wraight	30	38	37	105
2	W. Skinner	24	35	37	96
3	J. Cripps	22	33	37	92
	J. Sines	26	34	27	84
	E. Hatch	24	31	21	76
	J. T. Hatch	26	31	13	66
	J. Palmer	16	26	16	58
	— White	14	20	11	45

White Horse Hill Allotments

Division I.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	C. Ince	24	35	27	86

Division II.

		May.	July.	Sept.	T'tl.
1	R. Brett	10	19	21	50
2	— Giles	13	17	19	49
3	— Farmer	12	19	16	47

Flower Gardens.

Rectory and Perry Street.—Division I.: 1, D. Allchorne; 2, G. Dickens, sen. Division II.: 1, Hammond; 2, Mrs. Tye; 3, Mrs. Dickens.

Chislehurst West and White Horse Hill.—Division I.: 1, H. Sampson; 2, R. Harland. Division II.: Equal 1st, Inspr. Hill and Barker; 3, Farmer.

Mrs. Edlmann's special prizes to the two allotments which take the most points in all the allotments.—1, G. Crane, 109 points; equal 2nd, T. Glassup, W. Wraight and R. Wilby, 105 points.

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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

3rd.—Friendly Societies' Hospital Parade in Bromley.

6th.—Flight over Bromley by Mr. Moisant, the American aviator.

11th.—Address by Dr. Harvey Jellie on "The Making of Manhood," at Bromley P.S.A.

12th.—Re-opening of Evening Preparatory and Domestic Classes at Bromley Parish Church of England School.

13th.—Bromley Swimming Club's gala at the Beckenham Baths.—Lantern lecture on "Rome," by the Rev. Walter Cooksey, at the Co-operative Hall, East-street, Bromley.—Bromley Territorials shoot for the tradesmen's prizes.

16th.—Lecture on "The Life and Work of Michael Faraday," by Mr. A. C. Bodey, at the School of Science and Art, Bromley.—Evening Preparatory Classes resumed at the Raglan-road School, Bromley Common.

18th.—Bishop of Rochester on Sunday School work, at St. Mary's, Plaistow.—Harvest Festival at Central Hall, with addresses by Mr. David Williamson.

19th.—Performance of the cantata "Jonah," at the Primitive Methodist Church, Bromley Common.

24th.—Opening of London Students' Missionary Campaign at Bromley.—Pageant of "Great Women" at Public Hall, Beckenham.

25th.—Harvest Festival at Bromley Baptist Church.

26th.—Revision Court at the Municipal Buildings, Bromley.

29th.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Chess Club at the Club Room, Widmore-road, Bromley.

Lord Kitchener is settling down in Kent at Broome Park, near Canterbury, which he is understood to have purchased, the property including a fine old seventeenth-century mansion and a park of four hundred acres.

BROMLEY WORKHOUSE HOLIDAY.

All our aged and poor relations, in the grim, grey house at Locksbottom, had a break in the monotony of their lives the other day. They had one of those "red-letter days," in Lord Avebury's park, at High Elms, which have now become an annual festival. The clerk of the weather was kind, as usual; nothing worse than a brief half-hour's drizzle marring the summer day. These holiday folk began their outing at 11 a.m., in waggons, vans, and all sorts and conditions of "machines" on wheels, including a pantechnicon van. As they passed out of the gate all the old men were furnished with an ounce of tobacco, a wooden pipe, and a box of matches, and the road from Locksbottom to High Elms soon became smoke-laden with perfume from the "fragrant weed." Poof! to the present writer it is anathema! High Elms is an ideal spot for such an outing, and it was looking its best on Aug. 25th. Splendid clumps of big forest trees afforded ample shelter when the two showers came, and our holiday folk ate their meals in these sheltered spots without a drop of rain falling upon them. The boys' band, from St. Joseph's Home, Orpington, were similarly sheltered, and these forty lads played most delightful music.

Dinner was, of course, a big item in the day's proceedings, as may be judged by the fact that 450lbs. of meat were disposed of; not to mention seven gallons of pickles, 1,000 rolls, and other unconsidered trifles. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. H. Line, of the Chislehurst Mineral Water Co., there was an abundant supply of "phizz," and, truth to tell, a pint of beer was meted out to those who cared for it. A pleasant, restful afternoon was spent with the young folk playing cricket or dancing to the music of the band; others wandering in the woods. Then followed tea with cake, sweets, etc., for the children, and thus a very pleasant day was ended, with nothing to mar its success. The remnants of this feast—including ten legs of mutton—were next day distributed amongst widows (with families) in receipt of out-relief in Bromley. There was the usual brake-load of helpers from Bromley, who devoted themselves unsparingly to the comfort and enjoyment of the poor folk.

All the helpers shared in the fragments that remained from the inmates' dinner, and there was some speech-making. Alderman Lawrence proposed the health of Mr. C. W. Gedney, for his 42 years' service at these outings; and Mr. Gedney reproached the Alderman for introducing speeches at these functions. He also thanked the Master, Matron and other officials for their loyalty and cordial co-operation, which assisted so greatly in the day's success.

Conveyances were kindly lent by Messrs. Harris Bros., Orange Court, Downe; H. G. Dunn, Bromley; J. C. Arnaud, Bromley; C. J. Miller, Chelsfield; W. H. Haslett, Keston; T. Harlow, Chelsfield; J. M. Higgs, Farnborough Hall; J. Humerston and Sons, Bromley; R. Sessions, Farnborough; A. C. Norman, The Rookery, Bromley Common; Messrs. Hill and Gurr, Bromley; and others. So many old and rich subscribers pleaded the "Budget" that Mr. Gedney has again to meet a deficit.

Alderman Sir George Truscott, Bart., has been seriously ill, but is now progressing favourably.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS J. M. PIERCE AND MR. S. BRIND.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on September 7th, by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, when Mr. Sydney Brind, son of the late Mr. George Brind, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, was married to Miss Jessie Mabel Pierce, daughter of Mr. Joseph Pierce, of the High-street, Chislehurst. The ceremony aroused much interest amongst the tradesmen and other inhabitants of the village, amongst whom the bride and her family are very well-known and highly respected, and there was a large congregation present at the service, which was fully choral.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Elsie Pierce (sister of the bride), and Daisy and Dorothy Hayward (cousins of the bride), whilst Mr. Ernest Smith attended the bridegroom in the capacity of best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an exceedingly attractive wedding gown of cream silk eolienne, with wreath of white heather and orange blossom, and veil. She carried a shower bouquet of orchids and white roses. Her bridesmaids wore dresses of Wedgewood silk eolienne, embroidered with pink roses, black picture hats, trimmed with la France roses, and their bouquets were of pink roses, whilst each carried a vanity bag, the gifts of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Cherry Tree Coffee Tavern, at which some sixty guests were present, and the happy couple subsequently left for Rotterdam, Holland, where the honeymoon was spent.

MISS EMILY BRYANT AND MR. JAMES STARLING.

On Sept. 14th, at Holy Trinity Church, Beckenham, the wedding took place of Miss Emily Bryant, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant, of Wiverton-road, Beckenham, and Mr. James Starling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starling, of Borough Green, Cambridgeshire. Both are well-known in the district, the bride's father having carried on business as a florist in Venner-road, Beckenham, for many years, and the bridegroom being a detective officer of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Metropolitan Police.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white Jap silk, trimmed with Irish lace and insertion, and she carried a lovely bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley and Harissi lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Louisa Mathew and Miss Bessie Lucas (friends of the bride), and they wore dresses of Wedgewood blue poplin, trimmed with Wedgewood blue silk and insertion of ivory net. They wore large black satin picture hats, trimmed with pale pink roses and black lace, and carried choice bouquets of pale pink carnations and smilax. Mr. Ernest Bryant, a brother of the bride, acted as best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the house of the bride's parents, and later in the day the happy couple left, amid the hearty wishes of their friends for Folkestone, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling costume was of mole cloth, trimmed with black satin and silk braid, and she wore a large black hat, trimmed with black and white wings. There was a large number of presents, that from the bridegroom to the bride being a gold brooch, and that from the bride to the bridegroom being a gold tie-pin. The bridegroom presented the bridesmaids with gold curb bangles.

MISS G. E. CHERRY AND MR. F. M. R. HOLWORTHY.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Upper Walmer, Kent, on Sept. 14th, of Mr. Frederic Matthew Richard Holworthy, of Bromley, only son of Frederic William Holworthy, and grandson of the late Joseph Matthew Holworthy, a very old resident of this town, and Miss Grace Emily, elder daughter of Mr. George W. Cherry, late of Brook House, Farnborough, and now of Bromley Common and Walmer. Owing to the ill-health of the bride's mother, a very quiet wedding was necessary. After the ceremony the couple left by motor for Dover, en route for Paris. On their return they will take up their residence at Bickley.

MISS P. PARKER AND MR. PERCY WILSON.

The wedding took place at the Wesleyan Church, High-street, Bromley, on Sept. 15th, of Miss Priscilla Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shirley Parker, of Southernhay, Homefield-road, Bromley, who was married to Mr. Percy Edward Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, of Woodlea, London-lane, Bromley. The officiating minister was the Rev. William Wood, minister of the church. There was a large company of invited guests, and members of the choir were present to lead the singing, Mr. Percy Sharland presiding at the organ and playing a selection of music before the service commenced. The works selected were Macdowell's Idylle, an Allegretto by Edwin Lemare, and "La Cinquantaine," by Gabriel Marie. The hymns sung were "God be with them," "O Perfect love," and, after the Benediction, "Thine for ever." The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride wore a dress of white satin, draped with ninon, trimmed with silver and pearl embroidery, and carried a bouquet of very choice flowers. Her bridesmaids were Miss Gwendolen and Miss Hannah Parker, sisters of the bride, these ladies wearing shell pink cloth dresses trimmed with Irish lace, and black velvet picture hats trimmed with shaded pink feathers. They carried bouquets of pink carnations, and wore crescent brooches of rubies and diamonds, the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Wilfred Price, and the bride was given away by her father.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Southernhay, Bromley, and at five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wilson left for a tour in Cornwall. The bride's going away dress was white cloth coat and skirt, braided and trimmed with pink and black, and black hat with pink wings.

The presents were both numerous and costly.

The awnings and carpeting were done by Mr. George Pyrke, of High-street.

Mr. Harry John Fraser, of Sunny Court, Bromley, engineer, of Messrs. John Fraser and Son, Ltd., of the Millwall Boiler Works, aged 42 years, left estate of the gross value of £22,640, of which the net personalty has been sworn at £9,772.

Local Obituary.

MR. G. M. BICK.

The death has taken place, at Bushey, after a short illness, of Mr. George Moore Bick, late of Sundridge Park Nurseries. The deceased gentleman was a well-known figure in Bromley a few years ago, and his many friends here will regret to hear of his death.

MR. W. J. BROWNE.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. William James Browne, of "Fairlawn," Tweedy-road, Bromley, and of Abingdon, which took place on Aug. 25th, in his 70th year. He had been a resident in Bromley for a quarter of a century, and the end came after a long and painful illness, borne with great fortitude. Amid many manifestations of sorrow and respect the funeral took place on Aug. 27th at the Bromley Cemetery, the principal mourners being Messrs. W. G. E. Browne, G. S. Browne, H. J. Browne and P. Browne (sons), Mr. F. Hammond, Mr. W. Hammond, Mr. Matthew Crow, Mr. Eatwood and Mr. Clarke. A number of beautiful wreaths were sent by relatives and friends. The coffin consisted of an elm shell with a polished oak covering and heavy brass fittings, the inscription reading:—"William James Browne, died Aug. 25th, 1910, aged 69." The service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson. Messrs. J. Humerston and Sons, of East-street, Bromley, had charge of the funeral arrangements, which were carried out in a satisfactory manner.

MR. ROBERT BORROWMAN.

Mr. Robert Borrowman died on August 23rd at the Walton Park Hotel, Clevedon, Somerset, where he had been spending a holiday of rest with his wife and her mother, Mrs. Tolhurst. In the morning, on the way to matins, Mr. Borrowman did not feel quite well, and sat down and waited for his wife's return from church, when he was quite all right. During the day he seemed quite himself, and retired to rest after enjoying the evening meal. At one o'clock he awoke in great pain, and before medical assistance could be procured had passed away. The formality of an inquest was held, but the doctor was satisfied from the symptoms of death and the evidence of the relatives that death was from heart failure. The body was brought home to Beckenham the same night.

Mr. Borrowman was keenly interested in the work of the Beckenham Parish Church. It was on the removal of Mr. J. C. Stenning from Beckenham in 1901 that Mr. Borrowman became churchwarden. The Registers of Beckenham Parish are among the most complete in the kingdom, and these Mr. Borrowman got into order and had preserved. During his membership of the local authority the Beckenham Baths became an accomplished fact, and much of the completeness of that institution was his work. The important parish of St. Michael's, with its fine church, owes its growth to his untiring efforts, and the closing achievement of his life will carry his name through generations in that valuable book, which, after many years of patient labour and care, was given to the public in "Beckenham Past and Present," a review of which recently appeared in our columns. For this work alone the country at large, and Beckenham in particular, owe Mr. Borrowman a deep debt of gratitude, for had not the volume been compiled it is certain much of the interesting and important work of Beckenham would have been lost. Of Mr. Borrowman's personality little need be said; to know him was a privilege. His manner was unassuming, but thoroughness was his standard in everything, and while he held pronounced views on Church matters, he respected and was esteemed by those who differed.

Mr. Robert Borrowman was born in the centre of the old Village of Beckenham, at Elm Cottage, the house which is at present the headquarters of the Beckenham Territorial Company, and with the exception of short periods that the family were at Hambleton, he spent the whole of his life in the parish, keenly following all the events which moved with such wondrous change from the primitive village to the suburban villadom of to-day. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Urban District Council, being returned unopposed for the Copers Cope Ward in succession to Mr. H. W. Grenside, who retired. He was at once placed on the General Purposes Committee, and continued serving on various committees until his retirement. He served on the Education Committee from its formation, and in 1903-4 was vice-chairman of the Council, but in spite of urgent pressure to continue, he declined municipal honours in 1904 after eight years' service, in order to devote his time more completely to the Church work he had in hand. As a director of the Beckenham Public Hall Co., Mr. Borrowman was a most valuable officer and seldom absent from the board meetings. During the protracted proceedings with the authority over the dramatic licence and the subsequent extensive alterations of the building, Mr. Borrowman spent much time and care with the many details.

Though not taking an active part in party politics, Mr. Borrowman was a staunch Conservative, and was a vice president and also hon. solicitor to the Beckenham Conservative Club, doing excellent service in connection with the recent building addition to the club.

Mr. Borrowman was a partner of the firm of Irvine, Borrowman and Browne, an old firm of City solicitors in Crutched Friars, and among his many local appointments besides churchwarden, he was solicitor to the Beckenham Urban District Council, hon. soliciter to the Cottage and the Charitable Society, director of the Public Hall Company, trustee of the Beckenham Charities, etc., etc.

MR. JOHN ROLLISTON.

The death occurred at Asbury-road, Chislehurst, on Aug. 26th, of Mr. John Rollison, at the age of 71 years. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the district, and was for 21 years gardener to Mr. H. W. Strode, at Camden Place, during the occupancy of that mansion by the Emperor Napoleon III. and the Empress Eugenie. For eight years also he had served Mr. H. F. Tharks, J.P., in a similar capacity. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Aug. 30th at the Church of the Ascension, Chislehurst, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell.

MRS. D. J. T. PAIN.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Pain, an estimable lady who lived at

"Beechworth," Rodway-road, Bromley, and was the dearly-loved wife of Mr. Dalton J. Towers Pain. She had only been ill about a fortnight, and the cause of death, which took place on Aug. 28th, was pleurisy. The deceased lady was the only child of Mrs. Langford, late of Widbur, Sanderstead.

MR. FRASER SELBY.

The sincere sympathy of many in Bromley will go out to Mrs. Fraser Selby and family in the great loss they have sustained by the tragic death of Mr. Fraser Selby, of "Hazelmere," Westmoreland-road, who sustained fatal injuries received in a motor accident near Portmadoc. The deceased had been staying at Criccieth in North Wales, and on Sept 2nd he was motoring back from Aberglaslyt Pass, accompanied by Mr. Benjamin Roe, of Birmingham, Mrs. Manby and her two children. The motor in passing another car skidded on a mud bank, and overturned into a roadside ditch. The five occupants were thrown out, but all escaped unhurt except Mr. Selby, who received serious injuries to the head and about the body, and died on Sept. 4th without recovering consciousness. Mr. Selby was 74 years of age, and was a director in one or two companies. He was a sidesman at St. Mary's Church, Shortlands, and his loss will be keenly felt in that parish. He always took a kindly interest in Church affairs, and was held in high esteem.

MR. W. BEALE.

Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death of a former Postmaster of Bromley, Mr. William Beale, who passed away at his residence, 7, Berkeley-road, Manor Park, Essex, on September 7th. At one time a schoolmaster, Mr. Beale subsequently became Postmaster of Reigate, and in 1890 was appointed to the Postmastership of Bromley, holding that post until 1897, when he retired on a pension. While at Bromley he made many friends, was honoured by the staff of the Post Office, and gained the confidence and esteem of the public generally. Mr. Beale was an ardent parish worker at St. Mary's, Plaistow. The interment took place at Plaistow Cemetery on Sept. 13th. The first portion of the service, which was choral, was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Wm. Gowans), who also performed the last sad rites at the graveside.

MR L. W. GREGORY.

Another well-known and much-respected resident of Bromley has passed away in the person of Mr. Lewis William Gregory, solicitor, whose death occurred on September 8th at his residence, 71, Widmore-road, after a prolonged illness. His demise will be deeply regretted by the large number in this district who were personally acquainted with him or who had occasion to enlist his professional services. At the time of his retirement, about two years ago, Mr Gregory was the senior solicitor practising in the Bromley Court, having commenced practise in 1871, six years after being admitted a solicitor. He was a shrewd and learned lawyer and won a good reputation in this district by his keen and successful advocacy. Many an offender haled before the Magistrates at Bromley had to thank this solicitor's acuteness in escaping punishment altogether or for mitigation of penalty. Mr. Gregory always enjoyed the esteem of the justices before whom he appeared. He had a slight seizure in Court two years ago and suffered from ill-health afterwards. When he was in active practise his services were much sought after. He was for many years solicitor to the Bromley and District Licensed Victuallers' Society, and had a large general practise, not only in this district, but in London, having an office at 1, King's Bench-walk, Temple, E.C. Mr. Gregory, by his genial nature, made many friends, by whom he will be sincerely mourned, and deep sympathy will go out to the widow and family in their great loss. The deceased gentlemen was a native of Devonshire, being the youngest son of the late Rev Charles Gregory, Vicar of Sandford, Credit a, and he had reached his 67th year. The funeral took place at the Cemetery in London-road, Bromley, on Sept. 12th, the service both in the chapel and at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. S. E. Osborne.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to, and satisfactorily carried out by, Mr. J. Lumerston, of East-street, Bromley.

CANON POLLOCK.

The death took place, at his country residence Cobham on Sept 10th, at the age of 58, of Canon Herbert Charles Pollock, who for the last eighteen years has been a canon residentiary of Rochester. The eldest son of the late Baron Pollock, he was himself called to the Bar in 1877, but six years later he retired from the law, and entered Holy Orders. He was successively curate of St. Mary's, Ilkley, and St. Michael's, Nottingham; vicar of St. Leonard's, Newark, and rector of West Hackney, Middlesex. His services were in great request as a mission preacher, not only in the diocese of Rochester, but throughout the kingdom.

MR. W. C. ANDERSON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Charles Anderson, which occurred on Sept. 14th at Hill House, Keston, at the age of 63. The deceased gentleman had lived in Keston for 34 years, and was held in the highest esteem by all classes. He was chairman of the Parish Council, and during his chairmanship, amongst other things, the Fire Brigade was organised, the telephone was brought to the village and the common was brought under the control of the Parish Council, the last entailing a tremendous amount of work. Mr. Anderson was treasurer and correspondent of the Keston School for many years, being instrumental in the entire rebuilding of the school and master's house. He was also a member of the School Attendance Committee, and treasurer of the Village Club which he entirely reorganised. The funeral took place at Keston Parish Church on Sept. 17th, the principal mourners being Mrs. W. C. Anderson, four sons, four daughters, one son-in-law, and three daughters-in-law. In spite of a request that no flowers be sent, lovely wreaths were received from the Keston Parish Council, children and teachers of Keston School, and Keston Village Club, and many others. The funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. William Borer, of Keston. The coffin, which was of plain oak with brass fittings, bore the inscription:—"William Charles Anderson, born Aug. 28th, 1847, died Sept. 14th, 1910."

GORLESTON-ON-SEA.

(By ONE "ON HOLIDAY.")

Gorleston, pronounced Gorlston (from "Gaul's Stone," of ancient history), is a delightful healthy retreat, far from the madding crowd, and, like its great neighbour, Yarmouth, which has now absorbed it, very easy of access from London. You leave Liverpool Street (G.E.R.) by the 10.20 a.m. corridor non-stop express, and do the 120 miles under three hours. The journey throughout is a geographical education. There is much to interest one in Essex, with its large towns of Harwich, Chelmsford and Colchester, the Colne River passing through the latter and the Chelmer through the former. Kelvedon, the birthplace of C.H.S. was noted in passing. Presently we enter Suffolk, cross the Waveney River, and note several more rivers. Ipswich stands high above the Orwell, having two bridges across it, and looks a thriving town. Reaching Norfolk the scene changes again, each county having points of difference. Thence onwards to Yarmouth, and back by the short branch line to Gorleston-on-Sea.

Viewed from the cliffs at Gorleston, the aspect is very pleasing. On the left is the sea wall and pier, the latter not being of light ironwork, but built for utility and strength, massive and strong, looking like the long side of some huge ship supported with great wooden beams crossed, bolted, or joined together, along the outside of which, nicely protected from North winds, a series of cosy nooks may be found, beloved by sweet 17—and over—we noticed!

The River Yare begins (or, perhaps, to speak more correctly, ends) its course here, and a voyage up this inland waterway to Yarmouth is very enjoyable and interesting. Steam trawlers in abundance and ships of all nations are to be seen, with timber ships and their deck cargoes, from the Baltic. Engineering works abound on either side, and here ships are built, staunch and true. The hospital ship was to be seen there that goes on its errand of mercy with the fishing fleet, doing often splendid work for those who are full oft in peril on the sea. The fish market on the bank of the Yare, with its barrels, in countless thousands, stacked ready to receive the harvest of the sea, is a sight to be observed.

In front of Gorleston-on-Sea there lies a lovely stretch of pure sand, stretching far away to the right. Here young England is disporting itself to-day in many ways, while taking in the ozone of the sea. Bathing tents (not machines) are much in evidence, and, as viewed from a distance, "mixed bathing" seems the correct thing.

At night the various lighthouses and lightships display their warning lights, guiding many a vessel out on the ocean highway, onwards to its haven in safety. Beautiful country abounds inland, and in the well-kept roads and numerous country lanes "Walker, London," has a splendid opportunity for gratifying his ardent passion in long and health-giving walks.

The house in which we are entertained is not far from the railway station, conspicuous alike for cleanliness and comfort, and (not least) for its tasty meals. These latter are often conspicuous by their absence in some boarding house, notwithstanding that they are a sine qua non to many on holiday enjoyment intent.

Gorleston-on-Sea has a future, as well as a successful present. It was not deserted by any means in mid-September, though the main body of its visitors had gone. Gorleston will rise, not higher out of the water, perhaps, but in public estimation and popularity. Its unique position, its bracing air, and the wealth of flowers and verdure inland, alike combine to mark it out as destined for advancement and progress, while its proximity to the ever-advancing Yarmouth must make for its good. And what a veritable hive of industry Yarmouth (from Yare-mouth") is, with its 49 "rows," or avenues, from the bank of the Yare—leading across the town to the sea front. Its fishing trade is its life, and its great inland market a wonder in its way. The church in the market place is something more than an object of passing interest, it is remarkable for many things; reported to be the largest in England, for it seats 3,500 worshippers, who gather and fill it every Lords Day.

But our brief holiday is over, and we have come to the parting of the ways. We say goodbye to Gorleston-on-sea, a place of pleasant memories and much enjoyment; and, for the benefit of those who know it not, we would add—

"If you want air—pure, fresh and free,
Try that at Gorleston-on-Sea."

Bromley, D. J.
September, 1910.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Sept. 18th was observed as "Sunday School Sunday" at St. Mary's, Plaistow, and special sermons were preached, the collections throughout the day being for the Sunday Schools in the parish. There was a particularly large congregation in the morning, when the pulpit was occupied by the Bishop of Rochester. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. Gowans. The Rev. C. de R. Wall (Rector of Snodland, and formerly curate at St. Mary's) carried the pastoral staff. The lessons were read by Mr. G. Ioly, B.A. Mr. Wall conducted a united service for children in the afternoon, and preached at St. Andrew's Mission Church in the evening. Mr. Gowans preached at St. Mary's in the evening, the Vicar taking the place of the Rev. H. T. Powell (Diocesan Inspector of Schools) who, through an unfortunate accident, was unable to attend the service. The music throughout the day was excellently rendered, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas presiding at the organ.

The Bishop delivered a sermon of great power, taking as his text I. Samuel xxvii., 28, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him. Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord."

Holy Trinity Convent.—The following successes have been achieved by the pupils of Holy Trinity, Freelands, Bromley, School:—Oxford Junior: Mary C. Hakewill (distinction in French), Alice Peachey and Robie Smith. Oxford Preliminary: Josie Bradshaw Smith and Margaret Dowling. Kensington Local Junior.—First Class: French: Evelyn Trotter and Olive Peachey. Freehand and Model Drawing: W. Burgess (honours), E. Trotter, Olive Peachey, Enid Smith and Manon Chatin. Kensington Preliminary.—First Class: Freehand Drawing: Maud Stainforth (honours) and Thomas Braund. Second Class: Joseph Parsons (honours). Associated Board of R.A.M. and R.C.M. Higher Division: Mary Hakewill (honours), Monica Wilson-Jones and Phyllis P. Harding.

TARIFF REFORM.

Under the auspices of the Lower Borough of Chislehurst Conservative Association a meeting was held in King's Room, Foots Cray, on September 20th, Mr. E. J. Elgood, J.P., presiding The chief speaker of the evening was Mr. H. Bland, a Conservative working man speaker, who dealt at some length with the principles of Tariff Reform and Colonial Preference.

In opening the proceedings, the Chairman said the present meeting was called to remind them all that they still held the same views and sentiments that they did last January, when by means of much hard work they achieved such a great political triumph. He would like to remind them of some remarks made by Mr. Lloyd George at that period, which he thought they might possibly forget. First of all, he said that in Germany the working-men lived on horse, dog and cat flesh. Then he remarked that if people in England were worried with tramps the way to be rid of them was to give them some German black bread, and they would never see them again. Yet, Mr. Lloyd George added, that was the food which the Protectionists of Great Britain recommended as an alternative to white bread. Later still, at Wolverhampton, he said that Germany had been brought up in poverty, and that they fed their working-men there on food we should not give to tramps. If, continued the speaker, any chicken had come to roost with the Chancellor of the Exchequer it was the food nonsense he had given utterance to with regard to black bread and German food generally. Fortunately, people who had money and time and energy had sent a quite sufficient number of working-men from all parts of the country, and of all political views, to Germany during the past year or so, and those working-men had brought home sufficient knowledge to tell their friends and neighbours how ridiculous these statements were.

Mr. Bland, who is a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, said it was his intention to take up the working-men's point of view that evening. He did not propose to touch much upon Germany, because it was unfair to compare that country with England in any way. The conditions of the two nations were so different, and the only fair comparison would be that of Germany under Free Trade with Germany under Protection. He would, however, like to give them his own personal knowledge of the progress made by Germany. Twenty-two years ago he was sent to that country as a working engineer, and at that time all the big ship-building yards which were now turning out Dreadnoughts were equipped so badly with machinery that they could not compare with the smallest ship-building yard in England. He therefore came back to England and said that Germany had no chance of competing with England; their equipment was so painfully weak. But he was wrong, for since that time he had been over to Germany seventeen times, and he had seen the growth, and the march, and the progress that had been made. In the ship-building yards Germany was now employing 100 men to every man they employed 22 years ago. This improvement had occurred since Germany threw over Free Trade and took on a system of Tariff Reform. He did not compare Germany with England, because she had not one-tenth of the advantages that this country had, and in enumerating these advantages, the speaker said that we possessed one-third of the entire world, and we had only to encourage capital out in these possessions in order to open up the enormous natural wealth and resources which were lying dormant in these enormous countries. We should then have opened up before us a period of success not only for the present generation but for centuries of years to come. If Germany had only one of our large Colonies there would not be a German unemployed, but we were making no use of our Colonies, which possessed wealth of the greatest importance to the Empire. The Colonies could supply us with our food stuff ten times over, without the help of a single foreign nation in the world. Surely then, as Britishers, it behoved us, when we had had to pay the cost of our Colonies in blood and treasure, to consider some sensible scheme and method to weld the Empire together. That could only be done by encouraging wealth to go go into the Colonies rather than into foreign countries, as it had been going in increasing quantities. During last year the total wealth of Britain which was invested in new undertakings was 184 millions, but of that only 18 millions was invested in this country. The remainder went into foreign countries to be invested abroad and to find wages for workers in those countries. Since the intolerable Budget had been brought in the export of capital had increased beyond all bounds. Never before last year was there less than 50 millions of new capital invested at home, and they could realise what this meant when (and he spoke on the authority of Sir Christoper Furniss) one million of capital found employment for 10,000 workers. But those foolish Socialistic doctrines which were backed up by Mr. Lloyd George in his Budget had had the effect of driving such enormous sums abroad, and that was how it was that in England we were not keeping pace with our ever-growing population. The biggest sufferers were the labouring population, for if the money were invested at home they would reap the benefit by fixed employment. That was the real explanation and the remedy of the unemployment question. Mr. Bland went on to refer to the unrest at present prevailing in the labour market, saying it was of no use striking for an improvement in the conditions if the master was losing money. On the other hand, the better the master flourished the better it was for the man. After dealing with the proposals of Socialist leaders who wanted to nationalise everything, a scheme which he characterised as impracticable, the speaker, referring to the land clauses of the Budget of 1909, said that Mr. Lloyd George desired to gradually tax the land out of existence so that the Government might obtain possession of it, and advised those present to adopt the doctrine of Mr. Balfour, who wanted the small holders of land to own their small holdings. The difficulties of carrying out the scheme of land valuation under the Budget were now being discovered, and in this respect Mr. Bland read clauses from the scheme to show how impossible it was for the questions therein to be understood and answered. The policy of the Government, he declared, had crippled the sale of land and had removed all speculative interest. Whatever taxation was levied, the burden of that taxation fell upon the working classes, and the following figures, showing the taxation per head per annum of the big nations of the world, and taken from a German statistical record, would show

that Great Britain was the heaviest taxed nation in the world—Great Britain, 95s.; France, 82s.; United States, 80s.; Italy, 48s.; Germany, 48s.; Austro-Hungary, 41s. Continuing, Mr. Bland deprecated the system of old age pensions at present in force, and advocated a contributory scheme in conjunction with friendly societies. The total taxation of the nation was one-eighth of the profits of the country, and since the Radicals had come into power the expenses of the Civil Service Department had risen from 28 millions to 42 millions. Food stuffs, too, had risen in the last ten years by 18 per cent., not only in England, but all over the world. There was only one reason for that, and that was the scarcity of food stuffs. And we were the only nation in the world who could stop it, for with our possessions we had the possibility of supplying all our requirements without calling upon any other nation in the world, and there would also be the advantage of better employment for our surplus population. We had now a grand chance of making a final union with the Colonies, and we had the finest prospect of furture prosperity that the world had ever known if at the forthcoming triennial Colonial Conference we did not adopt the banging and barring and bolting the door policy we adopted three years ago. (Cheers.)

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. It was, he said, the Franco-German war which woke up Germany. The enormous war contribution levied upon France gave her the start, and first started her on a career which had made her a serious rival of England. Mr. Bland, like many others, had been crying in the wilderness for a long time, yet nobody seemed to realise the importance of adopting Tariff Reform until Mr. Chamberlain—(cheers) launched his famous thunderbolt a few years ago.

Mr. Huxley seconded, and the proposal was heartily carried.

A similar compliment to Mr. Elgood for presiding terminated the proceedings.

Births

Ball.—On the 25th August, at Foxwold Chase, Brasted, the wife of Arnold H. Ball, of a daughter.

Edkins.—On the 16th September, at 104, Beckenham-lane, Shortlands, the wife of Robert Felton Edkins, of a son.

Gulland.—On the 14th September, at "Dewhurst," Widmore-road, Bromley, the wife of H. C. Gulland, of Shanghai—a daughter.

Moutrie.—On the 28th August, at 80, Arran-road, Catford, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moutrie—a son.

Owen.—On the 4th September, at Dorchester, Waldegrave-road, Bickley, the wife of Howell R. Owen, of a son.

Stiven.—On the 9th September, at "Barfield," Bickley, the wife of George Osborne Stiven, of a son.

Marriages.

Cameron-Greenhill.—On the 29th August, at the Bromley Parish Church, by the Rev. E. W. C. Horner, Francis Ewen Cameron, late Chaplain H.M. Madras Government, to Charlotte Agnes, second daughter of the late W. F. Greenhill, Esq., and of Mrs. Greenhill, of Borgfield Lodge, Bromley, Kent.

Harrington—Hillier.—On the 8th September, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Wanstead, by the Rev. Alfred Walmer Goodheart, M.A., Llewellyn Harry of Bromley, youngest son of the late Mr. William H. Harrington, of Fulham, to Eliza Feodora (Dora), only daughter of the late Mr. R. Hillier, and of Mrs. R. Cook, of Wanstead, Essex.

Stopp—Tulloch.—On the 1st September, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the Rev. A. W. Bailey, assisted by the Rev. B. G. Bourchier, M.A., of the Garden Suburb, Hampstead, Chas. Stopp, of "Winterdyne" Beckenham, to Harriet, C. Tulloch, youngest daughter of James Tulloch, J.P., Aberdeen.

Deaths.

Anderson.—On the 14th September, at Hill House, Keston, in his 64th year, William Charles Anderson.

Barratt.—On the 17th September, Mary Jane, widow of the late Thomas Barrett, of Kingsdene, Bromley.

Bick.—On the 19th August, at Bushey, after one week's illness, George Moore Bick, late of Sundridge Park Nurseries, Bromley, Kent.

Browne.—On the 25th August, at Bromley, after long and painful illness bravely borne, William James Browne, of Fairlawn, Tweedy-road, Bromley, Kent, and of Abingdon, in his 70th year.

Hull.—On the 31st August, at Guildford, suddenly, Miss Clementina Margaret Hull, third daughter of Dr. George Hull, formerly of Kensington. Address Miss Hull, Woodvale, Bexley, Kent.

Moore.—On the 19th September, at Oakwood, Beckenham, John Moore, aged 82 years.

Price.—On the 24th August, at Rosslyn, Newman-road, Bromley, Jessie Margaret, widow of James Price, late of 23, The Avenue, Eastbourne.

Pain.—On the 28th August, at Beechwurth, Rodway-road, Bromley, of pleurisy, Annie, the dearly-loved and loving wife of Dalton J. Towers Pain, and only child of Mrs. Langford, late of Widbur, Sanderstead.

Selby.—On the 4th September, at Tremadoc, North Wales, after injuries sustained in a motor accident, Fraser Selby, of Hazelmere, Bromley, Kent.

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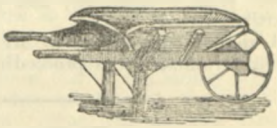
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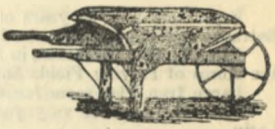
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

3rd and 4th.—Church Missionary Society's annual sale of work at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

4th.—Third annual meeting of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers at Bromley Public Library.

6th.—*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.*

7th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

8th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11.30 a.m.—Sale by Messrs Baxter, Payne and Lepper, at "Hollands'" Farm, Hawley, Kent, of valuable live and dead farming stock, at 12 for 1 o'clock.

13th.—*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.*

14th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

15th.—Musical recital at the "Bell" Hotel, Bromley, on behalf of Bickley Church Organ Fund.

20th.—*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.*

21st.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

22nd.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11.30 a.m.

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 Rural District Council at the Offices, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held on Sept. 27th, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding

GENERAL DISTRICT RATE

The Finance Committee received reports from the various committees to the effect that no supplemental expenditure is required to be provided for during the half-year ending March 31st, 1911.

The Borough Accountant submitted a comparative statement showing the expenditure of the various committees during the past half-year, and the Committee are pleased to report that their estimates as presented for the year ending March 31st next will require no amendment, and recommend that a general district rate of 1s. 8d. in the £ be made for the ensuing half-year, and that the necessary statutory notice be given in due course. It was also resolved to recommend that the necessary order be made on the Overseers of the parish of Bromley to pay the sum of £9,000 by two moieties for the half-year ending March 31st, 1911, as contribution to the Borough Rate out of the Poor Rate made or to be made for the parish, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to such order.

THE ROAD BOARD.

The Highways Committee further considered the circular letter received from the Secretary of the Road Board in reference to the grants under the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909. The Borough Engineer reported in connection with various matters in the Borough, and it was resolved to recommend that application be made for grants in respect of the widening of Mason's Hill Bridge, the Widmore-road improvement, and generally for tar-painting the roads in the Borough.

THE REFUSE DESTRUCTOR.

The letters received from Mr. J. W. Hose and Mr. Louis Hermes, adjourned from the last meeting, complaining of the smells from the refuse destructor, were again considered by the Establishments Committee, and the Borough Engineer submitted a statement by the foreman at the destructor works, and it was resolved to recommend that the Town Clerk reply to Messrs. Hose and Hermes explaining that the delay in giving a reply to the complaints was owing to the Council being in vacation at the time they were received and also stating that from the evidence in their possession the Committee are convinced that the smells in question do not come from the refuse destructor.

FIRE BRIGADES' UNION.

A letter was read to the Establishments Committee from the District Hon. Secretary of the National Fire Brigades' Union suggesting that the Bromley Brigade should be affiliated to that Union, the subscription being one guinea per annum. The Committee having considered the various advantages of joining the Union, resolved

to recommend that the Bromley Brigade be affiliated with the National Fire Brigades' Union.

Mr. Rogerson's Resignation.

A letter was read from Mr. T. C. Rogerson resigning his seat on the Education Committee, to which the Council were kind enough to appoint him last April, and he took that opportunity of thanking the Council for having enabled him to obtain an insight into the work of the Education Committee.

The Mayor said they accepted Mr. Rogerson's resignation with their very strong expression of regret that he felt obliged to sever his connection with the Education Committee. He was a most useful member.

Councillor Comins added that Mr. Rogerson had been an exceptionally able and assiduous member of the Education Committee. His advice had been very valuable on many occasions, and they ought to make a special point of expressing something to that effect in the letter accepting his resignation.

A further meeting of the Council was held on Oct. 11th, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T Davis, J.P.) presiding

Public Library Committee.

The Library Committee reported that they had considered plans submitted by the architect for the enlargement of the library buildings and considered them ideal as meeting the present needs of the Library and its requirements for some years to come. The Mayor intimated to the Committee that the Board of Education would not agree to the site, which was originally proposed for future extension, being used. The Committee were of opinion that the enlargement of the Library or any other scheme than that now proposed would be most unsatisfactory, more costly in construction and maintenance and detrimental to the proper and efficient working of the Library, and it was accordingly resolved to recommend that the Council urge upon the Board of Education that they should agree to the desired allocation of the site for the enlargement, and that the educational advantages of the Library and its great use by the burgesses be brought to the notice of the Board.

Alderman Bell moved the adoption of the report.

General Purposes Committee.

The General Purposes Committee reported that they had further considered the petition received from ratepayers of the Sundridge Ward in reference to the provision of allotments for the New Bromley district. A letter was read from the secretary of the Bromley Small Holders Ltd., upon the same subject, stating he was instructed to apply for a field owned by Mr. Coles Child for the purpose of allotments for the signatories to the petition situated at the rear of the temporary hospital, Widmore-road. Resolved that the Town Clerk reply stating that if the Association will open negotiations with regard to the land in question, as on previous occasions, the Council would then be prepared to consider the matter.

Bowling Green Wanted.

Councillor Lindley Jones submitted the following motion of which he had given notice:—"That it be an instruction to the Recreation Grounds Committee when laying out the Bromley North Recreation Ground to provide a bowling green on that ground." He made no attack on the Committee, but it did seem to him that no member of the Council, outside the Committee, had any idea of what was going to be done with the ground acquired for a recreation ground at Bromley North. Practically no expense, or very small expense, would be necessary to make a bowling green at the present time. He had been asked to move in this matter by various residents in the North of Bromley.

The Mayor reminded Councillor Lindley Jones and the Council generally that the ground was acquired mainly, if not solely, as a playground for children.

Councillor Pearce seconded the motion, but said he thought what Councillor Jones required would be obtained even without the resolution he had put down.

Councillor Adams said the ground was "fought for fair and square" as an open space for children to play on.

Councillor Homewood thought the parents should have an opportunity for recreation at the same time as their children.

Alderman Bell moved, as an amendment, that the Committee be instructed to consider the desirability of providing a bowling green on the ground.

Councillor Lindley Jones accepted the amendment

Alderman James said the ground was already laid out, and the grass was growing over the whole of it.

Councillor Adams suggested lawn tennis for the ladies, as it was the mothers and not the fathers who took their children to the recreation grounds.

Councillor Newton reminded Councillor Jones that the plans for laying out the ground were passed by the Council several months ago.

Eventually, by 15 votes to one, the resolution was passed in the following form:—"That it be an instruction to the Recreation Grounds Committee to consider the desirability of providing a bowling green on the Bromley North Recreation Ground."

Filling a Vacancy.

The Bromley Trades and Labour Council nominated Mr. Joseph Ley, the hon. secretary, for the vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. T. C. Rogerson.

Alderman Lawrence proposed Mr. H. W. Amos, a former member of the Education Committee and of the School Board. Mr. Amos was a well-known resident of Bromley, and was keenly interested in educational matters. He was for some years a valuable member of the Committee, and they would do well to again secure his services.

Alderman Bell nominated Mr. Helm, another old member of the Education Committee, although he had not one word to say against the election of Mr. Amos.

Councillor Newton nominated Mr. Ley, urging that the working classes ought to be represented on the Committee, because it was their children that had to attend the schools.

The voting resulted as follows:—Mr. Amos, 10; Mr. Helm, 8; Mr. Ley, 4.

The Mayor declared Mr. Amos duly elected.

The Mayor's Auditor.

The Mayor said Councillor Pearce had been the Mayor's auditor during last year, and he had great pleasure not in reappointing Councillor Pearce, because he wished to be relieved, but in appointing Councillor Lindley Jones, who had kindly consented to act as Mayor's auditor.

Old Age Pensions.

The Pension Sub-Committee reported that they had received from the Pension Officer eight fresh claims. One claim was adjourned from the previous quarter, and the whole had been allowed. At the present time 298 claims had been allowed and 50 claims had been disallowed. The Local Government Board had issued new regulations with regard to the provisional allowance of claims under which it will be competent to committees before Jan. 1st next to consider the claims of persons who are at present disqualified owing to the receipt of poor relief.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Alderman Lawrence, who said there were 161 persons over the stipulated age receiving out door relief at the present time, but whether they would all make claims of course he was unable to say. He did not anticipate that very many of the inmates would leave the Bromley Union.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Education Committee was held on Sept. 26th, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell presiding.

Bromley Parish C.E. School.

H.M. Inspector's report was submitted as follows:—Girls' Department: The head mistress continues to conduct the school with ability and enthusiasm, and the girls get a sound training in orderly and industrious habits. The elder girls show distinctly more intelligence and self-reliance in their arithmetic than they used to. The fifth standard have some lee-way to make up. The managers are to be congratulated upon the valuable improvements which have been effected in the premises.

Remuneration of Charwomen.

Last year the Education Committee sanctioned the employment of two charwomen to assist in scrubbing the schools at Raglan-road during the months of October to March inclusive, at a remuneration at the rate of 3s. 6d. for 8½ hours per week each; the hours of work to be arranged by the caretaker. This arrangement was found to be a very satisfactory one, and the Works Sub-Committee recommended that it be continued this year.

Mr. Pemberton moved that the remuneration be 5s. for 8½ hours' work.

Alderman James said the remuneration had already been fixed by the Education Committee. The Works Sub-Committee had no power in the matter

There was no seconder to Mr. Pemberton's motion, and the report was then adopted.

Obscure Instructions.

The Finance Sub-Committee received a claim from the Board of Education for repayment of £6 16s 6d., grants overpaid by the Board.

Alderman Weeks said these grants were in connection with the attendance at the Handicraft Centres, and the mistake was due to a misinterpretation of the obscure instructions issued by the Board.

Alderman James asked how long it took the Board of Education to find out this over-payment.

Alderman Weeks said the money was paid in relation to the year 1908 (Laughter.)

The Committee decided that an order on the treasurer be signed for payment of the sum.

Resignation of Mr. T. C. Rogerson.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr. T C. Rogerson, stating that he very much regretted having to resign his membership of the Education Committee, in whose work he was very interested. One of his chief regrets was that he ceased to visit Valley Boys' School, which he felt sure would, with its present staff, soon make the other schools look to their laurels. Perhaps the knowledge he had gained of public work would be useful elsewhere.

The Chairman said he was sure they were all sorry to receive Mr. Rogerson's resignation. He was very interested in educational matters, and did a great deal of good quiet work.

Form IV

The Chairman produced Form IV. with regard to the schools, which, he said, had been filled up.

The Mayor: There are some awkward questions arising out of Form IV. We must be very careful what we do. (Laughter.)

The Chairman suggested that the forms should be referred to the Finance Committee before they were sent in, and this was agreed to.

Another meeting of the Committee was held on Oct. 10th, the Chairman, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell, presiding.

230 Applications for One Post.

The School Management Sub-Committee reported that 230 applications had been received for the post of certificated assistant teacher at Aylesbury-road Council School, and that five candidates had been selected for interview by the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose. The five selected candidates were interviewed, and the committee resolved to recommend that Mr. Alfred Hewitt, of Woburn Sands, Beds, be appointed, subject to Article 15 (1) of the Code, certificated assistant teacher at Aylesbury road Council School, as from Nov. 1st, 1910, at a salary to commence at the rate of £100 per annum, the increments and maximum salary to be as hereafter fixed by the Education Committee.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman

Children's Care Committee.

Mrs. Bell, of Holne Cottage, Park-road, Bromley, wrote enclosing copies of the report of the organisation of the Bromley Children's Care Committee, and stating that she would be glad if the Secretary would issue them to the members of the Education Committee for their information. The Care Committee had already been able to deal satisfactorily with some of the cases referred to them by the School Medical Officer Up to the present time Dr. Mabel Russell had sent particulars to the Care Committee of over 100 cases of children attending the public elementary schools, in which the School Medical Officer's advice as to medical or other treatment had been disregarded or in which the children were known to be living under bad conditions or in very poor circumstances. These cases were being distributed to the local committees associated with the various school areas, and it was hoped that by careful and sympathetic home visiting of the members of the Children's Care Committee, the work of the School Medical Officer would be assisted and the children be better able to take advantage of the education provided for them by your committee.

The Mayor asked if the subject of the Care

Committee was to be considered at all on this letter.

The Chairman: You can speak on the subject now if you wish to do so.

The Mayor said he had a good deal to say on the subject of the Care Committee. He did not know how it came before the Education Committee at all.

The Chairman said the Education Committee was invited by resolution to co-operate with the Care Committee and assist them in the work they had undertaken to do, and at a meeting of the Education Committee held on July 25th it was decided to co-operate with the Care Committee in the way suggested.

The Mayor: Unfortunately I was not here then So long as we are not represented officially on that Committee in any way I don't see what we have got to do with it. Alderman Davis announced his intention of moving a resolution on the subject.

BOROUGH AUDITORS.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION.

No large amount of interest was aroused by the annual election of two auditors for the Borough of Bromley which took place on Oct. 1st, and only 425 burgesses took the trouble to record their votes out of a total of upwards of 5,000 on the burgess roll. The percentage is most disappointing, and shows that there is still a great deal of apathy in the town with regard to municipal affairs. There were three candidates, namely, Messrs. H. L. Gooding, Fairholme, 26, Crescent-road, Bromley, and Victoria chambers, 43, High-street, Bromley, Fellow of the London Association of Accountants, Ltd.; J. James, 36, Tweedy-road, Bromley, incorporated accountant; and J. S. Webb, 6, Burnt Ash lane, medical accountant. Messrs. Gooding and James, the old auditors, were seeking re-election, and Mr. Webb was a new candidate. Voting took place at the Municipal Buildings, where there were two polling stations. At No. 1 Station Mr. W. Jermyn Harrison, B.A. (solicitor and Deputy Town Clerk), was presiding officer, with Messrs. A. Sykes and S. J. Brown as poll clerks. The presiding officer at No. 2 Station was Mr. H. J. Jones, who was assisted as poll clerks by Messrs. F. E. Mills and H. R. Hunt. The various officials discharged their duties in an able and courteous manner. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) was the returning officer, and about 8.30 p.m. the result was made known as follows:—

Elected.

Mr. H. L. GOODING	211
Mr. JOHN JAMES	144

Not Elected.

Mr. J. S. WEBB	70

Bromley and Tariff Reform.—We are informed that Mr. F. Adams has resigned the position of hon. secretary to the Bromley and District branch of the Tariff Reform League, but his valuable services will be retained on the committee. Mr. Stanley E. Smith has also consented to act on the committee. Mr. E. J. D. Wigginton, of 40, Tweedy-road, has undertaken the duties of hon. secretary.

BROMLEY WORKHOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

At a meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians, on Oct. 11, the Chairman, Mr. W. Bowman, presiding, the Workhouse Organisation Committee submitted their report as to the existing accommodation at the Workhouse (including the Infirmary) and the measures necessary, in their opinion, for enlarging or improving such accommodation. They reminded the Board that, other than the Children's Home, no structural addition to the Workhouse buildings had been made since 1898 when the present female infirmary was built. The report proceeded as follows:—The increasing demand upon the institution since that date is shown by the following figures.—

Number of inmates (excluding casuals):—

1st January.			1st July.	
467	1898	...	372	1898
559	1903	...	403	1905
694	1908	...	496	1908
694	1910	...	561	1910

Summarising the proposals, the Committee outlined them as follows: (1) A new hospital block for acute cases. (2) Minor alterations and adaptations of the existing Infirmary. (3) New casual wards. (4) New receiving wards. (5) Improvement of male main building. (6) New lavatories, female main building. (7) Slight enlargement of laundry with attention to internal arrangements for heating and drying. (8) New central block for stores.

We submit these proposals to the Board as the result of prolonged and careful deliberation, and as representing, in our opinion, the minimum required, not only to cope with the growing needs of the Union, but to bring the institution up to a modern standard. Subject as above, we further recommend that an architect be appointed to make rough pencil sketch plans for submission to the Local Government Board, such plans to be reported on by us in the first instance.

In conclusion, we may deal with an objection to our proposals which may be made in some quarters to the effect that at the present time the Poor Law is in the melting pot, that the Guardians are a moribund body, and should stay their hand, pending legislation. We are unable to accept this view. We can conceive of no practical legislation which can ignore the Union area as a unit of administration, or dispense with the necessity for local provision in the matters we have mentioned. Nor are there, in our opinion, any signs of the immediate dissolution of the existing system; on the contrary, indications are not wanting that every effort will be made to preserve and develop the present machinery of Poor Law administration. Is it, therefore, open to Boards of Guardians to shelve their responsibilities on the plea of contingencies which are certainly indefinite and probably no more? We think not.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, which, after discussion, was carried, only two members voting against it.

Lantern Lecture.—Under the auspices of the Chislehurst branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, a lecture was given in St. John's Room, Mill-place, on October 10th, by Mrs. H. W. Maynard, who spoke on "A Lady's Trip to the Victoria Falls and Kimberley." There was an encouraging attendance, and the lecture was highly appreciated.

THE PUBLIC HALL SCHEME.

A largely-attended public meeting convened by the Bromley Ratepayers' Association was held in the Town Hall, Market-square, on Oct. 7th to consider the subject of the proposed Public Hall. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. C. Rogerson, M.A., B.C.L., the president of the Association.

Mr. Ward, who explained that he was taking the place of Major Lea, unavoidably prevented from attending, then moved the following resolution:—"That having regard to the financial condition of the Borough, it is at present undesirable to put a further burden upon the rates by the erection of a Public Hall." The great question for them to consider was whether the present financial position of the Borough warranted the Council in launching out in any schemes which were not absolutely necessary. They had the words of one whose message should be listened to with more attention than any other, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council. He told them that during the last six years the debt of the Borough had increased to the extent of £60,000, while at the same time the rateable value of the district had only increased, in round figures, to the extent of £40,000. That in itself showed that if this state of affairs continued the inevitable result would be an increase in the rates of the Borough.

Mr. G. Medhurst, in seconding, said they might want a Town Hall, but they were not in a position to build one at the present moment. His idea was to keep the rates as low as they could. The tendency everywhere was to spend money, and they ought to be very careful what they did. Progress as much as possible, but progress in the right direction.

Mr. M. H. Marks said the matter had aroused a great deal of interest in the town, but it was hardly ripe yet for any decision on the part of that meeting. They were all actuated by one motive and that was for the benefit of the town in which they were living. Bromley had improved in many ways, and they wished it to maintain its position. Without details it was really impossible to go fully into facts and figures. What they wanted that night was a quiet and dispassionate exchange of ideas, both for and against, in order to arrive really and truly at what he might call the reasonable factors in the situation. He asked the Chairman to allow him to move, as an amendment, "That while the motion be discussed the voting upon it be deferred until the scheme is before the Council and made public."

The President said he could not accept the amendment.

Mr. Smith, continuing the discussion, said the whole question had been keeping down the rates, not the needs of the community. He did not want an unwise expenditure of public money, but if a Town Hall was necessary for the benefit of the community he did not think the question of the rates should intervene.

Mr. H. Nye, in a vigorous speech, supported the resolution. He referred to the figures given by Councillor Comins, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, when opposing "this white elephant scheme," and asked them either in their capacity as owners or ratepayers, to ponder well over the fact that they were within £25,000 of owing a quarter million of money. It was full time they put their foot down on this prodigal and wasteful piling up of debt which was becoming a millstone around their neck.

Mr. W. H. Smith said they could not do better than oppose the scheme tooth and nail.

Mr. H. Powell said the Mayor had told them that private societies had the need of a Public Hall, and, therefore, a Public Hall should be built. He had always heard that public funds should be expended strictly for public purposes, and not be used for the benefit of private persons. Furthermore, the richer classes had no business to ask that the cost of their amusements should be thrown upon the rates.

Councillor W. G. Weller was opposed to the erection by the municipality of another "palace" in Bromley. He yielded to no one in his desire to have proper facilities for the fostering of music, but said those who were asking for a Public Hall should in fairness pay for it.

Mr. Kirby said they were rated as high as they ought to be rated. Until there was some reduction it seemed to him unwise to add to the burdens that already existed.

The President, in summing up, said for Musical Societies, Congresses and political meetings there was a need in Bromley for a large Public Hall. Next year was Coronation Year. They were told it was the rich residents of Bromley who would be the main users of that hall. They were told that the rates would not stand at present any further increase. They knew they could give the rich residents credit for not desiring to have their amusements partly paid for by the poorer ratepayers. It seemed to him that a King Edward Memorial Hall would be just the thing to which all the people might very well contribute. The working men would give their pence or their shilling; others, a little richer, would give a sovereign; and he believed that those rich residents, who would gain a great deal of advantage from a Memorial Hall, would give larger sums in those excellent bits of paper which had a penny stamp on the right hand corner. (Applause.)

A show of hands was then taken, and the resolution was carried by 72 to 3.

By 41 votes to 3, the following resolution was also carried:—"That this meeting pledges itself to oppose candidates advocating the erection of a Public Hall as a further burden on the rates."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

PAROCHIAL GATHERING.—The annual social gathering of parishioners took place on October 18th in St. Luke's Institute, which was crowded to overflowing. From eight till nine delightful music was rendered by the members of St. Luke's Orchestra, Mr. W. E. Ingley conducting with great skill, and Mrs. Adams and Miss Hockley ably presiding at the piano. The selections given included "Celestial Trumpets," "Heavenward," Finale from Symphony No. 10 (Haydn), "Chime Again, Beautiful Bells," "Saxon March" and overture, "Calif of Bagdad." Mr. Bertram Banks proved a versatile entertainer, and caused a great deal of amusement. The programme included imitations of children, an exhibition of marionettes, and impersonations of sailors and costers, and the various performances fairly convulsed the audience. At the conclusion he was heartily applauded as he deserved to be. Mr. H. A. Wallings called for three cheers for the Vicar, which were given with much warmth, and the same were also accorded to Mrs. Gosselin. During the evening refreshments were dispensed. At half past ten the hall was cleared for dancing, the majority of those present taking part.

BROMLEY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ART.

The following is a list of the successes gained at the Bromley School of Science and Art during the Session 1909-10, and the result reflects credit on all concerned:—

Baboin, Valentine, freehand drawing, 2nd Class: drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
Brighton, Lily E., first aid.
Brown, Howard J. W., practical inorganic chemistry, Stage 2, 2nd Class; theoretical chemistry, Stage 2, 2nd Class; theoretical mechanics (Fluids), Stage 1, 2nd Class: magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 1st Class.
Burton, Sophia, A., drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
Bussell, Dorothy, first aid, medal.
Carreck, W. A., Pitman's shorthand speed examination, 80 words per minute.
Catchpole, Geoffrey H., Theoretical inorganic chemistry, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Clark, Beauford, building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class.
Cornell, Edith G., freehand drawing, 2nd Class.
Dawe, Robert E., building construction, Stage 1, 2nd class.
Dean, Constance, painting from still life, 2nd Class; drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class
Dougall, Harry R., magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Edwards, Charles, Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate.
Ellen, Muriel, drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
Elderton, Violet, drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
Fostall, Leslie, Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate.
Goss, Annie, freehand drawing, 1st Class.
Gristwood, James A., Pitman's shorthand theoretical certificate.
Gunner, Alexander, practical inorganic chemistry, Stage 2, 1st Class; theoretical chemistry, 1st Class; practical organic chemistry, Stage 1, 1st Class; theoretical organic chemistry, Stage 1, 1st Class.
Harris Edith M., geometrical drawing, 1st Class perspective, 2nd Class; memory drawing of plant form, 2nd Class; design, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Hart, James, magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Hill, Harold R., theoretical mechanics (fluids), Stage 1, 2nd Class; building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class.
Hodges, Daniel A., Pitman's shorthand speed examination, 80 words per minute and full certificate of proficiency.
Hunter, James, building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class: mathematics, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Hutchings, Walter, building construction, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Innes, Gilbert A., magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Jephson, Maurice, Pitman's shorthand speed examination, 80 words per minute.
Jewson, Ethel L., model drawing, 2nd Class; drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
McDougall, Malcolm, theoretical inorganic chemistry, Stage 1, 1st Class.
Marriott, Elsie H., freehand drawing, 2nd Class
Marks, Fredk. G., building construction, Stage 2nd Class.
Marks, Thomas E., building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class.
Miles, W L., magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Moreno, Pablo E., theoretical mechanics (fluids), Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Mitchell, Frank D., perspective, 2nd Class; memory drawing of plant form, 2nd Class; design, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Plail, Alfred, building construction, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Phillips, Cyril M., magnetism and electricity,
Poole Frederick W. S., mathematics, Stage 1, 1st Class; Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate
Quilter, Kathleen, drawing in light and shade, 2nd Class.
Ransome, Ralph, Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate.
Rawling, May, model drawing, 2nd Class.
Reed, Ernest J., Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate.
Reuthe Walter S., geometrical drawing, 1st Class; freehand drawing, 2nd Class.
Richards, Charles A., building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class.
Roberts, Gladys, memory drawing of plant form, 2nd Class.
Saunders, Thos. H., theoretical mechanics (fluids), Stage 1, 1st Class; magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 1st Class.
Sizer, Reginald C. F., building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class; mathematics, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Shilliter, Dorothy, freehand drawing, 2nd Class.
Stone, Marian C., model drawing, 2nd Class; freehand drawing, 2nd Class.
Sturgeon, Jane E., perspective, 1st Class; model drawing, 1st Class.
Taylor, Charles J., building construction, Stage 2, 2nd Class.
Tyler, Marjorie, freehand drawing, 2nd Class.
Vanhouse, May, first aid, voucher.
Vanhouse, Dorothy, first aid, voucher.
Veresmith, Evelyn H., theoretical inorganic chemistry, Stage 1, 2nd Class.
Waterman, John T., practical inorganic chemistry, Stage 2, 2nd Class; theoretical inorganic chemistry, Stage 2, 2nd Class; magnetism and electricity, Stage 1, 1st Class; mathematics, Stage 2, 1st Class.
Watson, Mary, model drawing, 1st Class.
Williams, Emily, model drawing, 2nd Class.
Williams, Violet, Pitman's shorthand elementary certificate.
Young, Mary, first aid.

In addition to the above list of certificates two works have been accepted by the Board of Education for the Art Class Teacher's Certificate submitted by Miss Ellen Muriel and Mr. Frank D. Mitchell.

Rochester Education Authority have decided to request all married women teachers in their service to send in their resignations forthwith; and in future no married women are to be appointed on the teaching staff.

Sale of Work.—The annual sale of work in connection with the Christ Church branch of the Young Women's Christian Association was held at Chislehurst on Oct. 11th, and was a great success. The lady stall-holders included Mrs. Pole, Miss de Quincey, Miss Whyte, Miss Edlmann, Miss Townend and Miss Clark. Guild garments were a speciality, but many other useful articles also found ready purchasers. Tea was served during the afternoon.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

Thanks to the open-handed generosity of Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, J.P., the completion of the noble church of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, has been successfully accomplished, and on October 18th (St. Luke's Day) the handsome and stately spire, given by this excellent citizen and Churchman, who formerly held office as churchwarden at St. Luke's, and who has always shown the greatest interest in the progress of the parish, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester in the presence of a very large congregation. Most of the clergy of



Mr. F. Laxton] [*Manor's Hill, Bromley.*

THE NEW SPIRE.

the district were present, and the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) and Corporation attended the service.

It was on Christmas Day, 1909, that Mr. Wheeler-Bennett offered to bear the cost of completing the tower and spire, including in his munificent proposal a peal of eight bells and a four-faced clock. The Vicar (Rev. C. C. Gosselin) made the announcement in the church, and the news of the proposed gift roused the utmost interest, and gave the keenest pleasure to the parishioners. The preparation of the design and plans was entrusted to Mr. R. Creed, F.R.I.B.A., and on March 14th, 1910, Messrs. Crossley and Son, the well-known builders of this town, began the work. The scaffold, preliminary to such an undertaking, is in itself no inconsiderable item, requiring about 725 scaffold poles and 3,000 cords. The portion of the tower previously built was 48ft. high. To this another 32ft. are added, and on the top of that there rises a tapering spire in Doulting stone, 64ft. high, making a total height of 140ft. from the ground. The whole is surmounted by a vane 12ft. high, with a weather cock 3ft. 6in. long. The top stone of the spire was fixed in position on Aug. 30th. The total weight of stone and bricks used amounts to about 535 tons (90,000 bricks and 3,400 cubic feet of stone). It is a matter for great thankfulness that no accident has happened to any workman during the building.

The peal of eight bells were cast by the well-known bell founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells bear the following inscriptions (Latin only):—

(1) Sursum corda (Lift up your hearts).
(2) Gloria in excelsis (Glory in the highest).
(3) In terra pax (On earth peace).
(4) Te magnificamus (We magnify Thee).
(5) Exultant spiritus nostri (Our spirits rejoice).
(6) Te benedicamus (We bless Thee).
(7) Lumen gentium (The light of the Gentiles).
(8) Hominum salvator (The Saviour of Men).

The clock, which was made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, makers of the new great clock of St. Paul's Cathedral, has four dials seven feet in diameter. The clock will strike the hours and chime the quarters upon the bells in the belfry. It is guaranteed to maintain perfectly correct time with less variation than three seconds a week. Each dial will be illuminated at night with eight 16-candle power electric lamps with apparatus attached to switch on and off automatically according to the varying lengths of the days throughout the year. The hands of the clock are of copper; the minute hand is 5ft. 6in. long and the hour hand 2ft. 3in.

The total cost of the work is considerably over £3,000.

The consecration service was held at three o'clock, and long before this hour the church was filled. The clergy present, in addition to the esteemed Vicar of St. Luke's, were Rev. Donald Tait (Rural Dean), Rev. Canon Arnott, Rev. Canon Wolley, Revs. R. I. Woodhouse, W. B. Taylor, J. White, G. Clowes, C. de R. Wall, W. Gowans, M. R. Swabey, E. J. Welch, E. Ball, J. P. Faunthorpe, H. T. Powell, H. Shuter, A. Hall, H. Curgenven, E. H. Lord, J. W. Wardle, H. M. Lake, S. E. Osborne, E. W. C. Horner, A. H. Stevenson, A. Parham, A. Lewis, E. noble spire of that noble church. The Bishop referred to the past history of the church and parish, and reminded the parishioners that the first Church building erected was an infant school in Addison-road, the memorial stone of which was laid in March, 1883. Then gradually the scheme of that great church was evolved, and Penyon, C. B. Scilwood, G. Johnson, J. H. Broadhead and F. W. Kay, the two latter being assistant clergy at St. Luke's. The Mayor (wearing his robe and chain of office) was accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), Alderman R. W. James, Alderman G. Lawrence, Alderman G. Weeks, Councillors A. Adams, C. Cooling, W. L. Crossley, G. Haywood, W. T. Jarvis, M. H. Newton, E. G. Peill and J. Williams. The processional hymn was "Christ is our corner-stone," and after Psalm cl., the lesson taken from II. Chronicles v., 11 to 14, was read by Canon Arnott. During the singing of the hymn, "Christ is made the sure Foundation," the Bishop, clergy and choir, with the churchwardens (Dr. J. H. Yolland and Mr. H. A. Vallings) proceeded to the West end of the church, where special prayers were offered by the Bishop, and the spire having been consecrated, a short chime was rung on the sweet-toned bells.

An eloquent address was given by the Bishop, who took as his text Zechariah iv., 6-7, "This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace unto it."

During the singing of the hymn, "What thanks and praise to Thee we owe," a collection was taken on behalf of the Church Expenses Fund. The Bishop pronounced the Blessing, and the recessional hymn was "Now thank we all our God."

After the service the congregation adjourned to St. Luke's Institute, where light refreshments were served. During an interval the Mayor gave a warm welcome to the Bishop.

The Bishop had the pleasure of presenting to Mr. J. W. Wheeler-Bennett an illuminated address couched in the following terms:—

"To J. W. Wheeler-Bennett, Esq., J.P. We the undersigned, Vicar and churchwardens of St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, desire on behalf of the parishioners and other members of the congregation to put on record a sincere and heartfelt expression of gratitude to you and to Mrs. Wheeler-Bennett for the munificent gift of the spire, peal of eight bells and clock, by which you have completed the building of St. Luke's Church.

"It gives us pleasure to add that this conclusive instance of a generosity of which this neighbourhood has had so many proofs cannot fail to impress in a right and serious fashion all those who have at heart the welfare of our Church.

C. C. GOSSELIN, Vicar.
H. A. VALLINGS,
J. H. YOLLAND, Churchwardens.

Mr. Wheeler-Bennett feelingly replied, and said both his wife and himself appreciated to the full the kind sentiments they had showered upon them. They were keenly alive to the fact that they were only the stewards of any goodness which God had given to them. In conclusion he said: If you are satisfied, I am gratified; if you are gratified, I am satisfied., "for happiness was born a twin." (Applause.)

BROMLEY CHESS CLUB.

The popular President, Mr. C. F. Delcomyn, presided at the annual general meeting of the Bromley Chess Club, which was held in the Club Room, Literary Institute, Widmore-road, Bromley, on September 29th. The meeting, which inaugurated the thirteenth session of the club, was an important one, as in addition to the election of officers and committee for the ensuing season, the club's championship cup and medal, the Kent County Chess Association's medal and the President's cup were presented to the respective winners. Amongst those present were Messrs. D. W. Earle, C. H. May and A. Yeates (vice-presidents), Lieut. H. C. Stahl, R.N., Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis, Messrs. A. W. Read, W. H. Powell, E. A. Whittaker, H. V. Read and R. P. Gardner (hon. secretary).

Mr. A. W. Read, the match captain, in presenting his report, directed attention to some very satisfactory results which the club had achieved. In the first place, although the club played in all 16 matches, on only one occasion were they defeated; and, in the second place, they had succeeded for the first time, he believed, since the inauguration of the club, in winning the Lewis Cup—(applause)—but in this connection it was only right to point out that the club did not, as on former occasions, enter for the Kent Cup.

The "Lewis" Cup was presented to the Kent County Chess Association by the Rev. Dr. Elwyn Lewis in memory of his father, Rev. Lewis W. Lewis.

The hon. treasurer's financial statement showed receipts amounting to £29 13s. 7d., and a balance in hand of £5 13s. 1d.

The Hon. Secretary reported a membership of 38. Unfortunately they were losing several members. The attendance in the club-room during the season had been, on the whole, very good.

Mr. C. H. May reported on the Kent County Congress held at Bromley last Easter. He pointed out that the financial part of such an undertaking was always a serious matter, but said they were fortunate in possessing a president who was never backward in coming forward when help was needed. He headed the list of subscriptions with a generous donation. Mr. May referred to the excellent reports given in the local Press, and said he should like to take that opportunity to thank on behalf of the committee the representatives of the Press for the full reports they gave of their proceedings.

The President, Mr. C. F. Delcomyn, was unanimously re-elected, and, in reply, he said he should be very glad to give another cup on the same lines as before. (Applause.)

The following were re-elected as vice-presidents:—Messrs. T. C. Dewey, J.P., D. W. Earle, C. H. May and A. Yeates.

Mr. A. W. Read was reappointed match captain, and Mr. H. V. Read accepted the office of hon. treasurer.

Mr. Gardner said he was sorry that circumstances would compel him to give up the work of hon. secretary.

The hon. secretary's resignation was received with regret, and in his place Mr. H. W. Powell was appointed, Mr. Whittaker promising to assist.

Mr. C. H. May was selected as hon. tournament secretary, and the following were appointed to serve on the committee:—Mr. G. S. Bigland, Rev. S. T. Courtney, Mr. R. P. Gardner, Mrs Lewis W. Lewis and Mr. E. A. Whittaker.

The Club's Championship Cup and medal were presented to Mr. D. W. Earle by the President, who mentioned that that was the third time Mr. Earle had secured the trophy.

Mr. Earle said he felt a considerable amount of pride in being the first to annex the championship cup for the third time.

The President then presented the Kent County Chess Association's medal to their popular lady member, Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis.

Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis returned thanks, and said she believed she was the first woman that had ever won the medal, and she was therefore specially pleased and proud to receive it.

Mr. Delcomyn expressed his pleasure in handing the President's Cup to their popular secretary, Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Gardner said he was very proud to be the possessor of that very handsome cup, so kindly presented by their President.

BROMLEY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Bromley Schools Athletic Association was held at Aylesbury-road Schools on Oct. 6th, and there was a good attendance of teachers. Dr. Yolland was voted to the chair.

The Chairman gave pleasure to the company by announcing that for the first time that he had had to do with the sports in 15 or 16 years they had got a balance in hand, and it amounted to £21 16s. 9d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. Salter and Mr. Lewis and found to be correct.

On the motion of Mr. Piffe-Phelps, seconded by Mr. Lewis, it was decided that the balance in hand be spent in providing necessary apparatus for the sports next year.

The Chairman said, on behalf of the committee, he had a very pleasing duty to perform. They liked to honour those to whom honour was due, and to reward those who worked well, and there was no one who had worked harder in connection with the sports than their secretary, Mr. Long. (Applause.) It was his first year, and a very troublesome year, no doubt, but he did the thing well, and the committee felt that they could not do better than make a suitable presentation to him. The presentation took the form of a bureau, which the Chairman, on behalf of the committee, asked Mr. Long to accept, and when he looked upon it in time to come it would remind him of the good friends in Bromley who were anxious in a small way to reward him for his services. Of course the gift did not represent the work he had put in, but they gave it to him so that he would see they were not at all forgetful of the kindness, courtesy and good will with which he discharged the secretarial duties in connection with the first meeting of the Bromley Schools Athletic Association. Might Mr. Long continue hon. secretary for many years to come. (Applause.)

Mr. Long, who was taken completely by surprise, suitably acknowledged the gift. He thanked them all very much for it, and said he would try to do his best in the future. (Applause.)

After discussion, July 21st was fixed as the date for the next sports.

SUNDRIDGE PARK GOLF CLUB.

There was a large attendance of members at the ninth annual meeting of the Sundridge Park Golf Club, which was held at the Club House on Oct. 8th, the outgoing captain (Mr. W. H. Moger) presiding.

In their eighth annual report and balance-sheet the Committee reported that the income and expenditure accounts for the past year showed a deficit of £44 12s., after setting aside £250 towards depreciation on the club house, making a total of £1,804 2s. 10d. now written off the cost of the same. The Committee had been able during the year to carry out the arrangement made for an extension of the lease under which the property was held, and the club were now tenants for a term of 21 years from Sept. 29th, 1908, at the same rent as before. In consideration of this extension the club agreed to expend £500 on permanent improvements, and in fact expended upwards of £600 on the erection and equipment of the Ladies' Club House. The membership of the club consisted as on June 1st, 1910, of:—Full members, 276; life members, 2; honorary, 1; country, 7; University, 6; debenture holders and members, 51; temporary, 4; total, 347. In addition there were 118 lady members. Several new members have since been elected. Six matches were arranged, viz., with the House of Commons, the London Solicitors' Golfing Society, and Bickley (twice), and Chislehurst (twice). Of these matches the club won five and lost one.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, Mr. Moger said the report certainly showed a balance on the wrong side, but that had been due to some rather exceptional reasons. They had been able to reduce the expenditure considerably on the greens without affecting them—a matter of £189. Their principal expense was in renewals and repairs. Mr. Moger referred with regret to the retirement of the hon. secretary (Mr. Sier), and said the committee, after going into the question very fully, decided to have a paid secretary in the future. They had a very large number of applications, and the committee were perfectly confident that they had selected the right man in Mr. T. Caulfeild Stoker, of Westward Ho and Burnham.

Mr. H. J. Welch seconded, and the report and accounts were then adopted.

Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were reappointed, Mr. H. Hicks (who desired to be relieved from the duties of hon. treasurer), being added to the list.

Mr. Hicks, in reply, said there was no one to blame for his retirement except Anno Domini. It was a very great compliment that they should have elected him as a vice-president.

Mr. Moger then presented the captain's prize to Mr. N. A. Cooper, who won after a great match, and Mr. Cooper was warmly applauded on coming forward to receive the prize.

Again rising, the outgoing captain said he had great pleasure in proposing as his successor Mr. F. W. Beck. There was no member of the club who was more suitable to take the chair than that gentleman. They had had him on the committee a comparatively short time, but quite long enough to find out his great abilities.

Mr. Poole Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Colonel Griffith proposed the election of Mr. Loly as hon. treasurer, and said he knew they would have every confidence in handing over the finances to the care of that gentleman.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pritt and carried unanimously.

Mr. Loly suitably replied, and said he should be very happy to serve the club in that capacity. He mentioned that a good many of the important duties which were performed by Mr. Sier would now fall on the hon. treasurer.

Mr. Sumner and Mr. Moger were elected to fill two vacancies on the committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the hon auditors, Messrs. Gérard Van De Linde and Son, who were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Loly moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Moger, who was deservedly popular. He was a sound business man, and had made an excellent chairman.

The committee were thanked, on the motion of Mr. Sweetland, and Mr. Pritt responded in a humorous vein.

Mr. Hicks, the father of the club, alluded to the retirement of Mr. Sier from the post of hon. secretary. He had served them for six years, and they had nothing but praise for the manner in which he had done his work. The committee felt that they could not let him go without giving him some tangible expression of their esteem. Subscriptions were limited to 5s. and they received something like £63. Mr. Sier had chosen a pianolo, and a brooch had been purchased for Mrs. Sier. Mr. Hicks made the presentation in a few well-chosen phrases.

"For he's a jolly good fellow" having been sung, Mr. Sier rose to reply. He had been, as Mr. Hicks had said, hon. secretary for six years. He had had great delight in doing the work, and it had brought him into many friendships, but the time rolled on, and he felt there should be another to succeed him. His wife was very pleased with her brooch, and he was very pleased with his pianolo. (Applause.)

Colonel Griffith, on behalf of the staff, then handed to Mr. Sier a set of gold buttons.

Mr. Sier suitably acknowledged the gift.

Not only were these presentations made to Mr. Sier, but he had the additional honour of being elected a life member of the club.

Debating Society.—The opening meeting of the Bickley and Widmore Debating Society was held at the Institute, Tylney-road, on Oct. 11th, when an illustrated lecture on "The Passion Play of Oberammergau" was delivered by the Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A. Despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance. In opening, Mr. Carroll referred to his visit to Oberammergau in 1910, and said he was much surprised by the hospitality he received. He explained that the play originated about 150 years ago, when the village was devastated by the plague, and the inhabitants vowed that every ten years they would perform the play, and it was recorded that the plague ceased from that time. Continuing, Mr. Carroll said about 600 people took part, all born in the village, and three years before the time the men allowed their hair to grow in order to be ready to perform their parts. Views were shown in quick succession of the principal actors in the play, and some of the portraits were very striking. The scenes were then portrayed, the lecturer explaining the various tableaux. At the close he was heartily thanked for his instructive lecture.

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

1st.—Annual election of elective auditors for the Bromley Town Council.

3rd.—Missionary meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley, addressed by the Lord Bishop of Rochester.—Lecture on "Mountaineering in the Highlands of Scotland," by Mr. E. A. Baker.

6th.—General meeting of the Bromley Schools Athletic Association at Aylesbury-road School.

7th.—Meeting of Bromley ratepayers to discuss the Town Hall question.

8th.—Annual meeting of Sundridge Park Golf Club.

10th.—C.E.T.S. meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.

11th.—Opening meeting of the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.

13th.—Chamber subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.

16th.—Address on the "Catch-My-Pal" crusade by the founder, the Rev. R. J. Patterson, at Bromley Congregational Church.

17th.—Public meeting at the Town Hall, Bromley, in furtherance of the objects of the S.P.C.K.—Annual meeting of the Bromley Choral Society.—Annual Railway Servants' Concert at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Lecture on "The Evolution of the House," by Mr. Edmund Yeates, at the Bromley Public Library.—Opening of a new Liberal Club at 193, Homesdale-road, Bromley Common.

18th.—Consecration of the new spire of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, by the Bishop of Rochester.—"Catch-My-Pal" meeting at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

19th.—Concert recital by Mr. Arthur Newstead at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

20th.—Annual meeting of the Bickley and District Horticultural Society.

21st.—Conversazione at the Literary Institute, Bromley, under the auspices of the Literary Institute, Naturalists' Society, Chess Club and Camera Club.

23rd.—Dedication festival at St. Mark's Church, Bromley.—Patronal festival at St. Luke's, Bromley Common.—Anniversary services at Bromley Baptist Church.—Address on "The Oxford Movement," by the Rev. E. B. Selwood, at St. Mary's Church Hall, Farwig-lane.

24th.—Concert in aid of St. Luke's Sick and Poor Fund at the Institute, Bromley Common.

25th.—Address on "Education, Apprenticeship and Unemployment," by Mr. Arthur J. Martin, at the Liberal Institute, Bromley.—Debate on the payment of Members of Parliament, by the members of the Bickley and Widmore Literary and Debating Society.

26th.—G.F.S. members' annual sale of work at St. Mark's Church Room, Bromley.—Second annual dinner of the Borough of Bromley and District Quoiting League at the "Prince Frederick," Nichol-lane, Bromley.—Buffaloes' annual dinner at the "Rising Sun," High-street, Bromley.—Bromley Football Club whist drive at the Masonic Hall, Bromley.—Nineteenth annual show of thes Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association.—Primrose League meeting at the Village Hall, Bromley Common.

27th.—Inaugural meeting of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society at Bromley Public Library.—Annual meeting of St. John Ambulance Brigade.

28th.—Lantern lecture and inaugural meeting in connection with the Bromley branch of the Queen Alexandra League for Children at Bromley Public Library.

31st.—Concert in aid of the Bromley United Friendly Societies Convalescent Home and Hospital Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

Father Cooksey, the Rector of the above Church, announced on October 16th that he had received a donation of £500 from an anonymous donor to the building fund of the new church, during the previous week. Priests and people both feel greatly encouraged by this munificent assistance, and the prayers of the faithful were requested for the unknown benefactor. The Catholics of Bromley have still £2,050 to raise to meet the estimated cost of the new church, which amounts to £3,500.

"VERSE, PROSE, AND EPITAPHS."

Our esteemed townsman, Mr. E. B. Lewin Hill, C.B., is to be commended for the care and ability he has displayed in the production of "Verse, Prose and Epitaphs" (Brown, Langham and Co., Ltd., 78, New Bond-street, W.). In this volume we have the result of extensive reading and careful observation. There is a fund of humour in the work, and the immense variety of the subjects dealt with shows the versatility of the author's mind. The volume is full of wise, homely, witty and amusing sayings selected from the works of a wide range of writers. The book is published at 2s. net.

BROMLEY CHORAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Choral Society was held in the Parish Room, West-street, on October 17th, the President (Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.) occupying the chair. He was supported by the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.), the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), Mr. Beaumont Morice, LL.B., Mr. J. H. Hodge (hon. treasurer), Mr. Frederic Fertel (hon. conductor), Mr. J. F. Arnaud (a member of the committee), Mr. Bertram Pearce and Mr. T. A. Manchip (hon. secretaries).

During the evening light refreshments were dispensed, and prior to the business meeting capital songs were contributed by Miss Mason, Miss Burton, Mr. Bertram Pearce, Mr. G. Hopgood, Mr. D. Phillips, Mr. Heaysman and Mr. A. Cowdry.

The Committee had much pleasure in presenting their fifth annual report and in congratulating the members on the satisfactory nature of the work accomplished during the past season. On Dec. 11th, 1909, "The Wedding of Shon Macdean" (Hubert Bath), and a selection from "Faust" (Gounod) were given, and on March 19th, 1910, Handel's oratorio "Judas Maccabeus" was rendered. The programme of the first concert proved to be the more acceptable both to the chorus and to the public. The performances by the choir maintained the high level which had been attained during preceding seasons, thanks to the thorough and patient training given by the able conductor, Mr. F. Fertel. The accompaniments were supplied by efficient orchestras, and to the ladies and gentlemen who voluntarily assisted in this direction their thanks were sincerely given. Members of the Society were invited to join the Imperial Choir (consisting of 5,000 voices) organised by Dr. Charles Harriss, the object of which was to perform Imperial music on Empire Day. The enthusiasm shown by the members of this Society at rehearsals and also at the sectional rehearsal at the Crystal Palace was very gratifying. Unfortunately the Empire Day concert, 1910, could not be carried out owing to the national bereavement caused by the death of King Edward VII. "It is proposed that the Imperial Choir shall perform on the occasion of the coronation of King George V., and members of this Society will again have the pleasure of becoming members of the Imperial Choir." The financial statement was appended, and their thanks were again due to the President, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., for his generous contributions to the funds of the Society. The Committee had been much concerned regarding the prospects of the coming season. Owing to important structural alterations having been made to the Drill Hall, the Committee felt unable to recommend that concerts shall be held there during the ensuing season. The possibility of holding the concerts elsewhere had been considered, but the Committee regretted to say there was no other suitable hall available for the purpose. The Committee were pleased, however, to announce that the Vicar and Churchwardens had kindly consented to allow the Society to hold a choral festival service in the Parish Church, and the Committee had arranged therefore to give a performance of "St. Paul" on the "Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul," Jan. 25th, 1911. The Committee would at a later date, take into consideration the provision of some work for the second half of the season. Under these exceptional circumstances the Committee urgently appealed to both the honorary and active members to continue their support during the coming season.

The President moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Hodge, and carried.

Mr. Arnaud proposed the re-election of Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., as president. They were under a deep obligation to their president for his active assistance, and they hoped he would long be spared to continue in that office. (Applause.)

Mr. Simpson seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and Mr. Dewey, in reply, said the presidency of the Bromley Choral Society was one of the most enjoyable offices he happened to hold.

Mr. Beaumont Morice proposed the re-election of the following officers:—Hon. treasurer, Mr. Hodge; hon. conductor, Mr. Frederic Fertel; accompanist, Mr. F. J. Adams; and hon. secretaries, Messrs. Bertram Pearce and T. A. Manchip. They could not do better than re-elect Mr. Hodge, who had done so much good work for them in the past. The hon. secretaries had also done excellent work; and splendid services had been rendered both by Mr. Fertel and Mr. Adams.

Mr. F. Hudd seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The following were elected on the committee, on the motion of Mr. Harwood:—Messrs. F. J. Adams, J. F. Arnaud, H. Burnham, A. Cowdry, W. H. Haigh, J. Medhurst, E. Owen, W. Teele, S. H. Bacon, E. Adams, F. Gillott and J. Richards.

BICKLEY AND WIDMORE BOWLING AND QUOIT CLUBS.

These thriving clubs held their third annual dinner at the "Bird-in-Hand," Bickley, on October 19th, in a marquee erected on the bowling green, the interior being gaily decorated with flags and bunting. There was a large company present, the chair being taken by Mr. H. Line, of Chislehurst. The prizes won during the year were presented by the Chairman as follows:

Bowling: 1st, cup and miniature shield, won by Mr. Foreman.

2nd, gold and silver medal, won by Mr. W. Summers.

1st handicap prize (given by Mr. Foreman), set of bowls, won by Mr. T. Pollard.

2nd, gold and silver medal (given by Mr. Wood), won by himself.

3rd, pipe (given by Mr. Summers), won by Mr. C. Hardy.

4th, prize given by Mr. Woolley and won by Mr. Broomham.

Quoits: 1st prize given by Mr. Foreman, won by Mr. H. Coulling.

1st Handicap prize, presented by the club, won by Mr. H. Coulling.

2nd prize, given by Mr. Foreman and won by Mr. A. Brace.

The Chairman heartily congratulated all the winners upon their success.

The Secretary also read the averages for the past year, which showed that 20 games had been played, 14 of which were won, 1 being drawn, and 5 lost. The total points scored by the club were 2,549, whilst 1,843 were scored against them.

"CATCH-MY-PAL" CRUSADE.

Bromley was honoured on Oct. 16 with a visit from the Rev. R. J. Patterson, LL.B., the distinguished pioneer of the "Catch-My-Pal" crusade, and in the afternoon a large congregation of men and women assembled in the Congregational Church to hear him give an account of the origin of the movement, and of the wonderful work that is being accomplished in the North of Ireland. The meeting was held in connection with the Bromley P.S.A., and the Congregational Church was used by kind permission of the pastor and deacons.

Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., presided, and after the opening hymn, "Onward, brothers, onward, march with one accord," Mr. Webb read the lesson, and the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., offered prayer. Mr. Bertram Pearce then gave an effective rendering of "Light and Darkness."

The Rev. R. J. Patterson delivered a telling address marked by intense moral and religious passion, and full both of Irish pathos and Irish humour. He said the time at his disposal that afternoon was rather short for the long story he had got to tell. He had got a story to tell for which he was unspeakably grateful to his God. He wished that every minister in the three kingdoms had a similar story to tell. He thanked God for giving him the story, and it was the light of his life and the joy of his heart to tell it. He had told it many a time, but, strange to say, it had not grown stale, and as long as men and women were being influenced by it, he did not believe it would ever grow stale. He related how he was filled with an earnest desire to do something to overcome the power of drink, and how wonderfully God answered his prayer. He was going along one of the streets of Armagh in the summer of 1909, and standing at a lamp-post talking were six men, not drunkards, but drinkers. One of them, called John, came to him and told him he ought to get them to sign the pledge. He said, "All right, John; come along, and let us see what we can do for those fellows." He went over to the other five with John. He did not stand on his dignity. He said, "Look here, boys, here is one of your number says it would be a good thing if you signed the pledge. What do you say?" One said one thing and another said something else, but after a while he got them to agree it would be a good thing to sign the pledge. He asked them first to go home and think about it, and then to come to his house and sign the pledge, naming the day when he would expect them. The men had common-sense, and no class of men had more common-sense than labouring men and artisans if one appealed to them in the right way. He believed in prayer, and he prayed God to give him the aid of His Holy Spirit so that he might wisely deal with the six men when they came to him, and he also prayed that he might have the men to deal with. On the day in question the six men came to his house. He said, "Come along, boys." He got them round his dining-room table, told them they had been drinking to excess, and the men who drank to excess were the men who made the drink problem, and asked them to sign the pledge, and then go out to their fellows, each to get one to do the same. The six that evening would be 12 the next, 24 the next, 48 the next and so on, and in the course of a few weeks the whole countryside would be won. The men saw there was something in it. They signed the pledge, and went forth with a vision of service they had never dreamt of before, and the result was that after a little over 12 months between 130,000 and 140,000 persons had signed the pledge in the Catch-My-Pal Total Abstinence Union.

The excellent work which is being achieved by the Bromley and Shortlands Women's Total Abstinence Union through the direction of an able committee and the untiring devotion of the president (Mrs. E. Aisbitt Gibson) and the hon. secretary (Miss Annie B. Green), both of whom have won the affection of all temperance workers by their zealous efforts on behalf of the cause, was again demonstrated on October 18th, when a meeting convened by this organisation, in conjunction with the National Temperance League, was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, to give the general public an opportunity of listening to an address by the Rev. R. J. Patteson on the "Catch-My-Pal" crusade, of which he is the enthusiastic leader. Needless to say, this opportunity was taken advantage of to the full, and the hall was crowded with men and women eager to hear what Mr. Patterson has to say in order to draw them into the temperance field. Altogether he created a highly favourable impression among the large audience, and his address will not speedily be forgotten.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

There was an encouraging attendance at St. John's Parish Room, Bromley, on October 10th when the annual general meeting of the St. John's branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Peter Barker, M.A.).

Mr. W. G. Weller, the excellent hon. secretary, presented a satisfactory report, showing a total membership of 143—total abstinence section, 81; general section, 62. He appealed for personal effort to still further increase their ranks.

The hon. treasurer's statement showed a small balance in hand.

The officers and committee were elected as follows:—President, the Vicar; hon. secretary, Mr. W. G. Weller; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. T. F. M. Ladyman; committee, Mrs. Barker, Miss W. Devitt, Miss L. Davis, Mr. F. R. Ball, Mr. Geo. Allen, Mr. G. Emms, Mr. J. Hewitt Philps, Mrs. Trimmer, Mr. Ash, Mr. Lockie and Mr. Clutterbuck.

After the business a varied and interesting programme (kindly arranged by Mrs. W. F. B. Sharp) was gone through, Miss Bones opening with a nicely played pianoforte solo. Mr. Cecil Sharp sang "My moon," and Mr. Philps "The Last Watch," both items being much appreciated. The latter was heartily encored. Miss Barker pleased the audience with her singing, and Miss Story gave a splendid recitation.

During the interval the Rev. Gilbert Scott, Diocesan Secretary, gave an earnest address. He urged the importance of uniting temperance work with church work, and then recalled the "Forward Movement" of last autumn, pointing to the effect of that movement as regards the two Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester. They could say from the bottom of their hearts, "Thank God for the Forward Movement." He did not mean to say that it was universally successful, but it had undoubtedly done a great

deal on behalf of their Church of England Temperance Society. One result in the two Dioceses had been the addition of more than 2,000 members, which was something to be thankful for at any rate, but above that, it had been the means of putting the temperance question in a practical way before a great many people in a great many parishes who before took little or no interest in the temperance question.

By special request Mrs. Barker gave an excellent and appropriate reading, "Matches' Christmas Dinner," and received, as she deserved, a round of applause. Mr. Cecil Sharp sang "Were I a moth" in good style. Miss Story again recited with admirable effect, and that fine song, "The Carnival," was effectively rendered by Miss Barker. Mr. Philps closed the programme by singing Denza's "Come to me," which gave great pleasure.

Mr. Warren (Police Court Missionary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Gilbert Scott and Mrs. W. F. B. Sharp.

S.P.C.K. MEETING AT BROMLEY.

There was a rather small but representative attendance of Churchpeople at the Town Hall, Bromley, on October 17th, the occasion being a public meeting in advocacy of the claims of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The S.P.C.K. is the oldest of the missionary agencies of the Church of England. Both at home and abroad the Society helps forward every good work, and has a claim on the wholehearted and enthusiastic support of Churchpeople. The meeting was presided over by his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.), who wore his chain of office, and amongst those present were the Vicar (the Rev. Donald Tait), the Rev. Canon Peter Barker (Vicar of St. John's, Bromley), the Rev. Canon Stevenson (of Argentina), the Rev. A. Shillito (organising secretary of the S.P.C.K.), the Rev. James White, the Rev. Mark R. Swabey (the hon. secretary of the Society for the Rural Deanery), Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., Mr. Kenneth Chalmers, Mrs. Kenneth Chalmers, Mr. H. H. Bothamley, etc.

In opening the proceedings, the Mayor said the object of the meeting was in order that they might learn something of the work of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and to endeavour to further its claims. That Society was the oldest of their Church societies. It was founded 12 years more than 200 years ago, and preceded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel by three years. It was founded in times of trouble both at home and abroad, and the Society had witnessed during its career a very wide expansion of their Empire—a growth of the British dominions all over the world—and with the increase of their Empire there had been an increase in its responsibilities. It would be affectation, or at all events, an exaggeration, to say that the Society had been able to keep pace with the development of the Empire, but they could say that it had done its best to do so. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Canon Stevenson gave an account of the Society's work in South America, and said what a good friend the Society has been to that very great and very little known continent. He also bore testimony to the good the Society has done not only for the Argentina, but for Church people throughout the whole world. Proceeding, Canon Stevenson said what they wanted to-day was annual subscribers.

The Rev. A. Shillito, organising secretary of the Society, next addressed the meeting. In so doing, he said he would like to give briefly four reasons why all Churchmen ought to back up the work of the S.P.C.K. Those four reasons were as follows:—First, because of its age; secondly, because of its variety; thirdly, because of its breadth of Churchmanship; and, lastly, because of its economy in administration. (Applause.)

IS WOMAN FIT FOR FREEDOM?

We have nothing but praise to offer to those talented ladies, who produced "The Pageant of Great Women" at the Public Hall, Beckenham, on Sept. 24th (afternoon and evening). There was a capital attendance on each occasion, and the spectators were thoroughly appreciative and sympathetic. The idea of the pageant originated with Miss Edith Craig (daughter of Miss Ellen Terry), who is to be heartily congratulated on the success of her efforts, and high commendation is also due to Miss Cicely Hamilton, in whom Miss Craig found a sympathetic and able literary coadjutor.

The object was to dispute, with the supreme testimony of the life and work of some representative women in all countries and all ages, the contention of Prejudice that woman is not fit for freedom. There passed in the pageant, at the call of Woman pleading to Justice for the "clear right to call my life my own," groups of women who were learned, women who were saintly, women who fought as bravely as men when need arose, women who against great odds achieved distinction as artists, women who committed heroic deeds—crimes contemporaries called them—and suffered even unto death for a cause they loved. There passed, too, women who swayed the rod of Empire and never failed to rise to the responsibilities of power.

The grouping of these women on the stage, appropriately and picturesquely attired, made a brilliant and strikingly beautiful spectacle. Tremendous was the applause when such heroic women as Grace Darling, Joan of Arc, Elizabeth Fry, and Florence Nightingale made their appearance. The pageant was a great artistic triumph, and the success achieved was richly deserved by Miss Edith Craig, who herself acted as stage manager. The music arranged by Mr. J. M. Capel gave great pleasure, the orchestra being under the able direction of Miss Gwynne Kimpton, with Miss Beatrice Fowle at the piano.

Much amusement was caused prior to the Pageant by the performance of "A Coal Scuttle," under the direction of Miss Margaret Chick. The following took part in this piece, acting cleverly and winning high commendation:—"Miss Pettigrew," Miss M. Chick; "Miss Millicent Rogers," Miss M. Glanville Harvey; "Ann," Miss P. Glanville Harvey; "Lizzie," Miss R. Glanville Harvey. During the evening the orchestra played the "Gipsy Suite," by E. German, and Miss Winifred Davis sang "O Lovely Night" (in five flats), by Landon Ronald, the music being greatly enjoyed. Miss Margaret Chick gave the recitation, "Choosing a Hat at Mdme. Marcell's," which was much appreciated. Mrs. K. Harvey, Brackenhill, Highland-road, Bromley, rendered yeoman service in connection with the Pageant.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

Considerable interest was taken in the service at the Bromley Parish Church on September 24th, which inaugurated a ten days' missionary campaign by the students of London University in Bromley and district. A large congregation assembled, and there could not have been one who did not find the service helpful and uplifting. A number of the students occupied seats in the front rows. The Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait) conducted, and amongst other clergy present were Rev. Canon Wolley, Rev. Canon Barker, Rev. W. A. Carroll, Rev. C. C. Gosselin, Rev. M. R. Swabey, Rev. G. Clowes, Rev. W. D. May, Rev. J. E. Dawson, Rev. S. E. Osborne, Rev. A. H. Stevenson, Rev. E. P. Sketchley and Rev. S. G. Bassett-Pike. Special hymns were sung with much heartiness, Mr. H. Youens (organist of St. Mark's Church) presiding at the organ. After the opening hymn—Bishop Doane's "Fling out the Banner"—the Litany was said, and this was followed by Montgomery's well-known hymn, "O Spirit of the Living God."

The special preacher was the Rev. F. N. Eden, Vicar of Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, who delivered an able and appropriate sermon. At the outset he paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Canon Pollock. "I cannot refrain," he said, "from giving expression this afternoon to our deep sense of the great loss we have sustained through the death of Canon Pollock, who was to have spoken to you this afternoon. It is a loss not only to us in this diocese, but to the whole Church throughout the world. As you know, Canon Pollock devoted his life and his great gifts to the work of missions, in quickening and uplifting the spiritual life of the Church, both at home and in the Colonies. Therefore his loss is a loss not only to the Church, but to the great mission field beyond the Church, because it is when the Church is uplifted, and her spiritual life is quickened that she realises her duty—her paramount duty—to spread the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world. The calling away of this servant of God from our midst is a call to us, to you and me, to enter more fully upon the work which God has given us to do as Churchmen and Churchwomen, and to give ourselves more unreservedly, more whole-heartedly and more prayerfully to the work of making known the name of Christ throughout the world."

The Town Hall, Bromley, was crowded on Oct. 3rd, when the closing meeting in connection with the London University Campaign was held under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Amongst those present were the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait), Canon Lucas, Canon Wolley, Canon Barker, Revs. J. White, W. A. Carroll, M. R. Swabey, C. C. Gosselin, A. H. Stevenson, G. H. Pole (Chislehurst) and G. Clowes (Hayes), Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., and Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P.

The opening hymn was "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," after which prayer was offered by the Rev. F. A. Evelyn, Chaplain to the Campaigners.

The Vicar then addressed the meeting. He said the campaign had been the subject of earnest prayer, and they had not realised, all of them, how far extended the prayer had been. Among the other missionary campaigns prayer had been offered for the missionary campaign in Bromley. Other missionary campaigns were going on at the present time, and he held in his hand a telegram which he had received that evening—"Oxford campaigners in Nottingham are remembering Bromley mass meeting." The Vicar referred to the work in Bromley and district, and said it had not consisted, as a rule, in special meetings. But the different parish organisations had held their meetings, and had made them into missionary meetings. That they believed to be the truest and soundest way of setting to work. The campaigners had visited the day schools, the Sunday schools, meetings of the Men's Society, Mothers' Union, Girls' Friendly Society, and also some special drawing room meetings, so that they had touched specimens at any rate, of all classes of the community. What they specially wished the campaign to emphasise was that obedience to our Lord's last command was not the special interest of a few who felt attracted that way, but was the normal, the paramount, work of every Christian.

After the hymn, "Take my life, and let it be," and the reading of a passage of Holy Scripture, an earnest address was given by Mr. C. G. Ruck, Central Technical College, London. He spoke on the subject of "The Evangelisation of the World in this Generation.

During the singing of the next hymn—"Lord of the Harvest"—a collection was made to defray the general expenses of the campaign.

Mr. D. M. Gibson, St. Thomas' Hospital, who next spoke, said the business of foreign missions was an intensely serious business; but it was a glorious business.

Mr. F. H. Mosse, Trinity College, Oxford, and King's College, London, spoke particularly on the watchword of the Bromley Campaign, "Sacrifice for Service." He prayed that they might leave behind them not a memory of faltering campaigners speaking to them, but a memory of Jesus Christ Himself.

Following the hymn, "For all the Saints, who from their labours rest," the Lord Bishop gave the closing address. He said he felt the responsibility of being called upon to sum up the final meeting of this Missionary Campaign, and yet he rejoiced to have been privileged to be there to listen to what they had heard, and to be introduced into the work which had been going on there during the last few days. Foreign missionary work. What was it? Dr. Phillips Brook described it as "brother telling to brother the message of the love of the common Father of all." Foreign missionary work was the recognition of the brotherhood of the world, and the Fatherhood of God, and the love shown by that Father in Jesus Christ, and that idea of missionary work was the measure of their responsibility. When they realised what the ideal of foreign missions was, and contrasted the way in which the movement had been allowed to take a secondary thought in their hearts, they must indeed hang their heads with shame.

SUNDRIDGE PARK WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

A well-attended concert took place on October 4th, the occasion being the presentation to the steward of a fine marble clock on his coming marriage. A very old red glass vase was also given him by one of the members. At the same time the two winners of the cribbage tournament were each presented with a fine Calabash pipe. The final game was hotly contested by Mr. Clifford and Mr. Edwards, the former coming out winner by one hole only.

BROMLEY CAMERA CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley Camera Club was held on October 7th at the Literary Institute, the headquarters of the club. The president, Dr. John Scott, was in the chair. The committee's report showed that the club is still going ahead, and that although there had been a few resignations new members had already filled the vacancies. Owing to his removal from the neighbourhood, the club has lost one of its strong supporters in Mr. T. D. Graty, secretary for several years, and under whose able management the club went steadily ahead. Notwithstanding the fact that the exhibition held in January was rather a drain on the club's resources, the balance-sheet shows a very healthy state. The officers and committee were all unanimously re-elected, but a new secretary was found in Mr. T. Arnold Bennett, who has been acting hon. secretary pro tem., and Mr. Shoebridge, on the proposition of Mr. Bennett, was elected assistant hon. secretary. The club is indeed lucky to retain its president, who was one of the founders of the club when it met in a little back room many years ago and consisted of about six members. The work of the members has shown a steady improvement, which was certainly noticeable at the exhibition, and everything points to a good winter session. A strong syllabus of lectures and demonstrations has been prepared, and what should be of very great help, a dark-room, with enlarging apparatus and necessary accessories is being fitted up, which will be at the disposal of members at all times. The club meets the first and third Fridays in the month from October to April inclusive, at the Literary Institute in Widmore-road, at eight o'clock. Portfolios with members' work are constantly circulated, and much benefit is derived from mutual criticism.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

A meeting in advocacy of the claims of the Queen Alexandra League was held in the Lecture Hall at the Public Library, Bromley, on September 29th. The Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided over a meagre attendance; and Mr. R. M. Weeks, secretary of the Queen Alexandra League of Children, spoke on the work of Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripple's Home and College.

In a brief but very sympathetic address the Chairman said that the meeting was called in the interests of crippled children. There was no sadder sight, he thought, than that of a crippled child; and nothing excited their compassion more than to see a child absolutely incapable of movement.

Mr. Weeks the secretary, said that Sir William Treloar wanted, in particular, to deal with those children who were suffering from tuberculosis in the joints and bones. No ordinary hospital could afford to keep those children a sufficient time to effect a cure. Hence the necessity for such an institution as the Cripples' Home and College at Alton. They had had in that home, since it started, 385 children. There were now 212 children in the home; and of those who had left over 160 had been certified as cured. If it had not been for that home those children would certainly have become a burden to their relatives, and, perhaps, a burden to the State.

LIBERAL CLUB FOR BROMLEY COMMON.

The formal opening of a Liberal Club for Bromley Common and Bickley took place on October 17th, at 193, Homesdale-road, where accommodation has been secured for the purpose. Mr. H. C. Gutteridge, who initiated the scheme, presided over an encouraging attendance.

Miss Reid, who is an ardent supporter of the cause, formally declared the reading room open, and in so doing said she hoped it would be a success.

Mr. Gutteridge paid a tribute to Miss Reid's work for Liberalism. She was an invaluable helper, and as she had done a great deal to further the cause in that district, he was sure they were all very grateful to her. (Hear, hear.) Letters were then read from Mr. Beaumont Morice, Alderman Geo. Lawrence, Mr. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. Kenneth Chalmers and Mr. Mills regretting their inability to be present. Mr. Gutteridge proceeded to explain the reason of the formation of the club. It was all very well to say that Tweedy-road Institute was the headquarters for Bickley, but he thought that some sort of club was required which could be easily visited by those living in that part of the Borough. Some of the roads in the locality had never been canvassed, and he could not help thinking that that part of the constituency had been neglected a good deal. As a result of the year's work a hundred Liberal voters had been added to the list, and he considered that a very encouraging start. (Hear, hear.) Their district was one of the most promising in the division, and if it was only well worked he was sure they would have a Liberal majority of voters, if they had not already got one. About 25 members had joined the club before it was opened, and they hoped to increase the membership to 100. The club would then be self supporting. It would be run as economically as possible. The reading room had already been equipped, and the expenses in connection therewith would not be great. It was intended to have the reading room open from 6.30 to 10.30 p.m. Games would be provided, and subscribers would also be able to write letters, &c., at the club. It was well supplied with books, which would be of great assistance to the members, and no doubt they would also appreciate the light literature which would be provided for their delectation. In conclusion Mr. Gutteridge wished the club every success.

SUCCESSFUL AIR-SHIP VOYAGE

The airship "Clement-Bayard No. 2" on Oct. 16th made a voyage from Paris to London under the direction of M. Clement, who was assisted by six mechanics and others. The dirigible left her shed near Paris at 6.55 a.m., and actually started on her journey at 7.10. She had crossed the Channel at 11.18, sailed over Folkestone, followed the South-Eastern Railway line to London, and safely landed at Wormwood Scrubbs at 1.20 p.m. The average altitude maintained was estimated by M. Clement at from 200 to 300 meters, and the average speed at 60 kilometers an hour. The airship passed over Ashford. The aviator appeared to hesitate as to which railway line to follow after coming up by the S.E.R. main line from the direction of Folkestone, and took a swerve from New Town to Barrow Hill, as if intending to keep to the L.C.D.R. course via

Maidstone. At Barrow Hill, however, a signal appeared to be conveyed to him from a motor car which was attending the journey, and the aviator directed his course towards the main line, and putting on speed rapidly disappeared towards Pluckley. The airship kept fairly low, appearing to be most of the time not more than 100ft. above ground, and spectators were able to distinguish the name "Clement Bayard" and the number without difficulty. It passed over Bromley about quarter to one as people were leaving the various places of worship, and the sight was one which will not soon be forgotten by the large number who witnessed it. A crowd soon gathered on Martin's Hill.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

RAILWAY SERVANTS' CONCERT.

The twelfth annual concert in aid of the Orphan and Benevolent Funds of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants took place at the Drill Hall on October 17th, and again proved an unqualified success. There was a crowded attendance, and the proceedings were marked by unbounded enthusiasm and general enjoyability. The programme was a model of well varied selections, the opening number being a much appreciated overture by Mr. J. Baker. Miss Ethel Sanders (soprano), the possessor of an excellent voice, gave a pleasing rendering of two songs, and Little Dot (the wonderful child vocalist and dancer) was heartily applauded for her clever songs and dancing. Mr. Harry Speller, who has just returned from a successful tour, appeared with a marionette show, and caused a great deal of laughter. The Bromleighs gave a refined entertainment and were warmly applauded. The contributions by Mr. A. E. Ellis (baritone) were very acceptable, and Mr. G. Danville's excellent songs (accompanied with banjo) were highly appreciated. Mr. Harry Quinton, wearing a hobble skirt, caused roars of laughter. Carl Lento (premier musical entertainer) was very well received, his selections on the cornet, concertina and bells greatly pleasing the audience. Miss Constance Smith (vocalist and dancer) was deservedly applauded, and Mr. Bert Harris, the well-known descriptive vocalist, scored a great success with "All the nice girls." Mr. W. Kell successfully closed the entertainment with songs and stories. The stage was under the direction of Mr. Bert Harris, and Messrs. F. Sharp and J. S. Baker and Miss R. Cates were the able accompanists. During the interval Mr. Walter Hudson, M.P., in a short address, explained the objects of these concerts, and on behalf of the committee thanked the audience for their support. The following committee excellently carried out their duties:—Messrs. T. Dawson, W. Staples, A. Hart, B. Russell, W. Taylor, P. Harris, W. Knight, A. E. Fisher, G. Barnaby, G. Birtchnell, W. Morgan, T. Jenkins, J. Tipping, G. Collier, G. Russell, B. Ruffles, T. Ingram and J. G. Hawkes, with A. E. Jarrett (chairman) and T. W. Dewsall (secretary).

MR. ARTHUR NEWSTEAD'S RECITAL.

Mr. Arthur Newstead's visits to Bromley are always counted by lovers of good music as being amongst the choicest treats that are placed before them from time to time. His appearance on the concert platform never fails to elicit a most cordial welcome, and in no part of the country are his great talents more readily recognised than in this district. Mr. Newstead possesses a command over the instrument such as one rarely sees in a pianist. Not only is his fingering superb, but he gives free scope to his emotions and uses his imagination to good purpose. New charms are revealed each time he appears, and it is always most refreshing to hear him play. Mr. Newstead's concert-recital at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on October 19th, attracted a large audience who were delighted with the varied and interesting programme. The sweet singing of Miss Susan Strong (the world-famous prima donna) was, of course, a great feature of the concert. A Bechstein grand pianoforte was used, and Mr. Julius Harrison was the accomplished accompanist.

Mr. Newstead opened with two delightful pieces, Fantasie and Fugue in G minor (Bach-Liszt) and Fantasie, Op. 17 (March Movement), by Schumann, and a storm of applause greeted his initial efforts. The first number remarkable for its dramatic effects, was played with wonderful power, and the haunting themes were evidently thoroughly appreciated. Mr. Newstead was particularly successful in the climax of the Fugue. Schumann's Fantasie is a by no means easy work to perform, but the brilliant pianist readily compassed the task, and gave an impassioned performance. The audience then had the pleasure of listening to the Air de Salome, "Il est doux il est bon," a beautiful selection from Massenet's "Herodiade." Miss Susan Strong gave this air in that winning manner which is all her own. Refinement of vocalisation, intense passion and dramatic power were characteristic features, and in the upper notes she was eminently successful. Miss Strong met with a very gratifying reception. Miss Grace Thynne next made her appearance, and played as violin solos Nocturne in D (Chopin-Wilhelmj) and L.Abeille (Fr. Schubert), both works being executed in a praiseworthy manner. Considerable success was achieved by Miss Winifred Ponder (contralto), who gave "Piacer d'Amor" (Martini) and "Già il sole dal gange" (Scarlatti), the second being a particularly lively number.

A round of applause announced the second appearance of Mr. Arthur Newstead, who introduced a choice selection of Chopin's works—Four Etudes, Op. 25, No. 1, in A flat, Op. 25, No 2, in F minor, Op. 10, No. 7, in C major, Op. 25, No. 9, in G flat; Berceuse, Op. 57, in D flat; Scherzo, Op. 39, in C sharp minor. The beautiful melodies in the first two studies were enjoyed to the full; the third was a sparkling little piece; and the fourth, described as "perhaps the most popular of all Chopin's studies," gave the greatest pleasure. In the Berceuse and Scherzo Mr. Newstead did marvellous work, and throughout these performances sound musicianship was strikingly exemplified. He has evidently made a great study of Chopin's works, and the various moods of this master were vividly represented. Loud and prolonged was the applause at the close, and the celebrated pianist repeatedly bowed his acknowledgments, afterwards responding with another gem on the piano.

Sentiment, humour and pathos were mingled in the two Hungarian melodies by F. Korbay, with which Miss Strong charmed all present. She showed her versatility here and met with a great ovation at the close. The melodies were "There's on earth but one true pearl" and "My brown boy is hiding away," and each received adequate treatment. A recall was inevitable,

and Miss Strong was in her happiest vein in the encore song. Miss Grace Thynne contributed another violin solo, and was even more successful than on the first occasion. The title of the piece was Zigeunirweisen (Sarasate), and in the playing of it she manipulated her instrument with consummate skill. Five miniature ballads were then contributed by Miss Ponder—"Bells," "Blossoms," "Dreams," "Darkness," and "Morning," the music being by Hurlstone and the words by Olive Christian Malvery. She sang with much taste and feeling, the second and fifth ballads being perhaps the best. Miss Ponder was deservedly encored. Mr. Newstead raised the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm by his masterly playing of "La Campanella," one of Liszt's most popular and effective studies, and had to reappear. The concert closed with another pleasing contribution from Miss Strong.

THE "YELLOW DOOR" SCHOOL OF ART.

The past year at the "Yellow Door" School of Art, Beckenham (Principal, Mr. Frank Spenlove-Spenlove, R.A.), has proved very successful, for several students have come to the front in their different branches of work and in the open competitions sent in by "Spenlove" pupils all came out in the highest and most satisfactory way. Several students exhibited at the Royal Academy, Paris Salon, and the different shows, and all with real success, which should be encouraging to the other pupils in the school, for they have all the same opportunities, and it goes to show that with such very excellent teaching as that provided by the "Yellow Door" Institution there is no reason why one and all should not reap the distinctions that a serious student deserves.

There are several new features in the way of new classes held at the School this season. One in particular is the new Elementary Section, wherein the earlier stages of art practice are fostered and encouraged to ensure a sound training for the more advanced steps. Young students are taken in hand individually and brought to understand all the sound principles which go to make real training.

A new Black and White Class is to be formed, this for general illustration work; and also a Class for Design and Illuminating and Decoration. These classes will be under the direction of a distinguished County Council Professor, and should prove a distinct advantage to those pupils who wish to take up an art which can be at once turned to practical account.

There is no limit to age of student, and it is not really necessary that the pupils should have any previous experience before they join the "Yellow Door" Classes. Entry can be made at any time, and the fees are made so that all can take advantage of the opportunities; Mr. Spenlove-Spenlove's idea being to help those who need the help and to provide a sound and unique form of Art education at a moderate fee.

The Principal will be glad to forward full particulars to those who desire to take the benefits of the different classes. In applying it is wise to mention what branch and particular study is desired.

A very special feature will be made this session of the Pictorial and Costume Life Class, and the art of "Picture-making."

ST. MARY'S, PLAISTOW.

On October 11th St. Mary's Church Hall was the scene of an interesting gathering, the occasion being the opening meeting of the winter's work. A capital programme had been arranged by the energetic committee, and the large company present included almost all the active workers of the parish, who were accompanied in most cases by their families. The proceedings commenced in the Boys' Club-room with a tea, which was under the capable management of Mrs. Allan, ably assisted by a large staff of ladies, and the company afterwards adjourned to the large Church Hall, where short addresses were given by the Vicar and Rev. A. C. Cooper-Marsdin (well known for his work in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Society), and the programme also included an admirable concert, arranged by Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the talented organist of St. Mary's.

The Vicar referred to the growth of the parish, and said when the census was taken next year they would find the population of this parish to be over 10,000. It was impossible for the present staff of clergy to cope with the work with any degree of success. In many parishes there had been started a free will offering where the people undertook to give a small sum each week, ranging from 3d. to 5s. If 250 people could be found to give 3d. a week that would work out at £162 10s. a year. The same amount would be realised if 125 gave 6d., or 63 1s., or 32 2s., and so on. His reason for asking for a third curate was to assist in the work on Sundays and to enable them to visit the parish systematically.

The Rev A. C. Cooper-Marsdin then addressed the meeting, and after alluding to the pleasure it gave him to be amongst them, gave a lucid account of the work of the R.D.S. He congratulated them upon the arranging of this series of meetings, which was, as far as he knew, the first of such a series in the whole Diocese. The work of the R.D.S. might well stand as the first of the things to be considered. The Society did not exist for one particular object, but its work included the provision of curates, the building of churches, the securing of sites and the raising of the stipends of the clergy to the height of a living wage.

The concert which followed was a most attractive one. Mr. Thomas accompanied the singers and the various performances gave the greatest pleasure to those present. The contributors to the programme included Mr. T. Withycombe, Miss Quelch, Mr. F. W. Simmonds (humorous), Mrs. Stanley Nash, Mr. Harry Payne and Dr. Cogswell (banjo).

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cooper-Marsdin, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, the performers, to Mrs. Allan and her staff of lady helpers, and to all those who had assisted in the arrangements, the motion being submitted by Mr. J. Y. Hay.

Revision Court.—Mr. William Pinder Eversley, barrister-at-law, sat at the Municipal Buildings on Sept. 26th, to revise the lists of voters in Bromley, Chelsfield, Chislehurst, Farnborough and Mottingham.

The well-known local artist, Mr. Bert Harris, ballad, descriptive and humorous vocalist, gave his fourteenth annual concert at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley, on October 3rd. There was a full house, and the "bill of fare" was thoroughly enjoyed.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS ANNIE MAUD LLOYD AND MR. EDWARD THIRKELL PRICE.

A picturesque wedding took place at the Parish Church, Beckenham, on Sept. 21st, the bride being Miss Annie Maud Lloyd, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lloyd, of Ravenhead, Beckenham, and the bridegroom Mr. Edward Thirkell Price, eldest son of Mr. E. A. Price, of Montclair, Beckenham. The da was an ideal wedding day; a perfect flood of late summer sunshine warmed and cheered the whole proceedings. While the congregation were assembling, Mr. Geo. J. Hall, F.R.C.O., played a choice selection of appropriate organ music. The officiating clergy were Rev. Canon Arnott, Rector, assisted by Rev. R. Dell (uncle of the bridegroom) and Rev. the Hon. M. Peel, Vicar of St. Paul's, Beckenham.

The bride, who arrived with her father (by whom she was given away), was met at the west door by the clergy and choir, and as the procession passed up the aisle, the bridal hymn, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung. The bride was attended by five bridesmaids, and two dainty little maidens carried her handsome train. The bridesmaids were Miss Fanny Price, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Saxon Smith, of Dunedin, New Zealand; Miss Nellie Colver and Miss Gwladys Colver, of Sheffield; and Miss Dorothy Pantin. The little train-bearers were Miss Gladys Price and Miss Ursula Morrish.

The bride wore a handsome dress of cream satin charmeuse and tunic of Ninon, embroidered in a design of Harrisii lilies in floss silk, pearls and diamentes, with vest and sleeves of old Brussels lace. Her full Court train was hand embroidered with Harrisii lilies to match, caught with tulle and orange blossom. She wore a wreath of orange blossom and myrtle, with tulle veil embroidered in a design of true lovers' knots. The bridesmaids were becomingly attired in cream satin merve with over-dresses of silk spotted net, bordered with embroidery silk lace. The bodices were made to match with undersleeves and vest of crystal and silver net, and waist belts of pastel shade in pale blue, pink and mauve. The large picture hats were composed of black mirror velvet lined with cream, having bands of ermine and shaded grey and white feathers. They carried shower bouquets of Catherine Mermet roses tied with pink ribbon and white heather. The little train-bearers were dressed in white muslin tirmmed with Irish crochet, Valenciennes lace and embroidered butterflies. Their hats were to match, with wreaths of daisies, and they carried baskets of daisies. Lieut. G. Price, R.F.A., acted as the bridegroom's best man.

During the singing of the psalm, "Blessed are all they that fear the Lord," the wedded couple passed into the sanctuary, and knelt at the altar steps, where the ceremony was proceeded with by the Rev. R. Dell, and the Hon. the Rev. Maurice Peel delivered an appropriate address. The hymn, "O Perfect Love," was sung to a beautiful setting by Barnby as the whole congregation knelt at the close of the service. While the usual formalities in the vestry were being carried out, the choir gave an artistic rendering of the anthem, "Love one another," and as the newly married couple left the vestry and passed down the church, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played on the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Ravenhead, the residence of the bride's parents.

Later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for Paris for the honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was a Saxe blue faced cloth coat and skirt embroidered in silk and braid to match, worn with handsome embroidered chiffon blouse. Her hat was fine black beaver with large ostrich plumes in Saxe blue of the same shade.

MISS CONSTANCE BIRT AND MR. G. A. U. GILL.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield, on Oct. 4th, the contracting parties being Miss Constance Mary Birt, daughter of Sir William Birt, Director of the Great Eastern Railway, and formerly living at Devonshire House, Shortlands, and Mr. Geoffrey Allen Upcott Gill. A special train from London took the guests to Hatfield, amongst them being Sir Edward Grant-Burls, Lady Burls and Miss Burls, Mr. and Mrs. Larson, Miss Tapp, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Selby and Miss Selby, etc. The service was fully choral, and the Rev. Lord William Cecil assisted at the ceremony. The bride was dressed in white satin, with an elaborate train borne by two pages, followed by six bridesmaids.

MISS MARY L. WOLLEY AND MR. H. C. LLOYD.

A large amount of public interest was aroused by the wedding of Miss Mary Lilian Wolley, second daughter of the Rev. Canon Wolley, the esteemed vicar of St. Mary's, Shortlands, which was solemnised on Oct. 6th, the bridegroom being Mr. Hugh Corrie Lloyd, of Oakfield, Shortlands grove. The church, prettily decorated for the occasion, was crowded with relatives and well-wishers, and special seats were reserved for the bride's Sunday School class. The hour of the service was half-past two, and at that time the Bishop of Dover, with the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar of Bromley and Rural Dean), the Rev. S. G. Bassett Pike, and the full choir, approached the south-east door to meet the bride, who entered accompanied by her father. The processional was "O Father, all creating." The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Dover, who gave an appropriate address. The hymn before the address was "O perfect love," sung with great taste and feeling, while the congregation knelt, and while the register was being signed the choir gave an expressive rendering of the hymn, "Love Divine." Mr. W. Bentham-Martin, organist of the church, and choirmaster, presided at the organ.

The bride wore a gown of white satin, trimmed with old Limerick lace, the gift of her aunt, Miss Wolley, the design of the gown being very unique, having a long square train and being finished at the waist with a pearl and silver girdle, the tulle veil covering a wreath of orange blossom and myrtle and white heather. Her bouquet was composed of white roses, white heather and lilies of the valley, tied with white satin ribbon. The bridesmaids were Miss Mabel S. Wolley, sister of the bride, and Miss Lloyd, sister of the bridegroom. These wore dresses of white silk voile over whitet satin, trimmed with trails of white satin dahlias, belts and sashes of nattier blue, with touches of black, and large black hats and feathers. Their bouquets were Bridesmaid roses, and they wore pearl and

amethyst pendants, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's mother wore a gown of amethyst poplin, richly trimmed with self-coloured velvet and gold embroidery, and she carried a bouquet of Enchantress carnations and lilies of the valley. The bridegroom's mother was attired in a dress of black chiffon velvet and embroidery, and yoke, with lower sleeves of gold and black net, and she carried some beautiful Franco carnations. The best man was Mr. William Lloyd (brother), and the bride was given away by her father, Canon Wolley.

The music played by Mr. Bentham-Martin while the congregation were assembling was a Benediction Nuptiale by d'Evry, Andalouse (Pesard), the Vorspiel from "Lohengrin," and Idylle (Elgar), Mendelssohn's Wedding March pealing out with fine effect as the wedding party left the church.

The chancel had been very chastely decorated with flowers by Mrs. Anthony Hawke, Mrs. C. W. Wilson and Miss Tapp.

The reception which was afterwards held at the Vicarage was largely attended, and shortly before five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Lloyd left for North Devon, the bride's going-away dress being coat and skirt of blue cloth. trimmed with braid, and a large black hat trimmed with shaded flowers.

The catering was excellently carried out by Messrs. W. Maunder, Ltd., Market-square, Bromley.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The annual parade of the St. John Ambulance Brigade took place in Bromley on October 2nd. The weather was fine, and a large number of people assembled in the Market-square, which was the starting point. There was a good muster, between 60 and 70 men taking part under the command of Supt. Healy. The procession preceded by the Bromley and Bickley Brass Band, left the Market-square at 4 p.m., and the following streets were paraded:—High-street, London-road. London-lane, College-road, West-stree, Marketsquare, The Broadway, and Mason's Hill. At St. Luke's Institute an excellent tea was provided under the superintendence of Mrs. Yolland assisted by lady friends. Dr. Yolland, the brigadier, in a brief speech after tea heartily welcomed the visitors from other detachments. which was suitably responded to by one of the visitors. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the ladies who so kindly ministered to the wants of the members of the association, and was carried with enthusiasm. The march to St. Luke's Church was somewhat marred by an exceptionally heavy downpour of rain which caused the band to seek shelter and the members of the brigade to complete the journey to the church at the "double." An impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Faunthorpe, and after the service the men, preceded by the band, marched to Bromley South Station, where they were dismissed. Collections were taken en route, the proceeds. after expenses were deducted, going to the Association.

This well-known minstrel troupe gave an entertainment on October 10th, at the Drill Hall in aid of the funds of the Bromley Cottage Hospital. There was a moderate attendance.

Local Obituary.

MRS. MARY JANE BARRETT.

The funeral took place on September 21st of the late Mrs. Mary Jane Barrett, of Kingsdene, Bromley, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Barrett, her death having occurred on Sept. 17th. Prior to the interment, a service was held at the Bromley Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Donald Tait, who also officiated at the graveside, in old Bromley Cemetery.

MRS. SPRINGETT.

We regret to announce this month the death of another old and much respected inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Springett, of 50, Heathfield-road, Bromley, which sad event occurred on October 3rd. The deceased, who was in her seventy-eighth year, had been ailing for some time past, and the end, which came quite peacefully, was not altogether unexpected. Much sympathy will be extended to the husband, Mr. James Springett, and family, in their bereavement.

MR. JOHN MAYNARD.

Mr. Maynard had a splendid record of service extending over 45 years, the greater part of which time was spent in Bromley. He was born at Cranbrook, Kent, in 1848, and six years later came to Bromley, where he was educated. In 1862 he commenced his career at Bromley Station under Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, with whom he remained until June, 1864, when he was appointed junior booking clerk in the railway service. He was promoted in 1869 to the post of chief clerk at Sevenoaks (Bat and Ball), and in 1870 returned to Bromley as chief clerk, remaining there until 1873, when he was promoted to the important position of chief Continental clerk at Victoria Station. In 1875 Mr. Maynard became the stationmaster at Dulwich, in 1877 he was transferred to Penge, and in 1879 he was again promoted, being appointed stationmaster at Bromley, where he remained for 30 years. discharging his duties with great acceptance both to the Company and the public.

When it became known in the summer of 1909 that Mr. Maynard was about to retire through failing eyesight, a desire was at once expressed by his friends to mark the occasion by the presentation to him of a testimonial, and at a largely attended meeting of the townspeople held in the "White Hart" Hotel, on July 27th, 1909, Mr. Coles Child, J.P. (one of his best friends) had the pleasure of presenting to Mr. Maynard a purse of 125 sovereigns and a beautifully illuminated address. The subscribers numbered 94, and the presentation was made to him "as a token of our regard. and in recognition of the unfailing courtesy and attention with which you have discharged your duties." Mr. Coles Child. on behalf of the subscribers, offered Mr. Maynard their congratulations on his retirement after 45 years' honourable career in the service of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Co., and Mr. Maynard feelingly replied.

During his period of service in Bromley Mr. Maynard had the melancholy duty of dealing with upwards of 20 fatal accidents on the railway, one of the most disastrous being the fall of Ivy Bridge in December, 1882, when seven men were killed. He was successful in raising a fund for the poor widows and children. the

amount realised by his appeal being upwards of £700, which the late Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Heilicar, and several other gentlemen helped him to distribute.

Apart from his railway career, Mr. Maynard held several appointments in which he distinguished himself. In 1890 he joined the "Hervey" Lodge of Freemasons (No. 1,692), and after passing through the various grades, was in 1900 elected Worshipful Master, and at his installation he had the honour of being supported by Mr. Justice Bruce and several other Grand Lodge and Provincial officers. He was appointed in 1897 a member of the Management Committee of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Association. In 1902 he was asked to assist in the formation of a Railway Lodge, which was afterwards called "The Onward and Invicta" (No. 2,912). He was given the second post of S.W., and the following year was elected Worshipful Master. In 1907 he joined the "William Russell Royal Arch Chapter."

By his genial nature, and the tactful manner in which he discharged his duties as station-master, Mr. Maynard made a host of friends in Bromley, and the large attendance at the funeral, which took place at the London-road Cemetery on October 4th, testified to the high esteem in which he was held. Members of the "Hervey" and the "Onward and Invicta" Lodges attended, and many railway officials were present to pay a last tribute of respect to their deceased comrade.

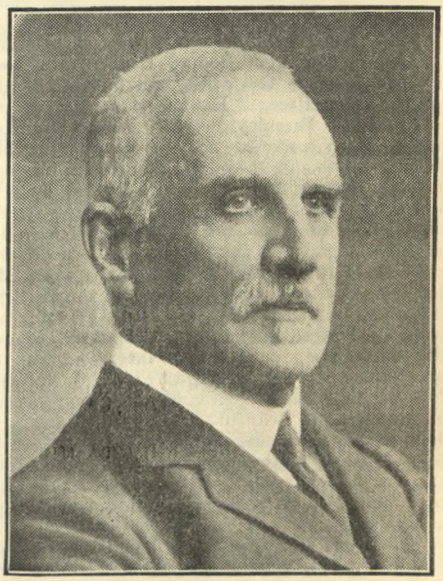
SIR PATTESON NICKALLS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Sir Patteson Nickalls, which took place at his residence, "Fallowfield," Chislehurst, at noon on Oct. 4th. For several months he had been in failing health, and the end was not unexpected. By his death the Liberal party has sustained a heavy loss, and he will also be greatly missed on the Stock Exchange and in sporting circles. Chislehurst will feel the blow keenly, as he always evinced a lively interest in local affairs. By all classes in this district, even by those who differed from him in politics, he was held in great esteem.

Sir Patteson Nickalls was born in Chicago in 1836, and was the son of Mr. Patteson Nickalls, of Seabrook, Kent. He married Florence, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Scurr Womersley, of Leytonstone, in 1867, and was left a widower fourteen years ago. The deceased gentleman was 73 years of age, but looked much younger. He is survived by three sons and five daughters, to whom the sincerest sympathy is extended.

For very many years Sir Patteson Nickalls was daily to be seen on the Stock Exchange, where he was a prominent member of the foreign market—during the last few years of the South African market as well. So long ago as 1862 he became a member, and nearly up to the last he took a keen interest in business transactions. He was a big dealer, and his extensive operations for the fall in Peruvian Stocks several years ago, when others were bulls of those securities, will be well remembered by many. He was one of the pluckiest speculators in the "House."

The atmosphere of the Stock Exchange is not very congenial to Liberalism, but Sir Patteson Nickalls was a Liberal of an uncompromising type. Throughout his long life he never swerved in his attachment to the party. He was one of the most zealous Liberals in the City of London, and was a tower of strength to the cause in Kent. He unsuccessfully contested the Sevenoaks Division in 1885, and the Dartford Division in 1895. The Conservative candidate who beat Sir Patteson in the Sevenoaks Division was Mr. Charles W. Mills, and the polling resulted as follows:—C. W. Mills, 4,651; P. Nickalls, 3,956. It will be seen that the Conservative majority was 695. In the Dartford Division Sir Patteson fought against Sir William Hart Dyke. "Sir Pat," as he was familiarly known, was a member of the Reform and Piccadilly Clubs, and for some time was a very popular Chairman of the National Liberal Club. He took an active part in the work of the Home Counties Liberal Federation, and had been both the treasurer and the chairman of this organisation. His motor cars were always at the service of Liberal candidates at bye-elections in the Home Counties. The late Liberal politician received his Knighthood in the distribution of birthday honours in 1893.



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THE LATE SIR PATTESON NICKALLS.

Strong and earnest patriot though he was, Sir Patteson did not believe that the South African War was an inevitable necessity. Nowhere did the tide of pro-war feeling run more strongly than in the City of London, and it required no small courage for a man of prominence in City circles to take up the unpopular side. On more than one occasion his views brought him into antagonism with his fellow members of the Stock Exchange. But Sir Patteson never flinched, and avowed his opinions with a tranquil courage that was characteristic of his nature. And similarly through all the dark days for the Liberal Party that followed the war, he never lost faith or hope in the cause of Liberalism. He was a strong Free Trader.

Sir Patteson Nickalls was a keen sportsman, and for many years was a member of the Coaching Club. In 1902-3 he was elected president of the Polo and Riding Pony Society. Although not a player himself, he followed with close ap

preciation the performances of his sons, the celebrated trio of polo players, Patteson W. ("Pat") Nickalls, Cecil Nickalls and Morres Nickalls, who have assisted the Oxford University, Rugby, Roehampton and England teams to victory in various important contests. The deceased gentleman was the owner of race horses, and his "Ballot Box" was the winner of many steeplechases, notably the Grand International, carrying top weight, and was also favourite for the Grand National in 1888, in which this fine horse ran third, again carrying top weight.

It will be seen that "Sir Pat" had many interests in sport, but among the best sporting things he ever did, it was once remarked, was to set on foot the movement for a Stock Exchange lifeboat at Lowestoft. His brother, Mr. Tom Nickalls, who predeceased him, was also a popular member of the Stock Exchange. He was a famous Master of the Surrey Staghounds, and his children, as well as those of Sir Patteson, have inherited this love for sport. Mr. Guy Nickalls, and his brother Vivian, the famous scullers, are the sons of the late Mr. Tom Nickalls.

The deceased gentleman was one of the first members of the Kent County Council, and took an active part in the work as a member of the Finance Committee. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Bromley Petty Sessional Division but of late years was not often seen on the Bench. Although keenly alive to the importance of having sound administration both in local and county affairs, his interests were chiefly in national politics. He worked hard for the Liberal party in the Sevenoaks Division, but never came forward as a candidate against Mr. H. W. Forster, the present member. Sir Patteson followed the progress of the last General Election with the closest attention, and was, of course, particularly interested in the candidature of his youngest son, Mr. Morres Nickalls, who made a gallant, though unsuccessful attempt to capture one of the seats in Brighton for the Liberal party.

The various associations, political and otherwise, with which Sir Patteson Nickalls was associated will be the poorer for his death, as he was ever ready to give to his colleagues the benefit of his ripe experience and sound advice. A high-minded, generous, open-hearted man, his death will be sincerely mourned by his co-workers in many a useful field.

The body of Sir Patteson Nickalls was conveyed to Woking Crematorium on Oct. 6th, and the remains were brought back to "Fallowfield" later in the day. A short but impressive service was conducted at Chislehurst Parish Church by the Rector, the Rev. James E. Dawson. The choir attended, and the hymns sung were "Abide with me" and "O God, our help in ages past." The funeral took place at Folkestone Cemetery on Oct. 7th.

SIR J. T. FIRBANK.

It is with regret that we announce the death, on October 7th, at Tunbridge Wells, of Sir Joseph Thomas Firbank, T.D., D.L., J.P., who formerly resided for many years at "Coopers," Chislehurst. Sir Joseph, who was 60 years of age, was the son of Mr. Joseph Firbank, of St. Julians, Monmouth, and was educated at Cheltenham College. From 1895 to 1906 he sat as Unionist Member for East Hull. Besides the offices which he held in Monmouth, he served as a magistrate for Kent, and was Major in the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps. He married in 1887, Jane, the daughter of the Rev. J. P. Garrett, co. Carlow, who survives him, together with two sons and a daughter. He was created a Knight in 1902.

The funeral took place at Chislehurst Parish Church on Oct. 11th, wither the coffin had been conveyed by road from Tunbridge Wells the same morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. James E. Dawson, Rector of Chislehurst.

MOTTINGHAM CENTENARIAN.

Old Farmer Will Brown, of Mottingham-lane, celebrated his hundredth birthday on Sept. 27th.

Vigorous and sturdy of limb, with a keen memory, he still insists upon doing a fair share of farm work, attending to his domestic necessities, and discarding such luxuries as afternoon naps. The other day he rose at six, mowed the lawn with a scythe, in the afternoon took a constitutional walk along the lanes, and in the evening gossiped with a few of his friends about the days of long ago. He declared that he had gone through his life so far without the aid of doctors and the distraction of lawyers.

Among his early acquaintances was George Stephenson, the great engineer—"the best of all the Georges," he says. "I had many a talk with him, and helped him to make the railway from Liverpool to Chester, and I helped to unload the first engine that ever ran on the Great Western to Maidenhead. I worked in Cork, Ireland, and had 800 men under me, whom I paid 1s. a day. Times have changed since then. I liked the Irish. Treat them fair, and there's no nicer people on the face of the earth.

'As for my habits, I've got none that's bad. I sleep and eat well, and enjoy a well-cooked chop. For recreation I take a walk and a chat. I can't use the gun as I did, although two years ago I won a silver cup for shooting. I walked two and a half miles one day about three weeks ago, and my advice to people who want to live long is keep working."

DISTRICT NEWS.

ORPINGTON.

The hundredth anniversary of the Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity) was celebrated with much rejoicing in the St. Mary Cray District on October 8th, the celebration taking the form of a dinner at the Village Hall, Orpington, followed by a concert, and the presentation of centenary jewels to seven prominent members of the district. Mr. A. E. Leonard, of Sidcup (an hon. member of the Alfred Sheene Lodge) presided at the dinner. The Vicar of Swanley (the Rev. A. W. F. de Spailier) presented the jewels to the following workers:—Bros. George Bull, Edward Checksfield, Harry Pinyon, Dingarfill, Aaron Irvine, John R. Wewes and Arthur New.

ST. MARY CRAY.

Sept. 24th proved a happy day at St. Mary Cray, the occasion being the celebration of the coming-of-age of Mr. William Owen Hamborough Joynson, only child of Mr. Edmund Hamborough Joynson. Mr. William Joynson attained his majority on Sept. 23, when he received the congratulations of hosts of friends, in addition to

those of the employees at the St. Mary Cray Paper Mills. On Sept. 24th he was present at his father's side at a mid-day spread in the new Council Schools, where he received, at the hands of Mr. James Phillips, a very old employee of the firm, an illuminated address as follows:—"To William Owen Hamborough Joynson, Esq.—Dear Sir,—On behalf of the employees of Messrs. William Joynson and Son, we most respectfully beg to offer you our hearty congratulations upon the attainment of your majority this 23rd day of September, 1910, and ask your acceptance of this address as a token of our esteem and regard. It is the earnest hope of all that you may enjoy a long life of health and happiness, and that the kind feeling which has existed between your family and ourselves may continue uninterrupted for many years to come. We are, yours respectfully, F. L. Brown, R. Smallwood, W. Clarke, W. H. Davies, J. J. Phillips, W. Rudland, R. Slater, R. Westbrook, G. Farris, G. Burges, H. Williams, and F. Cooper."

SWANLEY.

An enjoyable concert was given in the Swanley Junction Working Men's Institute on Sept. 24th, Mr. Frank W. Ladds, the president, being in the chair. The following artists took part:—Mr. Wally Wright, comedian; Mr. Will Reeves, tenor; Mr. Alf Wheatly, comedian; Mr. S. Turner, baritone; and Miss Lily Watts, pianist. During the evening a letter was read from Dr. John Ince, subscribing five guineas towards a clock for the front of the new club, which was received with enthusiasm by the members. A previous donation from an anonymous donor is in the hands of the trustees for the same object.

Births.

Baker.—On the 10th October, at Breifond, Hayes-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ernest Baker—a son.

Carr.—On the 27th September, at Alcala, Beckenham, the wife of Reginald Carr, of a daughter.

Dandridge.—On the 24th September, at Inversnaid, Chinbrook-road, Grove Park, the wife of Arthur F. Dandridge, of a son.

Knight.—On the 8th October, at Brandon, Sidcup Hill, the wife of Charles T Knight, of a daughter.

Miller. On the 21st September, at Atchly, Bickley, the wife of John H. Miller, of a daughter.

Peel.—On the 4th October, at Ezeworth House, Beckenham, the wife of the Rev. the Honble. Maurice B. Peel, of a son.

Warrick.—On the 3rd October, at 114, College-road, Bromley, the wife of Robert Charles Warrick, of a daughter.

Wright.—On the 6th October, at Roseband, London-road, Bromley, the wife of Alfred Wright, of a son.

Ward.—On the 9th October, at Heatherdene, Hayes-road, Bromley, the wife of Sidney A. Ward, of a daughter.

Marriages.

Butler—Lloyd.—On the 17th October, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, Edward Duffin Butler, of Goebilt, Sarawak (formerly of Beckenham), second son of the late John Butler and Eliza Emma Butler, of the Laurels, Withdene, Brighton, to Janet Dorothy Kate, only daughter of William John Lloyd, of his Majesty's Civil Service, and Southcote, Sutton, Surrey.

Gardner—Blunt.—On the 5th October, at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, Richard Percy Gardner, second son of the late James Gardner, and of Mrs. Gardner, Grove Hill, Buckingham, to Edith Mary Blunt, elder daughter of the late Thomas Blunt, of Pitsford, and of Mrs. Blunt, Waterloo, Northampton

Goodall—Crawford.—On the 26th August, at St. Paul's Church, Edmonton, Alberta, George Edward, youngest son of the late Edward Goodall, of Brighouse, Yorks, and Mrs. Goodall, of Bromley, Kent, to Marjorie, only daughter of Charles Neville Crawford and Mrs. Crawford, of Edmonton.

Patullo—Henderson.—On the 8th October, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bromley, by the Rev. E. J. Brechin, of St. James's Church, East Dulwich, David Langland Patullo, Longfield, Kent, to Jessie Lawrie Cribbes, elder daughter of the late Robert Henderson, of Northend, Farnborough.

Deaths.

Bouch.—On the 26th September, at 57, Mason's Hill, Bromley, Alice Bouch, youngest and last surviving daughter of the late John Bouch, of Bickley, aged 57 years.

Henderson.—On the 9th October, at Lansdowne-road, Bromley, Frederick Henderson, aged 55.

Maynard.—On the 30th September, after a few days' illness, at 11, Queen's Mead-road, Bromley, John Maynard, in his 62 year.

Nickalls.—On the 4th October, at Fallowfield, Chislehurst, Pattison Nickalls, Knight, J.P., in his 74th year.

Robinson.—On the 2nd October, at Coper's Cope-road, Beckenham, William Owen Robinson, late of Rutland-gate, Belvedere.

Roffe.—On the 9th October. at Wellbrook Cottage, Farnborough, Kent, Clara Roffe (nee Mills), aged 31.

Sharman.—On the 1st October, at Deepdene, Clock House-road, Beckenham, Mrs. Jane Sharman, in her 64th year.

Springett—On the 3rd October, at 50, Heathfield-road, Bromley, Mrs. Springett, in her 78th year.

Steinhoff.—On the 23rd September, 1910, at his residence, Hepworth House, Whitehall-road, Woodford Wells, Essex, Ernest Henry Godfrey Steinhoff, in his 87th year.

In Memoriam.

Collins.—In loving memory of my dear husband, J. T. Collins, who passed away August 25th, 1909 (after a short illness, most patiently borne), at 11, Park-road, Bromley, Kent.

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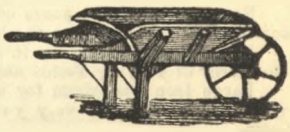
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MEMS. FOR THE MONTH.

1st.—Chamber music subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.

2nd.—Bromley County Court at the Court House, Bromley, at 10 a.m.—Monthly meeting of the Joint Hospital Board at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 5.30 p.m. Monthly meeting of the West Kent Main Sewerage Board at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 5 p.m.

4th.—*Second Sunday in Advent.*

5th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Lecture, entitled "Nearest the South Pole," by Sir Ernest Shackleton at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

6th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings, Bromley, at 7.30 p.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse, Locksbottom, at 11 a.m.—Recital by Miss Irene Gifford, dramatic elocutionist, at Bromley High School for Girls.

7th.—Confirmation at Bromley Parish Church. —House supper at Bromley Conservative Club.

9th.—Lecture on "St. Francis of Assisi," by Mr. G. Loly, B.A., at the Parish Room West street, Bromley.

11th.—*Third Sunday in Advent.*

12th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Education Committee at the Municipal Buildings at 8 p.m.

13th.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Rural District Council at the Offices, Park House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

18th.—*Fourth Sunday in Advent.*

19th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

20th.—Fortnightly meeting of Bromley Board of Guardians at the Union Workhouse at 11 a.m.—Fortnightly meeting of the Bromley Town Council at the Municipal Buildings at 7.30 p.m.

25th.—*Christmas Day.*

28th.—Bromley Petty Sessions at the Court House, Bromley, at 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BROMLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Bromley Town Council was held at the Municipal Buildings on Oct. 25th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

THE LATE PRINCE FRANCIS OF TECK.

Prior to the presentation of the reports of the various Committees,

The Mayor said they all knew that in the last few days the Royal Family had suffered a sad bereavement through the death of Prince Francis of Teck, her Majesty's brother. Prince Francis was a man who served his country faithfully and with distinction in many parts of the world, and of late years he had given a great amount of attention and energetic work in the administration of hospitals. He appeared to have been a man greatly esteemed and greatly beloved by all who came into contact with him. He (the Mayor) recalled that he was not altogether a stranger to the town, for many years ago, as a boy, he came to Bromley with his brothers and sister with the Duchess of Teck and Princess Mary of Cambridge to open a bazaar which was held in Sundridge Park for the benefit of the Bromley School of Science and Art. A very happy and unostentatious family they were, and he thought it would be the wish of the members of the Town Council that they should send a loyal and dutiful address to their Majesties assuring them of their sincere sympathy for the sorrow that had fallen upon them.

Alderman McIntyre seconded the motion, which was carried sub silentio.

PROPOSED ARC LAMPS IN THE HIGH STREET.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Bromley (Kent) Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., giving notice of their intention to fix certain arc lamps suspended over the middle of the highway between Martin's Bank and Collegeship, and that they proposed putting the work in hand as soon as the arrangements had been concluded with their clients. The Town Clerk reported thereon, and it was resolved that the attention of the Company be called to the provisions of Section 14 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, and Section 10 of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, and to state that upon receiving a definite application for the Council's consent in accordance with these sections the matter would then be considered.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Health Committee further had under consideration the report of the Medical Officer of Health as to the supply of Anti-Toxin in accord-

ance with the recommendation contained in the Order of the Local Government Board dated Aug. 15th last. The Medical Officer of Health attended the meeting and the arrangements for the supply of such Anti-Toxin were discussed with him, and it was resolved to recommend that a circular letter be sent to all the medical practitioners in the district informing them that a supply of Anti-Toxin is kept by the Corporation at the Municipal Buildings, and also at the residence of the Medical Officer of Health, and can be obtained at 2s. 6d. per dose, and on the certificate of a medical practitioner will be supplied free for the use of poor patients.

The report was adopted on the motion of Councillor Lindley Jones.

Swan Hill.

Pursuant to notice, Councillor Weller moved: "That it be referred to the Highways Committee to consider and report upon the steps to be taken for the widening of Swan Hill." In so doing, Councillor Weller said the motion was a perfectly plain one, and therefore there was no necessity for him to say much about it. It was a matter of past history that attempts had been made by the local authority to get the thoroughfare widened, and on the last occasion the negotiations were almost brought to a satisfactory conclusion. There was, however, one little difficulty that stood in their way, and on the present occasion he hoped that difficulty would be removed. It was a matter that required careful and tactful handling, and if they moved carefully he did not see why the effort to get this lane widened should not on this occasion be attended with success.

Councillor Adams seconded the motion.

Councillor Homewood said he was like "Oliver Twist," he wanted more, and for that reason he would propose that the words, "and as to the desirability of providing any other means of relieving traffic on that road," be added to the motion standing in the name of Councillor Weller.

Councillor Gillett seconded, and Alderman James supported the amendment.

Councillor Weller, with the consent of Councillor Adams, agreed to his motion being amended in the way suggested by Councillor Homewood, and it was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

College Slip—A Footpath Only.

Alderman Weeks said it did not appear to be generally known that College-slip could only be used by the public as a footpath, and as a result of the ignorance prevailing certain of the burgesses rode through on their bicycles. He thought that the whole of the Council would agreed that such a custom was a dangerous one, and he knew many persons who had suffered inconvenience in consequence of it. No doubt members had noticed that three young men were fined only a week ago by the Magistrates for indulging in this practice, but notwithstanding the publicity given to the cases it was evident that many people were still unaware of the fact that College-slip was a footpath only, for since those convictions were recorded people could still be seen indulging in the dangerous practice he had referred to. He would therefore suggest that the Highways Committee should be allowed to take into consideration the desirability of erecting some sort of warning at each end of the slip. If they could see their way to erect a notice intimating that that was a footpath only the occurrences to which he had referred might be avoided in future.

Alderman James seconded the motion.

Councillor Homewood: What rights do exist over this particular thoroughfare?

The Mayor: We cannot discuss that question now. We must refer it to the Highways Committee. We cannot discuss the question of rights in open Council.

The matter was then referred to the Highways and Works Committee.

A further meeting of the Council was held on Nov. 9th, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

Public Library Committee.

Donations have been received from the following:—Mr. E. B. Lewin Hill, Bromley; Mr. P. C. Parr, "Molescroft," Bickley; Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis, Bromley; Department of Mines, Canada.

The Committee instructed the Librarian to prepare a list of new books for purchase to the amount of £50.

A letter was read complaining of the infringement of the rule against dogs being taken into the Library, and it was resolved that a notice be posted at the entrance notifying that dogs are not admitted to the Library.

The report was adopted.

General Purposes Committee.

His Worship the Mayor reported the result of an interview which he had granted to the Secretary of the Kent Education Committee on the subject of the proposed endorsement of the agreement between the Corporation and the Kent County Council with regard to the Girls' Secondary School. It was resolved to recommend that the agreement be endorsed so as to sanction an additional expenditure on the County School for Girls to cover the cost of extra heating, provision of a greenhouse for instruction in Botany, and drainage of the playing field, etc., the total additional cost not to exceed £300.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Kent Education Committee stating that the Town Clerk's letter of Sept. 23th with reference to the official name of the Boys' Secondary School, had been placed before the Higher Education Sub-Committee, and it was decided that the new school at Bromley could not be treated differently from similar schools in the county, and therefore the official name of the school must be "The County School for Boys, Bromley," and further stating he was to express regret on behalf of the Committee that they cannot meet the wishes of the Council in the matter.

With reference to the paragraph dealing with the naming of the Boys' Secondary School, Alderman James said he was profoundly disappointed that the Higher Education Committee of the County Council did not see their way to meet the reasonable wishes of Bromley. He then opened a discussion on the paragraph with regard to additional expenditure on the Girls' Secondary School, saying they kept on piling these little items on to the higher education expenditure, and they were practically doing it in the dark. He did not think any statement had ever been presented to the Council clearly and definitely showing how much money was raised in the Borough for higher education.

Alderman Bell moved, as an amendment, that consideration of the paragraph in question be postponed until the next meeting of the Council,

and in the meantime the Finance Committee be instructed to obtain particulars as to the financial position with reference to higher education between the County and the Borough.

Councillor Comins seconded.

Considerable discussion ensued, and in the end the amendment was carried by a large majority, the rest of the report being adopted.

A further meeting of the Council was held on Nov. 22nd, his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presiding.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

A letter was read from the Kent Education Committee intimating that the Local Sub-Committee had been instructed that they might arrange for the renting of the old Library premises for one year from Michaelmas last at a rent not exceeding £80 for the year, on the understanding that the rent is met out of the balance of the proceeds of the local penny rate raised for higher education. Resolved that the Town Clerk reply to the letter stating the Committee do not understand the suggestion that the rent should be met out of the balance of the proceeds of such penny rate, as that rate is already fully pledged under the agreement with the County Council of Aug. 1st, 1907.

Alderman James moved the adoption of the report, which was carried

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A letter was read from the Board of Education stating that they had decided to accede to the application of the Council for the inclusion of the three additional pieces of land referred to in the Town Clerk's lottetr of the 11th ult. in the land which it is intended to grant for the Public Library on the Neelgherries site.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Town Clerk then read the following communication from the Bromley Small Holders, Ltd.:—"I am instructed to forward you copy of a letter received from Coles Child, Esq., J.P.:—'I regret to say that I have no land suitable for allotments, and the field you mention is already let on lease, and besides this has considerable building value May I point out that I have assisted at inquiries on this subject all over the county, and there has always been the utmost difficulty in obtaining land for allotments in a town, and since the imposition of the new land taxes, quite impossible as the rent that would have to be paid for the land that has a building value would prove prohibitive. I have always tried to encourage small allotments on my estate wherever possible, but I am afraid that future events may make even this difficult.'"

SPECIAL MEETING.

At 8.30 p.m. a special meeting was held to consider and (if thought fit) to pass the following resolutions:—"That the Corporation do apply in the next Session of Parliament with other local authorities for an Act to make further and better provision with respect to the repair of sewers and drains in the district. That the contribution of the Corporation towards the cost of the said Act be limited to a sum of £50. That the expense be defrayed in the first place out of the General District Rate or out of moneys to be borrowed under the provisions of the Act."

Alderman James formally moved the three resolutions

Alderman McIntyre and Councillor Lindley Jones both rose to second the motion.

The Mayor said the resolutions must be carried by a clear majority of the Council, that was to say there must be 13 members voting for them.

Replying to Councillor Newton, his Worship said the expenses of the public meeting would be paid out of the Borough Funds.

Councillor Newton: Then it will cost us more than £50. Can you give us any idea of the total cost?

The Mayor: You may judge for yourself what the cost of a public meeting will be.

Alderman Lawrence said even if it cost £100 and they obtained the Act, it would be cheap at the price.

The Mayor said there were 24 authorities joining, and therefore the cost of obtaining the Act was likely to be very considerably less than £50 for each authority.

Councillor Newton: I hope so, sir.

Eighteen voted for the resolutions, which were carried; there were three against.

BROMLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held in the Education Committee Room at the Municipal Buildings on Oct. 24th, Alderman A. Lindsay Bell (Chairman) presiding.

WELCOME TO MR. AMOS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. H. Norman, Town Clerk, notifying the appointment of Mr. H. W. Amos as a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. T. C. Rogerson.

The Chairman gave a welcome to Mr. Amos, whom they were glad to see had returned to the Committee.

Alderman Lawrence wished to state in public that although he nominated Mr. Amos at the Council meeting he was not in opposition to Mr. Helm, who had been a good public servant.

The Chairman: We quite understand that. I had the pleasure of nominating Mr. Helm, but I was not in opposition to Mr. Amos.

X RAYS.

Alderman Lawrence referred to a paragraph in the report of the School Management Sub-Committee giving directions to parents for the treatment of ringworm, and strongly urging them to have their child's head treated by X-rays, as this was the quickest and most effectual method of treatment for ringworm. Was it an expensive procedure? If so, it was no use recommending it to parents in a poor position unless the authority was prepared to assist them by some means or other.

The Chairman said it was not very expensive treatment, and it was the soundest cure for ringworm. Poor parents would probably be helped in directions apart from the Education Committee

The recommendation was adopted.

THE CARE COMMITTEE.

The Mayor, pursuant to notice, submitted the following motion: "That it is not expedient for any of the teaching staff to act as members of the various Local Care Committees, but this Committee desires them to give those Committees all the assistance in their power."

Considerable discussion ensued, and in the end the resolution was lost.

The annual meeting of the Bromley Education Committee was held on Nov. 14th, when Alder-

man T. Davis, J.P., was elected to the chair pro tem

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

Alderman McIntyre proposed the re-election of Alderman Bell as chairman. He had proved himself a first-rate chairman during the time he had occupied that position, and he (Alderman McIntyre) did not think they could do better than re-elect him.

Councillor Williams seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor said he had pleasure in vacating the chair in favour of Alderman Bell, who had made such an efficient chairman during the past year.

Alderman Bell, in reply, thanked them for the honour they had done him in again electing him as chairman. He felt sensible of the great responsibilities of that position, and he was also fully aware that the duties connected with it could not be effectively carried out unless the chairman had the co-operation of the Committee. He would like to take that opportunity of very gratefully acknowledging the kindness shown to him during his year of office, and the support that had always been accorded to him in his efforts on behalf of the Committee.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Alderman James proposed that the vice-chairman for the ensuing year be Alderman Davis. Those of them who had had the privilege of sitting under him with reference to educational matters for many years past knew full well the deep interest that he took in the cause of education in the Borough. He ventured to think that they could have no one more competent to assist them in the performance of their duties or to take the Chairman's place in his absence than his Worship the Mayor.

Councillor Comins seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor briefly replied, and said with Alderman Bell in the chair there was very little for the vice-chairman to do in the way of taking charge of the proceedings.

REAPPOINTED.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk notifying the reappointment by the Town Council of Councillor Pearce as a member of the Education Committee.

The Chairman said they were all very glad to see Councillor Pearce back again.

STUDENT TEACHERS.

A letter was read from the County Committee stating that they have had under consideration the advisability of deciding that at an early date all candidates for the profession of teacher in elementary schools will be required to qualify as bursars and that no more pupil teachers should be accepted. As all provision for the preliminary instruction of intending teachers is now made in connection with the secondary schools aided by the county, it is important that, if possible, a uniform system should prevail throughout the county. The County Committee, therefore, invite an expression of opinion from the Bromley Education Committee upon this point. Consideration of the matter was adjourned.

HANDWORK.

The School Management Sub-Committee again considered a letter from Mr. Owen, head teacher of boys' department, Raglan-road Council School, giving information as to his proposal to take up some form of handwork (modelling in cardboard etc.) in Standards 3 and 4. Thirty boys would be taken at a time and two classes could be instructed during a morning. For the present boys would receive instruction once a fortnight, an arrangement which would enable 120 boys to make a beginning with the work; after experience has been gained it is proposed that weekly lessons be arranged. A list of the tools and materials necessary was submitted, and it appeared that the cost of initiating the scheme would be approximately £4 10s. Resolved to recommend that the proposal be agreed to.

Councillor Pearce asked if any other schools proposed to take up this handwork.

The Chairman: Raglan-road is the only school at present.

The Mayor: If successful it could be extended to other schools.

The Chairman: Yes

INFECTIOUS DISEASE REGISTER.

The School Management Sub-Committee considered a recommendation of the School Medical Officer that the head teachers should be asked to keep an infectious disease register. This register would enable information to be recorded on the admission of a child as to the infectious diseases which the child has had; the information would be valuable to the Medical Officer in Health and to the School Medical Officer in times of epidemics. The Sub-Committee therefore recommend that an infectious disease register be kept in each department by the head teacher. If the Committee accept this recommendation the Sub-Committee will ask the School Medical Officer to submit for consideration a form of register which she considers will meet the circumstances.—Adopted.

ART STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. H. Jones (assistant art master at the Bromley School of Art) on the success achieved by one of his old pupils at the Cavendish-road Council Schools, London, Mr. Travers Glynn Ayers, who has gained a prize of £2,000. At the beginning of the year, to be exact, in March, a certain firm offered £3,000 in prizes for the best ideas for advertising their cigarettes. The first prize was £2,000 for the best 20 ideas, the second was £500 for the best six ideas, and the third was £500 for the best single idea. The competition ended on June 20th, and the result was made known on Sept. 30th. Mr. Ayers sent in 25 ideas, all pictorial, and has been awarded first prize. There was no delay in handing over the money, which he has invested in what he believes is a safe and profitable way. It is said that the number of competitors was 20,000. Mr. Ayers, who is 22 years of age, and was born at West Norwood, learnt all he knows of drawing under Mr. Jones, to whom he has sent £10 to offer as a prize or prizes, at his discretion, to boys now in the drawing class.

A large and appreciative audience assembled at the St. Mark's Parish Room, on November 14th, when, in connection with the Bromley branch of the C.E.T.S., an interesting and instructive lecture was delivered by Mr. W. H. Brooks, M.A., on the subject, "Missionaries versus Gin in West Africa."

CIVIC SUNDAY.

In accordance with custom, the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) and Corporation attended divine service at the Bromley Parish Church on November 13th. Accompanying his Worship were Aldermen Weeks, James, Bell, Lawrence and McIntyre, Councillors Williams, Peal, Homewood, Pearce, Crossley, Heaysman, Cooling, Haywood, Adams, Weller and Botterill, the Town Clerk (Mr. F. H. Norman), Mr. T. Butler, Mr. R. W. W. Hortop, Mr. W. Jermyn Harrison (Deputy Town Clerk), Mr. W. J Harris, Dr. Cold (Medical Officer), Mr. E. Boothroyd, and the Mace Bearer (Mr. David Akers). The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., R.D.), and the lessons were read by Mr. Bertram Latter.

The Vicar preached a sermon of great power, taking as his text Micah iv., 1: "But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it." At the outset, he drew a contrast between the true and false prophets, between the smooth sayings as uttered by the false prophets to flatter pride and to lull a guilty nation to sleep, and the utterances of Micah, a simple countryman, full of indignation at social wrongs, yet clinging to the hopes and promises which came from an unshaken trust in God. Like his contemporaries, he identified God with supreme and universal righteousness. Proceeding, the Vicar said they remembered, with a certain amount of shame and humiliation, the appeals made to the electorate last January when the arguments addressed to them were founded in too large a measure on appeals to their personal interests and advantage rather than on the lofty aims and principles which the prophet set forth as the aim of all national government, and the goal of a nation's progress. So he thought they might say that it was all the more essential that in municipal life they should labour with a single eye to the highest interests, that self-sacrifice for the public good should not be demanded only of those who were elected to rule their fellow citizens, but should be the inspiring motive to govern the thoughts and the judgment of every burgess, that he should be ready, in looking at questions of public policy, to sink his personal interest and gain in the general welfare, that he should not judge every question merely as it seemed to affect himself. For they needed—and year by year one had to teach the same lesson—a wider, a more thoughtful, a better informed interest in local questions and in all the works and projects for the welfare of the Borough. They needed to bring home to many yet the sense of their personal responsibility for the well-being of those among whom their lot was cast. As a consequence of the wide neglect of this responsibility, a few of them were unwillingly and unnecessarily overburdened with the details of work. It was the apathy of the many that made the overwork of the few. Looking forward they were about to celebrate in the coming year the joyful event of the Coronation of our sovereign lord, King George. Might that great national event be a power to draw them all to work more heartily together in municipal life! Might it bring forward as workers in the celebration many who having found the joy of giving up their time to work for others would be hereafter more ready to devote it to the interests of this place! In conclusion, the Vicar alluded to the close of the prophet's vision, and said it would ever be, as they advanced towards those high ideals more and more their care to work and labour for the afflicted and the suffering. They earnestly hoped that the enlargement of their Cottage Hospital, rendered necessary by the growth of their population and of medical science and in the interests of efficiency and economy of management, might be completed in the coming year and leave no debt behind. He reminded them of the great interest which the late King Edward evinced in the work of hospitals, and said it would be a worthy thing, as an offering of grateful hearts and memories, if before his successor was crowned their hospital might be built and opened free of debt. He prayed that in all their municipal and social life they might be inspired by one motive, to set forth the glory of God, so that the prophet's bright vision, by their humble efforts, might be set forward one step nearer to its glorious attainment.

At the close of the service the National Anthem was sung with much heartiness.

BROMLEY DRILL HALL.

The Drill Hall, Bromley, having now passed from the hands of the Bromley Volunteers' Hall and Gymnasium Co., Ltd., to those of the Territorial Forces, it naturally follows that the existence of this company comes to an end, and in this connection the report of the liquidation was presented at a meeting held at the offices, 10, Market-square, Bromley, on Nov. 21st The Company was formed, and the Drill Hall opened, in May, 1872, and since that time the Hall has served a very useful purpose in the life of the town. It is very interesting to notice that amongst the early promoters of the movement none took a more active part than Major Satterthwaite, at that time the commanding officer of the 18th Kent (Bromley) Rifle Volunteers. This gentleman is perhaps the sole survivor of the original board of directors, and is still living, though at a very advanced age. Another interesting fact in connection with the passing of this Company from the life of the town is that our esteemed townsman, Mr. Alfred Wright, the well-known manager of the London County and Westminster Bank, was present at the opening in May, 1872, and was also in attendance at the closing meeting on November 21st. There are other gentlemen still with us whose connection with the Company carries them over a long course of years, notably Dr. W. T Booby, the former chairman, who is also living and in the enjoyment of good health; Mr. Frederick Payne, who has served for some 33 years in the important position of hon. secretary; Mr. D. Grinsted, who was for many years chairman in succession to Dr. Beeby; and Mr. A. S. Gedge, who acted as auditor for 37 years. It was very satisfactory to the shareholders to find on winding up the company that a first and final dividend on the 3,000 shares realised £1 6s. 6d. per share, and the thanks of the meeting, fittingly moved by Mr. A. Wright, were heartily accorded to the liquidators, Mr. A. S. Gedge and Mr. F. Payne. And so the Drill Hall Company passes from our midst.

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BROMLEY'S CORONATION MAYOR

The annual meeting of the Bromley Town Council for the election of Mayor, the appointment of Deputy Mayor, and other business, was held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices at 12 noon on Nov 9th.

Alderman G. Weeks said for the second time it was his pleasure to propose that Alderman A. Davis should be re-elected to the Mayoral chair. He was quite sure that on that occasion it would be totally unnecessary for him to enlarge upon his qualifications for the office of Mayor; they were all of them perfectly familiar with them. For two successive terms Alderman Davis had occupied that position in such a manner as to add dignity to the office, to give satisfaction to the Council, and to gain credit and distinction to himself.

Councillor Lindley Jones seconded with very great pleasure.

Alderman Lawrence heartily supported the motion, although he objected on principle to the re-election of Mayors.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Alderman Davis, in acknowledging his re election, said they had done him the exceptional honour of asking him to take upon himself the burden of responsibility of occupying that chair for the third time, and with the addition of the four times in which he was called upon to preside over the Urban District Council, that would make seven years in which he had taken the principal share in directing the proceedings of that Council and looking after the affairs of the Borough.

Alderman T. C. McIntyre had the pleasure of proposing a vote of thanks to Alderman Davis for his services during the past year.

Councillor Pearce seconded, and paid a warm tribute to the Mayor, directing attention to his long record of service, to his great ability, to his unfailing devotion to public work and, last, but certainly not least, to his very high character. In the chair Alderman Davis had been scrupulously fair.

The resolution was accorded with great cordiality.

The Mayor, having replied, nominated as Deputy Mayor a gentleman whom they all respected and who, should he (the Mayor) at any time be absent from the chair, would fulfil the duties that devolved upon the Deputy Mayor to their entire satisfaction. He had great pleasure in appointing Alderman McIntyre as Deputy Mayor.

Alderman McIntyre briefly returned thanks, and assured them that he would do his duty to the best of his ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Brigden, of Manor Cottages, Star-lane, St. Mary Cray, celebrated their golden wedding on Nov 10th.

Mr. Fraser Selby, of Hazlemere, South Hill, Bromley, whose death took place in Carnarvon on Sept. 4th, has left property totalling to the gross sum of £8,319 11s. 2d., including net personalty of £8,070 1s. 1d. Probate of his will, with a codicil attached, has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Ida Annie Selby, of Hazlemere, South Hill, Bromley: Mr. Thomas Lawrence Kesteven, of 6, New-square, Lincoln's Inn; Mr. Frederick Kesteven Selby, of The Barn, Bickley; and Mr. Arthur Claude Selby, of Hazlemere South Hill, Bromley, the appointed executors

THE CHARTER FETE.

The winding-up meeting of the Bromley Charter Commemoration Committee was held at the Municipal Buildings on Nov. 9th, Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., the popular chairman, presiding.

Mr. Essex Webb, on behalf of the Sports Sub-Committee, presented a very satisfactory report on the sports held in Sundridge Park on August Bank Holiday. The local events, which included the half-mile Charter Cup race and team race, were well contested and the competitors showed great promise of becoming fine athletes. The Sub-Committee expended £25 11s. 5d for prizes, as against £34 3s. 4d., but on the other hand they had had additional expenses. They had, however, managed to show a balance of 1s. 8d

The report was adopted, the Chairman remarking that it was very satisfactory.

Councillor Lindley Jones presented the report of the Flower Show Committee, who stated that they were glad to be able to report a satisfactory result of their labours. They were advised that to hold an exhibition of any kind would necessitate the offering of nearly £30 in prizes, in addition to all the other expenses which such a show entailed. Persistent effort produced in subscriptions the sum of £47 12s. 6d., which was contributed by generous burgesses who desired to help, at once, the advancement of horticulture and the cause of the hospitals. The Committee had a balance in hand of £24 1s., and they suggested that the sum of 20 guineas should be handed to the Charter Committee for the benefit of the hospitals, leaving a small balance to be carried over to next year.

Mr Alfred Wright's financial report showed a balance in hand of £96 8s. 7d., including 20 guineas from the Flower Show, as against £75 16s. 11d. last year, the latter including the proceeds of the Marathon Race. The reserve fund now stood at £80.

It was decided to add £10 to the reserve fund; to contribute one guinea to the St. John Ambulance Association; and to divide the balance—£85 7s. 7d.—between the Bromley Cottage Hospital and Phillips' Memorial Hospital in the same proportion as the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was divided.

The Chairman said that was a very happy ending to their Charter Commemoration Day.

FUR AND FEATHER SHOW.

A very successful exhibition of poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cavies, cats and cage birds was held in the Drill Bromley, on Oct. 26th and 27th, this being the nineteenth annual show promoted by the Bromley and West Kent Fanciers' Association. The quality of many of the exhibits reached a very high standard, and the number of entries was considerably above last year's total. A challenge cup was again presented by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., president of the Association, for the member making most points with six entries. The following were the judges:—Cage birds, Mr. Pretty; poultry, Mr. Clem. Watson; rabbits, cats and cavies, Mr. T. B. Mason; pigeons, show homers, Mr. W. P. Bailey; remainder, Mr. Clem. Watson. The hon. treasurer is Mr. C. Edwards; the hon. secretary Mr. H. E. Speller; and the assistant secretary Mr. W. J. Harrington. The penning was carried out by the National Penning Co., Chislehurst.

"A ROSE GARDEN."

The value of the work which is being carried on at the Rochester Diocesan G.F.S. Lodge and Home of Rest, 6, Ringers-road, Bromley, cannot be over-estimated, and in support of this most admirable institution an attractive sale of work was held in St. Mark's Church Room, Bromley, on Oct. 26th. The Girls' Friendly Society associates and members had worked exceedingly hard, and the result was seen in a number of charmingly-arranged stalls laden for the most part with useful and fancy articles. A special feature of the sale was the novel scheme of decoration employed, by which the hall was transformed into "a rose garden," this pleasing effect being produced by a tasteful arrangement of artificial flowers.

Mrs. Harmer, wife of the Lord Bishop of Rochester, had kindly consented to open the sale, and accompanying her on the platform were the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.), Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. T. Davis (the Mayoress) and Mrs. Faunthorpe.

The Vicar stated that during the year there had been 31 boarders for various periods in the Lodge, not counting the staff and permanent residents. Though this sounded less than the last year's record, it was not really so, as many of the boarders had stayed longer, so the house had been as much in use as in the previous 12 months. More single rooms were wanted, and the accommodation of the Lodge was a matter which was engaging the very serious attention of the Lodge Committee.

Mrs. Harmer, in an excellent speech, said she felt it a real pleasure to be able to take any part whatever in furtherance of the splendid work which was being done by the G.F.S. Lodge and Home of Rest. The Bishop looked upon the establishment of the G.F.S. Lodge at Bromley as one of the happiest things that had happened since he came to the Diocese. Mrs. Harmer thanked Mr. Tait very much indeed for the kind words in which he had introduced her, and said she had the very greatest pleasure in declaring the sale open. She congratulated those who had made the arrangements, and sincerely trusted that the result in cash at the end of the day would be all that those who had worked so hard could possibly desire. (Applause.)

Mrs. Tait moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Harmer, and said they felt much honoured in having her with them.

Mrs. Douglas seconded the vote, which was heartily carried, and Mrs. Harmer suitably replied.

The following is a list of the stall-holders and other helpers:—

Work Stall.—Mrs. Good, Miss Swinford, Miss Groombridge and Miss Addis.

Fancy Stall.—The Misses Ayling, the Misses Pyrke and Miss N. Arnaud.

Fancy Stall.—Miss Hoadley, Miss Knott, Miss Mogg and Miss Samuels.

Sweet Stall.—Miss Harris and Miss Marshall.

Competition Stall.—Miss K. Swinford, Miss A. Elsey and Miss Naylor.

Parcel Stall.—Mrs. Wickings and Miss Horam.

Associates' Stall.—Mrs. Wheat, assisted by the Misses Simpson, Brown, Simmons and Culmer.

Door-keepers.—Miss Kirk and Miss B. Russell.

Fish Pool.—Miss J. Simpson.

The tea arrangements were ably superintended by Miss Bradley and Miss Pett, assisted by Miss Mist and Miss Hinvis; and the following readily gave their services as waitresses:—Miss Z. Cook, Miss Bosher, Miss Nettingham, Miss Perry, Miss V. Saunders, Miss Gristwood and Miss L. Walker.

Interesting competitions were arranged, and the following prizes were awarded:—Needlework: 1, Kate Swinford; 2, Annie Bull. Crochet work: 1, Lizzie Bull; 2, Susie Mercer; extra prize, Kate Humphreys. Cakes: 1, Miss S. A. Mist. Sweets: 1 Miss Lewis.

A Ladies' Orchestra, under the skilful direction of Mrs. Walker, played during the afternoon, and a capital entertainment was given by members and friends in the evening. Miss Soames had kindly consented to present the prizes, and the services of the following ladies had been enlisted for the entertainment:—Miss Dollie Perrett, Miss D. Carpenter, the Misses Walker and Miss Perry.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

On November 20th the Bishop of Southwark administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to some 60 candidates in the above church. He was met at the entrance to the church by cross-bearer and acolytes, Father Cooksey presenting holy water to him, after which he proceeded processionally up the church, the choir singing meanwhile the antiphon, "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus." On arriving at the foot of the altar the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" was solemnly sung, after which the Bishop was vested in cope and mitre, and, pastoral staff in hand, he proceeded to catechise the children, who showed by their ready answers how successful the nuns had been in teaching them the catechism. He then solemnly administered the Sacrament to the candidates, among whom were a number of adults.

FREEMASONRY.

The installation of Mr. A. A. Rice, of Chislehurst, as the new Worshipful Master of the Crays Valley Lodge (No. 2,147) of Freemasons took place on November 16th, a large company assembling on the occasion to do honour to the new Master. After the installation, the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year were appointed with the usual ceremonies as follows:—Immediate Past Master, Mr. Thomas J. Yeo; S.W., Mr. William H. Tulk; J.W., Mr. George H. Miles; Treasurer, Mr. Frank Stanger, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Secretary, Mr. Frederick Lewis, P.M.; S.D., Mr. Thomas N. Allison; J.D., Mr. Henry O. Ford; I.G., Mr. George C. Rogers; D.C., Mr. Arthur E. Oxley, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Organist, Mr. William G. Weller; Stewards: Messrs. Henry J. M. Marsh, Henry St. D. Francis, Fred. S. Darby, James Chapman; Tyler, Mr. Samuel T. Hill, P.M.

The banquet was subsequently served at the Masonic Hall, Bromley when the new Worshipful Master presided over a most pleasant evening's proceedings.

The musical programme was admirably provided for by a company of talented Chislehurst and Sidcup visitors, whose efforts were greatly appreciated, including Mr. Ernest George, Mr. J. Clifford Carroll, Miss Edith Needham, Mr. Cyril Fitch and Mr. Oscar S. McInery.

CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

The Mayor of Bromley (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided at the first annual meeting of the Bromley After-Care Association, which was held in the Education Committee Room at the Municipal Buildings, Bromley, on October 28th. His Worship was supported by a large number of ladies of Bromley and district who are working for the Association with an assiduity of purpose and enthusiasm which is deserving of the utmost success.

In opening the proceedings, the Mayor said they could not consider the question of the after-care of the feeble-minded without to a certain extent considering the question of their education. It was in quite recent years that it had been recognised that the children who were born feeble-minded were not capable of receiving the ordinary instruction given in the elementary schools, and special schools were now established to deal specially with this class of children because they wanted a great deal more individual attention than could be given to them in a class of ordinary size in an elementary school. They could do very little for feeble-minded children in the way of mental progress during the very small number of years they were in the special schools, and the great thing that was to be done was to look after them after they left school. Now there was no class of children who wanted more love and more sympathy bestowed upon them than feeble-minded children and he was afraid they were just the very children who got the least of it at home, because their homes were, as a rule, just the very homes where the parents were either least able or least willing to bestow the requisite care and attention on these particular children. In course the time came when these children had

Mrs. J. S. Mann, B.A., the capable and hard-working Chairman of the Bromley Association, then addressed the meeting. At the outset she referred to the formation of the Association in the spring of 1909 and the establishment in recent years of special schools for the education and training of the feeble-minded. While they were young these poor children were under the control of the Board of Education; when they drifted into the Workhouse they were under the Local Government Board; when they were in prison they were under the Home Office; and when they drifted into the asylum they came under the control of the Lunacy Commissioners. In the meantime they were under four different Boards of Control, but really there was no control at all and therefore they could not look upon that as a satisfactory state of affairs. After expressing the hope that legislation would soon be obtained whereby they would be enabled to stem the tide of degradation and crime which followed in the footsteps of feeble-minded children, Mrs. Mann went on to say that the Committees of the After-Care Association did not confine themselves to working in Bromley alone. They were endeavouring to cover the whole of the area of the Bromley Union.

Mrs. Kenneth Chalmers moved the adoption of the report and accounts. In so doing she commented on the encouraging nature of the report, and said the results achieved were due mainly to the energy and hard work of Mrs. Mann, the Chairman of the Committee; Miss McFarlane, the excellent hon. secretary; and the ladies who had so kindly undertaken to visit in their own homes the children who attended the special schools.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

Mrs. Harrold said they could not do better than re-elect the existing officers, and a resolution to that effect was put and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Mann proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and said they owed Alderman Davis a deep debt of gratitude for consenting to take the chair when so much of his time was taken up with other matters.

The Mayor, in reply said he thought the gratitude was on the other side. He was grateful to them for giving him an opportunity of serving the interests of the Association, for he took a deep interest both in the education and after-care of the feeble-minded.

"THE RIVALS."

The Reading Circle at the Bromley Public Library gave a dramatic reading in the Lecture Hall on October 28th, and a delightful evening was spent by all present. The piece chosen was "The Rivals," by Sheridan, which was produced for the first time in 1775. In genuine mirthful humour he has been surpassed by few writers, and roars of laughter were caused by the oddities of the play, which may be described as the most popular of Sheridan's performances. Mrs. F. S. Edwards ("Mrs. Malaprop") and Mrs. Harris ("Lucy") both performed their parts excellently, the misapplication of words by "Mrs. Malaprop" causing a great deal of amusement. Everybody thoroughly appreciated Mrs. Edwards' clever work. Mrs. Harris had also carefully studied her part, and acted in her usual charming manner. Mr. F. S. Edwards ("Acres") contributed largely to the humour of the evening. He always does well in performances of this nature, and on the present occasion fully maintained his high reputation. The rôle of "Sir Anthony Absolute" was skilfully filled by Mr. W. J. Harris, who won a good share of applause. Mr. A. F. Clark took the part of "Captain Absolute," whom he impersonated with the necessary spirit, and his scenes with his father were most mirth-proviking. Mrs. H. F. Kelf, as "Lydia Langrish," had a great deal of work, but rose to the occasion, and much of the success achieved by the circle was due to her efforts. Mr. H. D. Kelf also performed successfully the dual parts of "David" and "Thomas." Mr. J. Armstrong represented "Sir Lucius O'Trigger," and ably filled this rôle, particularly in the dialogue with "Acres." Mr. McLeod ("Fag") did his part well, and the same can be said both of Miss Furness as "Julia" and Miss Dean (maid). Appended are the dramatis personæ:—Sir Anthony Absolute, Mr. W. J. Harris; Captain Absolute, Mr. A. F. Clark; Acres, Mr. F. S. Edwards; Sir Lucius O'Trigger, Mr. J. Armstrong; Fag, Mr. McLeod; Thomas and David, Mr. H. D. Kelf; Mrs. Malaprop, Mrs. F. S. Edwards; Lydia Langrish, Mrs. H. D. Kelf; Julia, Miss Furness; Lucy, Mrs Harris; maid, etc., Miss Dean.

The management of the stage was in the able hands of Mr. W. J. Harris, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Reading Circle, on the motion of Councillor W. L. Crossley.

TEMPERANCE WORK IN BROMLEY

The Bromley branch of the Church of England Temperance Society opened its winter session on Oct. 31st, a service in the Parish Church, at which a helpful address was given by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., B.D.), being followed by the annual business meeting in the National School. The Vicar presided, and supporting him were Mr. C. Hodgkinson (hon. treasurer) and Mr. A. E. Garrard (hon. secretary). Before the business was commenced light refreshments were dispensed.

Mr. Garrard presented the annual report, which stated that the most important feature of the work of the year was the "Forward Movement," in which the branch took an active part. The services and meetings held in the autumn of 1909 in connection with this effort were organised by the Bromley Temperance Council, representing the branches of the C.E.T.S. in the district. The committee recorded with thankfulness that one result of the effort had been the addition of 104 members to the membership roll of this branch, while there were indications of awakened interest in the work of the C.E.T.S. on the part of Church people in the parish. The membership roll had been revised by the removal of those who had withdrawn on leaving Bromley or otherwise, and now stood as follows:—General section, 79; total abstinence section, 184; probationers, 3; semi-teetotal department, 11; total, 277; showing a net increase of 64 on the previous year. The Prayer Union now numbered 16, an increase of four. A sum of £3 11s. 3d., being the result of collections at meetings, was given to the Police Court Mission.

Mr. Hodgkinson submitted the financial statement which showed an income of £32 13s. 6½d., and a balance in hand of £3 10s. 3½d.

The Vicar, in moving the adoption of the report, said the Forward Movement had brought the work of the C.E.T.S. to the notice of a great many Churchpeople who had never appreciated it before.

Mr. Cook seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

The vice-presidents having been appointed, the following were elected representatives on the Diocesan Council: Rev. S. E. Osborne, Mr. T. C. Dewey, Dr. Wolseley, Mr. and Mrs. Garrard and Mr. C. Hodgkinson; and the following as delegates on the Bromley Temperance Council:—Rev. S. E. Osborne, Mr. Garrard, Mr. W. Darby Jones and Mr. F. Lewis.

The committee was constituted as follows:—Rev. S. E. Osborne, Rev. E. W. O. Horner, Rev. A. H. Stevenson, Rev. A. G. Parham, Miss M. Earle, Mrs. Garrard, Mrs. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Edith Milloy, the Misses Pfeil, Miss L. Sandford, Miss M. Watling, Miss L. Wright, Sister Brown, Rev. H. A. Soames, Mr. E. Freeman, Mr. G. P. Freeman, Mr. Daniel Hodges, Mr. W. Darby Jones, Mr. B. B. Keable, Mr. F. Lewis, Mr. E. C. Taylor, Mr. W. C. Berry; also the following, who are not on the executive:—Mrs. Balfour Inglis, Miss Longford, Miss West, Mr. G. Haywood and Mr. J. B. Vivash.

The Vicar proposed the re-election of Mr. Hodgkinson as hon. treasurer, and Mr. Garrard as hon. secretary, with a hearty vote of thanks for their past services; and the proposition was carried unanimously.

PLAISTOW BRANCH.

A well attended meeting of the Plaistow branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held at the Church Hall on Oct. 25th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Gowans) presiding. The meeting opened with a short concert, which was much enjoyed, the contributors being Miss Hodgson, Miss Beddome and Mr. Harry Payne. The Rev. G. M. Scott, the Diocesan Secretary, was the speaker, and dealt first with the forward movement of last year, which, he said, some people were kind enough to describe as a failure. He begged to differ, for so far as the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester were concerned about 2,000 new members had been enrolled, and a number of new branches had been started, and a still more important feature was the increased interest, and more intelligent interest, displayed towards temperance work. Mr. Scott outlined the various branches of the Society's work, and speaking of the inebriate homes, laid stress on the fact that the whole of the treatment in the Church of England Temperance Society's homes was based on spiritual and religious influences, for without these no permanent results could be looked for. The homes lately described by one or two London magistrates as useless were Government homes, where such influences were not put first in the treatment. Then, as to the Hop Pickers' Mission, the Chief Constable of Kent attributed the great improvement in the conduct of the hop-pickers to its work. Other branches of the Society's work were the Mission to Showmen at Canterbury Fair, the coffee stalls at Dover, established when the harbour works were in progress, and since the completion kept on at a loss, so as to be in readiness for the workmen who would be employed at the new marine station. In addition to these, there were the Ladies' Work Society and the Prayer Union.

ST. LUKE'S BRANCH.

The first concert of the season in connection with the St. Luke's branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was given in St. Luke's Mission Room, Elliott-road, Bromley Common, on November 1st. An excellent programme had been arranged by Mr. W. H. Simmons (hon. secretary of the branch) with the assistance of the committee, and the various items were received with keen appreciation by the crowded audience. The concert opened with a spirited performance of the march, "Celestial Trumpets," by St. Luke's Orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. W. E. Insley; other pieces contributed by the orchestra during the evening were the marches, "Heavenward" and "Tannhauser." The duet, "Down the Vale" was sympathetically rendered by Miss S. Walker and Mr. E. Adams, and a well played pianoforte duet was contributed by the Misses Tappenden and Foxley. Miss Dalton, who was in excellent voice, gave with much acceptance "The Happy Song" and "A Woodland Madrigal." Mr. Aimey, always heartily welcomed, sang with spirit "The King's Own," for which he received a hearty encore, responding with "Off to Philadelphia." The humorous element was well to the fore, and the songs by Mr. Miller ("The Gay Tom-Tit" and "Back to the Land") and Mr. S. Beauchamp ("Robin Redbreast") caused much laughter, and both artists were deservedly encored. Miss Smithers recited with sympathetic taste "King Robert of Sicily," and her effort met with hearty appreciation.

ST. JOHN'S BRANCH.

A most successful entertainment was given in connection with the St. John's (Bromley)

branch of the C.E.T.S. in the Parish Room, Freelands-grove, on November 7th. The hall was crowded to the utmost limit, and an excellent programme was provided, the arrangements being under the direction of Mr. George Allen, to whom the success of the concert was mainly due.

During the interval the Rev. John Tamplin, Vicar of Rainham, and formerly of Bromley, gave a short address on temperance.

Rev. Canon Barker paid a tribute to Mr. Allen, and said they were under an obligation to him, and he proposed a vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded, after which the National Anthem was sung.

N.S.P.C.C.

The annual meeting of the Bromley, Beckenham and Chislehurst branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held at the Public Hall, Hatherley-road, Sidcup, on Oct. 28th, the president, Sir Henry Leonard, Bart., occupying the chair.

The proceedings opened by the reading by Mr. John H. Hodge, the hon. secretary, of the annual report. It appears that in the area covered by this branch there were 168 complaints, being 10 more than in the previous year. Of these only four were found on inquiry to be without foundation, and in the 164 instances in which the Society's intervention was needed there were 431 children concerned. Of these 123 were cases of neglect and starvation and 25 of ill-treatment and assault. The following was the action taken in the cases found true:—Warned, 145; prosecuted (all convicted), 9; otherwise dealt with, 10. In addition to attending to these cases the Inspector (Mr. W. Hart) paid 624 visits of supervision. The financial position of the branch has been improved during the year. The work of the lady collectors has been carried through with such whole-hearted devotion that a substantial amount is available for the Society's work.

Mrs. Marchant proposed that the following ladies form the General Committee of the branch, subject to their consent:—Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. J. T. Freeman, Miss Heppel, Mr. McArthur, Mr. G. Poole Smith and Mrs. Tait. This was seconded by Miss Barstow, and carried unanimously.

An interesting address on the work of the Society was then given by Mr. Summers, of the Central Office.

A vote of thanks to the president was proposed by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mr. Wood.

The President, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion, and he regretted that his many public duties prevented him from attending the meetings of the Society more often. Some interesting details were then given by the President of the work done among the children at the Barming Heath Asylum, and he spoke upon the various problems that the National Society had to solve in its care of feeble-minded children.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Wood and the members of the Ladies' Committee at Sidcup for kindly arranging the meeting and providing tea was moved by the Rev. A. C. Cooper-Marsden and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Cooper-Marsden also welcomed Mr. J. H. Hodge as the hon. secretary of the branch.

FOUR BROMLEY SOCIETIES.

With the view of promoting sociability, and particularly with the object of securing more members, a conversazione arranged by the united committees of the Bromley Literary Institute, Naturalists' Society, Camera Club and Chess Club, all of which have their headquarters at the Literary Institute in Widmore-road, was held in the Parish Room, West-street, on October 21st. The room had been nicely arranged, and the attendance was encouraging to the organisers. Dainty cakes and coffee were provided, bright music was rendered, and many interesting exhibits, microscopical and otherwise, were on view. Ample provision was, therefore, made for the refreshment, entertainment and instruction of those present, and the time passed most pleasantly away. The object of the gathering was briefly explained by Mr. D. G. Simpson, the esteemed chairman of the Literary Institute.

The musical programme was under the direction of Mr. Bertram Pearce, and the opening number was given by himself. Mr. Pearce selected as his song "Like stars above," and sang with his usual success. The duet, "Still as the night," was admirably rendered by Mrs. Ada Bacon and Mr. Pearce. Mrs. Bacon sang, with beautiful expression, "Sunshine and butterflies" and "Sympathy," and was deservedly applauded. Two pretty pieces, "Slave Song" and "Life's short tale," were contributed by Miss Doris Pearce. The accompaniments were ably and sympathetically played by Miss Gertrude Spooner, A.T.C.L. In addition to the above-named performers, Mr. W. Russell and his two sons, Henry and Charles, appeared with handbells, and provided an agreeable entertainment. Miss M. Story recited, with considerable dramatic effect, Sir Walter Scott's "Lochinvar," and "The New Bonnet," and won a great deal of applause.

ODDFELLOWS' CENTENARY.

The Manchester Unity (I.O.O.F.) having been established a century, arrangements have been made by the South London District for various public meetings and concerts to be held with the view of bringing this progressive Society into still greater prominence. The South London District, which was founded in the year 1838, comprises 77 lodges, male and female, and has a membership of over 22,000 adults and an aggregate capital of £500,000. The centenary celebrations in Bromley took place at the Central Hall on November 23rd, and a delightful concert had been arranged for this special occasion. The following lodges combined for the entertainment:—"Orphans' Friend" and "Ratcliffe," Bromley; "Paxton," Penge; "Victoria," Croydon; and "Lord Baring," Lee; and their efforts were well rewarded, there being a fairly large attendance, notwithstanding the inclement weather, and all the items in a most attractive programme were enthusiastically received. Bro. E. D. Turner, Prov. D.G.M., occupied the chair, and amongst those present were his Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.), wearing his chain of office, Councillor W. L. Crossley, Councillor W. J. Gibbs, Mr. E. M. Garnar and Mr. Alfred Wright.

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BROMLEY LIBERAL INSTITUTE.

Mr. Arthur J. Martin delivered an able lecture at the Liberal Institute, 94, Tweedy-road, Bromley, on October 25th, dealing particularly with the subjects of Education, Apprenticeship and Unemployment. The chair was taken by Mr. H. J. Harvey (President of the Bromley Liberal Association).

The Chairman, in opening, said they were very glad to have Mr. Martin with them that evening. He had always worked very hard in that Division, and he (the Chairman) was sure he would give them a very interesting lecture. Proceeding, Mr. Harvey said that apprenticeship was one way of preventing unemployment.

Mr. Martin spoke of Germany as a country which had set them an example in social-political questions such as old age pensions, sickness insurance, invalidity insurance and insurance against unemployment, questions which were coming to the front in England and receiving the attention of statesmen; but he was careful to explain that he did not hold up Germany's fiscal policy as an example. The lecturer referred in detail to the system of education in Germany, and said in that country the boy, after leaving school, was encouraged to learn a definite trade. There was no ladder of life in England to help the boys along as there was in Germany. As regards apprenticeship, he was very pleased to hear the remarks that fell from the Chairman. There was no question that apprenticeship was one of the keynotes in the formation of a boy's character. Apprenticeship had decayed largely owing to the growth of machinery but an effort was being made to revive it, and there was an Apprenticeship Society. The most hopeless class was the unskilled labourer who became unemployed. Was it not rather strange that in the three most progressive countries in the world—England, Germany and the United States—the unemployment question should be so acute? It was largely a matter of climate, and the building trade especially suffered in the winter. The speaker advocated a system of insurance against unemployment and invalidity, and said he believed they were on the eve of securing some such scheme brought forward by the present Government.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BROMLEY COMMON.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on Nov. 21st by members and supporters of St. Luke's Men's Hour. The Dulwich Amateur Dramatic Society once again rendered yeoman service in a good cause. The visits of this Society to the neighbourhood are always looked forward to with great pleasure, and the Rev. J. H. Broadbent and the committee of the men's hour are to be congratulated in being able to obtain the services of so enterprising a society in the furtherance of good work in the neighbourhood of St. Luke's. The entertainment on November 21st was given in aid of the funds of the Men's Hour, the purpose being to raise sufficient money to purchase a piano to be used in connection with the work at the Mission Room, Elliott-road. The financial result was a keen disappointment to the organisers, the expenses exceeding the income by 2s. 6d.

LIBERALISM AT BICKLEY.

A very enjoyable social evening was spent on Nov. 11th, by the members of the Bickley and Widmore Liberal Club at the Club Room, Homesdale-road.

Mr. H. C. Gutteridge, who presided over a good attendance, first read letters from Miss Beddome and Mr. Mills, regretting inability to be present and expressing themselves entirely in sympathy with the object of the meeting. Mr. Gutteridge then announced that they were about to present to Miss Reid a clock on the occasion of her coming marriage. In presenting the clock, which is a handsome 400 day bronze timepiece, Mr. Gutteridge said that it was a small token of regard from the members of the club, and he offered, in their name, their hearty congratulations and good wishes for a happy future. The losse of Miss Reid would be a very serious matter for them. She had done a great deal for the cause in that district, and he assured her that her work was appreciated by them all.

Miss Reid, who was enthusiastically received, in replying, said she had not expected anything of that sort, so she was very much surprised. She thought it very good of them to give her that lovely present, and she accepted it with gratitude. Miss Reid laughingly remarked that lately matrimony and politics had been having a fight, but she hoped to carry on the work at her new home as she had done there. (Applause.) She sincerely hoped the club would grow and increase its number to 100. (Hear, hear.) She had lately been helping the party in Walthamstow, and whilst there she noticed how successful the policy was of going for one man till he was secured. She thought that policy might be tried with advantage here, and if universally adopted there would be a larger measure of success. She again thanked them for the present she had received.

Mr. Sceats, the able hon. secretary, announced that the club had now 33 members, which, considering that it had only been in existence a month, was very encouraging.

RETIREMENT OF COLONEL FRANK GRIFFITH.

On Oct. 31st Colonel Frank Griffith, V.D., relinquished his command of the 4th London R.F.A. (Howitzer) Brigade. The gallant Colonel was formerly the commanding officer of the old Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers, and under the old order of things, as well as the new, was an extremely popular officer among all ranks. Major E. T Lee has assumed the command of the brigade. On Sunday, Oct. 30th, a church parade was held, when 180 members of the brigade, with the band, attended the morning service at St. Cyprian's, Brockley, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. V. Mason) preached. The officers attending included Colonel Griffith, V.D., Major Lea, Captain Finch, Lieuts. Warrens, Dymott, Macmin, Beck, Yorke-Moore, A.M.C., T. Rutherford, A.M.C.T., and Veterinary Lieut Beverley. After the return to the Drill Hall, the National Anthem was played, the officers standing at the salute. Colonel Griffith, in briefly addressing the men, said that he wanted them all to extend to his successor the same hearty support which they had always extended to him.

BROMLEY AND THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As in former years, elaborate preparations had been made for the annual sale in aid of the Church Missionary Society, which was opened in the Drill Hall, Bromley, on November 3rd. For months past a band of ladies had been working with great skill and splendid enthusiasm, and the numerous stalls, tastefully arranged along the sides and down the centre of the building, bore striking testimony to the industry and ingenuity of those who had organised the sale. There was a fine display of bags which added greatly to the picturesqueness of the scene

The Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., R.D.) presided at the opening ceremony, and great interest was aroused by the presence of Miss Carden, "Our Own Missionary," who appeared in native costume.

The stalls numbered eighteen, and were arranged with the greatest taste, being draped with white art muslin, relieved at the top by dark green. There was a rare collection of articles, both useful and ornamental, and the ladies who had undertaken to superintend the various departments worked exceedingly hard, showing by their earnestness and enthusiasm great devotion to the missionary cause. One stall was for china, earthenware and baskets, and a conspicuous feature here was a fine assortment of Majolica ware direct from Italy. Another stall was devoted entirely to useful garments for women and children. There was a choice display of chrysanthemums and ferns, the queen of autumn flowers being seen in various shades. Cleverly-worked foreign articles made a charming show, and this stall attracted much attention The members of the Gleaners' Union had contributed largely to the sale, and the Young People's Union, St. Mark's Sunday-school and the Sowers' Band were also well represented. C.M.S. books and knick-knacks, dainty Christmas cards and toys of all kinds were arranged to the very best advantage. Attractive specimens of Indian, Italian and Chinese work were displayed at various stalls, the latter being brought from Hong Kong by Miss Carden. Other features were a shilling stall and a half-crown stall. Good business was done in confectionery, and the refreshment department was also well patronised.

Some interesting competitions were arranged in connection with the sale, and the following ladies kindly undertook the duties of judges in both the blouse and transfer competitions:—Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Tweedy. Miss Hitchcock (silver medallist in the National Competition) also kindly gave her opinion on the crafts. The prizes were finally awarded as follows:—Blouse competition: First prize, one guinea, to Miss G. Allen, Elmfield-road, Bromley; 2nd, half a guinea, to Miss W. Haxell, of Bickley. In the Transfer Competition, the first prize of one guinea was won by Miss E. Pearce, of Cheltenham, who exhibited a work bag, which was declared the best by the judges because of its extreme daintiness and originality. The second prize, half a guinea, was awarded to Miss Marlow, of Orchard-road, Bromley, for a marqueterie tray. A carving cloth, exhibited by Mrs. A. Bennett, Muswell Hill, was very highly commended; an afternoon teacloth worked by Miss E. Bastable, Edward-road, Bromley, was highly commended; and the judges also commended a cushion cover sent by Miss Littlejohn (Ilfracombe) because of the age of the competitor.

The sale was continued on November 4th, when the opening ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Ingham, D.D., Secretary of the Society. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P. (a generous supporter of the Society) occupied the chair, and also on the platform was the Vicar (Rev. D. Tait).

The sale produced just over £251.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the 21st (Bromley) Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held in St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, on October 27th, Alderman R W. James presiding over a large attendance. He was supported on the platform by Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P. (president of the Division), Alderman Lawrence, Councillor Williams, Drs. Yolland and Mathewson, Supt. Healy, and others.

Corporal Farrer, the secretary of A Section, submitted the 15th annual report. He said the section had found plenty of work to do during the past year. They had attended many important functions in London and locally, including 20 football matches. The total number of cases attended during the year was 331, making a grand total of 1,257 since the foundation of the Division in May, 1896. The total strength of the Division was now 47, and the majority of the members had presented themselves for and had passed the examinations. The spirit of the men and the interest they took in the work was evidenced by the fact that two of them, who were Council employees, had given up their holiday to attend to the needs of those loyal subjects who had been patiently waiting to pass by the remains of the late King. The drills had been very well attended, and their thanks were due to Supt. Healy for instruction. He also wished to express their thanks to the Bromley Education Committee for lending them Raglan-road School ground for drills.

Pte G. W. Duke, secretary of B Section, then presented his report. He was glad to say that they were still progressing. They had attended about 103 cases since the formation of the section. He thanked Drs. Mathewson and Yolland for their services, and also Mr. Loly for lending them the grounds of Quernmore for drills during the summer.

Alderman James then called upon the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. William Cooling) to present his report. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £8 17s. 8d., which though not so large as last year was very satisfactory.

Dr. Yolland proposed the re-election of Mr. A. C Norman as president. He had been a good friend to them for 14 years. The proposition was seconded and carried amid applause.

Mr. Norman, in reply, said he wondered what the need of a president was. He thanked Dr. Yolland for his kind remarks, and said he would certainly try to fulfil successfully the light duties which fell to him. He thought the Division might be congratulated on the work it had done. He assured them he felt highly complimented by the honour they had done him, and he would do his best in his humble way in the future as he had tried to do in the past. (Applause.)

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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER.

2nd.—Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., entertained to dinner at Bromley Conservative Club.

3rd.—Opening of two days' sale of work at Bromley Drill Hall in aid of the Church Missionary Society.

7th.—C.E.T.S. meeting at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.—Musical evening in connection with the National Deposit Society at St. Mark's Church Room, Bromley.—Temperance conference in connection with the Forward Movement at the Drill Hall, Bromley

9th.—Twenty-ninth annual exhibition of the Bromley Chrysanthemum Society at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Mayor Choosing Day at Bromley.

10th.—Chamber music subscription concert at Bromley High School for Girls.

11th.—Debate on Compulsory Military Service at the Parish Room, West-street, Bromley.

13th.—Mayor and Corporation attend divine service at Bromley Parish Church.

15th.—Two musical recitals in aid of Bickley Church Organ Fund at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.—Presentation to Miss Bullen at St. Mary's (Plaistow) Church Hall.

16th.—Primrose League meeting at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.—Salvation Army annual sale of work at the Hall, Sherman-road, Bromley.—Presentation of the sacred cantata "Jonah" at the Central Hall, Bromley, in aid of the Cottage Hospital Extension Fund.—Eleventh annual dinner of the Bromley Eearly Closers' Cricket Club at the "Swan and Mitre" Hotel, High-street, Bromley.

18th.—Annual meeting of Bromley Charitable Society.—Territorials' whist drive and dance at the Drill Hall, Bromley.

21st.—Dramatic entertainment in aid of St. Luke's Men's Hour at the Institute, Bromley Common.—Debate on "Should Members of Parliament be Paid?" at St. John's (Bromley) Parish Room.

22nd.—Lecture on "An Eighteenth Century Novelist—Samuel Richardson," by Dr Boas, at the Institute, Tylney-road, Widmore.

23rd.—Oddfellows' Centenary concert at the Central Hall, Bromley.

26th.—Sixth annual meeting and social evening in connection with the Bromley Corporation Athletic Club at Widmore House, Bromley.

27th.—Organ recital by Mr. Frederic Fertel at the Parish Church, Bromley.—Address on "The White Plague of Consumption," by Mr. Peter M. Short, at the Town Hall, Bromley.

28th.—Progressive chess tournament in connection with the Bromley Chess Club.—Mr. H. W. Forster adopted as the Conservative and Unionist candidate for the Sevenoaks Division by the West Kent Central Conservative Association at the Bell Hotel, Bromley.—Lecture on "Finland and the Finns," by Mr. W. T. Goode, M.A., at Bromley Public Library.

30th.—Concert in aid of St Joseph's Roman Catholic New Church Building Fund at the Drill Hall, Bromley.—Opening of a two days' sale of work at the Central Hall, Bromley.—Oddfellows' Centenary dinner at the White Hart Hotel, Bromley.—Lecture on Canada and Emigration in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Home, at the Central Hall, Bromley.

GENERAL ELECTION.

NO CONTEST IN THE SEVENOAKS DIVISION.

Parliament was dissolved on Nov. 28th, and the elections will be over by Dec. 17th, or a clear week before Christmas Day. Dec. 7th has been provisionally fixed by the High Sheriff (Mr. Robert Norton) as polling day in the Sevenoaks Division of Kent. Mr. H. W. Forster, Conservative and Unionist candidate, opened his campaign at the Grand Hall, Bromley, on Nov. 28th; but there is to be no contest in this division after all, the Liberal party having decided not to oppose Mr. Forster on the present occasion. This is the second time that Mr. Forster has been returned unopposed, the other occasion on which he was allowed a walk-over being in 1895.

LORD MAYOR TRELOAR'S GOOD WORK.

A happy company of boys and girls assembled in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library, on October 28th to hear a lecture descriptive of the excellent work that is being accomplished at Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Home and College at Alton, Hants. The objects of the Queen Alexandra League for Children were also explained, and the gathering was the inaugural meeting of the Bromley Association. The lecture, which was given by Mr. Weeks, secretary of the parent association, was splendidly illustrated, and proved very interesting. Mrs. Lindley Jones, Park Wood, Edward-road, Bromley, has kindly undertaken to act as hon. secretary of the local association, and all particulars respecting the League may be obtained from this lady. The Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A.) presided, and the lantern was manipulated by Mr. W. J. Harris, Borough Librarian.

Mr. Weeks, in an address which secured the rapt attention of the children, said Sir William Treloar had been sending out Christmas hampers for a few years, when someone pointed out to him that the list of children applying for hampers differed very considerably from the list of children who had had hampers the year before. He ascertained that a very large number of the children had died, and then something else came to his knowledge, that a very large number of those who had died had died from a very painful disease, one that attacked little children, and either killed them or made them permanent cripples. Now when he became Lord Mayor he felt that he must do something that would last and would help the cripples every day of the year. So he made a strong appeal for help to start a home for little cripples who were suffering from spinal disease. A fine portrait of Lord Mayor Treloar was thrown on the screen, and Mr. Weeks said when Sir William made his appeal there was a splendid answer to it. He had just the sum of money that he asked for, and then he began to look round for a place where he could build his Cripples' Home. Just at the right moment somebody told him that at Alton, in Hampshire, there was a splendid home already built and ready for use which could be had practically for the asking, and so Sir William went to see the Secretary of War, for it was a Government hospital. It had been built by the "Daily Mail" from the proceeds of their Absent-minded Beggar Fund, and it was for the soldiers who had been wounded in the Boer War. When the war was over, and the stream of soldiers from South Africa ceased, the Home was empty, and as the War Office no longer wanted it, a special Act of Parliament was passed, and the whole of the place was given to Sir William Treloar for his little cripples. The Home was situated on the side of a steep hill, and the estate looked due south, so it got the largest possible amount of sunshine and fresh air, and the breezes came across the English Channel. Pictures were shown of the children arriving at the home, and the lecturer then described the treatment which they received, afterwards showing a photograph of four little girls leaving the Home cured. For two years and one month the Home had been opened, and during that time 200 children had come to them to be cured, and had been sent back cured, and they had still 212 little ones in the Home, most of whom were making steady progress towards the same happy end.

The Vicar (Rev. D. Tait) moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Weeks, and this was seconded by Mrs. Lindley Jones and carried with much heartiness.

Councillor Lindley Jones thanked the Vicar for coming to take the chair, and said every Bromley boy and girl knew how anxious the Vicar was to help every good work that was going on in the Borough, and what a tremendously hard worker he was.

WOMEN WORKERS IN BROMLEY.

There was a large attendance of ladies in the Lecture Hall of the Bromley Public Library on November 4th, when the third annual meeting of the Bromley branch of the National Union of Women Workers was held, under the able presidency of the Hon. Mrs. Forster. The object of the branch is to form a common centre for all women engaged in or interested in social, educational, philanthropic or religious work, and to promote sympathy and co-operation.

Miss Mary E. Phillips, the excellent hon. secretary, submitted the annual report, which stated that the branch now numbered 156 members. Two societies had become affiliated to the branch during the year, the G.F.S. and Mothers' Union, and they were very glad to welcome both.

Mrs. Mann presented the accounts, which showed an income of £23 1s, 7½d., and an expenditure of £19 3s. 5½d., leaving a balance in hand of £3 18s. 2d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The following were elected on the Local Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—The Hon Mrs. Forster (President), Miss Heppe, B.A. (vice-president), Mrs. Margrieta Beer, M.A., Mrs Mortimer Budgett, Mrs. Hall, Miss E. C. Harvey, Mrs. Payne, Miss Punch, Miss L. Spicer, Dr. Russell, Mrs. J. S. Mann, B.A. (hon. treasurer) Miss Mary E. Phillips (hon. secretary) and Miss Layton (hon. assistant secretary)

Miss Frere gave an able address, mentioning at the outset that the organisation which had been set going in London, called the Children's Care Committee, was going to be copied throughout the country.

Mrs. J. S. Mann followed with an excellent address on the work of the Bromley Care Committee.

BROMLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The 47th anniversary of the Bromley Baptist Church was celebrated on Oct. 23rd, and large congregations attended the joyful services. In the morning the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. W. Screech, of Peckham Rye Tabernacle, who delivered a most impressive sermon on the text, "And the same day, when the evening was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side" (St. Mark iv., 35). The anthem "O praise the Lord of Heaven," was ably rendered by the choir, the solos being taken by Miss Dorothy Pearce and Mr. S. H. Collins. The evening service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Roderick, B.A., who preached an earnest and appropriate sermon. The anthem, "Let the righteous be glad," was admirably given by the choir, Mr. Collins ably presiding at the organ. The collections were for the church funds.

MR. T. C. DEWEY, J.P., ENTERTAINED

Conviviality reigned supreme at the Bromley Conservative Club on November 2nd on the occasion of the first house supper of the season. The post of honour was occupied by Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., and a more popular and genial chairman it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to find.

The tables were very prettily decorated, and an excellent repast was served up by Mr. and Mrs. P. Green, steward and stewardess.

A capital musical programme was provided, and midway in the proceedings, Mr. H. J. Selby, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Chairman."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and accorded musical honours.

Mr Dewey, in reply, said he was very grateful to Mr. Selby for his kind, and, he might add, very humorous speech, and he thanked them all very heartily for the very kind reception they had given to that toast. It was a great pleasure to come there and meet them all, and especially to meet such good friends as Mr. Selby and Mr. Garnar. He did not know what the club would do without those gentlemen on occasions like that. Proceeding, Mr. Dewey said he was not sure that he could say that the political horizon was entirely satisfactory. The country was in a very serious state of unrest, at the present time. He was not thinking of the industrial world, where there were strikes innumerable, but the unrest he was alluding to was rather in political matters. First there was the Conference. They were all very anxious about the result of the Conference, because the Constitution of the country was a matter that was vital to every Englishmen. They were told they must not discuss it, and they did not want to discuss it. They were advised that they must wait patiently. ("Wait and see") Then there was a great deal of unrest in the present state of the Navy. That was also an imperial question. Most of them there, and most Englishmen, believed that the future of the nation depended upon the overwhelming strength of the Navy. A strong navy was the best protection for peace. The Unionists could not be blamed for the general want of confidence there was in the Government with reference to the Navy. The Government were not at all unanimous as to the necessity for a strong Navy. They, the Unionists, however, felt very deeply and strongly indeed that the Navy must be strong, and he believed that would be a good battle cry for the next election.

BROMLEY CHESS CLUB.

A match was played by Bromley against "The Bar" on October 26th, at the City of London Chess Club, the contest being in connection with the O Division of the London League. Bromley won by seven points to three. Score :—

BROMLEY.		THE BAR.	
*D. W. Earle ...	1	Mr. Mayer	0
*C. F. Pelcomyn	½	Mr. Merlin	½
C. H. May	½	Mr. Newbolt	½
W. Hall	1	Mr. Stringer	0
A. W. Read ...	0	Mr. Iselin	1
H. V. Read ...	1	Mr. Pocock	0
Lieut. Stahl ...	0	Mr. Raze	1
E. A. Whitaker ...	1	Mr. Menzies	0
A. Yeates	1	Mr. Alexander ...	0
*W. H. Powell ...	1	Mr. Lloyd	0
	7		3

* Games scored by default.

BROMLEY CRICKET CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Bromley Cricket Club was held at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley, on October 26th. Mr. Ernest Crabb presided, and there were also present: Messrs. F. B. Brook, Cecil Wylde, R. H. Dickinson, L. J. Eames, R. R. Barker, Dr. C. W. Grant-Wilson, W. Wood, B. Batchelor, W. H. Dale, B. H. Tucker, A. B. Neame, A. E. Earnshaw, W. Hughes, H. D. Kelleway, P. Kelleway, A. Fuller, H. B. Neeley, C. L. Gregory and A. H. Hewett (hon. secretaries), and A. J. Hall (hon. treasurer).

The committee, in their report, stated that the past season had been a fairly successful one. Although there had been a large number of resignations, still a considerable number of new members had been elected, and the club had now only a slightly reduced list of members, as compared with last year. After referring to the batting and bowling averages, the report stated that in the lawn tennis section 12 matches were arranged, of which three were won, six lost and three abandoned. The results of the club fixtures were as follows:—Progressive tournament (Whit Monday): Ladies: 1st, Miss Hughes; 2nd, Miss Stanger; gentlemen: 1st, A. H. Hewett: 2nd, W. Hughes. Ladies' singles handicap: Miss E. Clark; gentlemen's doubles handicap: F. Baker and H. Reader; mixed doubles handicap: 1st section, Miss Davidson and the Rev. J. Berkley; 2nd section, Miss M. Quelch and G. S. Bigland. The championship tournament was won by H. D. Kelleway. The services of an additional groundman resulted in an improved condition of the courts. The committee desired to thank the honorary members for their support, and the ladies who kindly presided at the tea tables.

Mr. A. C. Norman, J.P., C.C., was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected as follows: Lord Avebury, Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P., Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., Mr. Coles Child, J.P., C.C., Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., Mr. J. Gibbs, Mr. G. Loly, B.A., Mr. J. Howard Moore, J.P., Mr. E. Smith, and Mr. J. Weeks.

Mr. B. Batchelor was elected on the committee in place of Mr. G. H. Kinder, resigned, the remainder of the committee being re-elected en bloc: Messrs. R. R. Barker, F. B. Brook, E. Crabb, C. G. Hill, W. Hughes, H. D. Kelleway, A. B. Neame, R. E. Reid, B. H. Tucker, A. Fuller and Cecil Wylde.

Mr A. E. Earnshaw was re-elected captain of the first team, and Mr. B. H. Tucker was appointed vice-captain, by-law No. 3 being amended to meet the circumstances.

It was also decided to elect a captain and vice-captain of the second eleven, Mr. A. E. Brooks and Mr. A. Fuller being respectively appointed.

Messrs. C. L. Gregory and A. H. Hewett were re-elected hon. secretaries, and Mr. A. J. Hall was reappointed hon. treasurer.

Although there was only a sparse attendance, the debate on "The Payment of Members" at St. John's Men's Club on Nov. 21st was unusually interesting, the leading speakers being Mr. Adam Walker, barrister-at-law, and Mr. Kenneth Baddeley, with the Vicar (Rev. Canon P. Barker, M.A.), the president of the club, in the chair.

BROMLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

Once again the committee of the Bromley and District Chrysanthemum Society are to be congratulated on a really splendid show, their 29th, which in respect both to the number of entries received and the beauty and excellence of the blooms exhibited, can be said to equal, if not to surpass, any of the previous ones. The advance this year was very great. The entries, which numbered 230, were more by about 30; but it was in respect of the quality that the improvement was most noticeable. The collection of blooms formed a sight most pleasing to the eye of the most inexpert. There was a richness and freshness about them which won the admiration of all, particularly the experts. They were, generally speaking, set up and shown to the best advantage

There was on view the truly magnificent incurved bloom of the amber coloured Clara Wells with which the National Chrysanthemum Society's certificate of merit was won at Blackheath on Nov. 2nd. Mr. J. Simon, gardener to Mr. W. W. Mann, of "Ravenswood," Bexley, showed this, and notwithstanding the fact that it had been cut for more than a week it was adjudged to be the best incurved bloom at the Bromley Show, so that Mr. Simon had the distinction of winning the National Chrysanthemum Society's certificate of merit at two leading shows with the same bloom. Moreover, Mr. Simon once again won the "Dewey" Cup for the best 48 blooms in the show (24 incurved and 24 Japanese distinct) and has only to win it once more to become the absolute owner. The National Chrysanthemum Society's certificate of merit for the best Japanese bloom in the show was won by Mr. W. Rigby, gardener to the Rev. A. C. Cooper-Marsdin, of "Borsaldene," Bickley, with a beautiful specimen of Lady Talbot, which was undoubtedly the best yellow bloom in the exhibition. Mr. Rigby also won the "Griffith" Challenge Cup for the best six vases of Japanese blooms, and never has it been our lot to see a display of such high quality.

The show was held in the Drill Hall on Nov. 9th and 10th.

BICKLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The sixth annual general meeting of the Bickley and District Horticultural Society was held in the Working Men's Institute, Widmore, on October 20th. There was a good attendance, over 50 members being present. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. J. B. Hunter was elected chairman for the evening, and he was supported by Mr. R. S. Patterson, the excellent hon. secretary, and the assistant secretary, Mr .Beazley, and later by Mr. F. F. Sherriff, one of the vice-presidents of the Society

In submitting their fifth annual report, the Committee had much pleasure in recording the continued success of the Society and the realisation in a large measure of its aims and objects. Eleven new members had been added to the roll during the year, but owing to removals from the district seven of last year's members had been lost to the Society, the membership now standing at 64.

The financial statement showed a balance of £4 8s.6d. in the ordinary receipts over the ordinary expenditure of the Society, but the expenditure on the flower show exceeded the receipts by £4 16s. 9d., making a deficit of 8s. 3d. on the year's working, and the balance now in hand to the credit of the Society was £5 16s. 10d.

The Rev. W. A. Carroll, M.A., was unanimously re-elected president; Mr. Coles Child, Mr. Arthur S. Mark, Mr. F. F. Sherriff, Mr. W. McFarlane, Mr. E. Ford Duncanson, Mr. A. W. Bowley, Mr. Leslie Sanderson, Mr. J. Howard Moore and Mr. G. C. Parker were reappointed vice-presidents; and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. G. S. Hunt, "Sandfield," be asked to allow his name to be added to the number. Mr. E. Bromham was re-elected treasurer.

The Chairman then announced Mr. Patterson's resignation of the hon. secretaryship, which had been received with much regret by the committee.

Mr. J. Neighbour proposed, and Mr. Hudd seconded, the appointment of Mr. Hunter as hon. secretary, and Mr. Patterson putting it to the meeting it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hunter, in a few remarks, accepted the duties saying he would do his best to maintain the high level Mr. Patterson had set them in the secretaryship.

Mr. Beazley was re-elected hon. assistant secretary

Six members of the committee retire annually, and Messrs. Boyce, Coombes, Morgan, Roberts and Stacey were re-elected, Mr. C. Wraight being appointed to take the place vacated by Mr. Hunter.

WOMEN AND THE VOTE.

A debate took place on November 4th at the Parish Room, West-street. Bromley, on "The Rights of Women." The meeting was held under the auspices of the Bromley Literary Institute, and the large attendance of ladies testified to the interest which is being taken in the suffrage question.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Alfred Wright, who was supported by Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis, the Rev. J. White, Mr. F. Adams, and others.

Mrs. Lewis W. Lewis then opened the debate She said that the subject under consideration was one which was very near her heart, and had been for 40 years, and the longer she lived the more she saw the need for reform. She moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this meeting the Parliamentary vote should no longer be withheld from women, but should be granted to them on the same terms as it is (or may be) granted to men."

Mr. H. Powell moved the following amendment: "That at the present time, under present conditions, it is not expedient to grant the privilege claimed in the resolution."

The resolution was put to the vote and carried, 24 voting for and 19 against.

There was a fairly large attendance at the Lecture Hall of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Freelands-road, Bromley, on November 15th, when Councillor A. T. Harris gave a highly interesting lecture on "Bees: their Manners and Customs." The lecturer dealt very ably with the subject, and the audience would have welcomed a prolongation of the lecture, which was illustrated with numerous pictures, the lantern being manipulated by Mr. Ingleton.

THE MONTH'S MUSIC.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BROMLEY

The Feast of the Dedication of St. Mark's Church, Bromley, was observed on Oct. 22nd, when choral evensong was followed by an organ recital given by Dr. Bertram Luard-Selby, organist of Rochester Cathedral. The service, which was attended by a large congregation, was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., R.D.), the processional hymn being "Blessed City. Heavenly Salem," specially selected for its appropriateness to a dedication festival. The special Psalms were 84 and 122, and the lessons, taken from the 29th chapter of I. Chronicles and the 10th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, were read by the Rev. S. E. Osborne. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were sung to the fine settings by Walmisley in D minor, the quartet in the former, "He remembering His Mercy" being effectively rendered by George Ridgway (treble), Mr. J. Davis (alto), Mr. Adams (tenor) and Mr. D. Phillips (bass). "We love the place, O God," and "Hail, gladdening light," were also sung, and the congregation joined heartily in these hymns.

Dr. Luard-Selby opened the organ recital with an improvisation, and it was at once realised that a master was presiding at the instrument. The richest of music rolled forth, and the church was soon filled with the most delicious harmony. The second number was Schubert's "By the sea," which was highly appreciated. Some remarkably fine effects were produced, and you could easily imagine that you were standing upon the shore listening to the music of the waves. A sparkling minuet by Claussmann was then played, the organist manipulating the keyboard with consummate skill. A striking composition, "Idyll" (Luard-Selby), was next presented, and the beautiful tones of this number were keenly relished. Dr. Luard-Selby did full justice to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C minor —a soul-stirring work, the music of which came from the heart of the composer and goes to the heart of the listener. Mailly's stately and solemn march followed, and then, by way of a contrast, the organist introduced Schumann's "Romance," the tender notes of which gave great pleasure. Claussmann's "Postlude," which came next, was remarkable for its depth of tone, and the recital closed with another improvisation. Throughout the organist played with great technical skill and true musicianly feeling. A collection was taken at the door in aid of the Organ Fund. Appended is the programme:—Improvisation; "By the Sea" (arranged), Schubert; Minuet, Claussmann; Idyll, Luard-Selby; Prelude and Fugue in C minor, J. S. Bach; Solemn March, Mailly; Romance, Schumann; Postlude, Claussmann; Improvisation.

"HYMN OF PRAISE."

The announcement that Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise "was to be performed at St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, aroused a great deal of interest in the Borough, and a large congregation assembled in the spacious edifice on October 23rd to listen to the presentation of this favourite work. There was an augmented choir with a well-balanced orchestra, and the conductor was Mr. H. E. Wylde, F.R.C.O., A.R.M.C., who discharged the duties attaching to this important post in a praiseworthy manner. Miss Gwynne Kimpton, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., was the talented leader of the orchestra, and Mrs. G. A. R. Tatham, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., presided with great skill at the organ. The accomplished soloists were Miss Nellie Dunford (soprano), Miss Violet Bower (contralto), and Mr. Bertram Pearce (tenor) The choir and orchestra had been carefully trained, and a highly creditable performance was the result. The opening andante religioso was played with exquisite taste and feeling, and this was followed by the chorus. "All men, all things," which was rendered with much spirit. The solo, "Praise thou the Lord,' was excellently sung by Miss Nellie Dunford. whose voice has lost none of its charm. She easily reached the notes in the upper register, and clear enunciation was a feature of her work. With admirable expression Mr. Bertram Pearce gave the recitative, "Sing ye praise," and the aria, "He counteth all your sorrows," and into the rendering of the latter he infused a considerable amount of feeling. In "All ye that cried unto the Lord" the chorus gave a good account of themselves. Miss Dunford and Miss Violet Bower joined in the duet, "I waited for the Lord." Both sang exceedingly well, and their cultivated voices blended beautifully. The strain was afterwards taken up by the chorus. Mr. Pearce gave an admirable rendering of the air, "The sorrows of death," and in the words, "Watchman, will the night soon pass?" he was particularly successful. It was throughout a careful and finished performance. The response, "The night is departing," came in clear, ringing tones from Miss Dunford, and the clever way in which she introduced this part stamped her as an artist of no mean ability. The chorus, "The night is departing," was nicely rendered, but even more acceptable was the choral number, "Let all men praise the Lord," this familiar tune giving much pleasure to the congregation. One of the best items was the duet, "My song shall be alway Thy mercy," by Miss Dunford and Mr. Pearce, and their exquisite rendering of this number was thoroughly enjoyed. The rousing chorus, "Ye nations offer to the Lord," closed the "Hymn of Praise." As the congregation were leaving, Mendelssohn's Adagio (from Symphony), Op. 65, was beautifully played by the orchestra; indeed all through the band, under Miss Kimpton's leadership, did splendid work, and much of the success of the performance must be attributed to them. The work of Mrs. Tatham at the organ left nothing to be desired. The opening prayers were said by the Rev. J. H. Broadhead, and the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Gosselin, M.A.) pronounced the Benediction at the close. During the singing of a hymn a collection was taken on behalf of the Choir Fund.

CONCERT AT BROMLEY COMMON.

A highly successful concert was given on October 24th at St. Luke's Institute, Bromley Common, in aid of the Sick and Poor Fund. The hall rapidly filled, and a capital programme was gone through, arranged by the Rev. J. H. Broadhead, to whom the success of the entertainment is largely due. The concert commenced with an overture,, Herold's "Zampa," which was finely played by the string orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. T. H. Jarvis. A song followed by Dr. A. W. Henly, entitled "Four jolly sailormen," and his singing so pleased the audience, that he was recalled. Miss Mary Creed charmed everybody with her song "Sun-

shine and Butterflies," after which a violin solo, "Reverie," was given by Miss Edith Jarvis in a manner deserving of high praise. She was recalled and graciously responded with "Abendied, by Schumann. The next item was a song, "When shadows gather," by Mr. Arthur Tessier, who received a considerable amount of applause. Mrs. Gilbert Howell then gave the recitation, "The Settler's Story, or the Spoken Word," in a very realistic manner, greatly pleasing the audience, and receiving quite an ovation at the finish. After the interval Hermann's "Diadem" was rendered with much spirit by the orchestra, who gained a large measure of applause, and Mr. Tessier's song, "The Sailor's Grave," given with much feeling, was also greatly appreciated. A humorous recitation followed, entitled "A Monologue" (Reggie), by Mrs. Gilbert Howell, and this caused much amusement. In response to the demand for an encore she gave "The Girl with the Gloves," eliciting rounds of applause. The violin solos, "Elegie" and "Barcarole" (Daucla), were splendidly executed by Miss Jarvis. She gave as an encore Schumann's "Reverie," which was equally charming. Dr. Henly was applauded after his song, "Go to Sea," which was very well sung.

At this stage the curtain fell, and the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Gosselin), who was received with cheers, addressed the audience. He said he would like just to explain the object of the concert. Of course the primary object was to give them pleasure, but besides that they wished to raise money for the alms fund. The times had been very hard for all of them. He had received £90 during the year, but had spent £100, and the proceeds of the concert, he thought, would just make them solvent. The Vicar took that opportunity to thank Mr. Broadhead, to whom they were indebted for the excellent programme provided. (Applause.)

A dramatic sketch, entitled "A Pair of Lunatics," was afterwards given by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sharpe. This caused a great deal of amusement, and the clever performers were cheered very heartily. Miss Edith Dalton accompanied the various performers with great ability throughout the concert, which closed with the National Anthem.

CHAMBER MUSIC AT CAMDEN PLACE.

On Nov. 7th, before an enthusiastic audience, was opened the fifth season of afternoon chamber concerts arranged by Mr. Frank Davey at Camden Place, Chislehurst. In the programme were three numbers—the A minor Sonata for Pianoforte and Violin of Schumann (Op. 105), a Gavotte and Musette for the Violin, and Rubinstein's Sonata for Pianoforte and Violin in G (Op. 13), which were admirably performed by Mr. Frank Davey and Mr. Spencer Dyke. The many lovely passages in Schumann's Sonata were thoroughly enjoyed, and the talented performers received, as they fully deserved, hearty rounds of applause. The violin solo, brilliantly played by Mr. Spencer Dyke—a Gavotte and Musette by Ter Aulin—so delighted the audience that they twice recalled the artist, who responded with a Melody by Tschaikowsky, which also proved most acceptable. The performance of Rubinstein's Sonata appealed strongly to the sympathies of the artists, and it was distinguished by a spirit and brilliancy which enlisted the enthusiasm of those qualified to judge. The works were followed from the full score by many with keen interest and pleasure, and altogether the concert was a great success.

CHAMBER MUSIC SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS.

Notwithstanding inclement weather, an enthusiastic audience assembled in the hall of the Bromley High School on November 10th on the occasion of the second concert of the season in the Bromley Chamber Music Subscription series. An exceptionally fine programme was presented and everybody present felt amply rewarded for turning out on a cold, wet and cheerless night.

Distinction was given to the programme by the first item—Beethoven's septet in E flat major (Op. 20), for violin, viola, violoncello, double bass, clarinet, bassoon and horn. In all the movements the performers gave an excellent account of themselves. Each played correctly and sympathetically, and the whole produced what Shakespeare would have described as a "concord of sweet sounds." There are some beautiful passages in Beethoven's work, and particularly enjoyable was the second movement—adagio cantabile. The third was a very sparkling movement—tempo di minuetto; and the variations which followed were also much appreciated. The scherzo was splendidly performed, and the closing andante gave a great deal of pleasure. The artists were the Misses G. Kimpton, May Burgess and F. Marshall, Messrs. F. Winterbottom, O. Street, W. James and A. E. Bram, and needless to say they were rapturously applauded at the close.

An attractive feature was the singing of Mr. Foxton Ferguson, whose pleasant voice at once captivated the audience. He selected for his first song Schubert's "Wehmuth," which was given with artistic feeling, and Hugo Wolf's "Epiphanias" and Schumann's "Die beiden Grenadiere" were also splendidly rendered. Receiving a hearty encore, he contributed, by special request, a German folk song, "The Soul at Heaven's Gate," which was thoroughly appreciated. A slight alteration was made in the second part of the programme. Instead of "Auvergnat," which was to have been his third song, Mr. Ferguson gave another German folk song, afterwards singing the traditional "Barbara Allen" and the Christmas song, "Pensées de Noel," by A. M. Goodhart. He again sang with much taste and refinement, and won a great deal of applause.

Miss Beatrice Fowle gave additional evidence of her brilliance as an executant by her playing on the pianoforte of Schumann's Fantasie in C major, from Op. 17, delicacy and taste being conspicuous features of the performance. She also played Schumann's Study in E major on Paganini Caprice, skilfully executing this somewhat difficult work. Marvellous technique marked both performances, and the intellectual and emotional sides were kept well to the fore. The audience by an outburst of applause showed their warm appreciation of Miss Fowle's work. The concert closed with Leonardo Leo's Concerto in D major for four obligato violins and pianoforte, which was played in a delightful manner by the Misses G. Kimpton, A. Stuart, M. Matheson, Aileen Grogan and Beatrice Fowle.

SUCCESSFUL RECITALS AT THE "ROYAL BELL" HOTEL.

The good Churchpeople of Bickley are naturally anxious to wipe off the debt remaining

on the Bickley Church organ, and with this splendid object in view two high-class recitals were given at the "Royal Bell" Hotel on November 15th. Admirable arrangements were made by Mrs. Lucas, of Gordon Lodge, who threw herself whole-heartedly and with fine enthusiasm into the work, which was by no means light. From an artistic point of view the recitals were a brilliant success, and judging from the large audiences the financial result should be eminently satisfactory. The Assembly Room was well filled for the matinee, which was not surprising considering that the principals included Miss Phyllis Lett, the famous contralto of the Royal Choral Society, and at the principal festivals, Crystal Palace Concerts, Bach Choir, Oxford, etc. With a voice of exceptional richness and beauty, and a most pleasing manner, she at once won all hearts. Miss Lett first gave Gounod's lovely song, "Hymne à St. Cecile," her interpretation being excellent in every respect, and before the interval she appeared again, singing "Down in the Forest" (Laindon Ronald) and "A Birthday" (Cowen), both being exquisitely rendered. Characteristic features were charm of tone and clearness of enunciation, and the great pleasure afforded by these two pretty songs was unmistakably demonstrated by enthusiastic rounds of applause. In the second part Miss Lett presented a group of three songs—(a) "In an Evening Sky" (Frank B. Tours), (b) "Hushing Song" (Hubert Bath) and (c) "The Leaves and the Wind" (Leoni). Here again her vocalisation was marked by the highest order of individual skill, and the accomplished artist was rapturously applauded. Between the songs humorous recitations were given by Mr A. M. Heathcote, whose efforts were thoroughly appreciated. An able elocutionist, with dramatic powers of no mean order, he had no difficulty in entertaining and amusing the audience, and a great deal of laughter was caused by his recitations—"In a Fog" (F. Anstey), "Speech Day at Johnnie's School" (A. M. Heathcote), "Mrs. Elton" (Jane Austen) and "Her Pet Dog" (Gerald Campbell). A small but talented band appeared, Miss Margetson being the leader and Miss Hunt the conductor; and the orchestral music, which was performed in a highly meritorious manner, comprised Elgar's "Serenade," Gustave Michiels' "Czardas," Grieg's "Der Frühling" and "Anitra's Dance." Miss Ethel Robinson proved an able and efficient accompanist.

In the evening the same artists appeared and were again accorded a splendid reception. Miss Phyllis Lett's songs were Hullah's "Three Fishers," "L'Heureux Vagabond" (Bruneau), "Bonne Humeur" (Chaminado) and "Sink, Sink, Red Sun." The recitations by Mr. Heathcote were "Young Mrs. Caudle on Cricket" (G. R. Sims), "The Week-end Cottage" (A. M. Heathcote), "Madame Marcella" (Constance Maud, and "In his Dressing Room" (Gerald Campbell) An additional item in the evening was a piano solo, Chopin's Scherzo in B flat minor, which was finely played by Mr. Cecil E. Clark. Tea and coffee were served in the banquetting room during the intervals of both performances.

"JONAH" AT THE CENTRAL HALL.

With the excellent object of raising funds for the Bromley Cottage Hospital, the sacred cantata, "Jonah," by Arthur J. Jamouneau, was presented at the Central Hall, Bromley, on November 16th, and the performance was a meritorious one both the chorus and orchestra doing very creditable work. His Worship the Mayor (Alderman T. Davis, J.P.) presided, and supporting him was Alderman G. Lawrence.

The opening recitative, "Now the Word of the Lord," was given in good style by Mr. Collins, and Miss Dunford followed with an effective rendering of the recitative, "Arise, and go to Nineveh. After the chorus, "The Earth is the Lord's," which was presented in a praiseworthy manner, Miss Dunford gave the air, "How blest are they," singing beautifully. The unaccompanied quartet, "O that the Lord would guide my ways," was a great feature, Mrs. Ada Bacon (contralto) taking her part exceptionally well. After the Tempest chorus, the rendering of which reflected credit on all concerned, Mr. Ley gave the aria, "Whither shall I go?" singing correctly but with scarcely sufficient power. The unaccompanied quartet, "Still, still with Thee," was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Collins sang with feeling, "Why hast thou fled from the presence of the Lord?" and in the part of Jonah, "I alone have sinned," Mr. Ley was heard to greater advantage than on the previous occasion. Precision of attack marked the chorus, "Make a joyful noise unto God," which was rendered throughout with the necessary spirit. Following a delightful intermezzo, the chorus gave "Now the Lord had prepared," and the prayer of Jonah, "I cried by mine affliction unto the Lord," was then chanted, this being a very effective number. The chorus, "Awake up my glory," was splendidly sung, and after the recitative, "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah," capitally rendered by the basses, Miss Dunford gave, with great success, "Arise, and go to Nineveh." The chorale, "Nations that have never known Thee," was much appreciated, and particularly acceptable was the air, "If with all your hearts," sung with charming expression by Miss Dunford. She paid careful attention to all the gradations of tone, and received a good share of applause. The closing chorus was "The nations now are the Lord's," which was brightly rendered. A few flaws were noticed at times in the choruses, but speaking generally they were smartly attacked and ably presented The second part consisted of a miscellaneous programme.

During the interval the Mayor, on behalf of the managers of the Bromley Cottage Hospital, expressed hearty thanks to those who had arranged and carried out that very interesting performance. He did not profess to be a musical critic, but he knew what he liked, and he honestly said that he had thoroughly enjoyed the cantata, and he had no doubt they had all enjoyed it. (Applause.)

On Nov. 2nd, under the leadership of Mr. Percy Greenyer, the choir of the Widmore Wesleyan Church gave their first annual concert, and there was a large and appreciative audience.

Miss A. J. Dawson, hon. secretary of the Chislehurst Photographic Society, gave a deeply interesting lantern lecture on "Some North Italian Cities—Verona, Ferrara, Ravenna and Milan," at the Society's Club Room on Nov. 5th.

Under the auspices of the Bromley Naturalists' Society, Mr. W. G. Freeman, B.Sc., F.L.S., gave an able and instructive address on "Leaf Fall" at the Literary Institute, Widmore-road, on Nov. 2nd. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Simpson, a vice-president of the Society.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONCERT.

The Drill Hall, Bromley, was filled to its utmost capacity on October 31st, on the occasion of the annual concert in aid of the funds of the Bromley United Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home and Hospital Society. The concert was again arranged by Mr. Bertram Pearce, and to him great credit is due for the good programme provided for the delectation of those present. Mr. F. Blake accompanied throughout the evening in first-class style and opened the proceedings with an excellent pianoforte solo. The quartette, "The Comrades' Song of Hope," by Messrs. Bertram Pearce, Geo. Day, S. H. Bacon and S. H. Collins, was beautifully rendered, the voices of the quartette blending splendidly. Miss Ethel Williams (who has a lovely voice) sang "When the Heart is Young" in her best style, and was awarded an encore. Mr. E. A. Coombes sang "Glorious Devon" and also "Father O'Flynn," for which he was heartily applauded. Miss Peggy Green proved herself a capable elocutionist, and her recitation "La Tromperie" caused much amusement. Miss Mary Williams was deservedly encored for her song, "Good-bye," and the musical sketches by Mr. C. F. Frood were excellent, his jokes causing roars of laughter. Undoubtedly the best turns of the evening were the duets by Miss Ethel and Miss Mary Williams, who sang "Annie Laurie" and "Eilleen Alannah," being recalled on each occasion. The cornet solos by Mr. W. J. Darlington were much appreciated.

During the interval Mr. A. Thorndycraft made a few remarks and returned thanks to the members, artistes, and also to Mr. Pearce for the excellent programme that he had arranged. The speaker referred to the street parade that took place a little while ago, and said that they had been able to hand to the Cottage Hospital fund about £20. The second half of the programme was then proceeded with, the same artistes appearing in the order mentioned above. The concert was a huge success, and great praise is due to all concerned.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE MEETING.

Mrs. A H. Stansfield, as Warden, presided over a well-attended meeting of the Bromley Common Ward (No. 2) of the Primrose League at the Village Hall, Bromley Common, on Oct. 26th.

Mr. H. Baddeley having given a hearty welcome to those present, said that they could not tell at present how soon a General Election might take place. Therefore it behoved all of them to work, and to continue working, on behalf of the Primrose League. He concluded by asking Mr. Crossfield to address the meeting.

The Ruling Councillor, Mr. T. K. Crossfield, J.P., then addressed the meeting. He congratulated Mrs. Stansfield upon her success in getting up that meeting and then referred to the land policy which would be submitted by the present Opposition to the constituencies for their verdict at the next General Election. He described the system of land purchase now existing in Ireland, by means of which tenants were enabled to become owners of the land of which they were formerly occupiers. That was a policy, he said, that had been found to work extremely well in Ireland. There, large numbers of occupiers had purchased, or were now purchasing their farms, and were now being converted into owners. The first of those Acts dealing with the land in Ireland was passed by a Liberal Government. But when they came to deal with land in England the Liberals did not seem inclined to apply the same policy, so that English occupiers might become owners They had suggested an alternative policy, that the State should be the landlord, and that the occupiers should be the tenants of the State. They said that they preferred that policy; and it was illustrated in the Small Holdings Act, which they passed a few years ago. After pointing out certain disadvantages by way of objection to State landlordism, Mr. Crossfield said that the Conservatives were going to submit, at the next election, a policy based upon the policy which had been pursued in Ireland, viz., that the State should advance to the occupiers of land sums of money to enable them to purchase their holdings. It was England's turn now. Any further State credit to be given should be given to English occupiers.

ADULT SUFFRAGE.

The attempt to revive the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society has, unfortunately failed. Only about 20 attended the inaugural meeting which was held at the Public Library on October 27th, and the interest displayed by the townspeople was not sufficient to warrant a continuance of the organisation. An interesting debate was, however, arranged, the subject being "Adult Suffrage."

Dr. P. N. Randall, who was voted to the chair, said that was a sort of test to see whether there was a feeling in Bromley in favour of the continuance of the Debating Society. The chairman referred to the energy displayed by Mr. Clark in arranging that meeting, and expressed his regret at the small attendance. Mr. Clark had kindly consented to open a debate on the subject of "Adult Suffrage."

Mr. Clark submitted the following motion to the meeting: "That in the opinion of this House the time is now ripe for the extension of the suffrage to every adult." After an interesting debate, seven voted for, and nine against, the motion being, therefore, lost by two votes.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Clark, who, in reply, said he was sorry they had not got a larger attendance, and his feeling was that the response in Bromley had not been such as to warrant the continuance of that society.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Clark, and said that would be the last debate held there under the auspices of the Borough of Bromley Literary and Debating Society.

Mr Sutton appealed to the Chairman to reconsider that decision.

Mr. Pritt said the Society had received rebuff after rebuff, and the rebuffs had been such and so persistent that it was really hopeless to run a society there. He was sorry to see another debating society die.

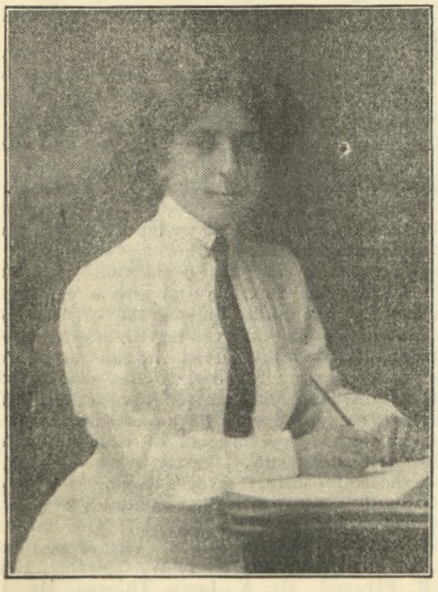
Dr. Randall added that there was an absolute want of interest in public affairs in Bromley. He had tried hard to get up a Model Parliament. One side would come forward readily; the other side would not come forward.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

BRIDES AND BRIDEGROOMS.

MISS MARIE J. HOGHTON AND MR. A. E. BURNIE.

One of the most fashionable weddings witnessed in this district for a long time past was that which was solemnized at St. Joseph's Church, Plaistow-lane, Bromley, on October 22nd. The bride was Miss Marie Joachime Hoghton, daughter of our esteemed townsman, Mr. George William Hoghton, of Bromley House and the bridegroom Mr. Alfred Edward Burnie, son of the late Mr. Edward Burnie, of Hong Kong. Mr. A. E. Burnie, formerly resided at "Stainmore," Bromley, and is well-known and highly respected in this district. Rarely has a local wedding aroused such keen



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public interest. Shortly after two o'clock a goodly number of the townspeople gathered outside Bromley House to witness the departure of the wedding party, while quite a crowd assembled in Plaistow-lane to catch a glimpse of the bride and bridesmaids as they entered the church. The building was crowded with relatives and well-wishers, and with the beautiful dresses and tasteful floral decorations the scene was picturesque in the extreme. The decorations were on a lavish scale, the pulpit being most handsomely treated, and on either side of the central aisle bunches of seasonable blooms and delicate foliage were arranged, an exceedingly pretty effect being produced. Special music was rendered, and the service was conducted by the Rev. Walter Cooksey.

The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She wore a most graceful dress with long Directoire lines in the softest satin, falling into a long Watteau train, opening away from the front over an entire under-dress of old Limerick lace. The bodice was composed of the finest lace and chiffon, with a corsage of diamandiâ and pearls, with tiny straps of single pearls holding it on the shoulders. Her plain tulle veil covered a wreath of orange blossom, and she carried an exquisite bouquet of Harrisi lilies.

The bridesmaids numbered five, and were the Misses Ethel and Phyllis Hoghton (sisters of the bride), Constance and Lena Burnie (sisters of the bridegroom) and Miss Gage Spicer. They were attractively attired in dresses of pastel blue cloth of the early Josephine period, bound with musquash and having the long sacque effect. The only outline of the figure was shown in the straight line of buttons from shoulder to hem. The effect was very graceful, and was further enhanced by a petticoat of lace. They carried lovely bouquets of pale pink chrysanthemums and wore gold chains and gold vanity cases, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Frank W. Orr acted as best man.

After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at Bromley House, where the heartiest congratulations were showered upon the newly-wedded pair, and the best wishes were expressed for their future happiness. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Burnie left for Cornwall, the bride going away in a handsome dress of flame charmeuse in a very picturesque style. The skirt was cleverly combined with musquash and embroidery and was made to clear the ground, the effect being very smart. She wore black fox furs, and a hat of white moire veiled with black chiffon, lined with black velvet and trimmed with Irish crochet and musquash.

The presents were numerous and costly and made a handsome show.

The dresses were made by Messrs. Bradley and Sons, Chepstow-place, W. The awnings and carpets in front of Bromley House and at the entrance to St. Joseph's Church were supplied by Mr. G. L. Pyrke, of High-street, who also erected the marquee on the lawn of Bromley House, the work being carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

MISS WINIFRED BRAILSFORD AND MR. H. T. SHORE.

An interesting wedding took place at North Cray Parish Church on Nov. 10th, the contracting parties being Mr. Harold Tweedale Shore, son of Mr. Walter Shore, of Wymondham, Norfolk, and Miss Winifred Brailsford, daughter of Mr. Arthur L. Cutbill, of Ruxley, North Cray. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sir John Key (cousin of the bride). The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an Empire gown of soft white satin, trimmed with duchesse lace, and embroidered in silk and pearls. She wore her grandmother's veil of old Brussels lace. The bridesmaids—the Misses Beneta and Josephine Cutbill (sisters of the bride) and Miss Phœbe Shore (sister of the bridegroom)—were attired in Saxe blue Princess gowns of soft satin, and wore large black beaver hats, trimmed with blue ostrich feathers. They carried bouquets of pink roses and white heather. The best man was Mr. Edward Hilton E. Cutbill (brother of the bride).

There were about a hundred guests at the reception, and the newly-married couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations. Later in the day, when they left for the honeymoon in Westmoreland, the bride travelled in a pale grey braided cashmere dress, and hat of grey velvet, with ostrich feathers

MISS MABEL MAY AND MR. W. WOODWARD.

The marriage took place at St. Margaret's

Church, Halstead, on Nov. 12th, of Mr. William Woodward, of Crosbie, Bromley, and Miss Mabel (Daisy) May, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred May, of Broke, Halstead, Sevenoaks.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory Oriental satin with overskirt of ivory ninon de soie, trimmed with Honiton lace and embroidered net, and Court train trimmed with satin roses and silver leaves. She also wore sprays of orange blossom in her hair, and an old Tambour lace veil. She carried a shower bouquet of choice flowers. Her two sisters—Misses Ivy and Gladys May—attended as bridesmaids. They wore dresses of embroidered Pastel blue with cashmere overskirts over blue satin and large black Panne velvet picture hats, lined up with Pastel pink chiffon and large lace bows and Oriental buckles. They also wore gold bracelets, set with peridots and amethysts, and carried shower bouquets of pale pink chrysanthemums, all being tthe gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. William Woodward (cousin of the bridegroom) was the best man.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Deane (Rector), Mr. Frederic Fertel (organist of Bromley Parish Church) presiding at the organ. While the guests were assembling, Mr. Fertel played suitable selections, and while the register was being signed he played a Fanfare in D by Lemmens, and Scherzo in F by Hofmann, Mendelssohn's Wedding March greeting the bride and bridegroom as they came again into the chancel.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Broke in a specially erected marquee, and later Mr. and Mrs. Woodward left by motor car for their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was of royal blue faced cloth, braided with black, and she wore also a black velvet picture hat trimmed with feathers and fancy passementerie

CHILDREN'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

In connection with the Forward Movement of the Kent Band of Hope Union, a conference of Sunday-school and temperance workers and friends was held at the Drill Hall, Bromley, on November 8th, the Vicar (Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., R.D.) presiding.

The Rev. C. Wickham, of Torquay, gave a most interesting and helpful address on the subject of giving temperance teaching in Sunday-schools and Bands of Hope attractively. He said the words "attractive teaching" suggested that there had been methods of instructing the young that were not attractive, winsome, successful. Now, in a Band of Hope especially one looked for attractive teaching. Hope was a bright thing, a winsome thing, and if the band was full of hope, then the methods ought to be along the lines of brightness and lightness and mirth and joy and everything that would make the lesson attractive to the mind and soul of the child.

Amongst those taking part in the discussion which followed were the Vicar, Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, M.A. B.D., Mr. F. J. Weston and Miss Green. Both the Vicar and Mr. Mackenzie expressed themselves as being perfectly fascinated by the lecture. The latter said it had occurred to him whether it would not be possible for all the ministers of Bromley and teachers of schools to unite in the formation of a college for the purpose of teaching teachers how to teach and get Mr. Wickham to be the professor.

At 6.15 p.m. a children's meeting was held, Mr. Harvey giving a lantern lecture on the Forward Movement. The hall was well filled, and the little ones were greatly interested.

Later in the evening a public meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr. Robert Whyte, jun., who was supported on the platform by the Hon. and Rev. Maurice Peel (son of Lord Peel), Vicar of St. Paul's, Beckenham, Rev. C. Wickham (Torquay), Rev. L. J. Roderick, Rev. A. E. Abel, Councillor W. J. Gibbs, Mr. H. W. Amos, Mr. G. Symmons and Mr. Charles Harvey.

The Hon. and Rev. Maurice Peel said temperance people were doing a splendid work and were getting on They were winning victories, and more and more their country was becoming temperate.

Mr. C. Harvey said that meeting was one of a series of many meetings they were holding in the county of Kent. They wanted to see the Band of Hope at full concert pitch ,and they wanted everybody to get enthused over the work.

PRESENTATION TO MISS G. BULLEN.

St. Mary's Church Hall was on Nov. 15th the scene of an interesting gathering, the occasion being a social evening in connection with St. Andrew's Mission Church, and also a presentation to Miss Gerturde Bullen, the organist at St. Andrew's, who is leaving Bromley. After a largely-attended tea served in an adjoining room, the company repaired to the hall, which presented a most attractive appearance, the walls being adorned with flags and the platform with ferns and chrysanthemums. The following ladies gave their services in the work of beautifying the hall:—Mrs. Trevor Tatham, Miss Hay, Miss G. Hay, Mrs. Russell, the Misses Peachey, the Misses Bullen, Miss Tatham, Miss Potter, Miss Ritherdon and Miss Drew. Amongst those present were the Vicar (Rev. W. Gowans), Rev. C. B. Selwood, Mr. F. Lewis Thomas, Mr. P. Hollams, Mr. R. F. Measor, Rev. E. H. Lord and Mr. J. Y. Hay. Games of various kinds were played, and meanwhile Miss Constance Smith delighted the audience with solos on the violoncello, while Mr. J. A. Millest contributed a humorous song, "Singers and Talkers," which was so much appreciated that he was recalled giving as an encore "And the World went very well then."

The presentation to Miss Bullen was then made by the Vicar, who said the departure of Miss Bullen from Bromley would be a great loss to that parish, but their loss would be someone else's gain. He thought he would be echoing the sentiments of all of them in wishing her every happiness. (Applause.)

Miss Bullen, who was given a hearty reception, said she did not know how to thank them. She had been very happy while in Bromley, and would miss them very much. (Applause.)

The presentation took the form of a handsome music cabinet of inlaid mahogany, together with the following illuminated address:—"Presented to Miss Gertrude Bullen, by the members of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Plaistow, in recognition of her untiring services as organist from Whitsuntide, 1907, to Advent, 1910." Below appeared the signatures of 40 subscribers.

BROMLEY CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Bromley Charitable Society was held in the Municipal Buildings, Tweedy-road, on Nov. 18th. Mr. T. C. Dewey, J.P., presided.

Mr. Hodge presented the 25th annual report as follows:—"Our friends and subscribers will see from the statistics shown later in this report, that in 326 cases where temporary help has been needed the Society has been able to afford relief, and in 94 cases of chronic distress owing to age and sickness the Society has done much to brighten the lives of the recipients by allowing them a small weekly sum. Owing to opportunities for work being more abundant and the winter weather not being severe, less relief was required than in the previous year, and accordingly less was given, the amount distributed by the Society being £336 7s. 10d., against £517 5s. 10d., the amount distributed in the previous year, showing a difference of £130 18s. The income received was also less by the sum of £137 0s. 7d. than that of the previous year. The Committee deeply regret to record the death of the late hon. secretary, Mr. Charles R. Ford, who was for many years an earnest worker in this Society. The Committee trust that the subscribers will continue their support and will inform their friends, especially new residents in the town, of the work the Society is doing. The children's dinners given at the Bromley Common district were continued, no less than 1,690 meals being provided at a cost of £15 14s. 3d. These dinners were managed by Mrs. Gosselin, Mrs J. E Williams and Mrs. Yolland, and Miss Wilks acted as hon. secretary.

The financial statement was then presented, and this showed a balance in the treasurer's hands of £16 14s. 3d.

The Chairman moved that the report and accounts be adopted.

Alderman Weeks, in seconding, said the members of the Society were exceedingly gratified that the report was such a satisfactory one.

The report and accounts were then adopted.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS

The autumnal rally of the Bromley, Beckenham and District Christian Endeavour Union was held at the Central Hall, Bromley, on Oct. 26th, the meeting preceding a tea and social, at which Mr. W. J. Gibbs gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. While the refreshments were being served solos were pleasingly rendered by Miss George and Miss C. Milstead.

The Rev. R. Stewart Fleming, M.A. (the president), presided at the public meeting. He gave a welcome to Miss E. M. Weatherley, the national president, who having done a good deal of travelling about the country lately, assured him that the movement was making rapid strides.

Miss Weatherley said the movement was on the increase; it was going forward. Endeavourers were grappling with present-day problems and difficulties, and they were learning for what purpose they were existing. They had great possibilities, and one realised that slackness and half-heartedness were the greatest hindrances to success of any kind. What they wanted in life was whole-heartedness. They wanted to realise the purpose for which they had been put into the world. They had great convictions, and it was great convictions that had succeeded. A man had a great conviction that he could fly to London, and he did it. A man had a great conviction that he could find the North Pole, and he found it. Unless we were living the Christian life, and had a great conviction of the power of our Christianity, showing forth in every-day details, it would have very little effect. Whilst they had great convictions of their Christianity, she thought she was right in saying that God would have them have great convictions concerning that movement which was being such a blessing to them. One of the ideals of the Christian Endeavour movement was good citizenship, which meant the uplifting of the social conditions of the people around In Glasgow they had been able to suppress the drink licences at places of amusement. What were the Christian Endeavourers doing in that respect in Bromley? Then there was the world-wide evangelisation for which Christian Endeavour stood. Concluding a forceful address, Miss Weatherley said God expected them to win their comrades for Christ. Might they not disappoint Him, for whilst He expected, He gave the power which should overcome all obstacles

At the close Miss Weatherley was thanked for her presence and address, and the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

CHURCH WORDS

"Church Words" formed the topic of an interesting and instructive address delivered by Mr. F H. Sherriff at the meeting of St. Mary Men's Hour, at Plaistow Church Hall, on Oct. 31st

There was a good attendance of members, and prior to the address delightful music was rendered by St. Mary's Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. J. Pickering. Mr. G. Hopgood gave "Arm, arm, ye brave" (from "Judas Maccabæus"), with much spirit, and also "Too late, too late," receiving a hearty round of applause

In the course of his address, Mr. Sherriff said the word Church was derived from the Greek, and meant "belonging to the Lord": but at the present day the word "church" was used in three distinct senses. First, the New Testament usage, in referring to the "Church of Asia," Smyrna, Ephesus, and so on. Second, there was the wide use of the word in our Creed. "The Holy Catholic Church" meaning, of course, the universal Church of Christendom. Third, there was the word "church" as referring to an edifice. In each of these three different uses there was great significance in that they all meant belonging to the Lord. The history of the word "chapel" was very interesting, it being derived from an Italian word, "cappa," meaning a hood. The first chapel was a sanctuary in which the cappa or cope of St. Martin was preserved. It then came to mean any sanctuary, later a recess, in the aisle of a church used for worship or devoted to the name of some saint. Finally it came to be used to designate a subordinate or lesser church. Nonconformists appropriated the name for their places of worship. They would probably feel scandalised, added the speaker, if they knew the original meaning.

At the close Rev. C. B. Selwood proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sherriff for his interesting and instructive address which was given very heartily.

SALVATION ARMY SALE OF WORK.

The annual sale of work in connection with the Bromley Corps of the Salvation Army was opened at headquarters by Miss Annie B. Green on Nov. 16th and 17th. The object was not, as in previous years, to clear off any debt in connection with the corps, but to raise funds "for the work of the Army in this part of Kent, especially during the winter months, with the additional burdens and responsibilities which this trying season entails." The effort was admirably organised by Adjutant T. Beech, Bandsman E. Palin and Treasurer W. Dell, who received much valued assistance from local residents who sympathise with the work of the Salvation Army. The stock of goods was large and necessitated the complete use of the Army Hall for the arrangement of the stalls. The stalls were laden with a variety of articles which in extent and usefulness there could be no desire to surpass, and although they were not lavishly decorated they wore a pleasingly attractive appearance on account of the business-like style in which the wares on each were displayed. The whole reflected great credit upon all concerned.

The opening ceremony, at 3.30, was performed by Miss Green, of Bickley. Mr. D. M. Mason, of Bickley, presided, and was supported by Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Aisbitt Gibson, Miss B. A. Bleckley, the Rev. D. F. Mackenzie, the Rev. Wm. Curry and Mr. Jeffrey.

Adjutant T. Beech briefly explained the object of the sale of work, and said they wished to realise at least £40 during the two days' sale to enable them to carry on their work in this part of Kent during the winter which had just commenced.

BROMLEY EARLY CLOSERS AT DINNER.

Members and friends of the above prosperous club assembled at the "Swan and Mitre" Hotel, Bromley, on November 16th, the occasion being the eleventh annual dinner. The chair was occupied by Mr. F. Essex Webb, vice-president, and he was supported by Mr. H. W. Rawlinson. Mr. G. Curwood (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. S. Harden (hon. secretary), Mr. S. Hunt, Mr G. R. Amos. Mr. J. King, Mr. Rymell, and many members of the club.

Mr. H. S. Harden said it fell to his lot to propose a toast which he felt sure would meet with their approval, and that was the health of their Chairman, Mr. F. Essex Webb. As most of them knew, Mr. Webb was one of the first supporters of the Early Closing movement in the town some eleven years ago, the outcome of which was the foundation of their club, and during that eleven years they had had a most successful run. If employers took so much interest in the movement and closed their establishments at two o'clock, then it was for the assistants to take an interest in the movement, too. This club was certainly to be reckoned amongst the pioneers of the movement in Bromley, and he trusted they would continue loyal to the club and to the Early Closing movement. He had great pleasure in asking them to drink the health of their esteemed Chairman, Mr. F. Essex Webb.

The toast was responded to with musical honours.

Mr. Webb said he thanked most heartily Mr Harden for the manner in which he had proposed his health, and those present for the way in which they had received it.

The Chairman then called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the list of prize-winners, which was as follows:—

Batting.—1, Mr. W. H. Lockey, Mr. Bruce's prize; 2, Mr. B. Follett, Mr. A. W. Parsons' prize; 3, Mr. G. Amos, Mr. J. N. Curwood's prize; 4, Mr. W. Kirk, Mr. R. C. Davenport's prize.

Bowling.—1, Mr. H. S. Harden, Mr. F. Essex Webb's prize; 2, Mr. J. King, Mr. G. Curwood's prize; 3, Mr. C. Follett, Mr. W. H. Lockey's prize; 4, Mr. P. Skinner, Mr. A. Adams' prize.

A special medal was awarded the best all round player of the season, and this was secured by Mr. B. Follett, who had not one single "duck" recorded against him.

The result of the season's work was: Matches played, 18; won, 10; lost, 6; drawn, 2; runs for, 1,576; against, 1,372.

In the Wednesday League the result was: Games played, 10; won, 6; lost, 3; drawn, 1, runs for, 908; against, 805.

The remaining toast was "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. G. Curwood and responded to by Mr. Rawlinson.

A capital programme was gone through during the evening, to which the following contributed: Messrs Rymill, John Hall, G. Brown, Alec Dymond and Verrall; recitation, Mr. Evans; ventriloquial sketch, Mr. Boswell James. Mr. T. Williams ably acted as accompanist.

SIR PATTESON NICKALLS' WILL.

Sir Patteson Nickalls, J.P., of Fallowfield, Chislehurst, of the firm of Messrs. P. Nickalls and Co., stockjobbers, of Old Broad-street, E.C., a well-known member of the Stock Exchange and an Alderman of the County Council of Kent, whose death took place on Oct. 4th, aged 73, has left a fortune of the gross sum of £141,767 13s. 5d., including net personalty of £132,544 6s. 10d., which has been sworn by his sons, Mr. Patteson Womersley Nickalls, of the Stock Exchange, London, E.C., and Mr. Morres Nickalls, of Fallowfield, Chislehurst, barrister-at-law, the executors.

Testator, by his will, dated March 1st, 1909, with six codicils attached, bequeathed £20,000 upon trust to his son, Cecil Nickalls; £12,500 upon trust for his daughter Ethel; £7,000 upon trust for his daughter Winifred; £7,700 upon trust for his daughter Sybil; £11,500 upon trust for his daughter Hylda; £6,500 upon trust for his daughter Lilian; £10,000 upon trust for his son Morres; all his property in the Argentine to his eight children; £100 each to his butler and coachman; and the residue of his estate to his sons, Patteson and Morres.

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At the Bromley Town Council on Nov. 9th a letter was read from the Home Secretary, Mr Winston Churchill, stating that their Majesties the King and Queen were pleased to receive the loyal and dutiful address assuring them of the Council's sincere sympathy for the sorrow that had fallen upon them by the death of Prince Francis of Teck.

Local Obituary.

MRS. GEORGE CREASEY.

The news will be received with regret in Chislehurst, where the family are so well known and respected, of the death of Mrs. Hester Sarah Creasey, wife of Mr. George Creasey, which occurred in her 80th year, at 43, Lyndhurst-road, Peckham, on November 2nd. The late Mrs. Creasey was the daughter of Mr. James Southernwood, a yeoman farmer, of Hockenden, St. Mary Cray. For many years she was a member of Foots Cray Baptist Church, where she was a teacher, and she has been a prominent worker at Rye-lane Chapel, Peckham, where Mr. George Creasey, who recently celebrated his 91st birthday, is the senior deacon.

MR. RAYMOND HARTRIDGE.

The death took place on Nov. 8th, at 41, Freelands-road, Bromley, of Mr. Raymond Hartridge, a well-known and much respected tradesman. He had carried on business as a butcher for twenty-four years, first in Palace-road and then in Freelands-road, and will be greatly missed. On Nov. 7th Mr. Hartridge was attending to his business as usual, but early on November 8th he suddenly expired from heart failure. The deceased gentleman was 56 years of age and leaves a widow and family of four daughters and one son to mourn their loss.

MR. WILLIAM GURR.

We regret this month to have to record the death of Mr. Frederick William Gurr, of the firm of Hill and Gurr, builders, which took place at his residence, 31, High-street, Bromley, on November 10th. Mr. Gurr, who was 62 years of age, had resided in Bromley for the last 39 years, and was respected by all who knew him.

DISTRICT NEWS.

CHISLEHURST.

The Feast of the Dedication of the Church of Annunciation, Chislehurst, was observed on Oct. 23, and crowded congregations attended the services. In the morning the pulpit was occupied by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, who took for his text, "And thou shalt remember all the ways which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep His commandments or no."

In connection with the Chislehurst Wesleyan Band of Hope a successful entertainment was given in the Willow-grove Schools on Nov. 4th, when an address was delivered by Mr. T. Marlow. Recitations were given by Miss M. Mour and Miss F. Marriott, and a pianoforte solo by Miss M. Hancock. Miss J. Mayo sang "Beautiful Land of Nod," and pleasing selections were given by the Camden Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. T. Groombridge, with whom were Messrs. Bret Smith, Goodhew, and Broome. Mr. George England also gave two splendid violin solos.

The choir of the Church of Annunciation, Chislehurst, together with the churchwardens, sidesmen, officials and others interested in the work of the church and parish, were entertained to supper by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, at St. Mary Hall, Chislehurst, on Nov. 5th. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. Lloyd Russell, and the Rev. G. R. Sampey occupied the vice-chair. After supper the Vicar said he could not allow such an opportunity to pass without expressing the deep gratitude he owed to the choir and those he saw around him for the loyal and splendid services they so unselfishly gave to the Church. It was due to all of them that he should put on record his heartfelt thanks for the way they had rallied around him on the occasion of their recent dedication festival, which was, he need scarcely add, a very important epoch in the life of the parish, as well as to himself. It had marked the fortieth year of his vicariate, and he was glad to know that at the end of that long span of years he had around him so many friends who, in different ways, helped forward the work of the Church and parish. The Vicar passed on to speak of what he owed to Mr. Frank Davey, their organist and choirmaster, whose success with the choir was so remarkable, and whose great gifts they valued so highly.

At the meeting of the Chislehurst Photographic Society, held on November 14th, a demonstration was given by Mr. W. C. Pettigrew on the making of enlarged negatives. The evening's work formed a continuation and completion of a demonstration which he gave to the society last winter on the making of transparencies with a view to the production of enlarged negatives. Several transparencies and also several enlarged negatives were passed round in order that the members might see the kind of result aimed at. The concluding processes were then carried out; a test was made on a half plate which received three varying exposures, and a 12 by 10 negative was finally made, and a most admirable result was produced. The working throughout was explained in the complete and lucid manner to which members are accustomed when listening to Mr. Pettigrew, and a most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him at the close.

FARNBOROUGH.

A very successful entertainment was held on Nov. 15th in connection with the Pratts Bottom Band of Hope. The first item on the programme was a duet by Miss Bond and Miss Ripley, which was well rendered, and this was followed by the old song, "John Brown's Knapsack," by eight girls, after which Miss Bond gave two capital recitations. Two violin solos, played by Willie Marchant, also gave pleasure to the audience. A dialogue, "The Distracted Mother and the Childless Wife," given by the Misses Capon, caused much amusement, the song, "The High Top Hat," being given at the conclusion, causing roars of laughter and evoking an encore. The chair was taken by Mr. Tomlinson, who at the close of the entertainment proposed a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, and particularly to the Misses Capon for their untiring efforts in teaching the children their respective parts. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Band of Hope outing fund.

KNOCKHOLT.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Knockholt National Schools on Nov. 16th, when a most successful whist drive took place, the pro-

ceeds of which were in aid of the Teachers Benevolent and Orphans Fund of the National Union of Teachers. About 70 people were present, the neighbouring villages of Cudham and Halstead being well represented. Light refreshment was served at nine o'clock, after which play was resumed. The counting of the scores disclosed the following prize-winners:—Ladies 1, Miss Beale, Knockholt (handbag); 2, Miss Cook, Knockholt (manicure set); 3, Miss Williams, Cudham (toilet box). Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Aves, Cudham (shaving glass and accessories); 2, Mr. Bourne, Knockholt (a clock); 3, Mr. Musson (ash tray).

ORPINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mills, of Orpington, on November 11th celebrated their golden wedding, and received appropriate gifts from the members of their family. Mr. Mills has been an employee in Messrs. William Joynson and Sons paper mill, St. Mary Cray, for some 40 years past, and both he and his wife, in the fiftieth year of their wedded life, are enjoying good health.

The second annual dinner and presentation of shield and medals in connection with the Borough of Bromley and District Quoiting League took place at the "Prince Frederick" public house on October 26th, the event passing off in an eminently enjoyable manner.

LECTURE.—Mr. Albert T. Harris, of The Broadway, Bromley, has delighted many audiences by his interesting lectures and addresses since he came to reside in the town, and it was not surprising, therefore, that a large audience should have assembled at the Lecture Hall of the Free Library on October 31st to hear him deliver another instructive lecture on the "Sun, Moon and Planets." Mr. Harris was listened to with rapt attention and all were highly delighted with the lecture, and the illustrations, which were fine, added to the enjoyment of the evening

Births.

BULLOCK.—On the 2nd November, at Blackdown, Farnborough, the wife of Captain T. W. Bullock (the Dorsetshire Regt.), of a son.

CUBITT.—On the 10th November, at Oaklea, Orchard-road, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Cubitt—a son.

DOLAN.—On the 3rd November, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dolan, of Fern Lodge, St. Mary Cray—a son

FITTER.—On the 24th October, at "Garsdale," Copers Cope-road, Beckenham, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fitter—a daughter.

HAMPTON.—On the 13th November, at Hill Cottage, Orpington, the wife of Clarence L. Hampton—a son.

LELEU.—On the 20th October, at 125, London-road, Bromley, the wife of Francis Gordon Leleu, of a son

LEMMENS.—On the 5th November, at Hollington, Sevenoaks, the wife of Theodore C. Lemmens, of a son

NAPIER.—On the 19th October, at Dial House, Bickley, the wife of Captain George S. F. Napier, late Oxfordshire Light Infantry, of a son.

PITTS.—On the 17th October, at 14, Minster-road, Bromley, the wife of Arthur G. Pitts, of a son.

SANDLE.—On the 15th November, at Walpole Lodge, Bromley Common, the wife of Henry J. Sandle, of a daughter.

SIMMONDS.—On the 24th October, at Meadowhurst, Park-avenue, Bromley, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Simmonds—a son.

WHATMAN.—On the 20th November, at Bromley Palace, the wife of Arthur Dunbar Whatman, of a daughter.

Marriages.

GREENE—TEETGEN.—On the 18th October, at the Church of Our Lady and St. Benedict, Birchington, by the Rev. Father Goldirg Bird, O.S.B., assisted by Rev. Father Sydney Smith, S.J., of Farm-st. Church, Berkeley-square, W., Cuthbert John, eldest son of Arthur Greene, of Beckenham, to Ethel Fanny, youngest daughter of William Teetgen, of Norfolk House, Birchington, Kent.

RUSH—RUSH.—On the 12th November, at St. Mildred's Church, Lee, by the Rev. W. W. Williamson, assisted by the Rev. J. V. C. Farquhar, Vicar, Sydney Heath, second son of the late Percy Charles Rush, of Bromley, to Kathleen Constance, only child of George Wilhelm Rush, of Woodcott, Burnt Ash-hill, Lee.

WOODWARD-MAY.—On the 12th November, at the Parish Church, by the Rev. Francis Henry Deane, M.A., William Woodward, of Crosbie, Bromley, to Mabel (Daisy), third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred May, of "Broke," Halstead, Kent.

Deaths.

BARKER.—On the 19th November, at his residence, 29, Newstead road, Lee, Kent, William Falcon Barker, of Lloyd's, E.C., in his 74th year.

BIRCH.—On the 6th November, very suddenly, the Rev. Charles Birch, in the 79th year of his age and the 50th year of his rectorate of the parish of Foots Cray.

BRAGINTON.—On the 13th October, at St. Alban's, Bromley, Kent, Bertha, daughter of William and Sophie Braginton.

HARTRIDGE.—On the 8th November, at 41, Freelands-road, Bromley, Raymond Hartridge, aged 56 years.

LAFONE.—On the 22nd November, at Knockholt, Kent, Lucy, wife of Henry Lafone, Esq., aged 71.

MARTIN.—On the 12th November, at 85, Kent House-road, Beckenham, and late of 15, Lessar-avenue, Clapham Common, Ann Dunning Martin, in her 78th year.

MORELAND.—On the 31st October, very suddenly, John Brogden Moreland, of 42, Wickham-road, Beckenham, and Seward-street, E.C., in his 75th year

TYLER.—On the 20th November, at 124, Burnt Ash-road, Lee, Kent, the beloved wife for 45 years of Charles Tyler, aged 70 years.

UNDERWOOD.—On the 9th November, at Belle Vuet Sevenoaks, Frederick James Underwood, in his 71st year.

WOODIN.—On the 24th October, Florence Rose, the beloved wife of F. J. Woodin, of Dormans, Stanley-avenue, Beckenham.

ROBERTS.—On the 23rd November, at The Anchorage, Bromley, after many years of suffering, patiently borne, Victoria, widow of the late Thomas Roberts.

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