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BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

A Lively Meeting.

A general meeting of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association, held at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Brockley-road, on Saturday evening, was presided over by Mr. H. J. Brooks (chairman), supported by Messrs. F. C. Hunter, C. E. Bellamy (hon. secretary), R. J. Bateman (hon. treasurer), A. A. E. Jones and C. M. Worsley.

The report of a sub-committee on the rules of the association was submitted, and Mr. Hunter moved that Rule 6, which provided that members should pay a subscription of 1d. per week, should be amended to, "that the subscription be 3s. per annum, payable quarterly in advance." Such a subscription, he said, which would yield an income of about £10 a year, would provide adequate funds for the association to be run efficiently. At the present time subscriptions were nearly six weeks in arrear.

In the discussion which followed a member complained of the inefficiency of the collecting department. Mr. Hunter spoke of the difficulties which confronted the collectors, and said that the fact that the meeting (one of about 200 persons) was supposed to be representative of over 1,000 tenants, showed the apathy that existed. There were people who objected to paying a penny a week, because they asked what they were going to get out of it. (A voice: "Why not?") They would not mind paying a half penny, he thought. The Chairman suggested that the voluntary collection system should be replaced by one in which the collectors were paid somewhere.

Two lady members spoke in favour of Mr. Hunter's amendment, one of them saying that the original subscription of 4s. 6d. a year was "used to bolster up the association." She found that the association was losing members because they did not know where the 4s. 6d. a year was going to.

The amendment having been carried by a large majority, it was agreed that the rule as altered should take effect from the 1st prox.

Mr. Hunter moved that Rule 5 dealing with the powers of the committee should be amended to give the committee the ordinary powers to write off arrears in exceptional cases.

A member made the suggestion that matters of arrears should be dealt with privately by the committee, as if the amendment were added to the rule it would encourage people to go "hard up" (laughter and dissent). It was pointed out that individual collectors could prevent such an abuse. The amendment was carried by unanimous consent.

Power of Expulsion.

Mr. Hunter then proposed to add to Rule 8 (expulsion of members), "that any person who is now quartered in arrear ceases to be a member and to enjoy the benefits enjoyed by members, as mentioned, unless the arrears be paid." In the discussion which followed the Chairman, replying to a question, said that letters had been made by the parent association to sub-associations. Only two of these did not consider entirety of members of the association—the lawn tennis section and the horticultural section.

A member asked if the association were not, therefore, contributing money for the benefit of persons who might not be members.

The Chairman replied that he would do his best to persuade any such non-member to join the association, and was

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June 22nd 1923

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.

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By Order,
ARTHUR PURNIS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, New Cross-road, S.E.14.
22nd June, 1923.

Metropolitan Borough of Deptford.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 14 of the London Government Act, 1899, Section 71 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1888, and Section 247 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that ARTHUR CARSON ROBERTS, Esquire, the District Auditor of the Metropolitan Boroughs Audit District, has appointed the AUDIT of the ACCOUNTS of the COUNCIL of the Undermentioned Borough, and of any Committees appointed by them and of their officers for the period from the 1st April, 1922, to the 31st March, 1923, to commence on MONDAY, the 9th July, 1923, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Town Hall, New Cross-road, S.E.14, and that a copy of the accounts duly made up and balanced, together with all accounts, rate books, account books, deeds, contracts, vouchers and receipts mentioned or referred to in the accounts will be deposited in the office of the Council above referred to, and will be open during the office hours, that is to say, between 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (on Saturdays between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m.), to the inspection of all persons interested, for seven clear days before the audit.

ARTHUR PURNIS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
New Cross-road, S.E.14.
June 22nd, 1923.

In the matter of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908; and In the matter of Perring Thoms, Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required, on or before the 31st day of July, 1923, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to WILLIAM STRUTT, F.L.A.A., F.S.A.A., of 34, High-street, Beckenham, Kent, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally, or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or, in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts or claims are proved.

Dated this 19th day of June, 1923.
WILLIAM STRUTT,
Liquidator.

The Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1919.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOSEPH MARIE MAINETTY, of 169, Salverley-road, Catford, London, S.E.6, has applied to the Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, and obtained exemption from the provisions of Section 7 (Sub-section 7) of the above Act, in respect of the adoption, for business purposes, of the name of G. and A. Miller.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that exemption from the Provisions of Section 7 of the Aliens' Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1919, has been granted THOR BJORN IVERNDAL, Norwegian citizen, of 79, [illegible]erringham-road, S.E.14, in respect of the adoption for business purposes of the name F. K. WEBSTER & COMPANY.

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LABOUR AND BELLINGHAM.

Looking for Recruits in New Areas.

That the East Lewisham Labour Party was looking to the development of new areas with hopeful eyes has long been evident; it remained for Alderman Matthews to state the bald fact at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Catford section of the organisation at Allerford-street Schools, Bellingham, on Saturday evening. The prospective candidate, Mr. E. W. Wilson, who was in the chair, described the meeting as one of a series designed to carry on educational work in the constituency.

Alderman Matthews said the East Lewisham Labour Party was expecting to reap a very heavy vote out of Bellingham. Another estate, in the Grove Park district, was to be developed, and they hoped to draw recruits from that, after which they would give those in power notice to quit. In the new order that was coming he warned his auditors, drones would not be required. The new order would not be able to carry any passengers: they had carried enough under the old! He characterised as a piece of pious humbug the statement of Alderman Roberts at the meeting of the Borough Council on the 6th inst., that since the present year came in plans of 100 houses in Lewisham had been passed. These houses (he said) had been built to sell, and would be sold to members of the middle-classes anxious to get from under the roof of mother-in-law or maiden aunt—sold to them at excessive prices! He urged those present to take a real living interest in the doings of the Borough Council and the Board of Guardians.

Mr. J. D. Lawrence (Plumstead) expounded Labour policy at length. They could have nothing better with which to go to an audience (he said) than the record of the present Tory Government. Nothing that was tangible had been conceded to Labour, and everything that the Government attempted to do was designed for the express purpose of keeping things as they were or putting them back where they were. From an inspection of the pictures on the walls of the school he found that history was taught as a mere matter of kings and queens, and of great battles of empires, and not as a matter of industrial history. To teach that they had to wait until they had the young people in the workshop: it was there they were given the first chance of the minds of their children. If there was one thing that had justified the existence of the Labour Party it was the smashing of the pretence of Liberalism. As Robert Smillie had said, it was necessary, before Labour could advance to power, that Liberalism should be smashed, and he thought they might claim that they had put the Liberal Party out of action as a fighting force. Having declared that the British Empire was built up on piracy, robbery, exploitation and open murder, and that there never was a more blood-stained empire, Mr. Lawrence advocated nationalisation of land and railways. In regard to industry, those who held control of workshops might be allowed to retain that control subject to their being responsible for finding employment for all those now unemployed. That was not revolutionary, but he thought it would mean revolution.

There was a bookstall, whose literature included copies of what was described by the vendors as an Irish Republican newspaper.

An article in the July "Boy's Own Paper" that will be read with avidity by all boys is "The Cowboy and his Horse," written and illustrated by Stanley L. Wood, who has

Quarter times are shown.

THE
Kentish Mercury
FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd, 1923.

THE HOUSING BILL.

Further Parliamentary discussion of the Government's Housing Bill, which was again before the House of Commons on the report stage on Wednesday, have naturally revived earlier criticisms of the measure, but we presume that it may fairly be argued that its easy passage through the committee stage in the House is evidence that most of the objections raised when the Bill was first brought out were due to misapprehension or have been removed. The London County Council had some objections to make when it was introduced, but at Tuesday's meeting of the L.C.C. Colonel Levita, the Chairman of the Housing Committee, stated that all the amendments put forward by that body had been practically adopted by the Government. A report on the subject presented by Colonel Levita's Committee contained no recommendations whatever, and the fact was made matter of complaint by members both of the Progressive and Labour parties, but the acoustics of the Council Chamber are such that it was not possible to follow their arguments from the Press gallery. However, it may fairly be taken from all the circumstances that the majority of the Council, at all events, is well content. As to one of the objections raised, that the type of house subsidised by the Bill was unduly small inasmuch as it would not provide space for a parlour, it would appear that the L.C.C. has actually constructed houses on certain of its housing estates which conform to the conditions governing the grant of the subsidy, and yet provide a parlour and its amenities. Another complaint has been that it does not meet the needs of the middle classes, and possibly these classes, as embarrassed by scarcity of houses as any other, might in fairness have been more greatly helped. But while it is true that houses of the more ample sort are not brought within the subsidy clauses, the Bill does provide stimulus for the construction of houses larger than those of the subsidised class—it provides that local authorities may assist the provision of houses of a value not exceeding £1,500 by lending money to builders, and the loans for the purpose may be made during the erection of the house up to half the value of the work done. Further, the authorities concerned may guarantee first repayment of advances made by building societies so far as such advances exceed what the society would ordinarily lend.

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and a suggestion by the last auditors that the system of keeping the books of the association should be revised. A number of questions were asked on the balance sheet and there was discussion as to the association's books.

Mr. Bellamy said he had had a tremendous amount of work to do, particularly for the first half months of the existence of the association. Many members had called at his house and he had had a great deal of correspondence, details of all of which he had not been able to record.—The balance sheet was adopted.

Complaint of "Mud-Slinging."

On Mr. Hemmet being voted to the chair for the election of officers, Mr. Brooks, the retiring chairman, was nominated again for the office. He said he was not anxious to stand again as there had been "so much mud-slinging at him." Some of the members had been coming to his house asking him to do them good turns, and had then gone about misrepresenting him and telling lies.

After some interruption, Mr. Brooks went on to say that they had been "giving for" him all the time he had been trying to help them, and had been going round all the time telling lies. (Cries of "Name, please!"). He would not give any names at the moment. . . . .

A member: "I move that Mr. Brooks leave the meeting at once, as he is damning the R.E.T.A. (uproar).

On the suggestion of another member, it was agreed that if the member who had just spoken interrupted the meeting again without cause he should be expelled. From the body of the hall it was urged that Mr. Brooks ought to "have his say" as he had had such a difficult year.

Mr. Brooks, continuing, said that to all the accusations that had been made against him, and to those which a member named had been going round making, he had the answer in his pocket. He had worked all he knew for the association. All his time had been taken up with the association and the journal, and he was finished with it, as he had had nothing but "knocks" for his efforts.

Mr. A. A. E. Jones paid high tribute to Mr. Brooks' work as chairman, and added that he did not want to anticipate events, but they need not nominate him for any office as he would take none.

Mr. Hemmet having been elected chairman for the coming year, spoke in praise of the work of Mr. Brooks, who had "put his heart and soul into the association and had done his best in every way to make it a success." He had also taken on the thankless work of helping with the journal.

Other officers were elected as follows:—

Vice-Chairman, Mr. Robert Barlow; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Rendall (Mr. Fielding read an expression of thanks from Mr. Bellamy); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. E. Young; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. J. Smith; committee, Messrs. Palmer, Nash and Bennett, Misses Hunter, Cooper, Francis and Griffin; committee, Messrs. Rainey, Baker, Clarke, Spurr, and Francis and Misses Wagner, Langton, Barrett, Hale, Jenkins, Hall, West, Gilham, Francis, Hoole, Bennett, Jones, Todd, Williams, Watson and Tomlinson.

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INTERESTING DANCE DISPLAY.

Clever Sydenham and Forest Hill Children.

The Sydenham and Forest Hill pupils of Miss Gladys Groom gave a charming display of dancing at the Stanley Hall, Sydenham, on Tuesday evening. The programme included numerous ballets, solo dances, monologues and songs, features of the evening being a ballet, "The Magic Cup," in which Miss Gladys Groom and Mr. Frederick Stadell distinguished themselves, also a cabaret, which met with much favour, and in which Mrs. Groom and Mr. Stadell repeated the Chinese dance which they gave at the recent Ypres Leagues ball at the Albert Hall. Informal dances were contributed by several of the young people. Another popular item was the "Beetle Brass," from "Who Stole the Tarts?" which has been performed with equal success by the Sydenham Children Repertoire Players the pianiste of Miss Maude Pavel.

Among the many young artistes taking part in a very lengthy programme were Joan Travers, Kathleen Smith, Margot Gothard, Irene Parris, Doreen Robins, Barbara Howell, Rachel and Dianna Carpenter, Eileen Kipps, Joan Snow, Joan Fry, Joan Heald, Joan Gladdon, Irene and Delia Travers, Miriam Adams, Brenda Dyer, Mary Morris, Jean Rockhouse, Nancy Cuzen, Marjory Farthing, Phyllis Groom, Eva Holmes, Eileen Kinnear, Cora Cull, Yolande Tyler, Myrtle Stokes, Eileen Richardson, Vera Waghorn, Ethel Pratt, Joan Gilbert, Kathleen Pember, Margaret McGibbon, Iris Rowe, E. Hayles, M. Tilling, Eileen Fitzhugh, F. Gibbs, E. M. Shoesmith, and Cecil Travers. The accompaniments were the Lewisham orchestra, with Miss Groom and Mrs. Heald at the piano.

CHARLTON GREENGROCER HEAVILY FINED.

At Blackheath Sessions on Tuesday, at Lewisham Town Hall, Thomas Henry Parks, greengrocer and trimmer, of 102, Woolwich-road, Charlton, was summoned for having in his possession a 4 lb. weight deficient to the extent of 3 oz. 1 drem. Defendant did not appear, and P.C. 102 F said that when he served the summons he said he "would try and come."

Mr. Rawlinson, inspector of weights and measures for the London County Council, said that defendant's daughter, who was in charge of the shop when he called, said she did not know the weight was wrong.

The Bench imposed a fine of £5, or 21 days in default.

"Fred in Surprised," at the admission, requires for 1920 performance on Monday, and the management will present several fresh features.

CONCERT AT BELLINGHAM.

Comments on "Criticism."

Although no of trees bloom would have been done in keeping with the climatic conditions, there was quite a good attendance at the concert held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham, on Saturday, in aid of the Horticultural and Poultry Society, a district and independent branch of the Estate Tenants' Association. The programme, which was of a bright and varied nature, comprised piano and violin selections by Misses D. Osborne, H. Ellis, W. Harwood and E. Harwood (pupils of Mr. Torrentel), songs by Mr. W. G. Baker, Miss W. Golder, Mr. Will Bulbeck, Capt. A. W. Sewings, Wal Fudge (comedian), Mrs. Woodward Burgess, Miss Mabel Holford, Will Hyde (simple impersonator), and Mr. Frank Brooks, dances by Misses Angela Dowse and Marjorie Bedwick, a contribution set by Tony Read, more song and dance by Charley Amos, dialogue by Misses Angela and Mabel Dowse, and violin and piano selections by Master David Osborne and Roland Harwood. The stage manager was Mr. C. H. Worthy, and the accompanist Mr. F. Williams.

At the interval Mr. H. J. Brooks, the chairman of the Tenants' Association, appealed for support for the Society, and said that although certain rumours had been circulated in relation to the section, he could assure them there had been no "dirty work." The section had only been unfortunate in that the business transactions had not been profitable; now it had been reorganised and placed on a separate basis. With regard to the Association proper, he hoped that the level-headed section would predominate over a riotous section which had been trying to upset their meetings and thwart the work of the Association.

Mr. A. W. Ward, the hon. secretary of the Horticultural and Poultry Society, who arranged and organised the concert, explained the projected activities of the society, and announced that a show would probably be held in August. The L.C.C. staff and Sir Robert Mackjoine and Sons had given a silver challenge cup for the best front garden, and about 20 other prizes had up to the present been promised.

A draw was then made for fall-bottom of coal given by Mr. G. Field, of Perry-rise, and a Hatto seat, presented by Messrs. Terrell, of Culford Bridge.

Deputy Inspector-General Alfred Gideon Dalmage, R.N., M.D., M.V.O., of 81, Westcombe Park-road, Blackheath, who was in the "Bonaparte" during the cruise round the world of the Prince Albert Victor and George (now King George), has, belonging to King Edward and King George, who died on February 2nd last, aged 9 years, left property of the gross value of £1,027 6s. 1d., of which £4,179 6s. 1d. is net personalty.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT WOOLWICH.

Boy Scout and a Reward.

Damage estimated at about £1,000 was caused by a fire which broke out at the works of Messrs. Douglass, Hales and Co., builders and contractors, of Charlotte-street, Woolwich, on Sunday afternoon. The outbreak was discovered by P.C. Roberts, 102 R, who immediately despatched a youth to give the alarm whilst he obtained assistance to break open the gates leading to the premises. When the firemen arrived the flames had obtained a good hold, and before they were subdued the machine shop was gutted, and extensive damage was done to the carpenters' and joiners' shops and the timber stores. It is thought that the fire originated in the machine shop, which contained motors, etc., worth about £1,000. A band of men from neighbouring houses rendered valuable assistance and moved three horses from danger. One of the helpers was a Boy Scout, who refused to accept a reward for himself because (he said) it was his duty to do what he did. The cause of the fire is unknown.

BROCKLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE CONCERT.

An entertainment given under the auspices of the Brockley and District Football League at Corpus Christi Mission Hall, Canterbury-road, Old Kent-road, on Thursday evening, took the form of a revue by the "Fantasy Romanic" Concert Party. An audience of about 300 members and friends were treated to a variety programme, the which items were contributed by Miss Mary Hyde (pianiste), the Misses Queenie May and "Bella," and Messrs. E. Hawkins, Will Clegg and Al. Douglas. Wit and melody were the keynotes of the concert, the most popular item of which was probably "Al's Anthem," a laughable comedy item. At the conclusion the hon. secretary of the league, Mr. E. P. Hance, moved thanks to the artists and expressed their gratitude to the audience for its support.

There were vacancies in the league for next season, and it was hoped to hold a preparatory concert in the near future.

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Compensation Award.

An application was made to his Honour Judge Granger, at the Greenwich County Court on Friday, to notify his notice of an agreement in respect of a compensation award made to Albert Edward Potter, of Engelmann's road, Catford, who was injured in an accident while in the employ of Messrs. Nesbitt and Pitter, estate agents, of Lewisham. Counsel for respondents said that Potter was engaged by Messrs. Nesbitt and Pitter in April, 1901, to carry around "To let and sold" boards and bills—an occupation which his Honour would readily appreciate, did not entail a great deal of labour. He had been employed at this work for about a year when he was knocked off his bicycle by another cyclist, and was taken to Lewisham Hospital suffering from a contused knee. Bursitis developed and a cartilage in the knee was removed by operation. He received compensation until July 22nd, when he was certified as convalescent, and an agreement was entered into whereby he received £2 in full and final settlement. Respondents offered to take him back in their employ, but he preferred to resume his former occupation—that of a newspaper seller. In February of this year a letter was received from Potter's solicitor asking for compensation on the ground that he was partially incapacitated. Once more he was medically examined on behalf of the respondents, and again certified as convalescent.

Potter told the Judge that his knee still lacked its normal strength, and that he was unable to use a bicycle in consequence.

His Honour considered that the accident arose on the side of carelessness, and awarded applicant another £2.

GREENWICH COUNTY COURT

NEIGHBOURS' ALLEGED FEUD.

At Greenwich County Court on Friday, before his Honour Judge Sir T. C. Granger, John W. C. Jarvis, of Conington road, Lewisham, applied for a possession order against a man named Ford, of Lewisham road, Lewisham. He complained that defendant had been a nuisance and had challenged him out to fight. He wanted possession because he was liable to be annoyed, and because of defendant's abuse and trouble with the people next door. There was a "terrible feud" with the next door neighbours, he added.

The Judge gave judgment for the defendant and adjourned plaintiff to take his remedy to the police court.

NOT A TRESPASSER.

James J. Brown, of Baseden road, Lewisham, brought an action for possession against John Moore, of 9, Kaveline Hill-terrace, Lewisham. Plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Arnold, contended that Moore was a trespasser. His recognised tenant, a man named Potter, left for Australia, and when the plaintiff visited the house he found defendant there.

Defendant produced his rent-book and said that two rooms were let to him at 4s. a week.

His Honour came to the conclusion that he was a statutory tenant, and dismissed the case.

A SYDENHAM CASE.

Joseph Hanson, motor engineer, of Kirkdale, Sydenham, applied for a possession order against S. H. Trask in respect of premises over plaintiff's shop. For the plaintiff it was contended that the rooms were let to defendant at the 4 week in consideration of his employment as plaintiff's foreman. His employment terminated in November, but despite his promises to vacate the premises he was still in occupation. There was no separate entrance to the contested quarters, it was pointed out, and defendant, his family and his guests had to pass through the store, where there was stock worth more than £1,400. The premises were wanted for another occupier.

Defendant stated that the rooms were not let to him in consequence of his employment. They were empty, and he was asked if he would like to have them.

Plaintiff said that a rent of the weight sought more than per the rates of the part defendant occupied. He paid £20 a year in rates for the whole premises.

Defendant was ordered to give up possession within four weeks.

A BELLINGHAM TENANCY.

A woman who occupied a house on the Bellingham Estate, rented at £1 a week, told the Judge that her husband earned 30s. a week and had to spend 6s. of that on railway fares. She had a family of four children to maintain. His Honour considered that there was no chance of her being able to pay the arrears, and made an order for possession in four weeks.

SHAFTESBURY SOCIETY.

At the 58th annual meeting of the Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union held

Visitation Day.

The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers, as governors of Colfe's Grammar School, Lewisham-hill, paid their annual visit on Wednesday, and the Master (Mr. J. H. Williams) distributed the prizes. Those present included Messrs. R. E. Jansen, C. H. North, E. L. Dove (warden), Messrs. H. F. C. Beaty, F. Neall, D. Wathenpoole, R. Cowing, J. Fullman, R. Hylton Foster, H. Hinton, F. Glover, J. Blowers, W. Palmer, T. Green, G. Houghton, J. Palmer, M. Fullman, F. Jansen, J. Mason, S. Kibe, R. Clark, R.A., H. Dove, C.C., Sir L. Pound, Bart., L.C.C., H. Simpson, Dr. Gay, Major P. Dove, O.B.E., M.B. (of the Court of the Leathersellers' Company), Messrs. F. Dove, D.L., L.C.C., Canon Rosenstein, M.A., Harry Christian, M.B.E., F. Leeds, Miss Rae, W. J. Pearce, J.P. (representative of London County Council), Mr. Barton, M.A., Sir R. Savill, Mrs. Ross, O.B.E., Mr. F. W. Lucas (headmaster), etc.

The Master said the governors paid their annual visit to do honour to the diligence and ability of the boys who had gained prizes for their studies and in their games. For two and a half centuries, without a break, the Court of the Company had come year after year to give away the prizes of the school, which was opened on June 20th, 1652.

The Headmaster, in his report, said there were now 325 boys in the school, and 80 had entered for admission. The examinations, conducted by London University, showed that the school was flourishing, and many successes had been gained. He thanked the governors for their cordial support and earnest work on behalf of the school, the staff for their loyal cooperation, and the boys who played a large part in the life of the school.

The Master said they would all agree that the headmaster's report was most satisfactory, and the governors congratulated him and his staff on the splendid results which had been obtained by the school as the outcome of hard work. He assured the boys that the governors were very proud of Colfe School, and he hoped the boys were also proud of it. He urged them to "play the game." If they wished to become worthy citizens of our great empire, that they would do well, and do nothing unworthy or mean, and to help others who were weaker than themselves. The governors were very interested in their games, which helped to the formation of character, and were of tremendous advantage to early life [illegible]

Under the direction of Mr. Lionel Dalmayne the boys sang "Carmen Cul Bonno" and "Battle of the Baltic," and there were several recitations.

The certificate and prize list was as follows:—

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HORSES BURNT AT BROCKLEY

Fire at a Stable.

Two horses were severely burned in a fire at Brockley on Saturday night, and had to be destroyed. The outbreak occurred in two stables at the rear of [illegible], Endwell-road, after the owner, Mr. E. Cook[illegible], a fruiterer and greengrocer, had locked them up for the night. At about eleven o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the stables, and the fire brigade was summoned. Meanwhile, P.C. Sudgrove, 300 P., forced open the stable door by means of an iron bar, and by exhibiting commendable pluck and presence of mind—his courageous act has since been recognised both by the public and the authorities—he managed to get the animals outside. One was lying down in a blazing bed, and the other, in the next stable, was standing up with the flames licking its legs and body. A veterinary surgeon was called, and the horses were both slaughtered.

Beyond the loss of two extremely good animals, the damage by fire was comparatively slight. One door, apparently where the fire originated, was extensively damaged, the rafters and other wood work were charred, and four [illegible] of [illegible], with a quantity of [illegible] in sacks in the adjoining compartment, were burned. It is [illegible] that the outbreak was caused by a [illegible] cigarette being thrown under the door, which [illegible] a bundle of hay which formed part of the horses' beds.

P.C. Sudgrove sustained a burn on his left hand, and is now off the duty list.

A youth, named [illegible], aged [illegible], of [illegible], New Cross, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on Tuesday, and was [illegible] [illegible].

Councillor Haley: Why has not the chairman of the committee tackled this job in a more wholehearted way? You are not satisfying the ratepayers with what you propose to do. You are picking out little bits and leaving others.

Alderman Roberts: The parts we propose to reconstruct are those which the Borough Surveyor thinks should be done now. To re-construct the remainder of the road would, the committee consider, be to waste money, because it is in such a condition that it will stand for three or four years without anything more being done to it.

The recommendation was adopted.

Miscellaneous.

The Baths Committee has refused a request received from the Lewisham United Organised Unemployed, that unemployed men and their families be permitted to obtain hot-water baths at half price.

Mr. P. S. J. Gordon, at present senior assistant in the audit department of the Westminster City Council, was appointed internal audit clerk in the Finance Department.

BELLINGHAM ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The Bellingham Estate Tenants Association have discovered yet another avenue for their almost inexhaustible activities—the formation of an orchestral society—and should this prove successful they intend to add choral, operatic, dramatic and literary sections, as well as a lending library on musical works. The object of the promoters is to improve the social amenities of the estate by organising concerts in connection with the B.F.T.A., and to make the summer evenings bright and attractive by giving orchestral music on the green.

The society was formed at a meeting held at St. Dunstan's Hall on Wednesday, Mr. H. J. Bright, chairman of the association, being supported by Mr. C. R. Bellamy (the hon. secretary) and a small number of people interested in musical matters.

Sir Henry Wood and Sir Landon Ronald were suggested as president of the society, but choice fell on the latter, and it was also decided to ask Dr. Borland, musical adviser to the L.C.C., and Dr. Adrian Boult to become vice-presidents. Mr. J. W. Adams consented to become conductor, other officials being appointed as follow: Mr. Trevenna, hon. secretary; Mr. Ellen, hon. treasurer; Mr. Newbury, librarian; and Messrs. Bryan, Hoskins, Spinks, Good and Burgess, committee.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY'S SPORTS CLUB.

Mr. F. McLeod (general secretary) presided over an extra-ordinary general meeting of the South Metropolitan Gas Company's Sports Club held in the Livesey Institute, Old Kent road, the purpose of which was to decide whether the club should combine with the Station and Depot clubs, together with Livesey United A.C., in forming one large sports association in connection with the company.

Mr. McLeod said that he thought now the club had made such big strides there was a need for a ruling body. The proposed arrangements would greatly assist the smaller clubs, without endangering the well-being of the larger organisations. The suggested name for the new club was the Metrogas Amateur Sports Association.

It was decided to support the new association, and Mr. McLeod stated that the president of the company, Dr. Charles Carpenter, C.B.E., D.Sc., had expressed his willingness to become the first president.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Livesey United F.C., held in the Livesey Institute, Old Kent-road, on Wednesday evening, Mr. H. [illegible] presiding, it was decided to join the new association to be known as the Metrogas Amateur Sports Association, which [illegible] that the club will [illegible] be [illegible] of Metrogas in [illegible].

Transport, a report dealing with the economic results which might be expected to accrue from the electrification of the suburban line services in London and of the main line services to Brighton, Eastbourne and Worthing, both passenger and freight.

The conclusions arrived at were favourable. The fact that gross receipts with electrification increased and operating costs decreased, whilst with steam the contrary was the case, came out very clearly. In 1913 the gross receipts per mile of track operated amounted to over £4,500 for the electric services; these rose to £11,300 in 1925. For the suburban steam service these results were: £2,800 in 1913, rising to £3,200 in 1919, and falling to £2,900 in 1925.

The comparison became still more striking if what was called the "net results" were investigated. The net receipts for electric services were £2,800 in 1913, £3,000 in 1919, and £4,500 in 1925. For the suburban steam service they were £1,200 in 1913, £2,100 in 1919, and £800 in 1925. In other words, the receipts per annum per track mile operated were ten times as great with electricity as with steam.

Sir Philip Dawson, replying to a general discussion which followed the reading of the paper, said experience of electrification had demonstrated that the largest traffic and the most successful results were obtained by a service so frequent that the users were practically independent of time tables.

THE HITHER GREEN 'BUSES.

Wednesday's Inquiry.

By direction of the Ministry of Transport an inquiry is to be held at the Town Hall, Catford, on Wednesday next, as to the running of 'buses in Torridon and Hazelbank roads. The Lewisham Borough Council has issued a circular letter inviting owners and householders to declare themselves in opposition to the running of 'buses in the roads in question. That opinion is by no means unanimous is evident from letters which have been addressed to "The Kentish Mercury":

Mr. H. J. Powell, of 100, Verdant-lane, Hither Green, writes:—"It is evident from the circular letter sent out by the Council that they are opposed to this service. This letter leaves no doubt that they wish to avoid the responsibility of making the road serviceable for omnibuses. The road will have to be re-made any way, as it cannot remain in its present condition. The population to the right of Sandhurst-road is very considerable, and one had only to notice the number of passengers when the 'buses were running to see how much the service was appreciated. That a few owners of property in the two roads in question should be considered to the detriment of the rest of the population would be most unfair, but unless something is done at once, this is probably what will happen. I would suggest that the residents of each road concerned should make a point of having at least one representative at the inquiry. Don't let the Council collect all the evidence they can against the service, and place it before the meeting as the views of the residents as a whole."

WOOLWICH GUARDIANS AND SMALL TRADERS.

At yesterday's meeting of Woolwich Guardians, Mr. H. S. Dyer presiding, Captain Graham said he understood there was a certain amount of discontent among the small tradesmen who supplied goods on out-relief tickets because they had to wait a long time for their money.

The Clerk (Mr. Alfred Ridder) said he thought the time had come for the Board to decide whether additional expense should be incurred in order that he might pay accounts monthly. At present they were paid quarterly.

Mr. [illegible]: The "stores" get paid [illegible], but of course the little tradesmen [illegible].

The matter is to be considered by the [illegible] committee.

BLIND MAN'S HOPELESS CASE.

Alleged Accident at Bellingham

In a compensation claim heard at Greenwich County Court on Friday, his Honour Judge Sir T. C. Granger [illegible] against the action of certain solicitors who brought to the courts cases which had not the slightest chance of succeeding. "It gives people the impression that the judges are 'on spite' the working man, when they have to dismiss cases after case which have no possibility of success," he added.

The claim was brought by Frederic William Le Petit, a blind man, of [illegible] Road, Deptford, against Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, in respect of an alleged accident at Bellingham.

Applicant, who was represented by counsel (Mr. Rutherford), said he was engaged in removing bricks from a railway wagon, in [illegible], when he was crushed between a skip and the buffers of a stationary truck. His two workmates, one Peter Hartell, and the other nicknamed "Dublin," who were principally responsible for the accident, ran for help, leaving him pinned against the buffers. Finally, by reaching with his right hand, he extricated himself and lay on the ground in great pain. Eventually the gaffer, "Jimmy" Nell, came on the scene, and the first-aid attendant—a coloured man—was summoned. The attendant's back and chest were rubbed with lotion, and his left hand, which was also injured, was bandaged. He was treated by the first-aid man for about a fortnight, and spent most of his time sitting in the cabin. Then he went to a doctor, who certified that he could do light work. When he reported this to the gaffer, Mr. Jimmy said he [illegible], and told him to [illegible] there was no light work to give him. The circumstances of the accident came to the knowledge of Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Hopkinson, the "two heads of the job," and also to that of "Dublin." Also, Mr. Nell's superior, and several other responsible people.

Questioned as to his condition, respondent said that his eye was "kicked out" when he was already [illegible] in England, and that he lost the sight of his other eye just after last Christmas.

Mr. Rutherford told his Honour that the two men who were with Le Petit at the time of the accident could not be traced.

Mr. Lewis, counsel for respondents, claimed that the evidence of the men was [illegible] applicant's story. He said that although the accident was alleged to have occurred in October, 1921, they received no notice of claim until February (that of this year)—[illegible] after Le Petit had left the employ of Sir Robert McAlpine. He was discharged because of work depression. Counsel produced the foreman's report book, which, he pointed out, contained no record of the alleged accident. It merely referred to a minor injury to applicant's finger on a previous date.

Dr. Conway, applicant's panel doctor, who was called by the applicant, said he knew nothing about the accident. Le Petit called on him in regard to his eyesight. He was sent to the Miller Hospital, and some inflammatory condition of his eyes was discovered. There was no connection between the accident and applicant's blindness.

His Honour, after studying the observations of counsel, said he had no doubt in his mind as to what actually happened. This man before lost his sight and then turned his attention to another occupation. He was encouraged by a firm of solicitors who had brought a case which they must have known had no possibility of success. It was absolutely clear that applicant was only crushed [illegible] to his finger, which was [illegible] the statement the case with costs.

FATAL FALL AT CHARLTON.

Ignoring Regulations.

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Photo, Charles.
Girls attending the Deptford Borough Council's domestic service training class, photographs Page 6

LONDON'S QUEEN OF THE

Florrie Waterhouse, of Lodbrook road, Bow Cross, crowned May Queen of London at the Merry festival at Hayes on Saturday. 6

SCENES AT LOWER SYDENHAM COUNCIL DEPOT.

Discharged Workmen's Violence

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of eyes and some more cunning one or one ing prosecuted for trespass. Who does not desire, above all else, to walk upon that glade or leave that gate open, directly we are faced by the prohibition. In the matter? And as for the trespass, old as I am, I still earnestly desire to go into that meadow or along that private road, as the case may be, to brave all the hidden engines of man traps and spring guns, and the utmost rigour of the law. Or as I may be writing for some readers who only know grass, alas, by hearsay, and seldom see the green fields, and never have the slightest desire to trespass anywhere, save through the swing door ten minutes after statutory closing time, may I refer to the subject of neckwear? Most men in this highly scientific and hygienic age continue to follow the dictates of a most unscientific and utterly unhygienic custom of enclosing their neck as tightly as may be, within the limits of the law prohibiting him the use of a band of more or less white material of varying length and stiffness, called a collar, and to appear at the front door of your suburban residence before that abominable emblem of respectability is to verge on the borders of indecency, and clamour aloud for castration. This in itself is bad enough, but to wear a collar without a tie is almost as bad, and is considered a shocking example to the children (consult Mandin).

Being a married man, and consequently under the direct supervision of an eminent authority on ties and collars, I have meekly submitted to the stupid practice and custom referred to above; but considering to what a collar do so vividly protest, and have the mild satisfaction of this very present moment of sitting at my desk, I am. Thursday morning, nearly collarless and tieless, the white Matilda is quiet for a little while longer, operative, innocent and unaware of my shamefully departure from her side to the liberal bosom of my desk. Whilst prohibition is an fashionable a craze at the present moment, the question of prohibiting the wearing of collars should be calmly and carefully considered. Or maybe, I know, it will raise a storm of protest in certain quarters of vested interests. Look at America, for instance. There will be the blessing of the linen and backsides and starch manufacturers, so indeed, consider what simply sum for collars, as an easy method of using up bits and ends of stuff which are too small, and too straggly, and too awkward to make into shirts or pocket handkerchiefs. They will naturally object to the prohibition of collars, and will issue propaganda with terrifying statistics unmistakably proving that we shall become a third rate power directly we go collarless. Those interested parties will be joined by the anxious and ignoble contingency of collar laundresses, who are in league with the manufacturers, and who before will tear and mutilate our collars at anything from a shilling a dozen upward, under the vile pretence of cleaning the same. The usual allusions will be completed by the stock makers and retailers—more especially the latter. But I shall not heed at the supposition of these Sycophants. They don't know their business. They never did. They stand on the kerbstone within walking distance of Buckingham Palace and other places where they sing and tender for sale these objectious, effete and utterly irrepressible symbols of the march of intellect in the 20th century, at a time and in a place where I blush to remember the existence of the soulless ones whose presence always excites me to fits degree of righteous wrath, and whose non undergarment abnegation drive me to the last limit of goodnature in the attempt to open all the drawers at once to search for them. Collar studs should be brought round with the morning's milk, and every postman, policeman, authorised gas-meter man, flag-seller and crossing-sweeper, should, under penalty of being shot at dawn, or words to that effect, be allowed to carry an assorted packet—sterilised—as an emergency ration for myself and other poor chiels whose stands broke off or whose head tosses off their

wide for his children should be eligible for a pension.

The executive council was instructed to represent to the Ministry of Pensions that the conference viewed with alarm the exceedingly large number of appeals that were turned down by the Appeals Tribunals.

A resolution was carried declaring that the "King's Roll," or national scheme for the employment of disabled ex-service men, had proved a failure, and urging that the only alternative was legislation to enforce the employment of disabled men on such duties as they could satisfactorily carry out.

DEATH IN THE STREET AT LEWISHAM.

The sudden death of Sarah Ellen Sidney, aged 47, of 46, Rushey Hill, Lewisham, was inquired into at Lewisham on Wednesday.

A son said that his mother had not been in very good health. On Sunday she had a good breakfast, after which she left home for Hither Green Station for the purpose of taking a train to town. She was going to Buckinghamshire for a few days' holiday.

P.C. Beal, 383, stated that he found Mrs. Sidney lying dead in Nightingale-grove, Hither Green.

Dr. Nicholls said that death was due to cerebral haemorrhage.

BELLINGHAM HORTICULTURISTS

The horticultural and poultry section of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association are arranging a show to be held in August. Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons and the staff of the L.C.C. have given a cup, which is on view at the Estate Office. As this trophy is to be awarded for the best front garden, the tenants are being asked to contribute towards the purchase of a cup, to be called, it is suggested, "the Tenants' Cup," for the best back garden. As the streets on the estate stretch a distance of seven miles, the judging, which will take place prior to the date of the show, will be a formidable task. There will also be various children's classes and a baby show.

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appear that and only in the public highway and other places of resort where he may be clearly observed. As a matter of fact, they are no friends at all to the average man. They hoard illustrious signatures on shirts and collars, in a box, half the size of a tooth-pick, but, like the pearl amongst the pebbles by the sea-side waves, he is the only one, exactly one, that I can plainly wear although that heap; and I allow the floor and also the sideboard invariably with throughout, in the strenuous attempt to find the quarry to match, and also remarked in the small hours of the last morning by one of the minor unmentionably cutting into the small of my back and awakening me with horror from a hazy and blameless slumber. I recall and dwell with no small satisfaction the many fights I have had on the bedroom floor and around and amongst the boots and articles of haberdashery and vertu that adorn my humble dormitory with Matilda's kind permission, with sheer snow-whitened studs, shoe horns, exercisers and sundries. I could fill volumes after volumes of this journal in the most approved vituperative style, of the boxing prints of my trusty battles. I could go on to describe round after round. How in round one stud cleverly twisted and rolled off the chest of drawers and entrenched himself behind the gas with a brazen effrontery worthy his base metal. How he was induced to come forth, to respond to a call on his sportsmanship, answered by a bamboo leather brush. How he hid behind the sepulchre; how he had a period of masterly inactivity where he was finally captured, still an attempt made to shroud him through the different

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Father's Rescue of Baby.

Cries of a nine months-old infant left asleep in a cradle in the sitting-room of a flat at 246, Pangbry-road, Catford, aroused the household at 1.45 a.m. on Tuesday. Through a rapidly-thickening haze of smoke the householder, Mr. Charles Gardner (an ex-Service man), made his way to the cradle, and brought out the infant, fully as much the worse for the experience. The other members of the household—Mrs. Gardner, four children, two mother and sister (Mrs. Helsden and Miss Dorry Helsden), who had been aroused, escaped to their night attire, and may be accounted fortunate in doing so, so rapidly did the flames spread from the fire place in the sitting-room, from which, presumably, they originated.

In the meantime the alarm had been given, and a fire escape and three engines were rushed to the scene, but not before the contents of the two front rooms of the flat had been practically burnt out, the building and stairs damaged, and the windows of No. 248 (the flat below) in the occupation of Mr. Talbot damaged by water.

ROMAN CATHOLIC FETE AT ABBEY WOOD.

On Whit Monday a successful fete and gala was held at the Co-operative Meads, Abbey Wood, in aid of of the Building Fund of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Plumstead. The fete was opened by the well-known actress, Miss Peggy O'Neil, and amongst the company were the Mayor and Mayoress of Woolwich (Councillor and Mrs. J. A. Turnbull), Fathers McCarthy (Rector of St. Patrick's), O'Leary (St. Peter's, Woolwich), Keogh, and Le Marne. Music was supplied by Callender's Silver Prize Band. The attractions included a sale of work arranged by Miss E. Cotsent, sports under the direction of Mr. W. J. Manley, and a baby show, the prizes being afterwards distributed by Miss Peggy O'Neil. Choruses were sung by St. Patrick's choir, conducted by Mr. N. J. Murphy, and in the evening there was a concert, directed by Mr. J. Reddy, the final being an enjoyable dance.

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' REQUESTS.

The Bellingham Tenants' Association have approached the Southern Railway Company with a view to the provision of a waiting-room on the up platform at Bellingham Station, and the reduction of season and workmen's ticket rates, the issue of third-class "season" from Bellingham, and the extension of the Sunday service.

The London County Council have been asked to permit the Albertine street School to become a play centre for the children, under the control of a supervisor-leader, during the holidays. If the Council accede to the request indoor and outdoor games will be organised, and the county will be made an effective recruiting-ground to the streets.

KILLED BY A CRICKET BALL.

An inquest upon Bertie A. Mansfield (10), of Mr. Simpson's, Dartmouth, who was killed by a blow from a cricket ball, was held on Monday yesterday by Mr. E. E. Duvall. It appeared that on Whit Monday he went to Addington Woods with the Purbeck company of the Boys' Life Brigade, and about 3.30 p.m. was standing in a road when he was struck on the left side of the head by a cricket ball (other lying dead), he walked 100 yards to the lavatory. He was taken to the Brentwood Cottage Hospital, where he died.

It appeared that one of his left eyes was a glass eye, which had been the other. The jury found that death was caused by accidental injury on the head.

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[illegible] Mr. Bryan Colquhoun, Mr. [illegible] Hutchinson, Mrs. Gudrun Thompson, [illegible] by Mrs. and Miss Allong, Mrs. Hirt, Stratton, Miss M. Stratton, Mrs. Mc[illegible] Smith, Mrs. Kowall, Mrs. Chesterman [illegible] assisted by Mrs. Mondyold Wilson, Osborne, Mrs. McFiel, Mrs. Mattson, Sullivan, Mrs. Webster and Miss Orb; Mrs. Jones, assisted by Mrs. Ellis, Mr. [illegible], Mrs. Russell and Miss Hilliar; Lemon Gallery, assisted by Mrs. Kel[illegible] Dunstanville, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Adam, assisted by [illegible] Mrs. Bomquet and Mrs. Jones; Miss Sellar and Mrs. Howell, assisted by [illegible] Holmes, Mrs. Leader, Mrs. Right, [illegible], Mrs. Hitchins, Mrs. Rogers, [illegible], Mrs. Hone, Mrs. and Miss [illegible] Miss Wilmot, assisted by the Misses H. [illegible] S. Wilmot, Miss Rockwood and Miss Eva; Miss Creasy, assisted by Miss M. [illegible] Miss Leader, Miss Bromsons, Miss E. He[illegible] Miss Forsdyke and Mrs Burrell; Miss He[illegible] assisted by the Misses Ellis, Miss D[illegible] Miss Sheppard, and Mrs. Arkin; Co[illegible] Gallery, competitions, assisted [illegible] Captain Sullivan, Major Dunstanville, L[illegible] Colonel Bruce, Messrs. Edwards, Bro[illegible] Webb, Leader, Bradshaw, Dyden, [illegible] Fagan, Mrs. Sill, the Misses T. G[illegible] E. Galloway, Neville, Miss Adams and [illegible] Bowman; entertainments, assisted [illegible] Jewels of Dartland Hotel, Messrs. [illegible] Brighton, Miss H. Keogh, M[illegible] Fletcher; refreshments, assisted by [illegible] Mrs. Cramer, Wilmot, Jacobs, J. Del[illegible] Walker, M. Finch, H. Howell, Marshall, [illegible] of Walker, Mrs. Hartlet (tea), [illegible] Mrs. Sandemann, Miss Hacker and [illegible] Gardeners.

Amongst those who passed on the [illegible] were the Mayoress of Greenwich [illegible], Sir Charles Stone and Mrs. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wire, the Rev. [illegible] Pickering (Dean of Rural Dean of [illegible]), Mrs. Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], the Rev. Dr. Crake, Colonel [illegible], Colonel and Mrs. E. [illegible], the Rev. A. C. Corney, and Mr. [illegible].

The first day's sales realised £[illegible]. Yesterday, the lucky ticket was opened by [illegible], the chairman being Mr. [illegible] Mace.

MASONIC.

THORNHILL LODGE, No. [illegible]. The installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C. Thursday, when Bro. George A. J. Gaw[illegible] was installed as Worshipful Master. [illegible] were initiated in Bellevue. [illegible] Bro. Chas. E. Sew, I.P.M., Bro. Major A. J. Mather, T.D., S.W., Bro. Robert [illegible] J.W., W. Bros. Charles A. Hill, L.H., [illegible] and 1681, P.P.G. Reg. Dr. [illegible] Treasurer, John C. Mather, Secretary, Alfred Solomons, J.E., D.C., Bro. [illegible] Davies, S.D., Bro. Thomas H. [illegible] J.D., W. Bro. J. Jaquell, L.R., [illegible] Bros. Harry T. Shepherd, Organist, [illegible] Jeffery, I.G., A. E. Quick, Bros. [illegible] W. Bros. W. E. M. Hamlyn, P.G.D. [illegible] Madras, and Bros. W. Jacob, A. F. [illegible] and E. E. Wright, Stewards, W. Bro. [illegible] Benstead, Tyler. At the banquet there [illegible] company of 100, including [illegible] musical programme was supplied by Olive Trent, Miss Edith Trent, Bro. [illegible] Gregory, Bro. Fred Wilde, and Bro. [illegible] Brands.

"RALLY CLUB" CONCERT.

On Tuesday evening, at St. Mark's, Chesnut-road, Leytonstone, a concert of informal character, arranged by Mr. Tucker Jones, was held to raise funds for the "Rally Club's" summer activities under the leadership of Mrs. Cranmer. Songs were sung by the Misses Aldsworth, Tabor, Rickwort, and Mr. Hubert Cowling, violinist, Miss Nellie Cliff, who delighted the audience by her piano playing, taking the place of the accompanist, who had to be absent, and a monologue by a member of the guild, Miss Edith Bayes, who gave some her amusing skill showed.

Fifty-seven children lost on Hatch on Whit Monday were all restored to their parents.

lake.

Mr. C. S. H. Jaggle replied that no reply had been received from the City Corporation. The Public Control Committee at their last meeting gave instructions for a further letter to be sent to the City Corporation unless an answer was received before the date of the committee's meeting, June 22nd.

PLUMSTEAD COMMON PLAYGROUND.

Replying to questions put by Mr. Snell, Lady Eve, chairman of the Parks Committee, said it was not correct that no playground for children was provided on Plumstead Common. Children were allowed to play with soft balls on the eastern portion of the Common. The boys' cricket ground was now closed, being unused, and the eastern portion of the Common (Wynn's Coppice) was the only area where cricket with hard balls could at present be permitted without danger to the public.

SUNDAY TRAM SERVICES.

Mentioned by Mr. J. D. Gilbert, the chairman of the Highways Committee, said that out of a total of 28 tramway services in South London the following do not run on Sundays:—Service 16, Farlefield Station and Hop Exchange; 22 and 23, Southwark-road and Rotherhithe (circular route); 58, Southend Village and Southwark Bridge; 60, Dulwich Library and Southwark Bridge; 62, Blackwall Tunnel and Savoy-street; 78, Forest Hill and Blackfriars; and 84, Peckham Rye and Victoria Embankment (Blackfriars).

LEWISHAM AND TOWN PLANNING.

Moving, on the estimates, an amendment proposing the preparation of plans under section 6 of the Housing Town Planning, etc., Act of 1909, Mr. Gilbert admitted that town planning for London as a whole was not practicable. There were areas, such as Lewisham, where it would be practicable, the local authorities of which wished something to be done in that direction.

Sir John Gilbert said a report on the subject was being prepared, and the amendment was defeated.

NEW SCHOOL FOR BELLINGHAM.

Preliminary estimates in connection with the erection of the second and final section of the elementary school on the southern portion of the Bellingham estate were adjourned until the next meeting.

AN ELTHAM IMPROVEMENT.

It was agreed to contribute two-thirds of the net cost of the acquisition of the property adjoining "Clifden," in High-street, Eltham, required for the widening of that road.

A ROMANESQUE BRIDGE.

The Council approved a resolution declining, at the present time, to put in force its powers under the South-Eastern Railway Act to require the railway company to reconstruct, at the cost of the Council, the railway bridge over Rotherhithe New-road.

SOUTH-STREET, GREENWICH.

The Council declined to contribute towards the cost of an additional widening of South-street, Greenwich, adjoining Nos. 17 to 27, proposed by the Greenwich Borough Council. In June, 1908, the Council agreed to contribute two-thirds, not exceeding £850, of the net cost of the widening of South-street at this point, but the work has not yet been carried out, and the Borough Council now states that upon further consideration of the matter it is somewhat doubtful whether the proposed improvement can be regarded as satisfactory, inasmuch as the footway at the point will be only 4 feet 9 inches, or even less, in width. It was suggested that an effort should be made to acquire the property immediately adjoining in order that the width of the footpath at the narrowest part may be increased. The Improvements Committee of the County Council were advised that the net cost of the property required for this additional widening might be estimated at about £7,000, and this figure was, in their opinion, prohibitive, having regard to the advantages to be obtained.

recent issue of the articles issued had not been up to standard.

Mr. Bellamy: Would it not be well to await the result of the inquiry?

The vice-chairman: I think the evidence was before you on the inquiry. I don't think you need worry!

Mr. Buck suggested that the proposal was to benefit the minority at the expense of the majority.

Mr. W. G. Selman said the Eltham people were very sore about having to come to Lewisham for some goods, and were very much in favour of closing the stores.

Mr. J. W. Rose expressed the view that in view of the fact that unemployment was decreasing, and might be expected to decrease still further, the Board might safely consider the closing of the store.

The motion was carried by 12 votes to 3. It was subsequently decided that the outrelief distributing store and the boot store be closed as from September 30th next.

THE LATE RECTOR OF LEE.

Proposed Memorial.

As a memorial to the Rev. Richard Meddings, the late Rector of St. Margaret's, Lee, it has been decided to place a painting of St. Margaret on canvas, with an inscription in metal at the base, on the wall between the two windows of the Lady Chapel. This was the unanimous resolution of a meeting of subscribers at the Kingswood Hall on Wednesday. Miss Tate, who has generously identified herself with the scheme, said it was their late Rector's wish that something should be done to obliterate the unsightly patches, which had been caused by damp, on the wall in the Lady Chapel. She understood that the damage was caused by a leaking gutter five or six years ago. The defect, however, had been repaired and the wall was now perfectly dry.

Several other suggestions were put forward—such as a figure of St. Margaret in oak, a sounding board to improve the acoustic properties of the church, and the endowment of a cot in a local hospital—but they received no support, the last-mentioned idea being considered impracticable.

It was stated that the memorial fund amounted to nearly £30. Messrs. Clayton and Bell, the well-known church decorators, had submitted an estimate for a painting 12 feet 11 inches by 3 feet 4 inches for £30, and to make good the damage to the wall for a further £11. The cost of the repairs, the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Gillingham) explained, would be borne by church funds.

The proposition was carried and the Rector stated that he believed the work would be completed by about the middle of September. He suggested that the memorial might be unveiled on the anniversary of the late Rector's death in November.

MESSRS. PYNE BROS., LTD.

The lists of applications for shares in Messrs. Pyne Bros., Ltd., of Lewisham High-road—the flotation of which well-known concern as a limited company was announced in our last issue—were to have remained open until this morning, but the capital having been over-subscribed they were closed on Tuesday morning.

We understand that a large number of shares have been applied for locally.

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOLS, GREENWICH.

The First Lord of the Admiralty (the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P.) will visit the schools this (Friday) afternoon. The annual athletic sports will be held on Thursday, the 8th inst.

scene for amateur dramatists. The band of the Royal Artillery and Miss Gwendoline Manchester's string orchestra played, and the boys gave drawing and drill displays, under the direction of Miss Plummer. A window demonstration and boomerang programme was furnished by Messrs. Burnelpt. Miss Fairbrough had charge of hospitality, Mr. Lewis of skittles, and Miss Earle and Miss Pullen of angling. There were numerous "side-shows."

The success of the fete was largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. W. H. Holbirk (hon. secretary) and Mr. L. Fairbrough (hon. treasurer).

The financial result of the fete was £200 net.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL AND WELFARE WORK.

Possible Re-Introduction.

Mr. H. Snell, Member for East Woolwich, on Tuesday questioned the Financial Secretary to the War Office on the subject of appeals for the restarting of the welfare work formerly carried on in connection with the boys employed at Woolwich Arsenal. Seeing that the work only involved the small cost of £400 per year, he asked whether, in view of its educational and civic value, the War Office would reinstate it?

The Financial Secretary (Mr. Gwynne) admitted that representations on the subject had been received. The question was under consideration, and the appointment of welfare supervisors would, he hoped, be reconsidered at an early date.

DARTMOUTH SOLDIERS' CLUB, BLACKHEATH.

The final balance sheet of this club, which was established during the war in Dartmouth-row, Blackheath, has been issued by Messrs. H. C. Walker (chairman), W. J. Martin (hon. treasurer), and H. M. Dobson (hon. secretary). It shows that, after all the accounts had been settled and the property of the club sold, the committee passed a resolution that the balance of about £300 be handed to the Charity Commissioners, to be held by them as trustees on behalf of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Care Committee (Sir Arthur Pearson's work at St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers), and that they be authorised to pay to the treasurer of the fund 1/30th of the principal and the annual interest each year until the entire fund be exhausted.

JUNIOR IMPERIAL LEAGUE.

A branch of this national association has been formed in East Lewisham, with headquarters at 136, Bromley-road, S.E.6, the offices of the East Lewisham Conservative Association.

Applications for membership by any persons of either sex (over the age of 16) should be sent to the honorary secretary at the address given. Personal application may be made any Wednesday evening after 8 p.m.

GREENWICH CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATION.

Garden parties, at which Mr. G. H. Hayes, M.P. for Greenwich, will speak, Parliamentary duties permitting, will be held next Thursday evening at Maitland House, Greenwich-road; on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Trinity Hospital, Old Woolwich-road; and on Thursday, July 8th, at Blackheath and Westcombe Park Unionist Club, Charlton-road.

The Rev. F. H. Gillingham, Rector of Lee, had Thursdays in the area in the second innings of the match against Kent, and could play only as a defensive game. He was at the wickets for an hour and a half for four runs.

a way which was a model to all others. To carry on this fight, members—which automatically split income—were necessary; there was far more work being done in West Lewisham on behalf of the Labour Party than some of their friends suspected.

Mr. E. T. Campbell, L.C.C., who seconded, referred to the fact that he had been asked to stand as prospective candidate for Parliament in the North West Camberwell Division. He wished to tell his West Lewisham friends that this was not going to alter his work there; it had not done so so far, and it was not going to do so. In his own interest it should not be allowed to do so, for his only chance of getting in—if he should get in—was by having a good record in West Lewisham. He enjoyed the work they had sent him to do on the London County Council, and did it as well as he could (hear, hear).

The motion was then adopted.

Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Rowland Alagna submitted a resolution that the fraternal greetings of the association be sent to Mr. Bonar Law expressing gratitude for all that he has done for the Empire, wishing him a speedy return to health, and trusting he may long be spared to help his country with his benign and wise counsels. Though far from strong (said the mover), Mr. Bonar Law, at great risk to himself, had come forward to fill the breach, and did what probably no other person would have done—carried through his task successfully.

Councillor Jackson seconded, and the motion was carried.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Home Nithell, C.B.E., next moved a resolution offering the congratulations of the association to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, expressing satisfaction at his acceptance of the office of Prime Minister and at the support given him by Sir Philip Dawson, M.P. Mr. Baldwin (said the mover), although a young man in politics, had shown that he was perfectly capable of dealing with any difficulties that might arise if he had the support of his party.

Councillor Bowie having seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Election of Officers.

The vice-presidents—Messrs. A. H. Poyser, K.C., E. T. Campbell, L.C.C., and F. H. Nicll, L.C.C., were re-elected, on the motion of Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., seconded by Mr. W. H. Shaw.

The chairman was, on the proposition of Alderman Jerrard, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, re-elected, and a similar honour was done the vice-chairman (Councillor W. F. Pellett, who, it was stated, was unavoidably absent). Mr. E. C. Leach was elected hon. treasurer, and Councillor Marsh was re-elected hon. auditor.

A report of Sir Philip Dawson's address appears on another page.

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD AND IRELAND.

The Indemnity Bill.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on Monday on the Irish Indemnity Bill, Sir Kingsley Wood (member for West Woolwich), said it was important to know what was proposed to be done in future with the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act. As he understood the position anyone could be arrested under that Act and interned in this country. It might be necessary for the Home Secretary to have those extraordinary powers, but there should be some means of having his decisions reviewed (hear, hear). He called for some observation, and he thought alteration in procedure, that two of three men had been charged and acquitted, and that some 70 or 80 people had not been proceeded against at all. Whilst he was prepared to give an-

[illegible] agitation about city churches, the Lewisham East-Central Conference voted some months ago very decidedly against demolition. It was recognised that in one particular church great good was being done in the community by using money left "for the poor" in the service of education. And that in the character building of future generations the incentive to public-spirited generosity from the examples of our ancestors was of the highest value. The inspiration of singing a service of thanksgiving within walls which for 800 years have been consecrated to that purpose is not small or negligible. Christ's Hospital comes up naturally to Newgate-street, from Horsham. The Charterhouse maintains its link with "The Charterhouse," and London City spends its annual mess honoraria of purpose by this return through suburb and countryside.

NEW CATFORD VICAR.

The Rev. R. F. Edgar Partington, M.A., M.C., who is to succeed the Rev. J. Philip Sadler as Vicar of St. John's, Southend, with St. Dunstan's, Bellingham.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS.

Holidays for Poor Children.

As president of the School Journey Association, Lady H. Helmsley, co-operating with a representative committee on which are prominent members of the London County Council, and others who are particularly active on behalf of London's poorest children, has issued an appeal for funds to enable the beneficent work of the association to be continued and extended. Reference is made to the great blow which last year fell upon numbers of London elementary school children owing to the fact that the Board of Education, for reasons of economy, was obliged to cut down the grants given to pay for school journeys. This year a greater blow has fallen, for no grants whatever can be given. In 1921 nearly 10,000 boys and girls were sent away for a fortnight's holiday. In 1922 the number was reduced to 2,000, and this year, unless help is forthcoming, the numbers will be much less.

The members of the teaching staff in well-to-do localities in London have seized the situation in their schools, and by means of concerts, sales of work, and bazaars, have made provision for their children, but that means that only the children of well-to-do parents will be able to enjoy the benefits of the holiday; the children of poor parents who live in [illegible] will have to

Chandler's Hill-road, and Mrs. East, 5, Tanyrough-fields; Blackheath and Kidbrook, New Drummond, Blackheath and Charlton Hospital, and Mrs. Lidstone, 41, Lee-terrace; St. Nicholas, Councillor Mrs. Turner, 81, Wellington-street, Deptford; Charlton, Mrs. Mayer, 67, Delafield-road, and Mrs. White, 88, Charlton; Special, Mrs. Grosse, 34, Blackheath-hill.

Mrs. Shirlaw played during the service of afternoon tea.

ELTHAM STAGE PLAYERS.

"Tilly of Bloomsbury."

The continuous hearty laughter at the Parish Hall, Eltham, on Saturday night, testified to the success of the Eltham Stage Players in their one-night production of Ian Hay's well-known comedy "Tilly of Bloomsbury." Though the house was not full, there was a sufficiently large attendance to demonstrate the fact that, in spite of the intense of the season, the reputation of the Players in connection with past performances was sufficient to attract a considerable audience, who experienced a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The creation of the proper atmosphere for such a comedy as the one under notice is not the easiest achievement, but the cast selected from the players was so admirably allocated that from start to finish there was no lack of interest throughout the performance.

In the name part Mary Kay was most suitably placed, for she possesses all the attributes necessary to the effective representation of the author's heroine. As the daughter of the Bloomsbury lodging housekeeper thrown into the realms of superior society, faced with the difficulties of differing social spheres, Miss Kay did extraordinarily well. Miss Margaret Banks was a success as Lady Mathan Mainwaring, and as Sylvia, her daughter, Miss Winifred Clarke, thoroughly well accomplished the young lady of would-be high degree. Mr. Cyril C. Carley's assumption of the character of Richard (Mainwaring's son) contributed largely to the success of the production, and throughout a difficult part there was no slackening in the merit of his performance. One of the gems of the production was Miss Alys Cunningham as Constance Dupuy, another was Miss Lavinia Henderson as Mrs. Welwyn, and if Mr. Harvey Hastings' reading of Percy (Welwyn's son) was on the broad side, it nevertheless contributed much to the humour. Mr. Cecil McIntosh provided much merriment by his clever interpretation of the character of the Rev. Adrian Rylands; Miss Florence Wilson as Amelia Welwyn, Mr. Herbert W. Tansley as the Sheriff's Officer, Mr. W. H. Watson as Louisa Welwyn, Mr. Albert H. Williams as Pumphrestone, and Mr. Frank Oldfield as Mr. Melba Rain (the law student) were also good, while Miss Edith Tansley as Grafelina Banks deserves a special word of praise.

There was a warm demonstration of approval at the fall of the curtain. The play was produced by Mr. W. G. Watson, and the music was supplied by the Eltham Stage Players' orchestra, under the direction of Mr. F. J. Francis, Mus.Bac.(Oxon.), A.R.C.O.

BLITHER GREEN AMBULANCE

Sale of Work at Ladywell.

Organised by the Hither Green (15th South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Service) Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, with the assistance of the London Bridge (R.E. and C.H.) Nursing Division, a sale of work, held at St. Mary's Institute, Ladywell-road, Lewisham, on Saturday, was opened in the afternoon by Mrs. Chiesman, with whom was Councillor Harry Chiesman, M.B.E. The chairman was Mr. W. H. Smith (divisional superintendent), who spoke of their appreciation of the presence at the sale of Councillor

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ALFRED A. MARTIN,
District Secretary.

THE RIVER QUAGGY.

Sir,—Passing, after recent rain, that neglected and necessary for unwanted stream, the river Quaggy, in the Highstreet, Lewisham, and thinking what a disgusting and filthy sight it was in an otherwise clean and hygienic borough, I wondered if the Council had ever considered the advisability of bridging it in stone in the same way as that by which Messrs. Dubois have made a real improvement to Lewisham.

At a meeting of tradesmen held recently under the auspices of the Local Chamber of Commerce to discuss the alleged nuisance of street traders and hawkers, etc., it was decided, with only one dissentient—the present writer—that steps should be taken to curtail their activities. Now, if the Council would dispose of a doubtful nuisance—the street trader—and a most decided, unnecessary one—the odorous Quaggy, that I suggest that their route a market over the unsightly concrete ditch by extending the existing footbridge south, towards the Clock Tower, along very with the railings and well, and making an open flat space. The gain would be approximately 10,000 sq. feet, or, if continued south from the St. Stephen's foot-bridge, more than double that area, in the centre of Lewisham, and this valuable space could be let to approved street traders at an economic figure per foot.

I am sure it would prove a great attraction to the buying public that visit the borough, a lucrative source of income on a minimal capital outlay, and a permanent benefit to all if removed the Quaggy out of sight and smell.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A. D.

BELLINGHAM GARDEN ESTATE.

Sir,—"Satisfied Tenant" seems to be a well-satisfied tenant, except that he seems ashamed of his name. His assumption is that because he has nothing about which to complain, therefore nobody on the estate has cause for complaint. This, of course, is ridiculous.

Again, he assumes that, because some of the signatories' names "are familiar in Labour circles," therefore the Tenants' Association is run by the Labour Party. This is also a false assumption. As a matter of fact, the association is non-political and non-sectarian, and includes among its members men and women of all political and religious creeds. Further, the signatories are not all of Labour party persuasion, by any means.

I may add that many of the signatories have themselves no cause for complaint, but their duty to the people whom they are supposed to represent is to fight their battles as much as is within their power. The purpose of the so-called "tactics" was not, and is not, to discredit an employee, but rather to endeavour to get harmony and smooth working.

It is not impossible that "Satisfied Tenant's" letter has been prompted by his own political views without any regard for the views, political, religious and social, of other people. In other words, if everything were done which just coincided with his way of thinking—I be thinks it all—all would be well.

I am sorry that we have sinned so much as individual as one can see only his own side.—I am, Sir, etc.,

C. E. BELLAMY,
Hon. Sec., Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association.

PROPOSED CONVENIENCE AT BLACKHEATH.

Sir,—You mention in your issue of the 13th inst. that the Public Health Committee (Greenwich) adopted last week a recommendation to construct an underground convenience on Hatter Park at an estimated cost of £3,000.

This is the triangular grass plot opposite the "Standard." Putting aside the legal question, to be argued elsewhere, as to whether anyone has the right to build on or make this open space, may I point out that £3,000 appears to be a large amount of money to spend in these days of financial stringency. It is the price of the largest, and probably three times the price of most of the freehold houses abutting on this triangle.—I am, Sir, etc.,

J. H. HARDCASTLE.

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"A PEACE-LOVER."

THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB.

Sir,—I venture to address you briefly on behalf of the above. The affliction of deafness being invisible, very few people remember that there are hundreds of their fellows who are labouring under the disabilities of deafness, and dumbness also in many instances, the number on my books being 700 for South-East London district. They are visited and assisted in every possible way from St. Barnabas Church, as headquarters, 49b, Evelyn-street, Deptford, the fortieth anniversary of the opening of which will be celebrated in June next.

The third annual "fête" day will take place on Thursday, April 19th. Offers of help will be extended to me very highly.—I am, Sir, etc.

WM. RAPER,
(St. Barnabas, Deptford).

DEPTFORD'S POLITICS.

Sir,—At the present time we have, I assume, three political parties in the Borough of Deptford, viz.:—

Labour (1), Liberal (2).—Both agreed to work together to keep a Conservative candidate from becoming a Member to represent the borough.

Conservative (3).—Anti-Socialistic.

It is quite apparent that the Liberal Party have no any serious idea of contesting Deptford since the last Conservative Member, Mr. A. H. A. Morton, represented the borough in Parliament. From that period they attached themselves to a moderate member of the "Socialist Party," and in due course endeavoured to elect the present Member of Parliament, the Right Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P.

It must be clearly understood that the Liberal Party still meets at clubs, viz., Deptford Broadway and Hatcham, New Cross Gate. Are these members "Liberal Centres" or "Asquithians"?

How long are Deptford Liberals to be misrepresented, and why do they act as "cat's paws" for a party which under the name of "Labour" should be labelled "Socialist" or whatever blood? I am, Sir, etc.,

A DEPTFORD WORKER.

I.L.P. AND BELLINGHAM.

Sir,—With reference to comments made in two communications in last week's issue of "The Kentish Mercury" regarding alleged Labour tactics at Bellingham Bridge, in the first place, as a body, personalities or platform tactics, as applied to ourselves or other organisations, are strictly taboo at all our meetings, officially and unofficially.

The slip of paper containing nominations for officers and committee of the Tenants' Association, and printed and circulated evidently without their knowledge, and distributed at their recent annual general meeting, was brought to me within a few days after the meeting had taken place.

I was surprised to see my name had been proposed thereon, without my knowledge or consent, for a seat on the committee, as also had the name of our treasurer, Mrs. W. Cook. To say, and, the individual or individuals who produced the slip participated that the blame for these tactics would be laid at our door—an impression I know to be absolutely unjustifiable.

I think these brief comments will show the act of our effort these letters may have created, that our blame can be attached to the Bellingham branch of the Independent Labour Party for these unfortunate tactics, evidently the work of someone desiring to use our name as a cover for "tactics" per medal with grievance held against the Tenants' Association.

We have no desire on our part to obstruct the Letter in the good work they have effected (only done in several directions), still have a wish to "rupture" that body.—I am, Sir, etc.,

G. E. WHELANE,
Branch Secretary,
Bellingham Branch, I.L.P.

THE CIVIL SERVANT.

Sir,—A married man, seeking rooms, told his prospective landlady that he was a Civil servant, in order to obtain confidence. Immediately the rooms increased in value, however, as the writer afterwards admitted, "he could afford to pay." This was a great error, as the man was one of the least capable in the service; he was one of the prosperity candidates under the Lytton recommendation scheme.

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[illegible] with hole-boring in unlocked yard at Crofton-road, Deptford, for unlawfully and [illegible] at 2.30 a.m. Det. Farrell said prisoner had not been convicted, but his father gave a very bad account of him, said he would not work when he had employment and deserted him as quarrelsome and disorderly. Mr. Fitzroy placed Boy on probation for two years.

SOL PROSECUTOR.

John Gunning, 25, carpenter, Marchmont-road, Cobold Town, was charged with stealing £21, the property of Henry Jeffries, of 45, Creek-road, Deptford. Det. Det.-Insp. Tye said the prosecutor, who had been in attendance, had left the court, and prosecutor did not wish to prosecute. There was no police evidence. Mr. Melville Cousins for the accused: Not guilty, and you are discharged.

SAFETY FIRST!

"He was drunk and came over to me and said, 'I can't make headway at all. I have been round and round and coming to the same place. Can you get?'" This was the evidence of a constable on a charge of drunkenness at Greenwich on Monday. The defendant agreed. "I couldn't find my way home," he said. "If I had been able to do so I should have been all right." "Quite so," observed Mr. Fitzroy. "You could not get home, so you asked the constable to take you to a place where you could rest!"

HELLISH HORSE AND STRAY DOG.

Tom Simmonds, of 56, Elvida-road, Bermondsey, was summoned for failing to notify the police that he had taken possession of a stray dog, and for keeping a dog without a licence. The defendant said he thought the dog was only a puppy, and was not aware of the regulations as to giving notice to the police. The animal had since been sold to the dogs' home. A police-sergeant said the dog was, in his opinion, two years old. The defendant was fined 1s. on the first summons, the second was dismissed.

DRUNKENNESS AND VIOLENCE.

John Hodges, 36, dockyard, 28, Crook-road, Deptford, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Clyde-road, and with assaulting Mary Ann Hodges. Mrs. Hodges said she detached home about 5.30 p.m. on Monday to find her husband drunk. She was afraid to go in until nine, midnight, when she had an altercation and got struck on the left cheek. Mrs. Hodges, in bandaged, Hodges said he was not in the course of a fight with a man, was sentenced to 1[illegible] Smith, 100 H. The defendant, who said he did not remember striking his wife, was bound [illegible].

FRIENDS FOR THE DEPARTED.

Charles Edgar Hunt, 35, Wellington-grove, Bermondsey, was summoned for obtaining [illegible] from the Lewisham Union by means of a false statement. Mr. Hand, who prosecuted for the Guardians, said defendant signed a form declaring that he was in receipt of no income whatever, and he was given relief to the extent of 1s. on money and 1s. in kind. Subsequently it was found that he had drawn two amounts from the employment exchange of 7s. 6d. and 1s. respectively. Defendant, who said he had no "knowledge," and did not know what was meant when he was asked by the Guardians if there was any change in his circumstances, was bound over for 12 days.

THIRSTY MAN IMPRISONED.

Henry Pigott, 24, labourer, Carnation-House, Deptford, was charged with stealing from Charles Lawrence, greengrocer, Carnation-House, of two pairs of boots, value 9s., and with using personal violence by striking him on the mouth. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and Det. Sergt. Hewitt said prosecutor had the boots, which prisoner picked up. Told by Lawrence to put them down, he struck him in the mouth. He ran away, and was outside with one of the boots in his possession. He had been previously charged, and lately had been drinking with Guards in the Blackheath Concert Hall and elsewhere, and the charge was enlarged by one of leaving and assault. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

GOTTERING AT CATFORD.

Jim Fuller, 19, of 90, Bellingham-street, Catford, and Alfred May, 17, of 25, Moonshine-street, Catford, were charged on remand on suspicion of being found loitering on Bellingham-road, Catford, with intent to commit a felony. Det. Sergt. Roberts, attendant, the evidence of Det. Sergt. Hewitt, stated that Defendants called two witnesses, who said they were all at a coffee-stall until 1.45 a.m. The witnesses knew May had sometimes loitered after the stall for him to be absent, and he had never been found. Det. Roberts said May had been charged before, but Fuller was a good character. Fuller was bound over on recognizances, and May was committed for one month's hard labour.

LOC. DELAY.

Summoned for driving a motor vehicle with [illegible] Mr. Roberts, for the company, said, on the defence of warranty. The defendant of the Lewisham branch, from which the milk was sent out, said during the 18 years he had been there he had never had a "wrong" [illegible]. After hearing further evidence, Mr. Ricketts Cousins said it was clear that while the milk was not up to the required standard the measures and their emptiness were cleared of any deviation in the mixture. The state of the law was unsatisfactory. "One of these days," he modestly added, "I shall hold that if farmers do not hold their own sufficiently there are million milk which is not pure milk will allow the public to be taken for a dirty ride!" Mr. Roberts: I am along the weight of authority in considerably against prosecutor. I hope you will submit a fair sheet, so that I can fall in. Mr. Ricketts Cousins: You had better advise your own client.

THIRD AND LAST CHANCE.

Joseph Richards, 22, labourer, Colombo-road, Rye Common, was charged on remand with the unlawful possession of 200 cigarettes. Det. Sergt. Scutchmore said prisoner had admitted having stolen the carton of cigarettes from the cabinet of Rhodes-road Blackheath. Being allowed to take them home, he had the carton in the trunk of a tree in a garden of Lewisham, Blackheath, and was removing the second carton when he was arrested. He had twice been before the court on charges of larceny, and was at present on probation. His employers gave him the character of a good hard worker. It appeared to be the fact that he found intoxicants when out of employment. Mr. J. A. T. Fraser, for the accused, said Richards was the son of very respectable parents. He was sincerely grateful if a certain course were taken to reinstate him. Mr. Fraser, the court recommended, informed the magistrate that Richards' conduct while on probation had been most satisfactory. He had been acquitted on the charge of the theft. Mr. Fraser said: "For the third and last time," desired Richards then to be of good conduct, and made a lenient probation order.

"DO THE FERRY."

Fred Alderman, of 37, Crescent-hill, was summoned for Rose Potter, of the same address, for assaulting Mrs. Fuller, who commented for defendant. Mrs. Alderman, and he was charged with the offence of a quarrel and a fight in kitchen, Crescent-hill, the property of Mr. Robert Alderman. Mr. D. J. Bond appeared for Potter, and Mr. Gard for the other women. Mrs. Potter said she and her husband, who was also called, had an altercation with Mrs. Alderman, who called her an offensive name. Witness then went down to see what the quarrel, and Mrs. Alderman then rushed out on the battlements. Maud and Kathleen came out, and Maud struck her and Gard at Kathleen, who then the door. Witness and Kathleen [illegible] the door. Witness and Kathleen [illegible] the door. Mrs. Gard said she saw the door open. She saw Mrs. Alderman hit Kathleen to the bottom of the stairs. Kathleen complained to her on the side. Defendant had been made in the County Court [illegible] Mrs. Alderman had [illegible] Mr. Ridgeley Jenkins said he was satisfied that the [illegible] of one of the other. The case was then dismissed, the costs of the [illegible] to be paid by each side.

ARMOUR IN ROSSMORE OAK GARDEN.

William Harold Lodge, 25, petrol [illegible], Brockley-road, Brockley, was charged with being found in the garden of "Aldersyde," Clarendon-road, Honor Oak, for an unlawful purpose. P.C. Ockenden, 227 P, said he found prisoner detained by Mr. Gilbert, of "Hankside," Clarendon-road. Prisoner statement made to him, witness accompanied the gentleman to the adjoining house, "Aldersyde," and found the parts of stereotyped entry. He then said prisoner said Mr. Gilbert had seen him [illegible] a piece of garden looking in at a side window, while another man stood [illegible]. The prisoner said: "Yes," and went on to tell [illegible] a man whom he had met on Monday, and with whom he went to Greenwich on Tuesday, and on meeting him on Wednesday [illegible] "I will come along with you." Together they went to "Aldersyde," where after trying the door, the other man then said [illegible] the house of a lady friend, and said "I'll get her connection." Mr. Gilbert then got up and looked rather like an attempt to alarm the lady in question, and that prisoner answered to have been a person as his companion of the evening [illegible], remanded Lodge on his own recognizance to 23d.

A "TERRIBLE" FIGHT.

George Langley, 19, a dancer, of Hayes-road, Bromley, was charged with working a bicycle lamp on Bromley-road on March 22nd, and John Mears, of Lidgate-road, Peckham, the [illegible] of the accused, was summoned for [illegible]

HOUSEHOLDER.

A QUESTION OF WAGES.

[illegible]

In a ... I feel disgusted to think that such a ... should be offered. ... Sir, etc.,

"CAUTIOUS."

BELLINGHAM GARDEN ESTATE.

[illegible]

"SATISFIED TENANT."

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

[illegible]

M. [illegible]

14, [illegible], Bellingham.

[illegible]

The death occurred on Easter Sunday of [illegible] ... Messrs. John Brown and Co., engineers, etc., of ... Blackheath-road, Greenwich. The funeral took place yesterday at Nunhead Cemetery.

We regret to record the death on Easter Monday of Miss Catherine ..., of ... road, Lewisham, daughter of the late Mr. John ..., of ..., Lewisham. The deceased lady, who was ... years of age, was a well-known worker at St. Paul's Church, ... road, Greenwich. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Nunhead Cemetery at 11.30.

We regret to record the death, from acute pneumonia, on Good Friday, at ..., of an old and respected resident of Lewisham, Mr. Henry A. ..., who only recently retired from his position of chief clerk, ... Department, Cannon-street station. The interment, which took place at ... Cemetery on Wednesday, was attended by many of his late colleagues from the London stations of the ... Railway ... and ... and among the many floral tributes was a large wreath from the staff of Cannon-street station and a cross from Southwark ....

The congregation of St. Peter's Church, Brockley, have lost one of their most regular and devoted members by the death, which ... [illegible] ... The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery.

ACCIDENT IN GREENWICH ROAD.

On Easter Monday the wheels of a horse and trap ... [illegible]

[illegible]

WAYSIDE NOTES.

By The Child.

On Uncles.

Books on etiquette are legion. That is sufficient reason for my not adding to their volume, or even pinning an appendix on the subject now. But I note a lack in all of them. I admit their minutiæ of detail as to behaviour at Court functions and the like. Personally I have never needed very much of a hint as to how I am expected to comport myself at Court, and the possession of 40 ancestors and a few extras in case of needs have provided all the etiquette of which I have had need in that particular. I have books upon books on how to carve game and fish, how to manipulate table napkins—good old word that, which we unfortunately even yet better than the imported "serviette"—how to welcome the coming and speed the parting guest, and a conglomeration of hints and observations, wise saws and modern instances of how to do everything under the sun, between arrival and obituary, to the very best taste. But there is one omission that is fast becoming a nightmare to me.

I have hints for the head of the family, if his wife will allow him to be anything approaching thereto, and his inter-relations with everybody else in and around the domestic circle; I can quote page after page of official pronouncements by one who knows all that there is to know, about Society and how to avoid it, the art of making one's self agreeable, the connections between the laws of modern society and those of any other time and nations, but after wading through the 378 pages of my much approached and prostrate tome on the subject I still fail to discover anything about uncles. This is serious.

Within well-defined limits it is possible for every gentleman who reads my dulcet effort to have one or more of his own, or, still worse, to be on become one himself. Heeding the publications of a much-revered relative on "How to be a becoming uncle, and why," I am strongly of opinion that the subject of uncles needs a great deal of immediate attention. That they have their place in the present-day economy no one will doubt. The law itself gratuitously takes some cognizance of them, as you will see on reference to the table of degrees to whom your property may legitimately fall in the event of your having any to leave, but not the will to leave it, somewhere down in the list comes this terrible word—"uncle." So that he has some rights and privileges if he can only survive long enough to get them. I turned up a Church service, and looked for definite particulars on the last page, where a table of affinity is given. I ought to have to state that, if I must speak the truth without reservation, I have little affinity for very, very few of the whole lot in the list. Carefully did I scrutinise the 30 relations on both sides who are there followed, but the nearest approach to uncle that I could find was at numbers four and five respectively, where the simple "Father's brother and mother's brother" are revealed, and then only as a warning to ladies not to marry them.

I could have said in the one word uncle what has been said here in four ponderous sentences. Not that I want to warn anybody from marrying anybody's uncle, for if I did, knowing human nature as I do, I am perfectly certain that the only and immediate result of my warning would be to induce and excite various persons to do that very thing.

The fact is there ought to be a society for the better regulation of uncles. I am a moderate man, and do not ask for, or

BELLINGHAM WORKMAN'S DEATH FROM LOCKJAW.

Follows Injury in Lewisham Factory.

At the Westminster Coroner's Court, on Tuesday, Mr. S. Ingleby Oddie held an inquest upon Ernest Otto Edward Hirschecker, aged 48, of 50, Brookbottom-road, Bellingham, who died at Charing Cross Hospital from lockjaw.

The widow said deceased was a boilermaker and a German subject. On March 7th or 8th he complained of pain in the middle finger of his right hand. He attributed this to a cut, but did not say how he rather by the injury. On March 20th he complained of his jaw being stiff, but ate his food. The next morning he went to St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, and was there told that he had a cold in his jaw. After leaving the hospital he went to work, but was very ill in the evening when he arrived home. The next morning his panel doctor gave him a letter to take to King's College Hospital. There a specialist who saw him said his teeth required attention, and advised him to consult a dentist. This he did, but the dentist could do nothing, as he could not get the mouth open. He was diverted to the Royal Dental Hospital, where his condition was recognised and he was sent on to Charing Cross Hospital, where he was admitted on March 28th. He had lost his food since the previous Sunday. He died the following day.

Dr. Gwendoline Mary Brown, house physician at Charing Cross Hospital, said an unsuccessful attempt was made to feed deceased through a tube, and it was also deemed impossible to inject anti-tetanic serum into the spine owing to the spasm of the muscles. About 1,500 units of the serum was given subcutaneously, and the following evening a similar amount was injected into the spine. The patient died half an hour later.

Dr. C. M. Fox, medical registrar at Charing Cross Hospital, said that tetanus was diagnosed as soon as the deceased was seen at that institution, and it was immediately recognised that the case was a desperate one. After the second injection an attempt was made to perform artificial respiration and similar restorative lives were given, but in spite of all efforts they were unable to re-establish respiration.

John Bunyan, of 2, Boyce-road, Lewisham, a representative of the Rawlplug Co., Ltd., said the deceased had been employed by that firm at the Clock Tower Engineering Works, Lewisham, for about two years. He was in charge of 12 machines for making rawlplugs, and in recent months had made no complaints as to any injury to his hands. His employment, however, was of such a character that he might get small injuries.

The Coroner said it was very regrettable that quite a series of accidents failed to recognise the symptoms of tetanus. He came to the conclusion that this man received an abrasion on his finger whilst at work, and possibly the germs entered his system later whilst he was gardening. His death therefore came through his employment.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

CHARLTON MOTOR FATALITY.

School Girl Killed.

An inquest was held by Mr. Clement

LEWISHAM HOUSING.

Cost of Lewisham Park Scheme.

The examination of the contractors' final account in connection with the Lewisham-park housing scheme having been completed, and an agreement having been arrived at with the Ministry of Health with regard to the accounts for materials supplied through the Director of Building Materials Supply, a statement showing the cost of the scheme has been prepared by the Borough Accountant, and presented to the Housing Committee of the Lewisham Borough Council.

Land was acquired at a cost of £6,260; legal charges in connection therewith amounted to £338 2s. 6d. To improve the entrance from High-street, Lewisham, to the site a small lock-up shop was purchased at a cost of £200; the legal charges thereon amounted to £15 17s. 6d. A contract for the erection of 86 houses upon a "prime cost plus profit" basis was entered into with Messrs. Boyis, Ltd., the approximate total cost (plus normal profit remuneration at £70 per house) being shown as £88,277. The work, begun in October, 1920, was completed in April, 1922. The contractors' final account proved difficult of agreement, and the points in dispute having been referred by mutual consent to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry intimated that he was prepared to submit for financial assistance a settlement on the basis of the actual cost being £95,320 18s., plus a minimum profit remuneration of £1,720 (£20 per house). The cost of street works has been £3,387 8s. 9d. and of sewerage works £325 11s. 8d. Professional charges—architect, quantity surveyor, clerk of works, and builder's clerk—amounted to £5,260 6s. 10d.

The total costs are (exclusive £3,476 4s. and ground included) £4,847 16s. The total rateable value is £1,728. The estimated annual deficit on revenue account on the scheme is £4,382 3s. 8d., which is equivalent to £51 0s. 1½d. per house.

In consequence of the reduction in the general rate and the fixed rate, the inclusive rents of the Lewisham-park houses will be reduced as from Monday next: Type A, 20s. 4½ 10s. 6d. per week; type B, 22s. 3d. to 19s. 9d.; type BR, 23s. 3d. to 21s. 9d.

SERVANT'S SUICIDE AT GREENWICH.

Afraid of a Young Man.

An inquest was held at Greenwich, on Wednesday, relative to the death of Nellie Baker, aged 23, domestic servant, of 3, Rhydybedwen-walk, Cowcross, Islington, whose body was found in the Thames off Wool's Wharf, Greenwich, on Easter Monday.

Charlotte Finch, of 31, Westbourne-road, Islington, identified the body of deceased as a friend of hers for two years. She told her she had a grandmother at St. Albans. On February 27th deceased asked her to accept her box, containing all her clothes, as it was, as she said she would not want them again. On the occasion she was passed over a water bottle she seemed satisfied and remarked that she would not have to go far if she wanted to drown herself. Eighteen months ago she was courting a young man, who was sent to prison through her evidence in a case of fraud.

Ernest Hopkinson, of 15, Canonbury-road, Islington, a postman, stated that he had known deceased about three months, and on the return of a prosecution he said it stated that she was afraid of a young man.

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... were elected for ... Committee ... Messrs. Pike, ... T. H. ... T. Winter; chair... vice-chairman ... L. C. Bragg... Hicks; ... secretary ... Messrs. F. W. ... Bullingham, T. ... J. Longstaffe, ... and W. ... Davies.

... Messrs. ... and ... The arrangements were ... Pike to give ...

getting a really live and competent representative, and there was no "dead-set" against anyone.

Mr. Hart said that electioneering for positions on a trumpery association was unheard of. It was said that the best people were recommended for the job. How did they know? It was preposterous that 30 people should attempt to dictate to the whole estate. He proposed that the existing committee be re-elected en bloc.

A committeeman protested against the remarks of Mr. Wayman that "all the brains were up at the top end." He had as many brains as Mr. Wayman, he said.

Mr. Wayman: That remark was intended to laugh at ... alone.

The committeeman said he would not continue in office unless Mr. Wayman withdrew his remark and apologised.

Mr. Wayman: Why?

The committeeman: For throwing ... the ... as that all brains are at the top end; I ... down the bottom.

Mr. Jones appealed to the meeting to stop "this bickering," and Mr. Wayman offered to apologise to any member who was offended at his remark.

Mr. Mallows, whose candidature for the secretaryship was recommended on the much-discussed slip, said he did not seek the position. If the executive wanted it straight from the shoulder, these recommendations were made as a result of the bad management of the association.

Mr. Jones said he did not intend to reply to Mr. Mallows; his speech was not worth it ... and ... of "... down" from the member ... Mr. Jones held that, whatever the views of individual members, the executive had done their best.

At the suggestion of Mr. Stilling, it was decided to re-elect the existing committee en bloc and appoint a new committee after the confirmation of the new rules—a draft of suggested amendments had been presented to the meeting by Mr. Stilling—at the next general meeting.

Mr. Elliott (a committeeman): I am very sorry, but I resign my seat on the executive from to-night. (He walked off the platform.)

ALBANY ... HALL.

... held in ... last week ... is being raised ... of the Albany ... of H.R.H. the ... The arrangements ... the Mayor and ... but the ... believe that ... the total was £22 ... £82 ... it was made up ... Ward (Councillor ... and Mrs. ...) £16 ...; North ... (Alderman ...) ...; ... 106 ...; Charlton ... Mrs. ... Ward (Mrs. ...) ... Ward ... £7 11s. 11d.

The Secretary's Honorarium.

The Chairman proposed, on behalf of the committee, that a grant of £5 5s. be made to the secretary, Mr. C. E. Bellamy. He reminded the meeting that the association was initiated by Mr. Bellamy, and that he had expended a lot of time and hard work in its development.

Mr. Stilling seconded the motion.

A member ... moved as an amendment that the honorarium be doubled, and Mr. Jones, who spoke of the services which Mr. Bellamy had rendered on behalf of the tenants, agreed that an acknowledgment of five guineas was inadequate.

Messrs. Smith, Elliott and Mallows opposed the amendment. Another member thought the grant of an honorarium of any amount was a dangerous precedent which might give rise to all manner of misconceptions by a "cosmopolitan crowd" like the people of Bellingham estate.

The amendment—a grant of £10 10s.—was carried.

A voice: You have wrecked the association.—Another: I'm out of it.—Another: So am I.—There was a general commotion, and an appeal from the chair for order.

The discussion then turned to the balance sheet, over which a great deal of feeling was engendered.

...ICIDE AT ...WICH.

Fortnight.

... was held ... of Albert ... the 23rd Brigade ... Artillery ... Friday on No. 1 ... Woolwich Common ... said that ... France during the ... On the ... joined the Royal ... and went to India ... He was ... threatened his ...

Alfred Harwood ... March 19th, ... ordinary duties at ... reported that he was ... Thursday to ... Friday afternoon ... opened and York ... a cord from a peg ... of the ...

R.A.M.C., Royal ... the opinion ... dead several days, ... 9th or 10th. ... officer, said ... for ... and the Coroner ... whilst of ...

The Census.

The Chairman announced that the canvass conducted by the association in respect of the ... houses it was proposed ... resulted in 1,081 registering in favour of the ... and 133 against.

... inaugurated by ... Blackheath, ... and Bromley ... several existing ...

The design has been approved by the Woolwich Council for a tablet proposed to be erected at the entrance of the Town Hall, Woolwich, in memory of the Council's employees who lost their lives during the war.

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The recommendation was then adopted.

NEW SURVEYOR TO ROAN ESTATE.

Mr. P. E. Bennett, F.S.I., A.R.I.B.A., of Nelson-street, Greenwich, was, at a special meeting of the Roan Trustees on Friday evening, appointed surveyor to the estate in succession to Mr. J. ... who will relinquish the position next month. There were 39 applications.

MUSIC IN GREENWICH PARK.

The Deptford Town Band will commence their ... of Sunday morning performances at the bandstand, Greenwich Park, weather permitting, on Easter Sunday, playing from 11.30 until one o'clock.

The L.C.C. ... at ...

Councillor ... May, of Forest Hill, has been ... by the London County Council a member of the London Old Age Pensions Committee for the ensuing year.

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ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.—A., 12-3, ... W. ..., the Vicar.

ST. PHILIP, SYDENHAM.—A., 12-3, Rev. ... Murray (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Upper ...).

ALL SAINTS, SYDENHAM.—A., 12-3, ... F. Cartwright, the Vicar.

CHRIST CHURCH, FOREST HILL.—A., 12-... C. H. ...

ST. SAVIOUR, BROCKLEY RISE.—A., 12-... ... Green, the Vicar.

ST. SWITHUN, HITHER GREEN.—A., 12-... F. H. ..., the Vicar.

ST. JUDE, PECKHAM.—A., 12-3, Rev. ..., the Vicar.

LESSONS FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

MORNING.—Exodus 12 to v. 29; Revelation ... EVENING.—Exodus 12 v. 29 ... John 20 v. 11 to v. 19 or Revelation 5. PROPER PSALMS.—Morning: 2, 57, 111. Evening: 113, 114, 118.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

SERVICES FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

M., ... Matins and Litany. ... Holy Communion ... with sermon ... Anthem ... 139, 404, 134 ... 6.30 Evensong and sermon ... The ... will be given to the ...

[illegible]eting.

[illegible] of the Dept. [illegible] attended [illegible] [illegible]day evening [illegible] [illegible] T. Nugent [illegible], in which [illegible] [illegible] Borough Council [illegible] Mr. Marshall [illegible] upon his [illegible]mentary [illegible] John Chichester [illegible] An appeal was [illegible]membership. [illegible] were elected for [illegible], Councillor [illegible] Messrs. Pike, [illegible] F. [illegible] Falkner, F. Law[illegible] T. Winter; [illegible] vice-chairman [illegible] L. C. Brag[illegible] Hicks; [illegible] [illegible] secretary, Mr. [illegible], Messrs. F. W. [illegible] Buckingham, [illegible] J. Longhurst, [illegible] Aldermen and [illegible] Davies.

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ALBANY [illegible]AL.

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[illegible]ICIDE AT [illegible]ICH.

[illegible] Fortnight.

[illegible] was held [illegible] Albert [illegible] the 62nd Brigade [illegible] Artillery, [illegible] Friday in No. [illegible] Woolwich Common [illegible] [illegible], said that [illegible] France during the [illegible]. On the ex[illegible] joined the Royal [illegible] and went to India. [illegible] He was [illegible] threatened his [illegible]

Alfred Harwood [illegible] March 29th, de[illegible] ordinary duties at [illegible] period that he was [illegible] Thursday to [illegible] Friday afternoon [illegible]

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Mr. H. J. Brooks (the chairman) refused to accept the resolution.

Mr. Jones (the assistant secretary) said he appreciated the principle which prompted the motion, but he would like to see a little more brotherhood about the business. "Forget about it," he said; "form your own opinions and vote."

Mr. Wayman assured the meeting that there was no malicious intent; nothing foul would be countenanced by him. The slip was circulated with the idea of getting a really fine and competent representative, and there was no "dead set" against anyone.

Mr. Hart said that electioneering for positions on a tenants' association was unheard of. It was said that the best people were recommended for the job. How did they know? It was preposterous that 30 people should attempt to dictate to the whole estate. He proposed that the existing committee be re-elected en bloc.

A committeeman protested against the remarks of Mr. Wayman that "all the brains were up at the top end." He had as many brains as Mr. Wayman, he said.

Mr. Wayman: That remark was intended to laugh at [illegible].

The committeeman said he would not continue in office unless Mr. Wayman withdrew his remark and apologised.

Mr. Wayman: Why?

The committeeman: For throwing [illegible] the suggestion that all brains are at the top end; I live down the bottom.

Mr. Jones appealed to the meeting to stop "this bickering," and Mr. Wayman offered to apologise to any member who was offended at his remark.

Mr. Mallows, whose candidature for the secretaryship was recommended on the much-discussed slip, said he did not seek the position. If the executive wanted it straight from the shoulder, those recommendations were made as a result of the bad management of the association.

Mr. Jones said he did not intend to reply to Mr. Mallows; his speech was not worth it [illegible] "set down" from the member [illegible]. Mr. Jones held that, whatever the views of individual members, the executive had done their best.

At the suggestion of Mr. Stilling, it was decided to re-elect the existing committee en bloc and appoint a new committee after the confirmation of the new rules—a draft of suggested amendments had been presented to the meeting by Mr. Stilling—at the next general meeting.

Mr. Elliott (a committeeman): I am very sorry, but I resign my seat on the executive from to-night. (He walked off the platform.)

The Secretary's Honorarium.

The Chairman proposed, on behalf of the committee, that a grant of £5 5s. be made to the secretary, Mr. C. E. Bellamy. He reminded the meeting that the association was initiated by Mr. Bellamy, and that he had expended a lot of time and hard work in its [illegible].

Mr. Stilling seconded the motion.

A member at the top moved as an amendment, that the honorarium be doubled, and Mr. Jones, who spoke of the services which Mr. Bellamy had rendered on behalf of the tenants, agreed that an acknowledgment of five guineas was inadequate.

Messrs. Smith, Elliott and Mallows opposed the amendment. Another member thought the grant of an honorarium of any amount was a dangerous precedent which might give rise to all manner of misconceptions by a "[illegible]" like the people of Bellingham estate.

The amendment—a grant of £10 10s.—was carried.

A voice: You have wrecked the association.—Another: I'm out of it.—Another: [illegible]

amount of £[illegible], whilst the Guardians' expenditure (excluding out-relief and outside bodies) had increased from £77,[illegible] to £[illegible], a difference of £3,[illegible]. The income, including that from the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund, had increased from £[illegible] to £[illegible], and the net expenditure for the half-years had been as under:—£[illegible], £[illegible], £[illegible], £177,[illegible] and £144,448. Precepting authorities (Councillor Tyer pointed out) were responsible for expending almost four-fifths of the sum which the Council had to raise by rate. The total net sum required for the Council's purposes was £173,[illegible], against £[illegible] for the current year. With the exception of the Baths Committee, all the committees' estimates showed net reductions:—General Purposes £3,[illegible], Works and Highways £[illegible], Public Health £[illegible], Maternity and Child Welfare £[illegible], Cemeteries Committee £[illegible], and Libraries £[illegible]. The amount demanded from the ratepayers was £[illegible] less than was demanded during the current year, and had enabled the Council to reduce the rate by [illegible] in the £.

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Tuesday. They were married on [illegible] 25th, 1873, at All Saints', [illegible] [illegible].

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The Tuberculosis Officer for Dept[illegible] (Dr. J. A. [illegible]) will represent [illegible] Council at the annual conference of [illegible] National Association for the Preven[illegible] of Tuberculosis at Birmingham on [illegible] 10th and 11th.

Mr. H. C. Davis, of 38, Hilly Fi[illegible] crescent, Brockley, Mr. W. H. Malis[illegible] 17, Musgrove-road, New Cross, and [illegible] W. A. J. McKee, of 1, Wiseman-[illegible], North Woolwich, have been admitte[illegible] the Freedom of the City of London.

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ST. PHILIP, SYDENHAM.—A., 12–3, Rev. [illegible] C. Murray (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Upper [illegible]).
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CHRIST CHURCH, FOREST HILL.—A., 12–3 [illegible]

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STORMY BELLINGHAM MEETING.

Tenants' Association.

Acrimonious discussions, marked by a good deal of personal feeling, made for a very stormy meeting of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association on Saturday. The accounts were criticised, the committee was condemned, and all the material business was adjourned.

Mr. A. A. E. Jones, the assistant secretary, presented a comprehensive report of the work of the association for the past six months, and announced a membership of 1,900. He stated that pending a more detailed inspection of the accounts by the auditors the balance sheet had been provisionally signed. The contributions had amounted to £81; and the balance in hand or at the bank totalled £92 6s. 2½d. On the magazine account, which was kept apart from the general financial statement there was a surplus of £20 3s. 1d., but deducting liabilities and receipts in respect of future issues the net profit was only £3 14s. 4d.

A member asked if there was any possibility of acquiring ground for sport this season.

Mr. F. C. Bonner, chairman of the sports section, said the association was still fighting for the rights of the tenants in respect of the land which should have been reserved for the use of the estate. In the meantime, however, the secretary of the sports section, the committee and himself interviewed the proprietor of a ground at Bromley. This ground—of about six acres—containing a cricket pitch, football pitch, and pavilion with hot and cold water and baths provided, could have been secured for a rental of £120 per annum. The sports section convened a meeting of interested tenants, but the response was so meagre that the proposition fell through. Applications had since been made to the Parks Committee of the L.C.C. and the Borough Council with a view to securing pitches for cricket in the public parks.

The Electioneering Slip

A member of the audience made some strong comments concerning an electioneering slip which had been distributed at the door. He wanted to know who was responsible for that "low-down trick." It was a "low and corrupt business, and absolutely rotten," he said. Glancing through the list of suggested officers and committee who, it was recommended, the members should "vote solid for," he noticed a dozen names from Marvels-road. Was that the quarter from which it originated?

Mr. Wayman (an auditor) acknowledged some responsibility. A number of enthusiastic members, who had the true interests of the association at heart met and discussed the merits of possible candidates for the respective offices, and had suggested a representation which they considered would best serve the estate. With regard to a dozen of the candidates coming from Marvels-road, he could not help it if "all the brain happened to be in the top end."

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Mr. Wayman moved the motion that …

LEWISHAM RATE 2s. 4d. DOWN.

Criticisms of Guardians' Finance.

The Lewisham Borough Council, at its meeting last night, adopted estimates submitted by the Finance Committee, on which a rate of 9s. 4d. in the £ will be levied for the coming half-year. The estimated rate for the year is one of 19s. 5d, as against 21s. 10d. for 1922-23.

Earlier Alderman Matthews had asked whether the Council, having to pass estimates embodying huge sums levied by precepting authorities, was not to be permitted to criticise them.

The Mayor (Councillor C. H. Dodd, J.P.), in reply, said there was no doubt that the Council had a right to criticise.

Councillor Dyer, in proposing the adoption of the report, said the total sum to be raised on behalf of outside bodies—over whose expenditure the Council had no control—accounted for £341,200, which was £39,202 less than was required by those authorities in the financial year now closing. The London County Council had succeeded in effecting an appreciable reduction in the county rate. The amount to be provided for the Metropolitan Police was £55,650, a decrease of £3,500, which represented a reduction of a ½d. rate. The sum estimated to provide for the requirements of the Lewisham Union Guardians was £153,906, which was £62,637 less than provided in 1922-23. In determining that estimate the Finance Committee were only in possession of information as to the amount of the Guardians' call for the first six months, and, in accordance with the usual practice, that sum had been doubled to arrive at an estimate for the whole year, but the provision made for the second half-year would have to be revised in September, when the Guardians had furnished estimates for the second six months.

Where Guardians' Money Goes.

Proceeding to give details of the Guardians' expenditure under the various headings (actual to March 31st, 1922, and estimated from that time onwards), Councillor Dyer said that during the half-years from that ending September 30th, 1921, onward, the expenditure in respect of outside authorities had been £79,583, £78,396, £81,795, £53,062, and £53,074. For out-relief, including deficits on previous half-years, the figures were £119,530, £152,583, £92,866, £36,444, and £39,000. The Guardians' expenditure, excluding out-relief and outside bodies, had been £77,892, £58,561, £81,370, £81,873, and £85,779. The gross expenditure for the same half-years had been £179,432, £288,433, £155,333, £150,580, and £183,752. In the period under notice the authorities precepting on the Guardians had reduced from an actual expenditure of £79,583 for the half-year to September, 1921, to an estimated expenditure for the coming half-year of £53,074, a difference of £26,509. Out-relief had risen for the same period from £15,108 to the estimated amount of £39,000, while the Guardians' expenditure (excluding out-relief and outside bodies) had increased from £77,892 to £85,779, a difference of £3,888. The income, including that from the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund, had increased from £10,675 to £40,306, and the net expenditure for the half-years had been as under:—£168,871, £232,870, £221,526, £117,875 and £148,446. Precepting authorities (Councillor Dyer pointed out) were responsible for expending almost four-fifths of the sum which the Council had to raise by rate. The total net sum required for the Council's purposes was £173,530, against £181,888 for the current year. With the exception of the Baths Committee, all …

Personal.

Mr. R. O. Roberts, L.C.C., has accepted the presidency of the Arran (Catford) Lawn Tennis Club.

The Rev. J. Philip Smith has resigned his position as a manager of School Group No. 2, Lewisham East.

Lieut.-Colonel Eric Ball has been re-elected chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the L.C.C.

Councillor P. W. J. Partridge, of New Cross, has gone on a long sea voyage for the benefit of his health.

Councillor W. H. Ascott has been re-elected vice-chairman of the Lewisham Deanery Church Extension Fund.

Colonel Harry Simonds de Brett, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed to command the Woolwich Sub-Area.

In the list of Miss Lilian A. Davies' pupils' successes last week, Cyril E. Morley should have read Cyril E. Morley.

The Rev. H. T. Hurst, Vicar of St. Cyprian's, Brockley, has been appointed a manager of School Group No. 1, Lewisham West.

The Rev. E. Noel Mellish, V.C., M.C., Vicar of St. Mark's, Lewisham, has returned with the Mission of Help from India.

The Rev. I. Maldwyn Jones, Pastor of Blackheath Congregational Church, has been elected vice-chairman of the Kent Congregational Union.

Regimental Sergt.-Major B. A. Morrow has been appointed Royal Artillery Garrison sergt.-major at Woolwich, in the place of Regimental Sergt.-Major Potter.

Captain Robert Gee, V.C., one of the candidates for the election of the Twickenham District Council, was defeated on Monday by a Labour candidate.

Lord Justice Scrutton and Mr. F. Mead of Blackheath, were present at the annual meeting of the Barristers' Benevolent Association at Inner Temple Hall on Friday.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P. for West Woolwich, was among those entertained to dinner by the Earl of Birkenhead on Friday evening at his residence in Grosvenor gardens, W.

Mr. Under Sheriff Deputy Stewart Deighton, and Mrs. Deighton, of Brockley, were among the guests with the Lord Mayor at dinner at the Mansion House on Thursday evening.

Mr. Percy Bourne, late of Catford, conducted the Bedford Ladies' Choral Society at the Central Hall, Westminster, when they won for the third year in succession the Dewsbury Shield.

Dr. C. H. Hunt, V.D., formerly of Crooms-hill, Greenwich, who was seriously injured a few weeks ago through being knocked down by a motor-car at Torquay, is making satisfactory progress.

Professor H. E. Armstrong, of Granville-park, Lewisham, and Sir William Wayland, J.P., were present at the annual dinner of the Chemical Society at Burlington House, Piccadilly, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Millership, of 118 Shakespeare-road, Brockley, celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday. They were married on March 27th, 1893, at All Saints', Sutton.

On Easter Sunday Dr. C. S. Thomson, the Borough Medical Officer of Health, will address the Deptford "Men's Own" at 3.15 p.m. at the Congregational Church, High-street, on "A land fit for heroes."

The Tuberculosis Officer for Deptford (Dr. J. S. Harbison) will represent the Council at the annual conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at Birmingham on July 12th and 13th.

Mr. H. C. Davis, of 16, Hilly Fields crescent, Brockley, Mr. W. H. Malin, …

member for East Woolwich, who enquired under what conditions, and when, it was proposed to remove normal arrangements. Viscount Wolmer replied that under the Peace Treaty Order in Council, 1919, all property, rights and interests within his Majesty's dominions belonging to German nationals on January 10th, 1920, when the Peace Treaty with Germany came into force, are charged with payment of the amounts due in respect of claims by British nationals. The Public Trustee was realising as quickly as possible the interest which German nationals held in British businesses on that date. Any interest acquired by a German national in a British business after January 10th, 1920, was not subject to the charge, and the dividends from such businesses could be paid to the German owner.

MR. C. F. COOK ON FRENCH PAINTINGS.

French Architecture to Follow.

Mr. C. F. Cook's fourth lecture on "The History of Painting," at St. Dunstan's College, Catford, was given on Friday and dealt with French painting. It will be followed by a lecture on Tuesday next on "French Architecture," and this will conclude the two educational courses on music and art which the headmaster had arranged to run from the New Year to Easter.

All have been well attended. The college hall has been practically filled for each lecture and recital, and these have included a lecture by Dr. Borland on the evolution of musical instruments, as prelude to Willoughby Walmisley's three recitals on the History of Clavier and Pianoforte Music in the 18th and 19th centuries. Three preliminary Talks by Mr. Walmisley to the boys on musical form, and four lectures by Mr. Cook, illustrated by 250 coloured slides, on the History of the British Schools of Painting, the Dutch, the Flemish, the Italian and the French schools. These will be supplemented on Tuesday next, at 7.30, by a lecture by Mr. E. E. Copeland, A.R.I.B.A., on the Architecture of France, and ticket-holders for the courses will be welcomed at the final lecture.

Mr. Cook's series of lectures on Famous Paintings stands out as being the best thing of the kind that has ever been contrived. The slides, by their colouring, are a revelation. All have been painted by artists, and the cost of these productions has run into hundreds of pounds.

It is safe to say that the National Gallery and the Wallace Collection will be full of new visions and meanings to those who visit them after Mr. Cook's lectures, and they will find Mr. Cook meeting them in every corridor and on every staircase. The headmaster is taking a party of students to the National Gallery on the Saturday following Easter Monday. The sound judgment, the large experience and the vast human understanding of Mr. Cook's "appreciations" will be there only in recollection; but the lectures will graciously furnish the imaginations of those who were fortunate enough to attend them.

Mr. Cook showed one or two pictures of Rheims and other cathedral fronts, and so paved the way for Mr. Copeland's lecture on the Architecture of France on Tuesday next. The French genius has been credited with the "creation" of the Gothic. Mr. Copeland will not be exclusively concerned with the 13th century—Architecture's most beautiful period in France, as seen in the Sainte Chapelle in Paris. His slides and review will cover both Roman and Norman times, as well as [illegible]

STREET TRADING IN LEWISHAM.

Shopkeepers' Protest.

A meeting was held by the Borough of Lewisham Chamber of Trade at the Whitburn Hall, Lewisham, to discuss the subject of street trading. Complaint had been made to the Chamber concerning the operations of numerous roadside vendors in High-street, and a postcard canvass of the traders disclosed the fact that, while many were indifferent, the majority were in favour of removing these traffickers from the street.

The following resolution was therefore presented to the members:—

"That the itinerant musicians, hawkers and others who take up positions at the kerb in the main thoroughfare—Rushey Green and High-street—constitute a nuisance and should be dealt with accordingly."

The Chairman (Mr. E. J. Allder) explained that this resolution did not apply to the stallholders who had secured pitches in the roads set apart by the Borough Council—Springfield Park crescent and Avenue-road—but to the ever-increasing army of roadside merchants in parts of Rushey Green and High-street.

Mr. A. J. Skinner, in moving the resolution, said that the everlasting repetition of the noise of street cries was very disturbing and detrimental to the conduct of high-class trade. Although there was no interference with his own particular trade, he considered such competition unfair to traders generally. He had heard that some of these merchants were drawing the dole, but of that he knew nothing. The greater part of the nuisance was the coarse language, which was a blot on the good reputation of the High-street and the tradesmen who carried on their business there. These people, few of whom belonged to the district, seemed to have universal rights without interference, while he, an old-established tradesman, was threatened with a summons because in the busiest part of the day some cases of goods were left for a few minutes on the pavement, the shop being too full of customers to allow of their being taken through.

Mr. Bates (Catford), who seconded, said he believed in competition when the competitors started level, but traders had to pay rates and taxes, from which the street dealers were free. Moreover, they came where trade was established; they would not go to side roads; so it could not be true to say they brought trade.

Mr. Draper (Lewisham) opposed the motion. He was of opinion that the street dealer brought trade, and stall-holders had in many cases made their own market. He would not mind a dozen outside his shop selling the same goods as he did. He challenged any trader to say he had suffered from street competition. Wherever the street dealer went there was not a shop to let, and he instanced the growth and decline of trade in High-road, Kilburn. All men wanted to get a living, he said, and the men who took up this calling were undeniably men of initiative; they were the most energetic among the unemployed, the type of man whose energies, misdirected, might bring trouble.

Mr. J. P. Davies did not agree that street trading had at any time benefited High-road, Kilburn. He knew the place well, and thought the trade there had developed since the stalls were cleared away. He was in favour of doing away with such trading. Ordinary business competition was too keen to allow an unfair advantage to be taken at the traders' expense.

BELLINGHAM AND SOCIALISM.

Dr. Salter, M.P., on the Situation

Dr. A. Salter, M.P. for Bermondsey, addressed a largely-attended meeting promoted by the newly-formed Bellingham branch of the Independent Labour Party at St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham Estate, on Monday evening.—Mr. C. D. Reed, who presided, stated that in the course of four or five weeks the branch had secured over 50 members, and if they became sufficiently strong they might be able to press the authorities for a reduction of rents.

Dr. Salter began by saying that many of the tenants of that estate had probably escaped from Bermondsey, Deptford, Walworth, and other less salubrious neighbourhoods. They had left behind them a population almost exclusively composed of unskilled labour; all those with enterprise and mental and spiritual resources had gone. He understood their rents were high, but proportionate to the accommodation provided they were certainly no higher than those of the houses of Bermondsey. Those advantages imposed upon the people of Bellingham a greater responsibility, and should act as a stimulus in the prosecution of their great work—the propaganda of Socialism and the general uplifting of the helpless classes they had left behind.

The Outlook.

He went on to speak of the agricultural situation in England and the plight of thousands of farm workers who were forced to supplement their miserable wages by parish relief, and alluded to wages in the coal industry. While shareholders were receiving their six, eight and ten per cent. dividends those men, he said, were receiving wages which were below subsistence level. Everywhere the outlook was black and the situation was likely to be considerably aggravated by France's adventures in the Ruhr. The Government at that moment were preparing for the possibility of a million men out of work for the next four years. Dr. Salter, at this point, gave an account of a recent visit to Germany, where, he said, the skilled worker was living at a standard considerably below the level of the ordinary English unemployed workman in receipt of out-door relief. If the Bermondsey Guardians imposed such conditions there would be riots and bloodshed in five minutes. The present capitalist system, he declared, was responsible for the situation in Europe to-day. Out of every shillingsworth of value the worker produced, only fourpence was received in wages; the remainder was taken by the parasitic class which thrived on the backs of the workers. In that fact, Dr. Salter declared, lay all our poverty, misery and social disorder, and it could only be rectified when private ownership was abolished and national ownership substituted.

Prohibition.

A questioner wanted to know Dr. Salter's views on prohibition.

Dr. Salter described alcohol as a poison which was dangerous to any community. "I would cast it out with the dangerous drugs like morphia and cocaine and absolutely prohibit its unrestricted use," he added.

"What about tea?" asked a man at the back of the hall.

"If you can show me that tea does any moral harm; that it makes a man beat his children and kick his wife; then I agree that we should restrict its use," returned the doctor.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the "Red Flag."

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Licensees' Opposition.

Mr. Humphreys went on to say that Messrs. Barclay, Perkins had no wish to [illegible] deal with neighbouring licensees, with whom they had the most cordial relations. If, therefore, in the future some regular licensed victualler came forward and said he was prepared to take this license on the ordinary terms and would enter into these strict covenants they would be willing to let it on a lease or a tenancy.

Mr. Baron, one of the justices, said he saw no reason why this particular company should have a monopoly of the estate.

Rear-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, one of the directors of the company, said he anticipated that they would make their principal profit out of food.

Mr. F. C. Kingham (a magistrate): Do you think it would be worth your firm's while to run it entirely as a cafe or restaurant, apart from intoxicants?

Sir Reginald: That is a very difficult question (laughter).

It was stated that the site of the proposed premises was situated on a part of the estate reserved for shops. There was no provision for hotel accommodation, as it was not anticipated that there would be any demand.

Mr. Sidney Lamb (for the Tiger's Head) asked if it were anticipated that the people of Bellingham would come out of their houses for "six pennyworth of plum duff at a half-penny a time," and a plate of beef.

Mr. E. Mitchell Banks, M.P., for the licensed victuallers, said his opposition was quite a conditional one. His clients were in close sympathy with the general views of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, but they did oppose any extension of the managerial system. They felt they were having their interests as tenants gradually encroached upon. The bona fide tenant was becoming almost an "extinct animal."

Mr. Rhode, for the London United Temperance Council, referred to the St. Germains Estate, which, he said, was all the better for having no facilities for obtaining intoxicating drink. The Bench used to have applications for licenses on the estate closely adjoining, and these they [illegible] ... the first time in 20 years the L.C.C. had been associated in any shape or form with the application for a drink license.

Mr. Sidney Lamb opposed the license on behalf of the Tiger's Head, Catford Southend.

The Bench had a long consultation in private. Upon their return the chairman said that after a very long discussion they had agreed to grant the license for a term of 2½ years upon terms and conditions similar to those contained in the lease from the L.C.C.

Mr. Travers Humphreys said they would not begin building before July at the earliest, and the building would not be completed, the architect informed him, before April of next year.

It was agreed to grant the license for 2½ years from the date of the final order and the monopoly value was fixed at £800.

LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ministers and delegates from 30 churches were present at the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Group held last Thursday evening at Brockley Baptist Church, Greenwich, representatives attending from Greenwich, Lee, Woolwich, Abbey Wood, Brockley, Wool...

...ceiving many more in Casualty and their relatives houses than in the past.

There had been much criticism, the councillor continued, in respect of the Guardians' action in stabilising the wages and salaries of their officers, but this was not done in a blind hurry by ignoramuses who did not know the value of the pound. The matter was considered from every point of view and from every angle. There were two considerations which influenced the Board: (1) that the employees were poorly paid in comparison with other sources, and (2) that the system of requiring merit by monetary reward had been checked for some time. Now the wages were on a level with those paid in other unions in the Metropolitan area, and that grievance had been removed. Father Mahoney went on to speak of improvements effected in the hospital, and said that 25 years ago there was not even an operating theatre. The institution was known as an infirmary to which people were brought to die. But they were now intent on making that institution a hospital in the truest acceptation of the word. With regard to the borough rate in general, they could have reduced the rate and gambled on the future, but they preferred to meet their current liabilities without running the risk of an overdraft, and hope that it would be possible to make a reduction in September.

Sir William Wayland congratulated Father Mahoney on the way he had presented his statement of accounts and "camouflaged" the Guardians' expenditure. He protested against the way the Guardians produced their estimates for the inspection of the ratepayers, and said that the Council, as ratepayers, should demand a full and detailed account, just the same as any Government department was obliged to present. With regard to the wages bill of the Greenwich Guardians, they were not in a position to judge. All they knew was that they had to "swallow this £180,000 and vomit it forth into the Guardians' lap." He joined with Councillor Hicks (who spoke before the alderman) in expressing the belief that the Council was actuated by economical intentions.

Father Mahoney, in reply, resented Sir William using the term "camouflage" in respect of the Guardians' expenditure. He had given a full and frank statement of affairs, he said.

The rate was passed.

MESSRS. HOLDRON'S BUYERS' DINNER.

Mr. J. Arthur Prue, chairman of Messrs. H. Holdron, Ltd. (the Bon Marche, Peckham, Limited), presided at the 6th annual dinner given on Wednesday night by the firm at the Trocadero, Shaftesbury-avenue, to its buyers, principals and fire brigade, who, with directors and others, made a company of some 70 persons, and submitted the toast of "Messrs. H. Holdron, Ltd." The Board, he said, had that day learned that the past year had been the best in the history of the company—all those present had helped to bring about that result. The firm had served 200,000 more customers than last year, and hoped, within a year, to be able to open the extensive new wing which was in course of construction. —Mr. C. G. Cley (a director) seconded, and response was made by Mr. G. Woolston (chief buyer) and Miss Thew (buyer).

Submitting "The Staff and Fire Brigade," Mr. W. J. Hinton (managing director) said the buyers were those to whom they looked for the success of the firm. He paid tribute to Mr. Prue as chairman of the Board, and referred to the work of the fire brigade.—Mr. R. H. Jones seconded, and Mr. F. G. Weir and Mr. W. Dent (captain of the fire brigade) replied.—"The Ladies" and "The Chairman and Directors" were proposed by Messrs. Martin Prue (cashier), W. T. Killick (secretary) and H. L. Lanham (buyer) respectively, and replied to by Miss Morrissey (a superintendent), and the Chairman. Musical items were provided by "Wright, Connelly and Mac."

DEPTFORD SCHOOLBOY'S DEATH.

...whereas it was proposed to erect for the working classes, was not for the purpose, in view of its accommodation and the restriction of the lease of the land from the Council?

DEPTFORD CATTLE MARKET.

A resolution was submitted by Councillor Horne calling upon the W... as tenants of the Deptford Cattle ... and the City Corporation as owners ... such steps as might be necessary ... the premises to the fullest ad... preferably as a disembarking ... fat cattle, but failing this, as ... premises for shipping, warehouse, manufacturing. Councillor ... Turner objected to the alternative ... the resolution as it stood was carried.

PLOT HOLDERS DISPOSSESSED.

The holders of three plots of ... Woodlands-place, Greenwich, ... in Coleraine-road, Blackheath, ... ceive notices to deliver up pos... consequence of the land being ... for building purposes. The ... considered the question of acquir... tional land for the accommodation of those allotment holders who will ... possessed of their plots at Ham... (which may shortly be taken over by the County Council as a public park) ... recommended the acceptance of an ... Sir Spencer Maryon-Wilson ... the Council for 14 years ten acres now occupied by the War Department, the north side of Shooter's ... between Park-lane and Marlb... at a rental of £5 an acre.

To this the Council agreed.

LAND PURCHASE.

An offer of a piece of freehold ... the north side of Humber-road, ... heath, having a frontage of ... area of 2 roods 14 poles, for £... to the Council's accepting ... liabilities of £194 odd, was accep...

LABOUR IN GREENWICH PARK.

A letter was received from ... of Works stating that in view ... per cent. regulation with regard ... employed on relief works, the ... unable to make any alteration ... wages being paid to men ... Greenwich Park.

THE RENT ACT.

The following resolution was ... "That this Council consider ... Housing Act of Parliament ... stantial encouragement to the ... houses by local authorities ... enterprise should precede any ... the part of the Government to ... from tenants the protection of the Rent Restriction Act."

DAY NURSERIES.

Councillor Miss Sherman, ... Soary, with the Medical Officer ... and Maternity and Child Welfare ... were appointed as a deputation ... ton on April 12th on the subject of nursery schools. It appears ... Islington Council have in ... valuable work being carried on ... Rachel MacMillan's nursery ... Deptford, and favours the ex... this work to other parts of the ...

The County Council does not ... a tramway along Tunnel-avenue ... fied.

The suggested adoption of ... access principle for the Greenwich library was referred to the committee.

DEPTFORD OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

Last evening the annual dinner ... tion with the 20th County of London Regt. Old Comrades' Association ... at the Portland Hotel, London-st... wich, Capt. Hampson presiding in ... through illness, of Capt. and ... Sharp. Others in the company ... bered 86 and included Lieut. ... Nash, Barter, Cleveland and ... H. W. Abbott (hon. secretary of ... station).

After the loyal toast the Chairman ... "Success to the Association," and ... in acknowledgment, pleaded for ... in order that the organisation ...

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MODEL PUBLIC-HOUSE FOR BELLINGHAM.

Fruitless Opposition.

There was strong opposition to the application of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins to the Blackheath Licensing Justices on Tuesday for a licence in respect of the proposed model public-house for the London County Council's housing estate at Bellingham. The opposition was voiced by several members of the legal profession, who appeared on behalf of adjacent interests and various temperance organisations, but the Bench favoured the scheme and granted a licence for 2½ years from the final order.

Those opposing the application were:—Mr. Hines, for the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform; Mr. Wickert, for the Railway Tavern, Perry-hill; Mr. F. Blundell, instructed by Mr. J. A. Spurgeon, secretary of the London United Temperance Council; Mr. J. N. Emery, for the Temperance Council of the Church of England; Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, M.P., for the local licensed victuallers, and Mr. Sidney Lamb, for the Tiger's Head, Catford Southend.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, who made the application on behalf of the lessees (Messrs. Barclay, Perkins) said that if the licence were granted it would be 1½ years at least before the building would be completed. The licence would be on a monopoly value which would depend very much upon whether the Bench granted an ordinary annual licence or a term licence—for a period of three, five or seven years. The proposed premises would be very much in the nature of a novelty and something in the nature of an experiment. The lessees had only two licences at all comparable with the premises they propose to erect.

He went on to explain that the estate covered 188 acres, with a further 39 in the course of development, and contained 2,000 separate lettings, with a total population including children, of about 10,000 people. With the exception of the Tiger's Head, which was 770 yards from the site, there would not be a licence within half a mile. The Rutland Arms, Perry-hill, was 1,310 yards distant, the Black Horse, Rushey Green, 1,535, and the Railway Tavern, Southend-lane, 1,800. The L.C.C. had granted a building lease to Messrs. Barclay, Perkins on certain terms—that the premises must be in accordance with approved plans, that they must cost not less than £12,000, that they would be held for 99 years at a rental of £250 a year. There was also a covenant in the lease stipulating that the premises should be used as a bona fide refreshment house for the supply of food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic liquors for consumption on and off the premises. The agreement also required the utmost development of the catering side of the business. Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, who were the pioneers of the reformed public-house movement, had a special staff which was employed in the management of the catering part of the business. The plans provided for three large rooms on the ground floor—a public refreshment room, smoking-room and lounge, and dining-room. There would also be a very fine hall for meetings, social functions, etc., and the three rooms he had referred to would be separated by a movable partition which would permit of another large hall for similar purposes. There would be another place for the serving of cooked food. This would offer a distinct advantage to the residents of the estate, who would be able to obtain their cooked supper with their supper beer.

Licensees' Opposition.

THE DEPTFORD RATE.

Father Mahoney Defends the Guardians.

At the meeting of the Deptford Borough Council on Tuesday the rate for the half-year ending September 30th was fixed at 7s. 9d. in the pound—threepence more than the preceding half-year and twopence less than the corresponding period of last year. The total rate for the year to end on March 31st, 1924, is estimated at 15s. 3d., or the same as the current year. An apportionment of the proposed rate for the half-year gives 2s. 2d. as the amount demanded by the County Council, 2s. 6d. by other authorities—Guardians (2s. 9d.), Police and Water Board (and 2s. 1d. as the expenditure of the Borough Council. For the whole of the forthcoming financial year it is estimated that £482,563 will be required from the rates, compared with a revised estimate for the current year of £490,845. Of this sum the Guardians' precept will be for £170,000, and the demand by the County Council and other central bodies £178,700. Compared with last year there will be a decrease of £11,000 in the amount due to the County Council, and nearly £1,000 in respect of the Metropolitan Police.

The Rev. Father Mahoney said that nothing would have pleased his committee better than to announce a substantial reduction of the rates, but that was impossible. There had been a very large reduction in the assessable value of properties in the borough—tramways, railways, Metropolitan Water Board, and licensed premises had all had their assessments reduced. With regard to the railways, the reduction amounted to £10,700, which at 15s. in the pound was equivalent to a loss in the rates of £7,500. The amount brought in by a penny rate was reduced from £2,685 to £2,611; therefore in such proportion the rates must be increased. The normal expenditure on the roads of the borough ranged from £20,000 to £22,000 a year, but for the period covered by the new rate it was proposed to spend no less than £28,000, irrespective of the grant of 50 per cent. on the cost of labour allowed by the Ministry. This increase—about £8,000 in excess of a normal year—was consequent on the Council's desire to alleviate in some measure the distress caused by unemployment. This amounted to a threepenny rate, and, with the loss on assessments he had already mentioned, would wipe out the sixpenny reduction in the precept of the County Council. The Guardians were making a call this half-year of £170,000, a figure comparatively little below the demands of the previous half-year. If it had not been for the £120,000 received during the last six months from the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund, the call would have been more formidable. Tuberculosis and other diseases were very much on the increase; people were feeling the strain of unemployment, poor nourishment and insufficient clothing, and the Guardians were sending many more to sanatoria and convalescent homes than in the past.

There had been much criticism, the councillor continued, in respect of the Guardians' action in stabilising the wages and salaries of their officers, but this was not done in a blind hurry by ignoramuses who did not know the value of the pound. The matter was considered from every point of view and from every angle. There were two considerations which influenced the Board—(1) that the employees were poorly paid in comparison with other unions, and (2) that the system of recognising merit by monetary reward had been checked for some time. Now the wages were on a level with those paid in

GREENWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Additional Houses Imperati...

Encounters, with a strong poli... animus, accounted for an unduly ... tracted meeting of the Green... Borough Council on Wednesday. Fe... arose to an almost inflammatory ... when Councillor Bradley moved tha... Communistic publications should ... future be placed in the public libr... He contended that it was the duty o... Council to take care that no perni... literature was received by a public ins... tion in their care, and referred to ce... Communistic organs as treasonable ... poisonous.

Dr. Morgan said he was oppos... Communism, for he was a Socialist, ... based his philosophy on peace, bro... hood and goodwill. At the same tim... thought that if the Council resolve... suppressing certain literature it sh... also exclude the "Morning Post," "... Telegraph" and other newspapers w... he claimed, upheld a system of so... and philosophy of force just as objec... able as Communism.

Alderman Norris said the "Times" ... "The Kentish Mercury" were as ha... to him as the Communistic papers ... to his friends on the opposite side, ... the same time he did not come to ... Council and say "Please take them o... our libraries."

It was finally decided to refer ... matter to the Libraries Committee.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

On the motion of Councillor B... the Council agreed to a resolution ex... ing the opinion that the erection ... least 300 additional houses in the bo... without delay was imperative, ... matter was referred to the Housing ... mittee with instructions to report ... available sites.

UNHEALTHY AREAS.

Councillor Horne moved that i... event of the County Council decidin... to proceed under Part I. of the Ho... of the Working Classes Act, 189... respect of the representations o... Medical Officer of Health, mad... October, 1919, with regard to the ... healthy areas of the borough, it b... ferred to the Public Health Committ... consider and report as to the best ... to be adopted by the Council ... ameliorating the conditions which ... in such areas.

The areas which had been tabulat... the Public Health Committee comp... Watergate-street, about 220 hous... occupied by approximately 1,200 pe... Bean-street, about 160 houses, with ... lation of 1,000; Thames-street, abo... houses, 2,000 persons; East-street, ... ton, 203 houses, 1,000 people; Ea... street, 100 houses, 600 people.

The resolution was adopted.

MINOR SCHEME REJECTED.

The Housing Committee came ... conclusion that the vacant land ab... on Creek-road and Wellington... whereon it was proposed to erect h... for the working classes, was not su... for the purpose, in view of its li... accommodation and the restrictions ... of the lease of the land from the C... Council."

DEPTFORD CATTLE MARKET.

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a manner dangerous to the public.

Station-Sergt. Smith, 452 P., stated that defendant, driving along the Bromley road near Southend at a very fast rate—anything up to 35 miles an hour—was first on the off-side and then on the near-side. Witness stepped out into the roadway and, extending his left arm, called upon him to stop. The defendant suddenly turned and went to the off-side of the refuge, and had to return very rapidly to avoid collision with a motor-'bus. He afterwards drove away at the same speed. Later he saw defendant, who said "Yes; I was driving at the time. I went to Bromley. I do not remember a policeman calling on me to stop."

Arthur Walter Henry Bradshaw, traffic regulator, said the motor-cycle passed on the wrong side of the refuge at racing speed.

The defendant said he did not remember the occurrence, but he was quite sure his speed was never so high as 35 miles an hour.

Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins observed that the practice of passing a refuge on the wrong side led to a good many hospital beds being occupied, and fined defendant 40s.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" AT FOREST HILL.

The students of the dramatic literature class of the Commercial Evening Institute at Stillness-road L.C.C. School gave a capital performance of "Twelfth Night" before large audiences on Saturday afternoon and evening. The comedy was produced under the direction of Miss Charlotte Davies, who was most successful in her casting of the parts. The parts of "Orsino" and "Countess Olivia" were well played by Mr. James Stubbs and Miss Violet Malyon respectively; while the unbending dignity of "Malvolio" (Mr. Cyril K. Holdfield), and the riotous levity of "Sir Toby Belch" (Mr. Louis C. Cunliffe) and the caustic witticisms of "Sir Andrew Aguecheek" (Mr. Harold W. Cox) expressed the true spirit of Shakespeare's humour. Mr. Stanhope Cowie as "Antonio" and a sea captain, Miss Vera Dott ("Sebastian"), Miss Amy Bedwell ("Viola"), Miss Elsie V. Pegrall ("Maria"), and Miss Kitty Heddly ("Feste") were all excellent. The remaining characters were taken with much success by the Misses Freda M. Banks, Winifred Stephens, Hilda F. G. Dobinson, Alice M. Bussey, Mabel L. Quinney, and Messrs. J. R. Holden and Adrian T. Cox. Songs were given by Miss G. Minton.

MUNICIPAL SUBURBAN LECTURES AT DEPTFORD.

On Friday evening, at Deptford Town Hall, Mr. A. J. Doby (head of science department, City of London College) gave an interesting lecture on "Science in the Household," Councillor O. W. Hartley presiding over a large attendance.

The lecturer said that tremendous strides had been made by scientific research and by hospitals, isolation shelters and municipal undertakings, and if everyone would co-operate in personal, family and municipal hygiene there was every reason to believe that the health of England would get better and better. The discovery of bacilli was one of the wonders of science, and it had been found that three million germs existed in every cubic yard of air in a picture gallery, 300,000 in a schoolroom, 180,000 on a stone stairway, 88,000 in an underground station before sweeping and 320,000 after. In the open country there were from four to eleven bacilli in a cubic yard of air, and at sea only four or five in ten cubic yards.

As to heating, Mr. Doby said there was little to choose between coal and gas.

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when he found himself in a building like that crowded with people inspired with a desire for the higher knowledge.

The People and Education.

He had come to talk about higher education and its relation to the people, which was a far more important topic than the majority of people supposed it to be. Interest in education amongst the working classes of the country was great, and was growing, and it was taking new forms every month. Everywhere up and down England he, as a missionary of education, had found the working classes keen and anxious for a chance of access to higher education. Education was power, and democracy was beginning to realise that as it got increased education so its power increased. An educated democracy should prove a far more potent democracy than that of to-day. Democracy was not yet enlightened, and it was for those interested in education to produce a much better democracy by making the people more enlightened, for an enlightened people was almost always a people whose conditions were good.

What kind of education was required? People must first get a good elementary education, which they got now up to the age of 14. The child of the workman was as well educated as the child of the duke up to the age of 13. As to secondary education from the age of 13 to 20, the child of the rich man passed automatically to it, but the child of the poor man did not. Several millions of people were unable to get their children into secondary schools, and therefore, not in principle, but in practice, a large section of the working classes were excluded from secondary education. The present state of affairs was a great cause of that inequality. The workman claimed that his children had just as much right to a chance of equality in knowledge with the rich, but he could not get it for them. More secondary schools were required, for it was a wrong to democracy that the working man's children could not easily get secondary education.

But when this question was dealt with the problem was not wholly solved, for there still remained higher education, to which elementary and secondary education were only preparatory. This higher education was something which lifted the mind to new ideals. In this connection Lord Haldane spoke of the advantages of extra-mural university centres. In these days knowledge counted more and more.

Latent Genius.

Nothing stopped still to-day, there was either advancement or retrogression, and when he thought of the genius latent in the children of the working classes who had had no chance of higher education, he felt that a force of great potency had been neglected. Give the people an opportunity for higher education and of equality in knowledge, and there would be a better democracy, more people who were real leaders, and a better nation of a higher standard of public opinion—thus a better Parliament which would respond to a new standard and the barriers between classes would be broken down (applause).

A vote of thanks was passed to Lord Haldane, on the motion of Mr. C. H. Grinling.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Calderwood, J.P.), at the opening of the meeting, explained that the Woolwich Educational Conference was the outcome of the activities of a small band of people who were anxious that, under the 1918 Act, Woolwich should play some part in the education scheme for London. In Woolwich they had something that probably did not exist in any other part of London—a combination of elementary, central, secondary and technical schools, and a training centre (hear, hear).

The whist drive, organised by Mrs. Tan, of 74, Colvestone-road, Catford, in aid of the funds of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, resulted in the raising of £26.

[illegible]—a final dividend of 7½ per cent., making 15 per cent. for the year (less Income Tax), £6,750; carry forward to next year's account, £19,992 4s. 2d.

Mr. Albert M. Venner and Mr. Albert Alfred Potter, two of the directors, retired and offered themselves for re-election.

Mr. G. Haslett submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. F. W. Dubbens:—

"That the dividend of 7½ per cent. as recommended by the directors, amounting to £6,750, less income tax, be now paid, and that the directors be and are hereby authorised, as soon as they are assured by reason of the satisfactory completion of the purchase, that the sum required is available, to declare a further dividend of 2½ per cent., amounting to £2,250, less income tax, in addition to the aforesaid dividend of 7½ per cent., making 17½ per cent., less income tax, for the year 1922, and that an extra sum of £2,500 be and is hereby allotted to the directors to dispense for the necessary fees in connection with the agreement, the balance of £14,742 4s. 2d. to be carried forward to next year's account."

Mr. E. J. Venner gave a short outline of the details arranged respecting the sale of the shares, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Upon the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. J. Tomkins, Mr. Albert Marston Venner and Mr. Albert Alfred Potter were re-elected directors of the company, and the auditors, Messrs. Edward Moore and Sons, were also re-appointed.

Mr. F. W. Dubbens then moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and board of directors, and spoke in a very eulogistic manner of the services that Mr. Edwin Venner had rendered to the company; he thought that great credit was due to him and that the shareholders were much indebted to the chairman and directors for the satisfactory working of the company for so many years. Mr. H. J. Tomkins seconding, heartily endorsed that remark.

The Chairman, in replying, said he fully appreciated the kindness of the shareholders in passing such a hearty vote of thanks to him. It was probably the last time he would address them from that chair, and he parted with the position with very great regret. A vote of thanks was passed to the secretary.

BELLINGHAM CHURCH SITES.

Last October the London County Council decided to sell certain sites on the east and west sides of Bellingham Green to the Church of England authorities and the London Congregational Union respectively. These authorities, the Housing Committee reported at Tuesday's meeting of the Council, now desire to obtain leases of adjoining plots which it was originally proposed to reserve for allotments, but which are not now required for that purpose as adequate provision has been made elsewhere on the estate. It was thought by the committee that the two plots might with advantage be let on lease for 21 years determinable at the option of the lessees at the end of seven or 14 years, subject to the Council reserving the right to resume possession for building purposes at one month's notice, and it was therefore recommended that the sites be let on lease to the Church of England authorities and the London Congregational Union, at rents of £8 10s. and £9 10s. a year, the leases to be terminable at the option of the lessees at the end of seven or 14 years, provided that the right is reserved to the Council on each case to resume possession of the site for building purposes at one month's notice.

ROYAL ARSENAL & DOCKYARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

The five and a-half miles cross-country championship and sealed handicap arranged by the committee of the above association for March 10th, 1923, is open to all members of Arsenal and Dockyard. Entries close first post Monday, March 5th, and must be made on A.A.A. forms and forwarded, with entry fee (1s.), to J. W. Shaw, 62, Tamworth Plumstead, S.E.18.

They commended the sorrowing family to the Great Consoler of all hearts, reminding them that death was not passing away so much as arriving home. He had "fought a good fight, and kept the faith," and as his spirit soared homeward to its God they could truly say "Servant of God, well done!" The message which Mr. Knight was still speaking to every man and woman was "Stand for truth, be loyal to the principles that endure, and are worth while, be true to the duties of life which you have undertaken, take the high road of life, be greater than party, live no life of ease, but make full proof of your stewardship."

The family mourners were: Mr. E. A. Knight (son), Miss M. M. Knight, Miss A. C. Knight, Mrs. E. T. Hall and Mrs. J. A. Knibbs (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Knight (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. J. R. Martin (grandson), Mr. W. J. Knight (of Yeovil), Mr. A. Knight, Mr. G. T. Tabois, Mr. Ted Tabois (nephews), Mr. Ted Jolliffe (great-nephew), and Mr. S. H. Hall. Two sons-in-law, Mr. E. T. Hall and Mr. J. A. Knibbs, were unable to be present, the former being on his way home from Australia, and the latter being detained by an important business engagement at Liverpool.

Among those present at the church and at the graveside—where the Revs. John Lewis and W. Broadbent again officiated—were the Mayor and Mayoress of Deptford (Councillor Tiffen, J.P., and Councillor Mrs. Tiffen), Alderman W. H. Green, J.P., Alderman Mrs. Green and B. Hall, Councillors Miss Waring, Arnott, Maltby, Hartley, Cornall, Powell and Howard, the Town Clerk (Mr. Arthur Purkis), the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Thomson), the Borough Accountant (Mr. T. E. Charles), the Borough Surveyor (Mr. Morley Lawson), the Council's Solicitor (Mr. B. Avery), the Borough Treasurer (Mr. A. A. G. Cross), the Borough Librarian (Mr. F. J. Taylor), Messrs. T. Rumsey, H. W. Francis, W. J. Morgan, H. de Bisett, E. Cole and E. J. Cooper (deacons of Brockley-road Church), Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. Francis, Mr. F. G. Skinner (chairman of governors of Addey and Stanhope School), Dr. A. E. Salter (headmaster), Mr. E. G. G. Fox (chairman of Greenwich Union Guardians), Mr. R. G. H. Berryman, J.P., the Vicar of Deptford (the Rev. T. W. Pitman), the Rev. Leonard Mills (Zion Baptist Church, New Cross-road), Messrs. Baker, W. J. Phipps, A. G. Dean, F. Mitchell, and C. E. Blackburn (school managers), Mrs. Smith (Middle-road Council School), Mr. F. J. Dennis (Lucas-street School), Messrs. Webb, A. Matthews, C. Watson, E. B. Conner, Hilton, W. Banks, W. Wheeler, etc. A number of children were present from Addey and Stanhope, Mantle-road, Lucas-street and Childers-road schools.

The Right Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P. for Deptford, sent a telegram expressing regret at being unable to attend the service. Flowers were sent by the family, the staffs and children of the schools with which Mr. Knight was connected as a manager, the members and choir of Brockley-road Baptist Church, the Deptford Liberal Association, the Old Mantellians' Association Athletic Club, and many friends.

It should be mentioned that Mr. Knight was a member of the original Volunteer Force from 1860 to 1865, and at the outbreak of the Great War—although he was then 74 years of age, he joined the National Reserve Force.

The death occurred on February 22nd, at the age of 64, of Mr. Robert Smith Penlow, of 209, Lee High-road, where he was in business as a draper. The funeral was at Hither Green Cemetery on Tuesday.

The death is announced, at 38, The Grove, Camberwell, of Mr. Ralph Pounds, B.A., senior modern language master at Wilson's Grammar School, Camberwell, and son of the Rev. R. Pounds (Vicar of Kilburn, Yorks).

Sir Charles F. Gill, K.C., whose death took place on Thursday, was brother of Mr. Arthur Gill, formerly magistrate at Greenwich and Woolwich police-courts. He married in 1879 Miss Ada Fielding, daughter of Mr. J. C. Fielding, of Forest Hill.

We record with regret the death at Torquay on Saturday, in her 71st year, of Mrs. Rose Coen, widow of Mr. James Coen, barrister-at-law, daughter of the late Alderman Sir Stuart Knill, Bart., and Lady Knill, of the Crescents, Blackheath, and sister of Alderman Sir John Knill, Bart., J.P., of the Crescents, Mayfield, Sussex, formerly of South Vale House, Blackheath. Following a requiem at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Crooms-hill, Greenwich, the interment took place yesterday at Brockley Cemetery.

At the Coliseum next week the bill includes Juliette Autran (accompanied by Mr. Victor Marmont), Lois Fuller's Dancers, Miss Renee Kelly with Bertie Beyley's sketch "Lilies and Nettles," Horwood's Marionettes, Fred

As a member, and in the interests of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, I desire to publish a copy of a letter I have sent to the Society, for the information of the members and others who may be connected with friendly societies, and who may not be aware of the statutory requirements referred to in the letter:—

"Secretary, R.A.C.S.

Election of Auditors.

"Dear Sir,—I would draw your attention to the illegality in the nomination of Messrs. Appleby and Wood. The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act, 1913—which is part of the charter of the Co-operative Movement—imposes a statutory obligation to submit a co-operative society's accounts for audit to none other than a 'public auditor.' A chartered accountant or incorporated accountant, as such, cannot undertake audits of societies registered under this Act.

"Now the firm of Messrs. Appleby and Wood does not appear in the list of public auditors as published by the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, and a 'firm' is not eligible for inclusion in the list. The list of public auditors is an individual one, and personal in its character. For your information, I may say, the ruling of the Registrar of Friendly Societies on this matter is as follows:—'Public auditors are appointed as individuals, and a firm as such is not eligible for inclusion in the list. In the circumstances nominations for appointment of an auditor to a particular society should be one or more persons whose names appear in the list, and not of a firm or firms.'

"We are only concerned at this moment with the legality of the nomination.

"It would appear to be a far-reaching trouble, where audit fees have been received by a firm illegally nominated, since the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Act, 1913, in the cases where they have been elected upon a vote, in preference to a public auditor legally nominated, and defeated."

It is just as if Brunner, Mond and Co. had been nominated for a place in Parliament instead of Sir Alfred Mond, or the Dolly Sisters for a place on the Board of Guardians.—I am, Sir, etc.,

LEDGER FOLIO 6208.

BELLINGHAM AND LABOUR

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know that a Bellingham Branch of the Independent Labour Party has been formed, and that already we have a membership of 50, and new recruits are coming in every day. Our objects are to disseminate among the tenants of the new estate and neighbouring districts the doctrines of the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth that we all hope one day to see in being.

We have a large number of complaints regarding the high rents and price of gas on the estate, but it is quite obvious to unbiassed students of economics that any considerable reduction in these charges cannot be made until we have a Socialist state, under which land, gas production, etc., will be controlled for the benefit of the whole of the community.

The Labour and Socialist organisations realise that a Labour and Socialist administration on the Borough Councils and Guardians have their effectiveness for conferring material benefit to the community practically nullified when our central administration at Westminster is in the control of vested and capitalist interests, who should be replaced by supporters of a system that will transfer the use of capital for production for private profit to a system which uses capital for production for use, in short, common justice for all.—I am, etc., etc.,

G. R. WIDLAKE,
Branch Secretary.

[We give the above publicity in response to a request from Mr. Widlake to extend to those he represents "that spirit of fair play that," he writes, "we always endeavour to extend to our political opponents." We need hardly say that the views expressed are by no means those held by us.—Ed. "K.M."]

GAS v. ELECTRICITY PRICES.

Sir,—The letter by "W." in a recent issue raised the interesting point of the high price of electricity in this district as compared to gas. The electric company has benefited by the heavy drop in the cost of labour, coal and materials, and also from what is generally overlooked: the very low cost of generation by the turbine engines of to-day. With coal at 30s. per ton, and using 2 lb. of coal per unit, electricity can be put on our doorsteps at 1d. per unit.

The people who should look after our interests are the Electricity Commissioners, the L.C.C. and our Borough Council. The first-named body has got its head in the clouds, looking for that cheap and plentiful supply of electricity for everybody, and is

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apparently oblivious to what is taking place on its own front.

The dividends paid by the electric company are as follows:—8 per cent. in 1920, 4 per cent. in 1921, and 10 per cent. (with £40,000 carried over) in 1922. The gas people have been severely criticised over their charge for the therm, and the number of people who have recently been poisoned by gas escapes; but they have—as "W." says—brought their price down several times, and they also give an efficient and cheap service. We should be thankful that we have our gas, for if we had to cook, heat and light by electricity, the cost would be a great surprise to many householders. I have no interest in either undertaking beyond paying my quarterly bills.—I am, Sir, etc.,

THERMO DYNAMIC.

New Cross, S.E.14.

A number of letters are crowded out.

Marriage.

The marriage was solemnised on Monday, at St. James', Hatcham, the Rev. E. E. J. Martin officiating, of Mr. Samuel Liston, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Liston, of 38, Lewisham High-road, to Miss Ena Candlish. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Alex. Candlish, wore white georgette embroidered with pearls and beads, the train trimmed with orange blossom and white heather, and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Ferguson (chief bridesmaid), who wore a dress of taffeta silk and lace cap, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, and the Misses Lily Liston, Lily Jones, Violet Waite and Grace Ferguson, who were dressed in pale mauve charmeuse with caps of silver lace and violets. Mr. Charles Liston was "best man." The reception, at which a large number were present, was afterwards held at the Greenwich Borough Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Liston, who were the recipients of many useful presents, are spending their honeymoon on the south coast.

SYDENHAM CRICKET AND SPORTS CLUB.

Mr. E. T. Campbell, L.C.C., presided at the annual dinner held on Wednesday evening at the Railway Hotel, Beckenham, supported by Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Councillor A. G. Ayland, Mr. G. H. Timms (chairman of the club) and Mrs. Timms, Mr. C. D. Maistre (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Maistre, and other officers.

The chairman presented prizes to Mr. J. Semple (batting) and Mr. A. Dimmock (bowling). He also proposed the toast of "The Club," Mr. G. H. Timms replying.—Mr. C. D. Maistre gave "The Ladies," to which Miss Campbell responded.—Councillor Ayland toasted "The Visitors," to which Mr. W. Mitchell (president of the Sydenham Kentish Athletic Club) replied. The artistes were the Misses Harker and Goldsborough, Messrs. F. Carr, H. A. Richardson, L. J. Stansfield, F. Chant and Captain W. Messenger. During the dinner, which was attended by over 100 members and friends, selections were played by the Boronia Orchestra.

POULTRY MEETING AT DEPTFORD.

Under the auspices of the Deptford Borough Council a poultry meeting at the Town Hall last night was addressed by Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Hardy (of the Scientific Poultry Breeders' Association), Mr. R. Birkland (president of the Deptford National Utility Poultry Society) being in the chair. Before Colonel Hardy spoke Alderman W. H. Green, J.P., referred to the great injustice to poultry keepers of the unfair competition of imported eggs. He understood that the Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P. for Deptford, was to press the advisability of legislation upon the Government.

Mr. W. S. Parsons, at present in the service of the Hackney Borough Council, has been appointed a sanitary inspector of the Lewisham Borough Council.

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...Shoreditch County Court on Friday, ...fore Chase, Messrs. Crouch Bros., of ...court, Finsbury, insurance brokers, ...W. C. Collins, of 60, Royal-hill, ...S., carriage contractor, to recover £5, ...of an insurance premium paid on ...the defendant in June 14th, 1921, ...comprehensive policy, including per... ...driver, on a 20-h.p. chassis ...the report of time on risk. The ...the order by the policy was ...claimed. Mr. A. E. Robinson ap... ...behalf of the plaintiffs, and the ...defendant.

...Bacon, in the simpler of the ...claims as to a number of conversa... ...with the defendant on the phone ...a insurance. He got a quotation ...Wheels and Wings Association Ass... ...and sent the proposal form along to ...that for him to fill up, but he did ...Witness produced the receipt ...any link to prove that a £1 ...had been effected, and that he had ...on that date, the balance being his ...

...There had been a number of ... ...to the defendant for the money with ...and meanwhile the underwriter's ...was held up, but defendant was ...at the time.

...Court said the plaintiff was without ...to prove his case, and would have to ...find the defendant to have his costs.

...Sessions yesterday, Michael ...builder, Underwood, Rotherhithe, ...guilty to stealing a pocket of cigar... ...

...Hughes (" Helen Morton "), and Messrs. R. W. Landers (" English Eddie ") and J. Payne Hunkin (" Det.-Sergt. Cassidy "), and the remaining parts were well taken by the Misses Muriel Felix (" Sarah ") and Doris Lovibond (" Fanny "), and Messrs. S. Coulson (" Smithson "), Noel Foskett (" George Devarest "), C. Stuart (" Thomas "), Arthur Gisport (" Chicago Red "), Douglas Mackrell (" Tom Busey "), Norman Grimsted (" William Irwin "), A. Constantinidis, B. Dalby, and B. D. Hobson.

Mr. Arthur Phillips is to be congratulated on the tuneful production, and Messrs. Herbert Pickett and Leslie Thornberry on their successful stage management—an important item in this play.

Selections were rendered by Mr. W. T. Stuart's orchestra.

THE IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM

Complaint of Low Wages at Kidbrook.

Representing that the following are the facts, a correspondent—who furnishes name and address—asks for publicity, "to show the public how the Government pay their lower-grade employees, 80 per cent. of whom are ex-service men."

"I am employed" the writer) "in the Stores Depot, Royal Air Force, Kidbrook, where the average wage of the lower grades (from storeman to grade three labourer) is £2 5s. per week. Owing to there being no housing accommodation near the Depot, the men have to travel a long way to their work, and the following budget will, I think, show that they exist, not live: Average rent paid, 10s.; coal, 3s.; gas, 2s.; travelling expenses, 5s.; total, £1 2s. Deduct this expenditure from the earnings and there is £1 3s. left with which to buy food and clothing.

"The Cost of Living Committee for the purpose of arriving at their figures take the average family as man, wife and three children, so that five people have £1 3s. 10d. per head for food and clothing. In some cases where the family is large the man, after working 48 hours a week, has had to apply for, and been granted, relief."

BELLINGHAM ACTIVITIES.

The Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association, a live and active organisation imbued with the desire to make the locality a "real garden suburb," has recently issued the second number of its monthly journal which is provided gratis to the residents of the estate. Reference is made to the various social and recreative sections, and also to the efforts the association is making for the general welfare of the estate. The lawn tennis club has already three-fifths of its required membership, and will open its season in May, while arrangements will be made, if the demand justifies the effort, for cricket, football, hockey and stoolball.

NEW CROSS FIREMEN'S SUCCESS.

The annual cross country championship of the London Fire Brigade was decided yesterday, the trophy being won by "D" (New Cross) district. Fireman Carlow, who was the first man home, covered six miles in 40 min. 10 1-4th sec.

WEST KENT CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.

Last evening a Bohemian concert was held at Stafford House, Greenwich-road, the headquarters of the club. Mr. Robert Wild presiding. An attractive programme, arranged by Mr. Roland Sydney, was participated by the Misses Nellie Rosen and Bessie Quinnie, Messrs. B. C. Hester (at the piano), Willard Bernard, Harry Childs, George ...

the past and recorded in our published proceedings. The transcription and publication of the old parish registers of Greenwich is about to enter into a new stage, which, in conjunction with the West Kent Scientific Society, a regional survey of the Hundred of Blackheath is being prepared. During my term of office I have done all that is in me, by many lectures and public speeches to teachers, school children and others, to stimulate interest in local history. A knowledge of that history is an essential part of the education of every child and young person in the neighbourhood. If they realise the great traditions of Greenwich, the centre of so many public and national activities for so many centuries, they will also realise that they must live up to those traditions and become earnest citizens of so great a city. The proposed regional survey of this great area cannot be successfully carried out unless school teachers of both sexes and many school children will help in the work. I especially appeal to the teachers in the neighbourhood to join our society. The summer excursions and the winter lectures alike are most pleasurable, while the gradual collection of material for the history of the district and of the great men and women who lived and worked here is a most useful and delightful task. I should like to see a junior branch for young people affiliated to the society, but in any event all adults who love and are proud of their neighbourhood should join us."

CATFORD CO-OPERATIVE CHOIR.

Performance at Bromley.

In connection with the work of the Educational Department of the South Suburban Co-operative Society a concert was given on Saturday evening by the Catford Co-operative Choir, under the direction of Mr. T. H. Ward, M.R.C., at the Society's Hall, Bromley.

The concert version of Edward German's "Merrie England," which is firmly established as a favourite item amongst amateurs, is by no means simple, but on this occasion its difficulties were surmounted with surprising ease, the result being a smooth and highly creditable performance, to the appreciation of a large and enthusiastic audience. The principal soloists were Mrs. Wood ("Bessie"), Miss Gladys Lindsay (" Jill-All-Alone "), Mrs. Reynolds (" Queen Elizabeth "), Mr. Wright (" Raleigh "), Mr. Jack Stevens (" Essex "), and Mr. A. H. Reynolds (" Long Tom "), and all proved to be capable vocalists, particularly in the concerted numbers " Love is Meant to Make Us Glad " and " When Cupid First." Their clear and distinct enunciation throughout, without loss of tonal effect, was really remarkable, thus emphasising the many points of the clever libretto.

Having regard to numbers the volume of tone and the balance of the voices of the choir were especially noticeable, and great credit is due to Mr. Ward (conductor) for his efficient organisation.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CATFORD ROLLER SKATER.

In the five-miles amateur championship of Great Britain, decided at the Holland Park Rink last evening, Mr. T. J. Wilson, captain of the Catford Roller Skating Club, was placed first, and Mr. A. Sedefoyt, of the same club, second.

This is the third year in succession that Mr. Wilson has won the championship.

DEPTFORD PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

A well-attended dance, organised by the Deptford Philanthropic Society, was held at the Borough Hall on Wednesday, the proceeds being devoted to the local hospitals and benevolent societies.

The music was supplied by the Green...

...militarism, and milita... ...mend of this infant pe... ...ture necessary to sha... ...respect. However ... ...national sentiment m... ...definitely controlled ... ...passion. He was g... ...undertaking the task ... ...League of Nations un... ...leadership of the vari... ...There should be a reli... ...this effort.

He did not think ... ...another international ... ...using vast charges, ...forces, had taken pla... ...we might have intern... ...lished by very strong ... ...The world could only ... ...happy by maintaining ... ...Nothing in the world ... ...produce revolution ... ...another great war. ... ...to degenerate into the ... ...ism. If they did not ... ...League of Nations on ... ...labels of internationa... ...with it evils which ... ...and demoralising. T... ...this great task shoul... ...all the religious bod... ...desire to perpetuate th... ...true Christian spirit.

On the motion of ... ...(Sir Frank Dyson), ...decided to form a G... ...the League of Nation... ...the various chambers ... ...branch.

After the usual vote ... ...were carried.

ALARMING ... PLUMS

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EAST GREENW...

...An Olive Market, ...road, East Greenwich, ...road on Friday after... ...kerb, and, falling into ... ...of a single-horsed van, ...showcases, for which ... ...detained at the Greenw... ...police.

GREENWICH ... CONFE...

The conference will ... ...at St. Alban's Church ... ...consider the replies of ... ...Composite Societies ...

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[illegible] in view of the state of Torridon-road, over which the 75A 'bus service passes. This time it is not so much the property as the ratepayer's pocket.—I am, Sir, etc.,

T. WARREN.

84, Arngask-road, Catford,
January 29th, 1929.

SANGLEY ROAD—A PROTEST.

Sir,—On behalf of the inhabitants of Sangley-road I beg to protest strongly against the dreadful state of this road. It is a disgrace to the borough and a serious cause of annoyance, discomfort and harm to the people who have to live in it. I have been waiting 17 years for the authorities to find out that from the very first the road was never properly made, and certainly not made to carry two routes of heavy motorbuses and heavy lorry traffic. The Council all this time have only attempted to scratch the top surface. In the meantime house property is being ruined and is becoming a danger to the householder through their ignorance and negligence.—I am, Sir, etc.,

E. ESCARGUEL.

SCAVENGING AT BELLINGHAM.

Sir,—I was rather surprised to read that at a meeting on the above last week that Councillor Dyer made the remark "he did not see why the Council should scavenge the roads on the estate at the expense of the Lewisham rates." Does he mean to infer by this that the tenants on the estate do not pay rates to Lewisham? Our rent cards have printed on them that the net rent is 15s. or other amount, as the case may be, and balance represents payment towards local rates, etc., which in my case is 5s. 6d.

I have been here more than 12 months and have never seen anyone sweeping the road, etc.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A 12-MONTHS TENANT.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Sir,—A good deal has been said lately about gas companies and their methods, but one thing can be said for them, that they have given their customers several reductions in price over the last year or two. I would ask if any of your readers can tell us why no reductions whatever over the same period have been made by the electric company in this district. They must have benefited by the same fall in wages, fuel, and all their other requirements. How is it it has had no effect upon their prices to their customers? Can anyone tell me who looks after the interests of the public with regard to electric supplies?—I am, Sir, etc.,

W.

SOUTH LONDON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Sir,—May I be allowed to ask the hospitality of your columns to voice an appeal for assistance from the many men singers in South East London in our forthcoming rendering of Wagner's "Parsifal" at the Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, a week before Easter. It is felt that there are many gentlemen who will welcome an opportunity of taking part in such an epoch-making event. I think I am correct in stating that "Parsifal" has not been heard in London in a concert hall since the war, and certainly it has never been attempted by other than a few of the very biggest musical organisations. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesdays at St. John's Hall, Lewisham High-road. I shall be happy to answer any enquiries on this matter or to welcome helpers any Wednesday about eight o'clock.—I am, Sir, etc.,

JOHN W. WATKINS
(Hon. Org. Sec.)

BUSINESSES FOR DISPOSAL.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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LIVE STOCK, POULTRY, EGGS, PROVISIONS, ETC.

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BOBS'"
NT.

...thusiasm really, I now firmly believe, to keep an eye on all the odd samples of small sizes that were tried on, and then unceremoniously rejected as being too large. As this was by no means my first admission to this chamber of horrors I quite realised what I was in for, and began inwardly to practise Couéism, to assure myself that I was actually enjoying the experience, and should furthermore enjoy footing the bill. I think I had softly recited to myself several elegant extracts of English and American poetry, including "Quoth the Raven nevermore," "Over the hill to the poor-house," and was well away with the "Wreck of the Hesperus," and had about reached the point where "she struck where the white and fleecy waves looked soft as carded wool," when I was made aware that the young lady in charge of the shoe brigade was on the point of getting Matilda round to her way of thinking, by pretending to agree with all Matilda's criticisms and objections—an excellent plan, as I have often and often proved, only it needs doing with consummate skill—when I heard this tactful young person coolingly observe either this, or words to this effect: "You are, madam, if you will allow me to pad the tongue a little it will give perfect ease and absolute adjustment."

I hastily left my cogitations on the deck of the sinking schooner Hesperus that sailed and sank in the wintry sea, and became all attention as to the modus operandi of padding Matilda's tongue. It was what I have long felt was the only possible solution, but I had never been able to sum up sufficient courage to suggest such a course of action to her, and here she was beaming upon the heroic young lady who had coolly and casually proposed such drastic measures.

Inwardly I was chortling to my wicked self an admiring affirmation and confirmation as to the perfect ease and absolute adjustment that would ensue; and I gazed with growing approval upon the fair young damsel who had so bewitched my superior half into acquiescence with such Spartan treatment.

I leaned back in the easy chair but one and tried to imagine how Mrs. Clout would feel with a padded tongue. For myself, I knew exactly how it would affect me. Already the absolute adjustment and the perfect ease was stealing over me, like bells at evening pealing, when the rude and tardy awakening came, in that it was the tongue of the shoe and not the vocal subtractsmity of himself that was to be so padded. Ah, well, one never knows, for of all the glad thoughts on land or sea, the gladdest is that it may yet be. Since writing the foregoing the shoes have arrived, tongue padded and all that, and I would never dared have mentioned it only that Matilda never reads these notes, on the ground that she hasn't patience with them. Nor has she. Harking back to the halcyon days in the early 'eighties, before listening-in, golf or jazz had come, also, to stay, when we used to spend our childish afternoons at archery practice, I remember shooting a match with our vicar, the Rev. Hillsmoor Missions, and that I failed in shooting him through the back of one of his reverend legs was no fault of mine own, but that his calves were so well and truly padded that the arrow just stuck there and he was none the wiser, till he started to walk back to the firing line, tripped over the string and broke his spectacles.

I was on the horns of a dilemma. Ought I to have apologised, and if so what for? Not for hitting him, for I didn't, and I could hardly say that I was sorry for not doing so. He ought to have apologised for pretending to be a broader Churchman than he really was. But, there, I freely forgive him, for he did put the padding where it was good and looked good, whereas he might have put it into his sermons, where it would have been neither. More than half the public speeches, lectures and pronouncements from the chair are half padding. I protest at the waste of time involved listening to these periodi...

...ship would be caused by refusing the order for possession than by granting it.

A landlord shall be able to apply for possession in the case of a destructive subtenant or lodger.

Minority Recommendations.

The minority report asserts that the reasons which led to the passing of the Act exist now and are likely to continue for a long time. It protests against differentiation with regard to the removal of restrictions.

The minority propose that the restrictions should be continued until 1930, and that there should be an immediate reduction of all rents by 25 per cent., and a further 15 per cent. at Martinmas, 1925.

ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, BELLINGHAM.

Concert for Building Fund.

Something very much out of the ordinary in the way of a concert was submitted on Saturday evening in St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham, by the "Owlers" Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. R. W. Reynolds. The party, which consists of members of the choir and congregation of St. Luke's Church, Woodside, Croydon, has by its earlier concerts, not only benefited that church, but has also been instrumental in raising money for various charities, and the St. Dunstan's blind, and it is evidence of a genuinely unselfish desire to do good that the party should come from another diocese to give their services voluntarily for St. Dunstan's Hall Building Fund. A programme of originality combined with a number of well-known songs included the Scala, an excellent burlesque entitled "Filleted Faust," and a highly effective ensemble "On the Banks of the Brahmaputra." The artistes, who all boast the surname of 'Owler (for, we presume, concert platform purposes only) were Ella, Agnes, "Papa," Toby and Ronald. "Mama" 'Owler acting as accompanist. Although all members of the party had, to his or her costume, traces of "green," it was obvious that, as far as the concert platform goes at all events, the party had long since left the "freshly verdant" state behind. A number of graceful dances by "Ella" had been arranged by Miss Molly Keach.

Mr. Lionel Tobitt (the "author" of "Filleted Faust") acted as stage manager for Mr. Reynolds. Among those present were the Rev. T. Philip Smith (Vicar of St. John, Southend Village) and Mrs. Smith, Mr. H. T. Boyes (hon. secretary of the Lewisham Deanery Church Extension Fund), and members of the congregation of St. John's.

ST. CYPRIAN'S (BROCKLEY) "PARLIAMENT."

The Speaker (Mr. W. E. Owen) presided on Monday evening, when questions relating to the expectation of horses, Sunday games, housing, unemployment and education were asked by Mr. F. L. Gregory, Mr. T. P. Davis, Mr. H. A. Abrams and Mr. E. J. Ellison.

During the committee stage of the Finance Bill the chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Cleskey.

The first clause, relating to the taxation of co-operative societies (wholesale and retail) was moved by Mr. S. Bailey and supported by Mr. W. E. Owen and Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Abrams opposed, and Mr. C. Barber moved that the clause be deleted and another substituted enacting a tax on capital, commencing at 5 per cent. on £5,000.

The motion was declared out of order, and after further debate the original motion was carried.

Clause 2, relating to an additional tax on liquor and tobacco sold in clubs, was opposed by Mr. A. D. Thurnell and Mr. W. E. Owen, who moved to reject...

...the Misses Ethel Biddolph and Mabel Cheesman respectively. Remaining parts were in the hands of Miss Margaret Meikle (a clever little miniature—"Mion," the maid), and Messrs. A. Morley Cheesman ("Count Orloff"), Frank Barker ("Markham"), Norman Rowe ("Anisoir"), and Ernest Hubbard ("Sheppard").

The scenery, which was by members of the society, took somewhat long in the erection between the acts, but was fittingly decorative. The stage manager and assistant stage manager respectively were Messrs. D. Meiklereid and C. H. Parsons.

Under the direction of the Rev. A. Ogilvy (the Vicar of St. Mildred's), the society's orchestra rendered selections. A "feature" of the evening was the whistle which indicated the pending rise of the curtain.

TENANCY CASES.

His Honour Helps.

Before his Honour Judge Sir Thomas Granger on Friday applications were made for possession orders against three tenants in Ross-street, Greenwich. The first, who owed nearly £28, had a family of eleven children, five of whom were under 5½ years old; the second, who owed nearly £12, had seven all under twelve; and the third, who was £8 in arrears, had nine. His Honour adjourned the first case with a view to helping the defendant out of the poor box; in respect of the second he said he would pay 2s. a week off the arrears until such time as the husband got more work; and in the third he offered to pay 1s. 6d. a week off the debt until the defendant "got herself straight."

A West African Hope.

Miss Elsie Hamilton, of 106, Steadon-park, Honor Oak-park, who was sued for possession of her house by Walter West, of 108, Steadon-park, on the ground of arrears (there was £43 10s. owing), asked for an adjournment in order that she might cable to her brother in West Africa for financial help.

For the plaintiff it was stated that defendant had been the tenant since Christmas, 1921, and had paid no rent whatever.

Defendant said her family had had possession of the house for 20 years, and she had been the tenant since the death of her mother. She agreed that the landlord had been extremely lenient.

His Honour made a possession order operative in a fortnight.

A Futile Plea.

George Hicks, of Ivydale-road, Nunhead, who was sued by Ernest C. Smith, of Wandsworth, for the return of £7 1s. due under an order of apportionment, asked for an adjournment with the hope of retrospective legislation being put into operation.

His Honour said he could not do that; he did not know what was going to happen.

An order was made for payment at the rate of 5s. a month.

Hopeless.

"It's hopeless," remarked his Honour, in making an order for possession in four weeks against George Barnard, of Adolphus-street, Deptford, who, it was stated, owed £87 in rent.

"A TIGHT CORNER" AT LADYWELL.

A numerous audience at the Parish Church Hall, Ladywell, on Tuesday evening, gave an encouraging reception to the "Philinis" Repertory Company, who, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Men's Social Sub-Committee, presented the three-act farcical comedy, "A Tight Corner." The production was such as to encourage the hope that we may see the "Philinis" on some future occasion; they "played up" well one to another, and there was a gratifying absence of embarrassing and annoying stage waits...

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turns will be supplemented by a return visit of the female impersonator, Mesmer (who will appear twice nightly), and selections by Mr. Frank A. Wardell's orchestra.

The outstanding films in the week-end programmes at the Central Hall Picture House, Catford, are " The Woman in his house," " The Man Who Did," and " Honeymooned." " A Debt of Honour," with Isobel Elsom as the dominating personality, occupies the leading place in the programme for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but good subsidiary pictures will be found in " A Will and a Way," featuring Johnny Butt, episode No. 13 of " The Skyscraper," and a rollicking comedy, " Obeys Days." For Thursday and the two succeeding days " The Journey's End," a powerful drama giving prominence to Mabel Ballin, is supported by a five-part drama, " Leonry," and a comedy, " Boss Day."

At the Queen's Hall, Rusher Green, Catford, " Monte Cristo," Alexandre Dumas' famous romance, is being shown. Sunday's feature is " The Road Tree," featuring William Russell. From Monday, for three days, Tom Mix will be seen in " The Rough Diamond," and Thomas Meighan in " Copper Rider," a romance of the sea. The programme for the remaining three days will include " Three Live Ghosts," starring Anna Q. Nilsson and Norman Kerry, and Mary Miles Minter in " Don't Call Me Little Girl."

The Park Cinema, Hither Green, is showing this week-end Charlie Chaplin in " Pay-Day." For Sunday " The Devil's Garden " is billed, and for Monday and the two days following, by special request, Norma Talmadge will be screened in " Smiling Through," with which will be shown Mack Sennett's latest comedy, " Love, Honour and Behave." For the last three days of the week the sensational melodrama, " The Fast Mail " and Gwen Nurse in " Brown Sugar " are billed.

GIFTS FOR BELLINGHAM CHURCH.

A brass lectern has been given by St. Alban's Church, Westcliff-on-Sea, to the Vicar of St. John's, Bellingham (the Rev. J. Philip Smith), for the new temporary church of St. Dunstan's, on the Bellingham Estate. A Broadwood grand piano, which has come from the College of Grey Ladies, Blackheath, and was the property of Mrs Bardsley, widow of a former Vicar of Greenwich, has been obtained for the parish hall. Miss Cecil Adams provides the music for the Sunday services. Another acquisition will shortly be made in the shape of a " Chapwell " single manual chamber organ, with three rows of pipes and pedals, which has been given by Mrs. Butler, the wife of the Rector of St. Anne's, Lewes. This instrument is intended for the proposed church, and the Vicar would be glad to receive about £50 for the estimate and cost of overhauling which will be borne by the parish.

TOWER CINEMA, PECKHAM.

A particularly fine week-end programme at the Tower Cinema, Rye-lane, Peckham, includes the film of that much discussed book " The Shiek," with Rudolph Valentino in the same part. It is a romantic tale of desert love, told with a pictorial intensity that cannot appeal to the most cold-blooded of its audiences, and it is responsible for some of the most beautifully taken scenes of the desert and of the " Monte Carlo of the East " we have yet seen. A strong plot is admirably worked out, and the music for the occasion had been remarkably well chosen.

On Monday, Priscilla Dean will be starred in " Conflict," which has many thrills, and the attraction for the six days following is to be the celebrated Palace Theatre success, " The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." This, an adaptation of the book by Vicente Blasco Ibanez, is claimed as " the most pretentious film creation of all time." It has been described variously as " a masterpiece," " a wonderful film," and one which has " the quality of Shakespeare set to music, or Wagner expressed in pictures."

LOSS ON BOTTLE WORKS.

The public examination was concluded at Bankruptcy buildings, Carey-street, W.C., on Tuesday, of Alfred Joseph Watkins, manufacturer, aged, lately carrying on business at 62, Church-street, E.2, against whom a receiving order was made on November 9th, 1922, on a creditor's petition. Debtor stated

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MISS MARGARET BONFIELD AT LEWISHAM.

" Endowment of Childhood—a Nation," was the subject of an address given by Miss Margaret Bonfield at Lewisham Congregational Church Institute, Courtfield-road, on Wednesday. It was only right and just, she said, that the education, clothing and feeding of children should be a collective responsi-

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...have been maintained ... pre-war standards ... that the standard of ... displaced by the ... with that established ... ago, except that ... the greater understanding ... trained, scientific ... "satisfying" ... the report ... complaints ... have shown ... received ...

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...L. HABITATION.

...of Mrs. Hazell, ... branch of the ... an entertainment at ... Brockley Rise, ... Mr. F. W. Pla... Forest Hill ... in the chair. The ... programme ... a sketch ... in which Jack Malin, ... Kirkland, ... appeared ... charming ballet ... Eileen and Ethel ... Doris King, Ruby ... and M. Hazell ... songs by Eileen ... Gladys Murray, Ruby ... Hazell; recitations ... Maggie Leach, and ... duets by Isabel ... Leach, and Edwin ... Geary; the "Bud's ... a special entertainment ... consisting of J. Malin, ... E. Platt, N. ... Harrington. ... were the Misses ...

...GARDENERS' ...T DRIVE.

...Gardeners' Association ... whist drive ... on Saturday. Sixty ... and the players were ... A. Fuller and G. ...

... were as follows: ... Miss A. E. ... Mr. H. Wood 1, ... Mr. H. Ribbons 2, Mr. ... and Miss E. Fuller ... the refreshments.

...having acquired possession ... along four acres of ... Brockley-road, the plots ... on Sunday, after which ... 10 acres will be under ...

...L SUBURBAN ...AT DEPTFORD.

...ing at Deptford Town ... (Mr. Arthur Purkiss) ... account of visits to ... with some comparison ... with London ... lantern slides ... presided over a ... The lecturer was ...

... conjunction with the ... Harmonic Society, Mr. ... (hon. secretary of ... Society) will ... Art of Singing," with ... the late Sir Charles ...

...'s Hospital, Lewisham ... "helpers" are to be ... Hall, Brockley, by the ... Operatic Society ... and 20th inst.

... Mathew Palmer, ... Greenwich, was ... when he was knocked ...

...country, patience and faithful friendship. If after the privations, wounds, disease and death which these men gladly suffered, the peace of the world was ever again rudely shattered it would be a catastrophe that would be a mockery of the faith that the dead had placed in them. Let them be worthy of those men, and try as citizens to live the life and build the England of which these men, lying in their scattered graves, would have been proud.

The Rev. Llewellyn Thomas, A.K.C., M.C., Hon. C.F. (Vicar of St. John, Plumstead), dedicated the memorial, and the hymn, "Hark! Bright Those Glorious Spirits Shine," was sung by members of St. John's (Plumstead) church choir, under the direction of Mr. Harry Gage.

In the course of a closing address, the Rev. Llewellyn Thomas said the memorial was a tribute of remembrance, a symbol of the nobility of sacrifice, and a token of love, respect and honour they bore to those who lost their lives in the war. Above all, it was a challenge to every person that the sacrifices made should not be in vain.

After the National Anthem the Last Post was sounded by Royal Artillery trumpeters. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the members of the committee, and the trumpeters, on the proposition of Mr. H. Berry, seconded by Councillor [illegible].

The following constituted the committee responsible for the memorial: Major G. H. Graham, Messrs. H. Berry, T. Kramer, G. Wise, T. Lawrence, C. J. Jennison, J. T. G. Nelson, J. W. Berry, Markie and P. Payne.

BELLINGHAM'S PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSE.

Residents to Vote.

A largely-attended meeting of tenants of the Bellingham Estate was held at St. Dunstan's Hall on Tuesday, virtually for the purpose of opposing the scheme for the erection of a model public-house on the estate. The feeling of the meeting, however, was sharply divided, and it was somewhat difficult to determine what was the predominating opinion.

The Bishop of Woolwich presided, and more or less reiterated the arguments he advanced at a similar meeting held a few weeks ago. Although he felt that the introduction of a licensed house on the estate would not be to the common good, he did not wish to coerce the residents. If they wanted one they must have one, he added.

Dr. Agnes Rees, of Great Ormond-street Hospital, and the Rev. W. J. Wray, of the London Congregational Union, also spoke in opposition to the scheme.

By the invitation of the Bishop, Mr. Grimstone, one of the directors of Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, occupied the platform, and was asked to explain details of the proposal. He paid a compliment to the extremely fair and moderate way in which the Bishop had tackled the question, and without attempting to force his views in any way, declared that his firm were out to reform the tone of the public-house. They did not wish to encourage drunkenness, for intemperance was the worst possible advertisement they could have. He submitted a plan of the proposed building, which was generally admired, and said that it provided for a large room as big as the hall in which they were assembled, a dining-room, a tea-garden, and other attractive amenities.

We understand that a vote of the inhabitants is being taken by the Tenants' Association, and that opposition will be offered at the Licensing Sessions on Tuesday by the United Temperance Council of Christian Churches.

BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Lewisham Ratepayers' Association was held on Tuesday, Mr. M. Marshall presiding. The action of the Borough Council, in refusing to add years to those actually served to increase the pension of a retired officer, was heartily appreciated. It was reported that the Guardians had increased the pension of a retired officer by adding three years to those he had actually served. The ...

Mr. Hughes: There was no fear of that.

Mrs. Chappell in her defence (counsel proceeded) pleaded that the auditors of the company had valued the shares at 9s. each, and she verbally authorised her solicitor to offer that price for them. The contract, she submitted, was valid and binding, and the price was a proper one.

Mr. Spens said Mrs. Chappell's point of view was that she objected to anybody getting hold of the shares who was not taking part in the company's business.

Mr. Hughes, after further discussion, made an offer on behalf of the plaintiffs to buy the shares at 10s. each.

Mr. Johnson Edwards said that was an offer that Mr. Bentley would accept, but Mr. Spens said he had no authority to accept it.

Evidence was then given by two accountants on behalf of the plaintiffs. One said he considered the shares to be worth £4 each; the other put the value at £2 10s. each.

On behalf of the defendants, their solicitors were called, and they expressed the opinion that, having regard to the powers conferred on the directors by the Articles of Association, it would have been impossible to get a better offer than the one that was accepted. They said they believed that the directors would have refused to register any transfer of shares if the sale did not meet with their views.

Mr. Spens said the directors had complete power of veto. The price was fixed by the auditors, and he asked his Lordship to say that the offer Mrs. Chappell made was a perfectly proper one. He resented the suggestion that she was trying to get the shares at an under-value for herself. The plaintiffs represented two-sevenths of the interest in the shares.

Mr. Johnson Edwards submitted that Mr. Bentley had been guilty of no breach of trust in what he had done, and that the sale was a bona fide exercise of his powers as administrator of the estate.

Judge Hints at Further Litigation.

Mr. Justice Romer, in the course of his judgment, said that according to the Articles of Association of the company the directors might, in their uncontrolled discretion, refuse to register any proposed transfer of shares. At the death of Mr. J. A. Chappell the plaintiffs consulted their solicitor, as they were anxious that the shares should not be sold, but should be divided among the next of kin. The sale of the shares had not taken place, and it was doubtful whether there really was any contract for sale at 9s. Looking at the correspondence, he found a statement that the directors practically controlled the price of the shares and could prevent a sale of them at what price they liked. His Lordship pointed out that that fear was groundless, as it had been held over and over again that directors must not exercise their powers in their own selfish interests.

The proposed sale was brought about by the administrator believing that the two directors (Mrs. Chappell and Mr. Sidney Chappell) could force him to sell at any price they liked. Apart altogether from the question whether 9s. was or was not an adequate price, it was difficult to see how such a sale as that could stand in that court. On the evidence, he was of opinion that 9s. was not a fair value. Two accountants had stated that at the date of the company's balance-sheet (June, 1921), the shares were worth £3 or £2 10s. each. The balance-sheet showed that without bringing in anything for goodwill, or in respect of the great number of leasehold premises belonging to the company, the assets were more than sufficient to provide 9s. in the £ on the capital. It would appear, therefore, that anybody who gave 9s. would have his capital adequately protected. He took the view that 9s. was a largely inadequate price, and there must be an injunction to restrain the defendants from carrying out the proposed sale at that figure.

"What the ultimate result of all this will be I don't know," his Lordship concluded. "If the administrator attempts to sell the shares the directors may or may not refuse to register the transfer. What remedies will be open to the transferee should that happen I won't attempt to forecast. But I am afraid there will be further litigation. The parties have been unable to arrange this matter amicably, although, oddly enough, the mother and daughters, I am informed, are on excellent terms. But it would be contrary to all the ...

... balance sheet were formally adopted, and thanks accorded Mr. F. Grace Morris and the auditors.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Patron, the Marquess Camden; hon. treasurer, Mr. Newton Daris (re-elected); trustees, Colonel W. H. Le May, J.P., and Messrs. Gill and Jacks; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Collard and S. H. White; hon. librarian, Mr. Dudley Le May; hon. chaplain, Dean Ware, of Canterbury.

The appointment of president, in succession to Lord Northbourne, was left to the council, and the large number of vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

COMPLAINT AGAINST ARSENAL FOREMAN.

Plumstead Suicide's Allegation.

At Woolwich, on Wednesday, an inquest was held on Daniel Crawley, 55, explosive worker in the Arsenal, 105, Southport-road, Plumstead, whose body was found in a well on some allotments off Church Manorway, Plumstead, last Saturday.

The widow said deceased had had rheumatism and had been depressed about his work. Recently he was transferred to a fresh department and found work which was tedious. On February 1st he told her he could not get on with it, and that the foreman had "chased" him. He also said that somebody had told him he would not earn his money. She told him not to worry. After dinner he went out and did not return. In the evening her sons searched for him on his allotment, but failed to find him.

The Coroner said in a letter to the widow Crawley said he could not do his work fast enough, and that the foreman had told him he would be "sacked" for passing bad work.

Thomas Richardson, 35, Marmadon-road, Plumstead, deposed to recovering Crawley's body from the well, which was about 25 feet deep.

Charles Daniel Crawley, son of deceased, said on Sunday morning he found the letter produced in his father's raincoat in a shed on the allotment. The witness added that he was disgusted with his father's treatment at the Arsenal. It was like taking him from the hot-house to the cold store. He had just come off the sick list, yet he was taken out of his shop and put to work in the open air.

The Coroner agreed that it might be hard lines for a man of 55 to be shifted, but there was nothing to prevent the authorities moving him.

The foreman said deceased had not received harsh treatment. Witness added that he did not say anything about Crawley getting the "sack."

The Coroner: When a man is 55 he is apt to exaggerate his troubles.

Dr. Mair said the cause of death was drowning, and the Coroner recorded a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind."

BOLSHEVIK RULE.

Lecture at New Cross.

At a meeting, held under the auspices of the Deptford branch of the National Citizens' Union, at the Laurie Hall, New Cross-road, last night, Miss Nina Boyle recounted some of her experiences of Bolshevik rule in Russia. She gave a graphic description of conditions in Russia last year, when she formed one of a mission of investigation on behalf of the "Save the Children Fund," and said that the administration of that relief fund was absolutely perfect. The food went direct to the children and not a particle entered into Government hands. It was calculated that not more than a quarter of one per cent. was lost through theft and other causes. The lecturer gave some terrible pictures of life under Soviet restrictions, and, describing a tour of Moscow in Trotsky's car, said she never had a more eerie experience. After traversing miles and miles of silent, deserted streets, the first sign of life they encountered was the ambulance cart returning with the bodies of Bolshevik victims.

She spoke of the appalling sights in ...

chairman of the Housing Committee, that efforts would be made to induce the Ministry of Health, in the circumstances, to relax the height of rooms, being 9ft. 6in., and with that he (Colonel Tasker) was satisfied. He was informed by Colonel Hennessy that there would be no delay owing to his action.

In the course of the discussion on the report, a representation of which is given in this issue of "The Kentish Mercury," Mr. Hamilton pointed out that cities were shown for only two schools, and suggested that there should be larger number of smaller schools, and that baths should be provided in connexion with them.

He was supported by Miss McMillan, who thought that the whole question of school accommodation should be considered, but Mrs. Wilson Phillips said that she was satisfied and the very best was obtained, while more room than usual was allowed for the schools in order to allow of lower buildings and greater space around them.

Mr. P. E. Harris, dispassionate discussion, said that he saw nothing to hold up the scheme was to do so injurious to London as a whole.

COLONEL TASKER'S EXPLANATION.

Sir,—I have read with pleasure your leading article. I have no objection to fair criticism, and I wish other papers were as fair and impartial as "The Kentish Mercury." I agree that the London County Council's housing scheme need revision.

I realise it was on Tuesday last every member of the Council fully expecting the Housing report would have been received in time for discussion. A long debate had dragged on the education estimates till several hours, hence the Housing report had to be taken at the late hour of unexpected business. When the chairman submitted the report I wished to say that in "the interest" of the whole nine persons who, not in accordance with the Government housing, invest for their housing schemes, and that the houses were too crowded. I wanted the chairman to agree that if he found the contention correct he would give an undertaking to reduce the density. I could not speak under the standing orders. I had to accept the report, right or wrong, or oppose it.

It is well known in the Council that I do not in any way wish to prevent, or obstruct, the provision of homes for the working classes, on the contrary, I think we should all do what we can to assist the work forward, but we must honour with sincerity of light and more enlarged view "homes for homes to live in."

There is plenty of ground on this estate to build 15 houses to the acre and the fifteen that Government manual, which, all page 71, made an failure. "The Times" desired that a page prominent, when should be shown an ordinary urban area which will allow an average of about 900 square yards of land per house, equivalent to 15 houses to the acre and more." On this estate we cannot from the beach, to have of not 30 acres of land for the erecting of other houses, as the question of carriage of light does not arise.

I was under the impression this estate was purchased by the Council for erecting working class houses, and, further, that it was intended to build them in accordance with the manual.

I assume the delay of a week is of far less importance than that houses should be erected elsewhere together, which would be a working manual to us for about 30 years.—I am, Sir, etc.,

HENRY H. TASKER.

County Hall,
Parliament-square, London, S.W.
June 21st, 1920.

GREENWICH COUNCIL'S HOUSING SCHEME.

A TENDER ACCEPTED.

A special meeting of the Borough Council, presided over by the Mayor, was held on Tuesday evening, when the tender of Mr. W. J. Maddison, of St. John's House, Minerva, S., for £17,387 was accepted for the erection of 18 houses on the Kennedy estate, portion of the Hanging Wood farm site at Charlton. It was resolved, on the motion of Councillor Greenwood, to apply to the County Council to sanction a loan for this scheme.

The Council decided that Sir Cooper should commence on July 20th, it being left to the Housing Sub-Committee to make suitable arrangements for the

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"It is hoped that we will have important operations available, which business that [illegible] and [illegible] will [illegible] help to avoid the total unemployment."

STRENGTHENING THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT.

Councillor H. G. Arbuat, of Rotherhithe, who is a member of the Finance Committee but Housing Sub-committee, gave an address on this subject at a meeting on Friday evening in the Rotherhithe Conservative and Unionist Working Men's Club. In appealing to members to support the campaign he pointed out that the Lewisham Borough Council was spending £100,000 on the conversion of large houses into flats. Of this sum £66,000 had been borrowed from the L.C.C. Much more grumbling was being spent on new houses for the Council, who had received 1,000 applications for accommodation. All money raised by the housing bonds in the borough would be spent in the borough.

CONFERENCE AT WOOLWICH.

The Mayor of Woolwich presided at a conference at the Town Hall on Monday evening to consider the best steps to be taken to ensure the success of the coal housing bonds campaign. Amongst those present was Mr. Blomfield-Smith (Trade headquarters), the Town Clerk (Mr. Arthur Bryonsell), the Rev. A. M. Pickering (Rector of Woolwich), and Mr. J. A. Webster (secretary Royal Arsenal and Dockyard Savings Association).

The Mayor, referring to the housing scheme undertaken by the Borough Council, stated that there were 11,000 persons more in the borough than before the war, and the Council had on its books 8,000 applications for houses, whilst there was considerable overcrowding in the borough. Each of the 1,000 houses that the Council proposed to build would cost £1,500, involving an expenditure of a million and a half pounds. Unfortunately the Government had thrown the responsibility for providing the money on the County Council, and of the £1,500,000 earmarked for housing Woolwich had originally been apportioned £30,000, just enough for one-tenth of the work suggested by the Ministry of Health for the borough. They had now been informed that the L.C.C. had allowed another million to London boroughs, of which Woolwich was likely to receive £600,000. Mr. Pickett, from whom the Council bought the Kennaway estate, had signified his intention of investing £10,000 in housing bonds, and the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, which was investing £50,000, had earmarked £5,000 in Woolwich; another £5,000 had been subscribed locally, so that in all it seemed that they had about £600,000. That conference was called in one which could be done to secure that intelligence required. It was a big order. The Government had found the pressure on business too, and, to his mind, had done the right thing. It was never a question of getting up houses or having something worse, a tremendous popular upheaval, perhaps revolution. It was a national burden, and they had nothing to do but to back up the Government. If the housing bond campaign failed it would mean that the Government would have to make a loss and the nation would have to pay. What they all had to do, knowing the burden, was to see that these housing bonds were sold, and if he found the Government would be backed up to the utmost need.

Councillor [illegible] referred to the high rentals to be charged in respect of the houses, and Mr. [illegible] the chairman of the Housing Committee of Greenwich, said that Greenwich intended to adopt the same rents.

Further conferences were held on Tuesday evening in Woolwich Council School, Plumstead, and at Abbey Street on Wednesday evening.

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June 25th 1920

BELLINGHAM HOUSING SITE.

LAY-OUT DISCUSSED.

CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The London County Council on Tuesday approved the report of the Housing Committee recommending that the work of the development of the Council's housing estate of Bellingham, near Catford, be entrusted to Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, and carried out on a "cost plus [illegible] profit basis." The estimated cost per four cottages is £4,[illegible] 12s. 10d., and the price for section of roads and sewers £[illegible]. Any saving of actual cost below estimated cost [illegible] to [illegible] actual conditions experienced is to be shared in stated proportions between the Council and the contractors, and in the case of an excess of actual over estimated cost a deduction is to be made from the contractors' fee of £[illegible].

Colonel Tasker, whose opposition at the meeting of the Council a week before had had the result of hanging the report up for the time, said his main objection was that the estate was not set out in accordance with the manual issued by the Government for the regulation of housing schemes, and that when allowance was made for land covered by public buildings, playing fields, etc., the houses were more than 12 to [illegible] acre. He had, however, been assured by Colonel Fremantle, chairman of the Housing Committee, that efforts would be made to induce the Ministry of Health, in the circumstances, to approve of the height of rooms being 8ft. [illegible], and with that he (Colonel Tasker) was satisfied; he was informed by Colonel Fremantle that there would be no delay owing to his action.

In the course of the discussion on the [illegible] plan, a reproduction of which is given in this issue of "The Kentish Mercury," Mr [illegible] pointed out that sites were shown for only two schools, and suggested that there should a larger number of smaller schools, and that baths should be provided in connection with them.

He was supported by Miss McMillan, who thought that the whole question of school accommodation should be reconsidered, but Mrs. Wilson Phillips said that the site was visited and the very best site selected, while more room than usual was allotted for the schools in order to allow of lower buildings and greater space around them.

Mr. [illegible] Martin, deprecating discussion, said that for any member to hold up the scheme was to do an injustice to London as a whole.

COLONEL TASKER'S EXPLANATION.

Sir,—I have read with pleasure your leading article. I have no objection to fair criticism, and I wish other papers were as fair and impartial as "The Kentish Mercury." I agree that the London County Council's standing orders need revision.

I venture to say on Tuesday that every member of the Council fully expected the Housing report would have been reached in time for discussion. A long debate and divisions on the education estimates took several hours, before the Housing report had to be taken at the late hour of [illegible] business. When the chairman submitted the report I wished to say that in "the lay-out" of the estate some portions were not in accordance with the Government manual, issued for State Housing schemes, and that the houses were too crowded. I wanted the chairman to agree that if he found my contention correct he would give an undertaking to reform the [illegible]. I could not speak under the standing orders. I had to accept the report, right or wrong, or oppose it.

It is well known in the Council that I do not in any way wish to prevent, or obstruct, the [illegible] of houses for the working classes, on the contrary, I think we should all do what we can to [illegible] forward, but we must [illegible] with plenty of light and open spaces [illegible] "homes fit for heroes to live in."

THE HOUSING BONDS CAMPAIGN.

PROGRESS IN LOCAL BOROUGHS.

The result of the first ten weeks of the London Housing Bonds campaign, conducted jointly by the County Council and 28 metropolitan Borough Councils, is that aggregate sales slightly in excess of £[illegible] have been notified. This total discloses purchases equivalent to the funds required to build more than forty new houses for each of the twelve elapsed days to Saturday last since the campaign opened. Small investors continue to account for more than half the receipts. Woolwich stands first, with the highest amount yet subscribed, and Greenwich is [illegible].

INSURANCE COMPANIES' SUBSCRIPTIONS

The hon. secretary of the Greenwich Publicity Committee writes as follows:—

"I am desired by the Central Publicity Campaign Committee to ask you kindly to publish at the earliest opportunity that the first important subscription from a leading insurance company is that of the Royal Exchange Assurance for £[illegible], of which the Governor and Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance have expressed the wish that £[illegible] be earmarked for each of the 28 participating boroughs, and £[illegible] be held available in the L.C.C. pool for the more needy boroughs to draw upon. The Comptroller of the L.C.C. is taking the necessary steps to give effect to this request.

"The second insurance subscription is £[illegible] from the Scottish Provident Institution.

"It is hoped that with these important examples available, other insurance institutions, inclusive of benefit provident and friendly societies, will materially help to swell the total subscription."

SYDENHAM CLUB AND HOUSING BONDS

Councillor H. G. Ayland, of Sydenham, who is a member of the Publicity Committee for Housing Bonds, gave an address on this subject at a meeting on Friday evening at the Sydenham Conservative and Unionist Working Men's Club. In appealing to members to support the campaign he pointed out that the Lewisham Borough Council was spending £130,000 on the conversion of large houses into flats. Of this sum £[illegible] had been borrowed from the L.C.C. Much more money than this was being spent on new houses by the Council, who had received 1,[illegible] applications for accommodation. All money raised by the housing bonds in the borough would be spent in the borough.

CONFERENCE AT WOOLWICH.

The Mayor of Woolwich presided at a conference at the Town Hall on Monday evening to consider the best means to be taken to ensure the success of the local housing bonds campaign. Amongst those present was Mr. [illegible] (from headquarters), the Town Clerk (Sir Arthur Bryceson), the Rev. A. W. Pickering (Rector of Woolwich), and Mr. J. A. Webster (secretary Royal Arsenal and Dockyard Savings Association).

The Mayor, referring to the housing scheme undertaken by the Borough Council, stated that there were 2,[illegible] persons more in the borough than before the war, and the Council had on its books 3,[illegible] applications for houses, whilst there was considerable overcrowding in the borough. Each of the 1,[illegible] houses that the Council proposed to build would cost £1,[illegible], involving an expenditure of a million and a half pounds. Unfortunately the Government had thrown the responsibility for providing the money on the County Council, and of the £[illegible] earmarked for housing Woolwich had originally been apportioned £[illegible], just enough for one-[illegible] of the work sanctioned by the Ministry of Health for the borough. They had since been informed that the L.C.C. had allocated another [illegible] to Lewisham [illegible].

LEWISHAM AND [illegible]

[illegible]

Much of the time of the Borough Council, [illegible], was taken up with [illegible] of the report of the Housing [illegible] and the discussion of [illegible] moved by a Labour [illegible] raised again the question of [illegible] of direct labour in [illegible] Lewisham Park housing scheme.

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Councillor Clifford Smith [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]GH OF LEWISHAM [illegible]AR MEMORIAL.

[illegible]

[illegible]LIAM WALTER HENRY TURPIN Deceased.

[illegible] the provisions of the Law of [illegible] Act 1925 entitled "An [illegible] the Law of Property [illegible] Trustees."

IS HEREBY GIVEN that all [illegible] and other persons having any [illegible] demands against the Estate of WALTER HENRY TURPIN late [illegible] Hotel, 79 Lewisham [illegible] Catford [illegible] of Kent, Licensed Victualler [illegible] the 7th day of October 1919 and was proved by Wm. [illegible] and [illegible] the Executors [illegible] in the Principal Registry of [illegible] Division of the High Court of [illegible] 6th day of December 1919 are [illegible] to send particulars in writing [illegible] or demands to us the under[illegible] for the said Executors on [illegible] 4th day of August 1920 after [illegible] said Executors will proceed to [illegible] assets of the said deceased [illegible] persons entitled thereto having [illegible] the debts claims and demands [illegible] shall then have had notice and [illegible] be liable for the assets of the [illegible] or any part thereof so dis[illegible] any person or persons of whose [illegible] demands they shall not then have [illegible].

[illegible] 22nd day of June 1920.

[illegible] PALMER & WINDER [illegible] London Bridge, S.E.1 [illegible] for the said Executors.

[illegible]WICH POLYTECHNIC.

SESSION 1920-1921.

[illegible] Teachers will be required for [illegible] following subjects:—

[illegible] (Theory) 20s. per evening

[illegible] 20s. " "

[illegible] Work & Enamel [illegible]

[illegible] 20s. " "

[illegible] and Decorative [illegible] 20s. " "

[illegible] 15s. "

[illegible] should be directed to the [illegible]

[illegible] 1920.

[illegible]SHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

[illegible]DATION FOR FOOD CONTROL STAFF.

[illegible] day's meeting of the [illegible] Council, the Mayor (Councillor [illegible] [illegible]) presiding, a recom[illegible] submitted by the General Pur[illegible] that the Office of Works be [illegible] the Council had no accommoda[illegible] [illegible] for the Local Food Control [illegible]

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

For week ending WEDNESDAY, June 23rd.

Highest temperature, [illegible] on June [illegible].

Lowest temperature, [illegible] on June [illegible].

Mean temperature, [illegible], being [illegible] above the average for [illegible] years, 1841-1905.

Sunshine, [illegible] hours.

Rainfall, [illegible] inch on two days.

General direction of wind, W.S.W.

Weather remarks: Rain on 17th, and almost continuous rain on 20th. Exceedingly [illegible] on 19th. No sunshine on 20th. Thunderstorm on 17th. Thunder on 22nd. Variable clouds with little wind generally.

J. JACKSON,

For Astronomer Royal.

Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

HIGH WATER AT GREENWICH.

[illegible]	Friday	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Tuesday	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Sat.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wednes.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Sunday	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Thurs.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Monday	—	—	[illegible]	Friday	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] min. later at London Bridge; [illegible] min. earlier at Woolwich pier; [illegible] min. earlier at [illegible]; [illegible] min. earlier at Gravesend.

SUN'S RISINGS & SETTINGS.

			Rises [illegible]				Sets [illegible]
June	26	—	[illegible]	—	—	—	[illegible]
July	3	—	[illegible]	—	—	—	[illegible]

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

LARGEST CIRCULATION

Topics of the Week.

L.C.C. Housing.

The London County Council on Tuesday approved estimates for a housing programme for the year, including contingency provisions, for the building of no fewer than ten thousand dwellings, and Colonel Freemantle, the chairman of the Housing Committee, expressed the hope that they would be able to get fairly near the estimate. When the contractors got to work, he remarked, he was certain the development would be so rapid as to surprise the public. Dr. Scott Lidgett did not appear to be quite so optimistic, remarking that if the results rose to "anything above zero" the public probably would be surprised. But Lord Eustace Percy thought the Council was now fairly on the way to the mass production of houses, and dropped a hint that difficulties in the way might be overcome by the use of concrete.

The Bellingham Site.

The report on the Bellingham site, adjourned from the Tuesday previous, was passed, and [illegible] Colonel Tasker, owing to whose opposition the report had been held over, gave a satisfactory explanation of his action—his reply to certain comment of ours in last week's issue appears in another column. We reproduce in this issue the plan of the lay-out, which must be regarded as attractive. Nothing was said as to the Grove Park scheme, the site of which, between five and six hundred acres in extent, is only a little of a quarter of a mile east of the Bellingham estate, but it is officially stated that in the lay-out the well-wooded features of the site are to be preserved, and that the lines of streets will be governed by the contours. It is suggested, we understand, that the tramways should be extended from the Southend terminus, which is only a few yards from the western edge of the estate, and cross it to link up with the proposed new tramway from Grove Park to Lee Green.

Savings for Local Needs.

It was stated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer a few days ago that from October 1st one-half of the money subscribed for the purchase of Savings Certificates will be available for the financial needs of the local authorities. This important announcement means two things. One is that the local authorities will be directly interested in the continued success of the National Savings Movement; the other is that more money promises to become available for housing, though housing is not the only object on which large local expenditure is now required. It is, as a daily contemporary points out, an entirely good thing that the small investor should be induced to interest himself in the finance of the town where he lives. If he sees his own personal savings laid out in its improvement he will be the more concerned that they are laid out well, and a sense of local pride and local patriotism will be fostered.

A Chance for Development.

It is difficult to suggest a remedy for a condition of affairs which exists at Honor Oak, and to which our attention has been called by a correspondent engaged in trade in that neighbourhood. Summarised, his complaint is that the fact of there being a number of unoccupied shops—some of which have never been occupied as shops since they were built—affects adversely the prospects of those who are in business even on the other side of the road. Wishing to dis[illegible]

GREENWICH [illegible] GUARDI[illegible]

THE [illegible]

At yesterday's meeting [illegible] Guardians, Mr. E. O. [illegible] the receipt of a letter from [illegible] Health was reported [illegible] of the Board to appoint [illegible] Ashworth as [illegible] workhouse. The letter, [illegible] H. Turner, was as follows: [illegible]

[illegible]

The Board instructed [illegible] with the information [illegible] that the Guardians desire [illegible] made confirmed.

Juvenile Cou[illegible]

On the [illegible] of [illegible] seconded by Mr. W. S. [illegible] resolved to express disapp[illegible] with [illegible] of the London Juvenile Courts Bill on [illegible] there was no necessity for [illegible] young delinquents of L[illegible] single magistrate, and [illegible] each London police court [illegible] a juvenile court, under [illegible] trate, who should be [illegible] two local Justices of the [illegible] least of whom should be [illegible] Board also considered that [illegible] the close personal con[illegible] magistrates with local [illegible] children which had proved [illegible] value in the past would be [illegible]

"Mary Cross" [illegible]

The Board agreed to [illegible] infant, about three weeks [illegible] New Cross (Brighton) stat[illegible] last, "Mary Cross," a [illegible] should be called "[illegible]" [illegible]

SOUTHWARK DIOCE[illegible] DEDICATIO[illegible]

BISHOP BURGE [illegible]

In the presence of a lar[illegible] clergy and laity the Sout[illegible] House, which has been [illegible] Camberwell as a memorial [illegible] Dr. Hubert Murray Burg[illegible] of Oxford) during his ep[illegible] policy of the See of Sout[illegible] dicated on Wednesday [illegible] successor, the Right Rev. [illegible] with whom were his [illegible] Woolwich and Kingston [illegible] Bishop Cecil Hook, the [illegible] Kingston-on-Thames, the [illegible] Cathedral, and the mem[illegible] lege of St. Saviour.

Addressing the gathering, [illegible] the Archdeacon of King[illegible] said it was the great wi[illegible] of the diocese that Dr. B[illegible] gave a personal gift to [illegible] time which he had [illegible] but he declined [illegible]

GREENWICH

"PALACE OF PLACENTIA."

ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

[illegible]-known local antiquarian, Mr. [illegible], has made an interesting [illegible] relating to the probable origin of [illegible] "Placentia," given by the old [illegible] at Greenwich.

[illegible] Lambarde, in his "Perambulation of Kent," says "Humphrey, Duke [illegible] (1391-1447) ... laid the foundations of the [illegible] in the towne, and [illegible] called it his Manor of [illegible]." Another [illegible] states, "The Duke rebuilt his [illegible], and called it 'Placentia' [illegible]" (see Gairdner, [illegible] History of Henry VIII.). In the [illegible] evidence, writes Mr. [illegible] ... [illegible]

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[illegible] "Pylgrymage of Syr Rychard [illegible]" to Jerusalem in 1517 [illegible] in the form of a [illegible] presented to the rectory of [illegible], in Norfolk, in 1511, by Sir [illegible] Boleyn, the father of Queen Anne [Boleyn]. In this "Pylgrymage" we read: "[illegible] day the xij Day of Aprill I toke [illegible] all the forseyd Pavia upon the [illegible] ys callyd Po [illegible] ... to Placentia or Plesaunce [illegible]."

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WAYSIDE NOTES.

By "THE CHIEL."

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And, faith, he'll prent it."

"HAVING NO FURTHER USE FOR THE SAME."

Adown the stream of time and change [illegible] the flotsam and jetsam—principally the [illegible]—of an ever-lengthening litter of the little systems that have had their day and ceased to be. To-day it is long-armed Food Control, yesterday the grim-visaged Coal Control, with all its attendant forms and ceremonies. To-morrow it is to be the National Kitchens, and so, once again, we shall be driven to the "Daily Ordinary"—that is, if we can find it.

"Westward the course of Empire takes its way," wrote Bishop Berkely, little realising what "going west" would mean in the year of grace 1920. Where shall we find ourselves after the real national spring clean? Are there not many other venerable institutions, not of the mushroom growth of the red fields of war, that are silently awaiting the removal of their properly constituted props to totter into the dust?

Civilisation has made man a mere pack horse, [illegible] his abode with useless lumber, and his mind with [illegible] cobwebs, the [illegible] of which have [illegible] these twenty years. For instance, take time-tables. Every business man or woman who spends his or her money at the other end of the Metropolis from which they [illegible] it goes up and down some six times a week or more, and amidst the other curious and unnecessary impedimenta [illegible] carried to and fro is a [illegible] conglomeration of irresponsible statistics, plus ladders of half finished [illegible], crowned with alphabetic symbols, the meaning of whose [illegible] must be sought on page so and so. Further, your friend's time table is "last month's, you know, old man, but I don't think there's much change." No, there isn't, except in the one you want now. As for your own [illegible] volume of [illegible], it is headed with a ghastly warning to the effect that "this time table is unofficial." It is. It gives a multiplicity of places you've never heard of and never want to. It may possibly include as a welcome supplement a table of high water at London Bridge and some [illegible] notes about the changes of the moon.

If you open it in a hurry (and you seldom pore over this multiplication table your leaf at leisure) you drop upon [illegible] information relative to the Dominical Letter and the Epact. Take it seriously and your hopes will be [illegible] as you find that there is actually a train leaving your station at a most convenient time, but alas, it arrives nowhere. You work the other end [illegible] and discover [illegible] a train that gets you there at your destination exactly at the tick you would and wish to arrive. But [illegible] ... [illegible]

DEMOCRATIC MOTORISTS.

Moreover, there is a [illegible] excellent way. [illegible]

BELLINGHAM HOUSING SITE.

THE "LAY-OUT."

It was reported at Thursday's meeting of the London County Council [illegible] ... [illegible]

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ALEXANDRA DAY.

"Alexandra Day" will be observed next Thursday, when roses will be sold in the streets on behalf of the London hospitals.

The Mayor of Woolwich appeals for the assistance of ladies. [illegible]

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The amendment was lost. The amount of the loan to which the Commissioners proposed to give immediate sanction is £50,000.

THE BELLINGHAM ESTATE.

A recommendation of the Housing Committee, that the houses on the Bellingham estate at Catford be lighted by gas, was opposed by Mrs. Lamartin Yates, who advocated the use of electricity; but she only took 30 members into the division lobby with her, as against 75, and the recommendation was approved. The South Suburban Gas Co., it appeared, had undertaken to provide a supply of gas and all necessary fixtures and fittings, including cooking stoves, and to maintain the same free of cost to the Council. If electricity were used for lighting purposes, gas would be required for cooking and heating, and in that event the company would make a charge of £5 per house for laying the necessary services to the meters. A supply of electricity, however, could only be obtained on terms which would involve expenditure estimated at over £19 per house, and in the circumstances the committee felt there was no alternative but to arrange for the use of gas for lighting purposes.

It was decided to acquire, for £100, a strip of land adjoining Bellingham which has a frontage to Redhers-road, and forms an embankment supporting the road.

"LOW-LYING LANDS."

Regulations were adopted prescribing the procedure to be followed by persons making applications in respect of the erection of dwellings on low-lying lands.

DEPTFORD PORTER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday an inquest was held at Greenwich on the body of Edward James Roberts, aged 60, corn porter, of 5, Alvar-street, Deptford, who died in Greenwich and Deptford Hospital on Friday.—Mrs. Mary Marsh, deceased's daughter, said that when her father came home from work on the 14th inst. he complained of pain, and Dr. Bateman, of New Cross-road, who was sent for, said he was suffering from influenza. On the following Monday deceased, who was delirious, twice left the house, and on the second occasion he was found sitting on a doorstep by a constable, who caused his removal to the hospital.

Dr. Wiggins attributed death to dilation of the heart, the primary cause being, he thought, chronic alcoholism.

The Coroner recorded a verdict to this effect.

ROYAL ARTILLERY THEATRE, WOOLWICH

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PECKHAM TRAVELLER'S SUICIDE.

An inquest was held at Brixton on Friday on the body of John Porter, aged 41, lately residing at 181, Choumert-road, Peckham, who committed suicide by taking prussic acid.

The widow stated that her husband was in financial difficulties, and had been unable to pay his rates and taxes. This had worried him very much, and he had attempted his life on three different occasions, twice by taking drugs, and once by gas poisoning. About a fortnight ago he went to a local chemist and asked for some prussic acid to destroy a cat. Witness had previously warned the chemist not to let him have anything of that sort. On Monday afternoon they were out for a walk together, when he left her at Denmark-hill, saying he was going to get an order at Colchester-lane. On witness's return home about six o'clock she found the deceased lying on the couch in the back room, dead, and two bottles with the stoppers withdrawn beside him.

Charlotte Taylor, of 21, Copeland-road, Peckham, said she was at deceased's house when he returned home. He said he was going to have a good rest, and thought anyone called she was not to wake him.

Dr. E. Morley attributed death to shock from prussic acid poisoning, and the jury returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

WEST LEWISHAM JUNIOR IMPERIAL LEAGUE.

The first public function held under the auspices of the West Lewisham branch

though that whole his point failed was that Sub-Section 1, said, "So far as the notice was concerned with the provisions of this Act." It was perfectly clear to his (the Judge's) mind that it was not consistent with the provisions of the Act that agreements of this nature ought necessarily be enforced. He thought the Act said he was statutory tenant of the whole of the premises, but it did not necessarily compel him to fulfil all these agreements between the Singer Machine Company and the defendant. With regard to counsel's other proposition, that there had really been a surrender, he drew the inference that there was no duty cast upon the plaintiffs to offer him the keys when they knew he was sleeping on amending for their claim, contemporaneously and against their interests.

He (Bonsey) gave judgment to the landlord, as well as judgment on the claim for rent at 20s a week from June 24th to the date of the judgment. "If Mr Campbell asks me, he is in fact leave to appeal, although I don't want to encourage him because I think it is very clear."

Mr Herbert, counsel for the plaintiff, intimated that his clients did not wish to eject the defendant if he paid the rent. They were willing also to give him a lease to wind-up.

"His Honour: I only formally give judgment.

"RABBITING" AT BILLINGHAM

ARRESTS ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

At Greenwich Police-court, on Monday, before Mr Dyson, John Hill, 38, market gardener, Montrose, Lower Sydenham, Henry Lambert, 41, labourer, Kirkstall-road, Catford, and Thomas Hall, 37, builder's handyman, Brockham-road, Catford, were charged with being found in the Board of Trade Department's Yard, Bromley-road, Catford, for an unlawful purpose.

Police-constable Pope, 71EP, said at 10.30 p.m. he saw prisoners crawl through a fence from the railway to the Board of Trade yard. With Police-constable Pulham, 66EP, he followed, and found there were a stack of material, machinery and tools (pointed for a hutbuilding site). On their going up to prisoners Hill said: "Taking a short cut home," and Lambert: "I want to ask you a fair question, and you can to do anything." Hill afterwards said they had heard there were a few rabbits there, and were taking the dog there to see what it would do. He saw no dog. Lambert, it was subsequently discovered, was employed at the yard.

Police-constable Pulham, corroborated Mr H. C. Bond (his prosecutor), said Hill's people were market gardeners, and some of the land which they used to farm had now been taken over for building. It might be there were rabbits there, but it was some years since he had been out. He knew Hill had a "pretty good" dog.

Giving evidence, Hill said he and the others were on their way home from Sunbury-point, and had taken the short cut because Lambert had told him there were some rabbits on the land. Drawing off the building which, they had been taken to bring amongst the machinery, and he thought he would "give the old dog a chance." He would not have done so if he had not had some drink.

Lambert and Hall having given similar evidence, Mr Bond urged that there was had only been guilty of a freak.

Mr Dyson said he was not satisfied with the explanation, and fined defendants 40s each.

WOOLWICH DIVORCE CASE.

In the Divorce Court, on Friday, Mr Justice Hill heard the undefended petition of George Triphook for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Ellen Gertrude, on the ground of her misconduct with a man named Wardley Roberts.

Petitioner said the marriage took place at the Woolwich Registry Office, and they afterwards lived at Hempstead-road, Woolwich. During the war he served 4½ years in the army, and was demobilised and returned in April, 1919. He and his wife had always lived happily together, but in May, on the day when he came home, he found that she had gone away. He found her at Hendon with co-respondent, and persuaded her to return home with him, but she only remained about a week, and then went away again. This time petitioner went to a house in London-road, Croydon, with Mrs Roberts, co-respondent's wife, and saw respondent and co-respondent. Co-respondent admitted that she was living with Roberts's wife.

Mrs Roberts said her husband left her about two years ago. She saw him at London-road, Croydon, and he said he was not

WILFRED DEAN, OF ASKE'S, HAYCHAM.

[Record Photo.] [25, Fenchurch-st., E.C.

Wilfred Dean, of Aske's School, Hatcham, has won the amateur junior heavy-weight championship of England and Wales, making at 9st 6lb, at the Repository, Rotherhithe.

CHITTLEY ENTERTAINED AT NEW CROSS.

Under the auspices of the Original Mission of the Shamrock, Beauty about 100 crippled children of New Cross, Deptford, Lewisham, Hither Green, Catford and Sydenham were entertained at Clifton hall hotel, New Cross, on Saturday. The hon. director, Alderman Mr Frank Blundell, again secured splendid support from the devoted volunteers workers of the Society, and the children spent two and a half hours of pure enjoyment. Tea was served under the direction of Mrs. Blundell, and then the children adjourned to the concert, in which they were led by the Rev. F. H. Allen (Rev. Following an address by Sir Charles Sanders, R.E.C., pupils of West Kilburn Rather (of the Lee Grammar School) gave a charming representation of the fairy play "The Discontented Dolls," the effect of which was enhanced by the coloured footlight effects introduced by Mr. A. T. K. Moor (Lewisham). Then came the distribution of presents and the clap. Among those who were quite many Mesdames K. M. Wells, G. Jones, H. Tydeman, Hitchcock, Cowlan, R. C. Barker, Fuller, W. Farrer, E. Wells, G. Bell, F. Cross, H. Wingfield, T. Ryan, Matthews, Carter, Glass, Marshall, Cobb and Brice, the Misses M. and E. Hunter, Gaylor, Hitchcock, Chatterton, Hatchell, E. Ryan, F. M. Sutcliff, Martin, Compton, Bowles, D. M. Hall, Taylor, M. A. Christopherson, D. H. and C. Pitter, Young and Durkeham, Sister Kate and Sister Wilfred.

DEPTFORD LABOUR PARTY'S DANCE.

A New Year's dance organised by the Deptford Labour Party in aid of the Mayor's Unemployed Relief Fund, was held in the Deptford Hall, Lewisham-st., on Friday. The nominal which numbered hundreds of 200, included the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P., and Mrs Green), the Right Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., Councillors Rivett, Drayton, Mrs Drayton, Cockbell, Howell and Shenton, Mr. H. Robinson, and members of the organising committee. Councillor Wood (chairman), Mrs G. E. Tann (secretary), Councillors J. Hyser, Roberts, Tann, and Tyler, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs and Miss Tabraham, Mrs Robinson and Mr. Harvey. Councillor Hyser and Mr. Kirson Rothenberg were M.C.s, and the music was provided by the Deptford Mandolin Minstrels Band, under the membership of Mr. A. Greene, whose services were given gratuitously.

The Mayor said it was very gratifying to be among those with whom he had served for so many years in an occasion when they were all doing their utmost to alleviate the misery of what might very appropriately be called the dolors of the industrial system under which they were living. The situation was ghastly and tragical in the extreme, but as in the present the unemployed had shown a splendid spirit under most trying circumstances. The steps which the committee had to take by ways and days taken but, were almost heartbreaking.

The refreshments were in the hands of Mesdames Hayes, Howell and Wood, and Miss Fulton.

LEWISHAM COLLEGE.

The results of the November examinations for the London Chamber of Commerce have just been announced, and the following students of Lewisham College (principal, Miss H. Godfrey, F.I.P.S., F.C.T.) have been successful:—Shorthand: Doris Banks, Kathleen Parrish, Doris Banks, Gwen de Wheeler. Typewriting: Doris Banks, Kathleen Parrish, Kathleen King, Muriel Long, Pearson, Shorthand: Doris Banks (distinction), Ethel Bradford (distinction), Ada Bartlett, Violet Davis (distinction), Frank Bartlett, Doris Brookes (distinction), Ethel Davis (distinction), Gladys Harper, Ivy Rose,

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BUILDERS' STRIKE AT CATFORD

BELLINGHAM HOUSING SCHEME.

Workmen employed on the London County Council's housing scheme at Bellingham came out on strike on Wednesday morning. The number of men engaged has grown very rapidly since work was put in hand little more than two months ago, and while it varies from day to day the most recent official figure gives it at 1,198 men on December 8th, 394 of whom were on the construction of roads and sewers. The contract with Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons provides for the erection of more than 2,000 houses, and work has been commenced on 250 odd, while last week's report to the Council showed that the wall plate had been laid ready for roof in 16 houses.

A few days since a notice in the following terms was posted at the works:—By order of the L.C.C. and the Ministry of Health, the rate for men engaged on road and sewer construction on this site will be 1s. 11d. per hour instead of 2s. 1d. The new rate will start from 8 a.m. on December 29th.—Sir R. McAlpine and Sons. When the men arrived at the site on Wednesday morning they refused to commence work at this rate, and after some discussion they withdrew. A number of men not actually concerned in the reduction came out in sympathy.

Within a very short time the strike spread to all the departments, and work was at a standstill. Conferences followed with the representatives of the trade unions concerned, with the result that it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Industrial Court and that, pending a decision, work should be resumed. Practically all the men were at work yesterday.

On Christmas Day the wounded at the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Shepherd's Bush, were entertained to an excellent programme arranged by Miss [illegible] Grigson, L.R.A.M.—Five out of the six [illegible] being visitors. The artistes [illegible]

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SHORT TIME AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

In the House of Commons, on Tuesday, Mr. Jones, M.P. for Silvertown, asked if there was any truth in the rumour that short time was to be adopted at Woolwich Arsenal?

The Minister of Labour (Dr. Macnamara): Yes, certainly. We are sorry, but we think that Government establishments, to follow the very general practice in many other industries, should adopt the system that has been adopted after discussion with employers and employed a system of short time. After all, it is better than having one section of men on full time and another section in the streets.

Mr. Jones: In view of the low minimum wage being paid, is there any suggestion that they should receive less pay?

Dr. Macnamara: There is no specially low rate at Woolwich; it is the agreed current rate.

HOUSING AT BELLINGHAM.

Recorded 23th 1920

It was reported to the London County Council on Tuesday that 394 men are employed on the development of the Bellingham Housing Estate, Catford. Work has been commenced on 220 houses, and 18 are ready for roofing.

Application is to be made to the justices, by the County Council, for an order sanctioning the diversion of a public footpath leading from Bellingham station across the estate and over the Mid-Kent line.

BROWNHILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.

Hither Green Choral and Orchestral Society produced Handel's "Messiah" at the Brownhill road Baptist Church on Tuesday. The soloists were Miss Esther Tulley (soprano), Miss Harvard Walk (contralto), Mr. Emlyn Edwards (tenor), and Mr. Herbert Ward (bass). Mr. Ernest Dunstan conducted, and the organ accompaniments were rendered by Mr. Benjamin Hoole. The proceeds were in aid of the organ renovation fund.

"THE PRIVATE SECRETARY."

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deputation withdrew to a committee room, Mr. Lee thanking Councillor Chiesman and the Council for the courteous reception accorded them.

BELLINGHAM HOUSING SITE.

COTTAGES IN CONCRETE.

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council it was reported that arrangements are being made for the construction in concrete of 211 cottages on the first section of the Bellingham estate.

In the course of a discussion on unemployment Mr. Percy Harris expressed the hope that local authorities concerned—he instanced the Lewisham Borough Council in the case of Bellingham and the Ilford Council in the case of the Dagenham housing site—would do their duty in the direction of facilitating the work. If, owing to obstruction on their part in regard to the laying of drains, the work could not be started at once the responsibility for men not having found employment would rest with them, and not with the County Council.

At another stage of the Council's proceedings, Mr. W. C. Johnson asked the chairman of the Housing Committee whether it was a fact that Lord Forster demanded £70,000 for the Bellingham estate; and what was the rateable value on which rates (or half rates!) have been hitherto paid.

Colonel Fremantle replied that Lord Forster made no claim. Evidence was given on behalf of Lord Forster before the arbitrator to the effect that the land, 134½ acres in extent, was worth £600 an acre, representing a total of £80,700. He (Colonel Fremantle) was advised that the current rateable value was approximately £180.

In the House of Commons last week Dr. Addison, replying to a question, stated that the total acreage of the housing estate of the London County Council at Bellingham is 264½ acres. Of this 114½ acres were bought by agreement. The owner of the remaining 134½ acres agreed to a friendly arbitration as to the price. The expert witness for the vendor placed before the arbitrator a valuation of £72,600. The valuation of the Inland Revenue Department was £38,812. The Ministry had advised an unconditional offer of £50,000. The arbitrator awarded £51,000.

ACCIDENTS IN THE FOG.

The fog was responsible for a number of motor collisions in Greenwich and district.

was unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. J. Whittaker moved thanks to the Member for Brom Young seconding.

The Hon. Cuthbert James, in that without individualism and dent's passionate zeal and transpa the Guild would not be in the pos today. Individualism still co counted a great deal. He (the looked to a very dishonest lot. a dirty game, but he was certai Cheer to lead them, they had straight and white Englishman.

The Mayor was similarly thank ding.

WOOLWICH BOR COUNCIL.

PLOTS IN DANGER.

At the conclusion of the stat for the election of Mayor ordinary meeting was held, presiding.

The General Purposes Com ported that they had been re the Ministry of Agriculture to the tenancies of plot-holders entered upon by the Council Cultivation of Lands (Allotme 1918, at Woolwich-road and Yat Woolwich, the land having bee by Messrs. Siemens Bros. and for extension of their premis had been given to the tenants had been informed that althou Siemens must have full cont land as from November 15th, not desire to disturb many, the plot-holders until next M further, that if any of the lan required for extension purposes date Messrs. Siemens would holders to remain. About 32 affected.

"CASTLE WOOD," SHOOTER'S

With reference to the suggest tion of Castle Wood, Shooter the purpose of an open spa open-air school, the Londo Council had enquired if th would be prepared to contribu the cost of acquisition.

It was decided to inform Council that the Council woul the cost of so much of the a utilised for the provision of an

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obtained, for it was a big factor in setting unemployment. It would also have a steadying effect on the price of home cattle.

Councillor Dence and Alderman Mrs. Kelly also supported, the latter maintaining that the workers should have most of the best and freshest.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks was accorded Alderman Lemmon for presiding.

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THE BELLINGHAM ESTATE.

AWARD OF £31,529 IN £79,000 CLAIM

Sir John Oakley (of Messrs. Daniel Smith, Oakley and Garrard), as arbitrator, has issued his award in a claim by Lord Forster against the London County Council in regard to the compulsory acquisition of 134 acres of land situated at Bellingham, Catford, for housing schemes. The claim was for £79,000, while the County Council submitted a valuation of £30,619.

The arbitrator has awarded that the County Council is to pay the claimant the sum of £31,529. The claimant is to bear his own costs and pay the costs of the Council so far as they were incurred after an offer for the land was made. There is an agreement reserving rights to the Council to construct and use a road between certain points.

Messrs. Frere Cholmeley and Co., Lord Forster's solicitors, point out that he never claimed £79,000 for the land, and that he declined to make any formal claim, as he was quite willing to leave the matter in the hands of an arbitrator. Acting on expert advice, he refused the Council's offer, which was received a few days before the date fixed for the hearing of the arbitration. The land was valued in 1911 under the provisions of the Finance Act at £67,804, in arriving at which figure a large discount was allowed, on the ground that the land was not then ripe for building. Lord Forster had to pay undeveloped land duty on that valuation. "In these circumstances," the solicitors add, "it does not seem so very unreasonable for his expert adviser to have taken the view that land which the Government valued nine years ago at £67,804, when not ripe for building, should now, when actually required for building, be worth a good deal more."

CHARLTON ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

At the Central Criminal Court, on Thursday, Charles George Harris, of Woolwich-road, Charlton, was indicted for the attempted murder of his wife by cutting her throat with a razor, and with causing her grievous bodily harm.

Accused, through his counsel, pleaded guilty to the second count, and was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

SOUTH SUBURBAN

...allowed for the provision of ...work at an estimated cost of ... asked whether it was too late ...for the decision. The answer ...supplied sooner than we could ... for the Guardians at an ex... meeting on Monday dropped ...scheme in favour of one for im... existing accommodation for ...at a cost which will probably ...about £3,000. (The decision ...will, give, receive the hearty ...the general body of ratepayers. ...owever, regret that this regard ...which has not earlier been ...by the Guardians. It may ...were induced to take this ...because of the fact—which ...apparently overlooked in their ...estimates on this matter—that ...to be the intention of the ...Health to bring in a Bill ...affect Boards of Guardians and ...for the sick.

...Expenditure.

...useful to point out, this £...,000 is not included in the estimate for the ensuing half... stands at £...,000 in excess ...the current half-year. No ...has been made on behalf of the ...to the causes which have ...bring about this extra... at a time when the high ...and heavy taxation ...all round. May we suggest ...expenses incurred by the ...the shape of substantial in... Clerk and other officers—in ...fact that the Civil Service ...very liberal additions by way ...is one of the contributing ...These increases, it should be ...cannot be taken off even if ...living should be substantially ...while the war bonus is, of ...dependent upon the cost of living. ...famous greenhouse, we have ...believe that on the Guardians' ...here are at present two... greenhouses, one large one ...and fitted with a modern ...heating boiler, and numerous

...Record Rate.

...of these facts we hope the ...will see their way to grant the ...urgently preferred by the Borough Council, for details of expenditure. Considering all the largely-increased demands by ...Council—mainly in connection ...of education—and other pre... burdens, and with a growing ...on the part of the Council ...necessitated a rate for the ...year of 8s. 6d. in the £, repre... more than that for the first ...more than had been antici... provisional estimates were ...which. From the discussion at ...meeting of the Borough ...apparent that public interest ...aroused. This has been the sub... our frequent comments upon ...growing expenditure of the ...with a full knowledge of ...ratepayers (who have to foot the ...bill) so are we.

...and Charabanc Parties.

..."Journal" has been giving an ...question which has exercised ...minds: the right of an inn... exhibit such a sign as is now ...instance, at Catford and ...to see again it. Differing ...the purport of these signs ...: "Brakes and charabanc ...served." So far as rowdy ...charabanc parties are con... our contemporary, "inn... relieved of their responsibility ...entertain them. Whether ...justified in refusing to serve all ...parties is another matter. A ...always to be judged by his ...Why should the decent ...charabanc party lose their ...because some of their ...

...treated being Deptford men, women and children. He hoped that his successors would use their utmost endeavours to assist this very laudable object and continue the work which had been begun in his mayoralty. By direct contributions he thought they could raise £800 or £1,000 a year, and then they could have at the Goldsmiths' College an old English fair, which never failed to interest, and they could arrange sports. It was up to Deptford to provide the necessary funds to help the Miller Hospital. He was much opposed to the State aiding hospitals because one of the finest traits in human character was charity and to give to those who were sick and suffering. If the State decided to help all well and good, but he thought they in this country so loved the voluntary instinct to give towards a hospital that they would hesitate before discontinuing the practice. If they realised the expenditure he was certain they would give more freely and more generously than before, and he was very anxious that Deptford should meet the demands made upon her and that her people undertook their part in the bargain and carried it out. There could be nothing better or finer than when they passed the hospital they were reminded that the children's ward was erected by the people of Deptford in loving memory of the 15,000 who left the borough to fight for King and country and of the nearly 3,000 who laid down their lives for that which they fought (applause). A certain amount had been allocated for a visible memorial in the borough, but he was confident that Deptford people would help the erection and equipment of the children's ward (hear, hear).

Alderman Green said the amount subscribed was gratifying and the result was due to the motive force and propelling power of their Mayor. He (the speaker) realised that one of the best means of raising money was to appeal to the sporting spirit which was innate in all Englishmen. Sir William Wayland's mayoralty would be notable for all time from the fact that the children's ward at the Miller Hospital owed its inspiration to him. They would all agree that there could be no finer memorial than an institution to conserve young life. He had been impressed by the self-sacrificing labours given to this most deserving object, and the results of the activities of the committee did them great credit. As to the children's ward the Mayor could look back upon it as one of the finest things accomplished during his illustrious term of office (applause).

Councillor Bryer expressed gratification that the committee had done so much on behalf of the children's ward, and declared that it would be a crying disgrace to the borough if it were not built. He hoped that the next Mayor—whom he knew to be keen and in favour of charity—would do his utmost to further the cause they all had at heart (applause).

Alderman Berryman recalled that during his year of office two cots for children were provided at the Miller Hospital in memory of King Edward VII. In reference to the bazaar which, with Mrs. Berryman, he arranged on behalf of the War Memorial Fund he was very grateful for the help received from the ladies, after the churches had turned their backs on their effort. Although the committee had raised £8,000, the direct subscriptions were very disappointing. It was left to ... Mayors to raise the remaining £10,000. Deptford was much indebted to the Mayor and assured him that they much appreciated his efforts (applause).

Mr. [illegible] said the £8,000 obtained by the committee in the Miller Hospital had afforded much encouragement to the Board of Management. The extension fund now stood at £40,000, this including the £5,000 and £15,000 from King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. The very fact that the latter body gave such a large sum showed that it realised the great need for the extension of hospital accommodation [illegible]

...but glorified chicken house!"

Councillor Mrs. Culverton, [illegible], said before she was elected to the Council she was inclined to blame the Housing Committee for the delay in connection with the scheme. Now she did not think she would blame the committee; she blamed the Ministry of Health. They had got the lowest tender it was possible to obtain, and the Ministry of Health were still referring it back. It was time to wake up the women of the borough. The Ministry was cutting out everything that was necessary, and leaving them with only a shell, and the Council should take a firm stand and voice their protest. She was absolutely sure that was the body that was holding them up.

Councillor Garside joined in the protest against the "fiddling" of the Ministry of Health.

Alderman Jarrett asked the Council to adopt the recommendation as it stood. "If you do not," he said, "you won't get the houses up, and then the Labour Party will have the gratification of seeing what they have done!"

The amendment was defeated, and the motion was then put and carried.

Later the Council agreed to purchase plant for the use of the contractors in the execution of the works, the expenditure for this purpose not to exceed £3,[illegible]. Under this proposal the payment to the contractors of £3 per house for the use of their plant will be obviated, and the contract sum reduced by a further total of £[illegible]. Sept 1920

DRAINAGE OF THE BELLINGHAM ESTATE.

From the report of the Works Committee it appeared that the Borough Surveyor had reported that the sewer in Catford-hill to which the sewers from the Bellingham estate will be connected, is not large enough for the purpose. The committee have considered a suggestion that if the County Council were to adopt the dual system of sewers, i.e., one sewer for sewage, and another for surface water only, the latter discharging into the rivers Ravensbourne and Pool, the Catford-hill sewer would then probably be sufficient to take the sewage. The committee were strongly of opinion that the overflows as proposed by the London County Council should not under any circumstances be allowed.—The committee recommended that a communication be addressed to the Ministry of Health protesting against the proposals of the County Council to provide overflows to their proposed sewers, and that their attention be drawn to the possibility of the dual system of drainage meeting the difficulty.—This was adopted, subject to the addition (suggested by Councillor Dent) of the following words: "And to the fact that when these sewers are laid they will be vested in this Council, and that if any nuisance arises this Council will be liable."

[illegible] TO [illegible] WORKMEN.

Councillor Homewood asked the chairman of the General Purposes Committee how many workmen of the Council who had obtained the permission of the Council to enlist for war service and had returned had not been reinstated.—Replying, Alderman [illegible], C.B.E., said all the men who had wished to be reinstated had been taken on, with the exception of those who did not, when they had the opportunity, [illegible] the job was not good enough for them.

Messrs. King and Everall, of Camden, ask us to state that the sale by auction of the contents of Glenwood, The Park, Sidcup, next Monday, will take place [illegible] and not [illegible] as advertised last week.

At Bromley Police-court, on Monday, James Fraser Marshall, of Catford-hill, was fined £10 with £5 5s. costs, for driving a motor car in a manner dangerous to the public at Bromley Common on July 24th, when a motor cyclist, named Thomas [illegible], of Old Kent-road, was severely injured.

...out-patients' department. It was only a temporary arrangement. Therefore he hoped that every possible assistance would be rendered the hospital.

The health of the Mayor was toasted at the instance of Alderman Knight, who said that Deptford ought to be proud that they had had at the head of affairs for the last six years such a Mayor, who had gathered around him a devoted band of men and women to help him in all his work. They congratulated him upon the great success which had attended him during his mayoralty.—The Mayor, in response, said that [illegible]

...going to if the world ... on the southern bank of ... pair of eyes, blind at ... and see, to watch the ... the other end of the ... notwithstanding, ... Spring Gardens ... be more ... bewildering ... and more involved ... we like it. It is idle to ... Let us be hypocrites no ... hold long since by a great ... many things, most of ... forgotten, or at ... great message that will ... Britain is under the ... the sun, which never sets ... so soon, that Heaven ... the dark, and that ... see."

We know no party ... seldom, being equally ... all, but honour ... and we feel sure that ... shade—and they ... some of them ... uniformly and ... tremendously ... admirably applicable to ... London County Council, ... ably judge us so ... so little to see?

Their famous ... passed the joke stage ... with the ... pleasaunce or ... Chief" stands ... sition of the great ... which if not always spoken ... portrayed in deeds than ... words—"Procrastination ... business."

Their great business ... expected from their ... drains. There they ... home. Alas! that they ... Oh! that they knew ... them and none would ... sewage canal, it may ... may be for ever.

But we have to make ... will have pale ... ... their ... shall never cry ... again. But for ... ... tangle of ... have gone headlong. ... no drains, that is, ... certainly less to pay for, ... been no roads ... would have been done ... long since. Then ... Force, but of that I will ... one never knows when ... friend, and with the ... poorer and holier and ... darker, perhaps ... part and go ... yes, of course, ... tape that is red and ... not, why the London ... might have ... horrors of the thought. ... for the tape ... by now to know. Let ... swear ... and make ... other city in the world ... or waste one. My ... apology, p. ... tells me "snails are best ... them in cold water, ... layer of very hot water ... when they die ... is about two hours." ... the red tape off ... to buy another ... interesting ... our pet ... of ... expansion.

"RUNAWAY [illegible] CATFORD

Mr. A. E. Turner, of [illegible] Catford, the owner of the [illegible]

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"Jamboree" at Olympia on [illegible]

[illegible], at the outset, thanked [illegible] for their generous gift [illegible] of the "Save the Children" [illegible] which would feed a child [illegible] described her visit [illegible] and said it was [illegible] that England should [illegible]. Nurse Cavell had said [illegible] hatred or bitterness, and he [illegible] of the world "sorry and [illegible]"

[illegible] in proposing a [illegible] behoved them to show [illegible] of Lady Clare's bounden [illegible] by helping the Fund. [illegible] had done well in that ar[illegible] that the remainder in [illegible] London would emulate [illegible].

[illegible], who seconded, said [illegible] of the Girl Guides could not [illegible] of the places her [illegible] and where the child[illegible] Deptford had done [illegible], and she (Mrs. Rook) was [illegible]. She thanked [illegible] had done a good many [illegible] the Guides.

[illegible] carried with hearty ac[illegible] in acknowledgment, [illegible] to a tragic story of [illegible] the women and especially [illegible] Russia. A vast [illegible] had been left behind now the [illegible] and as Christian people they [illegible] could to try and [illegible] and children as possible. [illegible] the Deptford Guides [illegible], and was sure they were all [illegible] Lady Clare Annesley, [illegible] much indebted for her [illegible].

[TH]AMES TRAGEDY [A]T WOOLWICH.

[WOUL]D-BE RESCUER DROWNED.

[illegible] afternoon Ernest Mochet, aged [illegible] got into difficulties while [illegible] the Thames off North Woolwich. [illegible] rescue was made by Harry [illegible], North Woolwich, who [illegible] himself and had [illegible] Thomas William Kennedy, also [illegible], was the next to enter the [illegible] was within four yards of [illegible] unable to proceed further, [illegible] helped out. At this point [illegible] of Elizabeth-street, North [illegible] into the river and reached [illegible]. He was on his way to the [illegible] when he was seen to sink. [illegible] towards the bank, [illegible] by Joseph Shaw, of [illegible] conductor, dived [illegible] Luke, how[illegible], and when his body was [illegible] afterwards life was extinct. [illegible] and only that morn[illegible] had gone to Ramsgate for a [illegible].

[illegible] exhibition of the Brockley [illegible] Association will be held at [illegible] Hall, Brockley-road, to-morrow [illegible].

[illegible] a nobler character without [illegible], splendid but derelict because it lacked spiritual power and moral control. The power and ability to accomplish great things was hidden in the Church of Christ, and when her members went forth in unity of purpose they would speedily bring in the kingdom of God.

On Sunday a service, conducted by the Rev. George Barber [illegible] of Lewisham High-road Congregational Church, was held on the Hilly Fields, Brockley. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Wilfred [illegible] (Brockley-road Baptist), and addresses were given by the Revs. J. W. [illegible] (Brockley Presbyterian) and E. O. H. [illegible] (St. George's, Brockley).

SCHOOLS FOR HOUSING SITES.

GROVE PARK AND BELLINGHAM.

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council Mr. J. Speakman asked whether the Education Authorities, in regard to the matter of school sites on the Grove Park housing estate, had given consideration to the allocation of sites for nursery schools separate from the schools for the older children, the allocation of sites for secondary schools, the supply of accommodation for [illegible], and about the space sufficient to meet the full requirements of the whole of the intended inhabitants.

Sir Cyril Cobb said that consideration would be given to the question by the appropriate sub-committee after the summer recess, and due regard would be given to the points raised by Mr. Speakman. When the Council had considered the result of the experiment with the six nursery schools to be established the question of extending the provision of nursery schools to other districts, including the Council's housing estates, would receive attention. No provision for secondary schools had been made on the Grove Park estate, but a site had been allocated for the purpose on the Bellingham estate.

Mr. Speakman also asked whether, in view of the fact that the two sites allocated for buildings on the Bellingham housing estate would accommodate more than 1,000 children, and that such accommodation would be totally insufficient to meet the requirements of the estimated 7,000 families to be accommodated on the estate, would consideration be given to the matter of allocating the proposed two buildings entirely to boys and girls, the infant requirements to be met on the nursery school principle. Further, whether, in view of the fact that the accommodation for swimming in the Borough of Lewisham was totally inadequate, would consideration be given to the establishment of a swimming bath on the site.

Sir Cyril Cobb said the two schools to provide 1,000 places each to be built at Bellingham were each capable of enlargement by 200 places, and it was estimated that that accommodation would be sufficient. The question of nursery schools would be considered at a later date. It had been recommended that a school swimming bath be provided as an experiment, but it was unlikely that the Council would build a swimming bath in Lewisham, as the needs of that borough were less pressing than a number of other districts.

ROYAL ARTILLERY THEATRE, WOOLWICH.

Mr. Cosmo Hamilton's successful play "Scandal," which, after its production in America, was produced at the Strand Theatre, will be presented next week at the Royal Artillery Theatre. Mr. Arthur Bourchier is sending the original production from the Strand Theatre, and a powerful company, including Philip Anthony as "Pelham Franklin," and Ida [illegible] as the "Hon. Beatrix Hinchcliffe." Some of the latest modes are worn, and theatre-goers may look forward to an entertainment excellent in every detail. There will be a matinee on Wednesday at 2.30, and seats should be booked at once by post, telegram or telephone (Woolwich 701, 702 and 703).

"It would be idle," writes George Dilnot in "The Get-Aways," which appears in the August number of the "London Magazine," "to suggest that the machinery of the London Criminal Investigation Department is infallible. That is far from being the case, but it is the nearest thing to perfection that we have. It gets results. Its methods, compared to those of the [illegible], are infinitely more sane and businesslike."

UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE

In the matter of millinery the discerning woman demands hats that possess individuality. She must be able to claim them as particular to herself, although they must be in accordance with the prevailing style. This very general desire [illegible], but let us explain how difficulties are [illegible]

[illegible] the senior girls. The alone, [illegible] the acting possibilities of her part, [illegible] being her most obvious talent. The [illegible] of the "Little Harvesters" was especially charming, and the final chorus exceedingly good; the dresses were suitably artistic and the acting equally so. Other parts were played by the Misses J. Collins, I. [illegible], [illegible], H. Williams, B. Dimond, [illegible], K. Kyffe, K. Nicholson, [illegible], Y. [illegible], G. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] Newham, [illegible], K. Parker, J. Wood, F. Alsop, H. Mahoney, J. Twaddle, N. [illegible], M. Danby, M. Wells [illegible], G. Denman, M. Warren, M. Bennett, [illegible], H. Jennings, E. Graham, M. [illegible], N. Green (Christmas fairies), D. [illegible], L. [illegible] (maids of honour), F. Fisher and M. Tucker (pages).

Certificates were presented by one of the principals on Thursday to infants and on Friday to the elder girls. Father [illegible], A.A., thanked the parents on behalf of the staff, and the children and Sisters for their varied entertainment, which "showed that would tuition leads to receptiveness." Among those present were the Rev. Fathers G. [illegible], A.A., and A. Arnould, A.A.

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[illegible]

NEW CROSS WOMAN'S SERIOUS INJURY.

At Greenwich police-court on Tuesday, before Mr. Disney, Charles Samuel [illegible], 29, labourer, of 137, Childeric-road, New Cross, was charged on remand with causing grievous bodily harm to Mrs. Eliza Burn, of 34, Childeric-road. Mr. J. A. T. [illegible] defended.

Mrs. Burn, who has been in hospital since the date of the alleged offence (April [illegible]), said she was called by a boy from her house, and going into the street saw prisoner striking her boy, aged 14. She went up to him, and he turned, and with the remark "Are many of you?" struck her in the mouth and twice in the side. She felt very ill, and after reaching her home became unconscious.—Cross-examined, Mrs. Burn denied that she scratched prisoner's face, but admitted having pushed him.

William Burn (aged 14) said while he was playing football prisoner took away the ball. He endeavoured to regain the ball, and on prisoner striking him he retaliated. Then his mother came up, and on her asking him to stop prisoner struck her in the side.

Dr. N. H. Roberts, of St. John's Hospital, said Mrs. Burn was admitted suffering from severe internal haemorrhage. It was decided to operate at once, and it was then discovered that she had a ruptured spleen. For some time her life was in danger. The injury might have been caused by a blow or the fist.

The accused was again remanded on bail.

SCHOOLS CHOIR FESTIVAL AT GOLDSMITHS' COLLEGE.

The Peckham Schools' Choir gave a successful entertainment on Friday evening at the Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, the proceeds of which will be handed to the London Schools' Hospital Fund. The large hall was crowded and the programme included Beethoven's "Creation" Hymn, Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer," and Knight's "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Some capital violin solos were contributed by Mr. John Crowther.

An issue of capital is announced in this issue by Charles Sharpe and Co., Ltd., seed growers and merchants, established over a century ago at Sleaford, Lincs., and now one of the largest seed-growing and wholesale distributing concerns in the country. The prospectus shows that the average profits for the past four years have exceeded [illegible] per annum, while the assets acquired by the company are valued at [illegible]. The present issue is of [illegible] seven per cent. debentures and [illegible] ordinary shares of £1 each, both at par.

Breakspeare Special

[illegible] of the boy.

The jury returned a verdict [illegible] death," and commended [illegible] for the prompt manner in [illegible] acted pending the arrival of [illegible]

MAZE HILL CONGRE[GATIONAL] CHURCH FLOWER [SHOW]

With the object of assisting the Pastor and Deacons of Ma[ze Hill] Congregational Church to raise [illegible] of this place of worship [illegible] flower show was held on [illegible] [illegible] with such success [illegible] to make the exhibition an annual [illegible] were [illegible] entries, the majority [illegible] staged by members and friends [illegible], and later they were [illegible] by Mr. T. W. [illegible]. The [illegible] by Mr. [illegible] undertaken by Mr. [illegible] who was supported by the [illegible] W. R. Harvey, [illegible] E. N. Greenwood, [illegible] Gordon Lodge, [illegible] G. F. Loasdall and F. W. [illegible] A. J. Mackrow and R. [illegible]. During the afternoon [illegible] from Greenwich Park under the direction of [illegible] rendered a pleasing programme, and individual [illegible] the Misses D. [illegible], [illegible] Higgins, L. [illegible], F. [illegible] Wills. The prizes [illegible] Fisher. The judges were Mr. [illegible] of Greenwich Park [illegible] and their awards were as follows: [illegible]

[illegible]

THE BOY SCOUTS' [illegible]

The Boy Scouts' "Jamb[oree]" gathering of all the tribes [illegible] Olympia at the end of the m[onth] biggest gathering of boys [illegible] American contingent of [illegible] arrived, and boys of all the [illegible] flowing into London almost [illegible] now on. The star turn [illegible] scouts taxes the "Merchants [illegible] the brass band from Denver [illegible] sturdy musicians who are [illegible] across the world. They [illegible] earned and saved 20,000 dollars [illegible] year. They borrowed [illegible] American Government with [illegible] England. The trip will [illegible] dollars altogether, but they are going to raise it all before [illegible]. Denver would be [illegible] the Boy Scouts, because the [illegible] from that place which [illegible] Indian war dances and [illegible] to be "the real, right thi[ng]". The feeding and housing [illegible] army of boys is to be a big [illegible] will live in Olympia; there [illegible] in Richmond Park, and [illegible] Chingford and at High B[illegible] Africans have have come [illegible] in a camp at Elstree. [illegible] month the innumerable [illegible] all over London will be [illegible] of all races.

GREENWICH WOM[AN] BURNT [illegible]

On Monday an inquest [illegible] held on the body of Sarah [illegible], widow, of 129, [illegible] fatally burned as the result of a paraffin oil stove [illegible]. [illegible]'s son, Bernard [illegible] said that deceased [illegible] of making him a cup of [illegible] [illegible] a paraffin oil [illegible] on Thursday morning [illegible] [illegible] went into the [illegible] found a neighbour [illegible] which deceased's burning [illegible] and [illegible] deceased [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth Dobson, the [illegible]

London Press Service.] June 25th 1921 The start of the mile relay race. [illegible], Fleet-lane, E.C.

THE BELLINGHAM HOUSING ESTATE.—PLAN OF THE LAY-OUT.

The Bellingham Estate, of [illegible] acres, which has been acquired by the London County Council for housing purposes, lies in the angle formed by the Mid-Kent branch of the South-Eastern Railway and the Bromley branch of the London, Brighton and Dover Railway, and the lay-out has therefore been influenced by the existing bridges. These railway stations adjoin the area, and trains and motor-omnibuses run along the Bromley-road, which is close to the southern boundary of the estate. In practically the centre of the site and in direct communication with Bellingham Station there will be an open space of 31 acres, around which the public buildings (church, chapel, institute, etc.) will be grouped, and from which avenues with [illegible] carriage-ways will radiate. Sites for 18 shops have been allocated on the avenue to Bellingham Station. The houses in Southend-lane will be set back to allow this ancient lane-way to be widened, if necessary, to [illegible] feet. The portion of the estate [illegible] acres to the south of Southend-lane will be reserved for other than working-class housing. An area of some [illegible] acres adjoining the Pool and Ravensbourne Rivers and cut off from the rest of the estate by the railways is liable to floods and has been allocated for market gardens or allotments. Other allotments, [illegible] acres in extent and well distributed over the area so as to be readily accessible, will occupy areas at the back of the gardens, thus increasing the open spaces behind the cottages. 3,077 working-class cottages and flats will be erected as follows: 380 five-room cottages, 1,179 four-room cottages, 250 three-room cottages, 31 housing cottages, 1[illegible] three-room flats, 136 two-room flats and 18 shops.

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… Elsie Ryan gave a … dancing at the Hamilton … Friday and Saturday, … with a medley of … dances—galop, polka, … etc.—interspersed with … with a lullaby. In … sword dance, skirt dance, and many … by Joanne Halford, … Mullen, June … Audrey Bennett, … Hellier, May and … very pretty effects were … dance (with which … by Amy Cheeseman, … Russian and Dutch …

… were the … Leighton, an eloquent … who, in her repre… achieved a notable … dance was the … by Dorothy Perry, … by June Knight and … was very successful … dances of … given at intervals by …

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Sir Kingsley Wood referred to the measure introduced by the Home Secretary, the operation of which will terminate at the end of the present year, and which laid down that eight o'clock closing should be the hour observed. The Early Closing Association adhered firmly to the belief that seven o'clock closing would be a useful and desirable thing for the country, and whilst they retained that as the great object to be attained they recognised, as undoubtedly did the House of Commons, that it might, in certain respects, throw a hardship on the small shopkeeper. They therefore, accordingly, desired to see permanent legislation; and the request he had to make was for a measure to be brought in in sufficient time to put eight o'clock closing permanently on the statute book.

Mr. Shortt said they had to consider not only whether the present Act should be made permanent, but what was the best method of doing it. If he brought a proposal to that effect before the Cabinet he would have to assure them definitely that it would be a non-contentious measure. If the deputation would leave it to Sir Kingsley Wood to consult with him as to what was the best method from the Parliamentary point of view, he would undertake, on behalf of the Government, to do all that he could to have it made permanent. Failing that they would include the old Act in the Expiring Laws Continuance Act.

SUICIDE BY COAL GAS POISONING.

On Thursday Mr. Deputy Coroner [illegible] Smith held an enquiry at Brixton into the circumstances attending the death of Rosa Kate Cuff, aged 54, wife of John Cuff, of 16 McKerrell-road, Rye-lane, Peckham, who said that she had suffered from cancer for the last three years, and twelve months ago she went under an operation …

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Some 300 houses are now in process of construction, and the first batch should be ready for occupation in six weeks or thereabouts, only hot-water fittings and the like being lacking. Those which have been roofed are almost equally divided between slated and tiled. The latter are decidedly more picturesque when viewed from a distance. There is a pleasing variety of design in the architecture of the houses, and those who are to dwell in the new Bellingham need not fear that they are likely to be condemned to live in a road with fronts of that drab sameness which oft times drives dwellers in suburbia to the verge of madness. There is provision for a school in a central position on the estate, but no steps to its erection have yet been taken, and the site is at the moment being used as a store-yard. A considerable area at the Perry Hill end is to provide a playing field, and near Bellingham Station there will be a cricket ground. The amenities will also comprise an open-air market, and it would not be surprising to find shops erected in this vicinity. And in these days, when so many are passing through a period of enforced idleness, it was good to spend a brief hour—even "unofficially"—in a neighbourhood where work—real work—is afoot.

May 27th 1921

SYDENHAM SCOUTS AT CHURCH

Although but 18 months' old the 4th Sydenham Troop of Boy Scouts is one of the strongest in the neighbourhood, and there was a good attendance at the Sydenham Congregational Church on Saturday afternoon, when a commemoration and birthday service was held, at which new troop colours were [illegible] and dedicated by the Rev. Ernest J. [illegible], chaplain to the 4th Beckenham troop. …

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Cycle Carnival.—1, Mr. … Jungle; 2, Mr. C. King …; Mr. Harold McLaughlan …; 4, Mr. Frederick Park (… Raleigh); 5, Mr. W. King; 6, Mr. Stanley Hardy (…).

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Sporting Competition.—… Open: 1, Miss Daisy Burnett … Passenger, Mrs. Heath and … West.

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OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS

At the April examinations … candidates were successful, … practitioners being those of the … Practical section.—Associate… the holders to use the letters … Pianoforte playing: Ethel … A.L.C.M.), Elocution: … (Miss L. Reader). Certificates: Pianoforte playing: Estelle … Charles Lockhead (Miss …), Lilian Finch (Mrs. Finch, L.L.…), Taylor (Miss Howse, A.L.C.M.), Florence Skipp, Kathleen …, Gladys Dobb, Olive Dye and … (Miss George, A.L.C.M.), Evelyn … Tiller, Florence Townsend, … Henshall (Miss Allen, A.L.C.M.), … (Miss Davis, A.L.C.M.), Gwen Richards, Dorothy … Dennis, Doris Watson, … Edwards (Mrs. Eveleigh), … Julia Reynolds (Miss …), Christine Roberts (Miss F. …), Sybil Jelks, Francis West, … Winifred Whitehouse (Miss … L.L.C.M.), Doris Eves, … Hutchins and Amelia Drake (… A.L.C.M.), Walter Whitehouse, … Doris Wellspring and Lily … Saunders, A.L.C.M.), … (Madame Symes). Kathleen … Catherine Mitchell (Mrs. …) Peacock and Douglas … A.L.C.M.), Emily Cook and … (Miss Cook, A.L.C.M.), … Martha Isbeen, George … Albert Wall and Ethel … Ella Green and Cecil … Walter Galbraith (Mrs. … Lowe, Vera Lane and Francis … Chambers, L.L.C.M.), … Maud Watkin (Miss Wood), … (Miss Morris, L.L.C.M.), … (Miss Kennett), Winifred … Hall, L.L.C.M.), Doris … Doris Weeks, Ethel … (Miss Dunn, L.L.C.M.), … (…, L.L.C.M.), … Thompson), Doris Salter and Katie … (Miss Purcell, Ernest …), L.R.A.M.), Henry Purdell and … (Miss Wyatt), Lily Barton and … (Miss Smith, A.L.C.M.), Gladys … Swallow, L.L.C.M.), Dora … Payne), Louisa Cockram (Miss … L.L.C.M.).

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT CATFORD.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor T. R. Roberts, J.P.) presented the prizes to successful competitors in a photographic and art exhibition by the respective classes of the Catford Commercial Institute at Brownhill-road, on Saturday evening. He congratulated those responsible on the success of the exhibition, referred to the winner of the silver medal (Mr. H. Hurden hon. secretary), and spoke of the general excellence of the work displayed. He knew little about photography, he said, but his taste in pictures told him that theirs was a good show.

Mr. H. Hedges (principal of the Institute) introduced the Mayor, and after the presentation had been made Mr. M. H. Featherstone (master of the photographic classes) read a few notes made by the judge, Mr. W. L. F. Wastell, F.R.P.S., R.P.S. ("Walrus," of "The Amateur Photographer"), in which he said that the work of the winner of the silver medal stood out well above the average, the print winning the medal being of exceptional merit. On the whole, the efforts of the students showed considerable promise, several prints being produced on excellent lines. A little more practice and experience would evolve really good specimens of photographic art. There was much evidence of careful training on the right lines, and good work was only a question of time. Thanks were accorded by Mr. Hedges, seconded by Mr. Featherstone, and the Mayor then spoke as above.

On show were 120 prints for competition, and the exhibition was completed by the loan of prints from the Catford Camera Club, Messrs. A. Gideon, R.P.S., and C. R. Tate, and the Auto-Type Company. During the evening demonstrations were given in the carbon process of platinotype, and Mr. Featherstone delivered his lantern lecture, "Through English Gothic Cathedrals with a Camera." Among the large number of visitors was a party of students from the Dalston Literary Institute Photography Classes.

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BELLINGHAM HOUSING SCHEME.

AN "UNOFFICIAL" VISIT.

Around Bellingham Station, on an estate which stretches practically from Perry-hill, Catford, to Southend-lane, there is springing up a new village: there are, in fact, many communities housing a smaller population than this will house which justifiably style themselves towns, and possess all the machinery of local government. This new Bellingham—as it is already officially known—will come under the sway of the Lewisham Borough Council, but will pay tribute (rent) to the London County Council, who have acquired the estate and for whom some 2,000 houses are to be built as a part of its contribution to the solution of the housing problem.

Some 1,000 men are engaged—the number is to increase as opportunity offers—on the erection of houses and the various works incident thereto. This army has been recruited by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, the eminent contractors, who have a reputation for undertaking big jobs and carrying them through triumphantly. A few days since (writes a "Kentish Mercury" representative) I was privileged to sit in the office of Mr. J. Connelly, who is the firm's representative on the spot, and to look through, with him, an album which includes photographs and letterpress matter descriptive of some of the more notable feats in engineering, bridge-building, and the like which stand to the firm's credit in various parts of the world. A word dropped here and there by Mr. Connelly as to those on which he had been engaged, revealed the pride he felt to think that he had had a hand in this or that difficult undertaking, and observation has convinced me that this spirit is strong amongst those who hold positions of responsibility under Messrs. McAlpine. It is a great asset.

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The Mayor, in returning ... his experience had been ... always had a warm place ... for those who were not ... themselves. It was a ha... during the Shopping We... should be done for the Unem... Fund. Subscriptions to th... the present totalled nearly ... the whole of this amount ... pended, and during the ... would have to decide wh... appeal should be made. D... three weeks they had had ... fresh applicants. Although ... and there were many cases ... tress, they had, as a boroug... unemployed than any other ... rough. The contribution w... the maximum amount of its kind—and it was all given ... at 26 functions for one week.

The prize-winners were as ...

Window Dressing Competition ... 1, Mr. A. G. Buckingham; 2, ... 3, Mr. S. Ross (Warpole Dai... Class B: 1, Messrs. Morton ... Messrs. Tonia Bros.; 3, Mad... Class C: 1, Messrs. H. A. Fr... 2, Mr. F. Hawkins (Messrs. ... Medgett. Most original wind... Weedon; 2, Mr. Alder; 3, Th... Company.

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BELLINGHAM RENTS.

Mar 6th L.C.C. DECISION. 1921

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council the Housing Committee reported that in view of the completion at an early date of houses at Bellingham it was necessary that the Council should determine the basis upon which the rents should be charged. The committee proposed, as in the case of the Roehampton estate, that the rents to be fixed shall be net rents, exclusive of rates. Subject, however, to satisfactory arrangements with the several local authorities, the rates will be collected weekly with the rents and paid in bulk to the rating authorities. The rent receipts will clearly show the amounts respectively attributable to rent and rates.

There is, the report says, a large amount of small property in the neighbourhood of Bellingham, consisting chiefly of houses of more than five rooms, let on yearly tenancies. There are no two-roomed flats and no self-contained houses of three rooms. There are a few three and four-roomed flats having rental values, after taking into account the increases allowed under the Increase of Rent, etc. (Restriction) Act, 1920, of from 8s. to 11s. 9d. a week. There are but few four-roomed houses. Some of these with double frontages are of a rental value of 12s. 11d. a week, after allowing for the additional increase of 10 per cent. permitted under the Act in July, 1921. They are not, however, suitable for comparison with the Council's houses at Bellingham, and as a basis of calculation there had been taken a typical house, consisting of five rooms, scullery and bathroom in the neighbourhood of the estate. The net rental value of this house in July, 1921, will be 15s. a week. The five-roomed houses erected by the Council have larger rooms and are provided with a hot water supply and the amenities generally are on an improved scale. Taking all the facts into consideration it was thought that an addition of 4s. 6d. should be made, giving a net rent of 19s. 6d. a week for a typical house containing parlour, living room, three bedrooms, scullery and bathroom. Calculating in proportion the rents for the other types of houses on the first section of the estate, the net weekly rents proposed are as follows:—

Class A—parlour, living room, three bedrooms, scullery and bathroom, 16s. 6d.; Class B—living room, three bedrooms, scullery and bathroom, 14s. 6d.; Class D—living room, two bedrooms, scullery and bathroom, 12s. 6d.; Maisonette flats—living room, two bedrooms, scullery and bathroom, 12s. 6d.; Maisonette flats—living room, one bedroom, scullery and bathroom, 10s.

The proposed rents for the houses are lower than those fixed on December 16th, 1920, for similar types on the Roehampton estate by 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., and 1s. a week respectively, the differences being due to local conditions. The rents of the three-roomed flats are 6d. a week lower and those of the two-roomed flats 1s. a week higher.

Assuming the assessments to be fixed not at the highest possible figure, but somewhat higher than those at present fixed for existing property containing about the same accommodation, the gross weekly rents, inclusive of water charges and house duty, to be paid by tenants will be as follows:—

Class A—five rooms, 20s. 6d.; Class B—four rooms, 18s. 3d.; Class D—three rooms, 15s. 9d.; three-roomed flats, 14s. 6d.; two-roomed flats, 12s. 6d.

It was moved from the Labour benches that the report be referred back with a view to the reduction of the rents by 2s. per week, but this was defeated and the report approved.

"THE MOUNT EVEREST ADVENTURE."

A full account of information as to the objects of the Mount Everest adventure and of the difficulties which those who engage in it will have to face—and, we all hope, overcome—was given by Mr. Kenneth Barton, F.R.G.S., in the form of a lecture at St. James', Hatcham, Schools on Friday evening.

After detailing some of the steps which had already been taken in preparation for the attempt, and the depots of stores which would be established during the present season, the lecturer said the object of the expedition was primarily to get to the top of the world. The previous altitude record—some 25,000 feet—was held by the Italians; Great Britain had the North Pole and the South Pole, and Britishers this record was "up to us." Science would want to know the effect of these high altitudes on human beings. There was the botanical interest: it was expected to find many new types of flowers. It was also expected that a number of animals would be brought back, some 60 per cent. of which would be new to science.

ROYAL ARTILLERY LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS.

Sir Lawden Mossman, K.C., K.B.E., presided at the anniversary dinner of the above Lodge at the Shakespeare Hotel, Woolwich, Saturday night, when the guests included the Grand Master of the Order (Bro. G. Lingstone) and Mr. Longdown, Canon F. Doyle, P.G.M., and others. The Chairman in giving the toast "The Manchester Unity" said he understood that it was the largest wealthiest and soundest friendly society in the world, and it was one of the corners of the national and imperial life, standing for those great principles of industry, thrift, and unselfishness, also for co-operation, which were absolutely essential in everyday life. In speaking to the toast, the Grand Master described the Manchester Unity as the largest and most important movement of the kind in the world. In 1913 the membership in this country increased by 9,000, but in 1920 there was a decrease of from 4,000 to 5,000, due to the fact that during the war the society paid the contributions of a large number of soldiers and sailors who, now the war was over, seemed to have forgotten how to pay what had lapsed. On the last valuation of the society there was a net deficiency of £20,000 that had now been wiped off, and there was a surplus of £602,000, a result upon which the society was to be congratulated. Bro. Redford, G.P.G.M., gave "The Royal Artillery Lodge," which he asserted was one of the finest lodges in the kingdom, and Bro. B. (the secretary) responded.

BOY DROWNED AT WOOLWICH.

At Woolwich on Friday an inquest was held on Robert Jessie Mackenzie, aged 12, son of H.E. Major Mackenzie, R.F.A., Woolwich. The boy was drowned in the Repository Pond, Woolwich, on the previous Thursday afternoon. Sergt.-Instructor Hyman said he was on his allotment near the pond when he heard shouts that a boy was in the water. He saw some feelings and went to the pond, where object was pointed out to him. He plunged and brought the boy to the bank, and after words applied artificial respiration for minutes without result. The evidence of two other boys (Alexander Carter and Frank Bellamy) was to the effect that they heard a splash and saw the deceased in the water. They did not know how he got there. Gordon Hunter said that life was extinct when he saw the body. The Coroner (Mr. Wood) recorded a "Accidental death," and expressed the sympathy of Major Mackenzie on his loss, adding that it was a great comfort to have his faith that he lived.

FATAL FALL AT PLUMSTEAD INFIRMARY.

The local effect of a fall was described at the inquest at Woolwich on Friday on Charles Henry Ward, 55, who died in Plumstead Infirmary of the injuries received, the 4 which, and 3 rib fractures.

... per cent., that of the ... Guardians had gone up ... 236 per cent.! Alderman ... an explanation ought to ... we hope, in the interests ... whose attention has ... drawn by us to the way ... body in question has been ... and drakes of public ... the Lewisham Borough ... insist on an explanation. ... no doubt, might well ... the expenditure of the Bor... own committees, but that ... would seem to call for ... drastic still. The Borough ... a more direct control over ... the Lewisham Union Guar... the ... of the central ... the London County Coun... should be in a position to direct ... very effectively to the ... local body, and we think we ... that if it does not take ... the ratepayers will con... short of its duty. The only ... of the Guardians at Wed... 's meeting was that made ... and all he could find ... at relief of unemployment ... the Guardians over £500 a ... last year. Unfortunately ... of this excuse figures ... that whereas in the week ... 5th the Guardians spent ... the figure for the corre... in last year was £302 ... £290 only. Much better ... have to be done before the ... be expected to be con... Lewisham Union Guar... guilty of extravagance.

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...Voices.

...'s leader, Mr. J. H. ... enunciated the views of ... wing of the Labour ...'s meeting at Deptford. Mr. Ernest Bevin, who fol... rather than declared ... the extreme left. There ... doubt, however, as to ... in point by any ... may be attached by either ... Frankly, we prefer the ... Labour has aspir... a sufficient body of sup... will be entitled to give ... aspirations. Those who ... will doubtless ... privilege of grumb... not seriously contest the ... to the spoils. Those ... expressed disapproval of ... constitutional views were ... pressing approval of Mr. ... reference to "capturing the ...," and his claim that ... should be made of both ... Party. There are not ... that Labour will, ere long, ... choice between the ... the Bevins; for it is im... men whose views show ... continuing to sow ... We venture to pre... which make for con... will be found on the ...

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which the tenants are members has enlisted on their behalf the services of Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., and Captain Gee, M.P., and it is therefore quite certain that the legal position of the tenants will be properly elucidated and that they will be assured just treatment.

The Homeless Londoner.

Statistics recently issued by the London County Council as to the number of people found "sleeping out" in London have elicited the assurance that there need be no such person at present as a homeless Londoner. A walk along the Thames Embankment late at night or in the early hours of the morning was wont to provide a wretched spectacle, but the police in that locality are now provided with tickets which they give to any unfortunate they find sleeping out, with directions to report himself at the tiny hut of the Metropolitan Asylums Board under the shadow of Hungerford Bridge. Here the homeless are interviewed by an official of the Board, and according to their circumstances and possibilities passed on to one or other of the voluntary agencies—the Salvation Army, the Church Army, the Y.M.C.A., or the Oliver Borthwick Home—where they are given food and a night's rest. In the morning they are interviewed and helped in their difficulties, and as far as possible provided with employment. The more hopeless cases are sent to the casual ward.

Southwark Cathedral.

An urgent appeal has been issued for £3,000 for endowment and an anonymous friend has promised to double any sum given up to £1,000. A new roof is required for the choir, a new heating apparatus and a new lighting system must be installed. Members of the Chapter are not paid for any work they do in connection with the cathedral, and they are helped in the conduct and arrangement of the services by three parochial clergy, who have £250 a year between them for their work. The expenses of the organist and choir, the vergers and cleaners, the heating, lighting and printing are kept at the lowest possible figure, and it is estimated that they exceed the income by 20s. a day. The collections at special services during last year amounted to more than £1,200. Mr. Harry Lloyd, of the Woodlands, Caterham, is the hon. treasurer of the Endowment Fund.

Sir John Benn.

Lord Lincolnshire, president of the National Liberal Club, has consented to preside on April 7th at a luncheon in the Connaught Rooms to be given to Sir John Benn, to celebrate his seventieth birthday, by a group of friends associated with him in progressive movements. Apart from his work in Parliament, Sir John has completed 32 years of consecutive service on the London County Council, and is now the "father" of that body. The organisers include Lord Crewe, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clifford, Dr. Scott Lidgett, Sir Evan Spicer, and other Liberal and Nonconformist leaders.

Holiday Reflections.

"With the approaching Easter holidays, and cheaper railway fares in view," writes a correspondent, "many thousands of people, encouraged by the beautiful spring weather, are looking forward to the pleasure of a few days' enjoyment of change of air and scene, and there will doubtless be a record rush to the various seaside and other holiday resorts next week. There are probably few words in the English language more elastic in the incidence of their use, or more diversely interpreted, than the word 'pleasure.' While, in its pursuit, crowds will cheerfully endure the discomfort of conveyance, and the inconvenience incidental to being 'put up' in strange lodgings, others, disliking crowds, will find their pleasure in walking in sequestered lanes, or spend their leisure in a secluded garden. The huge crowds assembled from distant parts to witness a football match fill some people with dread and alarm ...

of arrest.

The L.C.C. Education Committee on Wednesday adopted estimates for 1921-22 amounting to £13,300,000—an increase of £1,446,137 as compared with the previous year. Sir Cyril Cobb said the present expenditure could not be cut down, as each part of the service had been considered carefully, and they knew the lowest figure at which efficiency could be secured.

GREENWICH.

Viscount Hill, a former representative of Greenwich on the L.C.C., has been elected an alderman of that body.

Councillor E. M. Dence, L.C.C., has been elected chairman of the Teaching Staff Sub-committee of the Education Committee of the County Council.

A house, 15, Billingsgate-street, which will ultimately be used for educational purposes, has been repaired by the Education Committee at a cost of £115.

Mr. F. C. Selfe, who has represented the South-East Ward on the Board of Guardians for many years, has resigned his seat.

The Chairman of the Board of Guardians (Mr. F. G. D. Bax) has, we are glad to learn, so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to attend to his duties at the institution and hospital.

DEPTFORD.

The meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday evening will commence half-an-hour earlier, namely, 6.30, in consequence of the unveiling and dedication of the war memorial at 7.30.

After its meeting on Tuesday evening the Council will adjourn until April 19th for the Easter recess.

The Council has agreed with Shoreditch that the Police Commissioner should take action making it an offence for any vehicle to pass a tramcar on its near side when passengers are entering or alighting.

LEWISHAM.

Mr. E. O. Roberts is the new chairman of the Main Drainage Committee of the L.C.C.

Colonel Fox Ball has been elected chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the London County Council.

Mr. C. A. Oak (Perry-rise, Forest Hill) has been appointed by the Borough Council as housing clerk, and Mr. H. F. Fairbank (Fletching-road, Clapton) as ledger clerk in the Borough Accountant's department.

The Ministry of Health is to be asked to approve the following scale of inclusive rents for houses on the Lewisham Park site: A type (one living-room and three bedrooms), 18s. per week; B type (two living-rooms and three bedrooms), 20s. per week; B4 type (two living-rooms and four bedrooms), 25s. per week.

Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, the contractors for the Bellingham Housing Estate, appear to have contemplated the laying of a 2 ft. gauge railway from the estate to a gravel pit beside Bromley-hill Cemetery.

This would cross Southend-lane, Beckenham-lane and Bromley-road, and the Borough Council has declined to grant permission for level crossings at these points. March 18th 1921

The National Relief Fund, the balance of which has been finally allocated, has forwarded a grant of £500 for the relief of distress arising from unemployment in the borough.

WOOLWICH.

Mr. W. J. Squires has been re-elected chairman of the Highways Committee of the London County Council.

ONCE A WEEK PLAYERS.

"THE GAY LORD QUEX."

In "The Gay Lord Quex" at the Greenwich Borough Hall on Friday night the dominant figure in the opening scenes was Miss Emme Church as Sophy Fullgarney, who permitted no dull moments while she was on the stage. The gay lord ...

... that, while the Finance Co... unable to submit a compl... statement of their estimated ... for the year, as all the pre... yet been received from the ... ing authorities, they h... provisional estimates show... were required to be rai... amounted to £393,805. Of ... is to meet the London Cou... cil, £211,700 for the Lew... Guardians, £72,234 for the ... Police, and £32,149 for the ... Water Board, the balance ... being for the Council's own ... is calculated that a penny ... coming year will yield a... £4,300, in view of the incre... value of the borough as ... the quinquennial valuation ... the next rate will be lev... committee recommended t... 6s. 10d. in the £ be levied ... half-year.

The increase to which ... been directed would appe... almost wholly to the incre... of the Lewisham Union Gu... at their meeting on Monday ... asked to adopt estimates ... year amounting to £290,000, ... contribution orders upon th... follows: Eltham, £22,046 ... £268,044. The total amount ... out, is £33,878 more than ... year now closing, and if th... distributed pro rata it follo... ham is being called upon ... £31,800 of it.

AN ANALYSIS OF EXPEN...

When the report of the ... mittee was considered ... Alderman Jerrard complain... of information which ma... amount proposed to be extr... ratepayers in the coming ... appalling sum—nearly £1,0... held that the Council ought ... mation as to whom this mon... The increase amounted to ... cent. over 1914-15, and the ... increase was about equally ... the outside authorities and ... Council. But when the way ... side authorities had increa... penditure was considered ... was told. The much-ab... County Council's demand ... by only 62 per cent.; that ... politan Police by 138 per ... which he took it no one w... But when they came to th... body, the Guardians, they ... increase was 236 per cent. ... to know how that came ab... did not appear on the su... thought an explanation w... the case of the Metropolitan ... the increase was 214 per ... year before the war. The ... cil's expenditure for ... etc., had increased by 177 ... for street lighting 102 per ce... highways and sewers had ... about 30 per cent., so that ... practising a little econom... Committee's expenditure h... per cent.; the Cemeteries C... 1½ times, and the Libraries ... by 2½ times. It seemed to ... time had come when the Bo... should be masters in their ... exercise control over the ... these committees, and he ... was not far distant when th... the expenditure of the ... mittee to a 3d. rate. The ... and the Maternity and Child ... mittee accounted for an ... per cent. Nothing appeare... cil's accounts in respect of ... penny rate for this item w... the London County Coun... The time had come, he sa... the Council should conside... pruning knife could b... vigorously and rigorously a... Councillor Bennie pointe... was quite impossible for ...

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A CONTRAST.

[illegible] is joined at East Woolwich [illegible] election of a successor to the Hon. William Crooks in the representation of the division in Parliament, and many of our readers, especially those who are ex-Service men having [illegible] in the constituency, will naturally be interested in knowing how those seeking their suffrages comported themselves in the great war from which the country has recently emerged. Of the Coalition candidate, Captain Robert Gee, little need be said—the fact that he has the right to bear upon his breast the ribbon of the V.C. and the M.C. speaks for itself of unfailing gallantry. In another column our readers are told how he earned the V.C. Let us take, by way of contrast, an incident of Mr. Macdonald's war-time work. He was a prominent figure at the Convention of pacifist and pro-German Socialists held at Leeds in June, 1917, and is reported on that occasion to have addressed the assembled Socialists as follows:—"Now the Russian revolution has given you a chance of taking hold of the initiative [illegible]. Let us lay down our terms, make our proclamations, establish our own diplomacy, and see to it that we [illegible] our international arguments." Emphasis was laid on the word "our." We must take it that Mr. Macdonald and that pro-German Labour leaders [illegible] to make an attempt to form a pro-[illegible]

[illegible] us with the views which ... every cabbage leaf was a Fisher, the Board would lose!" To the cost of maintenance it will be necessary to add the cost of conveyance of children to the homes, outside the Union, and ratepayers may anticipate allowances for fares and refreshments to officers and Guardians which would not be chargeable if the home were within the area of the Union.

Representative bodies in the borough have passed resolutions against the proposed purchase, but if their protest to the Ministry of Health is to be effective no time should be lost in making a united representation on the subject.

SUBURBAN LECTURES AT DEPTFORD.

"THE FUTURE OF THE RACE."

"Science has shown us there are ways of benefiting posterity which our ancestors never conceived," said Major Leonard Darwin, who lectured at the Deptford Town Hall on Friday on "The future of the race," from the eugenic standpoint. When they were confronted with the fact that upwards of 40 per cent. of the adult male population possessed such marked physical disabilities as to be classed "C3," surely it was sufficient, he said, to make everyone anxious. He did not advocate the doctrines and methods of the stock-yard, compulsory marriage or child murder—they all offended the moral sense—but he urged that a higher and worthier parental responsibility should be exercised by everyone who brought children into the world. No family should be limited in the interests of social ambition, although, on the other hand, no more children should be brought into the world than parents could reasonably expect to maintain. If parents knew a little more about the laws of natural inheritance and, as true patriots, looked to the future of the nation, commonsense, he believed, would banish many of the evils now contracted by marriage.

The lecturer went on to outline schemes for the prevention of marriage amongst the feeble-minded, consumptives and people possessing marked hereditary vices.

Sir William Wayland, who presided, said it seemed practically impossible to regulate this question in the way they would like. Love was the guiding star with almost everyone prospecting marriage, and physical qualities did not come into consideration so much as those of mentality or beauty. If marriage amongst consumptives could be prevented then, he was told on highest authority, we could stamp out the scourge. But we were confronted with one great difficulty—it interfered with the liberty of the subject. All we could hope was that as education increased people would think a little more widely and a little less selfishly.

NEW SCHOOL ON BELLINGHAM ESTATE.

At the meeting of the Education Committee of the London County Council on Wednesday, plans for the erection of an elementary school of about 1,000 places on the Bellingham Estate at Catford were approved, subject to the consent of the Board of Education.

A presentation social in connection with A.O.F., Court [illegible], will be held at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on March 1st.

[illegible] asked by Sir W. H. Dunn: "Does he consider that the deficit on the telephones could be met by running the undertaking on business lines, instead of increasing the charges?"

The "Sardine-Tin" Tramcar.

The prize of £1,000 offered by the London County Council in a competition for designs for new electric rolling stock for the tramways has not been awarded, the arbitrators report that no one of those submitted is of sufficient worth to justify serious consideration or adoption. And those which were exhibited in the lobby at Spring Gardens at Tuesday's meeting of the Council went far to justify the arbitrators' sweeping condemnation. There was one design, however, which attracted much attention; crudely drawn and imperfectly worked out as it was, it held the kernel of a great idea. The interior of the car was fitted with partitions apparently a foot or so apart, rising two feet or so perpendicularly from the floor, then continued for about 18 inches on a slight slant to the rear, and then straight up to the top. The idea seemed to be that the passengers should be packed away in these like so many kippers or sardines in a space so ingeniously circumscribed that neither standing nor sitting would be possible. The great idea seemed to be to pack as many in as possible, and to show what could be done in this direction the figures of two sufferers were depicted, apparently having been stripped of their clothes in order that they should take up the less room.

The Rubic Society.

A philanthropic institution which has yet to recover from the effects of the war is the Rubic Society, the headquarters of which are at 422, New Cross-road. The subscriptions to this society, which has for its patron H.M. the King, and is entirely unsectarian, have fallen off to something like half the total of pre-war times, and as the activities comprise, as well as the provision of free meals for poor children in the winter time, the sending to the seaside in the summer months, free of cost to the parents, of little ones who would otherwise go no holiday away from the slums, it will be understood that the moneys available should be doubled rather than halved if the good work is not to suffer. We may mention that the hon. treasurer is Mr. G. W. Wilson, and that the editor of "The Kentish Mercury" has recently joined the committee as chairman.

GREENWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION.

Polling will take place to-morrow from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the election of a representative of the North Ward on the Greenwich Borough Council. The candidates are Mr. Thomas Hearn, of 60, Old Woolwich-road (Municipal Reform), and Mr. William James Smith, of 17, [illegible]-road, Westcombe Park (Labour). The polling places will be at Christ Church Schools and the Woolwich-road Council School.

Mrs. Charlotte Turner, of 31, Wellington-street, Deptford, will be returned unopposed for the casual vacancy in St. Nicholas Ward.

Yesterday, at Greenwich, an inquest was held on Ann Julia Burns, of 4, Guildford-road, Greenwich, whose sudden death, on Monday, was stated to be the result of acute bronchitis.

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ST. PHILIP['S] WAR M[EMORIAL]

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The war memori[al] [illegible] Philip's, Sydenha[m] [illegible] Saturday afternoon [illegible] Neville M. Smyth [illegible] conspicuously servi[ce] [illegible] who now commands [illegible] Dorchester. On [illegible] the weather [illegible] ceremony was held [illegible] was crowded, whi[ch] [illegible] assembled in [illegible] memorial, which [illegible] calvary erected in [illegible] [illegible] the names of 23 [illegible] fell. The calvary [illegible] figure in its [illegible] relief, and faces W[illegible]. Those who assem[bled] [illegible] church were the R[illegible] Vicar (the Rev. C. [illegible] H. F. Cartwright [illegible]. After the unveilin[g] [illegible] procession of clerg[y] [illegible] then went to the [illegible] been unveiled by [illegible] dedicated by the [illegible] address the Bishop [illegible] was passing through [illegible] trouble, the [illegible] their own grief [illegible] which would alwa[ys] [illegible] gave Himself for [illegible] men who had falle[n] [illegible] loved His example [illegible] flow was not yet [illegible] was a feeling of [illegible]. Many of those wh[o] [illegible] the war were in th[e] [illegible] played. He [illegible] ever, for he could [illegible] sacrifice made by [illegible] try had been in [illegible]. A guard of hono[ur] [illegible] Church Lads' Brig[ade] [illegible] M.C., in command, [illegible] the 20th London [illegible] and "Reveille."

PRINCE OF W[ALES] [AND] SEAMEN'S [HOSPITAL]

H.R.H. the Prin[ce] [illegible] sented to preside [illegible] Court of Governors [illegible] pital Society at the [illegible] day, March 1st.

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pursued, because he did not believe it would succeed, one way or the other. (A Voice: "It will succeed!") No; the Irish spirit, the Irish love for liberty would succeed! (Cheers). Five or six years ago an act of wisdom would have saved us the humiliation of this long drama of tragedy. Peace, happiness and contentment would never be obtained by the methods now being pursued: these were bound to plunge the Government in disgraceful failure, and their country in dishonour and dis-esteem. "I fear Ireland with memories of martyrs," Mr. Macdonald concluded; "I am not afraid of Ireland with memories of generous justice! I fear the Irishman who is coerced; I am not afraid of the Irishman who is free!"

The resolution was put, and declared carried unanimously.

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BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL FINANCE.

At a meeting of the Catford Branch at Cusack's College on Tuesday evening, Mr. F. A. Ingram presiding, a discussion took place on "The Increasing Expenditure of our Local Authorities."

Mr. Henry Jayne (secretary) read the report, which appeared in "The Kentish Mercury," of the last meeting of the Lewisham Union Guardians.

Mr. F. F. Price said there was a lack of business acumen displayed throughout the management of all our local concerns. No particular blame rested on any individual of either the Board of Guardians or the Borough Council. In the case of the former, they went on incurring debt without troubling to think where the money was coming from or how they were to get it. The increase in their expenditure since pre-war days amounted to £103,300, but no details were to be had. The members of the Board in general had no knowledge of them, and if there was a business man among them who asked for detailed information or entered a protest he was "howled down." There was no idea of economy, and the business people ought to put a stop to it. The same remark applied to the Borough Council in their housing scheme. The County Council was setting a terrible example on the Bellingham estate. Houses with surface foundations below water level built at a cost requiring an economic rent of 30s. 6d. were to be let at 13s. 6d. As to the Lewisham Park scheme, the number of supervising officials already appointed involved a large sum, and, with others in prospect, there was reason for alarm. There was no need for these officials. Then there was the site of the old fire station which was being enlarged. That site was one of the finest in the whole Metropolitan area; if the Borough Council could not make use of it they could, and should, procure an income from it amounting to several hundred pounds a year. The last addition to the burden of the unfortunate ratepayer was £8,000 for the Guardians' new structure in the school at Anerley. If that figure embraced the whole amount they might [illegible]

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... by pointing a [illegible] against the [illegible] that is bolder than the flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze, the name of him you will make the custodian of your interests on the floor of the House, and so on and so on "ad nauseam."

Talk about a lion in a den of Daniels, why it is nothing, sir, nothing, I repeat, to the vision of Mr. Pacifist M.P. for my arsenal town. Is it a vision, is it, or only a nightmare after all? We live in strange times, and one man in his time plays many parts. Cannot you see me returned at the head of the poll by a thumping majority! That is the worst of these arsenal thumps, they thump so hard. Cannot you see me cheered and chaired by the non-military (?) glad for the change. Cannot you hear my perfervid congratulations to the Returning Officer, he, with his well known generosity and honour to whom honour is due outlook, graciously dividing all these compliments equally between his devoted and painstaking staff, without whom, etc., etc., in the most approved manner!

Well, beloved reader, if you can, I [illegible]

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It was somewhat surprising not to find the Greenwich Borough Hall packed to the doors for the first performance of Miss Lena Ashwell's "once-a-week players" on Friday evening. The company which has often played to members of the Expeditionary Force in France gave a polished production of "Twelfth Night," the merit of which was the more clearly seen in the almost complete absence of scenery. However, to judge from the applause the players received we anticipate a full house to-night (Friday), when Bernard Shaw's "Fanny's First Play" will be produced. The proceeds, after payment of expenses, are to be devoted to the local Relief Fund for the Unemployed. The large hall, in which these performances take place, has been much improved by alterations to the stage and the addition of a proscenium and single curtains. It should now prove a welcome acquisition to the neighbourhood.

Irish at Bellingham.

We hear that, largely through the offices of Mr. R. O. Roberts, backed up by those of his colleague in the representation of East Lewisham on the London County Council, Colonel Eric Ball, there is a considerable diminution of the number of imported Irishmen employed on the work of developing the housing site at Bellingham, Catford. Their places, we understand, are being filled by Lewisham men, and more particularly Lewisham ex-Service men, lacking employment, a fact which should be entirely satisfactory to the ratepayers who have to find, indirectly, the money for their wages.

Disinfectors Appreciated.

A borough disinfector is naturally enough one of the least welcome visitors when on official business bent, but that in some cases they carry out their duties with the maximum of tact and consideration consistent with efficiency is shown by a letter which we have received from a

Orphan Fund. A National War Association was formed during whereby 1,000 war savings certifi purchased. This has now become with the National Savings Assoc half the amounts contributed will be devoted to the Local Housing the Council.

A whist drive and dance in a fund being raised by the Mayor of for the relief of the wives and fam unemployed was held at the Bor on Monday evening. The whist organised by Mr. W. H. Alexander, Mr. H. S. Jeans, acted as M.C.'s, arrangements for the dance were in of Mr. F. G. Ledger (hon. secret association). Mr. Louis Metz's orche being in attendance. There was a company.

The prizes for the whist tournam were presented by the Mayoress, w cox, and the prize, a spirit stand by Messrs. Haycraft and Sons, Ltd. Broadway, for the highest score sexes was won by Miss J. Ryan. winners were Mrs. Forth, Mrs. F Misses Goody, Bowley, Hamlyn, D gleton, Bushell, Purcell, Hardima Crossland, Messrs. E. G. Brown, M. Oake, A. Wilson, T. H. Pr Jones, Catt, Smith, Fairbank. It that a sum approximating £6 realised.

PRESENTATIONS TO DE TWINS.

On Monday afternoon Alderman liam Wayland, who was accompan Mayor and Mayoress, presented 1 savings certificates to the twins who attend the Deptford Borough clinic in Beaconsfield-street, New Cross. cipients were Thomas and Carol T, Reginald-road; Alice and Minnie Crossfield-street; James and Wil diner, 18, Somerville-street; Irene Joan Ethel Hicks, 3a, Childerje- Jane Sarah and Mary Grace Big Brookmill-road.

The February number of the Magazine" includes the very second episode in the new series by Yates dealing with the chequered of a distinguished young officer demobilisation.

...pel, whilst the Vicar, was still incomplete, and he was sure there would be generous hearts who would wish to beautify the interior in order that it would be worthy of their brave fellows. He hoped that over the Altar there might be placed a stained glass window typifying the Ascension and the Resurrection. The chapel should also be a place of prayer and a standing memorial to the people of East Greenwich who gave their lives in the War for higher and better things.

Addressing the congregation from the chancel steps, the Bishop said he was glad to be associated with the Vicar on the eve of his departure in that most simple and moving ceremony. They had met to honour the memory of many brave men, who, in obedience to the call of duty, went forth readily to face hardships and dangers, and if need be to lay down their lives for a righteous cause. He looked back with thankfulness to God for those twelve happy years during which he worked among them, and thought of how he had prayed for those lads and men—members of the Bible class, the Church Lads' Brigade, and the men's union. That day he was grateful that he was able to be with them to share their prayers and thankfulness to God in that service and commemoration. It was a service of triumph rather than of sorrow. The parish had just cause to be proud of those boys and men whose names adorned the walls of the chapel. It was their privilege to send forth a great company of men, and they were proud of those and of what they had done. He asked for their prayers for their Vicar as he went forth to his new sphere of service, and for those who would have the appointment of his successor that they might be divinely guided in their choice, and that the work of the parish might not suffer by the change. They prayed that the new Vicar would carry on faithfully and effectually the work which Mr. Bigg had been able to do during the last eight years.

The service concluded with the hymn "Fight the good fight," and the National Anthem.

CIVIL SERVICE BONUS.

QUESTIONS BY COLONEL POWNALL.

In the House of Commons, on October [illegible], Lieut.-Colonel Pownall asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether, in view of the decrease in the bonus on salaries which took effect from September 1st owing to the decrease in the cost of living, there was in August a great rush of senior civil servants; and whether he will cause the arrangements for bonuses on civil servants' pensions to be reconsidered to save the rush to the [illegible] that a continuance of the present [illegible] involves, in view of the steady [illegible] in the cost-of-living figures?

Mr. Hilton: The number of civil servants above the age of 60 who have retired during the months prior to September last has been, in certain Departments, above the average. The [illegible] has been to facilitate the efforts of heads of Departments to reorganise their staffs on a more economical basis. [illegible] present arrangement under which [illegible] per cent. of bonus is included in the salary and emoluments upon which the superannuation award is calculated has been the subject of reconsideration, and I am of opinion that the system at present in force is preferable to awarding pensions based on total emoluments at the date of retirement, with provision for periodical adjustments corresponding to fluctuations in the cost of living, inasmuch as the latter would involve greatly increased cost in administration.

SERVICE MEN AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

On Thursday, in the House of Commons, Captain Robert Gee, V.C., M.P. for East Woolwich, asked the Secretary for War whether, in view of the fact that disabled ex-Service men were being discharged from Woolwich Arsenal, and able-bodied [illegible] ...

...and that when there was trouble and difficulty at home it was, he thought, the duty of every Member of Parliament to stop at home and look after the affairs of his own constituency. (Cheers.) He was hopeful that as the result of the elections next year they would reverse the position so far as Woolwich was concerned. If they wanted happier conditions, with less [illegible] and taxes, they had to get rid of the people in power at the present time (hear, hear).

Captain Gee, V.C., M.P. for East Woolwich, also addressed the company.

Instrumental music was supplied by the orchestra of the 6th London Howitzer Brigade, and songs were given by Miss Rose Jackson, and Messrs. [illegible], H. Gage, and F. Leslie. Messrs. A. C. [illegible] and Gordon Dennis were M.C.'s for dancing.

CATFORD OPEN-AIR BATH.

November 1st 1921

The Mayor of Lewisham having stated at the meeting of the Borough Council on the 26th ult. that other communications than the one then read had been received from the Borough of Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, and had not been laid before the Council, the hon. secretaries, Messrs. E. C. Lapsley and A. H. Bell, have forwarded to "The Kentish Mercury" a copy of one addressed to the Town Clerk on the 19th ult., as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—The Ratepayers' Association desired me to call the special attention of the Borough Council who are considering the purchase of land in the vicinity of the Ravensbourne river for an open-air swimming bath, to the land that was offered to the Borough Council in a letter dated July 24th, 1919, and was accepted at a special session of the Borough Council on July 30th, 1919 (vide Council minutes of the 30th July, 1919). The Ratepayers' Association respectfully suggest that an application could now be made for the land now required, which the Council would gratefully accept in lieu of that offered by Lord Forster and accepted by the Borough Council as stated above. The Ratepayers' Association feel sure his lordship would be gratified at the opportunity now offered him to complete his gifts, and at the same time assist the Borough Council in providing work for the unemployed resident in the borough, and thus help to relieve the stress and strain which is pressing so heavily upon the ratepayers of the borough. Will you please place this letter before the Council at their next meeting?"

The land referred to is that described by Lord Forster in his letter to the Mayor (Alderman [illegible]) as "a strip of land along the River Ravensbourne throughout its course through my property," and was offered to the borough, together with the land for a park in Whitefoot-lane (now in process of being laid out) as "a memorial of the Great War, and the victory which it has pleased Almighty God to grant to us." There was a suggestion that this strip of land should be laid out as a riverside walk, but while no recommendation has been submitted to the Council, it is unofficially understood that the cost of fencing is regarded as prohibitive.

MISSIONARY DEMONSTRATION.

DEPTFORD CENTRAL HALL.

Under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, the Baptist Missionary Association, the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, and the London Missionary Society, a united demonstration was held at the Deptford Central Hall on Thursday evening. The organisation was in the hands of the respective secretaries (the Revs. E. H. [illegible], E. [illegible] Dawson, and S. J. Cowdy, and Mr. E. [illegible]).

Among those present were the Revs. F. W. Dunlop, A. W. Barker and A. C. [illegible], and the Rev. E. A. Mark. A special meeting was held for the benefit of the young people, among whom were local companies of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Church Lads' Brigade, and Boys' and Girls' Life Brigades, and the various Sunday Schools in the district. The entertainment consisted of a cinematograph exhibition, illustrating missionary work in foreign lands, and the films were explained by the Rev. D. F. Gane (West Africa), the Rev. E. J. Cowdy (South India), and the Rev. R. H. [illegible].

A crowded audience assembled at the evening meeting, at which Mr. Mark presided. Prayer was offered by the Rev. F. W. Dunlop, and solos were rendered by Miss [illegible] [illegible]. The singing was led by the Deptford ...

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Answering Alderman Hall, Councillor Webb said about 45 per cent. of the cost (estimated at £9,700) would represent unskilled labour.

Standing orders were suspended that the matter might be dealt with as one of urgency, and recommendations were thereupon adopted that the work be proceeded with at the earliest possible date, that it be carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and that application be made to the Government for a grant towards the cost as an assisted scheme.

October 28th 1921

ONCE-A-WEEK PLAYERS.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING."

Fairly large audiences were present on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at the Deptford Borough Hall, the Greenwich Borough Hall, and Old Kent-road Baths respectively to witness the first Shakespearean play of the season by the Lena Ashwell Once-a-Week Players—"Much Ado About Nothing." At Greenwich on Friday Miss Esmé Church was in her element as Beatrice, and distinguished herself especially by a magnificent piece of acting with Benedick (Mr. Paget Bowman, also the producer) in the church scene. Mr. Bowman was

... which is to be adopted. There is no doubt that the establishments at Woolwich cannot obtain the amount of work required in order to maintain them at anything approaching their present strength, except by putting them on a footing of the greatest possible efficiency and economy. It has been decided that this object can only be attained by altering the existing arrangements as to the "pool," and the order of discharge, which have been found to militate against efficiency and to be likely to lead ultimately to the provision of less employment at the establishments as a whole than would be the case if the requirements of each establishment were dealt with separately, and the strict sequence of discharges abolished. In future, therefore, each establishment will have a free hand to employ the most efficient and suitable personnel for the work that is available, though as many ex-service men as is reasonably practicable (and especially disabled men) will continue to be employed. As a temporary measure and in view of the prevailing unemployment in the district, steps will be taken for the provision of such additional work as can be usefully arranged within the limits of available funds. It is hoped that further examination of the position of the individual War Department establishments will disclose that, as a result of the adoption of this system, a comparatively small net reduction in strength will actually be necessary in the near future. Every effort is to be made to employ the most efficient men and to provide the maximum amount of employment by the recruitment of skilled men, subject to the amount of money available from Army Funds. The question was referred to the War Department Industrial Council at a meeting on the 17th inst., and no objection was raised to these proposals, to which it is hoped to give effect from the week ending the 29th inst. I may, perhaps, add that, after full consideration, it is not proposed to terminate the short time system, but this matter may be considered when the revised arrangements, to which I have referred, are in working order."

As Colonel Stanley writes on behalf of "the War Office and the Government," this looks like a Cabinet decision, and if that is so then the Arsenal breathes again. It has a new lease of life.

One of the most important changes of policy is the decision to stop the regular weekly discharge of 300 men. In order that the average reader may have an adequate understanding of the position it must be explained that the Woolwich "Pool" referred to consists of all the Government establishments in the district, the Arsenal, Dockyard, the various record offices, etc. For the purposes of discharge the staffs were treated as a whole. Various departments in the "Pool," created during the war, have been gradually closed down. The staffs, by the process of restriction, became redundant. By the old War Office order ex-Service men, becoming redundant in one section, were transferred to the department which still retained war entrants. As the process of exhaustion went on the Arsenal was the only establishment that had war entrants. So the transfers were nearly all to the Arsenal, which has become overloaded with "inefficients"—men not properly trained for the work they had to do. That has produced the position which was referred to last week; the staff of the Arsenal is not sufficiently productive. Work can only be obtained by putting the establishments on "a footing of the greatest possible efficiency and economy." Therefore the "Pool" goes, and each establishment will choose its own workmen. Instead of taking transfers from other sections of the "Pool," the Arsenal authorities will select workmen who are efficient in training for the work they have to do. Colonel Stanley states that "as many ex-Service men as is reasonably practicable (and especially disabled men) will continue to be employed." What the percentage will be in the light of "efficiency and economy" cannot be gauged. Each establishment is to have "a free hand to employ the most efficient and suitable personnel for the work that is available." On the other hand, the old system of introducing a large percentage of ex-Service men has been found "to militate against efficiency" and is likely to lead to loss of work for the Arsenal. Nothing more can usefully be said at this juncture, except that there are conflicting principles involved which it will be difficult to reconcile.

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"Customers" on Monday numb... about a dozen, the orders hav... issued by the relieving officers. On... however, the numbers rose to about ... scheme was fairly tested, and emer... the test creditably. Some delay w... able at the outset, when the recipie... decide as to the apportionment of th... allotted for relief, as between the ... tions on the ticket. These, it may ... say as follows:—No. 1, beef, m... candles, soap, matches; 3, cocoa, ... milk, sugar, tea; 4, eggs, margarine; ... syrup, jam; 6, oatmeal, rice, split pe... 7, potatoes; 8, bread. Once this im... culty had been overcome, howeve... thing went smoothly, and the dis... was expeditiously accomplished. Re... ...vations as were heard among the ... were warmly commendatory of th... taking, and some expressed frank s... the value received. More than ... that the issue—which, save for h... hand—was more than could be ca... took it away by instalments. Only ... plaint was recorded—that of a w... who found that the "dietary" ar... inadequate provision for one of hi...

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About 400 cases were dealt with on ... day and a similar number yeste... day there will probably be even ... the number of unemployed who ha... lend for relief is now approaching ... that some 7,000 persons will dra... weekly supplies from the store.

Question in the House of Com...

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

ROAD-MAKING RELIEF SCHE...

At Tuesday's meeting of the ... County Council it was reported th... the object of relieving unemploy... London, the Ministry of Transp... posed to put in hand road-making ... at an estimated cost of £2,... unskilled labour employed there... recruited from the County of ... The London County Council, it ... posed, should contribute not ... £300,000, to be raised by loa... the General Purposes Committee ... ated that the Council would be ... mended to co-operate. The pro... clude a new road connecting Dart... Erith, an enlargement of the ... Folkestone road east of Sidcup ... other points, and a continuation ...

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OPEN-AIR BATH AT CATFORD.

WORK FOR LEWISHAM'S UNEMPLOYED—RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION PROTESTS.

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The Mayor replied that the letter was only received that day. He had received other communications from the Association which he had not laid before the Council, but he thought in justice to them as ratepayers the letter should be placed before the Council, although he did not agree with one word of it.

Councillor Webb said if the letter had been before the Baths Committee it would have made very little difference. He hoped there would be no tinkering with this matter, but that they would get on with it.

Answering Alderman Hall, Councillor Webb said about 40 per cent. of the cost (estimated

WOOLWICH ARSENAL AND DISCHARGES.

A WAR OFFICE STATEMENT.

(By An Occasional Contributor.)

The Town's Committee on Discharges at Woolwich has received a reply from the War Office with reference to the representations made at the end of September last on the question of discharges. Generally speaking, the statement bears out the information we gave last week on the subject. The wording is official, but when translated into plain English means exactly what was stated to be the case last week. Colonel Stanley, the Financial Secretary to the War Office, writes in the following strain:—

"The unemployment position at Woolwich has received careful consideration by the responsible authorities at the War Office and by the Government, and I am now in a position to give you an outline of the policy which is to be adopted. There is no doubt that the establishments at Woolwich cannot obtain the amount of work required in order to maintain them at anything approaching their present strength, except by putting them on a footing of the greatest possible efficiency and economy. It has been decided that this object can only be attained by altering the existing arrangements as to the 'pool,' and the order of discharge, which have been found to militate against efficiency and to be likely to lead ultimately to the provision of less employment at the establishments as a whole than would be the case if the requirements of each establishment were dealt with separately, and the strict sequence of discharges abolished. In future, therefore, each establishment will have a free hand to employ the most efficient and suitable personnel for the work that is available, though as many ex-service men as is reasonably practicable (and especially disabled men) will continue to be employed. As a temporary measure and in view of the prevailing unemployment in the district, steps will be taken for the provision of such additional work as can be usefully arranged within the limits of available funds. It is hoped that further examination of the position of the individual War Department establishments will disclose that, as a result of the adoption of this system, a comparatively small net reduction in strength will actually be necessary in the near future. Every effort is to be made to employ the most efficient men and to provide the maximum amount of employment by the recruitment of skilled men, subject to the amount of money available from Army Funds. The question was referred to the War Department Industrial Council at a meeting on the 17th inst., and no objection was raised to these proposals, to which it is hoped to give effect from the week ending the 29th inst. I may, perhaps, add that, after full consideration, it is not proposed to terminate the short time system, but this matter may be considered when the revised arrangements, to which I have referred, are in working order."

As Colonel Stanley writes on behalf of "the War Office and the Government," this looks like a Cabinet decision, and if that is so there the Arsenal breathes again. It has a new lease of life.

One of the most important changes of policy is the decision to stop the regular weekly discharge of 300 men. In order that the average reader may have an adequate understanding of the position it must be explained that the Woolwich "Pool" referred to consists of all the Government establishments in the district, the Arsenal, Dockyard, the various record offices, etc. For the purposes of discharge the staffs were treated as a whole. Various departments in the "Pool," created during the war, have been gradually closed down. The staffs, by the process of reduction, became redundant. By the old War Office order ex-Service men, becoming redundant in one section, were transferred to the department which still retained war entrants. As the process of exhaustion went on the Arsenal was the only establishment that had war entrants. So the transfers were nearly all to the Arsenal, which has become overloaded with "inefficients"—men not properly trained for the work they had to do. That has produced the position which was referred

LEWISHAM GUARDIANS' ...

HOW THE SYSTEM IS WOR...

Those who have followed the d... the Lewisham Union Guardi... chronicled in the columns o... Kentish Mercury," are fully app... the steps which have been taken ... body for the opening of a sto... which unemployed persons in ... relief are to be supplied with brea... groceries and potatoes. Into th... which operated with the Board ... out in this direction, as into the ... (or otherwise) of the realisation ... rosy anticipations which hav... formed, it would be alike ... enquire. The scheme has been la... and "there's an end on't."

Before the doors were opened ... day there was a surprise, an ... hour decision being made to ... department for Eltham, a portion ... Union which had been left out ... scheme. Representations were ... the week-end, as the result of wh... Hospital and General Purpose... mittee resolved that, as a te... measure, a portion of the hospit... should be allocated for the dist... of food to the Eltham unemployed ... were fittings which it was found ... to utilise, and with a staff has ... together the Eltham section wa... for opening on Monday, with th... store which serves the whole p... Lewisham.

"Customers" on Monday numbe... about a dozen, the orders havi... issued by the relieving officers. On ... however, the numbers rose to about ... scheme was fairly tested, and emer... the test creditably. Some delay wa... able at the outset, when the recipie... decide as to the apportionment of th... allotted for relief, as between the ... items on the ticket. These, it may ... are as follows:—No. 1, beef, mu... candles, soap, matches; 3, cocoa, ... milk, sugar, tea; 4, eggs, margarine; ... syrup, jam; 6, oatmeal, rice, split pe... 7, potatoes; 8, bread. Once this ini... culty had been overcome, howeve... thing went smoothly, and the dis... was expeditiously accomplished. Su... criticisms as were heard among the ... were warmly commendatory of th... taking, and some expressed frank as... the value received. More than o... that the meat—which, save for b... meat—was more than could be eat... took it away by instalments. Only ... plaint was recorded—that of a wo... who found that the "dietary" affo... inadequate provision for one of hi...

The Clerk to the Guardians (M... Evans) on Wednesday stated that he ... gratified to hear the favourable ... of the recipients, more especially ... woman. "One of them said to ... me," he said, "that it was the ... time she had been able to take hom... supply of food for her children. ... gladden them," she said. It is the ... of whom I have thought," added M... "and that one observation made ... all the trouble had been worth whi...

About 400 cases were dealt with on ... day and a similar number yester... day there will probably be even ... the number of unemployed who ha... tered for relief is now approaching ... that some 7,000 persons will dra... weekly supplies from the store.

Question in the House of Com...

In the House of Commons, on We... Sir Alfred Mond, Minister of Health, ... to Colonel Newman (Finchley, C.) ... asked whether the Lewisham Board ... dians had, in consequence of alleged ... ing on the part of tradesmen in s... goods to the unemployed, set up t... depots, and whether the right hon. g... had been able to ascertain how mu... difference between the prices of th... dians and of the retailers was due ... rates, taxes, and wages, from all ... the Guardians in their trading con... exempt, said he was unable to say a... portion of the difference between t... charged by the Guardians and th... charged by the retailer would ...

[illegible]

VALLEE ROAD.

[illegible]

...RDIANS AND ...L STAFF.

...ON OF DUTY.

[illegible]

LEWISHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

FINANCE OF THE HOUSING SCHEME.

At the meeting of the Lewisham Borough Council on Wednesday, the Housing Committee, on a request by the tenants of the Council's flats at Broadway-parade, Sydenham-road, that the rents of these flats should be reduced, recommended that the Ministry of Health be asked to reconsider the rents, with a view to a reduction being made.

The Mayor stated that the Chairman of the Housing Committee (Alderman Jerrard) was not in favour of the recommendation, and he would therefore ask another member to propose it.

Councillor Haley moved the adoption of the report.

Alderman Jerrard said he was sorry to find himself at variance with the members of the committee. The recommendation opened up a very large question, because the Council had acquired 31 houses in the borough, which had been converted into flats, providing accommodation for 139 tenants. The total capital expenditure for purchase and conversion was approximately £30,800; the total annual expenditure for loan charges, repairs, ground rent and other expenses was about £7,800, and the total rental income was £5,584, showing an annual loss or deficit of £2,336. Consequently the whole of those flats formed part of the assisted housing scheme to which the general body of ratepayers and taxpayers contributed. The whole were let at net rents under agreement for three years, the rents being payable quarterly and the tenants paying in addition the rates and water charges. In the block of flats to which this recommendation applied there were 16 flats. The capital sum expended for buildings and conversion was £10,8[illegible]; the annual expenditure for loan charges, repairs and other expenses was about £803, and the rental income was £786, showing an annual loss or deficit on this block of £117. The request was put forward that these flats should be let at an inclusive rental to compare with those on the Council's Lewisham Park estate, and this involved questions of the net rent and the assessment or rateable value of the property. To deal with the latter first, he submitted that the question was outside the agreement with the tenants, as well as being outside the purview of the Housing Committee, although he thought the matter of assessment was a debatable one and that the tenants might perhaps have ground for consideration. That point he would leave to the Union Assessment Committee. Two flats were now let at a net rent of £55, six at £50, two at £45, and six at £40. It was suggested that eight should be let at £41 5s. 4d. and eight at £33 [illegible], which would reduce the total income to £600 2s. 8d. The total reduction asked for was £[illegible], which, added to the existing deficit of £117, would make the annual loss in respect of these 16 flats £[illegible]. Personally he considered the application should not have been made and he was opposed to granting it. Thirteen of the tenants had been in occupation about a year or less, and the three remaining tenants only for three months; the agreements were freely entered into, and the obligations thereunder should be loyally carried out by all parties. The Council had done its best to meet the pressing demand for housing accommodation (cries of "Oh!"). A privileged class had been created who were living in subsidised houses, yet even now were not contented, but desired to shift more of their burdens on to the general body of taxpayers. He protested against this; if the recommendation was carried it would form a precedent for the whole of the Council's properties.

Alderman Matthews agreed that the re-

...construction of the Baths Week, in consequence of the election of Councillor W. H. Lee as alderman.

Councillor Weeks asked that the polling day might be any day but a Saturday, which was most inconvenient for business people.

The Mayor: It is not a matter which concerns the Council; it is one for the Returning Officer.

Proposed Open-air Bath.

The Council agreed that the Baths Committee be authorised to proceed with their negotiations for submission to the Council of a scheme for the provision of an open-air swimming bath. This is the outcome of representations made to the Baths Committee by the Special Unemployment Committee as to works which might in the immediate future be put in hand with a view to providing work for the unemployed. At various times the committee has had under consideration the question of the provision of such a bath, which would provide work for the largest proportion of unskilled labour, of which the unemployed in the borough largely consist. In 1914 the committee went fully into the question, and various sites were proposed. At that time the committee favoured a site southward of Bellingham-road (approach road to the Bellingham Station), and situated between the Catford and Shortlands Railway, and the main Bromley-road. This site was originally chosen with a view to obtaining the water supply from the Ravensbourne river, but having regard to the possibility of a drought, when the river supply would be entirely insufficient, and to a report by the Medical Officer of Health on the standard of purity of the water, this proposal was abandoned. The site is, however, in the opinion of the committee, a very good one. The proposal would involve the acquisition of about 11 acres of land with an approach from Bromley-road, and negotiations will be entered into with the Forster Estate for its acquisition at the lowest possible cost. It will be necessary to divert the river Ravensbourne for a length of about 400 feet, which would cost some £300 entirely for labour, and the diverted river would form the eastern boundary of the property. The Borough Surveyor has submitted a plan providing for a bath 165 feet long and 55 feet wide. The cost of the work is estimated at £9,750, and the estimated cost of the whole scheme, including the purchase of the land, etc., is nearly £18,000. If the money is borrowed for 30 years at 6 per cent., on the annuity system the annual payments would be about £[illegible], and this would be reduced by Government grants if approved by the Government Committee. The committee emphasised that work of this character would provide the maximum amount of employment for unskilled labour, which was most needed in the borough, and would probably amount to [illegible] per cent. of the whole cost.

LEWISHAM COUNCIL AT CHURCH.

DR. LIDGETT ON AFTER-WAR DISAPPOINTMENTS.

The Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor T. E. Roberts) and members of the Borough Council attended the Sunday morning service at Forest Hill Wesleyan Church. Supporting his Worship were the ex-Mayor (Councillor Harry Chessman, [illegible]), Aldermen Hume Nisbet, C.B.E., E. Hall, J.P., Horton, Jerrard, and Matthews, Councillors Mrs. Radlake Smith, Mrs. Cockerton, Mrs. Allen, Miss [illegible], A. H. C. Wheeler, J.P., Bentley, Horton, Hoyes, Carrick, Haley, Rennie, Marsh, May, Laird, Chadwick, Ayland, Webb and White; the Town Clerk (Mr. J. W. Stobart), Messrs. T. Cogswell (borough accountant), [illegible] Whitehead (librarian), [illegible] (assistant surveyor), and W. Lane (macebearer). A guard of honour was mounted by the 8th Forest Hill and the 21st Lewisham Boy Scouts, and the 3rd Forest Hill Girl Guides were also present in good number.

The preacher for this special occasion was one of the leaders of Methodism, Dr. Scott Lidgett, L.C.C.

Taking as his text I. Corinthians, xiii., 13: "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three," Dr. Scott Lidgett said in those words St. Paul opened up a new era in the whole history of mankind. The [illegible]

GREENWICH AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

MEETING AT BOROUGH HALL.

A town's meeting, convened by the Mayor of Greenwich (Alderman R. Lemon, J.P.), at the Borough Hall on Tuesday evening, to consider the question of unemployment, was well attended and orderly. The Mayor was supported by Mr. G. H. Hume, J.P., L.C.C., Mr. E. Dennis, L.C.C., Alderman Sir Charles Stone, Alderman Norris, Councillors [illegible], Turner, Mrs. Fowler, Clifton, [illegible] Edwards, Mander, A. Smith, W. Smith, Chapman, Scarlett, Greenwood, [illegible], Holland, Mrs. [illegible], Brothers and Ball, the Town Clerk (Mr. F. J. Sargeant), the Borough Treasurer (Mr. W. G. [illegible]) and Messrs. Norris and J. H. [illegible] (representing the unemployed committee).

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, said the meeting was originally intended for the purpose of receiving the report of the visit of the Labour Mayors to the Prime Minister at Gairloch, but as the position then taken up had been so fully reported in the Press it was not necessary to say more. His Worship went on to say that he found many conflicting opinions, and that there were very few people in agreement with his views. Many people argued that unemployment was the direct outcome of the war. He, however, did not believe that, his opinion being that it was a necessary consequence of the present system of things. The time had arrived when the nation might find out the root cause and then eliminate it. While divergence of opinion existed there was no reason why there should be any discussion. Unemployment was a national matter, and there should be equalisation of rates, and a substantial amount given to Boards of Guardians to tide the unemployed over the coming winter. The Government had said that local authorities should take their share, but it was necessary to emphasise once more that the problem was national. If the nation would not pay, then the people would have to starve. If six millions per day could be raised for the carrying on of the war, then money could be found to provide work for the unemployed (applause). Among other things housing would have to be dealt with, and that very quickly. His Worship said he would welcome any resolution, but the meeting was rather convened for the purpose of hearing opinions.

Councillor Greenwood (chairman of the Finance Committee of the Borough Council) said it seemed to him that the Government treated unemployment instead of preventing it. He referred to the difficulties that were being experienced by the Council in regard to the building of houses in the borough, although the need was as great as ever, and went on to assert that it was the duty of the Government to see that the unemployed did not starve. The Government must take up the matter and local authorities would help them in carrying through schemes which would benefit the unemployed.

Mr. Norris, in the course of a vehement speech, said that people could see the effect of unemployment, but they failed to comprehend that the cause was simply the system of modern capitalism. The only solution to the problem was the removal of that system.

Mr. Hume said he was not going to talk politics, but he wanted to impress upon all [illegible] the nation did not realise it that we were faced with a very great and acute emergency. We had passed through exciting years, during which we knew and understood the enemy we were fighting, but we had come through as a free nation because we were united and stood shoulder to shoulder. The problem of unemployment was much more difficult, and we were all agreed as to the greatness of the need. No man should be allowed to starve [illegible] desired no doles if that could [illegible]

LEWISHAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

"KENTISH MERCURY" THANKED.

At a special general meeting of the West Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Protection Association, held at the Central Hall, [illegible], on Wednesday evening, Mr. W. [illegible] presiding, it was resolved that the association be known in future as the Borough of Lewisham Ratepayers' Association.

Mr. E. C. Lambert (joint hon. secretary) submitted the half-yearly report, which recorded a greatly increased membership, the total now being about [illegible], representing all shades of society in every part of the borough. The activities of the association, particularly in connection with the public audit of the accounts of the Borough Council and the Board of Guardians, were detailed, and the report also emphasised some of the more striking increases in the expenditure of these and other local governing bodies. In conclusion the opinion was expressed that the public generally did not sufficiently realise and appreciate the valuable influence exerted by the "Kentish Mercury" (which was warmly thanked for the publicity it had given to the [illegible] of the association) in the direction of economy in local administration.—Mr. [illegible], the ensuing discussion, said they had in Lewisham an Augean stable to cleanse; who was to be the Hercules to do it? Highly paid officials were getting bonuses and [illegible] knew what else—for doing nothing!

A letter was read from the Clerk to the Lewisham Union Guardians in reply to a communication asking that the salary and emoluments of the Guardians' Collector might be considered. "The Guardians" (Mr. [illegible] said) "went thoroughly into the matter last [illegible], and as your association is aware, the [illegible] per cent. commission basis paid to their Collector was altered to £[illegible] salary and [illegible] per cent. on the amount collected, it being [illegible] that good results would be more likely to be achieved by an additional payment on commission, whilst the officer was by a salary guarded against any possible serious loss of income in the future. In return for giving up the income accruing from a [illegible] per cent. commission basis the Collector stipulated that the conditions as to his remuneration should not be altered or varied without his consent during his tenure of the office. . . . I may add that no bonus is receivable by the Collector and his office of general relieving officer at £[illegible] a year is merely to give him a status in the police, etc., courts." Apparently (said Mr. Lambert) the Collector would receive about £[illegible] a year on this basis, but as the Guardians were increasing their charges for persons in the hospital he would receive additional commission.

Mr. A. Quentin-Twiss, auditor to the Ministry of Health, wrote that he was precluded from discussing in correspondence matters raised at the audit of accounts, and suggested an interview on some of the points raised, on which his decision was deferred. The matter was left in the hands of the committee.

The association received with regret the resignation of the president (Mr. Joseph [illegible]) who, owing to his impending removal to [illegible], found it would be necessary for him to relinquish office.

The subject of unemployment was raised by Mr. G. H. Stepney, J.P., who submitted a resolution urging that immediate steps be taken by the Mayor to bring together in conference representatives of the Borough Council, the Guardians, and the unemployed, together with as many private householders and business men of Lewisham as possible, to consider what steps should be taken to provide work, which obviously required to be done, should be put in hand at low charges, and that the utmost regard be paid to the claims of the unemployed for work rather than relief. He had (said Mr. Stepney) seen the work of the committee of unemployed at [illegible]well Halls, where they were dealing with [illegible],000 men, and had been struck with the [illegible] and ability of the committee and [illegible] business-like way in which they conducted the work. While there he endeavoured to ascertain whether the men would be prepared to accept something less than the trade union rate of wages for relief work—or other work which obviously would not be put in hand [illegible]

Letters to the Editor.

PARK-STREET, LEWISHAM.

Sir,—Walking by the Lewisham Old Church recently I noticed Park-street labelled as S.E.[illegible] instead of S.E.13. Since then a board has been substituted with the word "High" Street, S.E.13.—I am, Sir, etc.,

F. W. EVISON.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

Sir,—My attention has been directed to a letter in your last week's issue by Councillor Cant. I observe that he says "The Labour Party are not [illegible] because of unemployment and local inertia."

If Councillor Cant is speaking for his colleagues as well as himself, the action of Councillor Hargreave (a Labour member) in continually complaining to the Council and its officers that the Council is not doing all that might be done in the direction of building houses, is entirely inconsistent with this view. If this is not [illegible] it is something very much like it.—I am, Sir, etc.,

WM. E. MARSH, A.R.A.A., Councillor.

BELLINGHAM HOUSES.

Sir,—With reference to the Bellingham Estate, is it not possible for some pressure to be brought to bear for the speedy occupation of some of these houses? I understand from a reliable source that a number of the houses are completed, and that men working on the estate are billeted in them. Surely this calls for some comment in view of the well-known fact that large numbers of families are still waiting for their houses. What is the reason for the delay, and why are not the completed houses allowed to be occupied when the need is so great? Something should be done, and done quickly, to awaken the authorities to their responsibilities in this matter.—I am, Sir, etc.,

C. F. E. RICKETTS.

DEPTFORD'S STREETS.

Sir,—Would you allow me the privilege of replying through your columns to the letter in your last issue on the question of "Dear and Dirty Deptford's" filthy streets. I am positive that the streets of Deptford will compare favourably with any other borough in London, and whilst I sympathise with the unemployed (having suffered the pangs of hunger from the same cause) I feel sure that the majority of them will agree with me that it is bad policy to "feed a dog with its own tail." Therefore, I assume that this outburst was not intended to throw any light on the solution of the unemployed problem, but rather calculated to cloud the issue, at least it should provide food for thought, as it is indicative of methods adopted when the great industrial machine fails. I feel sure that the problem of the unemployed could be solved, and I suggest that it is the duty of your correspondent and his colleagues to come forward with a tangible solution. They would then gain the genuine sympathy of the great mass of the working classes, if that is desired.—I am, Sir, etc.,

J. T. SEARLE.

(Chairman Works Committee, Deptford Borough Council.)

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

Sir,—There is an interesting pamphlet called "Guide to St. Saviour's, Southwark," by one of the late chaplains, the Rev. Samuel Benson, M.A., who died February 22nd, 1881. The Rev. S. Benson was born at Hull, August 4th, 1799, being the youngest son of Joseph Benson, the great Wesleyan preacher and commentator in Wesley's day. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, took his M.A. in 1824, and was appointed chaplain to St. Saviour's in 1843. It was through his instrumentality that a handsome stained-glass window was placed in the north transept, costing nearly £[illegible], in memory of the Prince Consort.

His MSS. and other memoranda that I have seen prove what a deep interest he took in all antiquarian memories connected with the Church and the parish. He records a burial in the register of Robert Harvard in 1625, and suggests he was the father of the celebrated John Harvard, and also of Thomas—probably another son—being Governor of St. Saviour's Grammar School.

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

LESSONS FOR THE [illegible] SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

MORNING.—Ezekiel [illegible]; Philippians [illegible].
EVENING.—Ezekiel [illegible] or Daniel [illegible]; St. Luke [illegible] to [illegible]

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY.

M., 7.30, matins and litany; 8, Holy Communion; 11, Holy Communion with sermon. Service, Wesley in E. Motet, "Adoremus te" (de Lasso). Hymns, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]. E., 3.30, evensong and sermon. Service, Wesley in E. Anthem, "How lovely are Thy dwellings" (Crotch). Hymns, [illegible], [illegible].

PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—M., 11, Bishop [illegible]; E., 6.30, Canon [illegible] ([illegible]).

ST. ALFEGE PARISH CHURCH, GREENWICH.—M., 11, and A., 3 (Young People's Service), Rev. J. A. [illegible]; E., 6.30, Rev. F. J. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH ROOM.—A., 3.15 ("Men's Hour"), Mr. J. C. [illegible].

ST. MARY'S MISSION, EASTNEY-STREET.—M., 11 (Young People's Service), and A., 3 (Young People's Service), Mr. [illegible]; E., 7 (Mission Service), Rev. W. [illegible].

ST. PAUL, GREENWICH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. W. [illegible], the Vicar.

[illegible]-PLACE MISSION (ST. PAUL).—A., 3, Sunday school; 4, Lads' Bible Class; E., 6.30, Mr. W. J. [illegible].

CHRIST CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. W. [illegible] (Principal of St. [illegible] College, [illegible]); E., 6.30, Rev. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. ANDREW AND ST. MICHAEL, TUNNEL-AVENUE, EAST GREENWICH.—M., 11, and A., 3 (Sunday service), Rev. [illegible], the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. F. H. [illegible] (chaplain of the Royal [illegible] School).

[illegible] CHURCH MISSION, [illegible].—E., 6.30, Rev. [illegible].

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, [illegible]-STREET, DEPTFORD.—M., 11, Rev. [illegible]; E., 7, Mr. [illegible].

ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM HIGH-ROAD.—M., 11, Rev. J. F. [illegible]; A., 3.15, and E., 6.30, Rev. W. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. STEPHEN, BROCKLEY.—M., 11.15, Rev. [illegible] (Vicar of St. Laurence, Catford); E., 6.30, Rev. [illegible] (native priest of [illegible], [illegible], India).

ST. MILDRED, LEE.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. Alfred [illegible], the Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, BLACKHEATH-HILL.

The anthem for Sunday will be "Ye shall go out with joy" (Barnby), the soloists being Mr. J. [illegible] and Master F. [illegible].

ST. ANDREW WITH ST. MICHAEL, EAST GREENWICH.

Harvest festival services will be held on Sunday, when there will be a choral celebration of Holy Communion at eight and a children's flower service at three o'clock.

ST. PAUL, GREENWICH.

On Wednesday evening the monthly missionary intercession service will be held at 8 p.m., with an address by the Rev. [illegible] (Vicar of St. Peter's, Brockley, and Rural Dean of Greenwich).

ST. MARY'S MISSION, EAST GREENWICH.

The children's harvest festival will commence this evening at six o'clock, the preacher being the Rev. W. [illegible] (Vicar of St. Peter's, Greenwich). The festival will be continued on Sunday. The preacher at evensong will be the Rev. W. W. [illegible] (Vicar of Holy Trinity). The offertories will be for the Mission Fund.

CHRIST CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

The harvest festival and "Thanksgiving Sunday" will be held on Sunday, when there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 8 and 12.15, morning service at 11, children's service at 3, and evening service at 6.30. The music will be: Morning, "Te Deum" (Woodward in E flat); anthem, "Fear not, O Land" (Goss). Evening, "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" (Walker in E flat); anthem, "The Heavens are Telling."

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BLACKHEATH-HILL.

On Tuesday evenings the Vicar (the Rev. G. [illegible]) lectures at the Mission Room in [illegible]-road, Lewisham-road, on "The Prayer Book." The evening service next Sunday will be conducted by members of the College of Greyladies.

ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

At the harvest festival services on Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 and [illegible]

Religio[illegible]

PREACH[illegible]

GREENWICH [illegible] M., 11, and [illegible] A. J. [illegible]
VICTORIA [illegible] WICH.—M., [illegible] Rev. A. J. [illegible]
BROCKLEY [illegible] [illegible]
LEWISHAM [illegible] J. G. [illegible]
CATFORD [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Rev. [illegible]
PECKHAM [illegible] E. [illegible]
NEW CROSS [illegible] A. E. [illegible] Congregational [illegible] Smith, M.A.
[illegible] G. J. [illegible]
[illegible] A. J. [illegible]
[illegible]
BLACKHEATH [illegible] Rev. F. B. [illegible]
[illegible] HEATH.—M., 11 [illegible]
[illegible] AND [illegible]
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MAZE HILL [illegible]

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Hinde, only daughter of the late John Arnold [illegible] St. Aubyn, of the [illegible] road, Richmond. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Lieut. Cyril St. Aubyn, R.N., was attired in ivory white charmeuse with a train of the same material, with lace made from her mother's wedding dress, and wore her mother's wedding veil. A reception was held subsequently at the residence of Mrs. Vandersprenkel at 100, Jermingham-road, and Mr. and Mrs. Hinsley Worsaldine afterwards left for Eastbourne, the bride travelling in navy blue charmeuse trimmed with [illegible].

The marriage was solemnised at the Church of the Ascension, Blackheath-hill, on Saturday, the Vicar (the Rev. [illegible]) officiating, of Mr. T. C. Hagler, son of Mr. T. Hagler, of Holly Lodge, [illegible]-road, Lewisham, with Olive Louise, daughter of Councillor A. E. and Mrs. Walsh, of The Nook, Blackheath-rise, Lewisham. Music was rendered by Mr. W. Herbert, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white [illegible], trimmed with silver lace, and wore a Brussels lace veil, lent by Mrs. J. F. Cox, with orange blossom. Her bouquet was composed of white roses, chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Irene Walsh, who wore apricot silk voiled with cream silk lace and black lace Dutch cap, and carried a bouquet of copper-colour chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Mr. Wolseley Cooper was "best man." A largely-attended reception was held at The Nook, the guests including the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewisham, and Councillor Harry Chapman, M.B.E., and Mrs. Chapman. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hagler left for Hove, the bride travelling in mole velour costume, trimmed with mole skin, with which she wore a peacock blue hat.

DEPTFORD CENTRAL WESLEYAN HALL.

A concert was given on Thursday in aid of the mission funds, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Fudie. The Deptford Borough Band was under the conductorship of Mr. Sydney [illegible], and vocal solos were given by Miss Hilda Rundill and Mr. John [illegible]. Character sketches were given by Mr. H. Slade Anderson. The Rev. H. A. Mark presided. The harvest festival services on Sunday were well attended. Mr. George Turley (of Dunstable) was the preacher, and Miss Frances Nickens (a Red Indian girl of 16) sang and recited. The P.S.A. choir, under Mr. Fudie, gave the cantata "Harvest Praise" in the afternoon. The collections amounted to over £17. Miss Nickens will give a recital at the hall next Thursday evening. A special cinematograph display, "Awakening Lands," will be given on Thursday, the 27th inst.

ACCIDENT AT BELLINGHAM.

October 1st 1920

A man named Wm. Archer, of no permanent address, had his left foot crushed by the flywheel of a portable engine on the Bellingham building site on Tuesday. The accident, the cause of which is unknown, happened shortly after midnight. The man was detained in Lewisham Hospital.

While alighting from a tramcar in Lewisham High-road on Monday Mrs. Mary Lagan, aged [illegible], of [illegible] Baildon-street, Deptford, was knocked down by a motor-car and slightly injured.

A football match took place on Thursday between Eltham Thursday and Lee-road Police, the proceeds being forwarded to the Eltham and Mottingham Hospital. An interesting game resulted in a win for Eltham by two goals to one.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS.—Overcoats, ready-made or to measure, latest styles; Men's and Boys' Suits, Footwear, etc.; lowest prices.—Grubb, 88, Lewisham High-road, S.E.14.—Advt.

[illegible] remission service to the Miller Hospital, as it would involve considerable property.

UNEMPLOYMENT.—TOWN'S MEETING.

A town's meeting, convened by the Mayor, to consider the unemployment problem, and ways and means of providing work, will be held at the Borough Hall on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

LEWISHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SHOPPING WEEK.

For the monthly meeting of the Catford branch, Mr. E. J. Alder presiding in the absence of the chairman, the agenda included the amendments to the Shops Act suggested by the Public Control Committee of the London County Council. Exception was taken in certain cases, particularly to the apportionment of holidays, or payment for same, according to the time of service. But in the unanimous opinion of the meeting the condemnation of the multiple shopkeeper, who, by transferring his assistants to a different district on the day for early closing, deprived them of a recognised half-holiday, is a very admirable feature.

The new charges of the Electric Lighting Company were criticised, it being contended that those who used power on a small scale were called upon to pay for very much more than they used, and the question was left to be inquired into.

As regards a shopping week, the opinion was expressed that the Catford Shopping Week of 1921 should coincide with that of Lewisham.

Obituary.

Past members of the 4th London Brigade, R.F.A., will learn with deep regret of the death of Sergt.-Major Matthews, who was a member of the permanent staff before the war. The interment took place on September 30th at Nunhead Cemetery, and was attended by representatives of the brigade.

The funeral of Miss Hilda May Florence Whitehead, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Whitehead, of 85, Longhurst-road, Lee, who died on September 28th after an illness of many months' duration, took place on Thursday. A service was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, where Miss Whitehead, who was 23 years of age, was a keen parochial worker. As a teacher in the Sunday School and assistant cubmaster of the Wolf Cubs, she was very popular amongst the junior members of the church. A number of representatives of organisations with which she was identified were present at the funeral service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Bullock. The Scouts lined the path between the gate and the church, and at the close of the service the choir sang the "Nunc Dimittis." The interment took place at Lee Cemetery.

NATIONAL RAT WEEK.

Local authorities have been requested by the Ministry of Agriculture to organise a national rat week, commencing on October 31st, for the destruction of rats and mice as contained in the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. In Greenwich the "week" will be held from October 31st to November 6th, but nothing has yet been decided in Deptford.

Miss Edith L. Rider, George Green School, Poplar, late of Halstow-road School, Greenwich, has passed the London Matriculation Examination.

In a collision between a heavy motor lorry and a cab at the junction of Church-street with Deptford Broadway, on Friday, the driver of the latter was thrown and injured on the left leg.

[illegible] Council to the effect that pay suggested for [illegible] services the committee of the Lewisham Organisation, Mr. W. Hall [illegible] the organisation, states that [illegible] apprehension. The fact is, [illegible] mention was made of such [illegible] made in the case of some orga[illegible] was never suggested that a [illegible] should apply in this case.

"The committee," Mr. [illegible] "will not touch one farthing [illegible] for relief of distress. The [illegible] the committee are paid for [illegible] the rate of 1d. per week, [illegible] used for the Management Fund [illegible] notified [illegible] that this explanation [illegible] this matter on, as it has been [illegible] by many people, and has [illegible] the cause much harm."

THE WAPPING CO[illegible]

Colonel J. W. Pringle has [illegible] Minister of Transport his report [illegible] which occurred at Wapping [illegible] the East London Railway on [illegible] five vehicles at the rear of a goods train broke away and [illegible] electric train, resulting in the [illegible] men and injuries to 16 passengers. The report states:—

"The section of the East London [illegible] upon which liability to accident [illegible] aware of unfitted trains is great [illegible] Whitechapel Junction and [illegible] Station, a distance of about [illegible] quarters. It is [illegible] additional security against [illegible] breakaways of goods trains [illegible] vided on these roads. The addi[illegible] drag in rear of spring-worked [illegible] probably enable vehicles, in the [illegible] aware occurring, to be caught [illegible] without danger from contact wi[illegible] the tunnels. It is in this direction [illegible] that further security may be [illegible] companies who are co-lessees [illegible] should consider the possibility [illegible] this additional security."

BROCKLEY LITERARY [illegible]

The St. George's, Brockley, L[illegible] opened its 19th winter session [illegible] evening with a social gathering [illegible] E. H. G. Sargent presiding. [illegible] ments were in the hands of [illegible] and in addition to prize compet[illegible] cal programme was sustained [illegible] Taylor and Miss Elsie Bradford [illegible] F. Clarke and Mr. H. Clarke [illegible] Walter Taylor (elocutionist). T[illegible] constituted a record in the [illegible] society.—Next week Mr. Turner [illegible] debate on "Prohibition," and [illegible] Wood will oppose it.

Arthur Burchell, a boy, of 68, [illegible] Forest Hill, was admitted to [illegible] Hospital on Saturday with [illegible] head caused by falling off a [illegible] vale, Catford.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. [illegible] dan, of [illegible], East Gr[illegible] knocked down by a motor-cycle [illegible] the junction of Woolwich-road [illegible] brough-hill. She was subsequently [illegible] the Greenwich and Deptford Hos[illegible] juries to the ribs.

On Tuesday morning, in Vanbrugh [illegible] Blackheath, a pair of horses [illegible] was owned by Mr. William Pope [illegible] High-road, Lee, left unattended [illegible] the road towards Blackheath, [illegible] with the walls of Nos. 8, 10, 11 [illegible] causing extensive damage, and [illegible] badly chipped by P.C. Russell [illegible] while in the heath.

[illegible] Ludlow, etc., was represented [illegible] M. L. Clarke, Insps. [illegible] Innes, Garner and Devine, Palmer and Cooper (Lewisham), Raymond, Insps. Gladhill, [illegible] Knowles and Hinsdon

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[illegible] G. Harrison, Insps. J. H[illegible] Johnson, Sub-Insps. A. J. [illegible] and G. Wallis (Blackheath).

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[illegible] and satisfactory result of [illegible] added to the church funds of [illegible] Kidbrook, Blackheath, as the [illegible] successful jumble sale held [illegible] Hall, Kidbrook Park-road [illegible] Opened by the Vicar [illegible], the sale was the [illegible] to be held in the parish, and [illegible] at the time of opening. Miss [illegible] secretary of the sale, was [illegible] for its success.

[illegible] charge of Miss [illegible] and [illegible]: Mesdames [illegible], Miss Grace Healey and [illegible] Hubbard, Webster, [illegible] and Miss Osborne; [illegible] Hunter; Mrs. Jones and [illegible] was in charge of [illegible] department. Mesdames [illegible] and Hewitt lent the [illegible] was responsible for the [illegible] Villiers and Mr. Field gave [illegible] motor-cars, and Miss [illegible] as messenger.

Masonic.

[illegible] annual festival of the Lewisham Emulation Working Lodge [illegible] be held at the St. John's [illegible] Lewisham High-road, on [illegible] 18th, 1920, at 7.30 p.m. [illegible] masons' lodges in the Province [illegible] to be consecrated by the [illegible] Master (Colonel F. S. W. [illegible]) during the present month, [illegible] Lodge, No. 4,077, at the [illegible]-street, Gravesend, on [illegible] inst., and the Porta Maris [illegible] at the Queen's Highcliffe [illegible] Thursday, October 27th.

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[illegible] the young peoples' society [illegible] St. John's Presbyterian [illegible] season on Friday, when [illegible] programme was sustained by [illegible] Mrs. W. G. McKendrick, [illegible] and Mr. H. G. Horsley. [illegible] councillor A. Rensdel pre[illegible] with a valuable [illegible] ing given the best answers [illegible] ion, and the president [illegible] gave an address.

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Mr. Stanley P. Price, of Messrs. Norfolk and Price, called as a witness, said he desired to give his free and unbiassed opinion as to the value of the site. The price which it was proposed to pay was very moderate. Including the cost of constructing a bridge, diverting the river, etc., the total would be £1,320, as against £1,830, his estimate of the cost of a site of similar area on the London County Council's estate adjoining, even supposing that the County Council would sell at the same price as they had paid. Advantages of the proposed site were direct access to the main sewer and to water supply. It was very doubtful if the sewers on the County Council estate were of sufficient capacity to take such a flow of water.

Mr. Lambert at this stage protested against the refusal of the Town Clerk of his request that he should see a plan of the bath and the specifications.

The Inspector: We can remedy it now to the best of our ability.

To a suggestion by Mr. Lambert that the Leathersellers' Company had offered land at Cranston-road, Forest Hill, for the purpose of an open space, at £300 per acre, Mr. Price replied: "If the Borough Council had thought of constructing a bath at Cranston-road I should have declined to appear for them, even if land could have been obtained there for the purpose."

Varying Estimates.

Mr. James Watt, builder and contractor, said if the site belonged to him he would not have cared to sell it, because the Council was taking the best out of it and leaving the shell. The approach road severed the land, and if he were selling he should want about £2,000 or £3,000.

Called by the Association, Mr. J. W. Rose (a gold medallist in building construction) estimated the cost, including the provision of access to the site and diverting the river at £1,401.

Mr. C. E. Jones, auctioneer and valuer, said he estimated that the cost of road-making, drainage and bridging made the total outlay for the site £1,651. The site was swampy, and would always be very wet and damp. Within half-a-mile there was land which could be bought at from £90 to £120 an acre.

Mr. F. G. Chant, of Naigarde-road, Catford, stated that a site of seven acres within three-quarters of a mile of this was offered to him at £1,050, and he refused to buy.

Councillor the Rev. Father Mahoney and the Medical Officer of Health will represent the Deptford Borough Council at the Royal Sanitary Congress at Bournemouth from July 24th to July 29th, 1922.

Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., visited several of the new houses on the Bellingham Estate on Monday, and was shown all over them by the residents, who expressed much satisfaction with their new dwellings.

Mr. John Harris, president of the Dulwich Liberal Association, has accepted the invitation of the executive of the Camberwell Liberal Association to contest North-West Camberwell against Dr. T. J. Macnamara at the General Election.

DEPTFORD MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR THE CHILDREN.

At the meeting of the Deptford Borough Council on Tuesday evening the Mayor (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P.) emphasised the urgency of the appeal made on his behalf in our columns last week for the children of the unemployed in the borough, and for whom his Worship is desirous of providing boots and warm underclothing. In asking the members of the Council to support him in his laudable endeavour the Mayor said there was a crying need for warm underclothing at the present time. While every genuine case of poverty was being dealt with in a fairly adequate way by the Greenwich Guardians many children of the unemployed were going to school underclothed and with bad boots. He hoped that there would be no lack of donations towards so deserving an object, while discarded clothing would be gladly welcomed at the Town Hall in New Cross-road.

BRITISH LEGION TRADING COMPANY.

OPENING OF A DEPTFORD MARKET.

On Friday morning the Mayor of Deptford opened the market which has been established in Deptford Broadway by the British Legion Trading Company. His Worship, who opened the fruit and vegetable stalls in the presence of about 300 persons, explained that they were to be worked by men who would receive a wage and, at the end of each month, a proportion of the profits which had been realised. It was hoped that the number would gradually be increased until a total of about a dozen was reached. In conclusion, the Mayor said he trusted the experiment, which was designed to benefit ex-Service men, would be highly successful.

BLACKWALL TUNNEL.

VENTILATION SCHEME APPROVED.

The London County Council on Tuesday approved, without discussion, an estimate of £7,000 in respect of a scheme for the improvement of the ventilation of Blackwall Tunnel.

The suggestion is made by a correspondent, Mr. J. Armstrong, of Eastcombe avenue, Charlton, that improvement could be effected, without going to the expense proposed, by substituting small fans for some of the overhead electric lights.

THE DARTMOUTH HOME FOR CRIPPLED BOYS.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent a Christmas gift of £20 to the Dartmouth Home for Crippled Boys at Blackheath. As, owing to the closure of the Dartmouth Home, these children have been transferred, with the approval of Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), to the Heritage Craft School for Cripples, Chailey, Sussex, her Majesty has intimated that the donation is to follow them.

...passing were Alderman ... and Councillor H. Chiesman. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the chairman was thanked on the motion of Mr. W. H. Stone, seconded by Councillor White.

The meeting closed after having heard a statement by Sir Philip Dawson as to the reasons why he ought to support in Parliament the ratification of the treaty drawn up by the Government and the Sinn Fein delegates.

East Lewisham.

The Labour candidates for the East Lewisham Division will be Alderman J. W. Matthews and Councillor W. J. S. Gillings.

LEWISHAM COMRADES' BAND

A musical entertainment was given by the Lewisham Comrades' Military Prize Band on Sunday afternoon at the Lewisham Electric Palace, a collection being taken on behalf of the Lewisham Unemployed Fund. An excellent programme was heartily appreciated by a packed audience. Mr. F. E. Jennings, the conductor, is to be congratulated on the well-toned and balanced band, which obtained fourth prize at the Crystal Palace band contest last September, the contest being open to all military bands of the United Kingdom.

During an interval Councillor Burgoyne appealed for funds which would permit the committee to distribute oranges, nuts and toys to the children of the unemployed. Messrs. Lyons and Co. were feeding 500 children; the management of the Electric Palace were giving 1,000 toys, and Mr. H. W. Bindoh, butcher, was granting 30lbs. of meat and bones each week for soup. He felt that no child should be without a reminder of Christmas, and that the general body of ratepayers would respond to the appeal of the Unemployed Committee. If proprietors of other cinemas in the borough would allow Sunday afternoon concerts for this object he would promise them the gratitude of the kiddies.

CHRISTMAS AND THE SHOPS ACT.

Replying to questions at Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council, Sir George Piggott said that any shopkeeper who closes his shop for the whole of the 26th and 27th inst. is entitled, under the provisions of the Shops Act, to keep open for the whole of the week commencing Monday, the 19th inst., and for the remainder of the subsequent week.

As is generally known, the Home Secretary has suspended the operation of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, from the 19th to 24th inst., inclusive. Any shopkeeper can, therefore, remain open to what hour he pleases on each of those days.

BROCKLEY ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL.

UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL.

The war memorial at Brockley-road Council School will be unveiled on Monday evening at seven o'clock by the Rev. B. Noel Mellish, V.C., M.C. (Vicar of St. Mark's, Lewisham). All parents of the fallen boys, and old boys and girls will be welcome. Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., and Lady Dawson, Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., Lieut.-Colonel Eric Hall, L.C.C., Mr. Robert Jackson, L.C.C., the Mayor of Lewisham and others have promised to attend.

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The Projected River Walk.

Proceeding, Mr. Shorter said it had been suggested that this site—or part of it—had been given free to the Borough Council. In July, 1919 (he said), what he might describe as a generous and impulsive offer was made by Lord Forster to give a strip of land along the Ravensbourne to provide a shady and attractive walk as a pleasant alternative to the dusty highway. That offer was made without consultation with the trustees or co-trustees of the Estate, or with the agent, and it included also a park of some 30 acres at Whitefoot-lane. In a subsequent letter Lord Forster said he had suggested that a plan showing the park should be forwarded, and made no further reference to the shady walk. The pathway suggested ran through lands belonging to other owners, and it was found that those did not see eye to eye with Lord Forster, and nothing further was done with regard to the offer. The footpath would have been about two miles in length, and if the Council had accepted the offer the cost of laying it out would have cost from £20,000 to £70,000. The Council was acquiring 1½ acres at £900 per acre, the additional cost (£150) being made up of the cost of the approach.

Mr. Stanley F. Price, of Messrs. Norfolk and Price, called as a witness, said he desired to give his free and unbiassed opinion as to the value of the site. The price which it was proposed to pay was very moderate. Including the cost of constructing a bridge, diverting the river, etc., the total would be £1,320, as against £1,530, his estimate of the cost of a site of similar area on the London County Council's estate adjoining, even supposing that the County Council would sell at the same price as they had paid. Advantages of the proposed site were direct access to the main sewer and to water supply. It was very doubtful if the sewers on the County Council estate were of sufficient capacity to take such a flow of water.

Mr. Lambert at this stage protested against the refusal of the Town Clerk of his request that he should see a plan of the bath and the specifications.

The Inspector: We can remedy it now to the best of our ability.

To a suggestion by Mr. Lambert that the Leathersellers' Company had offered land at Cranston-road, Forest Hill, for the purposes of an open space, at £360 per acre, Mr. Price replied: "If the Borough Council had thought of constructing a bath at Cranston-road I should have declined to appear for them, even if land could have been obtained there for the purpose."

Varying Estimates.

Mr. James Watt, builder and contractor, said if the site belonged to him he would not have cared to sell it, because the Council was taking the best out of it and leaving the shell. The approach road severed the land, and if he were selling he should want about £8,000 or £3,000.

Called by the Association, Mr. J. W. Ross (a gold medallist in building construction) estimated the cost, including the provision of access to the site and diverting the river at £1,461.

Mr. C. E. Jones, auctioneer and valuer, said he estimated that the cost of road-making, drainage and bridging made the total outlay for the site £1,801. The site was swampy, and would always be very wet and damp. Within half a mile there was land which could be bought at from

those present at the annual dinner on Friday evening, at the Hotel Victoria, of the London Master Builders' and Allied Industries' Association.

Mr. A. E. Brown, B.Sc., F.I.C., of Lombard-street, has been re-appointed as public analyst to the Greenwich Borough Council at the rate of 10s. per sample, the number of which is not to exceed 400 for the year.

Councillor the Rev. Father Mahoney and the Medical Officer of Health will represent the Deptford Borough Council at the Royal Sanitary Congress at Bournemouth from July 24th to July 29th, 1922.

Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., visited several of the new houses on the Bellingham Estate on Monday, and was shown all over them by the residents, who expressed much satisfaction with their new dwellings.

Mr. John Harris, president of the Dulwich Liberal Association, has accepted the invitation of the executive of the Camberwell Liberal Association to contest North-West Camberwell against Dr. T. J. Macnamara at the General Election.

DEPTFORD MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR THE CHILDREN.

At the meeting of the Deptford Borough Council on Tuesday evening the Mayor (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P.) emphasised the urgency of the appeal made on his behalf in our columns last week for the children of the unemployed in the borough, and for whom his Worship is desirous of providing boots and warm underclothing. In asking the members of the Council to support him in his laudable endeavour the Mayor said there was a crying need for warm underclothing at the present time. While every genuine case of poverty was being dealt with in a fairly adequate way by the Greenwich Guardians many children of the unemployed were going to school underclothed and with bad boots. He hoped that there would be no lack of donations towards so deserving an object, while discarded clothing would be gladly welcomed at the Town Hall in New Cross-road.

BRITISH LEGION TRADING COMPANY.

OPENING OF A DEPTFORD MARKET

On Friday morning the Mayor of Deptford opened the market which has been established in Deptford Broadway by the British Legion Trading Company. His Worship, who opened the fruit and vegetable stalls in the presence of about 300 persons, explained that they were to be worked by men who would receive a wage and, at the end of each month, a proportion of the profits which had been realised. It was hoped that the number would gradually be increased until a total of about a dozen was reached. In conclusion, the Mayor said he trusted the experiment, which was designed to benefit ex-Service men, would be highly successful.

BLACKWALL TUNNEL.

VENTILATION SCHEME APPROVED.

The London County Council on Tuesday approved, without discussion, an estimate of £7,000 in respect of a scheme for the improvement of the ventilation of Blackwall Tunnel.

The suggestion is made by a correspondent, Mr. J. Armstrong, of Eastcombe-avenue, Charlton, that improvement could be effected, without going to the expense proposed, by substituting small fans for some of the overhead electric lights.

THE DARTMOUTH HOME FOR CRIPPLED BOYS.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent a Christmas gift of £20 to the Dartmouth Home for Crippled Boys at Blackheath, as, owing to the closure of the Dartmouth Home, these children

...dates. Both would set their faces against reckless expenditure. There were a good many things, perhaps, which were wanted, but for which the ratepayers at the present moment could not afford to pay.

Mr. Robert Jackson, supporting, claimed that having reached 80 years of age he was entitled to a rest. Others supporting were Alderman W. Jerrard and Councillor H. Chiesman. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the chairman was thanked on the motion of Mr. W. H. Stone, seconded by Councillor White.

The meeting closed after having heard a statement by Sir Philip Dawson as to the reasons why he ought to support in Parliament the ratification of the treaty drawn up by the Government and the Sinn Fein delegates.

East Lewisham.

The Labour candidates for the East Lewisham Division will be Alderman J. W. Matthews and Councillor W. J. K. Gillings.

LEWISHAM COMRADES' BAND

A musical entertainment was given by the Lewisham Comrades' Military Prize Band on Sunday afternoon at the Lewisham Electric Palace, a collection being taken on behalf of the Lewisham Unemployed Fund. An excellent programme was heartily appreciated by a packed audience. Mr. F. R. Jennings, the conductor, is to be congratulated on the well-toned and balanced band, which obtained fourth prize at the Crystal Palace band contest last September, the contest being open to all military bands of the United Kingdom.

During an interval Councillor Burgoyne appealed for funds which would permit the committee to distribute oranges, nuts and toys to the children of the unemployed. Messrs. Lyons and Co. were feeding 500 children; the management of the Electric Palace were giving 1,000 toys, and Mr. H. W. Hindon, butcher, was granting 30lbs. of meat and bones each week for soup. He felt that no child should be without a reminder of Christmas, and that the general body of ratepayers would respond to the appeal of the Unemployed Committee. If proprietors of other cinemas in the borough would allow Sunday afternoon concerts for this object he would promise them the gratitude of the kiddies.

CHRISTMAS AND THE SHOPS ACT.

Replying to questions at Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council, Sir George Foggett said that any shopkeeper who closes his shop for the whole of the 26th and 27th inst. is entitled, under the provisions of the Shops Act, to keep open for the whole of the week commencing Monday, the 19th inst., and for the remainder of the subsequent week.

As is generally known, the Home Secretary has suspended the operation of the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, from the 19th to 24th inst., inclusive. Any shopkeeper can, therefore, remain open to what hour he pleases on each of those days.

BROCKLEY ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL.

UNVEILING OF WAR MEMORIAL.

The war memorial at Brockley-road Council School will be unveiled on Monday evening at seven o'clock by the Rev. E. Noel Mellish, V.C., M.C. (Vicar of St. Mark's, Lewisham). All parents of the fallen boys, and old boys and girls will be welcome. Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., and Lady Dawson, Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., Lieut.-Colonel Eric Hall, L.C.C., Mr. Robert Jackson, L.C.C., the Mayor of Lewisham and others have promised to attend.

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BELLINGHAM OPEN-AIR BATH.

Ministry of Health Inquiry Yesterday

OPPOSITION BY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

In connection with the proposal of the Lewisham Borough Council to construct an open-air swimming bath at Bellingham, to which opposition has been offered by the West Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, a public enquiry was held yesterday at the Town Hall, Catford, by Mr. F. O. Stanford, A.M.I.C.E., an inspector of the Ministry of Health. The opposition was represented by Mr. E. C. Lambert, one of the joint hon. secretaries of the association, with a considerable backing of members.

The scheme, it will be recalled, was put forward by the Baths Committee of the Borough Council, as one which would provide work for the largest proportion of unskilled labour, which forms so large a proportion of the unemployment among the manual labouring classes in the borough. A similar proposal received consideration in 1913-14, but in consequence of the outbreak of the war the further consideration was adjourned. The Bellingham site was one of the three then suggested, and when the Baths Committee on October 13th submitted a report to the Council, they recommended that a bath be constructed on this site.

The Town Clerk (Mr. J. W. Shorter), who presented the case for the Borough Council, pointed out that by adopting this site they were enabled at the earliest possible moment to fall in with the wishes of the Government to provide work for the unemployed. On October 26th the Council approved the proposal and agreed to the purchase of the land for £900, the original valuation by the vendor's surveyor being £1,087 10s.

Public Demand.

The Council (the Town Clerk proceeded) were of opinion that there was a large and real demand for such a bath. There had been a very considerable increase in the number of bathers at the existing enclosed swimming baths at Forest Hill and Ladywell, which at times were inconveniently overcrowded. The work had been proceeded with with the consent of the agent of the Forster Estate, owing to the urgency for providing work and to meet the condition imposed by the Ministry that "works in respect of which grants were to be made should be actively commenced by January 1st, and also with a view to the bath being ready for the next season.

Mr. E. C. Lambert, one of the hon. secretaries of the Ratepayers' Association, intimated that objection was mainly to the excessive cost of the site.

The Town Clerk said the site proposed was, in the opinion of the committee, an ideal position. It was on a main artery, easily reached from Bellingham Station, also from the Hither Green and Forster Estates, and by train and omnibus from every part of the borough. There were also immense possibilities of development on the southern side. It was desirable (he submitted) that such an establishment should be situated some distance from a thoroughfare—as this was. The Ravensbourne ran through the site, and would be exceedingly useful for the discharge of a large percentage of the water from the bath; the remainder would be emptied into the Bromley-road sewer. Water would be obtained from the Metropolitan Water Board's main. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of constructing a main from Bromley-road to the site at £80. It had been suggested by the Ratepayers' Association that the London County Council might have sold a site at

Mr. Lambert said he wished to make it clear that the Association welcomed any suggestion to provide work for the unemployed. They objected that the Council was being asked to buy what had already been given. The site was in the least densely populated part of the borough, and was not so convenient as, for instance, that at Cranston-road. But he submitted that application should have been made to the London County Council; he could not imagine that body refusing a site which would enable its tenants to wash and be clean!

Councillor Webb (chairman of the Baths Committee) emphasised that the object had been to provide work for the unemployed, and hoped Mr. Lambert would be able to make out as good a case to the unemployed as he had that day.

The enquiry then closed.

GREENWICH MAYOR'S BOOT AND CLOTHING FUND.

As the result of a gratifying response to the appeal of the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor R. N. Greenwood, J.P.) for funds to provide clothing and boots for the children of the unemployed in the borough as a Christmas gift, his Worship has been enabled to purchase sufficient for 500 youngsters, and there is a considerable amount in hand to provide for another 500.

The Mayor and Mayoress will attend at the Town Hall at 9.30 to-morrow morning, and the parcels will be handed to the children, who will attend every half-hour.

The Mayor announced at the meeting of the Borough Council on Wednesday evening that the fund totalled over £700, which would provide boots and clothing for three batches of 500 children each. He desired it to be known that only those with tickets would be admitted to the Town Hall to-morrow morning.

GOOD NEWS FOR WOOLWICH

A large dump of shells in Woolwich Arsenal has just been purchased by a private firm under contract, and they are to be broken up immediately. It is expected that 100 men will start work forthwith and that eventually 400 men will be engaged in the work.

Personal.

The Lord Chancellor will distribute prizes at Sydenham High School for Girls this evening.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Lewisham have issued invitations to a reception at Lewisham Town Hall on January 5th.

Miss M. A. White has been re-appointed by the Greenwich Union Board of Guardians Registrar of Births and Deaths for Deptford South sub-district.

Mr. C. H. Grinling, of Woolwich, gave an address on "The Knights around London" before the London Society, at 10, John-street, Adelphi, on Friday.

Miss L. C. Read, assistant mistress at Greenwich Park Central School for girls, has been promoted headmistress of Hardy-road girls' department, Westcombe.

The Rev. E. Noel Mellish, V.C., M.C. (vicar of St. Mark's, Lewisham), unveiled a war memorial tablet in St. John's Church, Angell Town, Brixton, on Sunday.

At Mr. Clifton Cooke's recent singing competition Mr. Stanley Hitchinson (a pupil of Madame Lilian Stone, of Bexley Heath) was successful in winning a £50 scholarship.

Mr. N. J. Brown, of Lee, was among those present at the annual dinner on Friday evening, at the Hotel Victoria, of the London Master Builders' and Allied

THE L.C.C. ELECTION.

West Lewisham.

M.R. CANDIDATES SELECTED.

A meeting of the West Lewisham Conservative and Unionist Association was held at St. John's Hall, Forest Hill, on Friday evening for the purpose of adopting Municipal Reform candidates to contest the division at the London County Council election next March.

Mr. J. Clifford Rowe (chairman of the Association) presided, and stated that Mr. Robert Jackson was retiring from public life after 40 years' valuable work on public bodies, whilst they were all familiar with the reason which necessitated Sir Philip Dawson retiring from the L.C.C. That association was looked upon to investigate and provide candidates, and the council had had before them Mr. T. Fairbrother and Mr. F. H. Reed, and had decided to recommend their adoption by that meeting. Unfortunately Mr. Fairbrother could not be present, having been called away from town on important business. He had spent a great deal of his life in Lancashire, and had received the M.B.E. for services rendered during the war, whilst Mr. Reed had had business experience in various parts of the Empire, and he too had a record of prompt and efficient war service.

In the course of an address Mr. F. H. Reed said that he appreciated that what they wanted was a real live worker and not a figure head. He was perfectly ready and willing to do everything in his power for the betterment of his fellow-citizens. The recent rapid increase in rates throughout the country was an intolerable burden on trade and industry and on all classes of taxpayers and ratepayers. Efficiency with economy would, therefore, be his motto, but not a mere ruthless cutting down of expenditure regardless of results. The most business-like form of dealing with the problem to his mind, was to tackle it at its source, and he suggested that an estimate of local Government expenditure should be presented to Parliament each year at the same time as the national budget was introduced. This would secure publicity and full discussion by Parliament. He added that there was a lamentable and irresponsible system of application of the strong hand of Parliament.

Mr. Reed subsequently answered questions, and said that he was opposed to the suggested running of railless trams between West Norwood and Lee Green.

Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., in proposing that Messrs. Fairbrother and Reed be adopted as candidates, and that the meeting pledged itself to secure their return at the L.C.C. election next March, paid a high tribute to his colleague on the Council, Mr. R. Jackson. His services had been most valuable, especially as a member of the Asylums Committee. He hoped that Mr. Jackson would be spared for many years in order to give advice to the association. Proceeding, Sir Philip believed that Messrs. Fairbrother and Reed, if elected, would be strong advocates of economy, and would oppose reckless expenditure in connection with the tramways. Then there was the question of continuation schools, which were not liked generally by his party on the L.C.C. The principle of such schools was bad, because they prevented boys getting employment. Under very difficult circumstances he contended that the Municipal Reform members on the L.C.C. had kept down expenditure.

Councillor W. P. Pulley seconded the resolution. He was sure the association would not find two better men as candidates. Both would set their faces against reckless expenditure. There were a good

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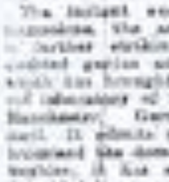
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important [illegible] Council with something of dubiety, will be astonished at the general lay-out and the tremendous developments which must arise. At present it is not a right-of-way; and visitors without permits are closely scrutinised at each entrance to the estate.

There is a note of humour attached to the arrival of each new tenant. Whether the tradesmen have a secret enquiry agency we cannot say, but they evidently receive a "window" when a new occupant is expected. Those "in the know" wait with their milk barrows or grocery carts for the furniture van to arrive—a sure index that they have not long to wait for orders. When our representative visited the estate two rival milkmen were patiently waiting at the corner of the street, while a tradesman of another denomination went scouting for the furniture van. The sequence is generally as follows:—Milkman; grocery man; butcher; insurance agent; school inspector; inspector of nuisances; and the parson. The latter two estimable gentlemen sometimes indulge in a little friendly competition, and it is alleged that the parson has more than once "got there first." Amongst the tradesmen a brisk rivalry ensues, and much value is attached to that time-honoured proverb: "The early bird catches the worm."

Many of the pioneers of this large estate have come from distant quarters of the vast area of Greater London, and hardly yet know their whereabouts. The [illegible] attention of the [illegible] who, beside proffering their wares, can enlighten on many valuable points is welcomed with surprised good humour.

Several of the thoroughfares in the [illegible] quarter have already been named. There is Granary Mill-road, Ford Mill-road, Knap Mill-road—the names of three of the eleven mills mentioned in the Domesday Book as associated with the [illegible] locality. There is also [illegible] of Lewisham's ancient associations with the Abbey of Ghent.

There are to be two schools and a site is being acquired for a church south-west of Bellingham station, and more or less in the centre of the estate. In the first instance it is proposed to erect a temporary building which will serve as a hall during the week and a house of prayer on Sunday. The local powers that be, realising the truth of the old adage "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," propose to provide for the [illegible] needs of the residents by constructing an open-air swimming bath.

To revert to the question of spiritual requirements, this presents a gigantic problem which will require long and judicious consideration. The new district originally formed part of the old parishes of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and St. Laurence's, Catford, and by Order in Council, dated November, 1905, was attached to St. John's, Southend. Early in 1920 the Bishop of the diocese appealed for £50,000 for the erection of a permanent church, and a central site was given by Lord Forster. The Bishop in a letter of that time commented on the urgency of the problem and stated that a population of 2,000 might within ten years reach 40,000. Since that time about 1,000 people have migrated to the district.

The contract on the Bellingham estate is for 2,000 houses. Dec. 16th 1921

THE 2/20th LONDON.

The Capture of Jerusalem.

About this time four years ago the Metropolis was ringing with the news of how the Londoners had captured Jerusalem, an event which was undoubtedly our first great military success of the war. One of the regiments which took a prominent part in the operations was the 2/20th London Regiment, whose headquarters are at Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, and to bring together once more the members of this battalion a successful [illegible]

old girls were now at Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities.

Mrs. Butler, having distributed the prizes, delivered an address, and concluded by recommending a motto, "Look up, not down; look out, not in; and lend a hand."

Professor J. E. G. de Montmorency, M.A., LL.B., proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Butler and the chairman, and spoke of the responsibilities of the Council of the Trust. At the present moment, he said, they were fighting "wild beasts at Whitehall," who were threatening to cut down all grants and other benefits to education.

Colonel Lawrence seconded the motion, and the Rev. E. Crawford, of St. Nicholas, Plumstead, spoke on behalf of the parents.

The scholars afterwards provided a musical programme, pianoforte solos and duets being rendered by Sheila McIntosh, [illegible] Russell, Miss [illegible] Jones and Mollie Hart.

The prizes, certificates and honours list for the last year was as follows:—Prizes: Upper VI.: M. Atkinson, J. [illegible], [illegible] Y. Shaw. Matriculation: M. Astell, [illegible] Blandford, E. Edwards, R. Jackson, S. McIntosh, E. [illegible]. Upper V.: [illegible] Cameron, M. [illegible], D. Dobbs. [illegible] Hamilton, P. [illegible]. Lower V.: [illegible] Hoare, E. [illegible], M. Hart, [illegible] M. Webster. Upper IV.: [illegible] Smith. IV.: [illegible] Cox. Lower IV.: [illegible] Valentine, M. [illegible], Y. [illegible] III.: [illegible] White. III.: [illegible] Lower III.: [illegible]. Upper II.: [illegible] Lower II.: D. [illegible] Form I.: [illegible] Astell, J. Watt. Music: [illegible] Russell [illegible], M. [illegible]. Reading: [illegible] Lawrence [illegible] M. [illegible] Needlework: D. Chandler [illegible] Taylor [illegible] M. [illegible].

Scholarships: University [illegible] Crawford [illegible] Mary Gurney [illegible] McIntosh.

Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Higher Certificate: [illegible] Shaw, [illegible] English.

London General School Certificate: [illegible] McIntosh, [illegible] Ann, M. Astell, [illegible] Smith, M. Blandford, [illegible] Cameron, M. Cree, F. Dean, E. Edwards, [illegible] Hester, R. Jackson, [illegible] Jones, E. [illegible] School Certificates: [illegible] Chandler, [illegible] Clark, [illegible] Leedy, J. Martin, [illegible] Arnold, M. Campbell, M. [illegible]

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Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, Local School Examination: [illegible]

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Tenants Arriving.

A TRADESMEN'S COMEDY.

The Bellingham Garden City is growing apace; order is evolving out of chaos; and with the influx of people of its residents Bellingham is beginning to excite a more than passing interest. Up to the present between 70 and 80 houses are occupied and 1,302 are in progress. The houses lie for the most part in "the apex of the triangle formed by the two branches of the S.E. and C. Railway, or between the river Ravensbourne and the river Pool. It might, in some respects be called a miniature Mesopotamia ("the Land of the Two Rivers"), but whether it will prove a modern Garden of Eden time alone will tell. The houses are of varying shape and size. Red brick houses alternate with yellow brick pairs; elegant old fashioned sloping roofs blend with those of modern conception; red tiles—corrugated and flat—offer a pleasing contrast to the dull slates. In every way the designers of the new estate have endeavored to obviate any suggestion of standardisation. Natural beauty rather than geometrical exactitude has been the ruling maxim, and this characteristic is referred to the contour of the streets, the little open spaces, the ornamental cross-roads, and in a hundred and one different ways, in all of which the designers have sought to improve on the sordid mean of mid-Victorian days. When the estate is open to the public many people who at present regard this important scheme of the London County Council with considerable doubts, will be astonished at the general layout and the impressive developments which must accrue. At present it is not a rightof way; and visitors without permits are cheerfully accosted at each entrance to the estate.

There is a code of honour attached to the arrival of each new tenant. Whether the tradesmen have a secret society we cannot say, but they suddenly receive a "wireless" when a new occupant is expected. Those "in the know" call with their milk barrows or grocery carts for the furniture van to arrive—a sure index that they have not long to wait for orders. When our representative visited the estate two rival milkmen were patiently waiting at the corner of the street, while a tradesman of another denomination was anxiously for the furniture van. The sequence is generally as follows:—Milkman; grocery man; butcher; insurance agent; school inspector; inspector of nuisances; and the parson. The latter two estimable gentlemen sometimes indulge in a little friendly competition, and it is alleged that the parson has more than once "got there first." Amongst the tradesmen a brisk rivalry exists, and much value is attached to that time-honoured proverb: "The early bird catches the worm."

Many of the residents of this large estate have come from distant quarters of the vast area of Greater London, and hardly yet know their whereabouts. The enthusiastic attention of the tradesmen who, beside proffering their wares, can enlighten on many valuable points is welcomed with surprising good humour.

Several of the thoroughfares in the recently quarter have already been named. There is Grange Mill road; Ford Mill road; King Mill road—the names of three of the absent mills mentioned in the Domesday Book as associated with the impressible locality. There is also Glastonbury road, reminiscent of Lewisham's ancient associations with the Abbey of Glastonbury.

There are to be two schools and a site is being acquired for a church south west.

BLACKHEATH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Last Night's Prize Distribution

The annual prize distribution in connection with Blackheath High School was held at Blackheath Concert Hall last night, the awards being distributed by Mrs. Buckler, a member of the Girls' Public Day School Trust. The greater portion of the 800 pupils of the school, attired in white, occupied the platform.

The chairman was Mr. M. Llewellyn Davies, Trust Chairman, who congratulated the school upon its present position as one of the leading and most renowned girls' schools in the country. The past had been an extraordinary record, he said. No school in the country was more blitzed during the war, but his school, he confidently asserted, had stood its trial better. He passed on to make an appreciative reference to Miss Gadesden, the late headmistress, and said it was fitting on an occasion like that—the first prize distribution on a large scale for a number of years—to acknowledge her valuable work. He rejoiced to think that Miss Gale's great qualities were so well recognised. It was felt in the school at Blackheath that she was carrying forward the traditions of the school in a manner they all desired. He did not care what test they applied, Blackheath School could not be regarded as anything but flourishing.

Miss Gale, headmistress, in her report, referred to the remarkably good health of the school, and the value of essential physical exercises. She passed on to mention several outstanding successes in recent examinations, and stated that 73 old girls were now at Oxford, Cambridge and London University.

Mrs. Butler, having distributed the prizes, delivered an address, and concluded by recommending a motto, "Look up, not down; look out, not in, and look a head."

Professor J. E. G. de Montmorency, M.A., LL.D., proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Butler and the chairman, and spoke of the responsibilities of the Council of the Trust. At the present moment, he said, they were fighting "wild beasts of Whitehall," who were threatening to cut down all grants and other benefits to education.

Colonel Lawrence seconded the motion, and the Rev. M. Crawford, of St. Nicholas, Plumstead, spoke on behalf of the parents.

The scholars afterwards provided a musical programme, pianoforte solos and duets being rendered by Phyllis McIntosh, Rosalind Bennett, Miss S. Eyrore Jones and Mollie Hart.

The prizes, certificates and honours for the last year are as follows:—Prizes.—Upper VI., M. Atkinson, J. Crawford, E. Sim, V. Shaw. Mathematics—M. Antell, M. Blackford, E. Edwards, M. Jackson, M. McIntosh, E. Shellington. Upper V. I.—M. Cameron, M. Davey. D. Dobie. Upper V. II.—M. Boardman, P. Cummins. Lower V. I.—M. Jones, E. Fairbrother, M. Kent, P. Stephen, M. Walney. Upper IV. I.—C. Martin, I. Smith. IV. II. Lower IV. I.—M. Cameron, M. Wise, T. Wynter. III. I.—E. Wilson. III. II.—E. Tinker. Lower III.—W. Davis, A. Wooller. Upper II. I.—E. Ellis, T. Scott. Lower II.—D. Dobson, E. Wilson. Form I.—A. Aust, J. Mast. Music (senior)—E. Bennett, prizes, M. Davis. Drawing—Senior, M. Lawson, prizes, M. Hodgson. Needlework—D. Chandler. Sketch class—Senior, E. Taylor, prizes, M. Valentine.

Scholarships.—University scholarship—J. Crawford (winner, Girton College, Cambridge). Mary Garney Scholarship, 1921—E. McIntosh.

Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Higher Certificate.—E. Moss, passed in physics, chemistry (subsidiary mathematics), and V. Shaw, passed in French, Italian (subsidiary English).

London General School Certificate.—A. McIntosh, G. Aves, M. Antell, E. Bennett

Orange Peel and Banana Skins.

We have been asked by several sufferers to draw attention to the obvious growth of the dangerous practice of casting pieces of orange peel, banana skins, and the like, on the pavements, where their presence constitutes such a danger to unwary pedestrians. The matter is, we understand, one for the police, but there are obvious difficulties in the way of their conducting a campaign—although a case in the police court and the imposition of a smart penalty might have a very desirable effect. A suggestion that does find favour, however, is that schoolmasters should see what they can do to deter their pupils from contributing, in this particular detail, to the perils of the streets. A hint of the danger of prosecution, given with scholastic authority, should have good effect.

Striking Clocks.

"A Lewisham resident (writes J.K.) has recently written to the Press complaining of the annoyance caused by the striking of clocks during the night. Although most of us who live in Greater London get accustomed to such sounds, and sleep in spite of them, it is quite conceivable that the persistent chiming of clocks through the hours usually devoted to slumber may indeed disturb the rest of those persons who sleep lightly—or fretfully. In the case of actual insomnia, however, the matter would appear sometimes to be different, and a sufferer from this distressing malaise may even have felt comforted by the chimes and other sounds in the night as indicating that he is not the only one alive in what might otherwise appear to him, in his enforced wakefulness and loneliness, to be the City of the Dead. In such circumstances the cuckoo clock on the landing seems companionable, while the distant cock crowing at early dawn might induce the sleepless one to ejaculate the American levity: 'Shake!'"

LEWISHAM COUNCIL BY-ELECTION.

Three Candidates in Catford Ward.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the Labour and the co-operative movement in the Catford Ward, held at the Co-operative Hall, Brownhill-road, last week-end, it was decided to nominate a candidate for the casual vacancy in the representation of the Catford Ward on the Lewisham Borough Council, consequent upon the death of Councillor Mrs. Madgwick. There are thus three candidates in the field for the seat in this ward of 10,500 municipal electors. Nominations were handed in at the Town Hall, Catford, on Monday on behalf of Mr. Henry John Avery (M.R.), accountant and house and estate agent, 134, Brownhill-road, Catford; Mrs. Muriel Kate Thimann (Women's Municipal Society), 1, Corona-road, Lee, principal of Modern High School; and Mr. Charles Wood (Labour), 94, Nelgarde-road, Catford, compositor.

Withdrawals may be made up to noon to-day, and if there should be a contest polling will take place on Saturday, the 17th inst.

Miss Dorothy Auld (secretary) writes, "by direction of the President of the Lewisham Women's Municipal Society and Citizens' Association," to express appreciation of "the exceedingly fair statement of the position and action of our organisation in connection with

GREENWICH GUARDIANS AND THE UNEMPLOYED.

Extra Relief for Christmas.

Yesterday afternoon a considerable body of the unemployed of Greenwich and Deptford marched to the Greenwich Institution to wait on the Board of Guardians, who were holding their monthly meeting. A large force of police, under Sub-divisional Insp. Pullen, was on duty, and on the arrival of the three contingents—two from Deptford and the other from Greenwich—at the gates only the deputation from the latter organised body was admitted within the precincts of the institution. This deputation, headed by Messrs. F. H. Norris and T. Chamberlain, was received by the Guardians.

In the course of a lengthy statement Mr. Norris urged that the Board should adopt the system of open vouchers in view of the extortionate prices charged for commodities by contractors. He pointed out that whereas bread was supplied to the institution at 8d. for a 4lb. loaf, the price outside was 1s. Mr. Norris also urged that the Guardians should adopt the scale of relief as approved by the conference held at Manchester, that boots be provided, and repairs carried out for children, and that Labour Exchange money for wife and child should not be deducted from the relief granted; insurance to be paid on all policies where heads of families were on relief; and that extra relief be given at Christmas at the rate of an additional 5s. per head for families and 2s. for each child. Mr. Norris added that there were no collecting boxes in Greenwich, and the unemployed abhorred charity.

The next speaker was Mr. J. Adams, who said that if the Guardians were responsible for the high prices charged to those who were in receipt of out-relief they "ought to be damn right ashamed of themselves."

The Chairman (Mr. F. G. G. Bax) told the speaker that the Guardians would not stand any abuse—it had not been offered by Mr. Norris.

Mr. Adams, having explained that he meant to have said "down right," said he thought the suggestion of extra relief at Christmas would have come from the Guardians and not the unemployed. He declared that their position to-day was "worse than cattle," because they were starving. Concluding, Mr. Adams apologised for "the little slip" he had made.

The deputation having withdrawn, Mr. Shaddick proposed that extra relief be granted for one week at Christmas to the unemployed in the shape of 5s. per head of family and 2s. for each child under 16. The Rev. W. T. Money seconded.

The Rev. Andrew Amos, while agreeing that the proposal was a very nice sentiment, questioned whether it was a right policy.

Mrs. Drapper, J.P., expressed the opinion that the suggested amounts were too high—Mr. J. E. Morton asked the Board to consider how the money was to be found.

The Clerk said that for the week ended November 26th 1,184 cases, involving 3,421 persons, were relieved at a cost of £1,296 4s. 4d.

Mr. Money said he estimated the extra expenditure at £1,300, which would be well spent on good-will.

An amendment was moved by the Rev. George Barber, seconded by the Rev. F. Challenor, that the amount be 3s. each for husband and wife and 1s. each for all children of 14 and under to those on relief at the present date.

LEWISHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Open-air Baths: Enquiry to be Held.

In an urgency report presented to the Lewisham Borough Council, at its meeting on Wednesday, the Baths Committee stated that the work in connection with the construction of the open-air swimming bath at Bellingham had been commenced. In connection with the Council's application for the sanction of the Ministry of Health to the loan of £20,000, the committee had been informed that representations had been made to the Ministry by the Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, objecting to the scheme on the ground of the cost of acquisition, and the non-suitability of the site. The Ministry will hold a local enquiry, when the whole scheme will be considered, and this will probably take place early in Christmas week. Directions have been given as to the presentation of the Council's case at the enquiry, and in the meantime the committee had decided to continue the work. Application had been made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of the scheme.

Councillor Weeks drew attention to an omission in the report, which contained no reference to the fact that no man suitable to superintend the preliminary work on this job could be procured through the local Labour Exchange. The committee had had to go out of the borough to find a first-class navvy at 4 guineas a week.

The report was adopted.

LEWISHAM MEN FOR LEWISHAM HOUSES.

Among applicants for tenancies of houses on the Lewisham Park estate recommended for acceptance was one who resides at Brixton.

Councillor Clifford Smith took exception to this, saying that Lewisham houses should be for Lewisham men, and several of those on the opposite benches supported this view.

It was mentioned that the applicant was in the employ of the South Metropolitan Gas Co., whereupon Councillor Hardaway observed that he supposed the man was to be given the tenancy because members of the committee were shareholders of the gas co. (Cries of "Oh! Oh!")

Alderman Matthews said the committee, while allowing this to go through, were to look very after a tenant who had taken in a brother or some other relative who was without shelter.

Alderman Jarrett (chairman of the Housing Committee) said it was perfectly true the applicant lived at Brixton, and frequently had to travel to the Lewisham district at an hour when trams were not running. He was an exservice man, and in the judgment of the committee a fit and proper person as tenant. If those who had houses on the estate were going to fill them up with their friends and relatives, with a view to forcing the hand of the committee to let them houses, he would not be a party to it.

Alderman Matthews (with heat): That is untrue! It has never yet been suggested.

On a division the report was adopted, the voting being 20 for, 16 against.

PAYMENT FOR SNOW-CLEARING.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that the rate of pay for casual labour engaged in snow-clearing be fixed at 1s. 4d. per hour?

Alderman Matthews moved the reference back, on the ground of "the miserable, wretched wage." The munificence of the Works Committee rose only to the height of 1s. an hour, the General Purposes jumped 4d. Was it anything like a just remuneration for the services required?

Councillor Rosewood, who seconded, said that assuming a man worked two days in a week he would have the amount he earned deducted from his out-door relief. He considered that the Council should at least not

MISSING LEWISHAM MINISTER.

No news has yet been received by Mrs. Kinder, the wife of the Rev. F. E. Kinder, formerly minister of the Albemarle Baptist Chapel, Lewisham, as to the whereabouts of her husband, who—as reported in "The Kentish Mercury" of last week—has been missing since the 24th ult. Mrs. Kinder has stated that she knew her husband was going to resign the pastorate of the little chapel (which is in connection with the Old Baptist Union), but that she was not aware of the date on which he proposed to take this step. She expresses her confidence that he will return. Some of those who came in contact with Mr. Kinder shortly before his disappearance state that he had complained of pains in his head.

No reference was made to the circumstances at Sunday's services at Albemarle-street; those who enquired were informed that the chapel is now in the hands of the trustees, and that they had no statement to make to the Press.

PRESENTATION AT WOOLWICH

To Mr. W. J. Squires, J.P.

The 42 years' work of Mr. W. J. Squires, J.P., who has just retired from the representation of Woolwich on the L.C.C., was publicly recognised at the annual dinner of the Woolwich Chamber of Commerce, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening. Supporting Colonel Eley, C.M.G., D.S.O., in the chair, were Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Captain Gee, V.C., M.P., the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Turnbull), Messrs. W. J. Squires, S. H. Cuff, L.C.C., E. H. Keeep, L.C.C., Sir A. Bryanston (Town Clerk), and about 200 others. The President (Colonel Eley), in giving "The Chamber's tribute to Mr. W. J. Squires, J.P.," referred to Mr. Squires' disinterested, vigorous and astute public work, and said that no one had done more for the welfare of Woolwich than Mr. Squires. After 42 years of honourable service he was retiring with the gratitude and esteem of his fellow citizens. He had contested many elections, but the public good had always been his chief aim. The public offices filled by Mr. Squires ranged from that of churchwarden to the mayoralty of the borough and membership of the L.C.C., and in a marvellous way had, in addition to his great public work, conducted a successful business. The speaker also paid a tribute to the assistance rendered to his husband by Mrs. Squires, and concluded by handing him a handsome album containing an illuminated address with signatures of all public representatives in the borough.

Mr. Squires, who was received with universal honours, in response, said he felt that he had been treated too well. In retiring from public work there were many things he could not forget, but he had simply endeavoured to serve his native borough to the best of his ability. He would be glad to reflect that his fellow citizens felt that he had endeavoured to do something that was for the good of all (applause).

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

Bad News for the "S.W.D."

The recent scenes in a quiet at the War Office Joint Industrial Council with reference to the fate of the Building Worker

Municipal Notes.

The new London County Council will assemble at Spring gardens on Tuesday afternoon.

A resolution condemnatory of the "Greater London" proposals has been passed by the Bromley Borough Council.

The Wandsworth Borough Council has been seeking, unsuccessfully, permission to appear against the London County Council's "trackless trolley." Still on the ground that it might be proposed, at some time, to extend the system in London generally.

DEPTFORD.

The Town Clerk will act this evening at the Town Hall for the purpose of revising lists of electors for the borough.

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Council brought confirmation of the statement made in these "Notes" last week that the total reduction in the rates for the forthcoming twelve months would be no less than 2s. 6d. in the £.

The reduction for this half-year is 11d., and that for the next six months will be 1s. 3d.

Councillor the Rev. Father Mahoney has been reappointed to represent the Council on the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee for Division 1.

In future Charlton-street, Deptford, will be known as "Colwick-corner."

LEWISHAM.

Ratepayers will await with interest the announcement of the rate for the half-year to September 30th, due on Wednesday next.

The Borough Council's estimate of expenditure amounts to £135,800, a decrease of £10,550 on the total revised estimated expenditure for the current year.

With the Lewisham Union Guardians' expenditure amounting to £62,000 in excess of that for the corresponding period last year it is perhaps too much to hope that the rate levy will be substantially reduced.

Excellent progress is being made with the construction of the open air swimming bath at Bellingham, and given a spell of good weather it should be possible to open the bath about June.

THE GUARDIANS' ELECTION.

Official Dates.

Sir Edward Troup, of the Home Office, has issued the dates in connection with the forthcoming elections of Guardians, as follows:—Notice of election: To-day. Receipt of nomination papers: Thursday (noon). Sending notice of decisions as to validity of nomination papers: Friday, March 17th. Making out statement as to persons nominated: Saturday, March 18th. Withdrawal of candidates: Tuesday, March 21st. Notice of poll: Tuesday, March 28th. Day of election: Wednesday, April 5th. The hours of polling will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WOOLWICH DOCTOR'S SAD END.

Found Dead in a Bath.

An inquest was held at Woolwich yesterday afternoon on the body of Dr. Reginald Charles Jeremy Stevens, assistant medical officer at the Woolwich Union Infirmary, who was found dead in his bath on Wednesday morning. It appeared that he had suffered from an attack of influenza during Christmas and

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

LESSONS FOR SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

MORNING.—Genesis 17 to v. 21; St. Mark 10, v. 32.

EVENING.—Genesis 18 or Genesis 32; 1 Corinthians 8, v. 13, and 1 Corinthians 9.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY.

M., 11, Holy Communion with sermon. Service: Creation to Mode (C. Moore); "Hear my Prayer" (Tomkins). Hymns 194, 242, 219. E., 6.30, evensong and sermon. Service: Creation to Mode (Aldous); "Remember O Lord" (Wilkinson). Hymns 208, 218.

PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—M., 11, Canon Mains (Vicar of St. John's, Caterham Valley). E., 6.30, Bishop of Southwark.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. A. Alan (Rector of St. Paul, Deptford). A., 3 (Young People's service), and E., 6.30, Rev. J. S. Grundy.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH HOUSE.—A., 3.15 ("Men's Hour"), Mr. J. F. Wilson.

ST. MARY'S WOOLWICH, EASTNEY-STREET.—M., 11 (Young People's Service), A., 3.15 (Young Men's Bible Class), and E., 7 (Mission Service), Mr. Edwin Wales.

ST. PAUL, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. D. Tomlinson; E., 6.30, Rev. W. H. Jeffrey, the Vicar.

BARNES-PLACE MISSION (ST. PAUL'S).—A., 3, Brooks school, 4, Lads' Bible Class; E., 6.30, Mr. W. J. Ellis, L.C.M.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, ELLIS-STREET, DEPTFORD.—M., 11, and E., 7, Rev. W. Rogers.

ALL SAINTS', BLACKHEATH.—M., 11, Bishop of Southwark.

ST. GERMAIN, BLACKHEATH.—M., 11, Rev. Dr. Carter; E., 6.30, Rev. C. H. Walker.

ST. KENTIGERN, WESTCOMBE PARK.—M., 11, Rev. T. B. Price, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. T. H. Berkeley.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BLACKHEATH.—M., 11, Rev. G. C. Sherland; E., 6.30, Rev. Gerald Dorland, the Vicar.

ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM HIGH-ROAD.—M., 11, Rev. F. A. Wesley; A., 3.15, and E., 6.30, Rev. W. F. Jones, the Vicar.

ST. JAMES, HATCHAM.—M., 11, Rev. A. W. Barber; E., 6.30, Rev. E. E. J. Martin, the Vicar.

ST. MICHAEL, NEW CROSS.—M., 11, Rev. A. C. Field; E., 6.30, Rev. A. W. Barber.

ST. GEORGE, BROMLEY.—M., 11, Rev. E. C. J. Martin, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. A. F. Field.

PAGNELL-STREET (NEW CROSS-ROAD) MISSION.—E., 7, Mr. R. A. Davis, B.D.

ST. LAURENCE, CATFORD.—M., 10.30, Rev. G. F. Thomas; 11.30, Rev. G. H. Parsons; E., 6.30, Rev. G. H. Wood, the Vicar.

ST. JOHN, SOUTHEND.—E., 6.30, Rev. H. J. Knight (Vicar of Shirley).

ST. MALDRED, LEE.—M., 11, Rev. W. F. Adams; E., 6.30, Rev. Alfred Ogle, the Vicar.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEE PARK.—E., 6.30, Rev. E. G. Hooper.

ST. GEORGE, PERRY HILL.—M., 11, Rev. J. H. Wesley-Kent, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. E. E. Cleeland.

ST. JUDE, PENGE.—M., 11 (High Mass), Rev. E. D. Fisher; E., Rev. H. S. Tapleham, the Vicar.

ST. CYPRIAN, BROCKLEY.—M., 11, Rev. E. F. Higham, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Canon Owen Chadwick.

ST. PETER, BROCKLEY.—E., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. F. W. Swann, the Vicar.

ST. JAMES, KINGSDOWN.—M., 11, Bishop Taylor Smith; E., 6.30, Rev. R. J. Campbell.

CORPUS CHRISTI MISSION, HATCHAM.—M., 10, and E., 7, Rev. P. E. Dumont, the Missioner.

ST. HILDA, CROFTON PARK.—M., 9.45 and 11, Rev. A. Skilton, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. D. H. Wilson.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

On Monday afternoon, at 3.15, an address to women will be given by the Rev. E. Walter (Christ Church, Greenwich). On Thursday there will be Holy Communion at ten o'clock, with a short address by the Vicar. On Thursday evenings the Rev. O. Hewitson (chaplain of Dulwich College) is giving a course of addresses in Lent on "Ourselves, Our Souls, Our Bodies."

HOLY TRINITY, BLACKHEATH HILL.

The subject of sermons will be "Three to a green hill" (morning), the lesson only being taken by Mr. F. Fothergill.

ST. MARK, LEWISHAM.

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various courses in cooking, millinery, etc., at some places at any rate. The public at large can scarcely realise what is the weight of the burden which falls suddenly upon Church leaders in parts of Greater London, now that the new estate-owners are receiving their hundreds week by week. Take such a suburb as Bellingham, for instance. It is eight miles from Charing Cross on the S.E. Railway—an estate bought by the L.C.C. from Lord Forster. Southend, Catford, Bromley, Beckenham all flank it, and the population is growing at the rate of 250 souls a week! Who are they that are rushing to occupy these spacious picturesque and not over-commodious dwellings? They are clerks from the City, and ex-soldiers from Mesopotamia; plumbers from Deptford and Bermondsey; the new poor and the respectably thriving; any, who can pay a rent of £1 or £1 10s. a week and have been lucky enough to secure an option. Two years back and this place was a meadow. Today it is a bustling beehive. A population of 2,000 will have swelled to 15,000 in twelve months' time and to 50,000 in as many years. For Bermondsey and Greenwich are turning hungry eyes to those once well-wooded slopes and saying Bells. We can be thankful that the new spirit of the age has made some advance from the hideousness of Victorian building. There is no repetition here of the endless dull monotony of ugly brick. There is colour, and variety and space for flower gardens, a chance for the children to play on the grass, a chance for the eye to be trained to love beauty. The authorities will in due course provide schools. But who will teach the springs of duty, that moral discipline without which, as Mr. Haldane says, there can be no real recovery in the world?

This district comes within the oversight of the Bishop of Woolwich and South East London knows his driving force. The Vicar of Bradford has been allowed the use of the workmen's cottages as a temporary wooden church, and held his first Communion service there on Christmas Day. Then always there are the needs. Enough money is in hand to secure a vicarage, but he wants with this one to use four overcrowded things—that to be housed. The overall premises around on which a half can be built may well cost £1,500. It will serve as temporary room until a permanent church can be raised; and the old school is to be adapted as a clergy house. Here he speaks and demonstrated energy in solving the problem. Here is an faculty of national memory, our hope for a long time yet of dignified decoration in worship, and population old and young, married and single, with all their individual weaknesses and sorrows, is arriving at a rate of 250 a week!

It seems hard that the conversion in price of building plots was for half from L.C.C. for work of this public utility. Bellingham is in part of the periphery for our unhappy divisions. Meanwhile, whatever the cost and whatever the sacrifice, workers must be ready for anything that, as the nation is awaken. Where indeed, statesmen, philanthropists are agreed it is fair to hope that public sympathy will back them. The Rural Dean, Canon Rhys-Davis, of St. Mary's, Lewisham, or the Rev. J. P. Smith, Vicar of Blackheath, would welcome enquiries and their letters addressed to Mr. J. S. Lewis. It cannot be said that in this instance the Church has failed to rise to the occasion. Will churchmen and public spirited citizens support the lead thus given?

CLUB AND INSTITUTE UNION.

KENT BRANCH TOURNAMENTS.

League table compiled up to February 21st, matches failure. Figures in parentheses show the number of games played :—

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LEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting Last Night.

The annual meeting of the Lee, Blackheath and Lewisham Horticultural Society was held at Charlotteville Schools, last Lee Road, Mr. F. W. Hall presiding.

The report stated that the society had continued to make steady progress, which was due largely to the work of their indefatigable secretary, Mr. J. Gayton. The membership, which was nearly 300 for 1920, had now increased to upwards of 350. Since last year's annual meeting additional land had been procured, and 40 plots in the Manor-lane district were now under cultivation. The committee wished to record their appreciation of the valuable services of their chairman, Mr. A. T. K. Mott, whose resignation, following a long illness, meant a great loss to the society.

The balance sheet disclosed a balance in hand of £32 5s. 1d., which represented a slight reduction on last year's balance. The total income was about £90 on account of the previous figures.

Mr. F. W. Hall was elected chairman, Mr. G. Tulloch vice-chairman, Mr. C. A. Cobb hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Knott and Mr. J. Thorne trustees, Mr. F. A. Glasscock and Mr. W. J. Lane auditors, Messrs. F. H. Curtis, F. Jeffrey, C. Hart, Jordan, T. H. Rotten, J. C. Marsh, W. A. Parker, A. C. Potts, A. C. Rippon, H. Young, A. J. Sapsons and A. Hall committee.

Mr. Clayton mentioned the question of non-attending tickets in relation to the Rider [illegible]

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By THE REV. A. G. B. WEST,
Rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

Such a convinced pacifist as Mr. Frederick Harrison has declared that a new and greater spiritual force must be found if we would redeem our time and buy up the opportunity. It is true that he has small sympathy with characteristic doctrines of Christianity. He sees no value in the teachings of a future life—but he sees very less in Washington Conferences, Cannes Congress or Hide Parliament, unless individuals can be taught each to do their duty. The world will not be improved, he is certain, by any mere material improvements, whether it be garden suburbs or quickened transport. There must be a discipline of life and sense of responsibility. What is wanted now is a religion of human duty, a new social catechism. The commandments brought up to modern science, and the conditions of modern citizenship!

The Church is not pessimist, but it entirely realises this duty, and with valiant courage is carrying to hold it, in some places at any rate. The public at large can scarcely realise what is the weight of the burden thrown all suddenly upon Church leaders in parts of Greater London, now that the new settlements are receiving their hundreds week by week. Take such a suburb as Bellingham, for instance. It is eight miles from Charing Cross on the S.E. Railway—an estate brought by the L.C.C. from Lord Forster, Southwark, Catford, Hurstly, Rushcombe all dark it, and the population is growing at the rate of 150 souls a week! Who are they that are coming to occupy these quaintly picturesque and not over-commodious dwellings? They are clerks from the City, and ex-officers from Mesopotamia; plumbers from Deptford and shunters from Camberwell; the new poor and the respectably thriving; any who can pay a rent of £1 or £1 10s. a week and have been lucky enough to secure an option. Two years back and the place was a meadow. To-day it is a teeming hamlet. A population of 3,000 will have swelled to 15,000 in twelve months' time and to 50,000 in at most years. For Hermondsey and Greenwich are turning hungry eyes to these once well-wooded slopes and waving fields. We can be thankful that the new spirit of the age has made some advance from the hideousness of Victorian building. There is no repetition here of the endless drab monotony of ugly brick. There is colour, and variety and space for flower gardens, a chance for the children to play on real grass, a chance for the eye to be trained to love beauty. The authorities will in due course provide schools. But who will teach the springs of duty, that moral discipline without which, as Mr. Harrison sees, there can be no real recovery in the world?

This district shows to-day the oversight of the Bishop of Woolwich, and Prebendary Lewis knows his driving force. The Vicar of Prebend has been allowed the use of the workhouse chapel as a temporary mission church, and held his first Communion service there on Christmas Day. Time always must run fragile. Enough money is on hand to secure a vicarage, but let anyone work this zone to see how economically clergy can be housed. The ordinary premium secured on which a half-can be built may well cost £1,000. It will work as moment room until a permanent church can be raised, and the day school is to be adapted as a sleepy house. Here is spirit and determined energy in solving the problem. Here is no luxury of personal comfort, no hope for a long time yet of dignified decoration in worship, and population old and young, married and single, with all their individual weaknesses and purposes, is arriving at a rate of 150 a week!

It seems hard that the determination in price of building plots can be laid from [illegible]

THE ROBIN SOCIETY.

Deptford Children Entertained.

It has long been the kindly custom of the girls of St. George's School, Hanover-square, inspired by their headmistress, Miss King, to give an annual entertainment to some hundreds of Deptford's poorest children, under the auspices of the Robin Society. This year's treat took place on Saturday evening at the Greenwich Schools, over two hundred youngsters sitting down to a meal the menu of which comprised a plentiful proportion of cakes and sundries delicacies. It has been usual for the afternoon amusement programme to be supplied by a party of the St. George's School girls themselves, but this year, owing to the illness of Miss King, this was not possible. The business, however, were represented by two of their number, Nellie Harris and Ivy Webb, who assisted in waiting on the tables.

In charge of the arrangements were Major G. W. Wilson, hon. treasurer of the Robin Society, and Mrs. E. L. Smith, the chairlady, with Mrs. G. Wilson, Miss Lee, Miss H. Swinyard, Miss E. White, and Messrs. W. H. Smith and S. E. Bawden, of the Robin Society, Mrs. Dyer, the Misses Lily White, Hilda Humphery, Grace Bishop, Lily Linnell, Nellie Webster, Rose Moss, etc. Splendid service was done by the boys of the St. James' Scouts. After tea an entertaining programme was provided by Mr. C. Lyon Hall's Concert Party, several of the members of which participated from North London to help in giving the youngsters a good time. In fancy dress, they provided a show of which their audience could not have enough—song, dance and merry jest were all rendered enthusiastically, the children joining in the choruses with the very greatest of enjoyment. The party included Mrs. Lyon Hall, Miss Edith Vivian, Miss Veronica Clyne—a graceful dancer, who shot with Mrs. Smith's Pantomime Kiss was a feature—Miss Joan St. Clair, Mr. W. Byrchall, Mr. Basil Oakley, and Mr. Lyon Hall himself. Mrs. S. T. Bawden supplemented the programme with a song, Miss Miriam Bowden accompanying. The entertainment could not have been a greater success. Babes, leaving each little guest received some small article of woollen clothing.

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Chairman of the Fire Brigade, and Mr. Roberts chairman of the Main Drainage Committee. ... in administration, they stand for a policy of economy in expenditure, as opposed to the municipalisation of everything, which apparently represents the Labour ideal.

WEST LEWISHAM.

Some months ago it was announced that neither Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., nor Mr. Robert Jackson would seek re-election in West Lewisham. The former told the electorate, during the Parliamentary by-election campaign of September last, that in the event of his being returned he would devote himself to his duties at St. Stephen's, while Mr. Jackson ... that advancing years and the state of his health compelled him to withdraw from public life. In the Municipal Reform interest the candidates are Mr. F. H. Reed and Mr. E. T. Campbell, both residents in the division, and both successful business men who have spent a large part of their lives in the Far East. Mr. C. B. Hepburn, J.P.—who, with Mr. F. W. Raffety, fought a losing fight in 1919—has been adopted as a candidate by the West Lewisham Liberal Association, and with him on this occasion will be Captain N. Arthur Evans (Reserve of Officers). Still in the middle twenties, Captain Evans is managing director of Messrs. The N. Arthur Evans Corporation, Ltd. ... He was educated at ... and the St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic College at Bruges. He was in the 1st Westminster Dragoons when war broke out, and was invalided home from the front early in 1915, being later discharged as "no longer physically fit." After a short holiday he again offered his services, and was appointed to the Leicestershire Regiment, being afterwards seconded for duty with the Royal Flying Corps. Discharged a second time, on account of "ill-health," he again joined up, after a long sea voyage, and was appointed adjutant of the 8th V.B. the Middlesex Regiment.

EAST WOOLWICH.

In this division one of the two sitting Labour members, Mr. Harry ... seeks re-election, and with him is running, in the place of Mr. ... who is said to be shaking the dust of Woolwich off his feet—Mr. Herbert Morrison, secretary of the London Labour Party, a candidature which gives the contest an importance all its own. The M.R. champions are Mr. ... Penny, one of the stalwarts of Conservatism in Plumstead, and Captain Austin ... of 147, St. James's-court, S.W. Of the general position in the two divisions into which Woolwich is divided we have something to say in our leader column.

WEST WOOLWICH.

In West Woolwich the M.R. party are losing the services of Mr. W. J. Squires, who has done splendid service on the L.C.C., but Councillor ... Cuff, one of the M.R. candidates, is, like Mr. Squires, an ex-Mayor of the borough, and Mr. E. H. Kemp, his fellow-candidate, is a past president of the local Chamber of Commerce, an important member of a number of local bodies, and, like Councillor Cuff, is resident in the constituency. The Labour candidates are Councillor H. A. Hart, an ex-Marine and an Arsenal labourer, and an old electioneering hand, and the Rev. J. Francis Matthews, pastor of a Baptist church in Plumstead.

Meetings are reported on page 7.

WEST KENT MOTOR CLUB.

On Sunday, February ..., the West Kent Motor Club will hold a "reliability" run over a course of about ... miles. Competitors will meet at the ... Hotel, Chislehurst, at ... a.m. Prizes will be awarded, but there will be no entrance fee. Prospective members are invited. Should the day be wet the run will take place on the following Sunday.

A club meeting will be held on Thursday, February ..., at Love's Garage, Park-road, Bromley. [illegible]

[illegible] than Brixton, because of the increased population which was appearing at Bellingham and Eltham. He advised Lewisham to do all it could to see that the newcomers to their borough did not go elsewhere for their supplies. That was why he welcomed such an institution as the Lewisham Chamber of Commerce, and hoped it would continue its useful record of the past ... years.

Councillor ... W. Hayes, in proposing the toast of "Our Guests," said that traders had been accused of being profiteers. That was a great misfortune, but it should be ... acknowledged that the trader ... the borough ... with advantage ... "profiteering."

Mr. R. O. Roberts, L.C.C., in a speech full of anecdote and humour, replied to the toast. He said that during the ... in the borough he had spent a delightful time, and the people of the district had treated him most royally. The tradesmen had been kindness itself. He trusted the Lewisham Chamber of Trade would go on from success to success until at last they could regard Lewisham as the greatest borough in London.

Lieut.-Col. ... Hall, L.C.C., also responded on behalf of the guests, and was pleased that there was no necessity to go to the West End where Lewisham had the ... of shops herself. ... and ... support were ... necessary ... at present. He recommended a ... spirit in regard to national and municipal politics, work, religion and home life.

Mr. Gordon Peart submitted the toast of "The Ladies," and Mrs. Edwards, in response, said she would like to see every lady trader of Lewisham a member of the Chamber.

The concluding toast, that of "The Chairman," was proposed by Mr. E. J. Alder, and received with enthusiasm.

LAST NIGHT'S GYMKHANA AT CATFORD RINK.

The second grand gymkhana in connection with the Catford Skating Rink took place last night, and was a great success. The judges were Messrs. ... C. W. Pannell, H. C. Mitchell and W. ... and Miss Joan Clark, and Mr. J. G. Blazer, steward.

The following were the principal prize-winners:—

Half-mile handicap race, open to gentlemen amateurs: H. ... 1, M. ... 2, ... Hodsoll 3.

Catford Challenge Cup: Mr. ... 1, H. C. A. ... 2, E. Beast 3.

Dribbling the ... ball (ladies) ... Miss M. Bedwell 1.

Costume ... competition: Mrs. E. Parsons and Mr. H. R. Watt.

... (ladies and gentlemen) ...—Mrs. Parkinson and Mr. E. Long.

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An exhibition of dancing and figure-skating was given by Miss Joan Clark and Mr. J. C. Blazer.

BELLINGHAM OPEN-AIR BATHS.

The hon. secretaries (Messrs. E. C. Lambert and A. H. Bull) of the Borough of Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Association have been notified by the Ministry of Health as to the decision in regard to the Lewisham Borough Council's application for sanction to the borrowing of £10,000 (including £700 for the sites) for the provision of an open-air swimming bath at Bellingham. The Ministry has given formal sanction to the borrowing of £8,000 (including £100 in respect of the site).

The motor bus route 94, operating between Catford Town and Bromley, has been withdrawn on week-days between Bromley and Lyon's Park.

[illegible] Church Education.

DEPTFORD EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

The Watchword.

Speaking at the New Cross Wesleyan Hall last evening on the subject of the evangelistic campaign which is being planned by the Deptford Council of Christian churches, and which it is proposed to hold in June and July next, Mr. ... (Lewisham High-road Congregational Church) said they had reached the stage when they had decided upon a definite title or watch-word or slogan for the crusade: "Christ, the World's One Way!" One of the things which it was hoped would strike the people of the borough in connection with the crusade was the unity with which it would be conducted—the Church of England and the Nonconformist bodies all standing together, and speaking with one voice.

The Rev. ... Bowker ... of St. Peter's, Brockley, also dealt with some aspects of the campaign.

The Rev. G. ... Smith, M.C. ... said there was no need for his saying anything about the needs of Deptford. The Council of Christian Churches was going to make a really noble and splendid attempt to bring the claims of Jesus Christ before every citizen, and from the enthusiasm which was shown he ventured to think that unless the citizens took their holidays at the time they would have extreme difficulty in escaping the ... The Council was a pioneer of its sort in this country, and the eyes of many were upon them. Wherever he went he found that people realised that this was an experiment—a venture along new lines—in the way of Christian work and witness.

ST. CATHERINE'S (HATCHAM) FELLOWSHIP.

"Education."

Yesterday evening a lecture was given in the church hall by Mr. ... Falkner (headmaster of the Aske Boys' School, Hatcham). The President (the Rev. W. H. ...) was in the chair.

Mr. Falkner said his subject was of particular interest [illegible] Dealing with primary, elementary and secondary education, he reminded them that until recent years the question of education was shelved in England and left to voluntary enterprise. [illegible]

On Thursday evening the third social will be given.

GREENWICH CENTRAL HALL.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Anniversary services were held on Sunday at the Greenwich Central Hall, the preacher on Sunday being the Rev. W. J. Ponsb...

At a public meeting held last evening, Mr. G. ... presided over a large gathering. In his annual report the Rev. ... Lang remarked that in the "good old days" it did not matter if the ... at the Victoria and Central Halls were in arrear, the Central Fund supporting the deficit, but now they were self-supporting. The report showed progress in every direction, and the chairman congratulated those present on the brighter times.

The Rev. F. Luke Wiseman, who had preached in the afternoon, delivered an address, and was followed by the Rev. ... Cragg, the Rev. W. ... and others.

Selections were rendered by the orchestra and Rosagne Ladies' Choir ...

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it strokes of the "cat." The prisoner's brother had been previously arrested and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with a similar number of strokes of the "cat."

They attacked an elderly shop manager, Mr John Bartholomew, as he was returning home from High-road, Lee, to his home in Manor-lane, Lee, with £100 in a bag. One throw his arms round Bartholomew's neck and partly strangled him. Meanwhile, the other grabbed the bag, shouting, "Drop it or I'll fire." "Shoot away," replied Bartholomew, who, despite his struggles, eventually was deprived of his bag. He followed his assailants and regained possession of his property. Samuel Cohen then struck him in the face. Bartholomew ran on the bag and shouted for help. Mr Herbert West, a bank clerk, hastened to the rescue, and the brothers bolted. West chased them to the railway at Hither Green Station, where the prisoner struck him a violent blow in the face and made good his escape.

DEPTFORD JUNIOR SPORTS FUND.

Councillor G. W. Hartley presided at the monthly meeting of the Deptford Junior Sports Fund Committee, which was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday. Dr. Rosa Ford reported the result of her efforts to get into touch with those who were likely to assist the committee to achieve its objects, viz., the provision of a sports ground for Deptford, and the presentation of cups and challenge shields to local clubs for competition. Nothing definite had yet been accomplished regarding the ground, although there was a slight possibility of securing a suitable site in the near future. Meanwhile the committee had been considerably strengthened and was making good progress in many directions.

Capt. G. E. Tatne wrote to the effect that the dance held at the Borough Hall on the 1st inst. had realised £6 1s. 6d. net profit, and arrangements were being made to hold a similar affair at the end of the month.

Dr. Rosa Ford said the Sports Day sub-committee had already done good work, and had chosen July 28th as Deptford Sports Day. Permission had been obtained to use the Goldsmiths' College grounds on that occasion, and a descriptive pageant would be held the previous evening.

MESSAGES FROM THE DEAD?

At Horniman Museum Hall, Forest Hill, on Monday evening, Captain Brunton, M.A., lectured on "Psychic Phenomena and Modern Spiritualism." He is a member of the Psychical Research Society, which investigates spiritualism on scientific lines. Many of the results, he said, could not be explained by natural law. With regard to messages, messages were certainly received. They were either due to telepathy, in which case they emanated from a living being, or were due to a secondary personality in man, or else they actually came from dead people. He believed the messages did come from the dead, but their incoherent character, their freakishness and aimlessness was very puzzling. More often than not they were unreliable and came from persons who, it had been proved, had existed on earth.

DEATH.

Body Found on the Railway.

In the early hours of Friday a ganger proceeding to work at Whitehead St. Mary Station found on the metals the dead body of a man, who, from papers in his possession, was assumed to be George Frederick Ladbury, 15b, Boumaker, of 15b, South-street, Greenwich. Evidence served to establish the identity of the deceased, and at an inquest held at Stepney on Monday an open verdict was returned.

The deceased is understood to have sold his business privately, and he should have appeared at Greenwich police-court on the 2nd inst. to answer a charge of drunkenness. He failed to do so, the case was remanded to the list on Friday, and the facts being reported to the Magistrate (Mr. Fleming), the charge-sheet was marked "Reported dead."

A son of deceased was the late "Bill" Ladbury, one of the finest boxers at his weight of recent years, who was killed while serving in the Royal West Kent Regt.

BELLINGHAM OPEN-AIR BATH.

No Money from Unemployment Grants Committee.

The hon. secretaries (Messrs. E. C. Lambert and A. H. Ball) of the Borough of Lewisham Ratepayers' and Residents' Association were yesterday notified by the Ministry of Health that the Unemployment Grants Committee have declined to make a grant in respect of the proposal by the Lewisham Borough Council of an open-air swimming bath at Bellingham. The question of sanctioning the borrowing of money for the work the Minister added is in abeyance.

The Borough Council has granted the Association the use of the Town Hall for its second annual meeting on the 7th inst. In response to the appeal of traders who are members, the time of the meeting has been fixed for 8.30 p.m.

ALARMING ACCIDENT AT LEWISHAM.

Tramcar on the Pavement.

Passengers on a 56 tramcar had an alarming experience on Wednesday morning. It appears that when opposite 136, High-street, Lewisham, and proceeding in the direction of Victoria, the car, which was crowded with workmen, some of whom were employed on the local housing site, left the metals and mounting the pavement came into collision with a lamp-post, which it knocked out of the perpendicular. The fore under-carriage of the tramcar was smashed, and a couple of the passengers complained of shock, but their condition was evidently not serious enough to engage the attention of the police.

The accident was due to a portion of the flange of the running rail being missing, and one, as was at first conjectured, to a stone lying in the rails.

The accident occurred at 7.15 a.m. and it was not until nearly three hours later that normal service was resumed.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Kent Coal Concessions, Ltd., was held in London last week to confirm a resolution to approve the Parliamentary Bill dealing with Kent coal companies.

Sir John Dewrance, of Chislehurst, explained that the Bill now being promoted was in accordance with the terms of the Leslie Joint report to the Government, upon which mineral rights should be leased and worked for the benefit of the nation. The Bill would deal with those landlords who, for various reasons or "from pure or idiot," were determined to hold up the development of the coal areas of the country. This Bill dealt specially with the county of Kent. The majority of the Kent landlords had been extremely broad-minded, had helped the various companies in every possible way, and had agreed to new mineral leases on extremely equitable terms. There was a small proportion of landlords who were prefer a disability in granting leases, while there were other landlords who were not prepared to assist in the coal mining development. These people claimed to hold up coal mining as materially, it would be such a wicked and useful thing to destroy the amenities of the country, and especially of the e-aside towns. This Bill would deal with the situation.

The resolution was duly confirmed.

SUMMER TIME.

The Bill presented by the Home Secretary on Wednesday provides that Summer Time shall begin at midnight on the night of the last Saturday in March (or the last Saturday but one in March when the last Saturday is the day preceding Easter), and shall terminate at midnight on the night of the first Saturday in October. These dates are fixed in agreement with France and with Belgium, in order to obviate the inconvenience which have been experienced in the past through Summer Time beginning and ending on different days in the different countries. The Bill makes the arrangement, which has hitherto been carried out under Orders in Council, a permanent one.

POST OFFICE SPEED!

It is but fitting that the General Post Office should have the credit of what must be accounted an achievement, and we therefore pause to congratulate Mr. Kelleway on the delivery of "The Kentish Mercury" (Blue yesterday of an express letter, handed in at Catford at 5.30 a.m., which reached Blackheath-road at 6.30 p.m. It shows what can be done when the Department puts its back into it.

LEWISHAM VOLUNTEER (1914-19) CLUB.

The second annual entertainment was given on Friday, January 27th, to 140 children from the following local schools:—St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, Deacon-road, Blackheath-road and Lewisham Bridge. After paying all expenses there remained a balance of about £5, which has been handed to Adjutant Tickner, Salvation Army, 18, Westside-road, to be expended for the benefit of the poor children of Lewisham.

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trenist passion was prevalent, was characterised by an earnest desire to elicit information as to the real purport of the League and Council. On the motion of Mr. Davis a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. East) for the loan of the room, to the Rev. A. W. Barber for presiding, and to the leaders of the debate.

Before the debate opened one of the members entertained the company with some humorous Socialist songs, and the meeting closed with the singing of "the Red Flag."

LETTING BELLINGHAM LAND.

Playing Fields.

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council, the Housing Committee reported that an offer had been received to take on lease for seven years, for use as playing fields, about 37 acres of land at Bellingham, lying between the Pool river and the Mid-Kent line of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway. It was necessary, owing to stipulations made by the vendor, to include this land in the purchase of the estate, although it was recognised at the time that it was not suitable for building purposes. The rent of £80 a year, exclusive of rates and taxes, which the prospective lessee was prepared to pay, was a reasonable one, and it was proposed, with the approval of the Minister of Health, to accept the offer, subject, amongst other conditions, to the Council having the right to determine the lease on payment of suitable compensation in respect of expenditure incurred by the lessee in preparing the ground.

It was recommended, accordingly, that the land be let to Mr. E. Aubrey on the conditions mentioned for seven years.

Mr S. March, moving that the recommendation be referred back with the instruction to consider whether the land would not be suitable for allotments, remarked that it was peculiar that the ground should be let for the purpose proposed, when it had been reported on to the Council as unsuitable for sports. Its suitability for allotments, which had not been taken into consideration, would be greater, rather than less, by reason of the fact that it was subject to flooding. He had no doubt that many of the tenants on the estate would be glad of the opportunity of securing an allotment.

The reference back, seconded by Mr. Watts, was defeated by 69 votes to 14, the committee's recommendation being approved.

CO-OPERATIVE LECTURE AT WOOLWICH.

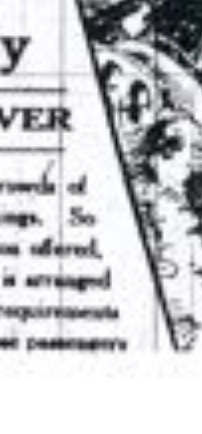
At the Co-operative Institute, Parsons-hill, Woolwich, on Saturday, Mr. John Dickinson delivered a lecture on "The Co-operative Movement." Mr. R. Goodall (Education Committee) presided, and at the close of the lecture a discussion took place.

ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.

The "Bonifons" Lodge, 489, holds its weekly meetings at eight o'clock every Thursday evening at the Old Tiger's Head, Lee Green, and Noble Arch. R. Jackson and Vice-Arch. E. T. Larkin would be pleased to welcome all brethren of the Order each Thursday.

A thought for every day

SEATS UNDER COVER



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[illegible] on certain specified services, particulars of which were given in the report to the Council, being borne by the fund. The proportions of the expenditure of the various boroughs to be borne by the fund were to be graduated according to assessable value per head of population, the highest proportion to be so borne being (nominally) 50 per cent., and the fund was to be charged upon the Administrative County of London according to assessable value.

It is held doubtful, however, whether an equitable scheme of equalisation of rates could be framed in anticipation of any new system of London government, especially if, as the result of the investigations of the Royal Commission, substantial changes were made in local areas and in the powers of local authorities. It might be necessary, in the first instance, to extend the existing Equalisation Fund under the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894, to the whole of the new area, or to adopt some other interim scheme of equalisation. Afterwards, when some experience had been gained of the financial position of the various authorities, it should be possible to devise a scheme, on the lines of the 1918 scheme, which would be more scientific and more equitable in its working.

It was recommended that evidence on the lines of the report be given before the Royal Commission on London Government.

Tuesday's Discussion.

In the course of a long discussion the report was criticised by Mr. P. A. Harris on the ground that it did not deal with the question of the fair distribution of the cost of government.

Miss Susan Lawrence urged the necessity of equalisation of rates on broad and generous lines.

Mr. R. C. Norman said that the committee were not laying down definite proposals in regard to the equalisation of rates; they were merely setting out principles which they felt were the best of which they could think at present. These principles were those laid down in the Council's equalisation scheme of 1918, which it was thought would, with some modification, be applicable to a larger area than the administrative county.

Dr. Scott Lidgett said the case would have to be worked out as they saw how the enquiry went on. He thought it should be made clear that the report was only the opening of the Council's case.

Eventually the report was approved. Captain O. E. Warburg was appointed to give evidence before the Royal Commission in regard to health services, Mr. Ernest Sanger as to mental hospitals and mental deficiency services, and Mr. R. C. Norman in regard to education and equalisation of rates.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

Addresses at Hither Green.

There was a large audience at a public meeting held at the Wellford Green Memorial Hall (Wesleyan Hall), Hither Green-lane, on Tuesday, the principal speakers being the Rev. W. E. Orchard, D.D., of King's Weigh House, and the Rev. D. M. Salmon, M.A., recently appointed Vicar of St. Andrew's, Catford.

The Rev. Walter Norton presided, supported by the Rev. E. H. Hines and the Rev. F. G. Howland.

Mr. Salmon expressed appreciation of the welcome he had received from all denominations upon his appointment. Speaking on "Christian Unity," he said it was not according to the mind of Christ that the Church should be split into sections and different denominations, but it would be wrong at present to rush into what is called "unity." What was wanted was that Churchmen should come together and exchange their views. This would take a long time, but if conferences were started now they would lay a foundation for those that came after us to work upon.

Dealing with the "Social Implications of Christianity," Dr. Orchard said he wished he had been able to follow in the line taken by Mr. Salmon, as he was sure this was the only way to bring the teaching of Christianity to one Church. At present the social element of our churches was very strong; this was

[illegible] ceeded) that half enough had been [illegible] of thought upon this subject, and he not seen any practical plan proposed. If the matter were seriously consid[ered] it should be possible to find mean[s to] bring about such an arrangement. [illegible] all this there must be economy at h[ome]. He felt that the Coalition was [illegible] criticised for not having introd[uced] drastic economy at an early date. [illegible] not because they had not been told a[bout] it (hear, hear). They had had it pre[ssed] upon them by many people; he ha[d] had voted against them on many [occa]sions on this question, notably in [con]nection with the last Budget. He ag[reed], however, that there was nothing as [easy] as cutting down expenditure. The chief critics at the moment were [Mr.] Asquith and Lord Grey. It was wond[erful] that they had the nerve to come for[ward] and criticise; men who had been [illegible] their failures as statesmen. Mr. Asqu[ith's] failures were so well known that it [was] hardly worth while to mention them. [He] would name only one: the Irish settlement that had had to be ma[de in] Ireland. Having been born in Irelan[d he] had a very particular feeling about [the] matter. Who had they to blame for [the] present situation in Ireland? As[quith] and company! The situation which had to be faced in Ireland after [the] Armistice was the direct result of [the] absence of Government during [the] Asquith-Birrell regime. During ten [years] a situation was allowed to arise [that] England was unable to quell the dis[order] without a vast expenditure and [the] shedding of much blood. He did not support the Treaty when it was before [the] House of Commons. It was a diffi[cult] act on his part, because he felt the[y] could not vote against it, seeing the alternative was the shedding of blood [and] the expenditure of a great deal of mo[ney], neither of which could he have [illegible] by his vote (hear, hear). But as he [could] not conscientiously vote for such a [docu]ment he abstained.

The Alternatives.

Proceeding to criticise Lord Grey, Sir [illegible] Benn said he was the responsible Minister who brought forward that [illegible]able document, the Declaration of [Lon]don, which was an absolute betray[al of] our sea power. It was nothing [but a] political dodge to save the face of [the] Radical Party, who had made certain [pro]mises before they got in power, and [were] making this effort to carry them out. It was absolutely against the true inte[rests] of England. Within six weeks of [the] declaration of war we, who had [illegible] the Declaration of London, had to [say] that we would not carry on on those [lines] and put ourselves entirely in the w[rong] with neutrals. A few months later [we] had to decline to recognise certain [illegible] clauses, and finally to say we did [not] recognise it at all. This put us [in a] stupid, hypocritical position with [other] countries.

Turning to the present situation, Sir [illegible] Benn said the Conservative Party was as a whole very well satisfied with [the] Coalition. But, as practical people, [what] were they going to do about it? W[ithin] the past week or two he had put [the] question to himself over and over ag[ain]. What were the alternatives? One [put] forward by some Conservatives [was] "Break up the Coalition, go as Conserva[tives] to the country, and all will [be] well!" He thought it was quite pos[sible] that if they had good leaders and a [good] programme the Conservative Party [would] sweep the country. But the leader[s of] the party were actually in the Coali[tion] and they had not got leaders who [were] prepared to lead the Conservatives [in] opposition to the Coalition, and [they] might as well recognise the fact [at] heart. Therefore they were driven [to] this position: It was either Coalition [or] Labour. If they looked it squarely in [the] face he was sure there was not one [of] them who would contemplate for [a] moment the alternative of a Lab[our]

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GREENWICH "PARLIAMENT."

At the weekly meeting held on Tuesday evening last at the Town Hall the new Government was introduced to the Speaker by the Prime Minister (Mr. [illegible]). After the Government had been questioned as to their policy in Ireland and on other matters, the King's Speech was read. A loyal address in reply was moved by the Hon. Member for Deptford, and seconded by the Hon. Member for [illegible]. This was discussed by the House, and the debate ultimately adjourned until next week.

Last Saturday [illegible] visited [illegible] House by the courtesy of the Associated Newspapers, Ltd., and spent a profitable and interesting afternoon in becoming acquainted with the method of modern newspaper production.

A whist drive is to be held on Thursday evening at the Borough Hall.

Personal.

[illegible] of Westminster Abbey Choir School.

[illegible] for violin at the Trinity College of Music, London.

[illegible] Royal Institute of British Architects.

The Rev. [illegible], Vicar of All Saints', [illegible] vicarage of [illegible]

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Miss Margot Drake has been engaged to take, for the second time, the leading part of "[illegible]" in "Carnival," which opens at [illegible] New Palace Theatre on February 21st.

Lady Tudor, of the Royal Naval College, is acting as treasurer for Greenwich to the wedding gift to Princess Mary from the Marys of the Empire, and Mrs. [illegible], O.B.E., for Eltham.

Councillor A. E. Webb has been appointed a manager of School Group No. 1, Lewisham East, and Mrs. M. E. [illegible], of [illegible] Catford, a manager of School Group No. 2, Lewisham East.

Mr. H. [illegible] has been re-elected, for the sixteenth time, [illegible] to the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association.

The death is announced at [illegible] of Mr. [illegible], formerly M.P. for the [illegible] Division and an ex-Lord Mayor of London, who was a partner with the late Sir Edward Clarke in the firm of [illegible], Clarke, Son and [illegible].

The King of the Belgians has bestowed upon Mrs. [illegible], of [illegible]-road, Brockley, the decoration of the "Palmes en Or de l'Ordre de la Couronne" in recognition of [illegible] services rendered to the Belgians during the war.

The Rev. W. T. [illegible], Vicar of St. Peter's, Greenwich, is under medical advice taking a voyage to India. He sails [illegible] on the [illegible] "Princess," and will act as Chaplain to the Forces. He expects to be away about seven weeks. During his absence his duty will be taken by the Rev. [illegible], Deputation secretary, C.M.S.

SYDENHAM UNEMPLOYED.

At a meeting last Thursday evening at [illegible]-road Hall, Sydenham, of the Sydenham and Forest Hill organised unemployed an address was given by Mr. [illegible], a member of one of the [illegible]

[illegible] During the four weeks ended the [illegible] [illegible] cases of infectious diseases were notified in the borough, as compared with [illegible] in the corresponding period of last year. Included in the statistics were [illegible] cases of acute influenzal pneumonia.

MOTOR RUNS AMOK AT CATFORD.

BOY BURIED UNDER WALL.

A remarkable accident occurred at the junction of [illegible] and [illegible] roads on Friday, when a [illegible] crashed into a garden wall and buried a [illegible] boy under the fall of bricks.

It appears that the motor mounted the pavement, and, demolishing or damaging about [illegible] feet of the wall belonging to the corner house [illegible] road, occupied by Mr. Albert M. [illegible], broke the scullery window and damaged the back door. Mrs. [illegible], who was in the scullery, received abrasions, but her son Geoffrey, who saw the car coming and sought refuge between the wall and the house, was buried under the fall of bricks. Police came up, and when the boy was extricated it was found that he had sustained a [illegible] fracture of the right leg. Dr. Jackson was called.

BISHOP OF WOOLWICH AT BELLINGHAM.

His Introduction to the Residents

A long wooden hut, with rough and dingy interior, two rows of plain deal forms, and a little improvised altar, make up the embryo church of the Bellingham Estate. On weekdays the building fulfils its intended purpose—a canteen for the workmen employed on the site—but on Sunday it becomes one of those stations [illegible] work by the [illegible] Sunday afternoon, when, despite the [illegible] weather, the [illegible] and the biting wind, quite a number of the residents and their children attended a service conducted by the Bishop of Woolwich. It had a somewhat [illegible] appearance. But the Bishop, informal [illegible] very much at home, infused the service with a cheery warmth. Addressing his remarks almost exclusively to the children, he told them in simple words the story of the birth of Christ, and the significance of the Wise Men's gifts. The building, he thought, quite a nice little church; he had been in very much smaller. When he first came to London he had a railway arch, [illegible] up at each end, for a church. It served its purpose well, but it had one drawback—every time a train passed over they had to stop the service. At Bellingham a new town was springing up, and they intended to build a church, but up to the present they had not even acquired the site; they were still waiting with the powers that be. However, he hoped by the time the summer came a church would be there.

After the service the Bishop introduced himself to the new residents.

EAST LEWISHAM LABOUR CANDIDATE.

Dr. Hector Munro, who for some two years has been before the constituency as prospective Labour candidate, having withdrawn in consequence of his having accepted a medical post under the Free State of Ireland, the Labour Party in East Lewisham has adopted Mr. H. W. Wilson as prospective candidate. An assistant master at the [illegible] Secondary School, Brixton, Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Oxford University. He served in the Great War as a private, was granted a commission, and was wounded at the Somme. The South Bristol Labour Party had approached him, and he was understood to regard the invitation with favour.

Special Constabulary Club's Hospitality.

Saturday evening witnessed a very happy gathering at the [illegible] Park Special Constabulary Club in [illegible]-road, Blackheath, about [illegible] poor children of the district being the guests of the members at a New Year party, which was marked by many pleasant features, and which might well serve as a model for other clubs desiring to add a little brightness to lives sadly in need of it in these days of distress. To Mr. Augustus Hills is due the credit for the inception of the idea, and he did not spare himself in carrying it out, with the [illegible] of a band of willing workers, all of whom may be congratulated upon an unqualified success.

In response to the [illegible] [illegible] children sat down to dinner of [illegible] followed by [illegible], jellies, fruit and cake. The catering, it may be noted, was carried out by the club steward and stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. G. [illegible], while members undertook the [illegible]. During dinner Mr. Hills read a telegram from the Mayor of Greenwich: "Hope the children are having good time. All good wishes." [illegible] the [illegible] "The [illegible]," with Mr. [illegible] at the piano and little Miss [illegible], a charming dancer, delighted the children. [illegible] until the time came for the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree, the toys on which were the gift of Mr. [illegible]. After this came the crowning [illegible]. Parents had been requested to call for the children about 9 p.m., and they were invited to partake of light refreshments. As they passed through the [illegible] hall on leaving, parcels were handed to them which must have helped to solve the problem of housekeeping in many a home, for each contained [illegible] of tea, [illegible] of butter, [illegible] of cheese, [illegible] of pork sausages, [illegible] of loaf sugar, [illegible] of salmon and shrimp paste, [illegible] of condensed milk, [illegible] tablets of soap, sweets, biscuits, oranges, nuts and bananas. Expressions of gratitude were freely and unaffectedly and [illegible] the donors.

Mr. W. H. Hills lent a fine collection of bunting for decorations; Mrs. Hills gave the Christmas tree; and Mr. William Davey, Mr. George [illegible], Messrs. Francis and Company, Ltd., and several members sent gifts of food.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES.

At the recent examination of the Guildhall School of Music the following pupils of Madam [illegible], the local representative of the Guildhall School of Music, of Lyndhurst, [illegible]-road, Greenwich, were successful: Theory and harmony.—Edith Kinsey, [illegible]; Alice Warren, [illegible]; Lizzie [illegible], [illegible]; Edith White, [illegible]. Pianoforte playing.—Higher Division, Edith Kinsey, Dorothy Thompson, Winifred [illegible]; Lower Division, Winifred Phillips; Preparatory, Maggie Holland; Elementary, Hilda Mallows, Hilda Tull and May Smith.

At the recent examination of the Royal Academy, Miss Vera Richardson, [illegible] Boyne-road, S.E.13, pupil of Mr. [illegible] Webbe, and Mr. Harry Farjeon, gained the diploma of L.R.A.M. in pianoforte as teacher.

BROCKLEY MAN IN FRAUD CHARGE.

FURTHER REMAND.

Yesterday, at [illegible], Frank Horace Hayden [illegible], of [illegible]-road, Brockley, was further remanded until Thursday next—on a charge of being implicated in fraud involving between £70,000 and £80,000. Application was made for bail, and the stipendiary magistrate fixed the amount at two sureties of £400 each.

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[illegible] ST. [illegible]

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BISHOP [illegible]

The Bishop [illegible] J. [illegible] and the [illegible] addressed [illegible] Lewisham [illegible]

LEWISHAM [illegible]

On Friday [illegible] of members [illegible]

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[illegible] given [illegible]. Little gratitude was shown [illegible] certain quarters to those who tried to help deserving [illegible]. In conclusion the speaker appealed for a more generous spirit all round.

Alderman [illegible], observing that he thought it would have been better if all the questions in dispute had been referred to the Mayor, who raised the fund, contested the view that it was the duty of the Guardians to look after money. Their primary duty was to look after the poor; money was a secondary consideration, and should at all times be secondary to human life. As to the Mayor's fund, it seemed to him a mistake so far as it supplanted the duty of the Guardians. Charity could at no time be a substitute for justice, and if justice was to be done, boots and clothing should be supplied by the community.

The Mayor said the fund was not raised to relieve the [illegible], but to give something extra in the way of comfort and gladness to the hearts of the children. When he had seen them—as he did a few weeks ago—come to the Town Hall and leave their old boots, it was a great relief to him to be able to supply them with boots. At the same time, if it was right and legal that the Guardians should provide the kiddies with boots he thought they should do so, so that the fund might be utilised for the supply of underclothing. But they did not want to dry up the wells of voluntary contributions.

Councillor Mrs. Turner, as a Guardian, said she had never, on any committee on which she sat, heard anyone referred to the Mayor's fund. She did not think the public appreciated what was done by the Guardians and the amount of relief that was given. If anything of the sort had been done she hoped the Guardians would find out and reprimand the person responsible.

The motion was carried nem. con.

Appointments.

Dr. Vivian J. F. Lack, of Temple-chambers, E.C., was appointed medical officer for the maternity and child welfare work of the borough, at a salary of £400, rising by annual increments of £30 to £600, together with a fixed bonus (subject to revision in accordance with the cost of living) for the first twelve months of £300.

Miss Louisa Wright, of Finchley Lodge, St. John's Park-road, Blackheath, was appointed sister-in-charge of the Council's crèche, at £30 per annum, with board, residence and laundry.

In neither case will the person appointed be entitled to superannuation allowance.

Personal.

Mr. Philip Dawson, M.P., attended a dinner at Claridge's on Tuesday evening, being the guest of Lord Inverforth, who was entertaining those who served under him at the Ministry of Munitions.

Mr. Cecil Good, barrister-at-law, of Lincoln's Inn, only son of Mr. J. A. T. Good, solicitor, of Greenwich and Brockley, has been appointed police magistrate of [illegible], Gold Coast, West Africa.

Sister Gwynne Jeffreys has been the recipient of an oak bureau at the Tugnall-street Mission, Deptford, on the occasion of her leaving the parish of St. James's, Hatcham, after nearly nine years' work there.

In the list of New Year's honours the honour of knighthood has been conferred on Mr. Robert Glover Jaquet, C.I.E., of 33, [illegible]-gardens, W., and formerly of "[illegible]," 11, Liskeard-gardens, Blackheath, where he resided for some eleven years. Mr. Jaquet was formerly a churchwarden at St. John's, Blackheath.

Miss Madeline [illegible], of 2, Gloucester-place, Greenwich; Miss Mary [illegible], of 15, [illegible]-road, Brockley; Mr. H. [illegible], of 8, Old Burlington-street, W.; Miss Madeline Hill, J.P., of 8, The [illegible], Blackheath, and the Rev. W. W. [illegible], of Holy Trinity, Blackheath-hill, have been appointed trustees

after much pressing, accounts with Manchester firms and with the witness's firm were not paid, witness's firm decided that they would not accept any further orders, and advised other people who had done business with them not to go on with it.

In answer to Mr. Gilbert [illegible], who appeared for Levy, witness said he had had no transaction with Levy. He told witness he was a clerk.

Giving evidence for the prosecution on Friday, the representative of a firm of cloth manufacturers in Manchester said he got into communication with [illegible] and the prisoners through a firm whom [illegible] had appointed as his buying agents in Manchester. At a later date [illegible] came to Manchester. Witness had executed a small order for which payment was made, and [illegible] gave him a verbal order for 750 pieces of khaki cloth, which was afterwards confirmed by a contract note. He pointed out to [illegible] that the order represented a large sum of money, and [illegible] replied that payment would be made and that everything would be all right; there was no need to worry over the account. [illegible] gave him other orders at the same interview. Witness submitted to [illegible] samples of [illegible], and received an order for 400 dozen towels. [illegible] was asked about his [illegible], and he said if it was [illegible] he thought it would be [illegible]. Ultimately witness told Hepden, who was pressing him for delivery, that he would not send any more goods till he got some money. Witness understood that Hepden was the buyer. Hepden said he would see that a cheque came along. Witness never saw Levy.

Evidence was given by a manufacturer's manager that he had made a contract with [illegible], through his buying agents, for, among other orders, the supply of 350 pieces of white cloth, for which a contract was produced. At various dates witness's firm delivered portions of the goods. The account amounted to £5,[illegible]. On an occasion when witness saw Hepden in London he told witness that [illegible] was a very wealthy man. When pressed for payment Hepden made excuses, saying that he had paid away such large sums of interest that he had to hold Manchester accounts over. If, he said, he had realised the shortness of money in Manchester accounts [illegible].

On Wednesday Mr. Langdon applied for the release of Levy, in view of the evidence that had been given. Mr. [illegible] acceded to the request of counsel, who then called Levy as a witness.

Joseph Levy said he was engaged by [illegible] in September last, at a salary of £4 per week. Hepden was present when the arrangements were made. [illegible] told him he would only get £3, otherwise he would have to pay income tax. For the four weeks preceding his arrest the incomes for goods did not come to him; they were taken to the private office. During that period he took the money to the bank. Ledgers were provided, but they contained no entries. He found them in his desk one day, but he was never told what to do with them. He did not ask. When Hepden was away nothing was done. Some time in November the witness had a conversation with [illegible] about the financial position of the concern. He had noticed that [illegible] looked worried and seemed ill. Hepden at that time was away in Manchester. [illegible] said he was owing money and was in financial difficulties. He might, he said, have to become a bankrupt, and he would give the witness a month's salary if that happened. Shortly after that creditors began pressing for their accounts. The witness never saw any papers torn up or invoices burned. When goods came in they were usually sold again very quickly. He was under the impression when he was first appointed that the business was a wonderful one. The witness last saw Hepden at the office on December 6th. On December 7th [illegible] gave the witness £20 and told him that he was in trouble and might have to close the premises. [illegible] said the money he gave him represented witness's salary for the month.

[illegible] (Mr. H. B. [illegible]) asked the widow. "It must be all imagination," she replied.

Supplementing evidence of identification, Mrs. [illegible] said that her husband, who retired three years ago, usually enjoyed good health, but a fortnight ago he had an attack of influenza. He left home about nine o'clock on Monday morning, saying he was going to [illegible] House about the estate of a deceased sister, and would return for dinner at 1.30. He was a member of the Brockley Parliament and was looking forward to the meeting on Monday night.

Mr. [illegible], "[illegible]," Downe, said he found the body on Angrove Hill, between Cudham and Downe, at 12.15 (noon) on Monday. Deceased was lying on the bank by the roadside, and witness was certain he was dead. Afterwards he noticed a constable pick up a razor within a foot or 18 inches of the body.

P.C. [illegible] said the body was warm when he was called to the spot at [illegible]. He thought deceased alighted from a bus at Keston Church and walked along the road to the place where he was found.

Dr. [illegible] said he examined the body at 1.33 p.m. Both carotid arteries were severed and the larynx was [illegible]. Death would occur within 30 seconds. The wound was [illegible] self-inflicted.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Suicide whilst labouring under temporary mental derangement."

Mysterious Fall at Bellingham.

Yesterday at Lewisham, Mr. Gurney Whitehouse held an inquest touching the death of [illegible], aged [illegible], [illegible], of [illegible]-road, Catford, in the Lewisham Hospital on Saturday. From the evidence it appeared that deceased was working on a house on the County Council's new estate at Bellingham, when he fell from the first floor into the well-hole of the staircase. A carpenter, Albert Edward [illegible], who was at work in a back room on the ground floor, spoke to hearing a rule drop, and, on turning, he saw deceased's body strike the ground. The distance he fell was about nine feet three inches.

Dr. Humphrey [illegible], medical superintendent of the hospital, stated that deceased was semi-conscious when admitted, and was suffering from acute "influenza." An autopsy showed extensive cerebral haemorrhage and an extraordinary number of "[illegible]" bacilli in the lung tissue. Death was the result of acute "influenza," with haemorrhagic meningitis. The fall had nothing to do with the man's decease.

Mrs. Eliza [illegible], aged 7[illegible], widow, of 73, [illegible]-road, Lewisham, died in the Lewisham Hospital on Saturday, according to the evidence given yesterday at the inquest at Lewisham, from bronchitis and influenza.

Strange Incident at Lewisham.

Near the Clock Tower, Lewisham, at 10.30 p.m. on Sunday, Mr. Walter Maloney, a 'bus or tram conductor, of 7[illegible], St. Martin's-road, Shortlands, Bromley, and Mr. Hugh Phillips, a medical student, of 1[illegible], Devonshire-road, Honor Oak-park, were each on their way home, when simultaneously they collapsed on the pavement. They were taken to Lewisham Hospital on an L.C.C. ambulance, and both were found to be suffering from influenza. Mr. Phillips was allowed to go home, but Mr. Maloney was detained.

Broncho-pneumonia following influenza was said, at Saturday's inquest at Lewisham, to have caused the death of Albert William Dutch, aged [illegible], master laundryman, of 1, Waldram-road, Forest Hill, where he died early on Thursday morning.

ROAN SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

At the monthly meeting of the Roan School Governors Mr. R. J. Jackson, J.P., who was again elected chairman, welcomed the four new members (Messrs. H. Hough, J. H. [illegible], F. Fuller and [illegible] [illegible], who were selected at the last meeting of the Greenwich Borough Council to serve for four years in the place of the Rev. W. T. Money, Messrs. George Dunnett, H. P. Hollis and W. [illegible], whose period of office had expired. Unfortunately, he added, they were more

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BELLINGHAM GARDEN CITY

First Church Services.

On Christmas Day, thanks to the kindness of Messrs. S. Kemp and Son, in placing their canteen at his disposal, the Rev. J. P. Smith was able to conduct two services at Bellingham for the new residents in this part of his parish of St. John, Southend. Every facility was readily granted by the contractors, and after the last meal had been served on Friday the dining-room of the canteen was rapidly transformed into a very presentable little mission church. An altar frontal with other furniture including a harmonium, was brought up from Southend, flags and flowers were provided by some of the new residents, and when, at 8.15, on Christmas morning, the Vicar arrived on his bicycle, all was in readiness for the first celebration of the Holy Communion specially sanctioned by the Bishop of the Diocese.

It was a birthday celebration in more senses than one, and the little congregation prayed for a blessing on the new homes of the modern city as they remembered what came to pass in the little city of Bethlehem long ago.

At 3.30 p.m. another bright little service was held. Mr. C. F. Edney presided at the harmonium, and the singing of hymns and carols from the English Hymnal was very hearty. The Vicar gave an appropriate address, and announced that on and after Sunday, January 16th, when the Bishop of Woolwich was coming at 3 p.m., to meet the residents and their children, he hoped to hold regular services in the same place. They could be sure of the interest and help in providing for these spiritual needs, of the Bishops of Southwark and Woolwich, and of the Rural Dean, Canon Rosemeyer, who had hoped to have been with them that evening. He trusted that the Lord was not of that moment looking for them in the darkness.

Collections at both services were for the support of the Children's Homes of the Mark and Seaxa Society.

LEWISHAM GUNNERS AND CHILDREN OF UNEMPLOYED.

Toys and New Shillings.

As a result of the generous support accorded the appeal by the Mr. 16th Lewisham Brigade, R.F.A., for a fund to enable a Christmas treat to be given the children of Lewisham unemployed, the district organisation of the workless "Good Rents" so many of these children on Monday morning at Holbrook-road Hall, Catford, and at St. James's Hall, Hilderstone-road, Forest Hill. Great cheer was there in plenty, and the children had a thoroughly good time. Following a conference between members of the brigade and some of the Lewisham Unemployed Organisation, Colonel Ross commanding the brigade) asked for volunteers to go to the two halls to distribute toys and to hand each child a new shilling before he or she left. Those who went for this purpose were Reg.-Sergt.-Major G. Cann, Batt.-Sergt.-Major F. Galpin and W. T. Regan, and Batt.-Sergt. R. K. Davies. Bright new shillings were handed by them to no fewer than 354 children, who received toys in addition, and in the case of the girls, handkerchiefs provided by the kindness of a local tradesman. Any money found to be remaining has been given to those children of unemployed parents who were unable to go to either

EARL HAIG'S PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Another Appeal to the Public.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig is once again in the lists with an appeal on behalf of the men who served under him in the war, for whose interest he has shown himself so zealous. Through the British Legion he has issued a Christmas message in the form:—

"Please accept my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year." Accompanying this is an appeal to the public on behalf of the Three Hundredth Remembrance League, which has been formed with a view to securing, as far as possible, a definite annual income for the benefit of ex-Service men and the widows and children of those who gave their lives.

"During the war millions gave years of arduous service (equally with extreme peril)," writes the Field-Marshal. "In return I only ask you to give the equivalent of one day's service in each year—service performed in the country of the peace which they established.

"On this calendar" (—not with the appeal) "Sundays and holidays have been deducted, leaving three hundred working days. Your equivalent of one day's service in this reckoning is one-three hundredth part of your annual income, but donors, of course, are not limited to amounts arrived at in this manner. I only ask a reasonable quota from all who enjoy the complete freedom of life. Do not let that day pass without completing and sending in the standard form of request."

SIR PHILIP DAWSON, M.P.

A New Year's Message.

We have received from Sir Philip Dawson, M.P. for West Lewisham, the following New Year's message to his constituents and to the people of West Lewisham:—

"At no time in our history have we had greater difficulties to face, or more complex problems to solve, than today. We need steadfastness of purpose and unity of action, realising should be faced, and we must not be misled by mere catchwords raised by discontented individuals or disappointed office seekers.

"By co-operation between the inventor, the employer and labour alone can success be achieved. Unemployment is rife and the cost of living high; this can only be remedied by encouraging industry, increasing production, and fostering remunerative private enterprise at home and abroad. I believe that the reaction and slackness, the universal result of the world's war, is coming to an end, and that better times are in store for us. The Government is fully alive to the fact that the burden of taxation is greater than this country can bear. Peace in Ireland, the Washington Conference, as well as the freeing of all industries and enterprises from the deadly hand of Government control, will be of material assistance in reducing our burdens and bringing about an improvement in trade and industry.

"The constitutional attitude adopted by the unemployed in West Lewisham has been admirable, and they can rest assured that all is and will be done to assist them. The position taken up by our ex-Service men and women and our Civil Servants is most commendable, and they can depend upon it that their legitimate interests will be safeguarded.

"The darkest hour is that which per-

TRACKLESS TROLLEYS.

The L.C.C. Bill.

The L.C.C., as announced last week, has now prepared its 1921 Tramways, Trolley Vehicles, and Improvements Bill.

With regard to the trolley vehicles, the Bill provides that the vehicles shall form part of the Council's tramways undertaking; that they shall not be deemed to be light locomotives within the meaning of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, or of the bye-laws and regulations made thereunder, or motor cars within the meaning of the Motor Car Act, 1903, save for the purpose of section 1 (1) of that Act, and that neither the regulations made under that Act nor the enactments mentioned in the schedule to the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, nor the Locomotives Act, 1898, shall apply to such vehicles.

A clause is included, however, providing that nothing in the Act shall in any way affect the duties of excise now payable by law on licences to be taken out for trolley vehicles as carriages or light locomotives or hackney carriages.

It is also provided that the form, weight and construction of the vehicles shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Transport, and that the Council shall be empowered to lop trees and shrubs which overhang streets and footpaths in such a manner as to obstruct the working of the trolley vehicles, to remove snow and other matter to the side of the road, to acquire and hold patent rights and to provide buildings, plant and appliances.

It is proposed that the Council shall have power to enter into agreements for through bookings with other authorities and companies owning railways, tramways, and omnibuses, and that the Minister of Transport shall have power to make bye-laws and regulations with regard to the trolley vehicles.

The appropriate general provisions of the Council's Tramways and Improvements Acts and, following precedents set in recent Acts, certain of the provisions of the Tramways Act, 1870, have been applied to the vehicles.

Personal.

The Revs. W. S. Posey and C. Carroll have joined the College of St. Barnabas, Southwark.

Miss Elsie Morton, M.B.E., has resigned her position as a Manager of the Deptford (No. 2) group of L.C.C. schools.

Mr. W. Lindley Jones, of Parkwood, Bromley, has just completed his 50th year as editor of his highly successful journal, "The Mercantile Guardian."

The Mayor of Deptford will be present at the annual meeting of St. John Ambulance Brigade on Sunday morning at New Cross (Brighton) railway name.

Miss Elsie J. Pawley, of Sydney Villa, 106, Beaconsfield-road, Brockley, was awarded a £50 scholarship for singing at the recent competition held at the Clifton Cooke School of Singing.

The Rev. H. Bonnin, Vicar of St. Michael's and All Angels, Lower Sydenham, who has been seriously ill, has gone to Bournemouth. Many parochial functions have had to be cancelled.

Superintendent Clarke, of "M" Division, which now includes Deptford police station, will at the end of the year leave for "N" Division, and will be succeeded on promotion by Chief Insp. Peel, of "B" Division.

Mr. C. M. Stuart, the retiring headmaster of St. Dunstan's College, Catford, will preside at the annual school meet

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Defaulters.

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[illegible] is supplied by the following letter from one of the directors of Medway's Safety Lift Co., Ltd., of Albert Works, Rech-street, Deptford, which we have pleasure in publishing:—

Sir,—With reference to the engineering dispute, the following are the main points of the Engineering Federation, which we wish to keep before the public:—

1. The A.E.U. Executive, with the unique approval of the District Delegates, agreed in November, 1921, to the employers having the right to manage their works and to issue instructions in connection therewith.

2. The memorandum was rejected by a ballot vote of the Union, and the federated firms, through the Federation, were under the necessity of having to take action with a view to the rights of employers being conserved.

3. The report of the Court of Enquiry set up by the Government completely vindicated the employers' attitude.

4. Notwithstanding the vindication of the employers' attitude the Executive Council of the A.E.U. are still adhering to their original claim, namely, to be consenting parties to any instructions of the management.

5. Proposals have been submitted to the A.E.U., which, in several important respects, go further than the conclusions contained in the report of the Court of Enquiry.

It is to be noted that in the proposals submitted to the A.E.U. it is specifically provided that no alteration shall take place until the procedure provided for in Provisions for Avoiding Disputes has been exhausted in connection with general alterations in wages, alterations in working conditions which are subject of agreements, and alterations in the general working week. Further, in the case of any alterations in the recognised working conditions which are contemplated by the management, and which will result in one class of workpeople being displaced by another in the establishment, not less than ten days' intimation of the intention of the management shall be given to the workpeople directly concerned or their representatives in the shop, so as to afford an opportunity for discussion, if discussion is desired. Again, provision is made in the employers' proposals for consideration being given in the case of workpeople displaced by reason of any act of the management, with a view, if practicable, of affording them, in the establishment, work suitable to their qualifications. Retrospective payment is also provided for where in those cases, after negotiation, it has been decided that the claim of the workpeople has been established where questions involving money payments are concerned.—I am, Sir, etc.

E. M. MEDWAY.

Deptford, May 24th, 1922.

SOUTH LONDON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

This society has arranged a particularly interesting programme for the last choral and orchestral concert of the season to take place at the Goldsmiths' College next Thursday, June 1st. The programme will include Stanford's beautiful "Songs of the Fleet," with Mr. Frank Watts as soloist, and a most interesting collection of "Old Sea Chanties," arranged by Mr. Arthur Fagge, the talented conductor of the London Choral Society, who will conduct this particular item. Miss Olive Marborough will sing songs with orchestral accompaniment, and the orchestra will play part of Beethoven's 8th Symphony and the "Mirella" overture of Gounod. Mr. W. T. Ward, the leader, will play the Andante from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

This interesting and comprehensive programme should attract a large audience to the Goldsmiths' College. The season will conclude with a pianoforte recital by the famous pianist, Walter Rummel, on Saturday, June 24th.

Mr. John Woolveridge, of 71, Hither Green-lane, collapsed owing to the heat in Dermody-road, Lewisham, on Tuesday afternoon, and was conveyed to Lewisham Hospital unconscious.

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A Rotherhithe Improvement.

The Council agreed to contribute one-half the cost, not to exceed £3,500, of a further widening of Rotherhithe-street, at Nos. 254-[illegible]. It is proposed to increase the existing width of the street, which varies from about 24 feet to 17 feet, to a general width of 40 feet for a length of about 140 yards, except for a portion of about 20 feet opposite No. [illegible] where the minimum width will be about [illegible] feet, and for a length of about [illegible] feet at the east end where the width will vary between [illegible] feet and 20 feet.

FEELING OF BELLINGHAM ESTATE RESIDENTS.

A representative of "The Kentish Mercury" who made enquiries with the object of ascertaining the views of the residents on the Bellingham Estate in regard to the County Council's decision to let the recreation ground, reported above, gives it as the general opinion that the recreation ground having been intended as one of the amenities of the estate, if its exclusive use is reserved for an outside body, a distinct encroachment is made on those privileges which the residents might reasonably demand.

The Vicar of the parish, who has taken a keen interest in the development of Bellingham, expressed himself as surprised at this unexpected departure by the London County Council. But as he had no grounds for anticipating this move on the part of the authorities he was not prepared to meet it with a consensus of opinion from the people affected. Personally, however, he thought it "unwise and most objectionable."

The immediate environment of the ground in question is still undeveloped, and the people at the other end have not yet developed that corporate feeling which time alone can create. They display a tremendous keenness in their gardens, but their neighbours they hardly know. The recreation ground is in quite a playable condition, and hundreds of boys on the estate freely use it for cricket and other games.

To bring the new residents on the Bellingham Estate into closer contact with each other the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. J. F. Smith) invites the parishioners to tea on the vicarage lawn. The ladies come on Tuesdays and the men on Fridays, and while the children are picking buttercups and daisies on the ground which marks the site of the proposed new church, their elders while away a pleasant hour in conversation and recreation.

Organised by the Evangelical Council of the Lewisham Deanery, a procession will take place through Bellingham Garden City on Whit Sunday. The procession, headed by the Cadet band, will assemble at the Canadian-avenue entrance at 6.30 p.m., and after traversing the estate an open-air service will be conducted by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. J. F. Smith). The choir of St. John's, Southend Village, will lead the singing, and a collection will be made for the Church Extension Fund, the primary object of which is the erection of a church hall in the centre of the Garden City.

"GERANIUM DAY."

"Geranium Day," the flag day in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind, is fixed for Monday next, when collections will be made in the London boroughs.

We are asked to state that helpers are needed in Lewisham; those willing to assist should apply at the Town Hall, Catford, this (Friday) evening between six and eight o'clock.

Mr. John Ashby, chairman of the committee of the Workshop for the Blind of Kent in Lordon-street, Greenwich, writes that the employees of the workshop will participate in the proceeds of "Geranium Day."

Shortly after midnight yesterday John [illegible], of Norway-street, Greenwich, [illegible] on the footpath near Lewisham [illegible]

[illegible] passengers are requested to be [illegible] the time specified. Fares [illegible] cabin, and 3s. in fore-cabin." The "[illegible]ery" was built at Dumbarton [illegible] MacLachlan, and was sent to the Thames through the Forth and Clyde Canal [illegible] down the east coast. This boat [illegible] have been a very poor affair [illegible] said never to have worked [illegible] at a time without repair. [illegible] Fletcher and W. J. Millar, C.E., [illegible] Engineers and Shipbuilders [illegible] in his "Sketch of the Rise, etc., of [illegible] Navigation," 1880, agree that the "[illegible]ery" was the first steamer [illegible] Thames.

But we are indebted to Robert Fulton (1765-1815), a civil engineer [illegible] of Pennsylvania, for the [illegible] application of steam to the [illegible] boats. He made his first experiment on the Seine in 1803, and then [illegible] America and exhibited a steamboat, "Clermont," in operation on the [illegible] Hudson in 1807. Fulton's account of trial trip on the "Clermont" [illegible] ing:—

"Never did a single [illegible] remark, a bright hope, a warm [illegible] my path. Silence itself was [illegible] tone, veiling its doubts or [illegible] reproaches. At length the day [illegible] the experiment was to be put [illegible] tion. I invited many friends [illegible] board to witness the first [illegible] Many of them did me the favour [illegible] as a matter of personal respect [illegible] manifest they did it with reluctance, [illegible] ing to be the partners of my [illegible] and not of my triumph. The [illegible] was new and ill-made, and [illegible] it were constructed by mechanics [illegible] customed to such work. The [illegible] arrived in which the word was to be [illegible] to move. My friends were in groups [illegible] the deck. There was anxiety [illegible] fear among them. They were silent, [illegible] and weary. I read in their looks [illegible] but disaster, and almost repented [illegible] efforts. The signal was given, and [illegible] boat moved on a short distance, and [illegible] stopped and became immovable. To [illegible] silence of the preceding moment [illegible] ceeded murmurs of discontent, and [illegible] tions, and whispers, and shrugs. I [illegible] hear distinctly repeated, 'I told you [illegible] it is a foolish scheme—I wish we [illegible] well out of it.' I elevated myself [illegible] platform, and addressed the assembly [illegible] stated that I knew not what was [illegible] matter; but if they would be quiet and indulge me for half an hour, I would either go on or abandon the voyage [illegible] that time. I went below [illegible] the machinery, and discovered that [illegible] cause was a slight malformation [illegible] of the work. In a short [illegible] obviated. The boat was again put [illegible] motion. She continued to move [illegible] were still incredulous. [illegible] willing to trust the evidence [illegible] senses. We left the fair city [illegible] we passed through the [illegible] varying scenery of the [illegible] descried the clustering houses [illegible] we reached its shores; [illegible] imagination superseded the [illegible] It was doubted if it could [illegible] or if it could be made, in any [illegible] great value."

The same evening Fulton [illegible] triumphant letter to Sir [illegible] (whose son is in Dist. [illegible] England); this letter was [illegible] Stanhope and Carr as [illegible] pioneers, but treated with [illegible] tive of an impossibility. [illegible] then advertised for a [illegible] on the Thames, what had [illegible] the Hudson; but he obtained only [illegible] ten-pound conditional [illegible] spending some [illegible] in [illegible] thus printed, with [illegible] ton's letter in the "Morning [illegible] and his credulity was [illegible] lated. Then for a few years [illegible] accounts were treated as [illegible] a man raised himself [illegible] steamboat on the Clyde—[illegible] first steamboat in Europe. [illegible] in 1812 by Henry Bell. [illegible]

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GREENWICH PARK.

Its Beauties and its Birds.

As everybody has cause to remember, Sunday was one of the hottest May days on record, 84 degrees in the shade and considerably over a hundred in the sun. "How to keep cool" was the question which exercised most minds, and many sought refreshing retreat in the shady glades of Greenwich Park. Really refreshing rest was possible only in the spreading boughs of those greatest old trees which are the glories of Greenwich Park. The Spanish Chestnuts, which predominate, offer at this period of the year a somewhat scanty shade, but to justify the appellation of "Chestnut Sunday (not Sunday), which is really an association of Bushey Park alone, the brown chestnuts are already in full bloom. It is somewhat surprising that the natural beauties of Greenwich Park are not more widely appreciated.

A more charming spot than the Dell in the park would be hard to find. Here there are numerous groups of trees and shrubs—Wattles and Cypresses—beautiful gradations of tender green, with azaleas, now a blaze of colour, and rhododendrons just unfolding their gorgeous blooms. It might be interesting to note that the Park possesses one rather small specimen of the Judas tree (Cercis Siliquastrum) which is beyond here. This tree, which is now in blossom—a delicate pink shade—is one of the species of which, according to the legend, Judas Iscariot hanged himself after the Great Betrayal. After lingering for a space at the Bluebell pools, the wanderer, perhaps, is attracted to the Flower garden adjacent, where the well-flower borders, now at its prime, appeals to the gardens lover.

The point of Greenwich Park possesses a new attraction. A few weeks ago we mentioned that the wild duck which has been wintering in the Dell had built her nest. On February her efforts materialised in the production of ten dapper little duckling, which made a pretty sight when sailing across the pond in the wake of their mother. The drake, it appears, is "living apart," and only pays his spouse occasional visits. His home, it is conjectured, is located on the other side of the Heath, on the little island of water from which Pond-road derives its name. Although bearing the full weight of parental responsibility, the old duck seems proud of her family and is becoming quite accustomed to the constant attentions of visitors. She appears to be losing all traces of her wild strain, and will suffer her ducklings to scramble by crumbs. There is at present one family of water fowl seen in number—but although food and water within close proximity to many their natural timidity is not so easily overcome. The Chinese geese have a nest within a few yards from the place where the ducklings were hatched—but possibility of any increase to the Celestial family is very remote. The old goose has been a very companionable duck to her nest, and one of the geese is clearly discernible from the other side of the pond, but she is remarkably late and spends most of her time in the company of her relations on the greensward.

THE ENGINEERING DISPUTE

Re-Statement of the Position.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Bellingham Recreation Ground Let.

At Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council the Housing Committee reported that while the plan for the development of the Bellingham Estate, Catford, provided for the reservation, for use as a recreation ground, of about [illegible] acres of land adjoining the South Eastern and Chatham Railway at Bellingham, the Medical of Health was not prepared to allow any charge to be made to the Housing (Assisted tenants) account in respect of the cost of laying out and maintaining the ground. After considering representations made by the Highways Committee, the committee had favorably entertained an offer by the L.C.C. Transways Social and Athletic Association to take a lease of the site for 21 years for use as a sports ground. The Medical of Health had given his consent to the utilisation of the land in the manner proposed subject to the payment of an annual cost of £8 an acre, exclusive of rates and taxes, and it was recommended that the proposal should be agreed to by the Council.

The recommendations were approved without comment.

A Bellingham Delay.

The same committee reported that the completion of houses at Bellingham will be delayed owing to the failure of the gas company to obtain an adequate supply of gas stoves while the lock-out in the engineering trade lasts. It was anticipated that in the course of last week 39 additional houses would be completed on the estate, but the gas company did not expect to be able to obtain further supplies of meters to complete the gas installations in other houses until about 10 or 12 days after the resumption of work in the engineering trade.

An Elevated Footway.

In a report of the Highways Committee it was recalled that in 1912 the Woolwich Borough Council erected a weather shelter and conveniences at the junction of Well Hall-road and High-street, Eltham, the Council contributing towards the cost of the former a sum of £30. The Borough Council had now under consideration the question of providing additional shelter and lavatory accommodation on this site, and suggested that, as the shelter will be used solely by intending tramway passengers, the Council should make a contribution towards the cost of the new shelter which will take the place of the existing shelter. The committee understood that since the extension of the Woolwich and Eltham tramways to Lee via Eltham-road, many people who either walked to the old Eltham tramways terminus or rode by omnibus and changed at that point, have taken advantage of the through service now provided, and owing to the fact that the service has been considerably increased, there is actually less need than formerly for a shelter for passengers who join the cars at the junction of Well Hall-road and High-street, Eltham. The Borough Council, however, have intimated that, notwithstanding the extension of the Woolwich and Eltham tramways, there is a large assembly of passengers at this point waiting for cars, especially on the summer Sundays and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. They [illegible]

EARLY DAYS OF THAMES STEAMERS.

By F. W. Sykes.

Previous to the era of steamers, there were only two means of conveyance from London to Margate, viz., by stage coach or by the Margate hoys. The coaches ran from London to Canterbury daily, starting at 8 a.m., and from Canterbury to Margate, which ran only during the summer, the whole run of 32 miles took five hours, and the fares were 10s. to 20s., according to an old manuscript dated 1791.

The conveyancy of work-carriage is by the Margate hoys, which sail from Wood Quay every Thursday at high-water, having good cabins and accommodation for passengers, which they carry at the very low fare of two shillings and sixpence a head, and luggage at the most reasonable price. The passage is generally performed with a favorable wind in 36, 40 or 44 hours." With this voyage [illegible] to many landlubbers [illegible] greatly by old prints, and the passage [illegible] usually took as long as 72 hours. A guide, published in 1811, says that in 1783 there were eight or nine hoys [illegible] this trade, and that on the average [illegible] carried two or three thousand passengers during the season.

In 1791 the names of the Margate "packets" were the "Royal Queen," "Britannia," "Diligence," "Mary and Jane," "Royal Charlotte," "Duke of York," "Rose in June," and the "Princess of Wales." Fares 3s. and 3s. 6d. (including half-price. Some 20 years later we find the "Royal Charlotte," "Lord Eardley," "Duke of Wellington," "Resolution," "Marshal Blucher," and the "Swift" mentioned.

Parson, the actor, who was wounded at Lee in 1780, started from Billingsgate in a Margate hoy in 1790 at 8 a.m., and, by a fair, unfavorable wind, reached Sandwich back to Deptford, where the captain made the passengers go on shore till 7 and wait for a favorable wind.

In his "Pictures from a Working Life," 1850, Charles Knight mentions some of the discomforts of a voyage in a hoy. "On board at 7 a.m., Gravesend clock striking 2 p.m. as we ditched past the dirty town. Hungry, but only had boiled beef and strong cheese to eat; no drink but rum and water; wind rising, warm rain; grease above and below; darkness came after passing the Nore; breakfast off Herne Bay; Margate cliffs in sight at another morning dawned; carried ashore back through the surf or in a dirty fellow's grasp." At the same date, a guide listed a Margate hoy to the grade which lends all distortions of grotesque.

In the first decade of last century, while a fleet hoys on "passage packets" were running; beds had been added, "and some have a state-room and alcoves, which may be engaged by a select party for 10s. or six guineas." The average number of persons carried yearly was 25,000. Fares 3s. and 3s., luggage extra.

The first mention of a steamer on the Thames which I have been able to find is in R. A. Beaucher's "Steamships: the Story of their Development," 1911, where it is stated that in 1813 a [illegible] Dawson had a steamer on the river, plying between Gravesend and London.

In January, 1816, an advertisement appeared to the effect that "the new steam packet 'Margery' and 'Margaret' Captain Cotton, will [illegible]

... pastor of Lewisham ... Mission Church, ... to join the Pioneer ... caravan evangelist ... -on-Sea district.

... L.A.M., of Lewisham ... musical arrangements ... British Exhibition of ... (window-dressing) at ... Westminster.

... formerly resident at ... from the position of ... to be engineer ... Officer, retired ... years spent in the ...

..., a student of the ... Heating Institute, ... awarded the London ... gold medal for ... keeping and accountancy ... held in 1923.

... Wallen, Canterbury ..., and late of Greenwich ... the pulpit of St. ... Sunday ...

He explained the ... the Central Fund of ... England, and made a ... support.

..., of ... Lewisham, ... of the firm of ... of High-street, ... was 88 years of ... the elderly traders ... him with a bouquet. ... the oldest living ...

... Mrs. T. Dafforn, of ... Catford, entertained ... Peter's College Hall, ... occasion of the ... son Ralph. Among ... several members of ... Triangles Rangers ... (of which Ralph ... director).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

... Hartley presided at a ... on Wednesday ... Town Hall, the hon. ... reporting that ..., of 71, Jerningham- ... had been nominated by ... Greenwich Trades Council ... the committee in place ... and Mr. F. W. ...-street, Deptford, by ... No. 2 group of local ... to the Rev. E. ... Miss ... was ... with Mr. William Baker ... committee of the ... centre.

... that in view of the ... C. to discontinue day ... and until the system ... be requested to take ... evening education at ... where they were ... the children, who have ... 14 and 16, for six hours ...

... the motion, which ... dissentient. A pro... the resolution ... was also agreed to.

...IUM DAY.

... who, under the ... A. P. Christie, Mrs. ..., undertook the ... for the institutions ... blind of Greater London ... Day "—Monday— ... the 2d.

... of Greenwich, Miss ... P., was in charge of the ... Mr. J. J. Shepherd as ... and Miss Fulla- ... Ingram, Mrs. ...

"Lord Jesus Christ, Thyself once a child, Thou lover of children, who didst walk upon the waters of Galilee and still them in time of storm, bless, we beseech Thee, these waters and this recreation ground to the health and enjoyment of those who shall use them. Preserve the children from all harm and danger and grant that as they benefit in bodily health and strength, so they may grow in grace and knowledge and love of Thee."

Major Pat à Beckett, who wore the badge of the British Legion, expressed his happiness at the successful materialisation of the venture, and said that a short time ago some people believed it impossible. He explained that one of their objects was to do what the Duke of York had urged upon all successful business people—to give a portion of their profits to charity and a large donation from time to time. They (his partners and himself) were giving 10 per cent. of the profits of that scheme to the children, and Lord Palmer, the landlord, was giving a similar proportion of the rent. He wished other people would "take the tip," and give a portion of their profits to similar purposes.

Miss M. Caroline Tebbdale, the Matron of the Great Ormond-street Hospital, who was presented with a bouquet by Miss Patricia à Beckett, the niece of the promoter, declared the pool and recreation ground open. She then broke the Union Jack on the flag-staff, and the band struck up the National Anthem.

Master Jack Maxwell, in the conventional "Peter Pan" garb of olive green and brown, with a pheasant's plume in his cap, made his way to the landing stage, and, to the strains of "Life on the ocean wave," played by the Royal Artillery Band from Woolwich, entered one of the boats and rowed to the centre of the pool. He was quickly followed by scores of youngsters in other boats. Bathed in the gorgeous sunlight everyone was happy but the swans, which, encircled with boatloads of chattering children, appeared very much perplexed. The 1st Cadet Battalion of the Royal West Kents were present, and boys in naval uniform with a "Peter Pan" badge in their caps, controlled the boats and rowed about the lake to give assistance should it be required.

Amongst those present were Lord and Lady Riddell, the Viscountess Hollander, the Viscountess Broome, Lady Warton Fisher, Sir Thos. and Lady Heath, Sir Maurice Craig, Lady Mackinnon, Mrs. Cecil Harmsworth, Miss Florence ..., Harris and Mr. Francis Collier.

A message was received by Major à Beckett from Sir James Barrie, who wished the venture every success. He would have been pleased to come, he stated, but he was afraid he might be expected to give a speech, and he had vowed that he would never make a speech again in his life.

Congratulatory telegrams were also sent by Major-General Sir Robert Baden Powell and Sir Owen Seaman (editor of "Punch").

BELLINGHAM PROTEST.

The Bellingham and Southend Village Church Council passed a resolution on Monday regretting the London County Council's proposal to alienate the recreation ground in the Bellingham Estate from the residents, and appealing to the Council to delay the granting of the lease to the Tramways Social and Athletic Association until such time as the residents could take action.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN TRIP.

The new Palace pleasure steamer, the Royal Sovereign, with a company numbering between 50 and 60 on board, made an initial trip to the Nore from North Woolwich on Thursday last, returning later in the afternoon to London Bridge. The outward journey was most enjoyable and luncheon and tea were served in the ...

since its inception. They met at a time when Trade Unionism was passing through the gravest phase of the whole of its history. They had reached the stage when what was wanted was more unity and less unions.

Paying tribute to Mr. Robinson, the Mayor said four words would sum up his character and work—consistency, courage and conspicuous ability. He had been prominent in the County Council's service, as they could congratulate him.

His Worship then read the terms of the address and handed to Mrs. Robinson an electro-silver flower and fruit stand, subscribed for by the council and local trades unionists.

Mr. Robinson, replying, thanked them and said his wish had been "to drop out unobserved."

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT DEPTFORD.

Last Night's Performance at the Central Hall.

In aid of the Deptford Central Hall Nursing Funds for the sick poor in the mission district an excellent orchestral concert was given at the hall yesterday evening to a large audience, Dr. Charles S. Thomson (Medical Officer of Health for Deptford) presiding.

During an interval the chairman thanked the audience, spoke of the mission and referred in glowing terms to the work of Miss Shepherd (the nursing sister). In a report for the quarter Miss Shepherd said 238 nursing visits were paid to homes. Owing to the generosity of friends in a concert recently a small balance in the bank had been retained. The income for the quarter was £11 7s., and items of expenditure included £8 8s. 1d. for chemists, £1 10s. for bandages and lint, and £1 10s. for extra nourishment to patients in the district not able to afford it. Any money remaining from that evening's performance would be devoted to taking a few Old Age Pensioners out for a picnic. It was their aim to make the nursing branch of the mission entirely self-supporting. Thanks were accorded to the chairman and Mr. Blundelly, Mr. H. C. Wells, M.C. (mission secretary), in the absence of the Rev. H. A. Mish of the Deptford Central Hall. We understand that about £7 was raised as a result of the effort.

Items were submitted by the schools' orchestra (conducted by Mr. Frank Blundell), Mrs. Elliott Jennings (vocalist), Miss Muriel Day, L.T.C.L. (violin soloist), Messrs. Malcolm A. Cook ('cello soloist), and M. ... Anderson (character sketches and musical monologues), remaining items coming from the quartette: Messrs. C. Coppin and W. Harrild (cornetists), T. Davis (euphonium), and J. Cope (horn). The brass instrument augmentation by the kindness of Mr. C. Coppin, Mr. R. C. Barkway was at the organ, and Miss D. Jones was the pianist, and Miss Muriel Day the principal violinist.

CONCERT AT GREENWICH FOR MAYOR'S FUND.

A concert in aid of the Mayor of Greenwich fund for providing boots and clothing to necessitous children was given at the Co-partnership Institute, East Greenwich Gas Works, last night, by Madame Jeannette's No. 1 Revue Company, who submitted an excellent programme, which included some attractive excerpts from the revue "Hallo! What's on?"

The Mayoress, who deputised for the Mayor (Councillor F. N. Greenwood, J.P.), who was unable to attend through indisposition, was supported by Mr. G. Lewes, chairman of the East Greenwich Gas Works Institute, Mr. G. H. Nottage, secretary of the fund, Mr. D. Smith, secretary of the Institute, and Mr. C. Smith, entertainment secretary.

... audience. It is good to ... of the lighter sort between those more serious type.

Of course, it is not intended to ... that there was anything frivolous ... the concert, for several of the items ... really beautiful, but there was a ... and piquancy in several of them ... sent the audience away feeling ... pleased with themselves and the ... general.

The orchestra, who were in ... form, opened the concert with a ... rendering of Ganzoff's Overture ... and then we had a delightful ... "King Olaf" concert in the ... part-song "As ... in ..." which the choir sang with their ... tenderness and beauty of tone. Olive Macdonough, a ... soprano, sang "O ..., then ..." from "O..." in a ... that pleased so well that an encore ... demanded. For this she chose ... little song in the old world style, ... Wilson's "Phyllis has such ... eyes," in which she was heard to ... greater advantage. She sang ... graceful artistry and feeling.

In Stanford's "Songs of the Sea" Mr. Frank White as the soloist, ... again did excellent work, several ... numbers were delightful, and the ... "The Little Admiral" the soloist ... the time a little too quickly for ... work as a whole was well done.

During the interval the organising ... Mr. J. W. Waters, drew the ... of the audience to the last concert ... season, which will take the form ... on June 26th, by the famous ... Walter Hammel. He added that ... had a record season.

Mr. Disney also made a strong ... to the people of South London to ... the raising of £30,000 required ... reconstruction of the Old Vic. ... pointed that the L.C.C. had ... them that unless they provide ... dressing-rooms, better ventilation ... more exits they would withdraw ... licence. That would be a calamity ... nowhere else in Europe could ... grand opera for 3d.

In the second part the orchestra ... the andante movement from Beethoven's ... fifth symphony, and Miss Mac... sang with dramatic power as well ... appeal in Bruch's "Ave Maria" ... was very pleasing to hear the ... the orchestra, Mr. W. T. Ward, ... His selection was the ever favourite ... dance from Mendelssohn's ... certo, which he played with ... ..., but for the moment ... technique is excellent. He was ... deservedly encored, and so was Mr. ... his clever rendering of "N... Andante" from "Figaro."

The most striking and popular ... the evening was "Old ..." collected and arranged by John ... and Arthur Fagge. Mr. Fagge ... and drew both chorus and orchestra ... with him in brilliant fashion. ... plained that he had collected ... which the work is composed from ... sea captain who trailed to the ... They were used on old ... ships in securing unanimity of ... pull by the men in getting up the ... or doing similar work, and ... enabled them in this way as ... should be preserved to the public. They were magnificently performed.

ELTHAM ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of the committee ... Eltham Arts and Crafts Society ... the Parish Hall, Eltham, on W... last week, it was unanimously ... hold the annual exhibition of ... drawings, etchings, metalwork and ... work as an autumn exhibition ... ber. This will take the place ... summer exhibition which has ...

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"PETER PAN'S POOL."

Southend Village Scheme.

An ambitious scheme for converting the well-known millpond at Southend Village, Catford, into a miniature boating lake for children, is projected by Major Pat à Becket, the owner of many acres of adjacent land, and lessee of the pond. The scheme, we are told, has received the full approbation of Lord Forester, the owner of the property. Major Pat à Becket proposes to give 25 per cent. of the profits to the Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children, and his lordship has signified his intention of allocating a similar proportion of the rent he receives from the property to that deserving institution.

Major à Becket is a son of Mr. Arthur à Becket, of "Punch," a grandson of Gilbert à Becket, one of the founders of that paper, and a nephew of the late Lord Kitchener of Khartoum. He informed our representative that he had received the "benediction" of Sir Jas. Barrie, who had given him full permission to use that attractive title—"Peter Pan's Pool." His idea is to reduce the level of the pond by a water-fall, to lay out the grounds adjoining in pretty little back-waters and caves, make fairy-glens amidst the willows and the chestnut trees, and organise al fresco entertainments, orchestral concerts, etc., during the summer months.

The full development of his scheme, he told us, could not be effected until the allotment holders had harvested their present crops. When this has been done, he says, he intends to lay out a recreation ground, with bowling greens and tennis courts.

He has fixed the opening ceremony for June 1st, when he hopes to have on the pool 30 boats of the non-capsizable type, supplied by Messrs. Maxwell, the well-known safety boat builders at Southend, Ryde and Clapham. He intends to invite the Great Ormond-street Hospital to make full use of the rowing on the pond by sending down periodically batches of children.

Bowls.

NUNHEAD B.C.

The Cumberland turf green was formally opened on Saturday. The rinks of the English Bowling Association, Surrey County and London Scottish combined in a match against Nunhead. The result was a win for the visitors by 108 to 111.

HATS TO SUIT YOUR TASTE.

Original Summer Millinery, so attractive in price as to be within the reach of both Matron and Miss, makes Glover's Whitsun Millinery Display worth a visit. Hats for the river, the Garden Party and Out-door Functions; hats for shopping, walking, and ...

...addition without the opportunity of free medical science. The public was giving as generously as ever; in fact, their contributions were more than before the war, but, unfortunately, everything connected with the hospitals had increased far more in price. If the citizens of London could raise three-quarters of a million in the next two months the amount in hand would be sufficient to keep the hospitals running in a state of reasonable efficiency. The appeal must not interfere with the contributions now being given, or it would fail.

On the motion of the Mayor, Mr. Edgar Brooks, secretary of the Hospitals Welfare Society, was appointed secretary to the movement.

Mr. Brooks read letters regretting inability to be present from Captain Sir Ian Hamilton Benn, C.B., D.S.O., M.P., Lieut.-Colonel Ashley-Pownall, M.P., Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., Lady Florence Pelham-Clinton, Mr. H. Rowland Hill, L.C.C., Mr. E. M. Denny, L.C.C., Canon Burroughs, the Warden of Goldsmiths' College, Commander and Mrs. Windham (who each sent £5), Councillor Alexander, Councillor Hartley, and Mr. Thomas Smith, the manager of Messrs. James Robertson and Son. The latter stated in his letter of apology that his firm had decided to supply the hospitals of the district with £100 worth of jam and marmalade at half price.

The Mayor of Deptford observed that he was particularly disappointed that not one of their M.P.'s was present—they were not playing the game. It was no excuse to say that they had important business in the House of Commons, for "it makes no difference whether they are there or not"; the Government still carry on.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor E. N. Greenwood, J.P.) remarked that the three boroughs were settling down in friendly rivalry in a struggle for the honour of being on top. He appealed to the audience to be missionaries for the cause, and said he could vouch that Greenwich at any rate would do its very best.

The Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor C. J. Dodd, J.P.) pointed out that just as the price of all commodities had increased, it was necessary that support to the hospitals should increase in proportion.

Mr. Hastings Jay outlined the objects of the scheme, and said that if they could get hospitals on to their feet there would ...

The Mayor, outlining the ... promoters, said he was ... wish would be pleased to ... ford and Lewisham in the ... invaluable assistance of ... Welfare Society, which was ... Miss Warding read letters ... the appeal from Sir Ian Ha... C.B., D.S.O., M.P., the ... (Sir Frank Dyson), Alderman ... Rose, J.P., the Rev. F. W. ... (the Vicar of Christ Church, ...wich), Capt. Cooper Key, ... Mr. Malcolm Christopherson ... It only remained, added ... Greenwich to be determined ... appeal in a successful issue.

Mr. Wilfred Allen said that ... meeting ... them ... ... in their effort on behalf ... ... but they must have ... enthusiasm. He wanted the ... that they had a duty towa... ... and to the voluntary ...

Mr. ... moved a resolu... ... full sympathy with the ... pledging the meeting to ... possible to support the Mayo... ... to a successful issue. ... the approval of the propose... ... with Deptford an...

Mr. Hulme said they were a... the same ... because ... the need of the hospitals, an... did work they were doing ... lated the three boroughs on ... in so glorious an effort, ... the slightest doubt that the... ... a very good account of ...

Mr. ... with ... ... to the voluntary sys...

Councillor Chapman suppo...

The Vicar of Greenwich ... amount subscribed locally ... ... locally, and who ... allocation.

Mr. Brooks replied that ... would be the combined app... ... but local subscri... be earmarked for any particu...

The resolution was carrie... ... and Messrs. H. C. ... John Kerr, Councillor Chapm... ... were elected to serve ... committee.

Thanks to the Mayor was ... Sir James ... seconded by Mr. Harry, ... and supported by ... ... St. John's and ... Blackheath and Charlton.

LEWISHAM BOYS' BRIGADE

Inspection and Prize Distribution

The 18th London Company of the Boys' Brigade held its annual display and prize distribution at the Albion-road Wesleyan Schoolroom on Friday. Capt. A. Marsham, J.P., of King's Langley, Herts, attended by Capt. Lewis, of the 6th Company, inspected the company, and congratulated the boys on their smart appearance.

The Rev. F. G. Howland, chaplain of the company, who presided, thanked the parents for their practical appreciation of the work, and said they owed a debt of gratitude to Capt. Hastings and his fellow officers for their devoted service in the interest of the boys.

The programme consisted of selections by the band, team races, marching and drills by the seniors, and physical drills by the Company.

Capt. Hastings presented a report detailing the various events and accomplishments of the year, and paid a tribute to two staff-sergeants who had relieved the officers of all work in connection with the band.

Prizes and badges were distributed by Mrs. F. C. Hastings to the following:—

One year efficiency badge: Corporal Parkin, Corporal D. Chanter, Lance-Corporal E. Chanter, Lance-Corporal W. Wallis, Privates ..., Drury, Neild, ..., R. Wallis. Three years' good conduct badge: Lance-Corporals E. Chanter, W. Wallis. Medal for full attendance at band parades: Corporals Parkin and D. Chanter, Lance-Corporals E. Chanter and W. Wallis. Corporal Parkin received the prize for best N.C.O. of the year, and Private ... as best private. Prize for progress in gymnastic exercises, Lance-Corporal Wallis. Best-drilled private competition, Corporal Parkin. Promotions: Corporal Parkin to be Sergeant; ...

CUACO SPORT...

Post Office Championships

Under the auspices of the C... Club an athletic sports meeting ... the club ground, ..., Cat... ... The programme embraced ... ... Post Office championships. This w... points awarded to winners of ... events and credited to the office ... the competitors hailed. A chal... the winners, presented by Mr. ... secured by ... with 32 poin... scores were as follows:—Ocean ... ... Union 13, Hand-in-Hand ...

Results were as follows:—

100 yards ... M. Butt ... ... Time ... 1, A. H. ... W. J. ... ... High jump ... A. M. Attwood ... D. M. Smart ... ... yards ... Butt ... Williams ... Time ... walk ... Holdsworth ... C. V. ... and ... Time ... Jones ... A. M. Attwood ... Distance ... Mile ... D. Hall ... A. H. Butt ... Time ... Ladies' ... and spoon ... Matthews ... Miss H. Small ... O'Dell ... Ladies' inter-office ... Commercial Union ... —Misses D. King, N. Matthews, ... M. Small.

ENGINEER'S SUICIDE.

[illegible] at Bromley [illegible]

FOR POSSESSION

FINE SUBSTITUTED FOR IMPRISONMENT.

George Young (30), labourer, Hobart Grove-[illegible], was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at New Cross-road, and with assaulting P.C. Lilley, 300 M.—The defendant said he found prisoner, in a state of intoxication, outside a public-house, shouting "They can serve foreigners, they won't serve me!" He helped to give every witness crowded him. After going a short distance prisoner tripped him up, and while he was down dealt four blows or three blows.—On the drunk charge Young was fined 5s. 6d., or the alternative was committed for 14 days. Later, however, an appeal was made to the magistrate through Mr. Fletcher by prisoner's wife, who substituted for the fine of imprisonment a fine of 10s.

FAULTS ON BOTH SIDES.

William John Hodgetts, 30, foreman, Sherbrooke-place, Forest Hill, was charged up warrant with assaulting Annie Hodgetts. The letter said she had summoned her husband for assault, and as he failed to appear she applied and was granted a warrant. On the 28th ult., when in drink, he struck her in the mouth, and knocked out a tooth. On Monday evening, just before his arrest, he again assaulted her. He had been drunk almost daily for several days. The prisoner said he only pushed his wife when he found her about to tear up his clothing. Det.-Sergt. Handyside said the trouble on both sides was drink. Mr. Dodge, observing that there appeared to be faults on both sides, placed Hodgetts on probation.

CASE FOR FINANCIAL REPORT.

Arthur Grayson (42), singer, Ancrum-road, Camberwell, was charged with being on enclosed premises at Ordnance-road, East Greenwich, for an unlawful purpose.—P.S. Hott, 30 R, stated that shortly before 1 a.m. he saw prisoner walking about in an aimless way in the vicinity of Ordnance-road. He lost sight of him for a time, and then found him in the garden of 21, Ordnance-road. After a chase over three gardens prisoner went into the roadway and climbed the wall which bounds the boundary between the road and Eastwood Terrace approach, but as the door to the latter was 30 feet he did not go over.—Det.-Insp. Tarbuck asked for a remand, stating that Grayson's antecedents and his movements of late been very strange.—Mr. Fleming, in ordering a remand, stated that a medical report would be required.

WANTED TO CHARGE THE POLICE

William McLaughlin (27), general labourer, Firbolt-road, Catford, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Bromley-road, and with assaulting P.C. 's Cooper, 104 P, and Dobson, 623 P.—P.C. Cooper said prisoner, whose right thumb had been injured, came to him, and remarking "I'll give you a charge for murder, pay——!" spat in his face. On being arrested he threw himself to the ground, and was very violent. P.C. Palmer came up, and he then placed him on an ambulance prisoner dealt Palmer a blow in the mouth and spat in his face. When charged prisoner said "I want to give these two gentlemen in charge for murder."—Mr. Dodge: He didn't say who had been murdered?—Witness: No, sir.—The prisoner, who said he was not drunk, to remember anything of what had occurred, was fined 20s., with 10s. 6d. costs.

RAILWAY CARRIAGE AN RESTING PLACE.

John Richardson (40), labourer, was charged with being a suspected person found loitering with intent to commit a felony at New Cross-road.—Police-sergt. White, 10 M, said at 4 a.m. he saw prisoner leap from a wall between the Free public-house and the Brighton railway. He walked a short distance and then broke into a run. After a chase of 300 yards witness overtook him, and he then said "I went over there for a sleep."—John Jackson, cabman, lodging at New Cross, deposed to meeting prisoner, shortly before 4 a.m., walking from the direction of the goods yards along the down local platform. He broke off through an arch, ran up the embankment, and climbed the wall.—The prisoner said he was destitute, and had been in the station yard sleeping in a railway truck.—A remand was ordered.

THEFT FROM BROCKLEY HOUSING ESTATE.

William Wadman (26), labourer, Dartmouth-street, Deptford, and Henry William Bowen (21), labourer, Rotherhithe-street, Deptford, were charged with stealing from a shop on the [illegible] that the articles had handed to Miss Cu[illegible].

GREENWICH DISORDERLY HOUSE.

Mr. Dossey on Monday concluded the hearing of the charge against Jessie Alice Holdsworth (42), Montagnes, of keeping a disorderly house at Longstreet, Greenwich, and against Herbert Hendstone (30), contractor, of assisting in the management of the house. There was a further charge against Holdsworth of allowing children between the ages of seven and 14 to reside on premises so kept.—Mr. H. B. Sewell prosecuted for the Greenwich Borough Council, and Mr. H. C. Beard defended.—Mrs. Holdsworth said she had been housekeeper to the male defendant for eleven years. She had been a widow for two years. The instructions which she received from Hendstone were not to let the enthusiasts until after 10 p.m., and then only to people of respectable appearance. It sometimes happened that persons, after coming in, went out to get a fish supper or to visit a public-house.—Cross-examined, witness stated that on the 16th ult., when Hendstone visited the premises, only one person in attendance was the police the same night as he had been entered in the visitors' books.—Albert Edward Gane, Malvernager, Fortnerstreet, Brockley, who resides in the house at Longstreet, said he had been with Hendstone up to about 10 p.m. On the night of November, 1906, he was a partner in the business with the male defendant, and received £400 on retiring from partnership.—Frank Freestone, of Highstreet, Woolwich, a brother of Mrs. Holdsworth, gave similar evidence.—Mr. Beard submitted that there was no case on which to convict.—Mr. Dossey said he saw no reason whatever to prevent the evidence of the police.—He felt bound to convict both the defendants. Holdsworth he believed had acted under the coercion of Hendstone, who must go to prison for two months, with hard labour, and in addition pay £5 the costs. Mrs. Holdsworth would be fined £10. On the further charge she would be remanded until Tuesday.—Notice of appeal was given in the case of Hendstone, and sureties were bound at ten in £50 each.—On Tuesday, in the juvenile court, four children of Mrs. Holdsworth, aged 15, nine, three and one respectively, were brought up, charged with having been found on premises used as a disorderly house. Mr. Beard intimated that an appeal had been entered on behalf of Mrs. Holdsworth, and also suggested that there should be an adjournment pending the decision of the appeal.—Mr. Dossey said he should proceed in this case as if there was no appeal. Pending event of the appeal being successful, probably £7 governings handed upon it would be provided. He was of opinion that the mother acted under the influence of the man, and he did not propose to take the children from her, as they appeared to have been quite well taken care of. He should remand the children, on their mother's recognizances, for three months. On the further charge Mrs. Holdsworth was placed on probation 12 Miss Murdoch.

William Robinson (40), radman, Asylum-road, Peckham, was charged on remand with working on with [illegible] at Catford-road, John Jordan, Lewisham-road, West Norwood, was summoned for permitting the horse to be worked.—Robinson was fined 1s. 6d., and Jordan £5, with 10s. costs.

George Jeffries (40), traveller, Horton-street, Lewisham, charged with loitering for the purpose of betting, at Longstreet, was fined £10.

Protection was granted to Charles Alfred Laing in respect of the licence of the Admiral Dilnaen public-house, New Cross-road, kitchen to hold by Stanley Lee Fisher.

Summoned for permitting a horse to be worked in an unfit state, Frederick George Mariner of Erdenham-road, was fined £5, with 10s. costs.

Frank Stanley Brownell, 30, and Frederick Charles Rodes, 30, described as ship stewards, of Bermondsey, Bermondsey, were charged with loitering for the purpose of betting at Canterbury-road, New Cross Bridge. Brownell was fined 40s. and Rodes £5.

Protection was granted on Wednesday to George Rodes to transfer to the licence of the Ashburnham Arms public-house, Ashburnham-grove, Greenwich, lately held by Mrs. Bertha Williams.

Five Pot Clay Pipes, Pipes of Lucania Tea, paid upon the [illegible] Stamps, Sundries, &c., sold by—Pipe Clay Depositable Building Society, [illegible] New Cross-road, S.E.14.—Advert.

[illegible] have been departing [illegible] Mr. with the [illegible] very good but, as I married "Annie" [illegible] away from her, the thought I was [illegible] her." On the way to the station [illegible] said "I shall stick to "Annie," as she [illegible] good girl." A remand was ordered, prisoner being allowed bail in his own recognizance in £50.

REPLACING A TOOL.

Charles Hurlbee (36), carpenter, [illegible] place, Camberwell, was charged with [illegible] unlawful possession of a hammer, value [illegible] Woolwich Arsenal.—P.C. Goodhew, 78 Peckham, said he stopped prisoner as he was leaving by the main gate, and found a hammer in his bag among other articles.—Hughes, in evidence, said he was [illegible] the Arsenal to do some work in the Dockyard. Whilst on the job his own hammer broke, and he was in the shop gave him the hammer [illegible] Believing it to be the same [illegible] property he arrested it. Mr. Dossey said he would be inclined to extend leniency, but he would be compelled to convict. Hurlbee would be discharged, but the matter would be [illegible] in future.

EXECUTION ATTACHED.

Harry Hole, 12, Mount Pleasant, Middle-[illegible] was summoned by his wife Ada, 23, Pleasant-street, Woolwich, who alleged desertion. P. T. M. Sampson, for complainant, said parties were married in 1904, and Mrs. Hole had lived happily with her husband [illegible] Mrs. Hole had received no money from [illegible] since her discharge from the Army in March last year. She was earning 18s. a week [illegible] Defendant, who appeared [illegible] said he was in receipt of a pension of £1 10s. a week and assigned £1 10s. [illegible] (To the complainant) Do you [illegible] anything for the child, bearing in mind what I was every an service, of which not the father?—Complainant: Nothing. Fleming made an order [illegible] with the costs.

A WIFE THROWS OUT.

Thomas Green and Daisy Sharp, Wellhouse-road, Abbey Wood, [illegible] Charles Sharp, 37, Tamworthstreet, Charlton, [illegible] Mr. Vaughan defended. Sharp said on Tuesday last week she respectfully summoned defendant for his desertion. When she went to [illegible] was lying in bed out and drunk in the afternoon. Mrs. Green said she with Mrs. Sharp, her sister, to Tamworth-street, Charlton, [illegible] Sharp, [illegible] defendant assaulting either his wife or Green, and P.C. Wells came in the [illegible] Mrs. Sharp stated her husband [illegible] Mr. Dossey said it was unusual of the [illegible] to go to defendant's house, [illegible] and was decided. It seemed that one was as bad as the other, but Sharp must keep his hands off the women. He was bound to keep the peace on each [illegible]

ANNOYING A FATHER-IN-LAW.

Arthur Brook, 18, fishmonger, 17, [illegible] street, Charlton, was charged with throwing a piece of glass in a bedroom window belonging to his father-in-law, Charlton, the property of Alfred Lemaire. Prisoner pleaded "under great provocation." P.C. Ed[illegible] said Brook threw a [illegible] through the window of his father-in-law's house. Another weight found in prisoner's pocket. Mr. L[illegible] said prisoner had "conspired to worry" at his house. On the night question there was a terrible knocking at the door, and when he called out, "Who's there?" prisoner said he wanted his wife, and when he got from on Saturday his wife was not in. This "angered" him so much to his father-in-law's house. [illegible] said prisoner had used foul language [illegible]

FLIGHT'S FAMOUS FOODS FOR FOWLS!

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THAMES MOTOR-BOAT SERVICE.

Proposed Service from Woolwich to Kew.

There are possibilities that London's waterway will once more be used for passenger service during the coming summer. A company is to be formed to institute a fleet of fast motor-driven boats to operate between Woolwich and Kew, with Greenwich as one of the principal calling stations. The main service is to be run between Hammersmith and Woolwich, with 18 big double-decked boats, and the scheme includes extensions to Kew and other points higher up the river, for which ten smaller boats will be employed. Other anticipations are the subsequent lengthening of the route eastwards to Tilbury.

Each of the larger boats, which are to be built by Palmer's Shipbuilding Company at Jarrow, will accommodate 200 passengers. The boats will be propelled by modern motors driven by paraffin, leaving all the rest of the space for passengers. There will be a long upper deck, with an unobstructed view, and cabins, and it is intended to institute a restaurant service. Whilst pleasure traffic will built largely into the service, a bid is to be made for the patronage of City workers. The London General Omnibus service is understood to have expressed its willingness to discuss the matter of co-ordinating its services so that circular tickets entitling the public to make various parts of the journey by omnibus, tube and boat can be issued.

The company is to be known as the Thames Motor-boat Passenger Services, Ltd., and a prospectus will be issued soon after Easter. Unless delay is caused by the engineering troubles, the expectation is that the first boat will be running in July.

REDUCTIONS AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

An Avalanche of Notices.

Woolwich Arsenal is feeling the full force of the new decisions with reference to discharges this week. Notices have been issued to a large number of shops, and so far as the figures can be totalled they aggregate close on 900. The prospects for next week do not appear to be much brighter, and it is feared that there will be another big batch of dismissals.

PRINCE HENRY AT WOOLWICH.

Yesterday Prince Henry visited Woolwich and witnessed the football match between teams representing the Belgian and British Armies. This was the final game in the annual triangular tournament in which the representative Army teams of Britain, France and Belgium participate. The British Army in the first half scored the only goal of the match. After the close Prince Henry presented a cup and medals to the members of the winning team, and medals to the losers.

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LEWISHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Negotiations for Fire Station Site

At its meeting on Wednesday the Lewisham Borough Council considered a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, that an offer of £2,050 be made to the Lewisham Parochial Charities Trustees for the freehold of the old fire station site at Rushey Green. The matter had been before the Council in May, 1919, and again in January, 1920, when the Council was recommended to offer £1,500, but no action was taken.

Replying to Alderman Matthews, Councillor Rennie said the total area was 2,945 square feet, and the length of frontage 100 feet.

Alderman Jerrard moved that the figure of £1,500 be inserted in place of the figure of £2,050. He could not see how any person could offer the latter amount for this land.

Councillor Rennie said if the matter was to be discussed he should move that the Council go into committee.

Councillor Brooks: I hope that we will not go into committee. This is ratepayers' money and ratepayers will want to know what is the opinion of the Council. No one person ——.

The Mayor held that on a motion to go into committee there could be no discussion, and the motion was then put and carried.

After the Council had deliberated in private for more than an hour representatives of the Press and the public were re-admitted, and the Mayor thereupon moved that the recommendation be adopted.

Councillor Roberts asked whether trustees were entitled to vote.

The Mayor: Trustees who are members of this Council are entitled to vote.

Alderman Matthews sought to move an amendment that the Council do not make any further increased offer for the site.

Councillor Rennie: I think it would be distinctly unwise to make any such resolution. Before any increased offer could be made it would have to be submitted to the Council.

The amendment was negatived, and the motion was then carried by 25-12.

The Open-air Bath Site.

Correspondence was submitted, which had passed consequent upon the refusal of the Ministry of Health to sanction the borrowing of a sum in excess of £150 in respect of the purchase of the site of the open-air swimming bath now in process of construction at Bellingham. The Council had asked for authority to borrow £900 under this head, and the Baths Committee now pointed out that the advantages of the site had been overlooked, these being the availability of the river (Ravensbourne) for the discharge of the greater portion of the water from the bath, and the consequent relief of such volume from the main drainage system; and the availability of a sewer of sufficient depth and also to take the remainder of the water from the bath. No account the committee added had been taken of the value of the 25 feet frontage to the main road (at least £250).

Another point which the committee submitted was that the site was not offered for sale; the Council selected the exact site purchased, which splits up the remaining property of the owners.

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Intelligence

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G. Jarvis-Jones, M.A. (New Cross Congregational) and E. Hall (Nunhead Wesleyan). The respective clergy were the Revs. E. W. Harker, H. G. H. Sargent and A. C. Field (St. James'), and the Rev. W. H. Rosecrance (St. Catherine's, Hatcham). The Revs. W. F. Jepson (St. John's, Lewisham High-road) and F. E. Rae (St. Luke's, Deptford) were among the congregation, which also included the Revs. W. Brockbank (Brockley-road Baptist) and J. W. Rivers (Brockley Presbyterian), and Mr. J. G. Jepson.

In the course of an eloquent address, Bishop Welldon said that that large congregation had met to re-consecrate themselves afresh for a special religious work. They were undertaking a great evangelistic crusade, and they were going to try and see how far it was possible to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a living and personal message into the social life of the community. There was no finer thing on earth to convert the souls of men than the Gospel. A great many people said it was not their job, but he ventured to say that of all the religions of the ages all over the world there was no other power than Christ who could save men. The origin of their crusade was Jesus Christ, and they were going to do all they could by the collective force of the churches in Christ to win souls for Him. He thanked God for that solidarity of United Christendom and to see that church filled with those who had assembled for common worship.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

Garden Meeting at Sydenham.

By invitation of Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., president of the Sydenham branch of the League of Nations Union and Lady Dawson, a garden meeting was held at Mayhouse, Lawrie Park-road, on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. W. H. Boyce, Bonting presided, supported by Lady Dawson, Dr. H. S. Gladstone and Mr. G. H. Sargent, J.P. Sir Philip was unable to be present.

The Chairman, in welcoming Major W. E. G. Murray, M.C., D.F.C., said that many people argued that universal peace was unattainable, but this in logic was only begging the question, and it was the persistence of this view which had brought about the bloodiest war in history.

Major Murray said their cause argued that the League had done nothing; it was only upstart. Such argument was based on the misapprehension that the League was a conspiracy affair. It was really quite a simple affair, and had already prevented war between Sweden and Finland and also between the Jugo-Slavs and the Albanians. Had rightly the League of Nations could be made the finest possible memorial to those splendid young men of Britain who died for their country, believing that by so doing they were helping to make war impossible in the future.

Dr. Gladstone also spoke, and Lady Dawson, in proposing thanks to Major Murray, said that whose the League of Nations was a success another war was inevitable, and it would be far more diabolical than the late one.

CAMBERWELL POSTMAN'S CONFESSIONS.

Having confessed to stealing the contents of registered letters about Christmas, Alfred Patterson, 48, an unskilled postman, of Old Kent-road, was at Tower Bridge Police Court yesterday sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

Patterson was apprehended after complaints had been made of the non-delivery of registered letters, and admitted that the registered letters in question were between the first and the 20th of the month, but it was the last week in the year when people did it [illegible]

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[illegible] Patrick's Homeplate." [illegible] conclusion of evening service Masters Alfred and Frederick Kingsland will play the violin and Albert Jean Bach's fugue in B minor for violin and clarinet.

ALL SAINTS', BLACKHEATH.

Commencing on Sunday, the evening service will be at seven o'clock. The Bishop of Woolwich will give the address at the open-air service at 6.15.

ST. JAMES, KIDBROOKE.

The bazaar held on May 19th and 21st in aid of the Endowment Fund realised £[illegible] 10s. 7d.

ST. HILDA, CROFTON PARK.

A number of choristers from this church took part, with the Westminster Abbey choir, in the service held at the Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon.

ST. GEORGE, WESTCOMBE PARK.

The Bishop of Woolwich confirmed confirmation last week, 31 candidates being presented from St. George's, 3 from Christ Church, seven from St. Alban-with-St. Michael's, one from St. Gabriel's, and nine from St. Paul, Plumstead.

SOUTH LONDON CHURCH FUND.

The annual meetings of the Southwark Diocesan and South London Church Fund were held on Thursday of last week at Church House, Westminster, the Bishop of Southwark presiding, who, after announcing that he had received £1,000 for the fund from Lord Inverclyde, said the Church of England was confronted with a very serious situation, which arose through the practical breakdown of the parochial system, due to the shortage of clergy.

The statement of accounts presented by Sir Charles Hazer, J.P., showed that the receipts from the branches for the year were £[illegible]. For the augmentation of clergy stipends a special appeal was being made for £[illegible] each year for five years.

The speakers included the Bishop of Kingston-on-Thames, the Bishop of Chichester, Mrs. Hudson Leigh and Mr. Frank Briant, M.P.

PRESENTATIONS TO HOSPITAL MATRON.

On resigning and leaving the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, administered by the Greenwich Union Guardians, Miss F. Ward (who had held the appointment of matron for 15 years) was presented with a gold watch, by which and set of silver toilet brushes by the nursing staff, a gold [illegible] and silver spoons by the medical staff, consultants and dispensers, a beautifully tooled armchair for the outdoor and clerical staff, and an [illegible] by the warderesses and porters. The presentation took place on the 19th inst. in the nurses' quarters, many visitors and nurses being present, together with some members of the board.

The presentations were made by Dr. F. D. Wigston, medical superintendent, and Mr. E. G. G. Hue, chairman of the board, who spoke of Miss Ward's admirable work in the hospital. In a few appropriate words Miss Ward acknowledged the gifts, afterwards having to take a long and well-deserved rest in the country.

FORGET-ME-NOT DAY AT NEW CROSS.

Forget-me-not posters in aid of the Orphans and Aged Poor of the Mansion House Patronage were sold in the neighbourhood of New Cross on Tuesday by the following ladies: Mesdames M. Wilkins, H. Wright, A. Jarvis, Sharpe, A. Tyler, A. Wilson, Cooke, and B. Burgess, and the Misses Ivy Kane, Perkins, M. Jeeves, G. M. Thomas, Reed, Wise, E. Bennett, A. Francis, [illegible] Rounds, F. M. Walker, L. Lewis, and [illegible] Harris. It is pleasing to hear that £[illegible] was raised, as the promoters of the profession in charitable entertainments is well known.

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Major Ernest Gray, M.P., described the progress made in the last decade as astonishing. There was not a city in England, he said, or a nation in Europe which was doing better.

The estimates were criticised by Dr. Scott Lidgett, who said that while expenditure on buildings might be postponed, the maintenance of the staff at the measure of efficiency so greatly desired two years ago was vital.

After long discussion the estimates were approved, a number of amendments which were defeated by large majorities including several put forward by Dr. Scott Lidgett with the object of securing the maintenance of teaching staffs of the standard set in 1921-22, and others by Mr. H. S. Morrison, and other members of the Labour party, aiming at the carrying out of more recreation work in the schools.

GREENWICH AND CATFORD TRAMS.

The chairman of the Highways Committee was asked by Mr. E. M. Denne for particulars of the fares on the Greenwich and Catford tramway service, and whether consideration might be given to the question of a through service between Greenwich and Southend Village. Captain Mr. Matthews, replying, said that the ordinary fare from Blackwall Tunnel to Lewisham Obelisk is 2d., and from King William-street to the Obelisk 1d. The ordinary fare from Lewisham Obelisk to Southend Village is 3d. The distances were too short for passengers to benefit from the penny mid-day fare of 2d. The present service between Lewisham and Southend Village was sufficient for traffic requirements, and it would be impracticable to establish one direct service for the purpose of enabling passengers to travel at cheap rates. Inhabitants of Greenwich had the advantage of being able to travel to Abbey Wood for 2d. at mid-day, as compared with the ordinary fare of 3d.

PLUMSTEAD COMMON.

Mr. H. S. Morrison was informed by the chairman of the Parks Committee that the attention of that committee had not been called to the question of placing a shelter on Plumstead Common, certainly, for the last three years. He added that it was not the practice to provide shelters at commons or open spaces which are not closed at night. A shelter erected at Wandsworth Common had to be removed owing to misuse being made of it after dark.

HOUSES AT BETTINGBAM.

It was reported that up to May 19th the number of houses erected at Bettingham was 620.

A TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

It was reported by the Building Acts Committee that the Beckenham Urban District Council had passed a resolution to prepare a town-planning scheme dealing with the vacant land in its district, a certain portion of which abuts on the southern boundary of Lewisham. The plan of the scheme showed the formation of three roads, two of which linked up with roads in the county of London, and the third road reaches to a portion of the Bellingham estate, which at present is let, proposed to develop the building purposes.

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"PETER PAN'S POOL."

Opening Ceremony Yesterday.

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S VOW.

The mill-pond at Southend Village has undergone a transformation, and from now onwards will be known by the picturesque title of "Peter Pan's Pool." The scheme which underlies this evolution has been projected by Major Pat à Beckett, who, with the sanction of Lord Forster, the owner of the pond and the land adjacent, has converted this placid sheet of water into a miniature lake for children. The land beneath the trees, which form a pretty cluster, has been re-turfed, and in time to come will be laid out for recreation purposes.

Major à Beckett, who has formed a partnership with Messrs. J. and T. Maxwell, of Southend-on-Sea and Forest Gate (the proprietors of the boats on the pools in the various L.C.C. parks), has already placed 40 or 50 "pram-dinghies" and paddle boats on the pool. The latter, an invention of Mr. Thomas Maxwell, are, like the others, built on special safety lines. Besides many other attractive propositions, the promoters intend to erect a replica of Sir George Frampton's "Peter Pan" (the statue in Kensington Gardens), which, in all probability, will be placed on the island. The opening ceremony took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large assemblage of visitors.

The Vicar of the parish (the Rev. J. F. Smith), in an introductory speech, said that when he first heard of the venture he felt somewhat alarmed, and wondered if it would be carried to a successful conclusion. But now that he saw "Peter Pan" coming down to Southend Village to take actual possession of his pool he was proud, and felt that the scheme was sure to succeed. The object of this venture, he pointed out, was first of all to provide healthy recreation in a place where the children could feel thoroughly at home under the care of "Peter Pan." The scheme was an important one in the life of Southend Village, for he believed this district would in time become the real centre of the universe. In its development that corner was an awkward proposition, but now their minds could be relieved by the knowledge that it was being turned into a veritable garden of delight. He went on to say that some years ago Lady Forster, who, as they knew, is the wife of the Governor-General of Australia, was walking down the lane when she remarked: "I have always wanted to make this little corner under the trees a place where people can come and rest, where mothers can bring their children and sit down under the cool shade of the trees. I should like to see nice green grass and seats on which the people can rest from the heat." He was sure, the Vicar proceeded, that she would be glad to see her wishes carried out in the way in which they had.

There was another object of the scheme, he continued; it was intended to help, financially, the patients of the Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children, and, further, to benefit financially the funds of that great institution.

The Vicar then offered a dedicatory prayer couched in very suitable terms—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thyself once a child, Thou lover of children, who didst walk upon the waters of Galilee and still them in time of storm, bless, we beseech Thee, these waters and this recreation ground to the health and enjoyment of those who shall use them. Preserve the children from all harm and danger and grant that as they benefit in bodily health and strength, so they may grow in grace and knowledge and love of Thee."

Major Pat à Beckett, who wore the badge of the British Legion, expressed his

FATALITY AT L.C.C. GENERATING STATION.

Carried into the Bunkers.

Yesterday Mr. Coroner Whitehouse conducted an inquest at Greenwich on the body of Albert Edward Lacey, aged 32, of Mc. Kinverdale-road, Plumstead, an assistant hopper man at the County Council's electricity generating station at East Greenwich.

Edward William Dickinson, of 35, Westcombe Park-road, engineer at the station, said it was reported to him at 9.15 on Tuesday morning that Lacey was missing and was thought to be in a bunker. A hundred men were sent to the top of the shaft to remove the small coal. They worked in relays, and ultimately Lacey was found at the bottom, one leg being in the shoot and the other in the bunker. The body was extricated about four o'clock. A safety rope was provided for the men, but Lacey might have slipped or fallen down the shoot. He had been working at the station for about nine months, and had been a chief petty officer in the Navy.

John Gellard stated that on Tuesday morning at 7.15 he saw Lacey trimming a bunker on the top landing, and later he was informed that he was missing. He made a search, but could not find him. He had never seen Lacey use a lifeline.

Charles Barelnot, of 34, Park-street, East Greenwich, the foreman of the job on which deceased was engaged, said when he started work he told him to use the lifeline if necessary. It was witness's duty to see that it was attached to the man.

David Cannon, of South Bermondsey, a certificated "Isotuck" man at the station, said that every man on the job worked as hard as he could to release Lacey. Witness went down the shaft with another man, named Roper, and discovered the body.

Dr. Mathieson deposed that the autopsy showed only slight external abrasions. Death resulted from suffocation. He found small coal in the trachea.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Accidental death," and Mr. Butler, on behalf of the Council, expressed sympathy with deceased's young widow.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD TRADES COUNCIL.

Presentation to Retiring Chairman.

In the presence of a large gathering of the Greenwich and Deptford Labour and Trades Council and friends, a presentation of an illuminated address was made last night to Mr. Robert Robinson, member of the council for the last 25 years, and the retiring chairman, in the Deptford Town Hall by the Mayor of Deptford (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P.). Councillor W. Sheehan (president of the council) was in the chair, and spoke in high terms of the service rendered by Mr. Robinson.

In making the presentation the Mayor expressed his pleasure at so doing to one who had been a member of the council since its inception. They met at a time when Trade Unionism was passing through the gravest phase of the whole of its history. They had reached the stage when what was wanted was more unity and less division.

Paying tribute to Mr. Robinson, the Mayor said four words would sum up his character and work—consistency, courage and conspicuous ability. He had been prominent in the County Council's service, as they could congratulate him.

His Worship then read the terms of

CAPTAIN GEE AND THE ARSENAL.

Further Light on His Scheme.

Capt. Gee, V.C., M.P., speaking at a concert at Woolwich Town Hall last evening, under the auspices of the East Woolwich Division of the Conservative and Unionist Association, referred to the new scheme for the division of the site of Woolwich Arsenal and the introduction of private industries.

The member for East Woolwich said he was an optimist in regard to the question and he thought the scheme would come off successful. He believed that the majority of the men in Woolwich wanted work, and that so long as they got employment at trade union rates and under trade union conditions it did not matter whether they were paid by the Government or by a private firm (hear, hear). He would have thought that such a scheme as he proposed would have had the whole-hearted support of every man and woman in Woolwich; he found, however, that attempts were being made by his political opponents to cut the ground from under his feet. First it was said that the scheme had been talked about before. He agreed; but there had been nothing done. He had revived the proposal, although he admitted that when he first took it up he thought he had struck a new scheme. Then it was said that it was a dodge of the capitalists. Well, he was not a capitalist, but if he could get work for Woolwich he would be proud and honoured to be even a dupe of the capitalist (applause). The Government had decided to appoint a committee to go into the scheme. He wanted an impartial committee, representing all parties, to consider the proposal from a financial and economical point of view, and if the verdict was in his favour he would then ask those who were prepared to put money in the project to get to work.

Already (said Captain Gee) he had had seven applications from manufacturers asking for particulars, and saying that they would require so many thousand feet of floor-space. Of course, everything depended upon the result of the committee's investigations, but in the meantime it was necessary that they should get a strong body of public opinion in Woolwich behind the scheme. He hoped that ultimately it would be the means of bringing to Woolwich what the people really wanted—regular employment (hear, hear).

Councillor A. G. Roberts presided, and the programme was sustained by Miss Edith Gee, Miss Mollie Seymour, Mr. F. W. Flint, Mr. Wilson Martell, Miss Lillian Pooley, and Miss Sarah Drake.

SOUTH LONDON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

"Sea Chanties" at New Cross Last Night.

The South London Philharmonic Society went in genial, even playful mood at their concert at the Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, last night, and delighted the audience. It is good to mix, with concerts of the lighter sort between those of a more serious type.

Of course, it is not intended to suggest that there was anything frivolous about the concert, for several of the items were really beautiful, but there was a happiness and piquancy in several of them which sent the audience away feeling pleased with themselves and the world in general.

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The orchestra, who were in very good form, opened the concert with a pleasing rendering of Gounod's Overture "Mirella," and then we had a delightful echo of the "King Olaf" concert in the unaccompanied part-song "As torrents in winter," which the choir sang with their wonted tenderness and beauty of tone. Miss Olive Macdonough, a clever young local soprano, sang "Ocean, thou mighty monster" from "Oberon" in a manner that pleased so well that an encore was demanded. For this she chose a dear little song in the old world style, H. Lane Wilson's "Phyllis has such charming graces," in which she was heard to much greater advantage. She sang it with graceful artistry and feeling.

In Stanford's "Songs of the Sea," with Mr. Frank White as the soloist, the choir again did excellent work, several of the numbers were delightful, and though in "The Little Admiral" the soloist found the time a little too much for him, the work as a whole was well done.

During the interval the organising secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, drew the attention of the audience to the last concert of the season, which will take the form of a recital on June 26th, by the famous pianist Walter Rummel. He added that they had had a record season.

Mr. Denny also made a strong appeal to the people of South London to assist in the raising of £30,000 required for the reconstruction of the Old Vic. He explained that the L.C.C. had informed them that unless they provided more dressing-rooms, better ventilation and more exits they would withdraw the licence. That would be a calamity, for nowhere else in Europe could they hear grand opera for 3d.

In the second part the orchestra played the andante movement from Beethoven's fifth symphony, and Miss Macdonough sang with dramatic power as well as tender appeal in Bruch's "Ave Maria." It was very pleasing to hear the leader of the orchestra, Mr. W. T. Ward, in a solo. His selection was the ever favourite andante from Mendelssohn's violin concerto, which he played with faultless accuracy, but far too modestly. His technique is excellent. He was deservedly encored, and so was Mr. Walls for his clever rendering of "Non, più andrai" from "Figaro."

The most striking and popular item of the evening was "Old Sea Chanties" collected and arranged by John Bradford and Arthur Fagge. Mr. Fagge conducted and drew both chorus and orchestra along with him in brilliant fashion. He explained that he had collected the airs of which the work is composed from an old sea captain who traded to the Chinese coast. They were used on old sailing ships in securing unanimity of shove or pull by the men in getting up the anchor or doing similar work, and he had embodied them in this way so that they should be preserved to the nation.

They were magnificently performed.

ELTHAM ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION.

At a meeting of the committee of the Eltham Arts and Crafts Society, held at the Parish Hall, Eltham, on Wednesday last week, it was unanimously decided to hold the annual exhibition of paintings, drawings, etchings, craftwork and needlework as an autumn exhibition in November. This will take the place of the summer exhibition which has hitherto been held in June.

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ST. MILDRED, LEE.

The music on Sunday will be: Morning, "Te Deum," Winchester in F; Choral Eucharist at noon, Roland Smart in B flat; anthem, "God came from Teman" (Steggall).

ST. PETER, BROCKLEY.

On Sunday evening the canticles will be sung to Noble in B minor, and the anthem at evensong will be "God is a Spirit" (Sterndale Bennett).

ST. GEORGE, PERRY-HILL.

The services on Whit Sunday will be as follows:—7, 8 and 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 11, matins and sermon; 12, procession and choral celebration; 3.30, children's service; 6.30, festal evensong, sermon and procession. The collections at matins, children's service and evensong will be presented to the Rev. A. Miller Hagerty, as a Whitsuntide offering. The music will be: "Te Deum," Hopkins in G; "Benedictus," Barnby; introit, "Spiritus Domini," Mode VIII.; Holy Communion, Lloyd in E flat; sequence, "Laudes Deo devotas"; evening service, E. J. Hopkins in B flat; anthem, "Come, Holy Ghost" (Attwood).

BLACKHEATH AND CHARLTON BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE NEW PASTOR.

The Rev. A. J. White, B.A. (Cantab.), who has accepted the pastorate of this church in succession to the Rev. J. Ransome Day, will commence his ministry on Sunday. Special sermons will be preached at 11 and 6.30, and Mr. White will also address the United Brotherhood meeting. After being in scholastic work Mr. White entered the Metropolitan College in 1911, leaving there in 1913 to go to Cambridge University. In the following October he went to Egypt to undertake religious organisation work amongst the troops under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and after eight months he was given a commission as a chaplain, and until 1920 served in the Near East. After relinquishing his commission he returned to Cambridge University (Christ's College), and in June, 1920, qualified for his B.A. degree, since which time he has been doing research work in theology and philosophy at the University.

Recognition services will be held on Thursday, the 15th inst., when the Rev. W. E. Ashmore, M.A., of Cambridge, will preach, and on Sunday, June 18th, when the preacher will be the Rev. A. McCaig, B.A., LL.D. (Principal of the Pastors' College).

THE CHURCH AT BELLINGHAM

The Lewisham Ruri-decanal Evangelistic Committee is making a special effort to meet the spiritual needs of the people on the new L.C.C. estate at Bellingham until the time when the new church is erected. Open-air services have been arranged for every Sunday evening during the summer months. These services will be inaugurated on Whit Sunday evening with a large demonstration. A procession of choir, clergy and people, accompanied by the Lewisham Cadets and band, will assemble in Canadian-avenue, Catford, at 6.30 p.m. The principal roads on the estate will be traversed, and halts made, when the Vicar of St. John's, Southend (the Rev. J. Philip Smith) and the Rev. A. J. Wakeley will speak.

S.E. HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., writes as follows:—"As one of the vice-presidents of the South Eastern Hospital for Children, Lower Sydenham, and as an old friend of Mr. Walter Hedgecock, the musical director of the Crystal Palace, who so generously organised the concert held at the Rink Cinema on Friday, May 19th, in aid of the above hospital, I should like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking him and the owners of the Rink Cinema, Messrs. Sheffield Bros., for the way in which they put the whole of their establishment (including the magnificent orchestra) and all the staff, free of all charge, at the disposal of the hospital. I consider this was a most generous contribution and one which should be publicly recognised."

NATIONAL CITIZENS' UNION.

The General Purposes Committee of the London Provincial Council [illegible]

[illegible] and E. 6.30, [illegible]

LEWISHAM UNITARIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—M. 11, and E. 6.30, Rev. [illegible] (Belfast).

CROFTON PARK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.—M. 11, and E. 6.30, Rev. [illegible].

CATFORD CENTRAL HALL.—M. 11 [illegible] service, with [illegible] and E. 7, Rev. [illegible] Smith.

WILLOW [illegible] HALL, DEPTFORD.—M. 11, [illegible] A. 3, Sunday school and [illegible] Bible class; E. 7, the Missionary; E. 8.0, [illegible].

BLACKHEATH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.—A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. Services at Bennett Park Hall, Sunday, 11.30 and 7; Sunday school, 11.30; [illegible] meeting every Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

GREENWICH WESLEYAN CENTRAL HALL.

The address at the P.S.A. meeting on Sunday will be given by the Rev. E. J. Pike, the subject being "Spirit and Life." The soloist will be Miss Dorothy Cork.

MAZE-HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Rev. W. S. Harvey, F.R.G.S., preached his farewell sermons on Sunday. At the close he was presented with a [illegible], and Mrs. Harvey with a purse of money. Mr. Harvey will continue to reside in Blackheath, and will devote himself to scientific research, for the purpose he will be giving all over the country such papers, and to the interests of the Selborne Society, of which he is Treasurer-Secretary. He intends to preach on Sundays, and will be glad to help his brethren of the ministry and the churches of the neighbourhood.

DEPTFORD HIGH-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The speaker at the "Men's Own" on Sunday afternoon at 3.15 will be Mr. W. H. Eaton, whose subject will be "London Churches and their Historic Interest." The soloist will be Miss [illegible] Harris, and Mr. E. Anderson, B.A., will preside.

LEWISHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Pastor will preach on Sunday morning on "The Message of the Ascension," and in the evening on "The Message of Whit Sunday."

MEAD MEMORIAL, WATSON-STREET, DEPTFORD.

The service next Sunday at 6.30 will be conducted by Mr. Phipps, L.C.M., of Brockley.

LEE BAPTIST CHAPEL.

On relinquishing the position of organist after 20 years' voluntary service, Mr. Percy L. Pearson has been presented with an illuminated address, including a representation of the organ, on vellum, bound in levant, and enclosed in a morocco case.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN, FOREST HILL.

Services in connection with the Sunday school anniversary were held on Sunday, when the Rev. W. W. D. Campbell, M.A., B.D., of St. George's, Croydon (author of the children's monthly "Rising Tide"), preached morning and evening, and in the afternoon gave an address on the life of "Timothy, the Boy." In the evening Mr. Campbell officiated at a dedication service for teachers and church workers.

BLACKHEATH UNITED BROTHERHOOD.

At the meeting on Sunday afternoon at Blackheath and Charlton Baptist Church, Mr. W. R. Collins will preside, and the Rev. A. J. White will give an address.

BROWNHILL-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Band of Hope children gave an interesting and appreciated concert and cantata on Saturday in aid of the War Memorial Fund. A duet by Miss and Miss [illegible] was followed by songs by Miss Gwen [illegible], Miss Olive, Miss Bertrand; recitations by Miss L. Sumner, and a fairy dance by the Misses Ida French and [illegible].

The second part of the programme was a cantata, "The Call of Spring," the part of the May Queen being taken by Kathleen Chessman, others taking part including Ida French, Grace Faulkner, Edna [illegible], [illegible] Ward, Audrey [illegible], Doreen [illegible], Marjorie Johnson, [illegible], [illegible] Field, Gladys Faulkner and Olive [illegible], and the cantata was under the supervision of Miss H. Reed and Miss N. Allen.

WOOLWICH BAPTIST TABERNACLE.

On Sunday the Rev. John Wilson, M.B.E., D.D., will preach in the morning on "Christ's Ministry in the Power of the Spirit," and in the evening on "The Christian Ministry in the Power of the Spirit." At the Brotherhood the speaker will be Mr. H. Tarler, and there will be special music by a large orchestra, under the conductorship of Mr. F. R. [illegible]. This evening, at the meeting of the Christian Band, Captain the Rev. John Dexter, M.B.E. [illegible]

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"PETER PAN'S POOL."

Opening Ceremony Yesterday.

SIR JAMES BARRIE'S VOW.

The mill-pond at Southend Village has undergone a transformation, and from now onwards will be known by the picturesque title of "Peter Pan's Pool." The scheme which underlies this evolution has been projected by Major Pat à Beckett, who, with the sanction of Lord Forster, the owner of the pond and the land adjacent, has converted this placid sheet of water into a miniature lake for children. The land beneath the trees, which form a pretty cluster, has been re-turfed, and in time to come will be laid out for recreation purposes.

Major à Beckett, who has formed a partnership with Messrs. J. and T. Maxwell, of Southend-on-Sea and Forest Gate (the proprietors of the boats on the ponds in the various L.C.C. parks), has already placed 40 or 50 "pram-dinghies" and paddle boats on the pool. The latter, an invention of Mr. Thomas Maxwell, are, like the others, built on special safety lines. Besides many other attractive propositions, the promoters intend to erect a replica of Sir George Frampton's "Peter Pan" (the statue in Kensington Gardens), which, in all probability, will be placed on the island. The opening ceremony took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of visitors.

The Vicar of the parish (the Rev. J. F. ...), in an introductory speech, said that when he first heard of the scheme he felt somewhat alarmed, and wondered if it would be carried to a successful conclusion. But now that he saw "Peter Pan" coming down to Southend Village to take actual possession of his pool he was proud, and felt that the scheme was sure to succeed. The object of this venture, he pointed out, was first of all to provide healthy recreation in a place where the children could feel thoroughly at home under the care of "Peter Pan." The scheme was an important one in the life of Southend Village, for he believed this district would in time become the real centre of the universe. In its development that corner was an awkward proposition, but now their minds could be relieved by the knowledge that it was being turned into a veritable garden of delight. He went on to say that some years ago Lady Forster, who, as they knew, is the wife of the Governor-General of Australia, was walking down the lane when she remarked: "I have always wanted to make this little corner under the trees a place where people can come and rest; where mothers can bring their children and sit down under the cool shade of the trees. I should like to see nice green grass and seats on which the people can rest from the heat." He was sure, the Vicar proceeded, that she would be glad to see her wishes carried out in the way in which they had.

There was another object of the scheme, he continued: it was intended to help, financially, the patients of the Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children, and, further, to benefit financially the funds of that great institution.

The Vicar then offered a dedicatory prayer couched in very suitable terms:—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thyself once a child, Thou lover of children, who didst walk upon the waters of Galilee and still them in time of storm, bless, we beseech Thee, these waters and this recreation ground to the health and enjoyment of those who shall use them. Preserve the children from all harm and danger and grant that as they benefit in bodily health and strength, so they may grow in grace and knowledge and love of Thee."

Major Pat à Beckett, who wore the badge of the British Legion, expressed his ...

FATALITY AT L.C.C. GENERATING STATION.

Carried into the Bunkers.

Yesterday Mr. Coroner Whitehouse conducted an inquest at Greenwich on the body of Albert Edward Lacey, aged 32, of ... Eversdale-road, Plumstead, an assistant hopper man at the County Council's electricity generating station at East Greenwich.

Edward William Dickinson, of 31, Westcombe Park-road, engineer at the station, said it was reported to him at 8.15 on Tuesday morning that Lacey was missing and was thought to be in a bunker. A hundred men were sent to the top of the shaft to remove the small coal. They worked in relays, and ultimately Lacey was found at the bottom, one leg being in the shoot and the other in the bunker. The body was extricated about four o'clock. A safety rope was provided for the men, but Lacey might have slipped or fallen down the shoot. He had been working at the station for about nine months, and had been a chief petty officer in the Navy.

John Gellard stated that on Tuesday morning at 7.15 he saw Lacey trimming a bunker on the top landing, and later he was informed that he was missing. He made a search, but could not find him. He had never seen Lacey use a lifeline.

Charles Hardiman, of 38, Park-street, East Greenwich, the foreman of the job on which deceased was engaged, said when he started work he told him to see the lifeline if necessary. It was witness's duty to see that it was attached to the man.

David Cannon, of South Bermondsey, a certificated "first-aid" man at the station, said that every man on the job worked as hard as he could to release Lacey. Witness went down the shaft with another man, named Jeyes, and discovered the body.

Dr. Mathieson deposed that the autopsy showed only slight external abrasions. Death resulted from suffocation. He found small coal in the trachea.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Accidental death," and Mr. Butler, on behalf of the Council, expressed sympathy with deceased's young widow.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD TRADES COUNCIL.

Presentation to Retiring Chairman.

In the presence of a large gathering of the Greenwich and Deptford Labour and Trades Council and friends, a presentation of an illuminated address was made last night to Mr. Robert Robinson, member of the council for the last 15 years, and its retiring chairman, in the Deptford Town Hall, by the Mayor of Deptford (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P.). Councillor W. Sheehan (president of the council) was in the chair, and spoke in high terms of the service rendered by Mr. Robinson.

In making the presentation the Mayor expressed his pleasure at so doing to one who had been a member of the council since its inception. They met at a time when Trade Unionism was passing through the gravest phase of the whole of its history. They had reached the stage when what was wanted was more unity and less unions.

Paying tribute to Mr. Robinson, the Mayor said four words would sum up his character and work—consistency, courage and conspicuous ability. He had been promoted in the County Council's service, as they could congratulate him.

His Worship then read the terms of ...

CAPTAIN GEE AND THE ARSENAL.

Further Light on His Scheme.

Capt. Gee, V.C., M.P., speaking at a concert at Woolwich Town Hall last evening, under the auspices of the East Woolwich Division of the Conservative and Unionist Association, referred to the new scheme for the division of the site of Woolwich Arsenal and the introduction of private industries.

The member for East Woolwich said he was an optimist in regard to the question and he thought the scheme would come off successful. He believed that the majority of the men in Woolwich wanted work, and that so long as they got employment at trade union rates and under trade union conditions it did not matter whether they were paid by the Government or by a private firm (hear, hear). He would have thought that such a scheme as he proposed would have had the whole-hearted support of every man and woman in Woolwich; he found, however, that attempts were being made by his political opponents to cut the ground from under his feet. First it was said that the scheme had been talked about before. He agreed; but there had been nothing done. He had revived the proposal, although he admitted that when he first took it up he thought he had struck a new scheme. Then it was said that it was a dodge of the capitalist. Well, he was not a capitalist, but if he could get work for Woolwich he would be proud and honoured to be even a dupe of the capitalist (applause). The Government had decided to appoint a committee to go into the scheme. He wanted an impartial committee, representing all parties, to consider the proposal from a financial and economical point of view, and if the verdict was in his favour he would then ask those who were prepared to put money into the project to get to work.

Already (said Captain Gee) he had had seven applications from manufacturers asking for particulars, and saying that they would require so many thousand feet of floor-space. Of course, everything depended upon the result of the committee's investigations, but in the meantime it was necessary that they should get a strong body of public opinion in Woolwich behind the scheme. He believed that ultimately it would be the means of bringing to Woolwich what the people really wanted—regular employment (hear, hear).

Councillor A. G. Roberts presided, and the programme was sustained by Miss Judith Gee, Miss Mollie Seymour, Capt. P. W. Flint, Mr. Wilson Martell, Miss Lillian Fooley, and Miss Sarah Drake.

SOUTH LONDON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

"Sea Chanties" at New Cr[oss] Last Night.

The South London Philharmonic Society were in genial, even playful mood at their concert at the Goldsmiths' College, New Cross, last night, and delighted the audience. It is good to have, with occasional ... of the lighter sort between those of more serious type.

Of course, it is not intended to suggest that there was anything frivolous about the concert, for several of the items were really beautiful, but there was a happy ... and piquancy in several of them which sent the audience away feeling pleased with themselves and the world in general.

The orchestra, who were in very good form, opened the concert with a ...

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THE HOLIDAYS.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

For week ending WEDNESDAY, May 24th.
Highest temperature, 90.6 on May 24th.
Lowest temperature, 48.1 on May 18th.
Mean temperature, 65.5, being 11.0 above the average for 44 years, 1880-1923.
Sunshine, 77.8 hours.
Rainfall, 0.958 inch on three days.
Prevailing direction of wind, W.S.W.
Weather generally: Bright and fine.

Council has, it appears to us, been guilty of some degree of breach of faith with those who have become their tenants on the estate, but apart from that, even after making every allowance for the existing circumstances, the Council's action strikes us as distinctly retrograde, and such as has been condemned over and over again in the case of the private landlord. It would, we think, have been at least as well if, in the two cases last mentioned, the Council had set itself to find out if the difficulties could not have been surmounted by local effort, before allowing the land for such long periods.

Topics of the Week.

Local Retrenchment.

Not the least public service which Councillor Dodd has performed since he assumed office as Mayor of Lewisham has been his reminder to the citizens of his borough in general and to the trading community in particular, of the claims of local patriotism. Called, Lee and Lewisham were recently engaged, with results which are by a consensus of opinion satisfactory, in a united effort to demonstrate to the public of an area wider than that over which they are entitled to claim, lower any districts of South-East London as shopping centres. It has afforded us little gratification to the proprietors of "The Kentish Mercury" to feel that their offer of prizes in connection with the Traders' Exhibition Week did so much to stimulate this combined effort. The point which the Mayor made admirably clear is that if an considerable a number of traders had not stood aloof and left the burden to be borne by the more generous and public-minded of their fellows the Exhibition Week would have been a far greater success than it was. If the plain outspoken words of the municipal head of the borough serve to awaken in those whose pulses have not yet allowed some realisation of the value of team work, in this as in other directions, the Mayor will indeed have deserved well of the Borough of Lewisham.

North v. South.

Perhaps of the recent 24-page issue of this journal and the fact that whilst its size constituted a record for weekly newspapers in the south of England, it had been equalled two years ago by the Carlisle "Journal" in conjunction with a shopping week, the editor of that newspaper, in a special article acknowledging the frank manner in which the "Journal's" claim to priority was admitted by "The Kentish Mercury," makes the interesting announcement that the next issue—a shopping week issue—will consist of at least 28 pages. It looks as if a friendly rivalry is to ensue between North and South for the claim to the premier journal of the country, both as regards size and quality. Where the Kentish Mercury" will be prepared gave owner to uphold the honour of the south and the "Sentinel of Carlisle" and its able leading newspaper will have to look to their laurels.

Electricity Supply.

Sir Philip Dawson—his name is international rather than national—demands immediate action when he offers an opinion on matters concerned with electricity supply, and his speech that other day on the subject of

GREENWICH PARK.

Its Beauties and its Birds.

As everybody has cause to remember, Sunday was one of the hottest May days on record—96 degrees in the shade and considerably over a hundred in the sun. "How to keep cool" was the question which exercised most minds, and many sought refreshing retreat in the shady glades of Greenwich Park. Really refreshing rest was possible under the spreading boughs of those giants of trees which are the charm of Greenwich Park. The Spanish chestnuts, which predominate, wear at this period of the year a somewhat sombre shade, but to justify the appellation of "Chestnut Sunday" (next Sunday, which is really an association of Bushey Park alone, the horse chestnuts are already in full bloom. It is somewhat surprising that the natural beauties of Greenwich Park are not more widely appreciated.

A more charming spot than the "Dell" in the park would be hard to find. Here there are numerous species of trees and shrubs—Western and Oriental—beautiful gradations in tender green, with anthers, now a blaze of colour, and rhododendrons just unfolding their glorious blooms. It delights be to learn that the Park possesses a rather small specimen of the Judas tree (Cercis Siliquastrum) which is located here. This tree, which is rose in blossom—a delicate pink shade—is one of the species on which, according to the legend, Judas Iscariot hanged himself after the Last Betrayal. After lingering for a short in the shrubbery paths, the attention perhaps, is attracted to the flower garden adjacent, where the wallflower border, now in its prime, appeals to the garden lover.

The point in Greenwich Park possesses a new attraction. A few weeks ago we mentioned that the Bell duck which has been wandering in the Dell had built her nest. On Saturday her efforts materialised in the production of ten dapper little ducklings, which make a pretty sight when sailing across the pond in the wake of their mother. The drake, it appears, is "living apart," and only pays his spouse occasional visits. The home, it is conjectured, is located on the other side of the Heath, on the little island of water from which Pond road derives its name. Although bearing the full weight of parental responsibility, the old duck seems proud of her family and is bringing quite accomplished in the constant attention of visitors. She appears to be losing all traces of her wild strain, and will allow her ducklings to scramble for crumbs. There is at present one family of water fowl—swans—in number—but although first and reared within close proximity to man, their natural timidity is not so easily overcome. The Chinese geese have a nest within a few yards from the place where the ducklings were hatched, but possibility of any increase in the Celestial family is very remote. The old goose has been a very conspicuous block to her nest, and one of the eggs is clearly discernible from the other side of the pond, but she is exceedingly fast and spends most of her time in the company of her relations on the greensward.

THE ENGINEERING DISPUTE

Re-Statement of the Position.

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L.C.C. AND OPEN SPACES.

THIS was, and that not so very long ago, not even so long ago as the days of Free Trade propagandism at Spring Gardens—when Cobden was the public authority so jealous for the preservation of public open spaces as the London County Council—once a piece of land had been set aside for purposes of public recreation, it was heresy to regard it as otherwise than sacrosanct. It was a very proper ideal, and it is with regret that we note how that departure from the rule was sanctioned in no fewer than three cases on last Tuesday. Of the three the least important was that of a considerable slice of Hackney Marshes, which, lent to the Government in time of war, and covered with factory buildings at a cost of some quarter of a million, is now to be sold to the Government for £50,000. Certainly the £150,000 would be lost to the country if the buildings had to be pulled down, and with this purchase money other open spaces are to be provided, but the fact remains that the alienation is to be permitted of land which was dedicated to the use of the public, and that in part as the outcome of private benefaction. The two other cases concern housing estates which are being developed under the "Government Assisted" scheme. On the White Hart Lane estate a plot which was set aside for use as a recreation ground is, as the Minister of Health would not permit the cost of laying it out to rank for state assistance, to be let for 21 years to a caterer who will enclose it and let it off to tennis and other clubs. He is certainly, it is stated, prepared to give any group of the Council's tenants the first opportunity of renting portions of it, and in that respect residents on the estate are, it would appear, likely to be more fortunate than the folk housed at Bellingham, the Council's housing estate at Catford. Here, in somewhat similar circumstances, an area which had been reserved for use as a recreation ground are to be let for 24 years to the L.C.C. Tramways Social and Athletic Association for use as a sports ground, at an annual rent of £8 an acre. Here it does not appear that any effort has been made to secure the favoured tenants of estate tenants by this association, the membership of which is, presumably, largely made up of the Council's own employees. In coming to this decision the Council has, in the opinion of many, gone a very long way in encouraging one of the more powerful members of the industrial group in the House of Commons—suggested that in consider two points should be carefully considered: the making available of the credit of local authorities in order to promote the carrying out of enormous electricity undertakings which may necessarily be risky, and that it was unwise to expect cheap electricity if, where may a business is encouraged, the result may be passed on to the unfortunate consumer in the shape of higher charges. As a contribution to the debate it was of distinct value as providing food for thought. A promise has since been given on behalf of the Government that questions shall be given for repeal of expenditure by the House of Commons.

Imprisonment for Rate Defaulters.

The Lambeth Borough Council, confronted with the charge by the Lewisham Union Guardians of great hardship being occasioned through certain persons being committed to prison for non-payment of rates as the result of the action of the Council," has "placed safety." The representations forwarded by the Guardians, and considered by the Council's Rating Committee, stated that "specific cases were mentioned, ... and instances quoted of others being also imprisoned for the same reason where the person concerned was already in receipt of assistance from the Guardians." In the absence of definite information it is difficult to see what other fitting reply the Council could make than that they have made: "that in the absence of particulars being furnished of specific cases, the Rating Committee are unable to deal with the matter, but that if and when such particulars are supplied they will go fully into the circumstances of all the cases." Obviously the next move is with the Guardians, who cannot reasonably expect a general amendment such as has been made to receive serious consideration.

A Divided Arsenal.

The best news that has reached Woolwich lately is that which constitutes the result of the deputation on Wednesday last to Mr. Austen Chamberlain on Arsenal discharges. Within the last few months we have published articles showing that relief can only come to Woolwich through the abandonment by the Government of its decision not to consider the partition of the Arsenal site for the purposes of private commercial industries. It is apparent that the Government has now been induced to consider a reversion of that decision, and, reading between the lines, it seems possible that the Cabinet is looking into the merits of the scheme which is being projected by Sir Kingsley Wood and Capt. Gee, V.C., the members for Woolwich, and of which a detailed statement was published in our last issue. We have private information that the proposals have been received in official circles with unexpected heartiness, and, if technical difficulties can be surmounted, an interesting statement should be made within a few days.

Seasonable.

A somewhat amusing incident twixt "J.K." occurred one evening during the exceptional heatwave at an entertainment given in connection with a church in the London area. A service of bright music had been arranged and notices of the usual kind displayed beforehand—"All heartily welcome." "All seats free." considering for nothing being an attractive proposition with many people. And the place was accordingly packed with a perspiring crowd. The heat was stifling, some women fainted, and the men present checked verbal expression of their emotion with difficulty. Just before the last item on the programme a pale young curate made the announcement, without a gleam of a smile at its incongruity, that a collection would then be made on behalf of the fund for keeping the church [illegible]

[illegible] keep before the public:

1. The A.E.U. Executive, with the whole approval of the District Delegates, agreed in November, 1921, to the employers having the right to manage their works and to lodge instructions in connection therewith.

2. The memorandum was minuted by a ballot vote of the Union, and the federated firms, through the federations, were under the necessity of having to take action with a view to the rights of employers being conserved.

3. The report of the Court of Inquiry set up by the Government completely vindicated the employers' attitude.

4. Notwithstanding the vindication of the employers' attitude the Executive Council of the A.E.U. are still adhering to their original attitude, namely, to be unassuming parties to any interference of the management.

5. Proposals have been submitted to the A.E.U. which, in actual shortest terms, are no better than the conditions contained in the report of the Court of Inquiry.

It is to be noted that in the proposals submitted to the A.E.U. it is specifically provided that no alteration shall take place until the procedure provided for in Portsmouth Dockyard Dispute has been exhausted in connection with general alterations in wages, alterations in working conditions which are subject of agreement and alterations in the general working week. Further, in the case of any alterations in the recognised working conditions which are contemplated by the management, and which will result in any class of workpeople being replaced by another in the establishment, not less than ten days intimation of the intention of the management shall be given to the workpeople directly concerned by their representatives in the shop so as to afford an opportunity for discussion if discussion is desired. Again, provision is made in the employers' proposals for due attention being given to the case of workpeople displaced by reason of any act of the management, with a view, if practicable, to offering them, in the establishment, work suitable to their qualifications. Retrospective payment is also provided for where in the case, after negotiation, it has been decided that the claim of the workpeople has been established where practices involving some payments are observed. I am, Sir, etc.,

E. M. MIDWAY.

Deptford, May 24th, 1922.

SOUTH LONDON PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

This society has arranged a particularly interesting programme for the last choral and orchestral concert of the season to take place at the Goldsmiths' College next Thursday, June 1st. The programme will include Stanford's beautiful "Songs of the Fleet" with Mr. Frank Webb as soloist, and a most interesting collection of "Old Sea Chanties," arranged by Mr. Arthur Fagge, the talented conductor of the London Choral Society, who will conduct this particular item. Miss Olive Macdonnagh will sing songs with orchestral accompaniment and the orchestra will play part of Beethoven's 8th Symphony and the "Mignon" overture of Gounod. Mr. W. T. Ward, the leader, will play the Andante from Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

This interesting and comprehensive programme should attract a large audience to the Goldsmiths' College. The music will resolve with a pianoforte recital by the famous player, Walter Rummel, on Saturday, June 24th.

Mr. John Woolveridge, of 31, Noble Grange Lane, collapsed owing to the heat in Dartmouth road, Lewisham, on Tuesday afternoon, and was conveyed to Lewisham Hospital unconscious.

Ladies' and Gents' Tailoring [illegible] with stock of [illegible] cloth, over one thousand [illegible] in various styles to select from; [illegible] cts. and the Finest qualities, 55s. 6d. [illegible] 10s. We are District Agents for Burberry and Dexter Ladies' and Gents' Waterproofs. The Wolsey range of dedicated [illegible] is available.—Wilkely and Co., Ltd. Railway Parcelette, 7c, Blackheath, Lewisham.—Advt.

Christ. The world was waiting; it seemed to him that, wherever he looked, more than ever in the course of his life-time "the fields are white unto harvest." The need of the world gave them a great unparalleled opportunity of going, in the name of Jesus Christ, to gather in the souls. Rigid definitions, regulations of ordinance, contentions of church order—these must all be left behind, and they must preach Jesus.

Open-Air Services.

Following the great inaugural meeting at Goldsmiths' College on Friday evening the Crusade commenced with a series of devotional services in the various churches on Saturday and largely-attended united open-air services after public worship on Sunday evening. A very successful start was made on Monday at the various centres, and there have been large attendances and many evidences of a most cheering nature which are of lasting value to the united witness of the churches. The Bishop of Woolwich was one of the speakers in Deptford Broadway on Tuesday evening. In consequence of the rain the open-air meetings had to be abandoned on Wednesday evening, and services were held in churches and schoolrooms. The campaign will close on Saturday, July 13th.

In addition to the names of the clergy and ministers given last week who have promised to speak during the Crusade, the following should have been included: The Revs. J. C. Banham, J. Batterby, G. W. Butterworth, C. Carroll, Montague Dale, J. A. Douglas, H. J. Eddings, F. G. Green, J. H. Humphries, T. H. Jarman, D. McDonald, J. Mallyniah, L. E. Nicholson, C. J. Norton, R. W. Selwyn, F. H. Shelton, G. Sheldon, F. W. Shepherd-Smith, H. P. Statham, T. P. Stevens, D. Thomas, E. H. Toppet, G. Twentyman, G. Wade-Gery, J. A. T. Wallace, O. Ward, W. W. Warren, J. R. Waller, R. Williams, R. F. Wimbush, G. H. Wood, K. J. Barber, A. Graham Barton, F. H. Benson, G. C. Barton, R. Coutts, J. Cragg, L. B. Dalby, H. A. French, R. J. Gibson, R. W. Harding, A. W. Harrison, C. P. Hawkes, W. R. Heap, E. H. Hinds, J. T. Hodgson, A. G. James, J. G. Jenkins, G. M. H. Johnson, H. Kenward, Dr. R. J. Kirton, W. E. Lee, J. F. Matthews, Dr. W. C. Piggott, N. W. Radcliffe, F. A. Rees, A. A. Richards, J. H. Rider, G. E. H. Shafe, and Miss Streeter, Mr. W. Groves, J.P., and Mr. A. A. Richards.

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WEST LEWISHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Headed by Mr. R. H. E. Nuttall (chairman) members of the West Lewisham Chamber of Commerce paid a visit on Wednesday afternoon to the L.C.C. Southern outfall works at Beckton, E. The journey was made by motor, and the visitors were received by the superintendent (Mr. C. E. Robinson), who courteously conducted them over the extensive premises and described the method employed in draining the whole of the metropolitan area north of the Thames, and the system by which the sewage was separated before it was dispersed into the river; the "sludge" is conveyed to the mouth of the Thames by steamers; the liquid is poured into the river at Barking Creek. The engine rooms were also inspected, as well as the various mechanical arrangements used.

Later the visitors partook of tea, Mr. Robinson being in the chair, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the proposition of Mr. Sanger, seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

HOSPITALS WELFARE FAIR.

From the 8th to the 13th prox. the Hospitals Welfare Society will hold a fair at Perry's Farm, Catford (near the foot of Bromley-hill), in aid of local hospitals, for which the society has already raised several thousands of pounds. Practically all the features which made last year's fair so great a success will be found in the spacious fair-ground this year, together with several novelties.

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The accused joined the Irish Guards early in the war, and served three years in France with that regiment, and it was while he was in France that he met O'Brien. He was wounded in the Battle of Arras in 1917, and came home. He did not return to France. He was granted a pension, which he was actually receiving at the time of the murder.

BELLINGHAM CHURCH HALL

Building Operations to Begin.

At a parochial meeting which was held at Southend Village on Friday, it was resolved to proceed with the scheme to erect a church hall on the site acquired from the London County Council on the Bellingham estate. The plans prepared by Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., F.R.I.B.A., were adopted and the tender of Messrs. Harbrow and Co., of Bermondsey, having been accepted, it was decided to commence building operations as soon as was practicable. The date of the formal laying of the foundation stone was provisionally fixed for July 23rd.

The cost will be about £3,500 and a great effort is being made in the Deanery to find the money before Christmas.

The structure, which will be a permanent church hall capable of accommodating 300 people at the services, will be of purple bricks with a pantile roof.

At the meeting the Bishop of Woolwich presided, and amongst the clergy present were the Rev. F. Morrell, Rev. Percy Leeds (Plumstead), and the Rev. J. Philip Smith (St. John the Baptist, Southend Village).

A GREENWICH "MARKET"

For Medical Mission.

Yesterday the Rev. F. W. Head, M.C. (Vicar of Christ Church, East Greenwich, and hon. chaplain to his Majesty the King), opened the annual "market" at St. Peter's Parish Hall, Bridge-street, Greenwich, in aid of Medical Missions. The Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Money) presided, supported by Mrs. Money, the Rev. T. A. Holt (curate), the Rev. Douglas Leonard, and Mr. R. H. Sloley.

The stall-holders were Mesdames Fullagar, Leonard, Warden, Morgate, Dodswell, Tutton, Jeffrey, Garbett, Goulding, Reeves and Thyer, the Misses Leedham (2), Dixon, Ford, Jeffrey and Fullagar.

Under the direction of Miss Mason (headmistress of St. Peter's Church of England Day School) and Miss Cawte (assistant mistress), the children gave an interpretation of a Brahmin wedding, and the Sunday school children, trained by Miss Botifant and Miss Thyer and the teachers, gave a missionary play. In the evening Miss Curtis, of Hankow, China, who was at one time connected with Christ Church, East Greenwich, gave an address.

STRANGE LEWISHAM ACCIDENT

An accident of a rather remarkable character occurred in High-street, Lewisham, on Wednesday. Mr. Frederick Conney, of 11, Bromhall-road, Penny-hill, Catford, went to the assistance of a lady who had fallen down in the road, when one foot became wedged between the pavement and the near front wheel of an omnibus. He was taken to Lewisham Hospital, and after treatment for a contused right toe was taken home in the ambulance.

WOOLWICH MAN AS PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE.

Ex-Councillor F. O. Penny, of Woolwich, one of the defeated candidates for East Woolwich at the last L.C.C. elec-

secretaries, and the treasurers of the past 30 years would go down to our children's children with heart-felt feelings of reverence. There were also the doctors, the physicians and the surgeons who had given their time and skill gratuitously. Then there were the sisters and nurses whose self-sacrificing lives they all respected; and there were the committee and the collectors who devoted a great deal of their time towards the organisation of that work. "To you who ought to be subscribers to this institution we plead," the Vicar added, "it is upon you we rely to back us up in this work with your money and your sympathy. It is a grand work, indeed, looking after these little children, and I do hope, not only the people assembled here this afternoon, but the people of the whole district, will by work and example come forward boldly this year and help the committee in the work they are undertaking."

A guard of honour at the church was furnished by the 38th Sydenham (St. Bartholomew's) Girl Guides, Brownies and Cubs, under Miss Bennett, the Captain.

FETE AT SOUTHEND VILLAGE.

A Midsummer Day fête was held in the vicarage grounds of St. John the Baptist Church, Southend Village, and a representative gathering of parishioners enjoyed the beautiful rural aspect of trees and meadow land.

The company was received by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Philip Smith), who particularly welcomed his parishioners from the Bellingham Garden City. He referred to the tremendous increase of population which the housing scheme had caused, and expressed the hope that good fellowship would be promoted by gatherings of that nature. They had a great work in front of them in organising the social activities of the parish, and in preparing the way for the new church which he hoped to see one day on the site which Lord Forster had given to Southend Village.

Major Pat à Beckett addressed the children and illustrated his remarks by an anecdote of his uncle, the late Lord Kitchener.

The programme for the afternoon included selections by the band of the British Legion, Woolwich branch, under the direction of Mr. Alexander; a display of dancing by the children of the village school under Miss Boyd, the headmistress; a concert; and various competitions. The helpers included Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Annells, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Wakefield, and many others, while thanks were also due to the assistance rendered by Messrs. Welfords, of the Park Farm Dairy, Mrs. Wormull, of Bellingham Bakery, and the proprietors of Peter Pan's Pool. Games and races were organised by Mr. Wakeford and Mr. Basil Hudson, Miss Benham and Miss West.

The concert programme contained the following artistes: Mr. H. H. Spiers, Mr. Jeans, Miss Dorothy Pascoe, Major Pat à Beckett, Mr. Robert Haywood and Mr. Jamie Dallas.

TRAGEDY AT HITHER GREEN

Bromley Clerk Killed.

Passengers at Hither Green on Tuesday night were horrified to see, after the 11.55 down train had passed out of the station, the mutilated body of a young man lying a few yards from the platform. The man, who had been actually cut in half by the engine and carriages, was subsequently identified as Bertram William Stafford, aged 21, of 1, Cradford-road, Plaistow, Bromley, a clerk in the service of the Port of London Authority.

Deceased was a single man and lived with his grandfather, Mr. R. Buckingham, in Cradford-road. He was an epileptic, and

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Councillor Gamble, as one of a class disliked by the mover, seconded, adding that although a teacher he was democrat enough to object to this.

Councillor Goodhew, supporting, criticised the time-table. He found the bath was to be closed between 9 and 9.30 a.m., between 11.30 a.m. and noon, and between 2 and 2.30 p.m.; in fact, one might go there at almost any hour and find it closed for half-an-hour, and have to cool one's heels until the half-hour had gone.

Councillor Spurway said he had discovered, while a member of the Baths Committee, that there were two classes of people: ladies and gentlemen, and men and women. It was originally proposed that there should be more than one day on which the bath was to be set apart, and that the difference in charge should be greater. Why this distinction? There was not much difference in people's appearance in the water; in the bath they all wore much the same sort of costume. This proposal was only made because it was the rule in another borough of London which was [illegible] for its snobbishness.

Alderman Jerrard supported the amendment for another reason. It would be within the recollection of the Council that some months ago it was agreed that the charge of the [illegible] committee should be brought up for the Council's approval, but all this had been "slid through" without asking for their approval.

Councillor Carrick, replying in the absence of the chairman (Councillor Webb), said he did not think the Baths Committee was particularly anxious about the matter; there was only a [illegible] majority in favour of the differential charge. What the committee felt was that they were entering upon a venture in a new line, and they took the experience of another borough as a guide. The extra charge would possibly diminish the attendance on the nights it was imposed, and this would possibly be of advantage to those who used the bath.

The amendment was carried by 21—4.

ALEXANDRA DAY.

Local Efforts.

Wednesday was "Alexandra Day," which was fortunately fine for the hundreds of young ladies who spent hours in the streets selling artificial roses on behalf of the hospitals of London. The day happily coincided with the home-coming of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the...

...matter, and [illegible] the Council's rights might be protected, the committee had decided that the circumstances be submitted to the Minister of Health under Clause 28 of the contract between the Council and the Guild of Builders, and that the Minister be asked to appoint, if thought necessary, an officer or officers of the Ministry of Health as arbitrator or arbitrators to determine as to whether the expenses of the Guild under its contract with the Council were likely to exceed substantially the adjusted cost of the works. The committee recommended that their action be approved.

Alderman Lemmon, acting chairman of the Housing Committee, in moving the adoption of the report, said that the position in regard to housing in Greenwich had not, he was sorry to say, materially improved on the whole, owing to a variety of causes, such as the economic system under which they lived and the shortage of houses during the five years of the war. The Highways Committee had tackled the problem in a business-like way, but with a Government and a Minister of Health like Sir Alfred Mond any kind of progress towards a real solution of the housing difficulty had been practically impossible. But it had been possible to make progress, and the Council lost no time in acquiring the Charlton Estate. They were, however, faced with a great shortage of building mechanics of all kinds. From the commencement the committee did not interfere with the actual building of the houses. A private contractor built 18 houses, which took a long time and cost a good deal. He asked the Council to be careful in criticising the work which was going on at the present time. The committee found it necessary to look for some alternative to the ordinary contractor and builder, and he thought he could say they were fortunate in this area, and the Guild system had been started. Deptford was less fortunate—they had to go to the Office of Works to get houses erected. He did not think the Council would have any doubt that the committee were wise in taking on the Guild of Builders. The Guild started exceedingly well and had done good work and built good houses. The committee, however, had been less satisfied with the rate of progress. As to the price, he was not in a position definitely to say at what cost the houses would work out. He was satisfied that if the houses averaged £1,000 each the Council had been wise in taking on the Guild, and getting the class of houses which they had erected, and which were of paramount necessity. He asked the Council and the public not to listen to "silly rumours."

"The Kentish Mercury."

Alderman Lemmon went on to refer to an editorial note which appeared in "The Kentish Mercury" of the 2nd inst., under the heading of "Charlton Housing," in which it was mentioned that it was rumoured that the cost of the houses being built at Charlton by the Guild of Builders would work out at £250,000, and that Councillor Scarlett had proposed that when the Housing Committee got at the true state of affairs the public would be taken into their confidence. With regard to the figure of £250,000, he might say that in his opinion "The Kentish Mercury" published what Mr. Lloyd George called "a calculated and characteristic falsehood." He (the alderman) was happy to assure the Council that the statement was not in the least true. The committee, added the alderman, would be surprised if the houses came out at anything more than £180,000. They were pressing the Guild to give the Council the benefit of certain reductions. The £250,000 was absolutely out of the question, and the Press ought to have exercised a great deal more care before publishing the statement. Then "The Kentish Mercury" heard that "statistics as to the number of bricks laid per man per day might prove interesting." Anything would be interesting, said Alderman Lemmon, if they could find out those things.

Let the Council see what had been done, he continued. In addition to the...

...about a ... women teachers, but in view of revision—and he did not think anyone optimistic enough to believe that revision would be upward—the encroachment upon the men to fight anything tending to endanger ... time. The defeat of the Government on the Pensions Bill he claimed as achieved by their association.

Mr. C. R. Dowd, Head of St. ... School, Poplar, said that ... women were coming into the ... than could be accommodated—men were entering in dribs and ... The reason was to be found in the inducements offered to women ... to the advantages offered ... The Burnham scale was an ... tribution as between men and ... If men were being paid suff... was obvious that women were ... paid, but if women were bei... fair and adequate sum it was certain that men were underpaid. L.S.A., he concluded, stood ... for the principle of men ... for boys' classes.

Mr. J. W. Jackson, Head of ... brook, Lewisham, and ... the association, said that ... National Union of Teachers had ... branch of the ... terminated his membership of ... ganisation. The N.U.T. ... between men and justice. If ... the truth of what happened ... tion they would be ... was an absolute fact. The ... difficulty could have been settled within a week of the commencement ... on a basis of one scale for ... another for women. It was ... N.U.T.—he had it on the ... the president of the Union ... fused to accept it. In ... of the men had ... N.U.T. It was perfectly ... N.U.T. was out to ... legal position which the women ... tained, and when ... would go forward for the ... tion of their ... policy of ... men and women. The ... they had got ... mers, and they were ... their position by a ... unity. Men would never get ... the N.U.T., because ... every time. ... working to rob the women of ... but were working to ... they had lost. They had been ... time of a selfish attack ... the Albert Hall meeting of 1919 ... of the ... of the N.U.T.), when a great ... the men were ... with the ...

Mr. W. G. C..., of Charlton School, argued that justice for ... only be obtained in a ... They could never get ... for those the women ...

Mr. Jarvis, editor of the "New Schoolmaster," also addressed the ... Mr. F. A. Gibbs, ... Deptford, the ... secretary, explained the objects and advantages of the association, several ... signified their intention of joining.

DEPTFORD EVANGEL... CRUSADE.

Next Week's Meeti...

As already announced in "The Mercury," the inaugural meeting of the Evangelistic Crusade, under the ... of the Deptford Council of ... Churches, will be held this ... eight o'clock at Goldsmiths' ... Lewisham High-road, the speakers being the Bishop of ... and the Rev. Samuel Chadwick, ... of the National Free ... Council. If necessary an overflow meeting will be held at New Cross ... Church.

The Crusade will be ...

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LEWISHAM'S OPEN-AIR BATH.

Mixed Bathing.

COUNCILLOR GILLINGS ON "SNOBS."

The Baths Committee of the Lewisham Borough Council on Wednesday reported to that body that the work of constructing the open-air swimming bath at Bellingham is proceeding satisfactorily, and that the bath will probably be completed in a month or six weeks' time, but that it is not at present possible to name an exact date. A time-table and scale of charges for admission to the bath, which was submitted for approval, showed that it is proposed to allot the hours between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. daily for family bathing, with mixed bathing from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. daily and 4.30 p.m. to closing time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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CHARLTON HOUSING ESTATE

Cost of Building—Council Discussion.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Borough Council on Wednesday evening the Housing Committee reported to the effect that they had had under their serious consideration the question of the progress made by the Guild of Builders (London), Ltd., in the erection of the houses on the Council's housing estate at Charlton, and particularly as to the cost of building. The committee had had submitted to them by their officials figures as to the cost of certain groups or types of the houses, and they had interviewed representatives of the Guild with reference thereto. The representatives were, however, unable to agree to the [illegible] figures, and challenged their [illegible]. Having fully and carefully discussed the matter, and [illegible] that the Council's rights might be protected, the committee had decided that the circumstances be submitted to the Minister of Health under Clause 22 of the contract between the Council and the Guild of Builders, and that the Minister be asked to appoint, if thought necessary, an officer or officers of the Ministry of Health as arbitrator or arbitrators to determine as to whether the expenses of the Guild under its contract with the Council were likely to exceed substantially the adjusted cost of the works. The committee recommended that their action be approved.

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TROUBLE AMONG TEACHERS

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... the club should be better ... everybody in Blackheath.

... company then proceeded to make ... of the various amusements and ... part in competitions, sideshows ... which had been arranged ... particular interest was ... a year's speciality, a series of living ... by members of the club, under ... of the ... Zenana ... in Church Zenana Missionary ... missionary, lately returned from ... The scenes were all representative of ... India and connected with ... subjects and included tableaux ... at the well, a zenana, a ... and a school. All were effectively ... and realistically staged.

... by Madame Tenny Jones, ... concert was afforded during the ... by the Misses ... Aird ... contralto and Elsie Barnes ... and Master E. Chilwell in solos; ... George's, Perryhill, Catford, and ... Rockwood ... club choir leaders ... responsible for an equally attractive ... later in the day by members ... club.

... "home" entertainments were a ... display, organised by Miss ... given by about 30 members, ... exciting net ball game, played ... despite the heat. The drill ... creditable prowess in both ... and musical varieties, and some ... with wands were highly ... Mrs. Crawford was at the ... Mrs. Saunders had charge of ... stall; Mr. Stockwell of a depart... supplying teas, cakes and the like; ... miscellaneous staff had been ... and was controlled by ... were also responsible for the ... approach to the house from the ...

The previous Wednesday pencils and ... were sold during a flag day, ... which the sum of £30 was realised. ... evening entertainment was given ... in the club. Addresses were ... by Miss E. Fisher Tabervill... secretary of the Y.W.C.A., lately ... from ... who spoke on ... world-wide aspect of the organisation, ... Miss McLaren (from headquarters) ... referred to the ... work of the ... at home. A concert was ... by members, under the direction ... Tenny Jones.

... undoubted success of the week's ... was largely due to the energy of ... club leaders, the Misses M. F. ... and E. E. Walters. The strength ... club is now about one hundred.

GREENWICH GIRL GUIDES' "RALLY."

... Monday evening the Greenwich Girl ... will hold a district rally at Ranger's, Greenwich, when the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and ... companies will be represented. ... programme of events will include ... team games, Brownies' Grand ... Guide team games, Guides' march ... and inspection by the Divisional Com... (the Hon. Mrs. Walter ...), ... of prizes to the winning ... and ... and camp fire songs.

... NOTTINGHAM COMPANY.

... company has been registered under the ... of the Nottingham Pharmacy, Ltd., to ... the business of retail chemists and ... formerly carried on by Messrs. ... and Co., but now by Mr. C. Walker, ... Victoria-terrace, Nottingham. The first ... are Messrs. ... and ... of Nottingham, and J. ... Eltham.

... He referred to the righteousness of the cause of the Allies which, ... the truth—"Right is might," ... urged them to support the League of Nations Union and reminded them of the blood-stained fields of France and Flanders, where our boys lay with those of our Allies. They died that peace might be restored upon a basis of abiding righteousness.

The service concluded with the hymn "God bless our native land," a verse of the National Anthem, and the benediction. Mr. A. Bilham, who was at the organ, rendered voluntaries before the service. A vase of flowers in red, white and blue, on the Communion table, had been arranged by Miss M. ... and Mr. Alan Cornell. After the service wreaths and flowers were laid on the memorial.

The ... of the church and schools is to complete the war memorial scheme.

BELLINGHAM AND SOUTHEND CADET COMPANIES.

The increasing population in the neighbourhood of the Bellingham and Southend Village has been responsible for the creation of a new company of the 1st Cadet Battalion of the Royal West Kent Regiment. It is officially known as "E" Company, and is under the command of Capt. C. Brabant Smith, one of the original officers of the 11th (Lewisham) Battalion of the Royal West Kents, and three ... The company, which is now ... strong, has its headquarters and ... weekend camp at the Hall ... "Peter Pan's Pool") and is attached to St. John's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Philip Smith) being the company chaplain. The Battalion, which is commanded by Lieut.-Col. J. Moore, M.C., is open to boys over 13 years of age, and free uniform, rifles and equipment are provided by the War Office. There is no obligation for later service in the Territorial or Regular Army, the sole object of the corps being sportsmanship and healthy physical exercise.

The company was on parade at the inaugural open-air Sunday service at the Bellingham Garden City.

GREENWICH CONSERVATIVES' GARDEN PARTY.

A garden party will be held next Thursday evening in the grounds of the Blackheath and Westcombe Park Unionist Club in Charlton-road. Captain Sir Hamilton Benn, Bart., C.B., D.S.O., M.P. for the borough, will preside, supported by Mrs. Hudson Lyall, C.B.E., J.P., L.C.C., who will give an address. Lady Benn, Mr. G. H. Hume, J.P., L.C.C. (prospective Parliamentary Unionist candidate for the borough), Mr. R. M. Dowse, L.C.C., and Mr. G. Rowland Hill, L.C.C., will be present.

SEASIDE TRIPS.

Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son announce that they will run a series of half-day trips every Monday to September 10th (except August 7th) from Woolwich Arsenal at 11.30 a.m. to Westgate, Herne Bay, Margate, Broadstairs, and Ramsgate; also every Saturday for one, two or three days from July ... to August ... (August 4th excepted) from Woolwich Arsenal at 7 a.m. to Sittingbourne, Sheerness, Whitstable, Herne Bay, Birchington, Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate.

Handbills giving full particulars as to fares, return times, etc., and tickets (which should be purchased in advance) can be obtained at the firm's local office, at New-road, Woolwich. Tickets may likewise be obtained at the stations on the morning of departure.

... he followed, intending to speak. There there was some commotion, some pushing, and the first he remembered of the constable was his standing in front of him and ordering him out of the crowd.

Mr. Disney: Your conduct was causing a disturbance?

The Defendant: Yes. He was in plain clothes, looked like one of the Deptford crowd, and when he started pushing me I thought someone in the crowd was pushing me out, and I asked him for his authority, and continued to speak. When he got me out of the crowd he produced a card. I asked to see the inside of it, and I think I said I might report him. I said that I had nothing to report. Afterwards the ... it was obvious that the crowd was friendly, and he went with the constable to Blackheath-road Police Station. It was not until he had been for some time in the waiting room that the constable told him he would be summoned. "My opinion," the witness said, "is that thing is doing harm: boys are being familiarised with this accursed thing on the Broadway. It seems to me that if that by-law can be worked it ought to be. I might have made a mistake in going too far."

In reply to the magistrate, defendant said he could not remember whether there was or was not a placard. If he had been allowed he would have addressed the people. "I am in your hands," she concluded; "I know which side is right, and I know which side I am on."

Magistrate on Betting Evil.

Mr. Disney: You knew of this by-law?

The defendant: No, I did not; I wish I had. If the police had known of it this would not have happened.

Mr. Hardy urged that his client had strong feelings as to betting—felt that it was his duty as a Christian man to combat it and acted with the best intentions and the highest motives. He suggested that it might be said he left the Court without a stain upon his character.

Mr. Disney said he was quite satisfied that the defendant was a perfectly well-meaning man, and no one could tell him anything to make his opinion more firm than that he was ... and ... with it was a great evil. His experience was that the police did what they could to put it down. He had not before heard of the by-law; apparently the constable had not. He thought, however, that the defendant was very unwise in taking this upon himself. The very best-meaning people often caused trouble, and in this instance the defendant's zeal was perhaps excessive. The evil was there, and it is a very great evil, but if a private individual interferes it causes a breach of the peace, and it is to prevent this that these summonses are taken out. As to any slur on the defendant's character, he thought there was none; he acted from the best motives, unwisely. He would be bound over to keep the peace for six months.

Later Mr. H. C. ... informed his Worship that there was a ... that the by-law to which reference had been made was ultra vires.

Mr. Disney: I can understand now why only the ... for the defence knew of it.

The price of a cup of tea at the Express Dairy Company's refreshment depots will be reduced from Monday to the pre-war price of 2d. per cup.

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... Grove House," the church, in the ... residence of Father ... once referred to ... politician, as "... Kent." It was ... of Sir George Gr... musician and writ... of music, who was ... musical organiser.

Beside the usual ... and side shows, ... formance of Old ... elementary school ... Brewster. The ... Father W. A. Pr... committee, and ... Lady Dawson, Fat... Smith, Father E. C. ... Father Winifred ... Quin (Borough), ... Norwood), Dr. Wh... Malqueen and Dr. ...

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about rates and taxes; but I nevertheless emphatically declare my assent and well-founded belief in the pound avoirdupois as a standard British weight. That being so, the chalking or penciling in outside, usually and almost invariable letters of the word "half" is a dodge and a device unworthy a cheap-jack in a country fair. Let us buy our own turnips and tomatoes by an honest standard of British weight, measure or capacity. It should seriously be made illegal to advertise goods at so much or so little per pound with the illegitimate "half" baby in its arms.

Then take Holly Fields. I have been moreover amused of late reading the fiery denunciations that have appeared in quite respectable weekly journals concerning this health resort. With a large salt pot I have managed to get rid of the remarks down, and made apologies on behalf of the signor of the writers, putting it down in my own mind to the mildewness of the weather, and the love that some people have for fault finding, together with that spirit of exacting and expensive exaggeration which is continuously stimulated in the minds of certain chronic fault-finders who know nothing at all about the difference between a mountain and a mole hill and make them both alike, seeing that both commence with the same letter.

But I withdraw all this unnecessarily. The other day, in broad daylight, I had to cross the fields, and being neither blind nor deaf, am now obliged to confess that those who have made complaint have excellent reason for so doing, judging by the sample I saw and heard. It is evident that certain unnecessary types too queer these spaces. Dirty of mouth, mind and manners, they should be excluded from open spaces where young children play and old folks go toddling slowly to enjoy the charm of air, view, fragrance of spring and the happy laughter of young life.

This is no reflection upon the residents of the Fields. They cannot be everywhere at once. The shape and location of the Fields, apart from the question of size altogether, renders supervision more than a little difficult. The problem of the Values of both sexes is still with us, and on these days of earnest effort on the part of religious and social reformers offers a big field for genuine hard work. Who will tackle it? This is something worth while. It will pay. But it is past Boy Scout and Girl Guide age. In fact it is the awkward age that makes the work awkward, but the possibilities for good make it worth while.

The evolution of these creatures from the parks, or their punishment, must not be the task work. A great crusade in the young manhood and womanhood of Greenwhich, run on right lines by right people, is worthy the consideration of all who have the real welfare of our young life at heart. To endeavour to see their point of view, and then give them a better objective, is a big task, but it must be undertaken, and speedily, or a worse state of affairs will follow.

Now don't all speak at once. We all know what steps ought to be taken in this matter, but amongst steps, punitive and suppressive, who will take a few decisive steps, firm and kind, and stand firm on so important a work, not growing weary in well doing, or resigning because their feelings get hurt—for get hurt they will—nor will because everybody does not see exactly with your eyes. Sip deep in, and like such a lot of "well-meaning" people do, who are everything by fussing, nothing long, and who are simply unreliable novelty hunters.

THE CHIEF.

was that the sail was damaged when handed into the locality.

A witness named Curtis said that the sailmaker refused to give up the sail until he got his money.

The Bench: He's a wise man, that sailmaker. I wish there were more people about like him.

Unanimously his Honour gave judgment for Kil. He, and costs.

SCATTERED JEWELLERY AT WOOLWICH.

£170 WORTH STILL MISSING.

At Woolwich Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Overall, William Holland, 40, labourer, of 27, Belvedere road, Bexley Heath, was charged, on remand, with maliciously damaging a plate-glass window, value £50, the property of Messrs. Bird and Sons, jewellers, Powis-street, Woolwich, and with breaking and entering their shop and stealing gold watches, rings, watch chains, bangles and brooches, of the total value of £170.

Alfred Baldry, prosecutor's manager, now said that articles to the value of £55 were returned to him by members of the crowd, but jewellery worth £170 was still missing.

Asked if he wished to give evidence or make a statement, Holland said: "I never tried to steal it. I only threw it out into the street. I never tried to get away."

Committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

BELLINGHAM RECREATION GROUND.

As we briefly mentioned in a previous issue of "The Kennedy Mercury" St. John's Parochial Council, Southend Village and Bellingham, unanimously passed a resolution deprecating the action of the London County Council in leasing the Bellingham Estate recreation ground to "one of their own social clubs" (the Thameyers social and athletic association). They claimed, in the text of the resolution, that the original scheme for the lay-out of the Garden City provided for a recreation ground, and that a lease of 14 years would make the total loss to the residents of one of the great amenities of the estate. The alteration of the ground, it pointed out, would mean that the children would only have the streets in which to play. The Council urged that before the lease was actually completed an opportunity should be afforded the residents of finding some other solution of the County Council's Housing Committee's difficulty and thus preserve this ground for public use.

The resolution has been forwarded to the County Council and the Ministry of Health.

The programme at the London Coliseum next week will be maintained by Van Dock; Bennett, Isaac and Allen; Frederick Allen, Cecil Bennett, Ben Boyer, Bete Shore (in "The Knockerty Knock"), Mark Conway, the Max Brothers (American vaudeville turn), Cecile Lefleur, Delfie and Billie, and Lydia Lopokova, Lawrence Stanton, Lydia Sokolova and Leon Woizikowski (the Russian dancers).

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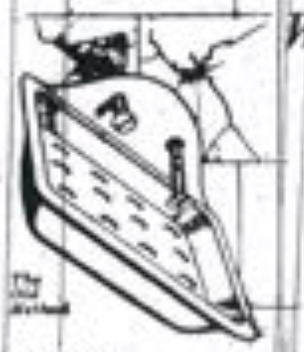

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Mr. Bowerman's Revelations.

ROMANTIC WEDDING AT GREENWICH.

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OPEN AIR BATH AT BELLINGHAM.

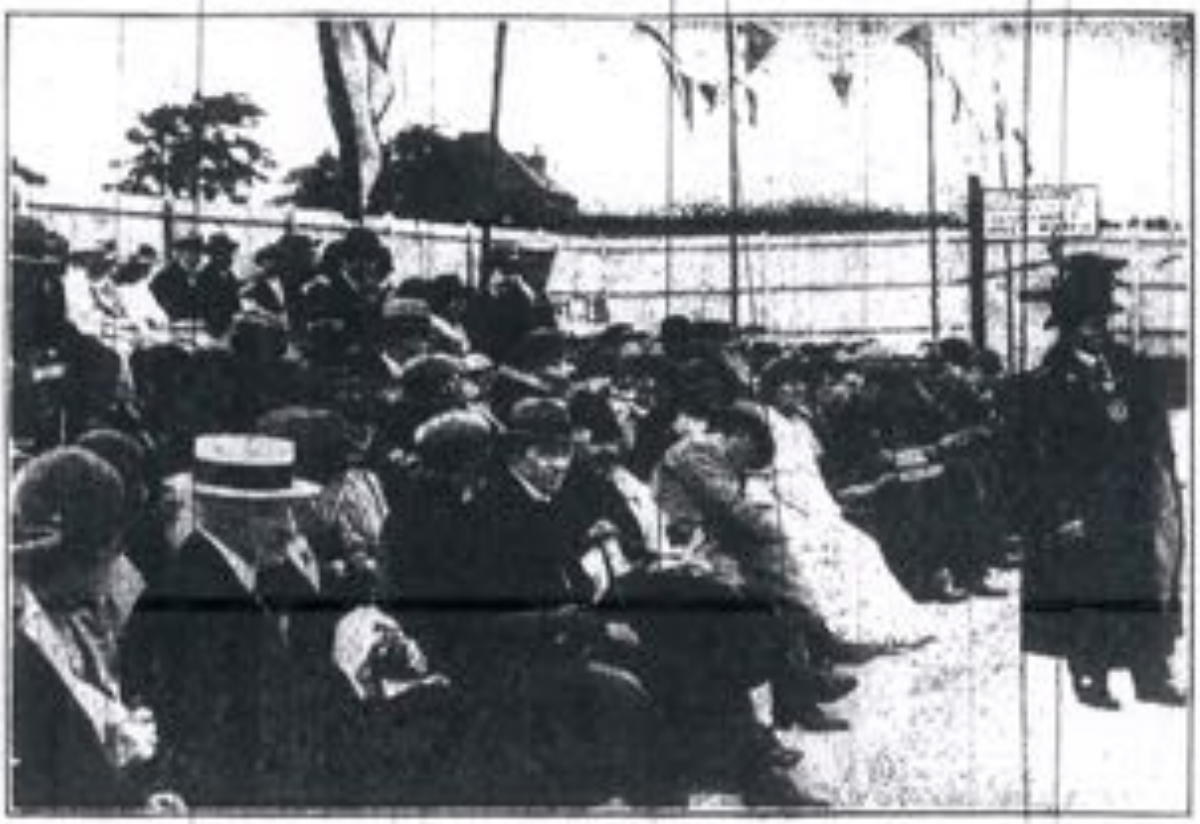

Photo. Dr. F. Barnett.

The Mayor of Lewisham (Councillor C. H. Dodd) declaring open the free open-air bath which has been provided by the Borough Council of Bellingham.

MAYORESS' FIRST DIVE.

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Now as to packing, there are several methods, all equally good on paper. The ideal way is, directly on return from the coast, the country, or wherever you have been silly enough to try and get a "home from home," unpack immediately and hold a review in state as to what you could have done without. Keep a memorandum of this for the eleven months, and there you are. This method is the best, but nobody has ever yet been courageous enough to try it. Then there is dear Auntie's way. She is a great traveller, and her method is the one that we may call the gentle and gradual accretion way. On one occasion I came back heavy and [illegible] displeased with the utter inadequacy of my portmanteau's contents, and dear Auntie undertook, in a spirit of love, to remedy the state of affairs against the next attempt. Verily the remedy in this case was greatly worse than the disease. If I had taken all she had so thoughtfully tabulated I would have required a [illegible]

St. John, Southend, of which the Bishop of Woolwich is chairman, and plans were prepared by Sir Charles Nicholson of a church hall, with seating accommodation for about 300 persons. This building is now being erected by Messrs. William Harbrow, Ltd., of South Bermondsey, on a site facing Brooke-road, with the Merchant Taylors' cricket ground only a short distance away. Land has been secured adjoining the church hall, on which it is proposed in the future to erect a church. The building now in hand is to be of brick, of a tint to match the purple of the bricks in the houses which are growing up around it, with a red tiled roof. At the east end will be an altar, with pulpit and reading desk; for secular purposes a platform will be erected at the west end.

The service on Saturday was conducted by the Bishop of Woolwich, assisted by the Rev. J. Philip Smith (Vicar of St. John, Southend), and the Rev. G. F. Thomas (St. Laurence, Catford). Mrs. Lubbock was accompanied by her uncle, the Hon. Eustace Fiennes; the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewisham were present, together with many of those who had earlier attended the opening of the Forster Memorial Park. Others present included the Rev. W. P. Macdonald, the Rev. E. Noel Mellish, V.C., the Rev. H. T. Hirst, Mr. W. B. Aurelt and Mr. J. B. Hully.

Mrs. Lubbock duly laid the stone, which was inscribed: "A.M.D.G. This stone was laid on July 23rd, 19[illegible], by the Hon. Mrs. D. C. Lubbock."

About £2,000 Needed.

In the course of a brief address the Bishop of Woolwich said when they knew, about two years ago, that the London County Council was going to build a new town of some 30,000 people in that place, some of them went straight away to the London County Council offices and asked to be allowed to see the plans, in order that they might choose a site for a church. They felt it was inconceivable that there should be a town there without some spiritual provision, and there and then they had marked out for them a site which they might be allowed to purchase for the erection of the new church. Their preparation began before the new town began. Now about 1,000 houses had been built, and the remainder would be built before the end of the year. They were laying, through the agency of Mrs. Lubbock, the foundation stone of what would be the first church in that new town, and they hoped before next autumn to have a church where 300 or 500 people would be able to meet for the worship of Almighty God. The cost was estimated at £4,000, and by gifts they could see their way to about half that amount. He had already signed the contract and made himself personally responsible, but he had no shadow of anxiety concerning it, for his experience of 25 years in South London was that if money was required for the service of Almighty God that money would be forthcoming. The money belonged to God, and God alone, and if He required it He touched the hearts of His people, and they gave. The people of that district and of Lewisham would be proud to take their part in this work; the diocese of Southwark would help, and they would be supported by the prayers and help of the Church throughout England. They hoped Mrs. Lubbock would send a message to her father and mother, to tell them how they were progressing, and that they went forward in confidence and thankfulness.

LEWISHAM GIRL'S ACCIDENT.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

An application was made at the Greenwich County Court on Friday under the Workmen's Compensation Act by Alice Brown, a minor, of 46, [illegible]-road, Lewisham, claiming through Mrs. Benjamin, her mother, in respect of an accident at her place of employment, the Lewisham factory of the Bowling Company. A settlement of compensation of [illegible] was agreed to by the parties in February, [illegible]

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EAST LEWISHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

Saturday's Garden Fete.

Under the auspices of the East Lewisham Liberal Association a garden fete was held on Saturday at "The Shrubbery," Marischal-road, Lewisham, by kind permission of Mr. John Zorn (prospective Liberal candidate for East Lewisham) and Mrs. Zorn. Tea was served shortly after the fete opened, and there followed a programme of sports and a concert, during an interval in which Mr. Zorn spoke, at some length, on the principles of the Independent Liberal Party. He welcomed those present and said he stood before them in the dual capacity of president of the association and prospective candidate for the constituency. When he first came he determined to build up a strong and solid association and leave his candidature to the fates, so that if he were unable to stand as their candidate he should have left behind him an association which would enable his successor to fight a strong battle for Liberalism. Liberals had not a great deal of money to back their cause, but, at any rate, in East Lewisham they had many zealous workers. He mentioned the association's latest idea of money box, which was called the "stalwart box," and thanked the many workers, especially Messrs. Cyril Morgan (secretary), George Carter (hon. treasurer) and F. Goddard, Mr. Frank Blundell and his orchestra, and the other artistes.

Continuing, he said it was important to preach Liberal principles to the people of London at the present time, because there were only two Liberal morning papers and one evening paper. At present there was a wide-spread feeling that politics were of little interest. The man in the street said, of the split in the Liberal Party "It is a squabble between Asquith and Lloyd George." It was nothing of the kind. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues stood for Liberal principles and Mr. Lloyd George and his followers for a contemptible opportunism. He was bitter against Mr. Lloyd George because he judged him by his acts and not by his words; he had betrayed democracy and the soldiers.

Among those present were Mrs. Ray Lineham, J.P. (vice-president), Messrs. G. H. Stepney, J.P., Richards (Point House Football Club), and Fred Neville, D.C.M., M.M. (representing the Lewisham and District Athletic Association). Mr. Frank Blundell's orchestra rendered selections, and other items of concert came from Miss Ethel Robbins and Messrs. George Goodwin and H. Thomas.

Sports results were as follows:—Flat race, Mr. Wood; thread-needle, Mr. Sparks; potato race, Master Wheatley; sack race, Master Wheatley; glass and plate race, Mr. Hurst. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Zorn.

ST. PETER'S, BROCKLEY, DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting.

WAYSIDE NOTES.

By THE CRIBB.

"A Cribb's among ye takin' notes
And faith, he'll prent it."

Packing.

This year I purpose to do my own packing. Last year Matilda kindly undertook to pack for me. I was not grateful. After a lapse of nearly twelve months I am still not grateful. Henceforth my things shall be surrounded. I view with feelings of renewed horror and dismay the bare possibility of again hastily thrusting a clean pocket handkerchief into the patch pocket of my sports coat, which 20 minutes later shall come out unblushingly in front of the serried rows all decid the bandstand as a nonsuite. Nearly everybody thinks that they can pack better than nearly anybody else. I am sure of it.

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A CHURCH FOR BELLINGHAM

Memorial Stone-Laying Ceremony.

Rain fell intermittently on Saturday afternoon, when, since the Hon. Mrs. D. C. Lubbock laid the foundation stone of the first place of religious worship to be provided for the residents of the new London County Council town at Bellingham. The needs of this new community were early appreciated by the Building Committee of St. John, Southend (of which the Bishop of Woolwich is chairman), and plans were prepared by sir Charles Nicholson of a church hall, with seating accommodation for about 300 persons. This building is now being erected by Messrs. William Harbrow, Ltd., of South Bermondsey, on a site facing Brooke Hospital, with the Merchant Taylors' cricket ground only a short distance away. Land has been acquired adjoining the church hall, on which it is proposed in the future to erect a church. The building now in hand is to be of brick, of a tint to match the purple of the bricks in the houses which are growing up around it, with a red tiled roof. At the east end will be an altar, with pulpit and reading desk; for similar purposes a platform will be erected at the west end.

The service on Saturday was conducted by the Bishop of Woolwich, assisted by the Rev. J. Philip Smith (Vicar of St. John, Southend), and the Rev. G. F. Thomas (St. Laurence, Catford). Mrs. Lubbock was accompanied by her uncle, the Hon. Rodney Foster; the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewisham were present, together with many of those who had earlier attended the opening of the Forster Memorial Park. Others present included the Rev. W. F. McDonald, the Rev. E. Noel Mallals, V.C., the Rev. H. T. Hirst, Mr. W. R. Aurell and Mr. J. B. Sully.

Mrs. Lubbock duly laid the stone, which was inscribed: "A.M.D.G. This stone was laid on July 22nd, 1922, by the Hon. Mrs. D. C. Lubbock."

About £2,000 Needed.

In the course of a brief address the Bishop of Woolwich said when they knew, about two years ago, that the London County Council was going to build a new town of some 20,000 people in that place, some of them went straight away to the London County Council offices and asked to be allowed to see the plans, in order that they might choose a site for a church. They felt it was inconceivable that there should be a town there without some spiritual provision, and there and then they had marked out for them a site which they might be allowed to purchase for the erection of the new church. Their preparations began before the new town began. Now about 1,000 houses had been built, and the remainder would be built before the end of the year. They were laying, through the agency of Mrs. Lubbock, the foundation stone of what would be the first church in that new town, and they hoped before next autumn to have a church where 300 or 400 people would be able to come for the worship of Almighty God. The cost was estimated at £4,000, and by grants they could see their way to about half that amount. He had already signed the contract and made himself personally responsible, but he had no shadow of anxiety concerning it, for his experience of 30 years in South London was that if money was required for the service of Almighty God that money would be forthcoming. The money belonged to God, and God alone, and if He required it He touched the hearts of His people, and they gave. The people of that district and of Lewisham would be proud to take

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EAST LEWISHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

Saturday's Garden Fete.

Under the auspices of the East Lewisham Liberal Association a garden fete was held on Saturday at "The Shrubbery," Marischal road, Lewisham, by kind permission of Mr. John Zorn (prospective Liberal candidate for East Lewisham) and Mrs. Zorn. Tea was served shortly after the fete opened, and there followed a programme of sports and a concert, during an interval in which Mr. Zorn spoke, at some length, on the principles of the Independent Liberal Party. He welcomed those present and said he stood before them in the dual capacity of president of the association and prospective candidate for the constituency. When he first came he determined to build up a strong and solid association and leave his candidature to the fates, so that if he were unable to stand as their candidate he should have left behind him an association which would enable his successor to fight a strong battle for Liberalism. Liberals had not a great deal of money to back their cause, but, at any rate, in East Lewisham they had many zealous workers. He mentioned the association's latest idea of money box, which was called the "stalwart box," and thanked the many workers, especially Messrs. Cyril Morgan (secretary), George Carter (hon. treasurer) and F. Gutheard, Mr. Frank Shoobell and his orchestra, and the other artistes.

Continuing, he said it was important to preach Liberal principles to the people of London at the present time, because there were only two Liberal morning papers and one evening paper. At present there was a wide spread feeling that politics were of little interest. The man in the street said, of the split in the Liberal Party "It is a squabble between Asquith and Lloyd George." It was nothing of the kind. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues stood for Liberal principles and Mr. Lloyd George and his followers for a contemptible opportunism. He was bitter against Mr. Lloyd George because he judged him by his acts and not by his words; he had be-

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struggle to struggle ashore.

Seeing the plight of the other brother, Frank Beard, a boatman, plunged into the sea fully clothed and succeeded in grasping him, but Joel struggled so violently that he was compelled to release his hold, as he himself was fast becoming exhausted. Almost immediately Joel disappeared, and was not seen again, although search was made by the police for some hours.

The body was recovered yesterday morning.

Municipal Notes.

The Highways Committee of the L.C.C. is opposed to the seeking of powers for the regulation of traffic at tramway stopping places, at present, in view of the fact that certain provincial authorities have been unsuccessful in attempts to obtain such.

Powers are to be sought by the London County Council to enable metropolitan borough councils to make charges for the use of tennis courts, bowling greens, etc.

GREENWICH.

It is expected that the extension of the Central Repair Depot of the L.C.C. tramways will be completed in the near future.

Mr. E. M. Dence, L.C.C., has resigned his seat on the Public Health Committee of the London County Council.

DEPTFORD.

The Mayor on Tuesday informed the Borough Council that Councillor Miss Jacob was much better.

Alderman Charles Webb was the recipient of congratulations on being once again in his place.

The three carmen of the Council who won prizes with their horses in the parade at the Hospitals Welfare Society's annual fair—Messrs. C. Williams, E. Bendrick and C. Parham—received their prizes at the hands of the Mayor.

LEWISHAM.

For the fifth week in succession the return of out-door relief shows a substantial decrease—one of £136 this time.

During the week ended the 15th inst. the cost was £2,524 (preceding week £2,630), while the recipients numbered 9,102 (preceding week 9,440).

The London County Council has approved an estimate of £19,219 in respect of the erection, by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, of the first portion of a new elementary school at Bellingham.

This portion will accommodate 384 infants. The second portion, of which plans have been prepared, will provide for 320 boys and the same number of girls.

WOOLWICH.

An expenditure of £1,570 has been approved by the L.C.C. on the reinstatement of a portion of Shoulder-of-Mutton-field after occupation by the Government.

The Borough Council has adjourned until October 8th. A special meeting of the Public Health Committee is, however, to be held "to consider the action of an officer of the Council."

Another attempt is to be made to secure a grant from the Unemployment Grants Committee to enable the proposed open-air swimming bath at the Royal Victoria Gardens to be constructed at a cost of £5,000.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT BLACKHEATH.

Crossing Tranquil-vale, Blackheath, opposite Southvale-road, about noon yesterday, Charles Wimbledon (68), of Springrise-road, Hither Green, was knocked down by a motor-car which was being backed out of Southvale-road. He was taken to Lewisham Hospital, suffering from severe cuts, bruises and abrasions of the head and hands.

LONDON'S ELECTRICITY.

Sir John Gilbert asked what, in that case, was the objection to the amendment?

The amendment was, however, defeated, and a further amendment was proposed to the effect that the entrance from the licensed premises should be closed during a performance.

Colonel Levita pointed out the necessity for two exits in the case of fire.

Mr. Pincombe said it appeared that there was to be no charge for the concerts, and Mr. Walter Reynolds feared a return to "the sing-song of days gone by." If there was no public-house, he asked, would there be any free entertainment?

Mr. Summers, from the Labour benches, suggested that nothing was charged for entertainments at the Holborn Restaurant and other such places, and after further discussion the amendment was defeated by 42 votes to 23, and the recommendation of the committee approved.

HIGH-STREET, ELTHAM, WIDENING.

The Highways Committee dealt fully with the question of the widening of High-street, Eltham, as affected by the construction of the Eltham By-pass road, and expressed the opinion that, after making full allowance for the effect of the by-pass, a widening to 70 feet (as previously agreed with the Woolwich Borough Council) could be justified for the reason that this road would always remain an important through route and that the development of traffic in the future was likely to be such that the widening of the road would inevitably become a matter of necessity. They did not consider that any scheme of widening should extend further eastward than the monument. In view of this decision the committee recommended that the Council agree to contribute £311, two-thirds of the net cost of acquisition by the Woolwich Borough Council of Nos. 146 to 158, Eltham High-street, needed for the widening to 70ft. of the road at that part. The recommendation was approved.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION IN GREENWICH.

There was a long discussion—largely unintelligible as heard in the Press gallery—on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that the operation of the resolution passed a year last March, under which certain powers of the Council relating to the inspection of lying-in homes and the functions of infant life protection visitors have been exercised in the Borough of Greenwich by the Greenwich Borough Council and certain of the officers, be extended until June 30th, 1931.

It appeared by the committee's report that the borough councils are being consulted by the General Purposes Committee with a view to ascertaining whether there is a general desire that an arrangement similar to that obtaining in Greenwich should be adopted generally throughout London.

From the Progressive benches Mr. H. A. Baker moved the reference back, deprecating the continuation of the experiment, but the amendment was rejected by 32 votes to 16, and the recommendation approved.

L.C.C. EMPLOYEES' HOLIDAYS.

Replying to questions put by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Sir John Gilbert said that a recommendation on the subject of the London Joint Industrial Council's agreement in respect of special workers' annual holidays would be submitted at the next meeting of the Council. If the Council agreed to the recommendation the employees concerned, with the exception of those entitled to more favourable conditions, would have their holidays this year in accordance with the District Council's recommendation.

HASELTINE ROAD SCHOOL, SYDENHAM.

Mrs. J. Chapman, chairman of the managers, presided at the annual prize-giving on Friday morning, and Mr. E. T. Campbell, L.C.C., distributed the prizes and said that he had noticed the name of the late Sir Edward Shackleton on the top of the honours shield. He was in the same

Academy of Music, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hovey, late of Catford, has been presented with a silver medal for piano playing and two bronze medals for singing and sight singing.

Headed by the Master, Mr. Thomas W. Hewitt, of 120, Bargery-road, Catford, members of the Guild of Freemen visited Canterbury recently, among those present being the Clerk, Mr. J. Baron Cranham, of 32, Arran-road, Catford.

At the Trinity College of Music recent examinations the following pupils of Miss Evelyn Samuels, of 32, Friday-road, Lewisham, were successful:—Junior division: Betty Murray and Stephen Marsh; "First Steps" division: Joyce Parker.

Mr. W. J. Kipps, F.R.C.O., A.R.A.M., organist of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was among those selected to play a solo before the service held at St. Paul's Cathedral in connection with the centenary celebration of the Royal Academy of Music.

Miss Mamie Falconer, who last December passed her intermediate examination first class, has again been successful, having passed the advanced intermediate with honours at the London College of Music. She is a pupil of Mrs. L. H. Mund, 19, Tyrwhitt-road.

Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., last Thursday attended a luncheon at the House of Commons, at which the guest was the French Ambassador. On Friday, accompanied by Lady Dawson, he was present at the Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace.

At the recent examinations held at the London College of Music the following pupils of Miss Davis, of 31, Malyons-road, Ladywell, gained certificates in the primary section, pianoforte playing:—Iris Monday (first class) and Ethel Green (pass).

Mr. Fleming, the Greenwich and Woolwich magistrate, on Monday concluded at Birmingham the Home Office enquiry into the causes of the explosion resulting in the death of 19 girls at a Tipton (Staffs.) works where cartridges were being broken up.

Sir Ian Hamilton and Lady Benn were amongst those who received commands to attend their Majesties' afternoon party on Friday, the 23rd. They are leaving town this week for Norfolk. Lady Benn will not be in town again till October. They have been staying with Viscount and Viscountess Davidson at Wrington, near Marlow.

Mr. Under Sheriff and Mrs. T. Howard Deighton, of "Dudley Lodge," Wickham-road, Brockley, were among those present at the Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace on Friday last. Mr. and Mrs. Deighton were also present at the dinner at the Mansion House on Thursday evening last given by the Lord Mayor to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. John Q. Rowett, of Perry Mount, Forest Hill, the Immediate Past-master of the Fruiterers' Company, has been presented with the honorary degree of LL.D. by the University of Aberdeen, in appreciation of his endowment of scientific research—by financing the Shackleton expedition and contributing in a generous manner to the research work of the Middlesex Hospital.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE.

As a sequel to the recent visit to Paris for the purpose of attending the Inter-Parliamentary Commercial Conference, of which Colonel Pownall is the hon. secretary, the French Ambassador was entertained by the chairman of the committee at lunch at the House of Commons on Wednesday. Important speeches were delivered by him and the President of the Board of Trade.

"ROYAL SOVEREIGN" PASSENGER'S DEATH.

A passenger on the s.s. "Royal Sovereign," proceeding from London Bridge to Margate on Wednesday morning,

... will not be allowed ... social play, we believe, will ... the "pile." ... used on the Heath, it is to be limited to the hard ...

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... the subject of remark on ... when an inquest has ... accident in which a London ... tramway has been ... driver and conductor ... any information to the ... policy of silence was ... direction of the L.C.C., and ... by the tramway ... own choice. A new ... after consultation with ... of Police for the Metro... a change which, if ... all the way that some magistrates have suggested, ... call for notice. The ... made:—"In every case fullest particulars must be ... for the information of ... manager. No information ... accident is, under any ... to be given to any mem... Every assistance must ... police officers, but the ... are reminded that they ... to answer any question ... incriminate them, and ... in the case of a serious ... may be taken ... in evidence in the event ..." It will be agreed, we ... this contrasts favourably ... "say-nothing" policy.

... Order.

... news of the work in ... Woolwich Arsenal in the offi... by the War Office that ... the intensification of short ... gradually being ... stopped. The working of ... lesser evil than discharge, ... more advisable, can be ... undesirable way. The ... was that men should ... one week in six; in many ... of them, the work-off ... every month, and there was ... the system being extended ... many workmen became ... War Office has recog... of the many protests that ... and have instituted ... in connection with ... will admit of short time ... for the future to one week ... must be under any delu... Arsenal is to be put on full ... and statements that ... to the effect that large ... to be placed are ...

... Co.?

... and that no decision as to ... of Woolwich Arsenal ... within the next three ... committee that is dealing ... will not be in a position ... any great extent with their ... those proposals which ... consideration. The first is ... whether the Arsenal shall be ..., and that governs ... If the committee ... decision in favour of Wool... place for a ... area, ... Arsenal, and the ... Government lands ... will come in the fore... as far ... of that ... Cape ... for disposing of ... of the Arsenal site and ... available for the closing of ... These are independent of ... the committee may take, ... to say that the ... as to ... of the Arsenal is ... will be most ... to ...

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... of the new arrangement ... of ... in this district ... Wednesday. For the ... will number four ...

does not adhere to the proposal, and were prepared to transfer land to be converted into a garden. From a rough estimate it appeared that the cost, including expenditure on the acquisition of property and easements, would amount to at least £60,000 and might be considerably in excess of that sum. The road would not provide through communication, and the scheme was not put forward to meet traffic requirements, but it was to be regarded as a work which would make a desirable addition to the amenities of the district. In the existing financial and other conditions the committee did not feel justified in recommending the Council to adopt or to contribute towards a proposal of this nature and recommended that the Greenwich Metropolitan Borough Council be so informed.

Bellingham.

It was decided, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, that the scale of rents fixed for the first section of the Bellingham Estate apply to the houses and flats on the remaining portion of the estate. The committee reported that a tea company had offered to take a 99 years' lease on a building agreement of a plot of land with a frontage of 20 feet to Randlesdown-road, Bellingham, proposing to erect on the site a shop with dwelling accommodation, and the Council agreed to accept the offer. It was also reported that a house at Bellingham had been let to a medical practitioner at a commercial rent of £100 a year, exclusive of rates.

Workmen's Holidays.

Mr. Herbert Morrison asked the chairman of the General Purposes Committee whether representatives of employers and employed on the London Joint Industrial Council, Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) had recently resolved in favour of extended annual holidays for municipal employees within their jurisdiction who have qualified by the necessary years of service? On what date was the London County Council informed of this decision, and what steps had been taken to observe this trade union agreement in the Council's service?

Sir John Gilbert's reply to the first part of the question was in the affirmative. The Council had been informed of the decision on November 17th last, and he regretted that there had been considerable delay in dealing with the matter, but the General Purposes Committee proposed to have the matter before them again shortly.

A Brockley Tramway Proposal.

The chairman of the Highways Committee was asked by Mr. Gautry whether he had found time, as promised, to investigate personally the question of extending the Peckham-rye tramways to Brockley? Mr. Matthews, replying, said that within two days of his promise he inspected the route of this suggested line, but there were certain alternative schemes for dealing with the matter which it was desirable should be looked into before the matter was considered by the committee.

Deptford Park.

Mr. Guy Walmisley asked on what date the Parks Committee expected to be able to open the central field of Deptford Park for the use of the public? He was informed by Brig.-General Cooper that if the conditions were favourable it was hoped that the field would be opened to the public at the commencement of the children's holidays next summer.

PRESENTATION TO A CATFORD SCHOOL TEACHER.

The ... at the ...-road Infants' School, Catford, on Thursday and Friday last, of the "May Day Revels," on behalf of the London Schools' Hospitals Fund, was, thanks to a happy idea of the head mistress (Miss ...), utilised as the occasion for a presentation to Mrs. ..., who has been compulsorily retired on account of ... ill-health. ... by the assembled children, the ... of the ...

Deceased, Deptford Broadway) has been elected to the vacancy.

Mr. T. H. Consider, formerly ... at the Blackheath Branch Post Office, was the recipient of his Majesty's Imperial Service Medal in recognition of 44 years' work in the postal service, at the sorting office at Blackheath on Monday.

During the centenary celebrations at the Royal Academy of Music, when Sir Alexander Mackenzie's opera was produced on two occasions, Miss Barbara Pett-Fraser, of Brockley, sustained the leading part in both performances.

Miss Barbara Pett Fraser, of 66, Adelaide-road, Brockley, had the leading part of "Dot" in the opera "The Cricket on the Hearth," as given on Wednesday evening at the Royal Academy of Music in connection with the centenary celebrations.

Capt. H. Arthur Evans (who unsuccessfully contested West Lewisham as a Progressive at the London County Council election in March) has been adopted by the Coalition Liberal Association of East Leicester as prospective Parliamentary candidate for the division.

The friends of Mrs. P. H. Read, of Sydenham, wife of the L.C.C. member for West Lewisham, will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her late serious illness. It will be some time before she can resume her public work, especially in connection with the hospitals.

Councillor Arthur Chadwick, of "Rosmead," Bromley-road, Catford, who was chairman of the delegation of the London Rotary Club to the convention at Los Angeles, California, and subsequently toured the United States and Canada, returned by the "Berengaria," which reached Southampton on Tuesday.

Sub-Divl. Insp. Bradley has been transferred from Blackheath-road ("R" Division) to West Ham ("K" Division). The Blackheath-road sub-division has now been amalgamated with Westcombe Park, and Sub-Divl. Insp. Fulton, who for many years has been in charge of the latter, takes over the enlarged sub-division.

Lieut.-Colonel Anthony Pownall, M.P.—a former representative of Lewisham on the London County Council—was present with Mrs. Pownall at the opening of the new County Hall. Dr. J. T. Macnamara, who was one of the members for Rotherhithe in the early days of the Council, was also present, with Mrs. Macnamara, the latter a member of the Lewisham Board of Guardians.

On Friday Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., and Lady Dawson visited the Hospitals Welfare Fair at Catford. They were shown over the ground by Mr. Wilfred Allen (the chairman) and Mrs. Robinson, of Sydenham. Sir Philip congratulated the society on what they were doing on behalf of the hospitals. This evening Sir Philip and Lady Dawson attend the dinner of the Court of Furriers Company at Drapers' Hall.

Miss Kathleen Morley, daughter of the Rev. H. J. Morley, of the Sydenham Baptist Church, has distinguished herself at the sessional examinations at University College, London. At the Assembly of Faculties last week it was announced that she had won the Latin prize, and the old English Texts Society's prize. She has already been awarded the Morley medal (in memory of Professor Henry Morley) for English Literature and the Rosa Morison scholarship, tenable at the Training College for Teachers, to which Miss Morley goes in the autumn.

GREENWICH AND THE JUNIOR IMPERIAL LEAGUE.

A successful meeting of the Greenwich branch of the Junior Imperial League was held on Friday at the Blackheath and Westcombe Park Unionist Club. Mr. F. Windebanke presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Robinson, Councillor Mrs. ..., Mrs. Orley, Mr. J. J. Shepherd, Miss Phillips and Mr. W. H. Hill (hon. secretary). The sports section was discussed and the members made some admirable suggestions. The chairman gave a short ...

There was considerable ... borough on the question ...

Councillor Chadwick ... was unfair to single ... case. The Council ... steps to put the matter ... This view was supported ... Nichol, ... Harris mentioned that ... amount, with ... per cent. more than the ... annexation, while the ... about 30 per cent.

Councillor Roberts spoke ... warm commendation of ... in the borough, and ... was dictated solely by ... of health.

Alderman Lawrence ... cillor Gillings to withdraw ... being given that a report ... brought up on the general ...

Councillor Gillings then ... the motion was carried.

Footpath Removal ...

It was reported that the L... Council had called attention ... which had ... building operations ... improvement at the ... field Park-crescent, and ... The scheme has been put ... owner (Mr. James ...) ... who is prepared ... frontage and to re... and to surrender the ... site on the understanding ... mitted to build on the ... north side. The effect of ... would be that the ... improvement would ... portion of the road ... to amount to £1,000. The ... Committee of the L.C.C. ... whether the Borough Council ... prepared to take the ... the closing of the ... way, and also to ... cost of the improvement.

Mr. Watt had written ... Council stating that if the ... carried out there would ... land which would ... property, and he was ... this to the Council ... would reimburse ... new site and re-building ...

The General Purposes ... learning that the ... Tribunal had ... and had adjourned ... the same site, ... opened the Council ... alteration of the ... time. A reply ... wanted to the County Council ...

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The Housing Committee ... they had received ... the majority of the ... cil's houses at ... them to take into ... of reducing the rents ... The committee ... tenants be informed that ... regret they are unable ... proposal.

SHORT TIME IN W... ARSENAL

The War Office has ... the arrangement ... workers in Woolwich ... working shorter time than ... of six is being cancelled, ... confirmation in the ... promise which allows the ... work beyond the rate ... placed.

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This means the ...

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ORD M.O.H. ON CANCER.

e as to Symptoms.

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...ding cancer from the bowels after ...age is often neglected by the public ...t. It should be submitted to ...al cause. A large proportion of ...cancer, which at this stage is ...

...ly, tender, or other growths of the ...must be a constant invitation ...immediately removed. A large ...ber, if neglected, terminate in ...

...cancer of the tongue and inside of ...cheeks, jagged teeth, and of the ...ship gland. Many of these and ...cancers, if neglected, terminate ...

ES FOR A DEPTFORD SERVANT.

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BELLINGHAM WORKMAN'S ACCIDENT.

Physical and Mental Pain.

An accident to a workman on the Bellingham Housing Estate was the subject of an action at the Greenwich County Court on Friday, when John Vost, a plasterer, of 3, Adelaiteraven, Eltham, made a claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act against Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons.

Mr. Thesiger, counsel for the applicant, stated that on November 10th Vost was walking behind a workman named Smith along a light railway track on the Bellingham Estate, when the latter fell on a loose piece of wood, which tipped up and caused applicant to fall on his side on the rails. He was assisted home by two workmen, and was in bed, attended by Dr. Pattison, for a month. On March 9th he went to the Miller Hospital, and from an X-ray photograph taken, there was no doubt that two ribs had been fractured. It was suggested by the respondents that he was offered light work on December 28th, and again on March 31st, but respondent denied that any offer was made until April 7th, when he was not in a fit condition to accept it.

Applicant, who stated that when employed at Bellingham he earned on an average £3 10s. a week, said he still suffered from an aching pain in his side, and was incapable of performing any work which involved stooping. On March 28th he was told that he ought to have been at work on the previous Tuesday, and on March 30th his compensation was stopped. He had the matter that he had received no instructions about returning to work, and he informed his Union of the firm's action. On April 27th he received a letter from his union entitling him to report to the labour master on May 2nd, when light work would be offered him. He went good back that he was unfit to travel, as the vibration of the trains increased the pain in his side.

Dr. F. L. Pattison was of opinion that applicant was still unfit for any work other than that of a watchman.

Dr. Bennett, a specialist in radiology, produced an X-ray photograph which, he said, disclosed a fracture of two ribs. Although the bones had united, he was of opinion that Vost was still unfit for Bonical work.

Dr. Tyndall, who examined Vost on the instructions of the respondents on May 18th, said applicant was fit for light work. He found him limping, and asked him what was the matter. "I've fractured the ribs," Vost replied. Witness told him that that wouldn't make him lame, and he thereupon "dropped the business." Any pain that he now suffered was mental, and not physical, witness added. Some people had mental pain for a long, long time.

Mr. Thesiger: What is the difference?—Witness: Mental pain is a thing easily got rid of when a man has something to distract his attention, and the best way of doing that is to get back to work.

Questioned, on the subject of the X-ray photograph, witness said it was not at all convincing. He was of opinion that no ribs had been fractured. He had examined thousands of X-ray photographs when in charge of the Lewisham Military Hospital, and from that experience he formed the opinion that the photograph in question was a very bad one.

Mr. Warde, the master at Bellingham, said Vost was paid full compensation of the 4 week up to March 31st. He was definitely offered light work on three occasions, and each time he failed to attend. He would have been given a job in the new mills of picking up pieces of wood weighing from 1cwt to 30 pounds, and for those approaching the latter weight he would have had the usual assistance of another man. His wages would have been about a pound an hour, from 9am to 6pm, formerly reckoning.

His Honour, in giving judgment for respondents, said he came to the conclusion that applicant was a "self-deceiver," and that the very thing which would do him good was worst.

Mr. Smith was counsel for the respondents.

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SUGAR THEFTS AT PLUMSTEAD.

Royal Arsenal Co-Operative Society's Loss.

At Woolwich Police Court on Monday John Whiffen, 19, carmaker, 11, Greenwich-street, Plumstead, James Tirbell, 17, manager, "Harrow Inn," Knockholt, Abbey Wood, and Stephen Dymott, 18, carman, 8, Kentmere-road, Plumstead, were charged with being concerned together in stealing and receiving from the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society's Preserve Factory at Abbey Wood about one hundredweight of sugar, valued at 40s. 8d. Whiffen and Tirbell were further charged with stealing and receiving during May and June, 56 lbs. of sugar, valued at 20s. 3d., the property of the R.A.C.S. Whiffen and Dymott were charged being concerned together in stealing about four cwt. of sugar, value at £8 16s., belonging to the Society, and Whiffen was further charged with stealing 120lbs. of sugar, valued at 5s. 3d., the property of the R.A.C.S.

Det-Sergt. Reed, dealing with the first charge, said on Monday morning he saw Whiffen at Plumstead police station. Having

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[illegible] should desire to move from a small parish to one which gives him larger scope for the energy which I know he possesses. Therefore I am sure you will welcome whole-heartedly the new inspiration, today, I have instituted as your vicar."

The Bishop went on to illustrate the motive force which should actuate the ambassadors of Jesus by enlarging on the text, "I am the Good Shepherd." Their new Vicar, he said, must set the ideal of the Good Shepherd ever before him, and they, the congregation, must help him by their prayers and assistance. "Let there be no factions, parties or divisions in this parish. Let party strife or personal strife be forgotten entirely. Let there be true fellowship, true unity and true loyalty. If in the past there have been divisions let them be entirely forgotten, and in fellowship and unity work together with your new Vicar."

The Rev. E. P. Higham, with whom the new Vicar has exchanged livings, will be instituted to the parish of Eaton Socon tonight (Friday). He will be presented by the Rev. H. T. Hurst on behalf of his father, the patron of the living.

Saturday's Welcome.

At the invitation of the wardens, Messrs. T. N. Widdowson (vicar's) and H. Cowell (parish), some 250 members of the congregation were present on Saturday evening at a "social" given in the church hall to welcome the new Vicar and Mrs. Hurst. On behalf of the parish Mr. Cowell extended them a cordial welcome, and Mr. Hurst, in reply, expressed himself delighted to move among them. He was glad to find the various organisations connected with the church so full of life and was grateful for the kind way in which they had received his wife and himself.

Under the direction of the wardens, whose efforts as "joint chairmen" caused much amusement, a capital programme of music was submitted by Mrs. Marsh, Miss D. M. Hinckley, Messrs. Furness and Partridge, and the St. Cyprian's Male Voice Quartet (Messrs. Barnard, Beazley, Cromber, Elton, Furness, Howell, Lilton and Partridge), in a selection of glees, some of which were sung unaccompanied, Mr. F. S. Marsh organist and choirmaster being at the piano for the others. Miss Gertrude Bainbridge acted as accompanist for the soloists and for the dancing, with which an enjoyable evening closed.

JUDGE AND BELLINGHAM RENTS.

His Honour Judge Sir Thomas Granger made an ejaculation of surprise when told that a house on the Bellingham new estate, comprising four rooms and a scullery, commanded a rent of 21s. 1d. "This is post-war property and not subject to the Rent Restriction Act," the London County Council's agent explained. Turning to the defendant, the wife of a mason, whose arrears covered eight weeks, his Honour said: "I can't help you, madam; you must go out in four weeks."

DEPTFORD PENSION SOCIETY.

At a recent meeting of the governors of the Borough of Deptford Pension Society Mr. H. N. Manwaring, of 85, Brookhampton-road, Brockley, was appointed hon. secretary in succession to Mr. H. G. Delacombe, who resigned early in the year in consequence of ill-health. The governors placed on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Delacombe during the 30 years he held the position.

[illegible] that Leticia's array is not drooping. The girl of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the whooping of delight from Mr. Blackthorn's large [illegible] Neil O'Neil in [illegible], the [illegible] bowler, wizard of the deep field, and mighty magician with a bat. Cobra the Virst, in a sports coat, the third best [illegible], and a smile. Everybody hurrahs. Those whose function it is to shout instructions do so most brilliantly and laughingly. Those whose duty it is to receive the same apparently do nothing of the kind, and as we have now been here nearly an hour, and shouted ourselves hoarse, and it is a quarter of a mile to the station, and the train is timed to start in 20 minutes, an exodus is made, and we march two by two to the station, where the labour of counting us is to be gone through by a couple of phlegmatic officials, who do not share our excitement, but will be there tomorrow and many tomorrows through the season; and so rush into the train, and adventurers [illegible] straight away to the seafaring of sundry small brothers and sisters, who, nevertheless, turn up cheerfully placid at Harlow, munching undoubtedly a vile assortment of cheap confectionery, pressed upon them by elder and sympathetic friends all the way down.

Arrived at Harlow, we tumble out with [illegible] of our freedom gone. Hair has become already en mode, some sixpence who breakfasted at five or much o'clock in the morning have already despatched their lunch, and now, sticky and greasy, are well prepared for the adventures of the day, and salute us with a volley of "Please, Mr. Child, is there anywhere we can get some ginger-beer?"

Not being a teacher, but only an adult hanger-on, I can enjoy the fun. And great fun it is. Tables mentally prepared of the mature age of ten to twelve gather with their own little brood around them, and forthwith the immediate purchase of presents begins. It is half the joy of the treat to some youngsters to arm themselves early in the day with a cup and saucer for mother, a pipe for father—poor father!—an elegant photo frame all made of beautiful shells for sister, which comes to grief about 3 p.m. same day, the elders being used to pelt unsuspecting fellow travellers who are looking the other way. What wonderful exploits we do in the cricket field, and how Mr. Sheffield distinguishes himself at rounders, and what wonderful things the prospectors find in the woods. George bags a jelly grass snake, and gets it home safely in a [illegible] sugar bottle with convenient air holes jabbed in the tin lid. Freddie Baugh is the proud owner of two toads and a caterpillar. Young Bill felt unwell, but is otherwise cheerful though Algernon Anapatch, owing to an indiscriminate overdose of butterscotch, pop, strawberries and samples of half the contents of a grubby sweetstuff shop, is hors de combat. Further details censored.

And when you have read so far, sour-faced reader, and want a breath of the old, old-time times of when you were a boy, turn out for the next day's school treat, and you won't forget in thanks.

THE CHIEL.

As the result of the sale of work held at Grove House, Blackheath, and a jumble sale, Blackheath and Charlton Hospital will benefit to the extent of £300.

[illegible] Smart Grey Flannel Trousers in [illegible] shades. Full American cut with loops for belt and permanent turn-ups, 12s. 6d., 15s. 9d., [illegible] qualities 21s., 25s. to 30s. 6d. [illegible] Sports Coats, in many [illegible] from Donegal and Homespun [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], 21s., 25s. to [illegible]. We are Specialists in Men's Sports Wear.—Wilsons and Co., Ltd., High-street, Lewisham.—Advt.

[illegible] spouse in any such premises.

Qualification: Must be entitled to be registered as a local government elector in respect of the occupation in that constituency of land or premises (not being a dwelling-house) of a yearly value of not less than £5, or of a dwelling-house, or is the wife of a man entitled to be so registered.

Local Government Franchise (Women).—(a) A woman must be a British subject; (b) not subject to any legal incapacity.

Qualification: (a) If she has attained 21 years of age she must have occupied, for the qualifying period as owner or tenant (in her own right), land or premises in the same local government area. (The same limitation as to joint tenants applies as in the case of men); (b) If she has attained 30 years of age and is the wife of a man who is entitled to be so registered in respect of premises in which they both reside.

General Hints.

Letting House Furnished.—The owner of a house can let it furnished for a period of four months out of the qualifying period of six months, without losing his or her right to registration, provided such owner has resided in the house for the remaining two months.

Business Premises Qualification.—There is no limit as to the distance within which an elector has to reside in order to be registered for a business qualification, as was the case under the old Parliamentary and local government franchise for boroughs.

Absent and Proxy Voters.—There are special provisions relating to sailors, soldiers and merchant seamen electors. In any case of doubt the Town Clerk or political agent should be referred to.

The last day for claims is August 18th. The lists should be looked at now.

GARDEN FETE AT CATFORD HILL.

A "pound day" and garden fete in aid of the Shaftesbury "Sister" Home, Greenwich, took place by the invitation of Mrs. Pickering, a member of the committee, in the grounds of "Bankside," Catford-hill, on Saturday. A large marquee, which was erected on the lawn by Messrs. Chessman Brothers, afforded adequate shelter for the stalls, bands and musical entertainments, and, allowing for the inclemency of the weather, which accounted for a smaller attendance than was anticipated, the fete was quite a success, and resulted in a substantial sum being forwarded to the Shaftesbury Home. Most of the visitors also brought gifts in kind.

Mallow's Band gave selections during the afternoon and an entertainment included dances by Mrs. Mallow's two little children. The sweet stall was in charge of Captain Hart, assisted by Miss Williams, the refreshment stall was under the direction of Mr. Gittins, and the teas were provided by Mrs. Haggard, Miss Nora West, Mrs. E. F. Prior, Miss Cousins, Miss West, Mrs. Silvester and others. The amusements and competitions, several of which took place at the rear of the grounds, adjacent the brook, were superintended by Captain Griggs, O.B.E., Mr. F. L. Griggs, Mr. West, Mr. Silvester, and Eileen Prior, Betty Prior, Peter Haggard, Gerald West, Dick and Jeff Silvester and Frankie and Douglas Griggs, all attired in fancy costumes, wandered about the garden selling flowers. Tennis tournaments had been arranged, but the rain sadly interfered with the play.

At the conclusion of the fete Mr. Stanley F. Prior auctioned those goods which remained on the stalls. Amongst the visitors was Major C. J. Kavanagh, British Commercial Diplomatic Secretary at Cologne.

The annual report of the Blackheath and Lee Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society shows that the record sum of £800 was sent to the parent society for the year 1922-23.

July 14th 1922

LEWISHAM LIBERALS.

Versailles Denounced.

CELLOR "SUPREMELY INCOMPETENT."

...en proposed by the East Lewisham Liberal Association to hold a garden ... the grounds of The Shrubbery, ... on Tuesday evening, but ... during the afternoon and ...ing made a change of plan desirable, and the company ... assembled in Mrs. John Hern's drawing-room, where addresses ...litical situation were delivered, ... Hern presiding.

...the Chancellor, at the outset, ... a hope that the meeting might ... something which their chairman ...—the transformation of East ... from its present reactionary ...tion. For three and a half years the nations had been waiting to ... Instead of bringing about ...nal comity, of making friends ...e nations which had been established ... the Treaty of Versailles, those ... an exaggerated idea of their ... manifesting itself, and ... separate the people and ... economic recovery of Europe. ... years to come there would be a ... to supersede this spirit of ... by the internationalism which ...ue of Nations sought to bring. The League was the one good ... the war produced. Victors as ... victims of the war must suffer, and ...ering now to a degree never ...perienced in the history of the ... In order to recover, the first ... must enter into international ...fidence; until nations began to ... another international commerce ...er be carried on on any great ... was afraid that in the territorial ...ents made in the Treaty of Versailles ... had got rid of one Alsace ... and created a dozen, and the ...ument for rectification was the ... of Nations.

Treaty Revision Necessary.

... a revision of the Treaty, in order ... now under the domination ... races might be placed under the ... of people of their own race, ...ncellor said Mr. Lloyd-George, ...ing to Versailles, advised his ... that self-government should ... to the peoples of Europe ... possible, that alien rule should ...posed, that reparations should ... in such a manner that the country ...ing them should not be ruined. ...te of that the Prime Minister, on ... being made by 300 of his colleagues, abandoned his own party and ... himself with M. Clemenceau. ...ty under which this country was ... was the exact opposite of all ...iples stood for. In order to ... and to re-establish friendly re... it was necessary to discourage in ...ountries the development of new ...

... Owen Greening, now within a ... of 88, said he hoped to enable his hearers to anticipate the ... of their great principles by giving ...e recollections of what had happened in his own time. The Liberal ...ich emerged after Cobden formed ... Corn Law League in 1838 became pledged to peace as a policy, to ... and to retrenchment of extravagant expenditure. From that apparently ...ginning arose the whole series of ... which led to Gladstone's ... budgets. Those were the three cardinal principles of Liberalism, and they ... to this day. Every war ... taken place had thrown back ... the hands of the reactionary ...

L.C.C. AND HOUSING.

Future of Grove Park.

In the course of a lengthy discussion on the estimates at Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council Mr. H. de R. Walker urged that a start should be made with the development of the Council's Grove Park estate. That estate, he pointed out, had been acquired at the desire of the Ministry of Health under pressure from three boroughs south of the Thames, and houses built there would be available not only for people of the neighbouring boroughs, but, by means of the East London Railway, for people working in Stepney and other districts on the north side of the river. They should get on with preparations for the development of the estate and be ready to start on the completion of the Becontree and Bellingham building.

Lieut.-Colonel Levita, chairman of the Housing Committee, said he hoped they would soon be in a position to deal with Grove Park. It would be unwise to develop the estate until building was finished at Bellingham, but he had no doubt that the Grove Park land would be required for building, either municipal or private, and the Government was prepared to meet the loss on land which was not developed, but no doubt houses would be built there, whether by the Council or not. The Government, however, were prepared to join the Council in the clearing of slum areas, and a proposal would soon be brought forward for the biggest clearance scheme of any city in the world, and that at a cost to the rates which would be satisfactory to the citizens. The people de-housed under that scheme would have to be re-housed, on the sites cleared or elsewhere, the Council's estates would undoubtedly have to be used for re-housing, and he had very little doubt that Grove Park would be utilised.

Rent Queues at Bellingham.

In the course of the same discussion it was stated by Lieut.-Colonel Eric Hall that tenants on the Council's Bellingham estate were compelled to bring their rent to the Council's office on the estate between 9 and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. At those hours the husbands were at work, and the consequence was that the wives had to go and wait in a queue for the privilege of paying their rent. The tenants had petitioned for relief from such a condition, and he hoped that the petition would not be "turned down" by the committee. He gave, as an instance of the inconvenience involved, the case of a postal worker living on the Bellingham estate, whose wife was disabled. He could not get to the estate office between the hours of nine and one himself, and in consequence the rent was not paid for two weeks, and on the morning his wife came downstairs they received a notice to quit! He hoped the committee would see to it that such cases would not occur again. In cases where there was infectious disease in the houses the present practice was dangerous, children being often sent with the rent. He thought it should be quite possible, with the Council's organisation on the estate, to permit people to pay their rent in the ordinary way.

Lieut.-Colonel Levita said it had been the practice in connection with the Council's housing estates to have rent paid in this way. The condition that it should be so paid was included in the terms of the letting, but possibly the way in which it had been applied at Bellingham had led to dissatisfaction. He was sure, however, the committee would give the matter careful consideration.

"Safety First" and the Trams.

Mr. R. G. Roberts asked why the Highways Committee had refused to exhibit

BOROUGH COUNCIL AND GUARDIANS IN CONFLICT.

Strange Financial Position at Woolwich.

An important feature of the meeting of the Woolwich Borough Council on Wednesday was the discussion on a special report of the Finance Committee dealing with the deadlock which has arisen, in the matter of the Union calls, between the Council and the Board of Guardians. It will be remembered that the former Board of Guardians, on which there was a Labour majority, decided not to make a call on the rates to meet the abnormal expenditure in relief in consequence of unemployment, but to raise a loan for £90,000 in anticipation of a special grant under the new Equalisation of Rates Act. Consequent on the Guardians' election, a change took place in the political complexion of the Board, and a reversal of policy resulted in a call upon the Borough Council to levy a supplemental rate to raise the £90,000, instead of its being obtained on loan. Following two refusals by the Board to meet the Borough Council in conference on the matter, and the serving by the Board on the Council of Contribution Orders for payment of £33,347, the Finance Committee of the Council in their report rehearsed in detail the whole of the facts and contended that the Guardians, so far as Woolwich was concerned, had rendered nugatory the special relief which the conference with the Minister of Health in October was successful in obtaining and were "pursuing a policy which is manifestly seriously prejudicial to the interests of the ratepayers." Amongst a number of reasons given for for that statement, the committee argued that there was every prospect of the continuance of distress in the borough, that rates should be lowered instead of raised, that the special object of the Act referred to was to enable local authorities to tide over a difficult period without raising the rates, and that Greenwich and Lewisham had obtained loans. Finally the Finance Committee recommended that the Council should decline to pay the supplemental precept, and make another offer to the Guardians for an early conference on the question.

CATHOLIC GARDEN FETE AT GREENWICH.

Notwithstanding the cold weather and occasional showers, a garden fete was held yesterday in the grounds of the Ursuline Convent, Crooms Hill, Greenwich, in aid of the restoration fund of Our Ladye Star of the Sea. The arrangements were in the hands of the Greenwich Catholic Federation, of which Mr. James Ross is the indefatigable chairman, and material assistance was rendered by Canon John Sheen (the Mission Rector) and the Rev. Father Farrell. Among the visitors were the Vicar-General (Monsignor Brown), the Revs. Father Larkin (Deptford), O. Donoghue (Foots Cray), Holland, and O'Riordan (East Greenwich), Copney (Blackheath), and Constable (Bishop's House). An opening ceremony was dispensed with.

The stall-holders were:—Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. Bridge, and Mrs. Collins; Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Malone, sen. and jun., and Mrs. Ford; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rosier; the Misses Spreadborough; and the pupils of the Convent. Teas were served under the superintendence of the Misses Rosier, Louie White, and Bella and Kitty Peters. Mr. J. W. Andrews' band played, and entertainments were given by the Convent scholars, and dancing displays by the day school children under the direction of

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About three o'clock ... a large plate-glass ... Office at Catford Bridge ... and another window ... of the premises ... and documents ... police kept a ... time of the occurrence ... the office at eight ... any importance ...

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At yesterday's ... Board of Guardians, ... presiding, the Clerk ... reported receipt of a ... Arsenal Co-operative ... they noticed that ... that from July 1st ... had been paid ... dealt with the society ... Board. The society ... surprised that there ... ference with the ... new scheme ... been instituted, and ... unqualified undertaking ... that the Board would ... sented by the society ... issue definite instructions ... managers that ... supplied on the Board ...

The Clerk reported ... society pointing out ... him no opportunity ... Board, but that as ... present arrangements ... he was compelled to

he attempted to hustle defendant, or to push him out of the shop.

The defendant said he had only a financial interest in the competing business in Lewisham High-road. Two customers had threatened to close their account with him unless complainant ceased to sell this wine at 3s. 9d., instead of 4s. On the 12th ult. complainant told him he was doing business in "a dirty, stinking way," shut the door as though he intended to give him a thrashing, and in pushing past him struck his elbow into him. As complainant raised his hand, witness struck him in self-defence, knocking him into the case of whisky.

Mr. Disney said he felt bound to accept the story of the complainant, who was a much less excitable man than the defendant. On the first summons the defendant would be fined 20s., with 10s. costs, and on the second 5s., with £4 4s. damages, and 20s. costs.

GREENWICH PIER CONCERT.

Another concert was given at the Greenwich Pier on Saturday, in aid of the Seamen's Hospital, under the direction of Miss E. Bishop. The artistes comprised Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Lily Bradshaw, Mrs. Bangham, Miss Eileen Cullerton, and Messrs. James Walsh, W. Parsons, Percy Bishop, Roy Walsh and Edwin Tuff, with Mrs. Frank Blackburn at the Piano.

Concerts have been arranged for to-morrow and Monday.

FIREMAN DROWNED OFF CHARLTON.

At the Inquest at Greenwich on Wednesday the death of Richard Lacey, aged 41, a ship's fireman, of 60, Johnstown, Waterford, Ireland, was said to have been due to drowning. It appeared that Lacey, who was one of the crew of the s.s. "Selves," lying off Charlton Buoys, returned to the vessel on the night of Sunday, July 23rd, in a small boat, from which he was climbing aboard, when he fell between the "Selves" and the small boat, and was drowned in about 40 feet of water. The body was recovered on Friday morning a few yards from where he fell.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

LEWISHAM HIPPODROME.

The farcical sketch, "Jane," by A. W. Jarvis' excellent company, has been filling one half of the programme here this week. The sketch, considered by some to rival "Charley's Aunt," in popularity, is certainly very good, and the [illegible] situations create no end of hilarity. In the title role Beatrice Marsden plays with all the [illegible] of a "slavey," being ably seconded by Reginald Newsom as "Charles Shackleton," the instigator of the scheme of deceit. Sebastian Smith is fine as William, the butler, a like remark applying to Reginald Newsom as Mr. Kershaw. [illegible] the [illegible] "turn" is that by Lily Burns, an excellent [illegible]. Jack Lane's songs at the piano, and the New McNaughtons' "[illegible]" find ready acceptance, and Fitz and Ray are a pair of good novelty artistes. During Bank Holiday week patrons will have the opportunity of again seeing those excellent black comedians, Scott and Whaley, in the fantastic musical farce, "Come on, Steve!" This is one of the best of things, and should not be missed. In addition to the principals mentioned, the company will include Dorothy Waring, Gerry Leach, Harry Seabury, the [illegible] Marilla Girls, etc.

The Town Clerk of Greenwich, as Registration Officer, will attend at the Town Hall, Greenwich, on Thursday, September 8th, at 6.30 p.m., to consider claims and objections in respect of the autumn electors' list.

LONDON BRIGHTON & SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.

BANK HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS
TO THE SUNNY SOUTH COAST.

[illegible] Tickets [illegible] Friday, August 4th, from Victoria, Clapham Junction and East Croydon.

WEEK END TICKETS from London Bridge, Victoria, New Cross, &c., return Sunday or Monday.

DAY TRIPS FROM NEW CROSS (L.B.& S.C.R.)

Sat. Aug. 5	Sun. Aug. 6	Mon. Aug. 7	To	Fares
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	BRIGHTON, HOVE, WORTHING	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	EASTBOURNE, [illegible]	[illegible]

against the manner in which the roads are being tarred in this vicinity by the Lewisham Borough Council; yesterday the whole width of the road in Blackheath Village was one mass of tar, not sufficiently gravelled or sanded, and other roads, including Lee-terrace, were in a similar condition.

Considerable damage is caused to people's clothing generally, also to tyres and bodywork of motors and other vehicles by splashing, and no consideration appears to be given to the general public.

This probably also results in loss of trade to the tradesmen where this tarring is being carried out. No notice boards are put out, and the whole matter calls for immediate action.—I am, Sir, etc.,

ALFRED ROBERTS.

93, London Street, Greenwich.

UNITED EX-SERVICES CLUB, FOREST HILL.

Sir,—In connection with certain recent police-court proceedings, I, as solicitor to the above club, had occasion to call as a witness Mr. F. A. Jones, treasurer of the club.

I find that this gentleman has been confused with Mr. C. E. Jones, who has no connection whatever with this particular club. Mr. C. E. Jones has been in turn treasurer, chairman and president of the National Reserve Club at Stanstead-road, Forest Hill, and is now chairman and manager of the Independents Club in Dartmouth-road, Forest Hill. As these various clubs have no connection one with the other, a certain amount of confusion has been caused owing to the similarity of the two names mentioned.

I trust you will kindly publish this letter in order that the misunderstanding may be cleared up.—I am, Sir, etc.,

E. ARTHUR MALLETT.

17, Bedford-row, W.C.1,
July 31st, 1922.

BELLINGHAM OPEN-AIR BATH.

Sir,—Last Sunday morning I had my first swim in this splendid bath. Although a bit late in the season in opening it should prove a great acquisition to the neighbourhood.

One great defect is the want of a "lock-up" for clothes—a defect which applies also to Lewisham and Forest Hill baths—and, as the need for such has been pointed over and over again, it is a wonder it has not been remedied in the old and installed in the latest bath.

Although at a greater distance for me, I prefer the Beckenham baths, where, for a 1d. fee you get a numbered ticket and, knowing your spoils is safe, can enjoy a swim without any anxiety regarding your goods. It was only after many cycles had disappeared some years ago that this was instituted. No expense would fall on the borough council, as the fees would render it self-supporting. I hope this security will soon be forthcoming for all the baths, and the same might apply to libraries and other public buildings where many congregate from a distance.—I am, Sir, etc.

J. C.

Catford, August 1st, 1922.

AUTUMN REGISTER.

Sir,—The last day to claim a municipal or parliamentary vote is August 19th. May I appeal to Conservatives and anti-Socialists who will be called [illegible] to record their votes on November [illegible] to fight the Socialist Party in Deptford, to make sure that their names appear on the list.

I shall be glad to furnish any information on this matter.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A. E. SMITH,
Sec., Deptford Constitutional Association.
81, Lewisham High-road.

FOREST HILL AND THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION.

Sir,—With reference to the letter from Councillor Marsh which appeared in your last week's issue, I beg to add to his observations on the subject. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present at the committee meeting when the final selection of candidates was made by ballot. It may be merely a coincidence that both the chairman (Councillor H. Cheesman) and the treasurer (myself) were out of London on business at that date. My mind goes back to three years ago, when, on returning from my annual holiday, I was approached (I believe my brother-in-law was likewise) by the committee of the Forest Hill branch, and was begged to consent to nomination as a candidate for the Borough Council. The utmost difficulty was experienced in filling the ticket, and it is common knowledge that only five candidates for the six seats were obtained. There are no members of the branch who have worked harder for the Conservative cause than myself and my brother-in-law.

I feel it only right to state that our work is appreciated by the Council of the Association. Of those members of the branch com-[illegible]

Key remarked: Now I will touch a personal note. This is the 27th year that I have been Captain-Superintendent at the school prize-day, and it is with deep and true regret that I have the knowledge that it is my last year here.

Following the distribution of prizes, Lady Tudor presented the King's Banner to No. 1 Company (which had won it for the second time).

Admiral Sir Frederick Tudor, in the course of his address, said that early next term some of them would be going out into a service which was at the present moment rather depressed. Owing to the late war and the necessity for reductions in the Navy a large number of magnificent officers and men were no longer required, which was the cause of that depression. On the other hand, he thought they would enter a more interesting Navy. He had been for nearly half a century in the Navy, and he thought that the best advice he could give to the boys was that they should try to keep themselves physically and mentally fit, join in all games, interest themselves in the histories of the foreign lands they visited, and write home to their friends, telling them what they had seen.

"I am sure everybody regrets that Captain and Mrs. Cooper-Key are nearing the end of their term at this establishment," concluded Sir Frederick Tudor; "not only the boys and the staff here, but all those who have gone before, in the Royal Naval College and the district generally (hear, hear). Captain Cooper-Key said that he had been here 27 years, and in that time he has been a real father to thousands of boys. I know I shall be expressing the feelings of you all, of all those who have passed through this establishment, and of all the staff, in saying that the gap which will be left by Captain Cooper-Key when he retires in the autumn will be very difficult to fill, and he will leave with the respect, goodwill and affection of you all and of us all." (Loud applause).

The announcement by Sir Frederick Tudor that the boys would have an extra week's holiday—five weeks instead of four—was received with acclamation, and the proceedings concluded with cheers for Sir Frederick and for Lady Tudor.

The prize-winners were:—Upper Nautical School.—Medals: F. Langlois (1st bar), A. Chiverton (engraved), L. Cantellow (1st medal), W. H. Spencer (1st medal). Recommendations for exhibitions: J. A. Perkins, £25 for three years (leaving for dockyard apprentice); A. C. Heatley, £30 Boreman award; E. Baldry, £30 Boreman award; F. Stephens, £30 Boreman award; F. Langlois, A. Chiverton, L. Cantellow, J. F. Knell, J. H. M. Kearney, A. D. Plummer, W. J. H. Wood, A. White, H. Holm, P. C. Wilson, E. Walker, E. Smith, W. H. Spencer, E. T. A. Davis, W. A. Huntley, J. H. E. Biggs, A. H. Pannell, F. T. Rowe, L. M. Varnell, E. Beyer, V. McCullagh, J. G. Ware, A. Draper. Nautical School.—Senior Division: J. A. Duffety (£4), G. Williams (£4), W. E. Heath (£4), A. E. Lockham (£3), W. H. Parsons, L. A. Smith, W. J. Harper, C. J. Thomas, A. E. Dearn, A. V. King, A. W. Perkins, H. J. Brewer, H. J. Roxburgh, W. G. Noble, A. E. Long, A. H. Lowe, C. A. Wooldridge, J. H. Fraser, A. H. Tibbatts, C. Steele, H. Marriott, V. Campbell, H. Keith, C. Pottinger, R. Lardner, W. [illegible], E. J. Gilmour, T. M. F. Burt, A. C. Harris, F. H. Wicks, A. Fair, J. Harford, F. Spender, R. E. Jennings, A. J. Rawlings, J. O'Shea, E. N. J. Begg, C. Lockman, L. Angell. Nautical School.—Junior Division: C. E. Turner, T. H. Oliver, F. J. Jenkins, H. J. Boscombe, P. F. Swiney, F. R. O'Mahoney, A. E. Carroll, A. W. Charles, W. G. Fishwick, W. A. Dulley, F. H. Brown, J. A. Fraser, J. W. Bennett, H. L. Clifford, J. Wilkins, F. A. P. Davis, W. T. Wright, H. R. Larkin, H. G. Styles, G. A. Hills, N. G. Bristow, B. H. McCann, and W. R. Clarke.

Special.—Seamanship: Thomas 1, Burt 2, Mackie 3. Best C.P.O. on parade: Hill. Best C.P.O. in dormitory: Evans. Trade prizes: Johnston, Bell, Munday, Rich, French, Wooldridge. Band: Campbell 1, Harper 2. Shooting: Langlois 1, Weeks 2, Burt 3. Cricket: Batting, Dickson; bowling, Witherden. Boxing: Heavy weight, Bowden 1, Dunstan 2; middle weight, Johnston 1, Rafferty 2; welter weight, Fell 1, Foster 2; light weight, Harford 1, Proctor 2; feather weight, Poole 1, Perkins 2. Special: Henry 1, Aylmer 2,

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tion, and ample space had been reserved for any additions required. Terraces had been formed on each side for spectators during gala performances, and the whole enclosed with a high fence, which would, to a large extent, screen the bath from wind. The turfing of the terraces and the planting of trees and shrubs would be carried out during the winter. The use of wood had been avoided as far as possible in the construction of the buildings: the walls were built with clinker concrete slabs, which were all made on the site. Ample foot baths with showers had been provided. The works had been carried out by direct labour, and owing to the class of work the Council had been enabled to employ a large number of the unemployed. The total amount of labour equalled 28 weeks' work for 38 men. The cost of the entire work amounted to approximately £8,800, exclusive of land, and the cost of labour equals 51 per cent. The estimated cost was £9,000. The Ministry of Health had made a grant towards the cost, having agreed to contribute 30 per cent. of the interest of the loan for a period of five years—approximately a total of £1,168. The work had been designed by the Borough Surveyor, Mr. W. F. Ousley, and the preparation of the plans and the carrying out of the works had been done entirely by his staff under his supervision. Great credit was due both to the Borough Surveyor and to his architect, Mr. H. J. Higgins, for the splendid bath they had provided them. [illegible] If not the biggest, he thought it was one of the biggest baths in the Metropolitan area.

The Mayor, after a compliment to the Chairman upon his speech, said the whole of the work had been done under Councillor Webb's supervision during the past two years, and he thought he and the members of the Baths Committee were entitled to thanks for what they had done. Thanks were due also to Councillor Roberts, to whom was due, more than to anyone else, what was done in the initial stages. That bath was the very finest swimming bath in the whole of the County of London. "I hear whispers of Chiswick," said his Worship, "but that is not in the County of London and is not so fine. Then Wilesden has not the unique characteristics of this bath." The work had been carried out by unemployed labour from the district—a fact which he did not think had been sufficiently appreciated. The design by Mr. Ousley and the actual work by Mr. Higgins entitled both to the greatest credit. One curious effect of the war had been to make a great many more people than before take an interest in swimming. Further, they had a large population coming into the district, and to them the bath would be a boon and a blessing. Then they had in Lewisham some of the finest swimmers in the county of Kent; their clubs were practically the champions of Kent, and he would say "More power to their elbows," or rather to their legs (laughter and applause).

"Lewisham Always Leads."

Councillor Roberts, the ex-Mayor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor, said the residents of the borough of Lewisham had that day gained another advantage in addition to those which they already had.

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A few seconds later the Mayoress took the dive from the high diving board, and so opened the bath, and in a second dive she was accompanied by the Misses C. and E. King (Forest Hill S.C.). Hearty applause greeted the performance, which was graceful in the extreme. Aquatic sports followed, the following being the officials: Hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. K. Grant (Lewisham), S. W. Wales (Forest Hill); starter, Mr. T. K. Grant; check starter and timekeeper, Mr. W. E. Dean; judges, Messrs. E. M. Moss, W. C. Fisher and W. N. Smith; water polo referee, Mr. A. Topham; goal judges, Messrs. C. Fawcett and S. W. Wales. Ample proof was forthcoming of the talent which exists in Lewisham. Results:

Schools' team race.—Colfe Grammar School (W. Wassell, L. Underwood, J. W. H. Jones, B. C. Abbott), 1; Brockley Secondary School (A. and C. Walden, B. Shepherd and A. H. Walker), 2. Abbott's style and speed provided much admiration.

Men's inter-club team race.—Old Dunstonians' S.C. (W. H. and J. Batty, E. B. Carter and Chalmers), 1; Forest Hill S.C. (L. Moss, S. Vesey, F. Robinson and W. Robinson), 2; Lewisham S.C. (F. J. C. Mathews, E. W. Wright, H. K. Grant and B. C. Abbott), 3; Grafton S.C. (F. L. Carslake, F. C. Hutchinson, M. C. Gisgett and W. Vernon) 4. Each man swam a length. Time, 1m. 17sec.

A water polo match between Forest Hill and Lewisham Swimming Clubs resulted in the former winning by one goal to nil. It provided some excitement, but the Lewisham Club were not able to put the team, as printed on the programme, in the water, in consequence of sports events elsewhere.

Inter-club relay race.—Lewisham S.C. (J. W. H. James, E. N. Price, A. Gathercol and L. Underwood), 1; Forest Hill S.C. (H. Van der Pek, W. and T. Cox and L. Robinson), 2; Grafton S.C. (W. D. Foreman, Gaisby, W. A. H. White and L. C. Jordan), 3.

A display of diving by the junior members of the Forest Hill S.C. concluded the entertainment.

Among those present were: The Mayor and Mayoress of Deptford (Alderman and Mrs. Green), Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., Mrs. Assheton Pownall, Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., Lady Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. John Bate, Aldermen Lawrence, Bell, J.P., Jerrard, Hesson, and Lee; Councillors Elkerton, Chapman, M.B.E., Fuller, White, Card, Gillings, Buckwell, Livingstone and Rennie; the following members of the Baths Committee: Councillor J. E. Webb (Chairman), Councillor T. H. Roberts (ex-Mayor), Alderman J. W. Matthews, Councillors A. G. Bentley, C. F. Carrick, A. Curwin, J. P. Griffith, H. E. Hovenden, G. W. Heber, H. J. May, W. R. Strachan, and A. G. Weeks; the Town Clerk (Mr. J. W. Shuter), the Borough Surveyor (Mr. W. F. Ousley), Mr. E. van Putten, Mrs. Webb, Mr. Stanley Price, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dodd, the Rev. W. F. McDonald, Mr. A. J. and the Misses Norris, Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Elkerton, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Card, Dr. Hudson Evans, Mr. H. Whitehouse, Mr. C. R. Morris, etc.

Mr. Harold Davis said a strong [illegible] was expressed at the first [illegible] they should not go [illegible] for memorial. Now they had [illegible] other monument, and one of [illegible] type. He would like to see [illegible] Gothic in style, which would [illegible] something of what our people [illegible] express in the East: something [illegible] from the earth heavenward. [illegible] were going to have something [illegible] Roman type—"something w[illegible] pressed, crushed." He should [illegible] it, and would suggest that a [illegible] which would symbolise what [illegible] in their minds might be erected [illegible] other part of Greenwich. There [illegible] many of these Roman monuments [illegible]

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In reply to Mr. Sanders, the [illegible] Engineer stated that the cost [illegible] about £1,800. The actual [illegible] be about 20ft. wide by 16ft. [illegible]

Sir Charles Stone proposed, [illegible] man Lemmon seconded, that [illegible] the negotiations which had [illegible] the meeting accept the plan [illegible] visited and empower the executive [illegible] [illegible]

The Mayor said the sub-committee had great difficulty in getting [illegible] of Works to their way of thinking [illegible] if this were abandoned the [illegible] would remain at the junction of [illegible] and Charlton-road.

Mr. Sewell observed that the [illegible] had been taken that the place [illegible] done not in harmony with the [illegible] ture of Greenwich—the Naval C[illegible] other buildings.

With two dissentients the [illegible] adopted.

ASSOCIATION OF MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN.

This association was well represented at the East Kent Agricultural Show held last week at Sandwich, among many well-known members present being Colonel W. H. Le May (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. G. Gillard (hon. secretary), and Mr. Spencer Gillard (secretary and organiser of the show). The association's president, Lord Northbourne, added to his many prizes for [illegible].

The Kent anniversary war memorial service will be held at Canterbury [illegible] Cathedral on [illegible]

VOLUNTEERS' RE-UNION AT SYDENHAM.

A large number of members of the Forest Hill, Sydenham and Penge Volunteers' Association, with their wives, met for the annual reunion on Saturday afternoon at "Mayfield," Sydenham, the grounds having been placed at their disposal by Major Sir Philip Dawson, M.P., who, with Lady Dawson, welcomed the guests on their arrival. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in taking part in numerous competitions, held on behalf of the Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre, and in listening to Les Chansons concert [illegible]

SYDENHAM INF[illegible] WELFARE CENT[illegible]

Thanks to the kindness of [illegible] above institution some 200 [illegible] Lower Sydenham, who regular[illegible] the clinic in Adamsrill-road, w[illegible] with their babies to a garden [illegible] in the grounds of Mayfield, [illegible] Park-road, Sydenham, on F[illegible] noon. Apart from the [illegible] were also present Sir Philip, [illegible] Miss Dawson, Rev. J. Simpson, [illegible] T. and Mrs. Cartwright, Rev. W. [illegible] Bunting, Rev. A. and Mrs. Salt[illegible] Arthur Aylard, Dr. and Mrs. [illegible] stone, Dr. and Miss Bennett, [illegible] Miss Howes (matron of t[illegible] Welfare Centre), Mrs. Hum[illegible] etc. An excellent tea was [illegible] the following ladies:—Miss [illegible] Lambert, Selby, Gladstone, [illegible] dance, Hasell, Markham, a[illegible] Lady Dawson pr[illegible] musical programme, Miss Co[illegible] ing pianoforte solos, the Miss[illegible] Hasell, Hutchings and Smith, Mrs. Pyenger and Miss Lyn[illegible] and Miss Stella Starkes dance[illegible] Dawson presented a number [illegible] the babies whose mothers ha[illegible] most regular in their attenda[illegible] clinic, whilst Sir Philip D[illegible] sented each of the guests wit[illegible] of chocolate. Dr. Gladstone [illegible] Philip and Lady Dawson f[illegible] their grounds, and replying, [illegible] said that the people who deser[illegible] were Dr. Gladstone, who w[illegible] as a much-needed public [illegible] [illegible]

LEWISHAM'S OPEN-AIR BATH

Mayoress Takes First Dive.

STATISTICS OF DIMENSIONS AND COST.

The new open-air swimming bath constructed for the Lewisham Borough Council at Bellingham, in close proximity to the London County Council's new housing estate, was formally declared open on Saturday by the Mayor of the borough (Councillor C. H. Dodd), the Mayoress (Miss Kathleen Dodd) subsequently taking the first dive. Brilliant weather favoured the event, and there was a large company present.

Councillor Webb (chairman of the Baths Committee) said before calling upon the Mayor to open the bath he had a few remarks to make which he thought might be of interest.

The dimensions of the bath were: length 100ft., width 60ft., area 1,000 square yards. The greatest depth of water was 7ft. 6in. This point was in the centre, 20ft. from the deep end, and enabled bathers to dive into deep water from the high diving board. The water at the deep end was 6ft., and for a distance of 30ft. was between 5ft. and 6ft. deep, this permitting of polo matches being played in deep water. The shallow end was 3ft. deep, with a slight fall 30ft. from the end before getting into deep water. The bath was constructed with concrete walls and floor, finished in cement, and its capacity was 279,000 gallons. A new feature had been introduced by constructing concrete slope in recesses in the main walls, leaving the swimming area clear of any obstruction, and also adding to the strength of the side walls. A guard channel was provided round the bath so that in the event of scum, etc., accumulating on the surface the level of the water could be raised and allowed to overflow. Water for filling the bath was obtained from the Metropolitan Water Board main, the temperature on coming in being 58 degrees. Provision was made for emptying a portion of the water into the river. This would help to cleanse the bed of the river, along which only a small quantity of water flowed during dry weather. The remainder of the water from the bath would discharge into the main sewer in the Brockley road, and would also help to flush this. The Council had provided what is thought to be the minimum dressing accommodation, and ample space had been reserved for any additions required. Terraces had been formed on each side for spectators during gala performances, and the whole enclosed with a high fence, which would, to a large extent, screen the bath from wind. The turfing of the terraces and the planting of trees and shrubs would be carried out during the winter. The use of wood had been avoided as far as possible in the construction of the buildings; the walls were built with clinker concrete slabs, which were all made on the site. Ample foot baths with showers had been provided. The works had been carried out by direct labour, and owing to the class of work the Council had been enabled to employ a large number of the unemployed. The total amount of labour equalled 36 weeks' work for 36 men. The cost of the entire work amounted to approximately £8,800, inclusive of land, and the cost of labour equals £1 per week. The estimated cost was £8,000. The Ministry of Health had made a grant towards the cost, having agreed to contribute 50 per cent. of the interest of the loan for a period of five years, amounting to a total of £1,100. The work had held over residents in other parts of London. Lewisham was now in the proud position of being the only Metropolitan borough which had an open-air swimming bath, and, as they knew, Lewisham always leads (applause). "What Lewisham does to-day some of the other Metropolitan boroughs will be doing to-morrow, or next week, or next year" (laughter). Perhaps Lewisham was in a more favoured position than some of the other boroughs in that they had the space for baths and the like. It was now eight years since he was first chairman of the Baths Committee, and he then formed the idea that Lewisham should, if possible, have an open-air swimming bath. The first suggestion was that it should be built at the extreme corner of the borough, at Hither Green, and he was very glad to say that that was not carried out, and that the present site was selected because they could not hope to have two or three baths in the borough. The scheme was thought out as long ago as this year, but the war came along and the Council had to drop it for the time being. When the unemployment question was so acute last winter, and the Council was thinking of what should be done to help them, he immediately thought of the swimming bath. There was opposition, but the Council overcame it—as they always did in Lewisham when they had a good scheme in hand—their, hear, hear—and the result was seen that day. The opening of the Forster Memorial Park and of that bath would alone make the year of office of the present Mayor a memorable one (applause).

Colonel Asshetton Pownall, M.P., who seconded, referred to the ability and energy with which the Mayor filled the position of first citizen of the borough. There was one small omission on the part of the Mayor. He saw by the programme that the Mayoress was to take the first dive: he should have liked very much to see the Mayor take the second (laughter). It was an excellent thing that those who were already interested in that great Borough should do all that they could to make it pleasant for the thousands who had already started to come and who were going to be their fellow-citizens. As the Mayor had said, they of Lewisham were in these matters rather proud of themselves. In these directions Lewisham led London, and he was delighted that it should be so (hear, hear).

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GREENWICH WAR MEMORIAL.

Modified Design Accepte

The Mayor of Greenwich (Council N. Greenwood) presided at a meet the Greenwich War Memorial Comm held at the Town Hall, Greenwich on Wednesday evening, at which, in to meet the views of the Office of a modified design was adopted f war memorial which is to be erec the premises of Maze-hill and Ch road, Blackheath. Among those p were: Mr. Rowland Hill, L.C.C., mes S. C. Stone, Mrs. Kelly, and mon, Councillors Mrs. Cusse, Mes ert, Gardes, Fretwell and Turnell, J W. K. Sumner, J. Ashby, W. H. Ma Baron, J.P., Harold Slavin, H. C. hawk, H. R. Sewell (hon. secretary the Town Clerk (Mr. F. J. Simpson the Borough Engineer (Mr. J. Cos

The Mayor, in opening the meetin that when the Executive Com approached the Office of Works fo permission to proceed on the lines had been provisionally agreed upon objections were raised. The Ex Committee had at last been able th the approval of the Office of Wor modified scheme, and it became ne to obtain the approval of the F Committee to this new scheme. H ships proceeded to read a letter th it was stated that the First Commis of Works approved the design m edited by the Borough Engineer, th to the memorial and asking thought forward about 40 ft. in to reduce the area to be taken fr park; (b) the erection of a ch tower 50 ft. high at the back memorial and railing; (c) the pro the memorial, and the oak trees planted in such way as may be ap by the Department; (d) for the main the station since path should be the memorial itself. If the m finish be satisfied (the letter proceed Board hoped that the committee attempt for the back of the memo be dealt with upon mature jud The cost of the alterations of t ing and memorial would all be b by the Borough Council.

Sir Charles Stone said the ar alteration to the scheme was th Office of Works said they were concerned on the centre of the me At the last meeting it was decid there would not be room for the of the names of the fallen memorial, and it was proposed the roll of honour should be rathe the memorial and a duplicate be the Town Hall.

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MAYORESS' FIRST DIVE.

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

Indignant Wife's Visit to Charlton.

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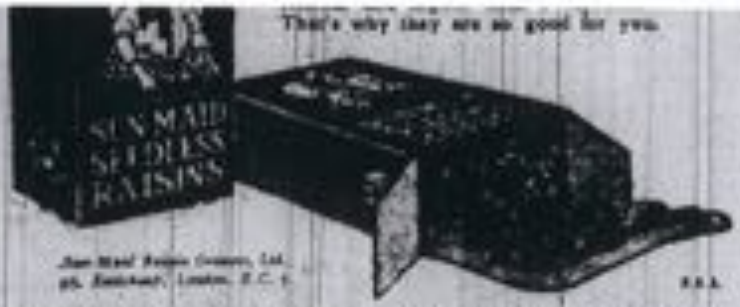

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whether you pay rent or purchase your house. People do not realise that after paying rent for a house for many years they have *buy* all

been shown, and it was long days ago. [illegible] that he purchased it that day, but when [illegible] a witness he [illegible] he was "[illegible]" he admitted that he purchased it from a friend for 3d. Defendant said he suffered from lapses of memory, and had but a dim recollection of the occurrence. Drink he had to be brought home. He was suffering from the effects of war service, and was in receipt of a full disability pension of £2 a week. Mr. Fleming adjourned the case for evidence as to defendant's condition.

CHARGE AGAINST TAXI-DRIVER FAILS.

Clifford Jenning Tyler, 26, taxicab driver, of 19, Tapscroad, New Cross, was charged on remand with having been drunk while in charge of a motor-car at Parkgate, Greenwich, and with driving a motor-car in a manner dangerous to the public. Mr. White defended. Dr. L. F. O'Shaughnessy, of Trafalgar-road, East Greenwich, was cross-examined. He said defendant was drunk, but not incapable. Under body, he was alert, and a man driving a motor-car should be prompt to respond. The defendant wrote his name and address moderately well, and added in some haste, correctly. He was recovering from the effects of drink. The defendant repeated the evidence he had previously given. He stated that he had been 36 hours on duty at the time of his arrest, and had had only one drink. After hearing the evidence of two taxicab drivers who saw defendant shortly before his arrest, and who said they saw no sign of drink on him, Mr. Fleming dismissed the charge.

RAILWAY TRESPASSERS AT CATFORD.

Wilfred Colyer, 18, Lewisham-avenue, Catford, Reginald Freeman, 18, Torridon-road, Catford, and James Russell, fitter, Rangefield-park, Catford, were summoned for trespassing on the S.E. and C. Railway on July 20th. Defendants admitted that they got over a gate on the line near an unauthorised crossing between Ballingham and Catford stations, making a short cut to some tennis courts. Colyer argued that the place had all the appearance of a public crossing, and the gate in question had been used as a stile from time immemorial. There was a general notice at a crossing at that point, but similar boards were also placed at the other crossing. He suggested that the company might spend a few shillings on a few strands of barbed wire and a notice board specifically warning people from crossing the line at this point. Mr. Fleming agreed with this suggestion, and the solicitor appearing for the company undertook to convey it to the company. Defendants were each fined 1s., with 10s. 6d. costs.

ALLEGED SERIOUS ASSAULT BY SHEFFIELD HUSBAND.

Joseph Bob Taylor (31), fitter, was charged with assaulting his wife, Rebecca Taylor, of 18, Douglas-street, Deptford. Mrs. Taylor said she had been married for nineteen months, and had one child. About noon on Wednesday she [illegible] to him a note addressed to him by Mr. Mosley, the court missionary, and which he promptly tore up without reading. He then beat her, dislocating her right thumb and cutting her lip. Later he brought to her mother's house in Douglas-street some of their furniture which he had removed to his mother's house at Bermondsey. On her telling him that she did not want it, as it had been obtained on the hire purchase system, he pushed his thumb into her eye, scratched her face terribly, and dislocated her left shoulder. About a week since he had threatened to "put her in darkness for ever." P.C. [illegible] M. described prisoner as making a dive for his wife, and pushing his thumb into her eye. He denied that Mrs. Taylor had struck prisoner with an iron shovel. Mr. Fleming: Having regard to the gravity of this offence there must be a remand.

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Over 100 Housing Authorities.

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The Electricity Difficulty.

If any further witness was needed, he might refer to the question of electricity. Tracing the history of this matter, the speaker showed that one of the provisions in the new Acts for dealing with the matter was that if purchasing rights were transferred to the Joint Electricity Authority, the purchasing authority shall have adequate representation on that body. Outside London there were 66 separate purchasing authorities—all entitled to claim adequate representation on the electricity body. That was an impossible state of affairs, and they would have to deal the question in London before a Joint Electricity Authority on those lines could be made a workable proposition.

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In one case Treasury notes for £2 were missed from a purse which had been left down in a room, near the "inspector," and enquiries at the Town Hall elicited the information that he was not known there.

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in its own report, which the speaker quoted. The Council was unwilling to put forward any scheme, for it realised that the moment it did so it would mobilise against it every authority in the area. But they felt that having been mainly responsible in setting up the committee they could not refuse to comply. Before the Commission, the Council's position was that they did not consider that it fell within the Council's province to present a scheme purporting to be a complete and satisfactory solution of the London complicated problem. Their evidence to the Commissioners was: "We desire to emphasise the point that the proposals which we now make do not purport to be a complete scheme, or indeed the only scheme possible," and the basis of their proposals, as they told the Commission, were: "We think that at the moment the Council should confine itself to placing before the Commission its views as to what, in its opinion, would be the best method of organising the local Government administration of London if the problem were not complicated by the existence of many independent local authorities."

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Discussion followed address, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker.

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A resident: But according to the law a tenant must go to the landlord; there is no obligation on the landlord to go to the tenant.

At any rate, continued the speaker, there was no reason why, with proper treatment, any legitimate grievance should not be aired and remedied. The tenants at Tooting were paying a little more than they were at Norbury for the same accommodation, and it was incumbent on them to press for a reduction.

Mr. K. Tindall, from Norbury, expressed the opinion that the Council should arrange for an official to collect the rents. At present, he said, they were doing it than out of a job.

Mr. Hendriksen, another Norbury representative, then spoke.

Mr. Hubert Brooks, of Fordwich-road, spoke in favour of the scheme and said that before the meeting closed he hoped a resolution would be passed protesting against the Council's action defeating the recreation ground to the Tramways Athletic Club.

Mr. F. W. Rose, another resident of the estate, thought an association would be a splendid institution from three points of view — promoting tenants' recreation in which matters could be considered the Council should show a suitable business, philanthropy and good fellowship.

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On the motion of Mr. N. Tate, seconded by Mr. J. Gilbert, it was unanimously decided to form an association, and Mr. F. W. Rose, 28, Fordwich-road, was elected provisional chairman, Mr. C. E. Bellamy, 72, Chesterton-street, was appointed secretary and Mr. P. J. Bateman treasurer.

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A Sore Point.

Mr. Hall went on to describe the constitution of the new association and recommended the formation of roads committees. At Norbury, he said, they based their subscription on a penny a week, collected quarterly. They had a proposal before them at the present moment to incorporate limited. This suggestion was the outcome of a great demand last year for a road club, but they found they could not legitimately carry out that proposal without being legally registered. They were also desirous of obtaining representation on the Croydon Council. He believed the question of rent and the method of collection was one of the most [illegible]

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CO-OPERATIVE PROCESSION.

Prosecution at Woolwich.

At Woolwich police-court yesterday the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Ltd., Powis-street, Woolwich, were summoned at the instance of Insp. Matthews for that they did at Plumstead-road "unlawfully aid and abet caused and procure the commission of an offence punishable on summary conviction, that is to say did aid and abet one Alfred Crouch to carry about on a carriage in a thoroughfare within the limits of the London Hackney Carriage Act, 1843, to the obstruction of passengers, an advertisement attached to such carriage."

Mr. Harold Brandon, instructed by Messrs. Jackson Hicks and Co., appeared for the defence.

Insp. Matthews said that on the afternoon of June 28th 47 decorated vehicles belonging to the society proceeded along certain streets to Plumstead-road, where obstruction was caused to the down tramway traffic for about five minutes. The vehicles then proceeded along Plumstead-road, where, at various places, Dandelion were sold. They were held up for five minutes at the junction of Plumstead-road and Plumstead High-street.

Cross-examined: Before the R.A.C.S. got the "show" on the road they consulted the local police. Some weeks previously there had been a shopping week in Rushgrove. With a procession of 400 and there was bound to be congestion in Plumstead-road. He was not aware that the cars in question had been used in other processions. The Woolwich Chamber of Commerce organised a procession, but he did not know that the cars, too, were used. He understood that similar cars were used in Lee and Lewisham shopping processions.

Mr. Brandon: There was an intention to prosecute this society before the procession was started?—I do not know.

Did you ask the driver's name before he started?—Yes.

There is something behind all this?—No at all. There was obstruction, and I had to report to Scotland Yard if there was. The vehicle in question was a coal lorry with sides let up.

Sub-Div.-Insp. Withers said about June 3rd he saw defendants' manager, Mr. Bethell, and told him that if the procession came into the main roads obstructions was bound to be caused. It was on witness's knowledge that previously the same vehicle passed along the same road in the Woolwich Chamber of Commerce procession.

Alfred Capel, L.C.C. tramway inspector, said defendants' procession held up the down traffic for five minutes in Bexley-road.

Leonard Mills, another L.C.C. tramway inspector, said the cars were delayed about five minutes past Plumstead-road, where the roadway was very narrow.

Counsel submitted there was congestion, but denied that there was obstruction. The L.C.C. had laid down as a rule to the Lord that no vehicle could pass without footing the rails. The Woolwich police had acted quite fairly; if the matter had rested with them it might never have come to court. The procession took only four minutes to pass a given spot. If there was obstruction it was very slight, but he submitted it occurred only in one place.

Mr. Brandon said there was not the slightest evidence that the society aided and abetted Crouch.

Mr. Fleming agreed, and dismissed the summons.

A large crowd outside the court cheered

LEWISHAM VICTIM OF MOTOR SMASH.

Two Companions Injured.

While returning to his home at Lewisham about midnight on Tuesday, and passing over Bromley Common, Mr. Stanley F. Best, of 17, Lewisham-park, who was driving a motor-cycle combination, collided with a tree near Holy Trinity Church, and sustained internal injuries which proved fatal within an hour and a half. His two passengers were also injured, one severely, and were removed to the Bromley Cottage Hospital.

Mr. Best's family was at once (now so closely) connected with Deptford. His companions were Mr. J. D. Holmes (22), 589, High-street, Lewisham, and Mr. Charles A. Marriott (22), 28, Bradgate-road, Catford. The former was in a serious condition, when he reached the hospital. He was severely cut about the face and hands and was detained as an in-patient, while Mr. Marriott, who was suffering from cuts on the right hand and shock, was taken home in an ambulance after receiving medical attention.

The dilated cyclist appears to have driven down Bakerswood, and, instead of turning to the left at the junction of that road with Bromley Common, he has dashed across the main road and collided with a tree outside Holy Trinity Church. The tree trunk bears considerable evidence of the force of the collision.

The inquest on the body of Mr. Best will be held to-day.

EAST GREENWICH CHILD'S DEATH.

Advice to a Mother.

An inquest was held at Deptford on Wednesday on the body of Richard Perry, aged, eleven months, the son of parents living at 23, Scrubs-road, East Greenwich, where he died on Tuesday morning. The mother stated that on Monday evening the child had hiccups on either side of the neck, and, thinking it was having teething trouble, she went to the doctor's for a bottle of medicine. Some of this having been administered, the child seemed brighter, but next morning he had a fit and died within a few minutes.

Dr. R. J. Feathers, of Woolwich-road, attributed death to infantile convulsions from pneumonia. He agreed that it was an unsatisfactory method to send medicine without seeing the patient, but urged that it was done all over the country, and that a doctor could not always have the time to investigate a case of which the symptoms were not reported as serious.

Recording a verdict of "Natural causes," the Coroner told the mother to let the doctor see any other of her children who might be taken ill, and not to send for bottles of medicine. By not having the doctor to see the child the death was probably hastened.

THE PRINTING TRADE STRIKE.

The Loss in Wages.

A joint statement issued by the Federation of Master Printers and the Newspaper Proprietors' Association indicates that an increasing number of men in provincial newspaper and printing establishments are returning to work. It is calculated that £1,000 a week is being lost in wages by members of the

Letters to the Editor.

—B.—The inquiry in Greenwich commenced running on the electric system on January 30th, 1905.

KILBURN CORNER.

Sir,—Kilburn Corners, though probably not known to many of the people, are frequent. Hence the use made from Fortune of Kilburn, avoiding the one road which is under construction from Walpole-road to Kilburn, and has, I believe, been causing much for hundreds of years. For many years it has been a favourite place for Boy Scouts.

I now notice that a large portion has been fenced round with barbed wire and turned into a grazing ground for horses. Perhaps some old inhabitant could give the history of the land and let us know if it is public property.—I am, Sir, etc.

W. BALLARD.

JERRY TRAMCARS.

Sir,—I would like to call attention to the L.C.C. tramcars. The seven jerks and oscillations on the lines from Catford to Forest Hill are a source of great danger to morning from the car, and as to going up and down the steps from and to the upper deck a woman cannot attempt it. I have seen many of the conductors almost thrown across the cars, and ladies are in great difficulties, especially when with children. One conductor told me that the cars are usually pre-war cars. Something ought to be done before a serious accident occurs.—I am, Sir, etc.

E. W. FINCH, Lieut.-Col.

A BELLINGHAM CROSSING.

Sir,—I would wish to draw public attention to a serious danger to the public and the inhabitants and children of the Bellingham Estate in consequence of the level crossing of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway at Catford-lane, Ferrybill, between Catford Bridge Station and Lower Sydenham Station. The crossing only provides a footpath, and is unguarded and without proper opening and closing arms, and no official in attendance to warn people crossing, and now that thousands of houses have been erected on the Bellingham, who has become a serious danger, especially to children, who will come and stray on to the line.

I suggest it is the duty of the company, as owners, to responsible, to provide proper gates and a boy, with an attendant to deal with them, so that they may be so operated that when a train is coming the gates may be closed and the public warned. Moreover, steps should be taken to prevent children straying on to the line, as they do at present. This could be effectually done by the means above referred to.—I am, Sir, etc.

HENRY A. ATKINSON.

St. Mary-hill, Catford, S.E.

July 17th, 1922.

TARRED ROADS IN DEPTFORD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 4th inst. appeared a letter on "Tarred roads at Blackheath," which was equally applicable to Lewisham High-road and other roads in Deptford. One would think that those in authority might use some discretion.—I am, Sir, etc.

H. H. HOLLINGSWORTH.

St. Stephen's-road, S.E.

NEW INCOME TAX PROVISION.

Sir,—The Finance Act, 1922, just passed into law, contains more than the usual number of minor amendments, etc., of income tax law. There is also no doubt of the unusual and general importance of the principal provisions, which are as follows:—

(1) Interest and dividends, etc., received on full income assessable for the first year of receipt, adjustment being provided in certain cases for the second and third years of assessment.

(2) All employees are now chargeable on the actual yearly earnings, and the "average" is discontinued.

(3) Income under certain revocable and other dispositions (as set out in Section 19) is to be deemed to be the disponer's income for taxation purposes.

(4) Undistributed income of certain companies which is withheld from distribution may now, with a view to preventing the avoidance of the payment of super-tax, be charged to super-tax in accordance with Section 21.

(5) Super-tax Repayments may now be demanded by Branch particulars as to the Schedule and

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FOR THE BLIND [illegible] KENT.

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[illegible] ARSENAL AND [illegible] TIME.

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[illegible] WOMAN'S 100th [illegible] BIRTHDAY.

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DROWNED OFF GREENWICH.

Attempts at Rescue.

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EXPLOSIONS AT HONOR OAK

Train Passengers Alarmed.

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PLUMSTEAD AND A TRAGEDY.

[illegible]

FRIGHTENED HORSE AND A TRAMCAR.

[illegible]

DIED IN A MOTOR CAR.

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[illegible] Church street.

MEN OF KENT AND KENTISH MEN.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men it was decided to hold a Kentish [illegible] in London [illegible] after the [illegible] anniversary [illegible], of which details will be published in the [illegible] issue of the "Kent" journal. [illegible]

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WESTERHAM HORSE SHOW.

[illegible] have been received for the [illegible] classes at the Westerham Horse Show next Wednesday, and jumping will also be a strong class. The [illegible] The show is to be held at The [illegible], Westerham [illegible], by permission of Mrs. [illegible]. There are classes for [illegible] heavy horses, hackneys, hunters, hacks, children's riding, private turnouts and jumping, in addition to [illegible] classes. Over £300 is to be given in prize money, and there are five challenge cups. Westerham Town Band will be in attendance.

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting will be held at Bellingham Green, [illegible] of estate, on Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Tenants' Association. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. [illegible] Hall, chairman of [illegible] Tenants' Association. Those promoting the association include Mr. [illegible], Mr. C. E. Bellamy, Mr. [illegible], and Mr. H. O. Hickman.

LABOUR FETE AND GALA AT ABBEY WOOD.

The Woolwich Labour Party's annual fete held at the Co-operative Woods, Abbey Wood, on Bank Holiday, was well attended. [illegible]

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(To be continued.)

Letters to the Editor.

LEWISHAM COUNCIL ELECTION.

Sir,—It is somewhat disappointing in this year of grace 19[illegible] to read in your columns such antiquated opinions as those expressed by your correspondent "Tory." Surely in the conduct of purely local affairs political opinions do not arise. Personally, I do not desire to see a large majority of any party in such, for it is with a strong minority that we should get the best in the interests of the borough. The references to Church, State and Empire are amusing in connection with a borough council election.

So far as the Forest Hill Ward is concerned, I gather there is to be a clear contest between the Municipal Reform party and the Ratepayers' Association, whose composition is entirely non-political, and whose ticket will appeal to ratepayers of all shades of politics. —I am, Sir, etc.,

W.J.R.

HOUSE LETTING AT BELLINGHAM.

Sir,—With all due respect to the Lewisham Guardians, no doubt their job is one that requires the utmost care, and I do not wish to criticise their action in writing a strong letter to the L.C.C., regarding the taking of an out-of-work tenant on the Bellingham estate at a rental three times as much as that unfortunate individual has been in the habit of paying (if such was the case), but I do feel it my duty to raise a protest against Mrs. Macnamara's remark, that "they are refusing (?)ountable tenants" as a direct insult to a man unfortunate enough to run against adversity.

These "two or three clerks in the City" are just as likely as anyone else to have a rest from the well in the near future. A good word is much more than a kick for the dog who is "down and out," even at a meeting of the Guardians.—I am, Sir, etc.,

F. W. ROSE.

(Chairman Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association).

Sir,—With reference to the report, in your issue of the 4th inst., of a meeting of the Guardians, under the above heading, while no doubt it is very bad policy to take possession of a house at rents such as those charged at the Bellingham Estate, when unemployed, it must be remembered that in nearly every case application was made some 18 months or two years previous, and probably some reverse has come about in the meantime. But the need of accommodation remains unchanged, and one has to go where one can—sometimes very reluctantly. Had the clerks mentioned by Mrs. Macnamara applied for houses in proper time, their application would have been considered by the L.C.C. the same as others.

It is unfair to assume that because a man is unemployed he immediately ceases to be respectable and should be treated as a vagabond because he is asking for a mere pittance from the Guardians without being long resident in the borough. An unemployed man is as respectable and honest as his fellows in work, and the remarks made by Mrs. Macnamara are undeserved and unwarrantable.—I am, Sir, etc.,

FRED. HENRY PALMER.

[illegible], Fordel(?)-road,
Bellingham.

OUT RELIEF AT GREENWICH.

Sir,—The recent correspondence in your paper relative to the relief of the unemployed in the Greenwich and Deptford Union indicates a feeling of uneasiness in the mind of many ratepayers as to the wise administration of the local Guardians. The following case, with which I am familiar, seems to justify that uneasiness, and it will be interesting to know from the point of view of public policy how many similar cases have been similarly dealt with by the Guardians.

"A." was locally employed at the union rate of wages, but on a certain date in June he discharged himself. Two days previous to leaving his employment he applied to the Relieving Officer for unemployment relief, which, in the circumstances, was refused. The following week, after working two days for another employer, he again applied to the Relieving Officer and was granted temporary relief until the Guardians had an opportunity of deciding the merits of his claim. The Guardians at their meeting granted relief to the extent of £1 11s. 6d., made up as follows:—Money, 10s. 6d.; food, £1 0s.; Coals, 1s. 0d. The applicant's previous wages were £2 [illegible] for a full week.

Personal.

The Rev. C. D. Mayhew, of the Pastor's College, has accepted the pastorate of the Ilderton-road Baptist Church, South Bermondsey.

Alderman H. E. Lawrence has been appointed the Lewisham Borough Council's representative on the Lewisham Employment Committee.

Miss Grace Brownlee, of Tressillian-road, Brockley, has been appointed manager of Gordonbrock, Brockley-road, and Hilly Fields(?)-road Schools in the place of Miss Lowe, who resigned.

The Postmaster-General and Mrs. Kellaway have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Forrest, M.P., at their home in Harrogate. They have now left for a motor tour in Scotland.

It is announced that the Bishop of Woolwich is now resident at 85, Pepys-road, New Cross Gate, S.E.14, and the Bishop of Kingston at Kingston House, Macaulay-road, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

At the recent examinations held at the London College of Music the following pupils of Mrs. Eveleigh, 60, Oscar-street, St. John's, S.E.8, were successful:—Pianoforte playing, elementary, 1st class: Audrey Norton, Winifred Scudamore; Pass: Dorothy Brown; Primary: Gwendoline Jefferies; 1st class: Phyllis Webster, Eric Storey; Pass theory, elementary: Audrey Norton, 100 marks; Primary: Dorothy Brown, 98 marks; Mabel Eustace, 80 marks; all theory 1st class.

At the recent examinations of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music the following pupils of Miss Sybil M. Ringwood, registered teacher, of 8, Dalrymple-road, Brockley, were successful:—Pianoforte—Higher Division: Ethel Griffiths, Joan Stebbing; Lower Division: Jessie Ambrose, Phyllis Cawdron, Vera Hill, Nora Patte, Marjorie Sullivan (highly commended), Kathleen Wilson; Elementary: May Brown (distinction), Jack Briant, Clare Cooper, Gladys Day, Maria Hoole, Eileen Norton, Peggy Salmon, David Smith, Marjorie Wise, Edith Yule; also Grace Highmore, Evelyn Savage, Kathleen Savage and Richard Temple, pupils at Norfolk House School, Catford; Primary: Ivy Akehurst, Doreen Benson, Betty Chafen, Jean Cooper, Joan Dinsmore, Joyce Horwood, Mabel Pocock. At the April examination Coral Ordian passed in the Elementary Division. Grammar of Music—Division III.: Leonard Day; Division II.: May Brown, Nora Patte, David Smith; Division I.: Ivy Akehurst gained maximum marks, Phyllis Cawdron, Jean Cooper, Eileen Flannery, Maria Hoole, Vera Hill, Audrey Newman, Ernest Nicolle, Edith Yule, also Vera Castelli, Grace Highmore and Richard Temple, pupils at Norfolk House School.

Marriages.

In our report of the marriage of Mr. Cecil Bush and Miss Dorothy Agnes Delamhain(?), on Thursday, August 31st, at St. George, Perry-hill, Catford, it was stated, through a misunderstanding, that "a reception was held subsequently at the home of the bride's parents." No reception was possible, however, by reason of the ill-health of the bride's mother.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday of Mr. Gilbert Bard(?), son of Mr. A. Bard, of 214, Courthill-road, to Miss Ernestine Kreschner(?), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kreschner, of 201, Ryehill(?)-road, Ladywell. The service, which was choral, Mr. Whitehead, organist, being at the organ, was conducted by the Rev. Canon Rosedale, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Chew, M.A. A reception was held at the bride's home, the bride and bridegroom leaving later for Ramsgate(?), where the honeymoon is to be spent. The presents, which were both ornamental and useful, numbered over a hundred.

On Saturday, at St. Andrew's Church, Catford, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. Arthur Henry Brooks(?), eldest son of

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SUN'S RISING & SETTING.

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September	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Greenwich times are given.

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LABOUR AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Tawney has had the honesty to admit that if the Labour Party came into power tomorrow unemployment would still remain with us, and despite the attempt made at the Trade Union Congress at Southport to persuade the unemployed that political labour does hold possession of some wonderful key to a solution of the problem, it is perfectly plain that it has no plan whatever of "getting rid of unemployment." All that has been done by Labour in the matter is to demand the declaring by the Government of "national reserves of work to enable the unemployed workpeople to maintain their orders in reasonable comfort." This the Government is doing, as it has been doing for the past two years, and that with very little assistance indeed, if any at all, from political labour. A conclusion that is to be gathered from the Trade Union Congress, however, which has a definite connection with the question of unemployment, is that it would appear from the vote given on the subject of the General Council that trade unionists are realizing that their authorities who seek to draw organised labour out from strike to strike only succeed at the cost of the industries on which labour depends. The policy of overthrowing everything has had its trial, and the opinion of trade unionists, thereby shown by the vote declaring to support the creation of a general strike-making machine. The demand is still, of course, maintained that the burden of the unemployed should be placed on the shoulders of the taxpayers—otherwise, on the shoulders of everyone who is paying in any way, and, therefore, directly or indirectly, paying taxation—but other connections are extracted as follows from the last quarterly report of the Amalgamated Federation of Trade Unions is of special interest: "There can be nothing in the shape of complete recovery while taxation remains at the present level. Rates and taxes, just as surely as wages and profits, are added to costs of production, and make selling prices higher and selling more difficult. Any government which is unable to relieve the people of taxation which paralyses initiative and enterprise is a bad government, and could be no use."

[illegible] who asked, on landing at New York, what his politics were, described himself as "agin the Government." During the progress of the campaign Mr. Hunt was compelled to Kilmainham gaol to serve a term of imprisonment for taking part in a prohibited meeting in Galway, an appeal against his sentence having been unsuccessful. Nor the candidature was conducted vigorously on his behalf, and he polled 4,000 votes to Mr. Darling's 8,365.

Emigration.

In view of the fact that a considerable body of local residents are being emigrated under the auspices of the Overseas Settlement Committee, it is interesting to note that the Canada Colonization Association has put forward a new project. It is proposed to bring under cultivation as much as possible of the land adjoining the railways in the Western Provinces, and help in the creation of new centres by means of welfare clubs and welfare committees, which shall extend as much help as possible to new colonists. There are about 30,000 acres of good agricultural land within ten miles of the railways of province held mostly by private speculators, and the association proposes to act as the intermediary between the owners and prospective colonists, and expects a considerable revenue from its operations, the surplus to be spent in the interests of the welfare movement. The Overseas Settlement Committee has approved the principle of the welfare scheme, but is awaiting details. The Canadian Government are willing to contribute £20,000 a year to assist the scheme, and there is a possibility of financial help from the British Government.

The Arsenal Locomotives.

The Arsenal locomotives, for which up to the present no purchaser has been found, appear to be serving some purpose, if not a very useful or laudable one. The Disposals Board is at the moment coming in for a good deal of public criticism, and the questions is made that the Woolwich locomotives are being held for the purpose of keeping in office at least a section of the Disposals Board. The idea is probably rather far-fetched, but some explanation is required of the existing circumstances. Locomotive manufacturers have been asked for suggestions as to the sale of the locomotives, and they have told the Disposals Board what to do. But the Board will not do it, and therefore the locomotives remain useless. Taxpayers, and also the workmen at Woolwich, are entitled to know what the suggestions were, and why they are not acted upon. But we do not suppose that there is much chance of the necessary information being supplied.

Arsenal Discharges.

Like some other public bodies, that which is dealing with the question of discharges from Woolwich Arsenal appears to be in error. Unhappily those who are charged with the duties of gradually reducing the staff at Woolwich take no heed from their labours. Week by week, numbers of men with 25 or 30 years' service are being discharged from the Ordnance Factories and the Army Ordnance Department, and those who should be in a position to know claim that the Arsenal will soon reach the record "minimum" of its existence. The question is being asked, what are the members of the Town Committee doing? It is to be hoped that they are not playing the role of little Nero while Rome is burning. Unless they wake up and accelerate their programme they will find that their policy of "masterly inactivity" has carried them to a point where, like Oliver, they will find their occupation gone, for the simple reason that there will be no more men who really can be dispensed with.

Police and Greenwich Schools.

From time to time representations have been made by the Greenwich Borough Council to the police that constables should be posted outside the schools to safeguard the children from the traffic a visitation of our old friend—"an Indian summer."] Walking in the suburbs on Sunday afternoon one caught occasional glimpses in some of the houses of Sevenoaks flickering coal-fires, burning sullenly as though resented of being awakened prematurely from summer slumbers. Residents who had installed gas-fires possibly found comfort in the thought that, thanks to the metric change made by the gas companies, they were getting "therms" (thousand words) instead of cold "fires." As the evening drew on and black mantle lowered there was a curious feeling in the air that Yuletide was near, and one would hardly have been surprised to hear children's voices at the doorstep singing Christmas carols.

BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

New Station for Bellingham

"There is," writes Mr. F. W. Ray, chairman of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association, "a death-trap for children and a source of inconvenience to the public in the shape of a footpath across the South Eastern and Chatham Railway between Kirkdale and Sydenham stations, for which a railway station might be substituted, to the benefit of several hundreds of people on the Bellingham Estate and in the surrounding districts of Perry Hill, Lower Sydenham, etc., and I am certain, to the profit of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company.

"There are two stations at present which might be used by residents in the estate, but they are far removed from each other, and Bellingham station on the Holborn line, is closed down altogether on Sundays. Catford Station is situated on the line which runs through New Cross to London Bridge, Cannon-street and Charing Cross, and is a very useful station for people resident on the Catford end of the estate; but even Catford station is largely quite away from this great mass of houses which has sprung into being during the last few years. Swarms of people flock to Catford Station every morning, and it is as much as the officials there can do to cope with the business—they had their work cut out previous to the existence of the Bellingham Estate—and I am certain that a number of people would rather walk to and from work rather than line up to purchase tickets and get into the inevitable crush morning and night. This although the stationmaster and other officials are most civil and obliging, and, considering the thousands of people who use the station, each week, deserve great credit for the efficiency with which they carry out their duties.

"But I am going away from the real objects of this article, which are to do away with a danger and to suggest the unveiling, by the S.E. and C.R., of a station but some the less urgent need.

"There is something about railway lines and trains that attracts children to them, and it is quite a common sight to see the danger posts at certain times of the day to see half-a-dozen, or sometimes more, children playing actually on the lines. To-day the question was put to me, 'Will the "powers that be" waiting for something to happen in the shape of, a child or an being run in order before they move?' Failing any other action, a watchman should be put on duty to see that children do not play about on the lines to the danger of their lives.

"The spot is right in the centre of two very thickly populated districts. There was a railway station at Bellingham when there were very few people resident there, and surely it is reasonable to suppose that there are approximately 5,000 extra people in residence we should have a new railway station. But let us have only the children fed and reconstruction afterwards."

ORGAN RE-OPENING AT

POST-OFFICE "HOLD-UP."

Alibi Pleaded in Defence.

At Clerkenwell Police Court, on Friday, William Thompson, of [illegible]-street, Peckham, and Henry Thompson, 26, contractor's manager, of Blue Anchor, Peckham, brothers, were charged on remand with being concerned with another man (not in custody) in robbing, with violence, Rosa Cecilia Heath, a clerk, of six keys at 24, Coswell-road, at 8.30 a.m. on August 15th, and with stealing £288 8s. 7d., money of the Postmaster-General, by means of safe-breaking.

Mr. Clayton prosecuted for the Treasury, and Mr. L. Ricketts defended.

The accused have denied on oath any knowledge of the affair, and called three witnesses to set up an alibi.

Mr. Ricketts said he had eleven more witnesses, and proposed to call them. They generally spoke to seeing the men in their own neighbourhood (Peckham) at about the hour of the robbery in Clerkenwell.

Mr. Gill committed the men for trial, now accepting bail in their to £200.

Sir Richard Muir made an unusual application at the Old Bailey on Tuesday on the opening of the case. Defendants called a number of witnesses in the police court in support of an alibi, and counsel now said information had just been given to the Director of Public Prosecutions which made it desirable in the interest of justice and in the interest of defendants that the bill in the grand jury should go over to the next sessions, and that in the meantime enquiries should be made to verify or disprove information which had reached the Director.

The application was granted.

DUBOIS LAWN TENNIS CHALLENGE TROPHY.

The final round double game in connexion with the Borough of Lewisham Lawn Tennis Tournament, and for the Dubois Challenge Trophy, which is taking place at Stally Hedge House, Blackheath, on Saturday, the 23rd inst., will form one item of a programme which is being arranged by Lieut.-Colonel Eric Hall, L.C.C. (commanding the 20th London Regt.). The courts, the best of their kind, are permanently green, with inlaid white markings, and now lately received an upkeep. They will be opened by Colonel Hall at three, and a quarter of an hour after the final will be played, after which there will be exhibition games by well-known double players. Mr. E. Bayer (of Ravensbury, Mountsfield, Catford) is hon. secretary of the tournament.

[illegible] Rainbird will afford an organ recital. These special services are held every second Sunday in the month.

ST. MARK, DEPTFORD.

The services on Sunday are to be M. 8, Holy Communion, and 11, Choral Eucharist; E., 6.30, evensong, when the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis will be sung to Marcello in G, and the anthem is to be "The Radiant Morn," Woodward.

NEW HATCHAM PASTOR.

In connexion with the settlement of the new pastor (Mr. H. W. Ball), a public recognition service was held at the Hatcham-park Baptist Mission, Bournemouth-street, New Cross, on Wednesday evening, with a large congregation, including about 40 members of the Meanwhile Baptist Church, where Mr. Ball had served as a lay preacher for 17 years. The chairman was Mr. T. A. Mills, secretary of the London Baptist Lay Preachers' Association, and addresses were given by the Rev. Percy Smith (formerly of Meanwhile Church), the Rev. A. J. G. Sippeson (Edithmead Baptist Church, Nunhead), Pastor H. J. Doberty (Baptist Baptist Chapel, Lambeth), and Mr. H. Hodge (church secretary). Miss Hull sang.

HOUSE LETTING AT BELLINGHAM.

Guardians and the L.C.C.

The question of the letting of houses on the London County Council's Bellingham Estate was discussed by the Lewisham Board of Guardians on Monday. A case was reported of a man and wife and three children who had become chargeable to the Lewisham Guardians. The man was out of work when he lived at Tooting, where he paid 8s. per week rent, but he was accepted by the L.C.C. as tenant of one of the new houses at Bellingham, at a rental of 11s.

The Chairman (Mr. Brimblom) said that this was not an isolated case. There were many instances of the L.C.C. letting the Bellingham houses to unemployed men. When the men entered into possession it was impossible for them to pay the rent.

Mr. Weeks: Should we draw the attention of the L.C.C. to the matter?

Mr. Rose moved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the L.C.C. Bellingham was getting quite a stain on the name, and such cases as had been referred to were frequently before the Relief Committee. The County Council was letting the houses to widows and men out of work.

Mrs. Marmemara: And they are refusing respectable tenants. I know of two or three clerks in the City who have applied for houses at Bellingham and have been refused. They could afford to pay the rent, and it is hard on them.

Mr. Weeks: I think a strong letter should go to the County Council.

The Chairman: It is going to them, now.

Mr. Rose's motion was adopted.

An athletic contest between the Drake, Frobisher, Insurance offices and Stock Exchange, in aid of St. Bartholomew's, Guy's, London, St. Thomas's and King's College Hospitals, will be held on Guy's Hospital sports ground, Brockley-rise. Rear Chapman, R.E., umpires.

[illegible] approximately, but after leaving the church, he went to America and became a well-known preacher and author. He is to preach at the Peckham (Queen's-road) Church in the evening.

ALLEYNE'S-ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A "Come to Church Campaign" will be held during this month and next, when special services are being held, the preaching meetings being conducted by Dr. Andrews, of New College.

CHARLTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor E. N. Gimmonds, J.P.) and members of the Council will attend service here on Sunday morning. Those of the Council and staff who intend to be present are asked to assemble in the lower room at the rear of the church at 10.45 a.m.

SOUTH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.

Special services are to be held on Thursday in connexion with the eighth anniversary of the minister (the Rev. Roland J. Wiseman). The Rev. David Rider will preach at 4.30, and the Astronomer Royal (Sir Frank Dyson) is to preside over the evening meeting. Miss Esther Telling will be the soloist.

BROOMHILL-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.

On Sunday morning the Rev. J. E. Compton will speak on "The Heavenly Life," and in the evening, on "The world turned upside down." A consecration meeting of the Young People's Fellowship will be held on Friday evening (the 19th) at eight, when the members will speak on "Jesus, our Lord."

WOOLWICH BAPTIST TABERNACLE.

The evening service on Sunday was in memory of the late Mr. F. Hainsworth, formerly a member of the Management Committee of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, who was a member of that church. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. John Wilson.

On Sunday morning Dr. John Wilson is to preach on "Jesus and Prayer," and, in the evening, on "Reality." There will be a musical afternoon, with an orchestra conducted by Mr. F. H. Smith.

CATFORD CENTRAL HALL, F.W.A.

On Sunday afternoon the speaker will be Mr. T. Vincent, of Forest Hill.

DEPTFORD ADULT SCHOOL.

Next Sunday morning at 11.30, at the Old Empire Hotel, F.W.C.A., Greenwood-street, Deptford, Mr. E. F. Angel will speak on "Personality Through Union of God."

SYDENHAM WESLEYAN CIRCUIT

WELCOMING THREE NEW MINISTERS.

The three new ministers to the Sydenham Wesleyan Circuit were given a cordial reception by a large company at the Upper Norwood Church on Monday evening. They are the Revs. S. Marshall, who succeeds Rev. W. A. De Taylor at Westow-street; Rev. Dr. Kitchen, who takes the place of Rev. H. Waldron at Brockley-rise, Forest Hill; and the Rev. Robertson Ballard, who has come to Lower Sydenham.

Mr. F. N. Hall, of Sydenham, presided, and referred to the high reputation of the Sydenham Circuit in the Wesleyan Methodist Church; some of their best men had been connected with the circuit. The new ministers had splendid records, and there was now a great opportunity before the Wesleyans of the neighbourhood.

Official welcome was then given to the new ministers by Mr. T. Hankin (church steward, Upper Norwood), Mr. W. J. Mackie, LCC. (Upper Norwood), Mr. A. E. Pocock (Forest Hill), Mr. A. J. Bartlett (Wesley Hall, Sydenham), Rev. F. Byng (Anerley), and the Rev. A. G. Dunnow (Sydenham).

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

For week ended WEDNESDAY, September 6th, 1922.

Highest temperature, 69.1 on Sept. 3rd.
Lowest temperature, 43.3 on Sept. 2nd.
Mean temperature, 54.9, being 1.7 below the average for 51 years, 1841-1890.
Sunshine, 19.4 hours.
Rainfall, 0.08 on 1 days.
General direction of wind, W.S.W. till Sept. 1st, N.E. afterwards.

Weather (remarks). Rain on Aug. 31st, Sept. 1st and 2nd. Dew every day except Sept. 4th. Mist every day except Aug. 31st. Thunder on Aug. 31st, Sept. 2nd and 4th. Hoar on Sept. 3rd. Grass frost on Sept. 4th and 5th. Hoarfrost on Sept. 4th. Temperature practically normal on Sept. 5th and 6th.

F. W. DENNIS,
Astronomer Royal.

Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

HIGH WATER AT GREENWICH

8	Friday	1.17	1.41	21	Tuesday	1.45	2.0
9	Sat.	2.11	2.36	22	Wednesday	2.37	3.21
10	Sunday	3.06	3.31	23	Thurs.	3.27	3.56
11	Monday	3.57	4.21	24	Friday	[illegible]	4.36

[illegible] mins. later at London Bridge, 10 mins. earlier at Sheerness, [illegible] mins. earlier at Harwich, [illegible] mins. earlier at Burnham, [illegible] mins. earlier at Walmer.

SUN'S RISING & SETTING.

		Rises.	Sets.
September	7	5.16	6.48
	14	5.27	7.11

Passage times are GMT.

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THE ALLOTMENT MOVEMENT.

Speaking on Saturday at the Guildhall allotment show, Sir KINGSLEY WOOD, M.P. for West Woolwich, spoke of the huge number who will have to vacate their allotments, held under DAORA, in March unless provision is made for them before then by exercise of the powers given to local authorities under the Act passed this year. In a letter which appeared on the Press over his signature only last week Sir KINGSLEY urged all affected to impress on their local authorities, if that has not already been done, the necessity for taking immediate steps to acquire fresh land in readiness for those who will be soon be dispossessed, and he points out that local authorities are empowered to make compulsory orders up to December 31st next without the necessity of submitting these orders for confirmation by the Ministry of Agriculture. The importance of the matter to the nation is shown by the fact that the annual contribution made by plotholders to the food supply of the nation is put at, approximately, 700,000 tons, or about half a ton from each allotment. There is, of course, a strong demand for more land for this purpose, but those fortunate enough to be in possession of plots have laboured under the disadvantage of being subject to a seven days' notice to quit. Under the new Act this grievance is done away with. It lays it compulsory for building and tribunal

[illegible] sacrifices she made on its behalf, she never hesitated to use the special power which her exalted position gave her to secure financial and other help for "her child," as she affectionately designated the undertaking. The Duchess had the knack not only of securing assistance from high places, but of overcoming the inborn prejudices of those lower in the social scale against any parade of their misfortunes and of striking responsive chords amongst those whom she sought to succour.

To-night's Memorial Service.

From the opulent songs kitchen with which activities commenced there arose that wonderful work which is not only the pride of Deptford, but the admiration of all those who have been brought into contact with it. Great relief was afforded in the appalling distress which in 1920 swept over the district. Those gratefully there developed all those agencies and avenues for the help of the inhabitants of the district with which everyone interested in social and philanthropic work is so familiar. Deptford is by no means poor in its benevolent institutions, but the Albany Institute transcends all the activities in this direction with which the district is blessed. Doubtless the expressions of the grief and regret felt at the unexpected demise of the Duchess will be forthcoming at the memorial service which is to be held this evening, and at which the Bishop of Woolwich will officiate, at St. Paul's Church, Deptford.

Church Needs at Bellingham

With the rapid approach to completion of the Bellingham Housing Estate, the necessity of some provision for the spiritual needs of the new population—more particularly in the way of buildings—is a crying need. When the foundation stone of the church hall was laid on July 22nd the Bishop of Woolwich confidently appealed to the Christian people of Lewisham to support him and the Building Committee of St. Augustine, Bellingham, in their venture of faith. The hall will soon be completed and ready for use as a church on Sundays and for social purposes during the week. Messrs. Barclays Bank, Ridgway Green, Bedford, have opened a priority fund, to which subscriptions may be added. Contributions, however small, will also be gratefully received by the Vicar (Rev. J. P. Smith), and the treasurer of the Bellingham Church Fund, Mr. C. F. Edney, 56, Brookly road, S.E.4.

£2,000 Wanted.

About £2,000 is still required to pay for this first building, apart from diocesan grants. We understand that the Vicar has received gifts of money for this purpose from North London and from friends in Surrey and Hampshire. The measures by now arrived which Lewisham should once more lead the way. Similar problems are to be found in other neighbourhoods, and it would be a fine thing if, when the building is opened, the confident trust of the Bishop of Woolwich, that Lewisham would not fail, will be found to have been fully justified, and the building be opened free of debt. We would suggest to our readers that a visit to this new suburb should include an inspection of the church hall—and be followed by the sending of a contribution as a church offering for blessings they themselves have received.

Arsenal Overhead Charges.

An illuminating instance has just been brought to light as to the way in which overhead charges are heaped upon Woolwich Arsenal. A quantity of war stores thus was broken down and the metal recovering was sold. Unfortunately the market was entered at the wrong time, and the sale did not produce as much money as the cost of retrieving the metal. The loss was actually booked against the productive side of the Arsenal and contributes a charge to production. This action has incensed those who are taking an interest in the commercial aspect of Woolwich Arsenal. They deny that losses

worthship and hopes like special arrangements for terms of attendance will be made to suit the convenience of the player and student, and so free chargeable for the instruction given. Normal hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. Students may attend two, three, four or five days a week. The classes are being started in conjunction with the Elementary Exchanges.

The Blackheath F.C.

Mention is made in the circular giving the annual meeting of the Blackheath Football Club, which is to be at the tea pavilion at the Rectory Field at the conclusion of the trial game on the 16th inst., of the fact that Mr. Jarvis, whose has been a well-known figure at the Rectory Field for many years, is shortly to retire, after that period of service. It is proposed to send him with a testimonial, to which quarter that all past and present members of "The Club" will be anxious to contribute, and cheques or postal orders should be made payable to Mr. J. Hubbard, 38, Kidbrook Park-road, Blackheath, S.E.3. The "Club" dinner is to be held at Oddenino's on the evening of the 16th. The covered stands at the Rectory Field having been destroyed in the last June a new and more commodious stand is now in course of construction, but applications for season tickets should be made early, as it cannot be entirely completed before it is ready for use. It is hoped to be in the course of next month, and trial games and trials will take place on Wednesday in next week, as well as on the following Saturday.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL EXPLOSION.

Three Men Injured with Bo[illegible] Tar.

On Tuesday three workmen in Woolwich Arsenal were injured in a singular accident. They were engaged in "boring shells," and in the course of the process boiling tar is employed. When a shell filled with tar was being bored it suddenly blew out. The man who had bored the shell was smothered in the boiling liquid, and two others who were passing were hospitalized. The injuries were such that it was necessary to convey them at once to Woolwich Hospital. Their names are:

Henry Adams (20), of Earlsfield, Elthorne.

Cyril Gould (21), of the same road.

Arthur Garnett (18), of Earlsfield, Homefield.

Adams was allowed to go home after treatment, but Garnett and Gould detained. The former was so severely with tar that his clothing had to be torn from his body.

THE SKELETON IN THE CUPBOARD.

Lewisham Guardians and Woman's Secret.

"What is going to happen to the poor child is going back to the Home. Might to show up the mother. I am strongly against that," said the Rev. Mottell in connection with a case came before the Lewisham Board of Guardians on Monday. "There is a woman who is trying to get back her child, and we are proposing to do her. To me it is absolutely inhuman."

A girl aged 17 had been placed in foster mother and certified as mentally deficient. She was adopted by the foster mother in an institution, and an application was made for her return to the foster mother. The applicant, who was accompanied by the foster mother, re-

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Conductor and Passenger.

At the Greenwich Police Court on Tuesday Richard T[illegible], 40, Erlanger-road, New Cross, was summoned for using obscene language in a tramcar, and also for assaulting John Hoare, a tram conductor. Mr. W. McDonnell prosecuted, and Mr. Beard defended. Complainant said that on the way from Canal-bridge to New Cross defendant made comments concerning Council officials, who, he said, wanted "bucking up." At New Cross Gate, defendant dropped one of his parcels and caught witness by the throat. He then forced him against the controller of the car, and swore at him. Witness wrenched himself free and asked a traffic regulator to fetch a constable.

Wm. F. Lambert, the traffic regulator, said he saw defendant with his hand on the conductor's coat, badly abusing him.

A constable said the conductor made no reference to an assault when he complained of the man swearing at him, and asked him to get the man's name and address.

Defendant said his son, who was travelling with him, offered the conductor two pence. The latter remarked, "What do you want, four eyes?" (defendant's son was wearing glasses). Witness told him he was an insolent fellow, and the conductor retorted with an abusive expression. Witness lost his temper and returned the abuse. At New Cross Gate the conductor said, "I am off duty now; what did you call me?" With that he made an attempt to strike witness over his son's shoulder. Witness got off the car and awaited the "contemplated assault," but instead of that he said "I'll fetch the police," and witness replied, "I will come with you." He got very insolent and had to be restrained by his colleagues. Witness added that he had lived at New Cross for 40 years and had used the cars when they were drawn by three mules.

Mr. Fleming dismissed the summons with costs.

YOUNG EX-OFFICER'S DIFFICULTIES.

At the London Bankruptcy Court, on Thursday last, the first meeting of creditors was held under the failure of Dudley William Raglan Sewer, described as of 16, Windsor-road, Denmark Hill, lately residing at 73, [illegible]-road, Catford, against whom a Receiving Order was made on August 20th, on the petition of a creditor, the act of bankruptcy being the debtor's failure to comply with the requirements of a bankruptcy notice. When war broke out debtor was at school, but in 1915 he joined up, and was given a commission in H.M. Army. He retired in January, 1921, with the rank of lieutenant, and in the following September he obtained a situation as clerk, which he still held. He estimated his liabilities at £600, but had not yet filed his statement of affairs.

Mr. Walsh, Official Receiver, stated that he had not received any proofs of debt, but debtor had attended for his preliminary examination, and stated he was entitled to a reversion.

The debtor's solicitor stated that the reversion was worth at least £1,500 and there would be ample enough to pay all the creditors in full, but debtor had no proposal of composition to submit to the meeting, and he considered it would be better to be adjudicated bankrupt. The debtor was a young man and had got into the hands of people who had tried to fleece him, therefore he preferred that the estate should be dealt with by the Official Receiver.

The Chairman stated that there was not a quorum of creditors present, therefore no resolution could be passed, and the estate would remain in his hands for summary administration in the usual manner.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Clever acting on the part of the principals characterised the new play at this theatre, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," adapted by Arthur Wimperis, from the French of Alfred Savoir. The three leading parts are those of "Monna," the daughter of a marquis, "John Brown," the "richest man in the world," and the Count de Lisemont, and all three are played with rare skill—by Miss Madge Titheradge, and Messrs. Norman McKinnel and Hugh Wakefield respectively.

At an inquest at Woolwich on Saturday on Ada Morrison, aged 77, a widow, of 25, [illegible]-road, Plumstead, Dr. H. [illegible], [illegible]-road, Plumstead, said that death was due to pneumonia and heart disease. A verdict of "Natural causes" was returned.

[illegible] they borrowed £300, of which they had since repaid £200. They expected to do a very large business during the present summer, and in fact obtained a large number of orders, but they could not get the goods, because they had overdrawn their accounts with the various firms who supplied them. A short time ago a private meeting of their creditors was held, when it was decided to execute a deed of arrangement, but two of the creditors declined to accept the deed, whereupon the bankruptcy proceedings ensued. They estimated their liabilities at £3,000, and the assets consisted of stock-in-trade £300, stock at docks £300, book debts £1,000 estimated to produce £900. It was stated that the stock at the docks would not be realised, because the manufacturers who supplied them had shipped them in transit, therefore the assets would be reduced by that amount, and the liabilities by a similar amount. They attributed their failure to loss on trading during the last 18 months, owing to heavy business expenses, slackness of trade, interest on borrowed capital, bad debts, and depreciation in the value of stock.

It was decided to appoint Mr. Ebenezer Henry Hawkins, incorporated accountant, 1, Charterhouse-square, E.C., as trustee of the estate, to act under the supervision of a committee of inspection.

GREENWICH OFFICER NOT INSOLVENT.

At the offices of the Official Receiver, Russell-square, W.C., on Thursday, the first meeting of creditors was held of Basil Hall, Lieut. R.N., D.S.C., of Navigation School, Portsmouth, and lately of Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and H.M.S. "Warspite," against whom a receiving order was made on a creditor's petition on July 25th.

Mr. J. D. Turner, Official Receiver, presided, and having dealt with the proofs of debt lodged said there was not a quorum of creditors present, and the meeting would be formally adjourned for a week. The debtor had lodged a statement of affairs showing unsecured liabilities £[illegible], but [illegible] due to four creditors, but proofs of debt from five creditors had already been lodged, so that the debtor's estimate of his liabilities would no doubt be slightly exceeded. The assets consisted of furniture, £[illegible], house property, £8,000, and commutation of pension, £1,300, making total assets of £[illegible].

The Official Receiver added that the money in respect of the commutation of the pension would probably be paid about the middle of September, and it appeared that there would be ample funds to pay all debts in full, with 4 per cent. interest. In those circumstances it would not be necessary to apply for adjudication.

AMENITIES OF A BELLINGHAM HOME.

"GREAT BIG MAN" FINED.

At Greenwich Policecourt on Monday, William John Hoare, of 83, Otterden-street, Bellingham, was summoned by his wife for assault. Complainant said they had been married three years and had three children. He had been bound over in February at Tower Bridge for assaulting her, and since then had threatened to hit her on the head with a barometer, and said he would cut her head off. He had recently blackened her eye and cut her lip. It had been his habit to neglect her and to come home drunk.

Replying to questions put by defendant, witness said she did not go to his place of business and insult him. It was true that she threw a pot of boiling tea at him, but that was after he had threatened to murder her. She had also bitten his hand in self-defence.

Defendant stated that he was trying to ward off a blow from an iron when his elbow caught his wife in the eye. He had hit her before in self-defence.

Remarking that "a great big man like defendant ought to have a greater sense of decency than to strike a woman," Mr. Fleming imposed a fine of 40s.

EAST GREENWICH OUTING.

Queen-street, East Greenwich, was gaily decorated with flags on Monday, when 100 children were taken by Mrs. E. [illegible], of [illegible], Old Woolwich-road, for a trip to Green Street Green. They went off in two lorries in drenching rain, but the weather later enabled them to spend a very enjoyable day. The outing was a specially welcome treat, as heavy rain spoiled the annual Sunday school [illegible].

[illegible] Howe and Pullen, of the R.N.[illegible]. [illegible] Anthony's orchestra, conducted by Mr. Hassan, rendered selections, and a concert given in the evening under the superintendence of Mr. T. R. Crosse. The following is the awards:—

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NATIONAL FEDERATION [illegible] RETAIL NEWSAGENTS.

WOOLWICH BRANCH OUTING.

The second annual children's outing [illegible] Woolwich branch of the National Fed[illegible] of Retail Newsagents was held on [illegible]. The children and their parents left [illegible]-square at 2.30 p.m. in three char[illegible] for [illegible] Downs. Soon after leaving Woolwich [illegible] commenced to fall, and on arrival at [illegible] tea was taken at the "Gate [illegible]" It was impossible to hold the [illegible] which had been arranged, but through the kindness of Mr. Martin, [illegible] Downs Club and Institute) and Mr. [illegible] the committee) the large hall was at the disposal of the social committee [illegible] games. No competitions having taken [illegible] for the prizes provided each child was [illegible] a present, the distribution being [illegible] out by Mrs. Morgan. Mr. MacLaren, [illegible] secretary, in acknowledging a vote of [illegible] said it was owing to the ladies that, [illegible] standing the weather, the outing [illegible] most enjoyable. The arrangements [illegible] the hands of Messrs. Hepley, Barnett, and Pike.

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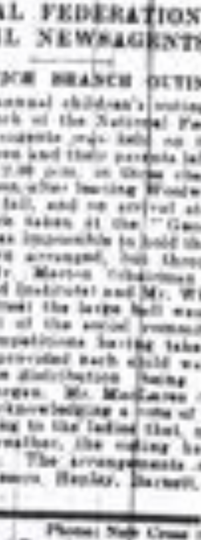

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[illegible] should afford all members [illegible] satisfaction.

The total amount available for distribution is £121,877 for 25 weeks, being £3,176 in excess of the total amount earned during the preceding period of 27 weeks. Of the amount referred to, £15,000 has been set aside for depreciation of buildings, fixtures and fittings, interest on shares at 5 per cent. per annum amounts to £21,507, £2,000 is voted to the educational debt, £1,138 7s. 6d. to the Political Purposes Fund, and the proposed dividend at 1s. in the £ [illegible] 6d. for last half year) will absorb £66,883, while the employees' share of the surplus is £7,412.

The 25 weeks' trading amounted to £1,306,000, as compared with £1,391,000 for the previous half year (27 weeks). All the later acquisitions of business premises have shown pleasing results from the point of view of sales during the half year. At Rodney-road and Deptford High-street branches, which shops have been open for the whole 25 weeks, the net shop sales were £5,808 and £26,775 respectively. The Blackheath branch has made a satisfactory commencement, with sales to the extent of £5,165, equal to £200 per week. The butchery business has now been extended to the Deptford High-street branch, and it is claimed that with the completion of alterations at that store the members in that locality are served by one of the Society's finest shops. Another branch is to be opened in the Old Kent-road, and additional business premises at Peckham-rye are on the eve of completion.

Towards the end of the half year there was a welcome improvement in the returns of nearly all those sections of the dry goods departments where diminution of sales had been previously experienced.

Due to the lower capital sum now required to furnish trading stocks and to the policy pursued by the Society for many years in setting aside liberal sums for depreciation, cash has been liberated for investment. Cash in hand and with bankers, together with investments, now amounts to £360,355, equal to nearly 60 per cent. of the entire liability on share and loan capital. The various reserves aggregate £130,496.

The Education Committee records "an encouraging advance on the educational activities of the Society."

The grant to the Political Purposes Fund is £1,138, contributed by 51,[illegible] members (less 2,261 objecting members). The accounts of the Political Purposes Fund show that in regard to affiliation fees to local Labour parties, £200 has already been paid, and with reference to money to be used to promote the interests of Parliamentary and other candidates, no expenditure beyond payment for secretarial assistance has been made, and there is a balance in hand of £738.

LEE, BLACKHEATH AND LEWISHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual exhibition under the auspices of this society is to take place on Thursday next at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Lochaber-road, Lee. This will be the 33rd annual show, but the society can boast a useful existence of 36 years—the exhibition was dropped for two years during the war—and is probably the oldest allotment society. It has deserved well of all interested in horticulture by the work it has done to encourage allotment gardening, and that it deserves well of its members is shown by the fact that since the ground was taken over in 1918 the rents paid by members have not been raised, save in the case of one piece of land, in respect of which the society itself has had to pay an increased rent.

It is anticipated by the committee that the entries for next Thursday's show will constitute a post-war record, and it is to be hoped that the public will attend such support to this fine old society that a new financial record may also be set up.

[illegible] secretary, and Mr. C. M. Wortley as refreshments secretary. Mrs. Minvalla and Mr. Turnbull were appointed organisers of the general welfare scheme, which, as the chairman pointed out, would include the investigation of complaints and suggestions in connection with the health of the Estate.

The Chairman, on behalf of the executive, recommended the formation of a branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Mr. Bateman undertook to take the preliminary steps towards the organisation of a movement of that kind.

It was unanimously decided to commence activities with a concert, provisionally fixed for Saturday, September 30th.

Mrs. Ricketts made a complaint against the London County Council in relation to school facilities. She said that her child, with a great many others on the estate, had been refused admission at the school at Southend Village. She understood that the accommodation was in no way sufficient to meet the needs of the district. Parents were compelled to send their children elsewhere, with the result that in one case at least the children had a walk of about 45 minutes.

Mrs. Minvalla remarked that within three days of a tenant appearing on the estate the school attendance officer paid a visit to the house.

The Chairman: That is officialdom; I've had some of it myself.

Mr. A. E. E. Jones (assistant secretary): It is a case of Hobson's choice—you have to send your children a long way to school or you risk a prosecution.

It was mentioned that a school was in course of erection on the estate, and it was decided to send a letter to the County Council urging expedition.

Mrs. Ricketts reported upon the recent action on the part of the residents on the grievance associated with the payment of rent. (At the time in question there was only one receiving office on the estate, and tenants, it was alleged, had to wait in long queues to pay their rent. A petition was sent to the authorities, and either as a result of this appeal or outside pressure, another office was opened, and the tenants were given the advantage of extended and optional hours.) They got about 500 signatures, said Mrs. Ricketts, to the petition, which was sent to the Clerk of the County Council. In about a week they received a reply stating that the Council had considered the circumstances and could not see their way clear to alter the existing arrangements. They undertook, however, to obviate the necessity of a queue by providing an additional office. They saw Colonel Kerr Hall, L.C.C., who promised to place the matter very strongly before the Housing Committee—that was the result (said the speaker) of the article which appeared in "The Kentish Mercury" several weeks ago. She went to the Bellingham Green office that morning, Mrs. Ricketts added, and there was a queue waiting. "I have never yet waited in a queue," she added, "as I am afraid they will have to wait until next week for my rent."

It was the general feeling of the meeting that official collectors should be appointed by the Council. It was resolved, however, to send the County Council a letter referring to the petition, and asking what they intended to do.

A finance committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. C. M. Wortley, C. W. Slatter and H. A. Hickman (trustees), Mr. F. W. Rose (chairman), Mr. C. E. Belling (secretary), Mr. D. J. Bateman (treasurer), and Mrs. Minvalla.

THE LATE MR. J. A. CHAPPELL.

The funeral of Mr. J. A. Chappell, the circumstances of whose accidental death at Ilfracombe are reported on page 5, is fixed for Monday, leaving the house in Lewisham High-road at 2.45. A service will be held at St. Peter's Church, and the interment will take place at Brockley Cemetery.

On Saturday night, shortly after 11 [illegible]

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"The L.C.C. by the passing of that epoch-making and retrograde resolution have outraged the feelings of great numbers of their constituents. There was no real demand for the opening of the fields. It was merely a daily newspaper stunt, which gave the ground of 'Bash pedgt,' 'Standard Bread,' 'Sandringham Hats' and 'Sky Writing' in turn.

"It is said that the Churches stand in the way of people's recreation and are the killjoys of life. Nothing could be further from the truth. In popular recreation, as in popular education, the Churches were the pioneers and instigators of such matters. Facts are stubborn things. But ask how many of our celebrated football clubs owe their origin to the Churches? Nearly every leading club in the league was connected with a Sunday school. In 1874 nine members of a Bible class at the Aston Villa Wesleyan Chapel, Birmingham, each subscribed 3s. and formed a football club. From this Bible class sprang the Aston Villa of today.

"Bolton Wanderers was originally the Christchurch F.C. and was founded by the pupils and teachers of Bolton Christchurch Sunday School, with the Vicar, the Rev. T. J. Wright as president. Burnley owes its start to a Y.M.C.A. Bible class. Congregationalists in St. Domingo-vale, Everton, brought the famous Everton club into being. The Barnsley club had its origin in connection with the Church. 'Southampton St. Mary's' ultimately became Southampton, and are known as 'Saints' to this day.

"I only casually mention these things to show that the Churches foster and encourage the popular games. My own Church of St. James', Hatcham, has two fine cricket teams, three splendid hockey teams (each of which could extend practically any team in South London). We have a capital tennis club and men's and girls' clubs for the winter months, but we are determined to give due reverence to the great day of the week which Christians call their 'Lord's Day.'

"I am not without hope that the L.C.C. will soon rescind their motion which has given rise to such heart-burning and desecration of our fine traditional English Rest Day."

Mr. Lloyd George's secretary, Miss Frances Louise Stevenson, C.B.E., [illegible]

deceased had ... and wounds on the face, the left hand and both feet. He gradually sank and eventually died on Saturday morning, an autopsy showing death to have been due to fracture of the skull and cerebral haemorrhage.

Mr. Hisson, who spoke to having driven for 12 years, said he was travelling from Beckenham to Bromley with two lady passengers. As he was about to take the bend in Beckenham-lane into Bromley he saw the old gentleman in the roadway, a few inches from the kerb. Witness, who was travelling at a speed of from eight to ten miles an hour, sounded his horn and deceased stopped. Witness thereupon concluded that he was waiting for the car to go by, and continued on his way. At this deceased seemed to get confused and "started dodging from one side to the other."

The Coroner: What do you mean?

Witness: He hesitated as to whether to go back or cross the road.

Witness swerved to the off-side to miss him as he had a great deal of room, but all of a sudden deceased appeared to make up his mind, and rushing across the street in the direction in which the car was swerving, ran "full tilt into the near side wheel." He was knocked down and witness pulled up at once. It was absolutely impossible for him to avoid deceased—he did everything he could.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure" and exonerated the driver of the car from blame.

ROYAL ARSENAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

The Half-Yearly Report.

Discussing the past six months' experiences of the society in the half-yearly report, to be submitted to meetings of the members next week, the Management Committee express the opinion that "when all the present circumstances—the discharges from the Arsenal, the slump in trade generally, and the large volume of unemployment—are taken into account the financial position disclosed by the present statement of accounts is such that should afford all members profound satisfaction."

The total amount available for distribution is £120,977 for 25 weeks, being £5,170 in excess of the total revenue earned during the preceding period of 27 weeks. Of the amount referred to, £21,806 has been set aside for depreciation of buildings, fixtures and horses, interest on shares at 5 per cent. per annum amounts to £23,900, £2,000 is voted to the educational debt, £1,136 7s. 8d. to the Political Purposes Fund, and the proposed dividend at 1s. in the £ (against 9d. for last half-year) will absorb £66,661, whilst the employees' share of the surplus is £7,412.

The 25 weeks' trading amounted to £1,386,000, as compared with £1,381,308 for the previous half-year (27 weeks). All the later acquisitions of business premises have shown pleasing results from the point of view of sales during the half-year. At Rodney-road and Deptford High-street branches, which shops have been open for the whole 25 weeks, the net shop sales were £5,858 and £26,775 respectively. The Blackheath branch has made a satisfactory commencement, with sales to the extent of £3,381, equal to £250 per week. The butchery business has now been extended to the Deptford High-street branch, and it is claimed that with the completion of alterations at that store the members in that locality are served by one of the Society's finest shops. Another branch is to be opened in the Old Kent-road, and additional business premises at Peckham-rye are on the eve of completion.

Towards the end of the half-year there was a welcome improvement in the returns of nearly all those sections of the dry goods departments where diminution of sales had been previously experienced.

...said that if everybody joined up and played the game the work of organisation would be a pleasure instead of a drudgery.

Mr. Joyce, in reply, said that it was difficult to arrive at a state of satisfaction as a result of one's endeavours in such an undertaking. It could not be shown in the balance-sheet—it was in the traders themselves, and he felt that this time the exhibition week must have been a success because there was less "grousing."

"B.E.T.A."

Bellingham Estate Tenants' Grievances.

Further progress in the formation of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association was made at a meeting of the committee at St. John's (Southend) Parish Hall, Whitefoot-lane, on Tuesday. Mr. F. W. Rose, who presided over a representative gathering, explained the initial proceedings, and said that Mr. Bellamy and he, who had been working in connection with the association up to twelve and one o'clock at night, had introduced themselves to the Members of Parliament for East and West Lewisham, and had written to other influential people who might be of assistance to the association. "Taking it all round," he added, "we have been going on swimmingly." During the coming week they would be starting collecting entrance fees and subscriptions, and were thinking of opening a current account with the Catford branch of Barclay's Bank.

It was decided to adopt this suggestion, and the following collectors were appointed: Miss Brierly, Mrs. Mitvalls, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Illsley, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Stafford, Messrs. Yates, White and Hemmings.

The Chairman suggested the formation of various sub-committees, and recommended, in the first place, a sports section.

Mrs. Mitvalls pointed out that the Estate had no ground.

The Chairman: "But we shall jolly soon. There is a recreation ground, and it will be a case of 'If not, why not.'"

Mr. White offered his services as sports secretary, and Mr. C. M. Westley as entertainments secretary. Mrs. Mitvalls and Mr. Turnbull were appointed organisers of the general welfare scheme, which, as the chairman pointed out, would include the investigation of complaints and suggestions in connection with the health of the Estate.

The Chairman, on behalf of the committee, recommended the formation of a branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Mr. Balsom undertook to take the preliminary steps towards the organisation of a movement of that kind.

It was unanimously decided to commence activities with a concert provisionally fixed for Saturday, September 30th.

Mrs. Ricketts made a complaint against the London County Council in relation to school facilities. She said that her child, with a great many others on the estate, had been refused admission at the school at Southend Village. She understood that the accommodation was in no way sufficient to meet the needs of the district. Parents were compelled to send their children somewhere, with the result that in one case at least the children had a walk of about 45 minutes.

Mrs. Mitvalls remarked that within three days of a truant appearing on the estate the school attendance officer paid a visit to the house.

The Chairman: That is officialdom; I've had some of it myself.

Mr. A. E. E. Yates (assistant secretary): It is a case of Hobson's choice—you have to send your children a long way to school or you risk a prosecution.

It was mentioned that a school was in course of erection on the estate, and it was decided to send a letter to the County Council urging expedition.

Mrs. Ricketts reported upon the recent ...

...tion of the principle of voluntary "contracting-in" for that of compulsorily "contracting-out," will eliminate victimisation and intimidation such as have been rendered possible and have taken place under the provisions of the existing Act."

It was decided to send a copy of the resolution to Sir Philip Dawson and other M.P.s.

The Chairman afterwards welcomed the presence of the two vice-presidents, and Mr. Reed, in replying, said that his work on the L.C.C. prevented him attending the club very often, but he was glad to see that it was going ahead. He was pleased to be their representative on the London County Council, for he found the work exceedingly interesting.

Mr. Fairbrother, who also replied, warned the members of the menace which now existed in that constituency owing to the growth of the Independent Party which had been formed. The Conservative Party had great traditions, and their principles had done much to make the nation great. They must prepare themselves for the coming struggle in order that the principles of the party should again prevail. He further said that he regretted that he was unable to become one of their candidates for the L.C.C., but was going to be nominated for the Sydenham Ward at the forthcoming Borough Council election.

Mr. Trinder proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, commenting sympathetically upon his long illness, and in reply Mr. Plant said he appreciated very much the numerous enquiries they had made concerning his health. He was keenly interested in the welfare of their club, and as long as he was its chairman would do his best to make it a success.

SUNDAY GAMES.

Letter from the Vicar of St. James', Hatcham.

"Much has been said," writes the Rev. Ernest R. J. Martin, Vicar of St. James', Hatcham, "about the gain we are supposed to have gotten by opening the parks and playing fields on Sundays, but too little has been made of the losses we are to sustain if the present directions are proceeded with.

"Whatever may be said of the old Victorian Sunday, it was certainly a day of rest and quiet; our villages and towns did not rattle with the din of motors and charabancs as we have today. In these days of high pressure of work a week-end relaxation and adequate rest is all the more necessary. The quiet of our parks is now a thing of the past, and in densely populated districts the displaced those who desire a quiet afternoon's walk in the parks they help to keep up are denied that right.

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My soul truly watteth." Rev.

ST. PETER'S, BROCKLEY.

During the absence, on holiday, of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Whitfield Dunbar (Rural Dean of Greenwich), until about the 16th of September, the services are being taken by the Rev. Llewellyn Lloyd during the rectory the days of August, and thereafter by the Rev. C. J. Burton (of St. Barnabas', Kennington Park) and James Parfitt. On Sunday next (by the "Te Deum" will be sung to Garrett in D. In the evening the Gallaths will be sung to Stanford in B flat, the anthem being "Far from my Heavenly home" (Stewart). After the service Mr. H. Howard Davis (assistant organist) will play an organ solo, "Grand Overture in C minor" (Hollins).

ST. HILDA, CROFTON PARK.

On Sunday morning the Rev. A. Shirley, the Vicar, is to preach on "Sacrifice, the Soldier," and at evening will take as the subject of his address "Jesus Christ's teaching about the Day of Rest. Is it Friday or Christian?"

ST. CATHERINE, HITCHAM.

The collections on Sunday are to go to the fund of the Barnard Evening Association, one of the causes of which is doing valuable service in the parish. The preacher at evensong will be the Rev. H. M. Hall (of St. Paul, Deptford).

Personal.

Mr. Dupper, J.P., occupied a seat on the bench at Greenwich Police Court yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. A. Fox, of Crossbill, Greenwich, have returned from a visit to the Italian lakes.

The Rev. Gilbert Walshaw, curate of St. Bartholomew, Sydenham, and a former curate of St. Paul, Greenwich, has been appointed to the vicarage of Long Stowe, Cambridge.

Mr. Gandell Hawkins, of St. Bede (Burne road, Brockley), formerly organist of Waverley Primitive Methodist Church, Nottingham, has been appointed organist of Central Hill Baptist Church, Norwood, of which the Rev. W. Thomas Burke, of Montague road, Forest Hill, is minister.

Sir Philip Rawson, M.P., will be absent on public business from the end of August until after the first week in October; it will therefore be impossible for him to attend to any constituency during that time, as all letters will be forwarded to him. Lady Rawson will also be away during the whole of September.

Miss Eustace of Hopcroft's-road, Crofton Park, has won the Wigan Chancellorship at Southwark Cathedral. It carries with it free education at St. Olave's Grammar School and other advantages. She is a member of Holy Trinity Church choir, Lewisham-road, and was trained by Mr. A. B. Garrard, the organist and choirmaster.

At the recent Eisteddfod held at the following colleges the pupils of Miss Helen Young, of "Lyndhurst," Egerton-road, Greenwich, were successful: Guildhall School of Music—Theory and harmony, Intermediate: Clara Burgess 84 marks, and Florence Wareham 81; Lower Division: Alice Warren 85 (honours); Primary: Violet Wheeler 87 (honours); Elementary: Kathleen Dike 89 (honours), Hilda Tull 87; Pianoforte, Higher Division: Maud Glanbrook 71; Preparatory: Dorothy Langley 78. Associated Board, Royal Academy—Grammar of Music: III: William J. Doe 90 marks. London College, Pianoforte: Diploma A.L.C.M.: Marjorie Lakins 86; Advanced Senior: Doris Wells 87 (honours), and Emma Thorneycroft 78.

Mr. Ernest George Richardson, of 323, Queen's-road, New Cross, S.E., for 40 years secretary of the South London Musical Club, who died on July 26th, aged 71, left estate of the gross value of £6,900 5s. 4d., of which £600 5s. 3d. is net personalty.

Clara Porter, a young woman, of 86, Florian-road, Rotherhithe, was crossing Rotherhithe-road to board a tramcar, when she was knocked down by a motorcar. She sustained severe bruises and injuries to her face, and was conveyed to Lewisham Hospital.

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On Sunday afternoon the service will be by Mr. Angus McKay, M. W. E. Collins will be chairman, and Mr. Ernest Dragonfield the school.

CROFTON PARK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Services are to be resumed from Sunday in the Brockley road Baptist Church Schools. The Bible School will be resumed from Tuesday evening at the Brockley road school.

WILLOW WALK HALL, CATFORD.

On Sunday evening the missionary will speak on "Well Digging." Revival meetings will be observed on the Sunday following, and there is to be a prayer meeting rally on Tuesday, September 19th, and a monthly social evening on Tuesday, September 26th.

DEPTFORD ADULT SCHOOL.

Next Sunday morning, at 9.30, at No. 8, Shandoine-road, New Cross, Mr. R. Viall will speak on "Love Personified."

CATHEDRAL SUCCENTOR'S WALK.

REV. T. F. STEVENS FEAT.

On Tuesday afternoon the Rev. T. F. Stevens, succentor of Southwark Cathedral, walked his entire to the Brighton road in an hour and 50 minutes. The walk was an outcome of a challenge made Mr. Stevens by the Rev. J. F. Bacon Phillips, rector of Cranbrook, Kent, who, however, could not do it during the week-end. Mr. Stevens decided to make the walk all the same and he did it in two hours, in which it will be seen he was just successful.

The walk was made from the Anchorage at Redhill to a mile and a quarter beyond Crawley.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the Advanced Stages III. and Intermediate Stages II. Society of Arts examinations are now to hand, and Cossall's College, Catford, is to be congratulated upon highly satisfactory successes. The following were successful in Stages II. and III.—Miss Marjorie Chorley (prize), Stage III.; Miss Mapperly Meads (honours), 120 words per minute; Mr. Albert E. Pollard and Miss Lilian E. Rice (100); Miss E. Bentley and Miss Kathleen McGrath (80); M. C. Morley (honourable mention); Miss Lilian Mortlock, L. Rice, C. Murray, M. Dodd, W. Cleary, F. Quartermain, A. Pollard (shorthand), the girls with 1st class certificates; Carol Godfrey (commercial correspondence), and M. F. Day, L. Hale, E. Blackall, Mapperly Meads, L. Saturnin and E. Quartermain (French).

BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association was held on Saturday at a hall in Winterbourne-lane, kindly lent by the Rev. J. Philip Smith, Vicar of St. Jude's Church, Southend Village, practically all the provisional committee who volunteered at the inaugural meeting being present. The purpose of the meeting was to draw up the rules and elect officers and committee, and with few exceptions the rules as submitted by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Rose, were accepted.

GREENWICH PIER PROMENADE CONCERT.

The Saturday evening concert on Greenwich Pier, which was given under the auspices of the Seamen's Hospital (Greenwich) Aid Committee, constituted a record for both attendance and financial results. The programme was arranged by the Deptford Town Band, conducted by Mr. C. J. Ramsell, who acquitted an arduous selection, principally of light airs. Outstanding items were the value "My Isle of Golden Dreams" (Bishop), and a series of numbers from the ever-popular "H.M.S. Pinafore."

The Deptford Town Band will provide the concert programme next Saturday.

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Letters to the Editor.

A GATFORD CORNER.

Sir,—Knowing the interest you take in all matters appertaining to the welfare of the public, I would like to draw your attention to the danger now existing through the sewer having run out of Canadian avenue into Gatford hill. People trying to get on "bus or a tram are liable to be run down either by bicycles or traffic coming down the avenue. Why not have a danger sign erected, as there is in some London, or go widen the road or pathway opposite the Conservative Club, that the sharp angle here could be dispensed with? That would also enable motorists to see vehicles and pedestrians round what is now a blind corner. As it is, there is really a death trap.—I am, Sir, etc.,

E. W. PUNCH (Lieut.-Col.).

HOUSE LETTING AT BELLINGHAM

Sir,—Permit me to call attention to one essential fact in this matter which your correspondents appear to have ignored. It was only when a member mentioned that accommodation was being provided at Bellingham for unemployed from Brixton that I stated I misunderstood it most unkind when so many respectable City clerks ? were seeking holidays.

I had no idea that my describing the City clerk as a respectable citizen would have elicited such a storm of protest. I always considered him so. I always found him so. By your correspondents impute otherwise, because, if so, I would suggest that it would be much more straightforward to call these City clerks together, tell them to their face that they are not citizens of repute, and that they are unworthy to breathe the atmosphere of Bellingham.

To me this opposite wish—not to cause insult—over my innocent and inoffensive remarks would rather convey that the motives actuating your correspondents are not quite as altruistic as they would desire your readers to believe.—I am, Sir, etc.

E. L. MACNAMARA.

7, Dartmouth-grove, Blackheath.
September 19th, 1922.

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Sir,—In these days of newspaper economy, may I be permitted to suggest that an interesting one would be to ascertain so to what is the percentage of Deptford ratepayers (direct and indirect) who, reading the importance of Wednesday, the 1st November next.

In less than six weeks the electorate have the opportunity of setting up a new Council who will—we hope—be more worthy of the Borough for the next three years, and it should surely behove us all to see that Deptford elects a body worthy of its historic past.

But what concerns me is, how we are to ascertain our local Parliament. Are we to be content to receive flowery addresses from unknown ladies and gentlemen stating that having been adopted by this or that association—be it political or otherwise—they are prepared to serve us faithfully and well, and then afterwards find that when elected their strong support of every motion is furtherance of their own particular fads and fancies, and to change it may be—and such things have not been unheard of—for their own self aggrandisement?

The time has come, in my opinion, when it should not be possible for a few old ladies (of both sexes) to be allowed to swing back pretties, and from thence let it go forth that unless the faithful as chosen by them be supported, the ratepayers will have but cheap salve to think. Rather, could not town's meetings be convened in each ward when, apart from political bias, a representative body of ratepayers could discuss this thing, and to ensure that Deptford's business shall alone be the concern of Deptford's men.—I am, Sir, etc.,

ONE OF THEM.

Obituary.

We regret to record the death, which occurred on August 30th, at Victoria, B.C., at the age of 48, of John Biddle Connerton, eldest son of Thomas and Margaret Connerton, of Sydenham, and grandson of the late John Biddle, F.R.A.S., headmaster of the National School, Greenwich Hospital.

Mr. Cyril Maude was present on Saturday at Old Charlwich Church at the funeral of Mr. Rowland G. S. Bickerton, which took place very quietly. Mr. Rowland Bickerton, who was born at Sydenham in 1860, was the

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£120.—...

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MATT Oldham, ...

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A.H.A. Business Premises to suit ...

SMALL Business from £50 to £100 ...

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FOR SALE.

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A.A.—Wanted, high quality ...

A BARGAIN. Gentleman's ...

A BUILDING Business, ...

A CHALET Made below ...

A FULLMOTION ...

A NEW Life of Joan Of Arc ...

A NEW ...

B'S Cottage, ...

BABY Carriage, ...

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BEDROOM Suite ...

BILLIARD Table ...

BLACK ...

BOY'S ...

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CHEAPEST ...

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SINGER Treadle Machine ...

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SOLID Oak Dr. ...

SOLID Oak Extending Dining Table ...

SOLID Mahogany Bedroom Suite ...

SPECIAL Bedroom Suite Mahogany ...

SPECIAL Bedroom Suite Maple ...

STAND ...

STAND ...

TABLES Cotton Bath, ...

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WIRELESS.

WIRELESS Sets, large stock ...

LIVE STOCK, POULTRY, EGG PROVISIONS, ETC.

A BARGAIN, splendid Tabing Parrot ...

A BRACE ...

A FEW Good Hens ...

A GAIN for Sale, all kinds of Dogs ...

A NEW 20 Perfect dinner ...

A SIGNAL ...

A THOROUGHBRED ...

CHICKENS, Bantams ...

CHOICE ...

CROW Puppies ...

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MR. ...

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HORSES, TRAPS, STABLING ETC.

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A NICE ...

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the Woolwich Rural Deanery held on Monday at All Saints ... Plumstead, by the Rev. ... Vicar of St. Luke's, ... opening a discussion on ... services."

In a recently published book, ... of Men and Horses," Sunday ... Avery Hill were characterised ... strings of ponies, whose pri... —whisky and soda in the ... (where it was dangerous to ... because it was at once de... them, and champagne with ... as possible; billiard-room ... whisky and soda; a half-hour's ... stud of horses, then billiards ... additional whisky and soda, and ... billiard matches. Mr. Tomkin... a Sunday of 80 years ago, ... in Kingsley's "Alton Locke," ... almost a sin to stare out of ... the recent invitation by a clergyman to those who ... Sunday games to attend service ... and sweaters. The speaker ... instances in which objection ... to members of Church ... engaging in drill on Sun... pictured the Continental ... he remarked, scarcely any... wish to see in England, ... bitter enemy of Christianity, ... if they wanted to destroy ... they must destroy Sunday ... was good advice from Vol... of view. None of them ... the excesses of Avery Hill, ... of the Alton Locke type. ... be a day of worship, ... and it would be well for ... it should be observed ... questions were asked "Is ... games should be played on ... advice was "Don't answer ... questioners answer it them... those principles, and what ... their Lord's guiding prin... as to the observance of ... those who asked questions ... for themselves. Never decide ... for anyone."

... discussion that fol... H. Kemp, L.C.C., vigorously ... position in voting against ... in parks, declared himself ... in the old ways, and ... the influence ... on the children. He chal... to disclose their attitude ... and said that whilst he ... of letters of protest against ... from local Nonconformists ... did not get one letter from ...

... G. Peterson (St. Thomas ... taking up Mr. Kemp's chal... persons who opposed ... for the people, but them... golf on Sunday. He pointed ... that there was a large body ... favour of Sunday games; ... were only a portion of the ... he asked, was it just and ... churchpeople should seek to ... to abstain from certain ... not in themselves sinful? ... E. J. Chennell (Church of ... Plumstead) said that ... were not children; the time ... was past, and the decisions ... by public opinion. "The ... made for man, not man for ..." and anything that would ... better, would uplift and keep ... was good, and as a man ... permission that had been ... ultimately going to work ... of his fellow citizens.

... Dean, the Rev. A. M. Fisher, ... said that there was ... in games, and Sunday in ... a matter for individual ... agreed, however, that ... to remove any of the ... great laws of God ... subsided.

... of the conference, ... allowing, paid a tribute to ... of the late Rev. D. Mallows ... the Rural Dean said that

... Andrew ... who was always thoroughly amusing. He was particularly convincing in the celebrated "drunken" scene, and during his "duel" with Viola. Other good members were Miss Mitchell, likeable in the part of "Sebastian," Mr. J. Edgar Pattison, who as "Antonio" contributed a happy touch, and Mr. J. Stanley Davies (the captain and priest). For the rest, the most consistently convincing of the characters was the "Malvolio" of Mr. F. L. Kyre (London branch), whose every word and gesture was a delight, and who was particularly forceful in the garden scene. Mr. Frank Macey (London) proved a popular "Sir Toby," and Mr. Nathan Vogan (London) bore himself proudly as "Orsino," and a sprightly "Maria" was provided by Miss Mabel Tait (of London). As "Feste," the jester, Mr. Hugh Campbell (of London) was suitable after a start from which we expected much. Lesser parts were in the hands of Mrs. Mary Mitchell (of Bath), the Misses Grace Lawrence, D. Pattinson and Joan Chep (London), A. Violet Gandy (Bath), and Hadlee Ferguson (Norwood), the announcing page for the change of scene, and Messrs. Denys Erlam and Stanley Gage (London). Ladies in waiting and courtiers were Mrs. Leslie (New Cross), Mesdames Brooke-Webb and Mary Mitchell (Bath), and the Misses Elaine Kidner, D. Pattinson and D. Williams (London).

Mr. George Foss was responsible for the production, and Mr. Douglas H. Park acted as stage manager. Selections and the songs which occur in the play were rendered by the Rosabel Watson Quartette. Among the audience was the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor E. N. Greenwood).

The hon. secretaries of the New Cross branch are Dr. J. Stanley Davies (of 43, Tressillian-road, Brockley) and Mr. F. H. Smith (of 43, Shirley Park-road, Addiscombe).

ORDINATION AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

The Bishop of Southwark held a general ordination at Southwark Cathedral on Sunday, when the following were admitted into Holy Orders:—

Deacons.—J. H. C. Bartlett, K.C., licensed to Wimbledon; E. G. Bevan, B.D., Lond. and Lond. Coll. of Divinity, to St. Paul, Plumstead; S. F. Davenport, B.A., LL.B., St. Cath.'s Coll., Camb., to Kew; F. S. L. Fitzmaurice, Bishops' Coll., Cheshunt, to St. Margaret, Streatham Hill; L. A. Gibson, B.A., Hertford Coll., Oxf., and Cuddesdon, to St. Luke with St. Paul, Charlton; G. R. Johnston, B.A., Trin. Coll., Dublin, to St. Paul, Brixton; T. H. W. Maxfield, B.A., Queen's Coll., Camb., to St. Anne, Bermondsey; R. G. Moorhouse, B.D., Lond. and A.K.C., to Wimbledon; F. W. Stannard, M.A., Christ Church, Oxf., and Cuddesdon, to Bermondsey. By Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Winchester: G. Lenn, A.K.C.

The Gospeller was Mr. Maxfield, and the preacher was the Rev. A. H. Howe-Browne, M.A., Vicar of St. John the Divine, Kennington.

The Bishop was attended by the Bishop of Woolwich, the Archdeacon of Kingston-on-Thames, the Rev. T. W. Pym, and the Rev. G. Chase, examining chaplains, and the Rev. S. C. Hooper, domestic chaplain.

WOOLWICH WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND.

Freemasons of the Woolwich district are taking a prominent part in the arrangement of a grand fair on behalf of the above fund to be held at the Town Hall, Woolwich, on November 29th and 30th and December 1st and 2nd. The officers and men of Woolwich Garrison, the Oddfellows, and other local organisations are also assisting, and a unique scheme of decoration is being devised. It is anticipated that the fair will be opened by a member of the Royal Family.

RE-ASSEMBLY OF ST. CYPRIAN'S, BROCKLEY, PARLIAMENT.

The General Meeting and Enrolment of Members will take place at St. Cyprian's Hall, ...

... introduced Mrs. Dence, who ... Mr. E. M. Dence, L.C.C., later spoke a few appropriate words as to the value of the work being carried on at the centre. After Mrs. Dence had distributed the prizes she was warmly thanked, on the proposition of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Kelly. The prize winners were:—

Class 1.—Baby Nichols, 26, Grove-street, 1; William Dawes, 43, Douglas-street, 2; Honora Daneby, Benbow-buildings, 3. Consolation prizes: Benjamin Edmonds, 24, Lamerton-street; May Cripple, 145, Watergate-street; Mary Mauch, 15, Armada-street. Class 2.—Douglas Cartwright, 49, Dacca-street, 1; Ellen Randall, 16, Grove-place, 2; Ronald Marlstock, 77, Creek-road, 3. Consolation prizes: Charlotte Osborne, 125, Creek-road; Marjorie Jones, 24, The Stowage; George Young, 154, Armada-street; and Dora King, 7, Thornham-street. Class 3.—Olive Osborne, 28, Dacca-street, 1; Ivy Haley, 17, Barge Court-street, 2; Alan Bickmaker, 204, Evelyn-street, 3. Consolation prizes: Char. Dignum, 8, Elm-street, and Dorothy Beaham, 15, Armada-street.

CONGREGATIONALISTS AND BELLINGHAM.

Proposed Memorial Church.

Convened by the London Congregational Union, an open meeting was held in the hall of the Council school, Athelney-street, Bellingham, on the 13th inst., to consider a proposal for the erection of a Congregational church at Bellingham ... Most of the funds arising from the disposal of Greenwich-road Congregational Church to the Miller Hospital will be available for helping forward a memorial church, and a site has been provisionally secured abutting on the Central Green of the Bellingham Estate.

The inclement weather notwithstanding there was a good attendance, and much interest was evinced. Mr. Harry Barber (Bromley) presided, supported by the Revs. J. R. Ackroyd, R. J. Evans, I. W. Morgan, P. Wheatley and O. G. Whitfield, Dr. Wills, and Messrs. E. Unwin, J. Parker, W. J. Purver, and other leading Congregationalists. Letters of regret and goodwill came from the Revs. J. Corgan, W. E. Lee, E. J. Barson, and Mr. ... Palmer Williams.

The Chairman very briefly expressed the sympathy and goodwill of the London Union, and hoped that as a result of the meeting something practical would be evolved.

Mr. Purver, the district secretary, detailed the steps taken and which had led to that meeting, incidentally mentioning the fact that the L.C.C. had for the present declined to let any of their new school halls for services or Sunday schools. An offer was at once made in the meeting for the use of a room at 1, Grange Mill-road, where services will be held at 6.30 p.m., commencing on Sunday next.

It was mentioned that on the new estate alone 1,300 families were in residence and about 1,600 children.

The Revs. R. J. Evans, J. R. Ackroyd, P. Wheatley, O. G. Whitfield and I. W. Morgan all expressed the utmost goodwill and promised their support.

Eventually, after a number of questions had been asked and answered, the meeting adjourned.

"GERANIUM DAY" AT DEPTFORD.

The sum of £30 10s. 7d. was raised in Deptford for the civilian blind in connection with "Geranium Day" on Saturday last. A large number of ladies assisted as sellers, and the committee responsible for the arrangements were the Mayoress (Mrs. W. H. Green), Mesdames Charles, Charlton, Austin, Pawley, Davies, Speakman, Tilson and Humphreys, and the Misses Warcup and Cooper.

Owing to the greasy state of the road ...

... great standing will ... every one of whom ... the screen, which is ... Hill. There is also ... full orchestra, and ... ... a large organ, ... on either side ... Vaudeville turns are ... intervals.

GREENW... WAR MEM...

At a meeting of the Memorial Committee ... yesterday afternoon, the ... with Councillor E. N. ... presiding, it was de... First Commissioner of ... and Balustrade ... which ... Greenwich at 2.30 p.m. ... the fourth anniversary ... day.

On the motion of ... seconded by the Chairman ... agreed that Sir Charles ... at the ceremony, ... further decided that ... relatives of the ... on this occasion, ... that lists of the names ... drawn up by the ... prepared and placed ... central and branch ... churches, and that ... inserted in the local ... to these lists ... might be ...

The Bishop of Woolwich ... to dedicate the memorial ... agreed to ... further ... hands of the Mayor ... Alderman ... secretary of the ...

NEW RECTOR O... DEPTFO...

The Bishop of ... has presented the Rev. ... B.A., to the living ... St. Mark, Deptford, ... some two months ago ... of the Rev. Andrew ... Rotherhithe. The ... duced to the Parochial ... day evening. He has ... working in connection with ... Mission, and ... assisted the Bishop of ... evangelistic campaign ... the speakers at the ... gelical Crusade. ... ordained deacon in 1904, ... orders in the following ... curate of St. John the Div... until 1907, ... in the year following ... York. ... a number of ... He is unmarried, and will ... to Deptford by his sister, ... Churchwarden.

ODDFELLOWS' SE... WOOLWIC...

The Woolwich district ... dent Order of Oddfellows ... a church service for ... lodges, to be held at ... Church, Woolwich Co... day, October 22nd, at 11... sermon will be preached by ... M.C., M.A., ... and the offertory will be ... Woolwich District War ... pital fund.

JUNIOR IMPERIAL ... GREENWICH B...

A successful meeting was ... and Westcombe Park ... on Tuesday ... Mr. F. ... supported by ...

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be exhibition games by well-
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be invoked, but the duty of keeping the arrangements clean will devolve on the contractor. No alcoholic liquors, lotteries, or betting schemes are to be allowed, but that appears to be practically the only limitation. The comment of the "Manchester Guardian" is that "very soon, no doubt, there will be a picture show in most post offices, and it will be still more difficult for a customer to find out the notices dealing with postal business." It is to be hoped that the example will not be followed by other Government Departments, or we may yet see the Admiralty in the fried fish trade.

Deptford's Health Week.

As readers of "The Kentish Mercury" have been duly advised, the principal feature of Health Week (October 2nd to 8th inclusive) in the borough of Deptford will be an exhibition at the Borough Hall on similar lines to that held last year. This will be opened by the Mayor on October 2nd, and it is hoped that the Right Hon. C. M. Bowerman, M.P. for Deptford, may be able to attend. The work of the infant welfare centres—there are six of them in the borough—will be illustrated, and there will be talks to mothers by Dr. Hill, the maternity doctor, and brief lectures on health by distinguished members of the medical profession. There is a prize list which should produce some interesting exhibits. Three prizes will be offered to the mothers who make the best children's garments out of old garments; three to those who make the best new garments; and two to fathers submitting the best home-made cart, perambulator, "pen," or fire-guard. Competition for these prizes is confined to parents of children attending one or other of the Council's clinics or welfare centres. Educational methods have proved of untold value in reducing the infantile death rate, and it is permissible to hope that the knowledge so assiduously being spread by welfare centres and the like may bear fruit in inculcating health habits.

"A Mystic."

The few, comparatively small circle of those who knew the man and recognised the greatness that was in him as he chose humble friends of his to whom he ministered with a devotion beyond all praise, and who—knowing nothing of his reputation as a Biblical scholar—loved him as a parish priest, it came with stupefying of a shock of surprise to find the "Times" yesterday devoting a leading article to the Rev. George Mallows Youngman, who passed away a fortnight since. Rightly is it written that he was one of those rare and strange persons to whom we give the name of mystic, a word of vague meaning which no doubt expresses our bewilderment at them. We are wont to take the scientific, or biological, view of mankind, that the motive force is always something of practical utility, to the species if not to the individual; but the mystic, such as Youngman, is inexplicable in terms of this view, of this world. . . . There is another thing which puzzles us about true mystics of this kind. They do not pass their lives in vague dreaming or ecstatic contemplation. Youngman was both an exact Biblical scholar and an industrious parish priest. The strangeness of his manner, caused by incessant concern with things that concern most men little, might at first incline people to laugh at him; but soon they would acknowledge his power, and all the more because he showed no desire to exercise it. If to be at home with all kinds of people, and especially with children, is to be a man of the world, he was one indeed, far more at his ease in any society than the worldling, who is usually at a loss except with other worldlings."

"The Greatest Gift."

The mark of the true mystic, the leadership, reminds us, in complete dis-

[illegible] the executive of the Blackheath Football Club seek the indulgence of their patrons if the accommodation for the time is not all that might be desired. A portion of the terrace will be available to-morrow, when two first Fifteen matches will take place—versus Catford Bridge at 2.45, and versus Rosslyn Park at four o'clock—and the whole of the terrace will be in use on the following Saturday. The stand will not be available until, probably, the end of November.

The old terrace, which were much used by the holders of workmen's season tickets, have been demolished and free terrace accommodation has been provided on the west end of the ground.

New Junior Ground at Grove Park.

The enterprise of the Kent County Rugby Football Association in providing a ground between Grove Park and Mottingham for the benefit of junior players will be heartily appreciated by many clubs in this neighbourhood at present handicapped by lack of playing space, for far Kent is the only county association to move in this direction.

The financial arrangements are not quite complete, but it is hoped, if the anticipations of the executive materialise, and the Rugby Union offer the assistance expected, a definite programme will be arranged before October 8th, when a general meeting will be held to discuss the situation. The ground, which comprises nearly twelve acres, will probably accommodate four matches at a time, and will be for the use of fourth and fifth teams. Already applications have been received from eight clubs.

TROUBLE AT A BELLINGHAM CARAVAN.

A "PAL'S" GOOD TURN.

At Greenwich Police Court, on Wednesday, Alfred William Martin, 35, labourer, of Rotherhithe Street-buildings, Wilmot-street, Finsbury, was charged with assaulting Patrick Lane, of the Caravan, Southend-lane, Catford. Prosecutor said he had some words on Tuesday with his "missus" and prisoner was brought to the caravan at 4.30 the next morning to punish him. He was sitting by the fire when prisoner hit him on the eye and pushed him through the glass panel of the door.

Detective-sergt. Jartman explained that prosecutor and his wife lived on a caravan on the Bellingham Estate. For some time there had been a grievance between the man and his wife, and on Tuesday it culminated in a fight. The woman consequently left him and went to her son in London. The latter brought a pugilist friend (prisoner) to the caravan to punish the man about.

Prisoner said he had no intention of seriously injuring the man. He "pal," who had been very kind to him, asked him to come over to Catford and "give this gentleman" who had been ill treating his mother. He did it out of sympathy.

Mr. Fry told prisoner he had no right to take upon himself the office of punisher, and fined him £3, with £1 costs.

A free cinema entertainment was given by permission of Mr. J. T. Hallinan, the proprietor, at the King's Hall, Lewisham Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, when the "Russian Famine Film" was shown to an audience of about a hundred persons, who contributed to a collection for the fund.

Shortly before nine on Monday morning Charles Lambkin, aged 16, of Marlee-place, Lewisham, fell in alighting from a tramcar at the junction of Tranquil-road with Park-road, East Greenwich, and was detained temporarily at the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital with injuries to the face but only [illegible]

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...ensing the [illegible] of the Bellingham Estate, protests against the breach of faith and lack of consideration on the part of the County Council in leasing the ground of the estate earmarked on the original plans for use as a public recreation ground."

A Parliamentary Asset.

The Chairman reported that he, with the secretary, Mr. Bellamy, visited Lieut.-Col. Assheton Pownall, M.P., on the previous Tuesday and received, he was pleased to say, a very fine reception. "He is a very decent chap," Mr. Rose added; "he put us up to several things we wanted to know as regards our Borough Council, Mayor, Town Clerk, etc., and if we get the same treatment from other people connected with the municipal and civic life of the borough as we got from our worthy M.P., we have not much to grumble about. He is quite in accord with our objects and he treated 'B.E.T.A.' in the proper Parliamentary fashion, I should imagine. Taking it all round, I should say we have a real asset in Lieut.-Col. Assheton Pownall."

The Chairman added that they had communicated with Col. Eric Hall, L.C.C., with the object of obtaining an interview with him.

The Correspondence.

In reply to a letter to the Borough Council complaining of the lighting of the estate (of the lamps being extinguished too early) the association were informed that the matter would receive attention.

An answer couched in similar terms was received from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the level crossing between Catford Bridge and Lower Sydenham.

In reply to an application for plans of the estate the association was told that "there are no spare plans," but "if the Tenants' Association is prepared to defray the cost of having copies made, perhaps you will communicate with me again."

A member: It's your money we want.

In a subsequent letter on the subject the association was advised to enquire of the Superintendent of the estate, who, perhaps, would be able to furnish them with information and assistance which would obviate the necessity of incurring the cost of the preparation of plans.

Col. Eric Hall, L.C.C., who wrote in regard to the residents' petition to the L.C.C. in the matter of rent collecting arrangements, stated that from what he heard just prior to his sailing to America the Housing Committee were inclined to regard the matter sympathetically. (The tenants are pressing for the appointment of collectors.)

On the question of school accommodation, the County Council intimated that the matter was receiving attention and a further communication would shortly be sent.

Canvassing Difficulties.

The Chairman announced that the association was progressing satisfactorily, and that the membership was growing to encouraging proportions. With the exception of two who had not canvassed their districts, but simply "tickled" them, the collectors had done remarkably well.

The discussion turned to the arduous nature of this work, and the views of the residents in regard to the general policy of the association and the amount of the subscription. Mrs. Mirralls claimed that the collectors alone knew the real feelings of the people, and were therefore the only ones qualified to give an expression of opinion. In her own case, her canvassing had been

One lady member remarked that she was not canvassing her district with great optimism, but she found it a gigantic task which entailed a great deal of time and labour. A lot of the people had not even heard of the association, and some detained her for an hour or more.

Another member observed that canvassing was a "rotten stunt." One tenant said to her "You must come to me on a Friday; this is Tuesday, and I haven't a penny in the world."

The Perils of the Night.

The discussion had turned to fire-alarms, lighting and rough roads, when Mrs. Mirralls told of an alarming experience she had when returning home from church a fortnight ago. She was attacked by a man on a bicycle at the Catford end of the estate, she said, and her husband communicated with the police.

Another member spoke of a young woman being molested in Firhill-road on Sunday night. She had gone out without a key, the narrator continued, and was walking up and down to await the arrival of her parents when two fellows came out of a side turning and molested her. She ran screaming down the road until she came to a house with a light in the window. She made for the door, and when the occupant opened it she fell inside in a terrified state. When she had overcome her emotion she told him how she had been molested by two men, who suddenly came upon her from a side turning. He kept her at the house until her parents returned, and went down the road to see if he could find her assailants, but they had evidently beat a hurried retreat.

Another lady member said she was also attacked.

The Chairman: Are there any cases of robbery or burglary to report?

Mr. Jones: Yes; burglars tried my house one night, but a dog, fortunately, kept them away. He went on to narrate how these nocturnal visitors, baffled at his house, made a visit next door, ransacked the house, turned everything upside down, but beyond the contents of the gas meter, they got little. In all they visited six different houses in the road that night, and got clear away with their booty. From one house they stole a bicycle, but left it behind at a coffee-stall. In all the houses they rifled the gas meters, but these having been cleared only a few days previous they got comparatively little for their trouble. They broke open children's money boxes, collected spare valuables, and in one case, he believed, made off with about £10 in money. In effecting an entrance they even went to the length of cutting the windows out and putting them back with putty and stud. In other cases their entrance was simplified by people having been foolish enough to leave the key of the door inside. They were able to force open the small windows and extract the key.

Another member: They have also started poisoning the dogs in their kennels.

Mr. Jones: Moral: never leave your dog in its kennel at night. Give it the run of the house.

Another voice: I wish they would poison a few of the cats (laughter).

It was decided to communicate with the Commissioner of Police, and as regards the condition of the roads, lighting, and fire alarms, to the Lewisham Borough Council.

It was decided to open the season's activities with a concert at St. Michael's Hall, Lower Sydenham, on October 7th.

the problem was vitally bound up with the condition of Europe. There was at the moment a new war scare; he was an optimist, and he did not believe that we were going to have a war, because he thought the people of Europe were "fed up," and did not want war. It was easy to ask why on earth the Treaty of Sevres—which gave to the Greeks in Asia Minor very large privileges—was ever signed. That criticism would be perfectly justified if Great Britain and Turkey had been the only two parties engaged in drawing it up. But as a matter of fact the consent of Belgium, France and Italy was necessary also, and in the circumstances only a patched-up settlement was possible; the agreement the only argument which it was possible to get the Allies to accept. Mr. Clynes, he noted, had said that in future we must insist on international agreements—in other words, that we must insist on other people agreeing with us. It was illogical and absurd! "You cannot make people agree, you cannot insist on agreements," said the speaker; "but you can strive for them." Unemployment this week and resulted largely from the inability of people to attempt to adjust foreign exchanges; it was because of this that trade stagnated. These tremendous fluctuations of exchange meant that they could not get on with international trade.

Stabilise the Exchanges.

The first thing that was necessary for the re-establishment of Europe (said Mr. Marshall Pike) was an adjustment of the exchanges, which could only be brought about by agreements between all the powers which issued paper money, that only so much paper money should be issued each day, or week, or month. The re-settlement was going to take many years, and it would pay the people of Great Britain to devote more time to the development of the resources of the Empire. Markets were necessary—very vitally necessary—to us, so long as the population of these islands remained at its present level. Even before the war the Empire was the best customer we had, and the Conservative Party was perfectly right in taking as a main plank in its programme the development of Empire resources, in order to provide work and food for the inhabitants of these islands. The adoption of this alternative, he was sure, would mean our ultimate salvation.

At the close of his address, which had attracted a very considerable crowd, the prospective Conservative candidate for Deptford invited questions, and finding hecklers somewhat shy supplied the bait: "Never let it be said that I came to Deptford and was not asked a question! Usually questions make up the greater part of the meeting!"

To the first question the answer was brief: "I am not on the Highways Committee!"

Then came another question, which suggested that the promise as to a full statement on Monday next might not be fulfilled. To this Mr. Marshall Pike replied: "When I have made up my mind what to do I shall come here and tell you, and I shall not trim my sails or alter my course because I think it is unpopular!"

"Why are you opposed to a Labour Government?" asked one of the crowd, who had for some minutes been on tip-toe to get a hearing.

"Because the election of a Labour Government would mean the election to power of a party which does not believe in private enterprise," was the reply. "That is to say, they would endeavour to bring about a measure of nationalisation—some form of State Socialism, and this, in my opinion, would have a very disastrous effect upon the people of Great Britain. Therefore, because I am a believer in private enterprise, and believe that if you kill it you kill the individual and are on the way to economic disaster, I am opposed to a Labour Government. I do not believe that, except under private initiative, we could see the

FATALLY SCALDED AT PLUMSTEAD.

An Upset Kettle.

Mr. Coroner Whitehouse held an inquest at Greenwich on Tuesday touching the death of Frederick William Arthur Lever, aged 18 months, son of parents living at

GREENWICH CHILD FATALLY SCALDED.

"A Very Unfortunate Case."

At Greenwich, on Tuesday, an inquest was held on Elsie Mary Irene Wykes, aged four months, daughter of parents living at 166, Trafalgar-road, East Greenwich, who

BELLINGHAM TENANT'S SORROWS.

Tales of Burglary, Poison and Terror.

INDIGNATION AT L.C.C.'s ACTION.

The London County Council's reply to the protest of the Bellingham Estate tenants in respect to the recreation ground which has been leased to the Tramway Employees' Athletic Association was received with derision, and astonishment at a meeting of the committee at St. John's Parish Room, Whitefoot-lane, on Monday. The communication read:—"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to state that there will be no land available on the Bellingham Estate for use as a recreation ground. There are certain plots of land on the estate which, although not suitable for football, might be used for other games. The superintendent of the estate will give you particulars of these plots if you apply to him, and in the event of the Tenants' Association desiring to have the use of them perhaps you will communicate further with me as to the terms and conditions on which the Council would make them available for the purpose in question."

Mr. F. W. Ross, the chairman, considered that they should "go for our recreation ground hammer and tongs."

"We have been walked over, absolutely," observed another member.

The Chairman remarked that Lieut.-Col. Assheton Pownall, M.P., was in accord with the feeling of the tenants, and considered that they were not being treated properly.

Mrs. Minvalla stated that a very strong letter of protest be sent to the Ministry of Health, as the highest authority, and that the Ministry be asked to enquire into the action of the L.C.C., and, if possible, over-rule their decision.

The resolution was agreed to, and at the suggestion of Mr. A. A. E. Jones, it was decided to enclose a letter accompanying the resolution in the following terms:—"The committee of this association representing the tenants of the Bellingham Estate, protests against the breach of faith and lack of consideration on the part of the County Council in leasing the ground of the estate earmarked on the original plans for use as a public recreation ground."

A Parliamentary Asset.

The Chairman reported that he, with the secretary, Mr. Bellamy, visited Lieut.-Col. Assheton Pownall, M.P., on the previous Tuesday and received, he was pleased to say, a very fine reception. "He is a very decent chap," Mr. Ross added; "he put us up to several things we wanted to know as regards our Borough Council, Mayor, Town Clerk, etc., and if we get the same treatment from other people connected with the municipal and civic life of the borough as we got from our worthy M.P. we have not much to grumble about. He is quite in accord with our objects and he toasted 'B.E.Th.' in the proper Parliamentary fashion, I should imagine. Taking it all round, I should say we have a real asset in Lieut.-Col. Assheton Pownall."

The Chairman added that they had communicated with Col. Eric Hall, L.C.C., with the object of obtaining an interview with him.

The Correspondence.

In reply to a letter to the Borough Council complaining of the lighting of the estate (of the lamps being extinguished) "unmeritedly successful," she said, and she had hardly had a refusal, but she had found that the general view of the residents was that the subscription was too high. They would join, most decidedly, she said, but they were going to drop out by ones and twos. They could not understand what advantages they were going to derive from the association, she added.

The Chairman: They can't get blood out of a stone.

Mrs. Minvalla pointed out that the association was dealing with a lot of poor people as well as people comfortably off. A great many were not interested in the proposed activities of the association, and were of opinion that they were paying a great deal too much for other people's concerts, entertainments, whist drives, and sports' clubs. In the face of these arguments she, personally, thought the subscription could be considerably reduced, and all social functions be made self-supporting.

The Chairman: So they are paying too much! One penny a week! And we are trying to get them all manner of concessions and benefits for the general welfare of the estate!

The question of rent reduction was suggested, but the committee thought it was hardly right to offer that as a "bait." It was true they were trying to do something in this direction, but the results of their efforts were by no means certain. "It is not right to approach people and try to get their membership by throwing out a direct hope of a rent reduction," one member observed.

It was decided to give the canvassers help if they found their task too heavy, and on the suggestion of Mr. Jones it was resolved to have a sufficient number of the rules printed for distribution by the collectors.

One lady member remarked that she set out canvassing her district with great optimism, but she found it a gigantic task which entailed a great deal of time and labour. A lot of the people had not even heard of the association, and some detained her for an hour or more.

Another member observed that canvassing was a "rotten stunt." One tenant said to her "You must come to me on a Friday; this is Tuesday, and I haven't a penny in the world."

The Perils of the Night.

The discussion had turned to dark alleys, lighting and rough roads, when Mrs. Minvalla told of an alarming experience she had when returning home from church a fortnight ago. She was attacked by a man on a bicycle at the Catford end of the estate, she said, and her husband communicated with the police.

Another member spoke of a young woman being molested in Firhill road on Sunday night. She had gone out without a key, the caretaker remembered, and was walking up and down to await the arrival of her parents when two fellows came out of a side turning and molested her. She ran scampering down the road until she came to a house with a light in the window. She made for the door, and when the occupant opened it she fell inside in a terrified state. When she had recovered her senses she told him how she had been molested by two men, who subsequently

THE THREATENED TRAMWAY DISPUTE.

Mr. Marshall Pike's Promise.

The threatened tramways dispute was the subject of reference at an open-air meeting in Deptford Broadway on Monday evening, which was addressed by Mr. Marshall Pike, L.C.C.

After stating that he knew nothing as to the possible dispute, Mr. Pike said that during the time he had been a member of the London County Council he had never received any literature or heard any speeches which would induce him to believe that there was a dispute pending between the Council and its employees. When he heard that there was a possibility of such a dispute he at once took the step of writing to the appropriate official, and on his return home he received a letter promising to send him all information. If, when he received this, he discovered that there was an attempt to break any agreement which had been entered into between the Council and its employees he should oppose it. That, he thought, was as far as he could go at the moment; he hoped by Monday next to lay his position more fully before the public. He was very much surprised that, as one of the representatives of Deptford, no single union or member of a union had been at to address to him, or to his colleague, any letter on the subject, or to give him any information on the matter in dispute.

Unemployment.

Turning to the question of unemployment, Mr. Marshall Pike said the main task of any Government must be to endeavour to solve the problem, or at least to cope with its effects. To those who were disposed to criticise the Government he would say it was easy to blame the people in power. Unemployment was an international problem; it was not confined to Great Britain, although unfortunately we seemed to receive its most severe effects. No settlement which was not an international one could be a satisfactory one. In the past he had heard many criticisms of the Government, but he found that these generally came from people who did not understand the nature of the problem. In Great Britain the problem was vitally bound up with the conditions of Europe. There was at the moment a new war scare; he was an optimist, and he did not believe that we were going to have a war, because he thought the people of Europe were "fed up," and did not want war. It was easy to ask why on earth the Treaty of Sèvres—which gave to the Greeks in Asia Minor very large privileges—was ever signed. That criticism would be perfectly justified if Great Britain and Turkey had been the only two parties engaged in drawing it up. But as a matter of fact the consent of Belgium, France and Italy was necessary also, and in the circumstances only a patched-up settlement was possible; this represented the only arrangement which it was possible to get the Allies to accept. Mr. Clynes, he noted, had said that in future we must insist on international agreements; in other words, that we must insist on other people agreeing with us. It was illogical and absurd! "You cannot make people agree, you cannot insist on agreements," said the speaker; "but you can strive for them." Unemployment the week not reached largely from the inability of people to authority to adjust foreign exchanges; it was because of this that trade stagnated. These tremendous fluctuations of exchange meant that they could not get on with international trade.

Stabilise the Exchanges.

The first thing that was necessary for

Sept 15th 1922

HIGH WATER AT GREENWICH.

15	Friday	7.48	[illegible]	19	Tuesday	10.58	11.20
16	Sat.	8.17	[illegible]	20	Wednes.	0.20	1.24
17	Sunday	10.24	[illegible]	21	Thurs.	0.57	1.00
18	Monday	10.47	[illegible]	22	Friday	1.1	1.11

15 min. later at London Bridge. 16 min. earlier at Woolwich pier. 16 min. earlier at Erith pier. 40 min. earlier at Gravesend.

SUN'S RISING & SETTING.

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Summer time [illegible] are shown.

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LABOUR AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Thomas has had the honesty to admit that if the Labour Party came into power to-morrow unemployment would still remain with us, and, despite the attempt renewed at the Trade Union Congress at Southport to persuade the unemployed that political labour does hold possession of some wonderful key to a solution of the problem, it is perfectly plain that it had no plan whatever of "getting rid of unemployment." All that has been done by Labour in the matter is to demand the devising by the Government of "national schemes of work" to enable the unemployed workpeople to maintain themselves in reasonable comfort." This the Government is doing, as it has been doing for the past two years, and that with very little assistance, indeed, if any at all, from political labour. A comfort that is to be gathered from the Trade Union Congress, however, which has a definite connection with the question of unemployment, is that it would appear from the vote given on the subject of the General Council that trade unionists are realising that those extremists who seek to draw organised labour on from strike to strike only operate at the cost of the industries on which labour depends. The policy of overthrowing everything has had its trial, and the opinion of trade unionists thereon is shown by the vote declining to sanction the creation of a general strike-making machine. The demand is still, of course, maintained that the burden of the unemployed should be placed on the shoulders of the taxpayers—otherwise, on the shoulders of everyone who is earning in any way, and, therefore, directly or indirectly, paying taxation—but in this connection we extract as follows from the last quarterly report of the General Federation of Trade Unions as of special interest: "There can be nothing in the shape of complete recovery while taxation remains at its present level. Rates and taxes, just as surely as wages and profits, are added to costs of production, and make selling prices higher and selling more difficult. Any government which is unable to relieve its people of taxation which paralyses initiative and enterprise is a bad government and [illegible] ..."

... compared with [illegible] who asked, on landing at New York, what his politics were, described himself as "agin the Government." During the progress of the campaign Mr. Blunt was committed to Kilmainham gaol to serve a term of imprisonment for taking part in a prohibited meeting in Galway, an appeal against his sentence having been unsuccessful, but his candidature was conducted vigorously in his absence, and he polled 4,000 votes to Mr. Darling's 4,585.

Emigration.

In view of the fact that a considerable body of local residents are being emigrated under the auspices of the Overseas Settlement Committee, it is interesting to note that the Canada Colonisation Association has put forward a new project. It is proposed to bring under cultivation as much as possible of the land adjoining the railways in the Western Provinces, and help in the creation of new centres by means of welfare clubs and welfare committees, which shall extend as much help as possible to new colonists. There are about 30,000 acres of good agricultural land within ten miles of the railways at present held mostly by private interests, and the association proposes to act as the intermediary between the owners and prospective colonists, and expects a considerable revenue from its operations, the surplus to be spent in the interests of the welfare movement. The Overseas Settlement Committee has approved the principle of the welfare scheme, but is awaiting details. The Canadian Government are willing to contribute £10,000 a year to assist the scheme, and there is a possibility of financial help from the British Government.

The Arsenal Locomotives.

The Arsenal locomotives, for which up to the present no purchaser has been found, appear to be serving some purpose, if not a very useful or laudable one. The Disposals Board is at the moment coming in for a good deal of public criticism, and the assertion is made that the Woolwich locomotives are being held for the purpose of keeping in office at least a section of the Disposals Board. The idea is probably rather far-fetched, but some explanation is required of the existing circumstances. Locomotive manufacturers have been asked for suggestions as to the sale of the locomotives, and they have told the Disposals Board what to do. But the Board will not do it, and therefore the locomotives remain unsold. Taxpayers, and also the workers at Woolwich, are entitled to know what the suggestions were, and why they are not acted upon. But we do not suppose that there is much chance of the necessary information being supplied.

Arsenal Discharges.

Like most other public bodies that which is dealing with the question of discharges from Woolwich Arsenal appears to be in recess. Unhappily those who are charged with the mission of gradually reducing the staff at Woolwich take no rest from their labours. Week by week, numbers of men with 25 or 30 years' service are being discharged from the Ordnance Factories and the Army Ordnance Department, and those who should be in a position to know claim that the Arsenal will soon reach the extreme "minimum" of its existence. The question is being asked, what are the members of the Town's Committee doing? It is to be hoped that they are not playing the rôle of little Nero whilst Rome is burning. Unless they wake up and accelerate their programme they will find that their policy of "masterly inactivity" has carried them to a point when, like Othello, they will find their occupation gone, for the simple reason that there will be no more men who really can be dispensed with.

Police and Greenwich Schools.

From time to time representations have been made by the Greenwich Borough Council to the police that constables should be posted outside the schools to safeguard the children from the traffic ...

... a visitation of our old friend—"an Indian summer." Walking in the suburbs on Sunday afternoon one caught occasional glimpses in some of the houses of feebly flickering coal fires, burning sullenly as though resentful of being awakened prematurely from summer slumbers. Residents who had installed gas-fires possibly found comfort in the thought that, thanks to the metric change made by the gas companies, they were getting "therms" (blessed word!) instead of cold "feet." As the evening drew on and blinds were lowered there was a curious feeling in the air that Yuletide was near, and one would hardly have been surprised to hear children's voices at the doorstep singing Christmas carols.

BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

New Station for Bellingham

"There is," writes Mr. F. W. R[illegible], chairman of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association, "a death-trap for children and a source of inconvenience to the public in the shape of a footpath across the South Eastern and Chatham Railway between Catford and Lower Sydenham stations, for which a railway station might be substituted, to the benefit of several hundreds of people on the Bellingham Estate and in the surrounding districts of Perry Hill, Lower Sydenham, etc., and, I am certain, to the profit of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company.

"There are two stations at present which might be used by residents on the estate, but they are far removed from each other, and Bellingham Station, on the Holborn line, is closed down altogether on Sundays. Catford Station, situated on the line which runs through New Cross to London Bridge, Cannon-street and Charing Cross, and is a very useful station for people resident on the Catford end of the estate; but even Catford Station is fully a mile away from this great mass of houses which has sprung into being during the last two years. Streams of people flock to Catford Station every morning, and it is as much as the officials there can do to cope with the business—they had their work cut out previous to the existence of the Bellingham Estate—and I am certain that a number of people would prefer to use the road rather than line up to purchase tickets and get into the inevitable crush morning and night. This although the stationmaster and other officials are most civil and obliging, and, considering the thousands of people who use the station each week, deserve great credit for the efficiency with which they carry out their duties.

"But I am going away from the real objects of this article, which are to do away with a danger and to suggest the meeting, by the S.E. and C.R., of a growing and more [illegible] urgent need.

"There is something about railway lines and trains that attracts children to them, and it is quite a common sight at this danger point at certain times of the day to see half a dozen, or sometimes more, children playing actually on the lines. To-day the question was put to me 'Are the "powers that be" waiting for something to happen in the shape of a child or so being cut to pieces before they move?' Failing any other action, a watchman should be put on duty to see that children do not play about on the lines in the danger of their lives.

"The spot is right in the centre of two very thickly populated quarters. There was a railway station at Bellingham when there were very few people resident there, and surely it is reasonable to suggest that now there are approximately 3,000 extra people in residence we should have a new railway station. But let us have safety for the children first and reconstruction afterwards."

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SYDENHAM.

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From the ... the Trust ... established ... as far as ... the total of ... was a help to ... they need ... anything else ... principles of ... gratitude and ... they used to ... as well as to ... be made ... liberal offering ... of the little ... the public ... for Children ... repairs fund of

... with ... Mayor ... Alison ... Directors of ... W. H. G. ... Bannister, ... and ... Cator, Royal College, ... Lewisham ... College, London County ... Overseas.

... Catford Chapter ... on Saturday ... Brockley ... was in the ... principals were ... as ... ... Messrs. G. ... Harrison, ... W. Smith, P.S.

... who are living in luxury and idleness on the 300 millions a year interest on the War Bonds and other Government stock.

It must not be forgotten that the 8,000 millions of War Debt represents nothing—it is only paper—and the sooner it is cancelled or wiped off the better for those of us who have to work jolly hard for our living. To say the £8,000,000,000 was the result of brains and industry is sheer humbug—a lot of it was caused by the lack of brains and simple business experience of many super-officials who paid exorbitant prices during the war and made colossal blunders—e.g., the case where by a clerical error ... a ... the ... and actually ... £100,000 more than they were entitled to. The officials responsible for such an abominable mistake probably drove about in motor cars—and may still be doing so for aught I know—while those of us who are honestly trying to keep the trade of the country going have to make shift with crowded trains, 'buses and trams.—I am, Sir, etc.,

S.E.A.

BELLINGHAM RENTS.

Sir,—As one of the tenants of the Bellingham estate, I should like to say that, consequent upon the reduction of 10d. in our rates, the L.C.C. has reduced our rent by 6d. But why not date it back to the time from which the reduction of the rate took place, and not as from the 16th inst.? True, it is only a matter of 4s., but that shilling would be very acceptable to many on this estate who are in very low circumstances. Considering the way the L.C.C. are cutting down the wages of their employees, I should think they could, without any inconvenience, reduce these monstrous rents. How many men are there living on this estate who earn £3 or over per week?—very few! Before we start with housekeeping we must pay either £1 or £1 4s. 3d. rent; therefore on £3 10s. or £3 it only leaves £2 to feed one's family and pay fares to and from work, which leaves nothing for clothes, etc.

The Tenants' Association, who, I understand, are now taking up this question, will, I hope, fight to the bitter end. These rents must come down, and the tenants on this estate have the power in their hands if only they will stand together.

Another important point is the necessity for the women to stand in a line to pay the rent. Surely the L.C.C. could very easily appoint one or two collectors.—I am, Sir, etc.,

GEO. ELLIOTT.

89, Montacute-road, Bellingham Estate.

PUBLIC MONEY.

Sir,—I see a "Charlton correspondent" asks why they cannot have a "free library" in the district. Surely the answer is obvious—lack of money. No borough council or any other public body has any right to waste the ratepayers' money on libraries or other ... buildings until the price of material and labour is substantially reduced—say in ten years' time or when the rates are down to ... in the £. If, as he says, there is a library a ... from ... away, well the remedy is in his hands—to walk there and back, which would probably be beneficial to his health, and to agitate for reduced tram fares.

What we are suffering from is the intolerable burden of high rates and taxes, and electors must see that they return on November 1st only those men and women who will promise not to spend a penny on anything that is not absolutely necessary.

We have had a glorious example in Deptford recently of how to waste the public money. The granite setts in the whole of New Cross-road have been taken up and replaced with wood blocks. I agree that ought to have been done ten years ago, when labour and material were cheap, but to do it when wood, cement and labour cost more than ever before or will cost in the future was a blunder for which we poor ratepayers will have to pay for for some years to come. Those who do not pay rates directly, and only pay a few shillings a week more in rent than in the pre-war days, are ignorant of the struggle that many honest ratepayers have to endure to meet the demands of the tax collector.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A. E. SOUTHERNWOOD.

GREENWICH GUARDIANS' RELIEF POLICY.

Sir,—I am sure you will allow me to say, with an old sportsman's love of fair-play, that your reporter's statement of the proceedings of Wednesday, October 18th, namely, that "This alteration was mainly brought about by the 'persuasions' of a deputation," is, to say the least, very misleading.

When Mr. Daniels proposed on September 13th, when several members were still away on holiday, the adherence to the Moss's scale, the voting was ... for the motion, nine against. Mr. ... immediately gave ...

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the cost was obtained. On the work being completed the situation appears therefore to be as follows:—(a) Cost of new road saved in 1914, equals £29,000; and then (approximately) the balance in bank equals £30,000 plus interest; contributions from Government equals £44,000; total, £64,000 plus interest. (c) Total cost of road, £90,000; funds in hand, £64,000 plus interest; chargeable, £26,000 minus interest. What does Labour mean by saying we wasted £90,000? There is all friendliness.

GRENFELL HICKS,

North-East Ward.

Sir,—When the proposal for a Mayor's salary was brought forward by the Labour Party about two years ago, it was opposed by every member of the Municipal Reform Party. It is to be hoped that the candidates coming forward under the Municipal Reform banner will, prior to the elections, definitely pledge themselves to again oppose any proposal to pay the Mayor a salary. It is not right that a Mayor should be allowed to entertain at the expense of the ratepayers. There is no reason why a Mayor should not take office even if he cannot afford to entertain. If two years ago it was wrong to pay the Mayor a salary, it is just as wrong to-day.—I am, Sir, etc.,

T. HOWARD DEIGHTON.

"Dudley Lodge,"
64, Wickham-road, Brockley.

Obituary.

Dr. Macnamara, M.P., Minister of Labour, attended on Tuesday afternoon at the Camberwell cemetery, Forest Hill-road, the funeral of William Woodrooffe, a Crimean veteran, aged 94, of Avenue-road, Camberwell. Councillor Kedl, of Camberwell, deposited on the grave a wreath of poppies on behalf of ex-Service men of the district.

After a long and painful illness, Sister Inez Keene passed away at a nursing home at Margate recently, the interment following at Richmond (Surrey) on the 19th inst., the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Kendall) officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. Wood. Miss Keene—a daughter of Mrs. Keene, of 6, Brockley-road—was engaged at the Red Cross Hospital at Richmond Green during nearly the whole time it was open, and after being "mentioned" for honourable service was awarded, on its closing in January, 1920, the Order of the Royal Red Cross (2nd Class). Latterly she had practised as a professional nurse at Richmond, the esteem in which she was held by the medical profession being attested by the presence of many of its members at the funeral. It was in accordance with her expressed wish that her last resting-place was secured at a spot as near as possible to that where those who gave their lives in the Great War are laid.

SYDENHAM CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC.

The annual concert given by the orchestra of the above conservatoire attracted a large audience of Sydenham people at Stanley Hall, South Norwood, on Wednesday evening, the programme being carried out under the direction of the principal, Mr. Frank Mummery, Mus.Bac. (Oxon.). All the artistes were encored, the audience being particularly enthusiastic over Mr. Mummery's pianoforte execution of Liszt's favourite Polonaise in E. Mr. Gale Gardner (tenor) and Mr. Herbert Tracey (baritone) sang most effectively. Other features were Mr. Ernest Wallbelcroft's dramatic recitals, a vocal duet, "At Love's Awakening" (Lehmann), by Miss Eva Dunsdon Brown (soprano) and Mr. Herbert Tracey; some brilliantly executed 'cello solos by Mr. B. V. Tebb; violin solos by Mr. Harry Idle; and pianoforte solos by Miss Phyllis Norman-Parker.

TOWER CINEMA.

The coming week marks the second and last of the showing, at the Tower Cinema, Rye-lane, Peckham, of "Way Down East," the remarkable production by D. W. Griffith, which has been running at the Tower so successfully since Monday. There is to be a complete change of supporting pictures on Monday and Thursday, and during the following week Charlie Chaplin is to be screened in "Pay Day." "Way Down East" stars Lillian Gish in the leading role, that of Anna Moore, and she is supported by an excellent company, in which Richard Barthelmess takes a prominent place. The film broke all records by running at the Empire Theatre, W., for 571 performances, and the exclusive rights for its showing in South London at the present time have been obtained by the management of the Tower. As an indication of

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"SERVICES RENDERED" CL... GREENWICH.

There were good attendances at the da... on Monday and Wednesday evenings, ... which Mr. Tom Walsh was M.C., and ... whist drives on Tuesday and Thursday, ... latter, run by the Royal Fleet Reserves, ... a great success. The M.C.'s were Messrs. ... Lovelock and Fred Husband. On Satur... evening the re-organised ... held ... first "at home," supported by member... the Woolwich Labour, Deptford Labour ... many other sub-clubs. It was a great ... On Sunday, there was a large ... dance at the weekly concert, Mr. Jack ... presiding.

LEWISHAM MAN'S £3,500 W...

Possibly, the luckiest man in Lewisha... the moment is Mr. G. Pollard, of 386, ... Green-lane, who has secured the £3,500 ... in the Red Cross Sports Ballot. Mr. Pol... who is a married man 29 years of age, is ... son of Mr. A. Pollard, who has a ... man's business in St. Mildred's-road, Lee, ... is an ... engaged ... works of Messrs. ...

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A BLESSING FOR NEW CROSS AND DISTRICT.

MR. FRANKLIN, the Eyesight Expert, has been persuaded to remain another week in NEW CROSS, until November 4th inclusive, at The Amersham Hotel, New Cross-road, opposite New Cross (S.E. and C.R.) Station.

In consequence of numerous applications from those whom he has been unable to attend to this week in New Cross, Mr. FRANKLIN has decided to remain another week with us, and give those who have not yet had the opportunity of interviewing him the advantage of his free advice.

MR. FRANKLIN has tested the eyesight of no fewer than a hundred thousand people in London alone during the past ten years, and has fitted glasses to sixty thousand of them in the Consulting Rooms of A. WINSTON & CO., Ltd., late Regent-street, W. New address: 12a, Royal Opera-arcade, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

A HARD WEEK'S WORK.—It is a fortunate thing that Mr. FRANKLIN loves his work, otherwise he would never have got through such a week as he has just experienced. To say that it was a record is to put it mildly. The first day produced a decent crowd, but when people told their friends and neighbours that they had been examined for nothing and had obtained a pair of lenses for three or four shillings which had enabled them to read small print in the evening and daily papers with perfect ease, then the rush commenced.

CALM AND COLLECTED.—But Mr. FRANKLIN never allows himself to be hurried. Some cases he can diagnose at once, but there are others which require [illegible] investigation with the use of the most up-to-date optical instruments. These are attended to with the same cool care and attention as though there were not fifty or a hundred others waiting to be relieved.

WOMEN WORKERS.—Mr. FRANKLIN has found during the past week that the strenuous work the war has thrown upon women has considerably affected their eyes, probably previously weak, and has produced in numerous cases those terrible headaches from which so many women suffer. He has in the majority of cases recommended a pair of lenses to use when they are at work but which they need not use, and—as they think—disfigure themselves afterwards. Make the most of the opportunity of seeing Mr. FRANKLIN, as he will not be able to stop in NEW CROSS ANY LONGER THAN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, inclusive.

Mr. FRANKLIN can now be seen by anyone from 10 to 1 or from 2 to 7 at the AMERSHAM HOTEL, NEW CROSS, and they can obtain advice perfectly free of any charge. So do not neglect an opportunity which may never occur again. Special appointments can be arranged by post.

A REAL SAFEGUARD

Beecham's Pills are of great value at all times but never more so than when epidemics are about. By cleansing the system, purifying the blood and stimulating the organs of digestion they help to create a condition that is distinctly unfavourable to disease germs. Constipation, on the other hand, so debilitates and pollutes the system, as to make it easily vulnerable to the attack of disease. The best way to avoid infection is to

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the World's Family Medicine. It is unequalled as a digestive tonic and laxative and is [illegible]

Letters to the Editor.

Sir,—Once upon a time I rode a push-bicycle—and loved it. Now I drive a motor car—and hate it; hate the bike I mean! I hope I am not a road hog, but I do think the riders of push-bikes should be compelled by law to carry rear lights. After dark they are a source of great danger to the alertest and most careful of drivers, and—what a risk they run of accident to themselves!—I am, Sir, etc.,

MOTORIST.

"REACTION IN EDUCATION."

Sir,—I was interested in the report published in your issue of a meeting recently held at Catford under the auspices of the Teachers' Association. The title of the subject for discussion was attractive, but did it really express the object of that meeting and similar ones held by the teaching profession?

Is it not the approach of March and the fear of a revision in salaries, with just reductions, comparable to those suffered by the rest of the community? The attempt to play on sentiment is a blind to the real attitude which is "Economise wherever you like, but do not touch the teacher!"

It is only an exaggerated opinion which leads them to expect to be treated as a privileged class at the expense of the rest of the community. Why should they be so treated?—I am, Sir, etc.,

READER.

S.E.13.

BELLINGHAM OPEN-AIR BATH.

Sir,—A poster has been published on the public hoardings stating that the Lewisham Borough Council paid £700 for a piece of land for the open-air swimming bath, which was only worth £150.

This misleading statement calls for immediate refutation, and I trust you will allow me to put the facts before the electors.

The swimming bath was put in hand at a time when the Government were most anxious that work should be found for the many unemployed, and this project was part of the Council's scheme to that end.

The land in question was admirably situated, and was eventually secured by the Council for considerably less than the price which was at first asked, and it has been stated by a valuer fully acquainted with local values that the Council had acquired it at a very fair and reasonable price. The decision of the Council has since been upheld by the public auditor.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A. E. WEBB,
Chairman of Baths Committee.
Town Hall, Catford.

THE NEWPORT BY-ELECTION.

Sir,—The result of the Newport by-election shows that in round figures 13,000 voters in the constituency favour the Conservative programme for the government of the country, 11,000 the Labour programme, and 3,000 the Liberal programme. In other words, the policy which obtained a spokesman and representation has 20,000 opponents and but 13,000 supporters.

When we consider that the new House of Commons will be built up of some 600 results, a very large number of which may be similar to that in Newport, it can be seen that there is a very high degree of possibility that the new House will be a quite unrepresentative body from the commencement. The only way in which representation can be made real is through the adoption of Proportional Representation, and it should be one of the first duties of the new Parliament to pass a law whereby this system should govern elections for the future.—I am, Sir, etc.,

JOHN H. HUMPHREYS,
Secretary, the Proportional Representation Society.

CAPITAL LEVY.

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper a correspondent states that a "capital levy" is now out of the question, as I presume he is quite willing to pay an income tax of 5s. in the pound for the next 50 years—should he have the misfortune to live so long. Well, I'm not. I absolutely object to having to keep in soft jobs a large number of officials and also thousands of profiteers and their heirs who are living in luxury and idleness on the 300 millions a year interest on the War Bonds

and that it is impossible to carry out that responsibility if we tie ourselves down to a fixed rigid scale for every case.

The result of adhering to the Moud's scale means that, in order to keep a roof over their heads, large families are forced to live and to sleep in one room, and children have to go short of food in order that the rent should be paid. The "Moud's Scouts" claim that they represent the ratepayers. I was one of the few returned unopposed at the last election, and I venture to say on behalf of the ratepayers in my ward, all sections and parties of whom I claim to represent, that we prefer to bear the heavy burden of our rates to having on our consciences the burden of children living in crowded rooms and going short of food and ill-clad to save our pockets.—I am, Sir, etc.,

WILLIAM TAYLOR MONEY.

DEPTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION.

Sir,—Three glaring examples of the saying, "The greater the truth, the greater the libel," are to be found in the Deptford Labour candidates' address, and I shall be grateful if you will allow me, as having some personal Council experience, to comment on them.

1.—Wage debt.

At the time of the making of the last Municipal Reform budget, certain wage claims of employees were before the appropriate Arbitration Board for consideration and adjudication. Pending an award, the matter was left by mutual consent to be dealt with as and when the judgment was made. This was absolutely fair, as the members of the Council of every shade of opinion were firmly pledged to observe all wage engagements. It would seem that Labour should rejoice at the opportunity given them rather than cavil at the responsibility. Council employees must rejoice in the knowledge, and all citizens recognise the fact that wage agreements of the different societies entirely control the welfare of Council workmen, and are recognised by all parties on the Council [illegible].

2.—Baths.

While it may be true (and I believe it is) that the suggestion for the covering of the bath in winter came from Labour, surely it should also stand to the credit of the Municipal Reform majority who adopted and carried out the work.

Again, "The sustained production of handsome revenue" is only possible by the continuance of the action of the Baths Committee of 1920, of which I was proud to be chairman. At my suggestion and instigation, the method of letting was revised and altered, and, backed splendidly by my committee, I submitted my report to the Council. There I faced strenuous opposition with many Labour members, led by my friend the present Mayor, who publicly denounced me as a profiteer and robber of privileges. In the end the report was adopted, and that year an increased revenue of over £2,000 enabled the chairman of the Finance Committee to call for a penny rate less than otherwise would have been demanded. Who fixed business methods?

3.—New Cross-road.

This question is exceedingly interesting when viewed under the searchlight of justice and fair play.

In 1914 the Municipal Reformers had saved and banked by yearly additions a sum of £20,000 towards the estimated cost of £39,000 for paving New Cross-road, and all parties were anxious to get to work when the war came. If the work had then proceeded, the road would have ever been cut to pieces, and the money entirely lost, as the road would again have had to be renewed now. Later, in 1916 or 1917, an imploring appeal came from the Government for more money, and at the instance of the Mayor (Sir William Wayland), the £20,000 was put into war securities, the Council agreeing unanimously.

When war ceased, the road again came under consideration, and the attention of the Minister of Transport was called to its condition as being very largely caused by the Government's heavy traction in this main road. Finally, a promise to pay one half of the cost was obtained. On the work being completed the situation [illegible]

... [illegible] ... in this matter unless the whole of the London boroughs were united.

Alderman Sir William Wayland, submitting an amendment which laid responsibility for the pensions reductions on the Medical Boards, and deleting reference to the Government, said the Government had nothing whatever to do with the amount of the pension. There was a tendency to think that any stick was good enough to beat the Government with, but here there was no responsibility on the part of the Government. Such cases as Councillor Sheehan had mentioned—nerve cases, shell shock cases—did not receive the pensions they ought, and something beyond medical opinion was needed in dealing with them. The whole system of pensions needed overhauling, and a careful enquiry, not conducted entirely by medical men, should be instituted.

Councillor Ascott, who seconded, said he was convinced that Sir William was on the right lines. Medical Boards gradually reduced a man's pension until one of them certified him as fit for light work, and he then passed out of the hands of the Pensions Committee. The whole difficulty was that a man might be fit for light work from a medical point of view, but totally unfit for work from a labour point of view.

Alderman Reid declared that the whole of the chaos which had been created was due to the action of the Government, and Councillor Simmonds also supported the motion on the ground that it was necessary to get to the fountain-head—the Government.

The amendment was negatived, and the motion was carried with only three dissentients.

Earlier, the Council had adopted the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, that Councillor Ascott and Mr. J. Speakman be the Council's representatives on the Local War Pensions Committee about to be formed for the boroughs of Deptford and Lewisham.

CEMENT PRICES.

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the Council enter into a contract with Public Authorities Mutual Supplies, Ltd., for the supply of cement to March 31st next at 61s. 3d. per ton (less 2½ per cent.). The price, it was stated, had fallen rapidly in consequence of the activities of P.A.M.S., Ltd., but it now appeared that a great effort was being made by the outside contractors, by means of undercutting, to eliminate once and for all the competition which had been introduced into the market. If this should succeed, the price of cement would immediately rise, and it therefore became important that the new company should be guaranteed a continuance of orders during the next few months.

Answering Alderman Sir William Wayland, the Mayor said the competitive price of P.A.M.S., Ltd., was 3s. lower than that of the combine. It had been arranged that if, owing to cheaper production or labour, the general price of cement fell the Council should reap the advantage. This was British, not Belgian, cement. There might shortly be a great development in the cement industry in London, and he hoped when the development came along the company would have the sole rights in London, which would be of material benefit to the boroughs.

THE HOUSING SCHEME.

Councillor Simmonds enquired as to the progress of the Brockley housing scheme. It seemed to him time the Council took up a strong attitude towards the contractors, the Office of Works, otherwise they would find themselves in a very difficult position.

Councillor Wood replied that the Housing Committee had hoped that they would be able to report to the Council that the whole scheme would be completed before they left office. Unfortunately they were unable to do that. It was mainly due the action of the committee in protesting against the class of work the Office of Works had been doing that had

condemned to be broken up. The then Vicar, Dr. T. P. Wilson, however, saved it, and, with the permission of the Woolwich Borough Engineer, moved it into the churchyard, where it was repaired by the late Mr. Joseph Randall, and set up close to the church.

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' DILEMMA.

More Complaints.

At a meeting of the committee of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association, held at St. John's Parish Hall, Whitefoot-lane, Southend Village, on Tuesday, brief acknowledgments were read from the Ministry of Health in reply to complaints against the "objectionable conditions of the sewage of the estate." It had been alleged that several cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough had occurred on the estate, and that an "overbearing odour was diffused from the manholes in the roadway into the houses." The tenants were forced to keep their windows closed at all times, it was stated, on account of the stench. The local Medical Officer of Health intimated, the Association stated, that his authority did not extend over that area.

Mr. A. & F. Jones, assistant secretary, said he mentioned the complaint to Colonel Eric Hall, L.C.C., who assured him that the drains on the Bellingham Estate were the very best possible. He seemed to discount the possibility of anything being radically wrong, and suggested that the smell was due to some local defect.

A lady member: I should like him to stand in my house for three minutes.

It was decided to send a protest to the County Council.

A lady member said that she telephoned to the L.C.C. and was told that the local authority was responsible. She therefore got into touch with the Borough Council, and was told that the L.C.C. was responsible.

A letter was read from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Philip Smith) suggesting that the Association should take into consideration the appointment of a Rargard nurse to the estate. It would cost the Association about £80 a year, he intimated.

The matter was deferred for the opinion of the general meeting.

It was reported that a communication had been addressed to the County Council asking for a reduction of the net rents of the houses on the estate in view of the decreases in wages, and also asking for a further consideration of the question of the recreation ground, which, it was claimed, was earmarked for the use of the estate.

A formal acknowledgment, it was stated, had been received, but in a letter which Colonel Eric Hall had received, and which he forwarded to the Association, it was intimated that the general system of rent collection—the subject of a previous complaint—would come up for consideration by the Housing Committee in due course.

Mr. S. J. Brooks, vice-chairman, presided over the meeting.

ST. CYPRIAN'S (BROCKLEY) PARLIAMENT.

The chair was taken on Monday evening by the Speaker (Mr. W. R. Owen). Mr. S. A. Purdie (E. Riding, Lab.) moved the following amendment to the reply to the throne: "But regrets that no definite reference has been made therein to Empire the hope that active measures on international lines will be taken by the Government to restore prosperity."—Mr. G. H. T. Freeman seconded, and the amendment was supported by Messrs. G. Blake, A. G. D. Halls and H. A. Abram.

The "Prime Minister" (Mr. N. Bailey), Messrs. J. H. Roberts, L. Brooks, C. D. Phillips and A. D. Thornell opposed the motion, which was subsequently negatived.

Mr. A. Champion was elected Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.

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At Tuesday's meeting of the Deptford Borough Council the customary vote of thanks was accorded to the outgoing Mayor (Alderman W. H. Green, J.P.), and the warmth with which it was received proclaimed it was no mere form. The Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., occupied a seat at the Mayor's left hand. The resolution thanked the Mayor for his valuable services during his second year of office, recorded admiration of his unflagging energy, great ability, and his eminent ability in presiding over the Council's deliberations, recorded appreciation of the services which had attended the discharge of difficult duties throughout the anxious and critical months of another year; and tendered sincere thanks to the Mayoress for the graceful and kindly manner in which she had discharged her social engagements and the sympathetic support which she had given to all efforts for the welfare of the borough.

Councillor Tiffen, proposing the resolution, said the Mayor in his first year quite came up to the expectations of those on that side of the chamber; during his second year he had endeared himself to every class and every section of the borough. The Mayor (he added) would probably be found next year leading his party.

Alderman Sir William Wayland, who seconded, observed that if there was one man who, in England, was more admired than another, it was the man who had risen and had fought for himself without any aid. Such a man they had in the Mayor.

Councillor Mrs. Miller supported, and after paying a warm tribute to the charm with which the Mayoress had acted in all social functions, and to the interest both Mayor and Mayoress had displayed in charitable objects, suggested that some might have liked it better if the Mayor had shown "a little touch of scarlet."

The resolution, which was supported by Alderman C. F. Knight and Councillor E. G. Simmonds, was carried with applause.

The Mayor's Thanks.

The Mayor, replying, thanked members for the kindness, courtesy, and unfailing support which they had accorded the Mayoress and himself. After acknowledging the encouragement, inspiration and help which the Mayoress had given him, his Worship went on to thank the principal officers and members of the staff; the town clerk (Mr. Allen G. Matthews), who had given him wonderful support and kindly sympathy, and Mrs. Matthews, the wife of the Council, who played such a kindly part in the hospitality of the Town Hall. He also thanked the Press for the fairness and accuracy with which the proceedings of the Council had been reported, and the courtesy they had always shown to him. They were closing another chapter in the municipal history of Deptford—one of which all who had had a hand in writing it might be proud. Among the memorials that Council was leaving in the borough was the housing estate—one of the first to be nearly completed; a credit to the borough, and one which would have been more so if the Council had had its way; a maternity home, which was the pride of the Ministry of Health; a works department, marked by their up-to-date surveyor, who aimed only at efficiency of work and reduction of expenditure; and a health administration which was at the peak of its efficiency. As Mayor he had had brought to his notice some of the tragedies which one would have thought impossible, and which happened behind the doors of some of the houses in the borough. It was good that the municipality should loom so large in the life of the borough that people instinctively came to the Town Hall with their troubles, and he hoped that would always be so. The amount of kindness of heart and loving service that was being given in all directions was surprising, and it had been a great delight to the Mayoress and

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...ither Green, the enter... Mr. Frank Lawrence ... owing to a ... programme arranged. ... to the evening's enter... Marian Sheen (soprano), ...(mother comedienne), John ... Miss Grace Chapman ... (comedian), Frank ... and Mr. W. T. Coppin ... presided, supported ...

...nd flowers presented by ... during the week-end ...'s party (and realised ...

...nce announce that the ... with this club held at ..., Brownhill-road, Cat... will in future provide ...-date jazz dances and ... The one held last week ...

...e match in the games' ...n's Institute, Lewisham ... place next Thursday at ...

...ices Rendered" Club.

... held on Monday and ... were well attended as ... was M.C.'s, and the ... which the M.C.'s were ... and F. Husband, were ... Saturday's "Ever-... ... were drawn for ... ...'s outing fund, and ... Sunday the hall was ... having arranged ... Mr. Jack Lincoln ... came from Dan ..., Daisy Bell, Ted May... "Bean and Bans." ... Club were again suc... when they defeated Cat... the Catford League.

...Labour Club.

... of the Club Education ..., B.A., on Sunday ... interesting lecture on ... On Sunday evening ... ...e White and Pianist ... applauded. Mr. A. J. ... To-morrow the T.U.'s ..., which promises to ... Monday. The Southern ... Sub-Clubs Federation ... On Monday Mr. ...'s M.C., held his ... ...ich was largely attended. ... a lecture will be given ... made to celebrate ... the 29th inst. a concert ... being arranged for the ... Members' Christ...

...own Social Club.

... lectured on ... on Wednesday evening, ... presiding. The ques... ...le was one of the ... he held that it tends ... movement was not for ... workers, both socially ...

... whist drives and tourna... ... successful.

...abulary Club.

... of Mr. W. Vine, who ... the members of ... Club, Hither Green-road, ... enjoyed the Marconi ... which was broadcasted ... The various items ... and distinct. The ... by an interesting and ... illustrated by lantern ... Rev. W. E. Harvey, on ... development of wireless. ... attendance of members ... with the closest ... and lecture. At the ... moved a very hearty vote ... and Mr. Vine for ... interesting evening. It is ... future a further ... be given.

...ERY THEATRE, ...WICH.

... Opera Company will be ... of grand opera ... The programme ... "Cavalleria Rusti... ..." Tuesday, "Tann... ..." ... "The ... Wednesday evening ... "Carmen"; Friday, ... Saturday, "Faust." ... will commence at ... afternoon at 2.30.

... L.C.C., will address at ...

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so large a number of children to-day.

Thanks were accorded the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, on the motion of Mr. H. Allen. The Haberdashers' Company was very proud of the various schools with which it was identified.

Mr. Anderton, seconding, said it afforded him great pleasure to do so, not only as chairman of the London County Council, but also, and what was more important in that hall, as one of the governing body, if only a representative governor. Such companies as the Haberdashers' had done a great deal for education, and all those interested in the subject of education must be conscious of the great debt that was owed to the city companies.

Cheers for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress having been given, on the invitation of the head girl, Mary Stewart, the Lady Mayoress, responding said she did not think she had stood in another hall in which there was so much sunshine or which was so nicely decorated. It was delightful to see so many smiling faces and such nice-looking girls.

The awards were as follow:—

Form VI. (an asterisk denotes the award by the L.C.C. of a free place at the University, or its equivalent, or a Senior County Teachers' Scholarship.—*Dorothy M. Smith, Hatcham Association prize, Merchant Taylors' Scholarship of £40 a year for two years, St. Dunstan's Exhibition of £30 a year for three years, Leaving Exhibition of £20 a year for three years (all tenable at King's College, London); *Agnes H. Legowick, Leaving Exhibition of £20 a year for three years, tenable at Bedford College; *Sheila M. Hardsman, Leaving Exhibition of £40 a year for three years, tenable at St. Hilda's Hall, Oxford; *W. Muriel Nightingale, Leaving Exhibition of £20 a year for three years, tenable at St. Hilda's Hall, Oxford; *Barbara Hammond, Leaving Exhibition of £20 a year for three years, tenable at Battersea Polytechnic; Mary M. Stewart, Eleanor F. Thompson, *Helen Humphries, Hilda M. Benton, Jessie Curtis, *Winifred Hiscocks, Jessie Jones, Dorothy W. Waller, Isabel Young. Science Division.—Mary L. Marsh, Leaving Exhibition of £20 a year for three years, tenable at Charing Cross Hospital; Dorothy Hamlyn, *Dorothy M. Butler. Form Upper V. (the asterisk denotes success in the General School Examination of the University of London, 1922, for which the certificate will be awarded on leaving).—*Madeline I. Baker, Gladys M. Biddle, Edith W. Wheeler, *Ruth E. Ross, *Phyllis M. Collings, *Sybil F. Hawkins, *Kathleen F. Lancaster, *Edith M. Curd, *Elizabeth E. Sellers, *Lena M. Curd, *Ethel M. E. Parker, Marjorie H. M. Humphries, *Thora A. M. Thomas, Margaret M. Holder, Amy F. Wheeler, Kate E. Nurse, Gladys M. Webb, Marjorie E. M. Garrish. Form VI.—Dorothy M. Humphries, G. Avril Fitch, Margaret D. Lines, Dorothy M. Oakes, M. Isabel North, F. Kathleen Maffen. Form VI.—Marianne Cross, Eva C. Fryer. Form Lower V.—Ivy A. M. Mallett, Evelyn A. Jones, Doris H. Freeman, Winifred H. Maple, Doris E. Butler, Winifred M. Sheppard, Rosmaline M. Rosman, Grace A. E. Hollingdale, Marjorie B. Stocker, Kathleen E. M. Clark, Minnie E. Narler, Winifred M. Cowling, Marion A. Sloan, Winifred I. Nottingham, W. Joyce Pickard, Alice A. Boswell, Gwendoline I. Whibley, M. Joan Blaney, Rose A. Freeman, Winifred E. Hogben, Dorothy H. L. Evans, Marjorie I. English, Winifred F. Rogers, Edith Wood, Phyllis M. Sheriff, Ivy E. Higgs, Valentine M. Nettleton, Mary E. Baker, Elsie M. Hobbs, Frances M. Watson, Nancy W. Richard, Ethel F. Perkins, Kathleen E. Cornell, Kathleen F. Rivers. Form Upper IV.—L. Ethel Griffiths, Mildred M. Hannah, Kathleen M. Ford, Kathleen M. Woolnough. Form Upper IV.—Dorothy M. Miller, Maud E. Watkins, Marjorie I. Earl, Joyce E. Stunning, Mary W. Rock, Winifred G. Preston, Elizabeth L. Laffingham, Kathleen A. Rathbone. Form Lower IV.—*Phyllis Burton, Eileen A. Aldous, Joyce F. Dack, Dorothy A. Nicholls, Mary Lambert, Alice M. Hammer, Betty M. Talbot, Doris E. Holder, Rose L. Potter, May F. Yule. Form Lower IV.—Olive M. Hand, Margaret E. I. Yules, Eileen W. Ellis, Sybil E. Parry, I. Elizabeth J. Damon, Gladys M. Beckett, L. Mary Gilbert. Form Upper III.—Nancy Prince, Phyllis E. Thomas, Winifred M. Flemming, Hilda M. Potter, Irene E. ..., Constance L. Mays, Doris E. Garry, Phyllis C. Knight, W. Marjorie Barton. Form Lower III.—Vera M. Daniel, Kathleen E. Lee, Elizabeth M. Parker, Marion G. Talbot. Form II.—Winifred M. Mays, Kathleen Blake. Form I.—Beatrice A. Green, Winifred E. Wellsher. Kindergarten.—Violet Frankham, Clare Rolfe, Joan Green, Margaret Rose, Mary Cattell, Mary ...

Sherma Tea Specialist
67-69, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.2.

THE CASE AGAINST A CAPITAL LEVY.

Sir,—It is very seldom that "The Kentish Mercury" prints such dangerous nonsense as is embodied in Mr. Southernwood's letter. This country needed money to carry on a struggle for freedom, and why should it be asserted that the contributors were idlers, or became idlers, after contributing? Amongst them, for instance, were the insurance companies, and other great corporations. How does the epithet "idler" apply to them?

The money borrowed was spent in paying the cost of the war, and in over-paying the munition workers. It—as Lloyd George aptly put it—the money was transferred from the pockets of one section of the community to the pockets of another. To say that this money was "in most cases" made out of war profits is twaddle, as an inspection of the list of holders would prove. Capital is the result of brains and industry. Now and again some one inherits capital and becomes an idler, but the cases are exceptional, whereas Mr. Southernwood infers that such people made up the Loan and are "doing nothing" for the moment. The trading community and others who did make up the Loan find the interest essential for carrying on, and the greater the amount invested the greater is the income-tax to be met. With the income-tax at its present scale the idea of a capital levy is out of the question. Had the War Loans not been called into existence the money available would have been invested in productive enterprises, and it is this diversion which is the cause of slack trade and unemployment to-day. But things might have been much worse. During the war, when Germany was remonstrated with for the treatment accorded to France, Belgium, Servia and Roumania, she retorted that it was nothing to be compared to the treatment reserved for Britain. Very few people seem to realise or remember what was once a possibility. Everything in this world is a matter of comparison, and we have all very much to be thankful for.

W. H. BUCK.

6, Limes-grove, Lewisham, S.E.13,
October 9th, 1922.

"PROMPT."

Sir,—I beg to thank you for the insertion of my letter on the 6th inst., also to inform you that the day after the publication of "The Kentish Mercury" two lamps were installed in Firhill-road at the spot complained of, and were lit the same evening, as also were the lamps in Bellingham-road, which had not been in use previously.—I am, Sir, etc.,

"FIRHILL-ROAD."

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Sir,—The time is fast approaching for the Borough Council elections, which will result in placing the spending powers of the borough in the hands either of economists or spenders. So far, we hear vague rumours of men, unknown and otherwise, being nominated and run by a caucus, but nothing definite. Let all put their cards on the table. There is no need of secrecy—it recoils upon itself. A conservative, economical and forward policy speaks for itself and it is the straightforward policy that pays.—I am, Sir, etc.,

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(Several letters are held over).

LEWISHAM HIPPODROME.

A good all-round show at the Hippodrome this week includes two items which are last favourites with all lovers of vaudeville—Kenia Lotinga and Company in "Millions," and a new act by the talented Australian singer, Albert Whelan. "Millions" is a happily conceived sketch, which calls for much deserved applause, and the characters are all well played, by Mr. Lotinga himself (as Jimmy Josser), Mlle. Ria Costa, Miss Kathleen Barlow, and Messrs. Adolph Lock and Walter Pemberton. Mr. Whelan, who appears in a new act written by Norman Lee, is soon inurned with his audience, and holds its attention throughout with the sure form of good singing of cleverly written songs. Other numbers which are well to the front are "The Electric Tram-Car Conductor" by Ernest Kyd and Company, which stars "Ginger"; and Tina Paranda, who describes herself as "the one and only lady mimic of instruments, animals and babies." The remaining artistes are Nick Marlow (the talkative songster), Queenie Leighton (comedienne), the ... (Mabelle and Tessie, dancing expert), and Nellie Wigley ("Prince Charming"). Next week, Khorsam, a celebrated Persian pianist, heads the bill, with Hilda Glyder and Violet Essex, and other items are well represented by Beth ..., Alice Shaw, Harvey ..., Lloyd and ...

Regent-street, W.1, have sold ... twenty the Tudor farmhouse ... restored a few years back. It ... wealth of fine old oak beams ... and ceilings.

Prof. J. E. G. de Montmorency, LL.B., will lecture on "The O... Kent" at the Wesleyan Hall, The ... Blackheath, on the evening of ... inst., under the auspices of the ... wich and Lewisham Antiquarian ...

At the distribution of prizes ... of London School by the Lord ... Friday last the Sir Albert Davis ... Exhibition, and the Modern ... Scholarships were awarded to B... Witting (son of Mr. Frank Witti... ... accountant), both Old As...

DANCE AT MESSRS. HOL...

In aid of Trade Convalescent ...

A capital programme was arra... night of a dance given in the spa... tious hall at Messrs. Holdrons, Peckham, in aid of the "Robert Mi... ...sion," Seaford, a convalescent home ... engaged in the textile trade. T... were Messrs. C. E. Craddock and ... and exhibition dances were given ... Cynthia and Mr. Cyril Horlocks, ... band provided the music. Carnival ... the way of novel dances for prizes, ... costumes, added to the gaiety.

In an interval Mr. Arthur Pyne, ... of the firm, congratulated the ... committee on the success of the ev... particularly mentioned Mr. G. ... chairman of the committee, for t... manner in which the event was dea... Mr. F. W. Short (hon. secretary) ... in the organisation. Mr. Pyne ... out a charity they were support... home where first-class accommoda... be had at rock-bottom prices. ... thanked Mr. G. W. Hopton, mana... for, to whom the initiation of the ... due.

Mr. R. Ridley, secretary of ... thanked the gathering, and spoke ... of the home to convalescents in t...

LEWISHAM CONCERT ... RAILWAYMEN'S ORPHA...

The 27th annual variety entertai... Lewisham for the benefit of the Ra... vants' Orphanage at Derby, which ... form this year of three evening... opened on Wednesday evening at ... Hall, Ladywell-road, with an ex... gramme of music and elocution, ... the direction of Mr. Percy Newp... artistes were the Cavendish ... Misses Marjorie Burchell (sopran... Shelton (contralto), and Madelin... (pianist), and Messrs. Frank D... (tenor) and Edgar Lennon (baritone) ... Misses Margaret Briden ... humorous singer at the piano), an... Elliott (comedy singer and dancer) ... Messrs. Fred Temple (humorous ... Dartell (instrumentalist), and ... (humorous impressions and charac... comedian), and Mr. Jack Richards ... Violet Sharpe (in a clever burlesq... Briden acted as accompanist. An ... upwards of 400 persons included ... Williams (hon. treasurer) and W. ... (hon. secretary).

There was a large and appreciat... ence last night, when the progra... under the direction of Mr. Percy ... The artistes included the Misses ... Bonnick, Winnie Stone, Leonie D... Messrs. Willie Newport, Julian O'B... Dexter, Ernest Bennis, Frank ... Ernest Dennis.

Among those expected to be pres... night's concert are the Mayor of ... Mr. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., ... Marshall Pike.

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After a discussion the Rev. A. J. Coursey, of St. John's, Blackheath, moved that the question of undertaking the liabilities of Shaftesbury House by the Deanery be referred to the Church Parochial Councils of the Deanery with a view to ascertaining the average amount which each parish was willing to guarantee, and that further consideration of the matter be adjourned until replies had been received.

One member asked if they could invite the Nonconformists and Roman Catholics to help them in the work.

The Rural Dean said it was because everybody thought it somebody else's business that the work was never properly supported. "My Free Church brethren say, 'call it what you like, it is a Church concern,' and some of my own brethren say it is the Deptford Fund financed by the nobility and Royal Family," said the speaker. His own conviction was that that position would be perpetuated by a general irresponsibility. The Rural Dean added that once upon a time Shaftesbury House was a Church of England home, and the Deptford Fund took it over to save it.

The Rev. L. J. Coursey's motion was unanimously carried.

ROAN SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Old Property.

At a meeting of the Roan School Governors on Monday Mr. H. Pascoe Williams, whose term of office had expired, was re-elected a governor for a further period of six years. The Estates and General Purposes Committee submitted a report on the negotiations with the Sanosia Wine Company with reference to the land occupied by St. Alfege-cottages, and recommended that, subject to the company taking over the cottages, which were in a decayed condition, the site be offered on certain specified terms.

Dr. Morgan moved that the recommendation be referred back, and Mr. Ilott, supporting him, contended that the better policy would be to reserve the land for the benefit of the people living in the cottages belonging to the foundation at the rear. St. Alfege-cottages would, he said, have to be pulled down eventually.

Mr. Ashby, who favoured the committee's recommendation, said the cottages were an absolute disgrace to the board as landlords. They consisted of two tumble-down little dwellings of two rooms back to back, with practically no sanitary arrangements. If they did not tumble down in a year or two they would have to be pulled down. The buildings which the Sanosia Company would erect would be of one storey, and would not interfere with the light and comfort of the people behind. He would like to see larger gardens attached to those houses, but at the present time he did not think they could afford to reject the opportunity of leasing the land.

The committee's recommendation was carried by seven votes to six.

Dr. Morgan: I shall challenge the legality of this later.

Earlier in the meeting Mr. Pullen raised a protest on the method of presenting the accounts, and Dr. Morgan gave notice that he intended to write to the Board of Education on the matter. One batch of bills was referred back to the Finance Committee for closer scrutiny.

BROCKLEY PRESBYTERIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

On Monday evening a lecture will be given on the League of Nations by Mr. D. Handel Mills, private secretary to Viscount Grey of Fallodon, President of the League of Nations Union. The chair will be taken by his Worship the Mayor of Deptford, Alderman Walter H. Green, J.P.

[illegible] Hentaenez; "Lady Harley," portrayed decisively by Miss Molly Balvaird-Howell (assistant stage manager); a "cabby" of the old-fashioned type, who was well realised by Mr. Harmon Cheshire ("Nighty"); Margaret's small son "Peter," a part played with charming naivete by little Miss Patricia Barry-Purvis; and "Mrs. Parker," Waverton's housekeeper, Miss Irene Dewson. Miss Helen Ferrars was responsible for a very pleasing production. Selections were rendered by an orchestra consisting of the Misses Kate Coates (pianist), Vera Rosser (cellist) and Bertha Longpore (violinist). Mr. Charles Marford is stage manager and scenic producer.

The "B" Company gave a performance of "Diana of Dobson's" before an audience of about 750 at Blackheath Concert Hall on Friday. The title role was taken by Dolores Dean, who, with Miss Adah Bothwell as the conspiring dame, attracted by Diana's fictitious wealth, and Howard Rowan, as the draper magnate, whose whole conception of life was a ruthless struggle for riches. Others in the cast were Mr. Weston Fields, the Misses Hilda Baker, Pamela Gordon, Peggy Evans and Gladys Carlton (shop assistants at Dobson's), Irene Dewson (the forewoman), Elizabeth Williams (the society lady), Mr. Charles Marford (the waiter), Mr. Lazzaret Dickens (the police constable), and Miss Marie Bignold (the old woman).

The orchestra played between the acts.

BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Concert at Lower Sydenham.

Upwards of 400 persons formed the appreciative audience on Saturday night at a first concert given under the auspices of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association at St. Michael's Hall, Bell Green, Lower Sydenham. An excellent programme was submitted by some ten artistes under the general direction of Mr. C. M. Bortley (hon. entertainment secretary). In an interval Mr. F. W. Ross, the association's chairman, said it was the first time he had seen so many of the members together in one place, and it spoke well for the organisers of the concert. At the present time there were about 700 members of the association (applause), and he had no doubt that in the very near future that number would be doubled. They were very proud of those who worked for the association and the audience could be quite sure that they were struggling on and were doing their best to make themselves known to all on the estate.

The concert was submitted by Mrs. F. W. Clarke (accompanist and pianoforte soloist), the Misses Pop and Wynne (dancers), and D. James (soprano), and Messrs. Fred Grandon (humorous character studies), Fred Chiesman (tenor), Ron Botyat (light comedian), and A. Cornelius (pianoforte soloist), the Tate Brothers (Messrs. E. Tate, dancer, and W. Tate, vocalist), and the Grandons (humorous duettists). Encores were frequent and there was not a dull moment throughout the whole of a somewhat lengthy programme.

Mr. C. E. Bellamy (of 77, Oakridge-road, Bellingham), the hon. secretary of the association, acted as steward with the assistance of Mrs. Day, Miss Brierley, and Messrs. Wills, K. O. Smith, Abel, Brooks and Hepstead, and Mr Ross announced each artiste in turn.

We understand that sub-sections of the association have now been formed for horticulture and sports.

I am inclined to think we are overtaxed, and that overtaxation, so far from helping, does, indeed, fail to depress national production.—Mr. McKenna.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE AT WOOLWICH.

His Claims for Spiritualism.

A crowded audience assembled in the Woolwich Town Hall on Monday evening to hear an address by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, under the auspices of the Woolwich and Plumstead Spiritualists' Society. Mr. H. W. Engholm (editor of "Light") presided, and Sir Arthur was accompanied by Lady Conan Doyle, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Elsie Miles, from the ladies of the society.

"Spiritualism" was the title of Sir A. Conan Doyle's address, and he claimed that it was the most important subject in the world, because in it were involved the fate of every man and woman. The claim had been made by some that they had discovered for certain that it was possible to pass through the barrier of death. That was either the greatest possible delusion, or the most important advance in the whole of human history. He felt, however, that he was only ankle deep on the borders of an enormous ocean, and if he could tell them anything at all it was because other people were dry-shod on the ground. Opponents of spiritualism boasted that they had never been to a seance or studied the phenomena. He agreed that Spiritualists were sometimes a little intolerant, but that was because they found that they were up against a mass of opposition, a great deal of which was unreasonable. Spirit messages gave a description of death and of life on the other side, disclosing extraordinarily happy conditions. No man or woman need mourn their youth, because they would find youth waiting for them. The other side was the land of fulfilled ideals. Everybody went to this delightful place. There never was a human soul lost, and it was an insult to God to think that such a thing was possible. Souls went through a form of chastening before entering Paradise; it was not physical chastening, but took the form of remorse. Spiritualism was not subversive to Christianity; it was far too big a question to be tied down to any Church, religion or race.

In the course of the proceedings selections were played on the organ by Mr. H. Lister, of Peckham.

GREENWICH M.P. AND EX-SERVICE CLUB.

Application was made to his Honour Judge Sir Thomas Granger at Greenwich County Court on Friday for an order to wind up the Comrades of the Great War, Greenwich Branch, Ltd., with registered offices at 55, Church-street, Greenwich.

Counsel explained that the petitioner was Captain Sir Ion Hamilton Benn, R.N., M.P. for Greenwich, who obtained a judgment in the High Court of Justice for £[illegible] 15s. Of this sum £[illegible] 15s. was arrears of principal and interest under an agreement dated April 20th, 1920, whereby petitioner sold to the club the premises at 55, Church-street. The club was in a defunct position, and Sir Ion Hamilton Benn obtained that judgment in order that he might take proceedings to wind it up. Application had been made to the club for payment of the debt, but the club, being unable to meet its liability, had made no response to the request.

The application was not opposed, and his Honour granted the order.

Mr. H. V. Spanner, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., has been appointed organist and director of the choir of the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Blackheath-park. Mr. Spanner was recently assistant organist of the parish church of Kingston-on-Thames.

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Letters to the Editor.

SPIRITUALISM FOR ROTHERHITHE.

Sir,—Preparations are being made to organise the Spiritualists of Rotherhithe and district. The undersigned would be very glad to hear from those interested, with the object of calling a meeting to found an organisation. Letters (only) should be addressed to—

J. WICKHAM MULLENDER,
179, St. James's-road, S.E.16.

October 1st, 1922.

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' TROUBLES.

Sir,—With reference to the results upon women of the Bellingham Estate, may I call attention to the disgraceful lighting of most of the roads, particularly at the entrance to the Estate at Badrans-road, where there are a few lamps installed, but never seen to be alight. The roadway at this particular point is also very dangerous, being full of holes, and whilst walking after dark anyone is liable to a broken leg or ankle.

In Firhill-road, at the spot where a young lady was assaulted, the street lamps are 200 yards apart.

Is the Borough Council or the Gas Company to blame, and will these conditions still continue until something very serious happens?—I am, Sir, etc.,

FURHILL ROAD.

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Sir,—No doubt many when reading the letter of "One of Them" in your last issue would remark "Excellent!" Its theory is good, and the writer can easily put it to the test. Let him engage a suitable hall, say St. Peter's, advertise a meeting and patiently await results. With some experience of elections in the past I am afraid he would be a sadder, wiser (and poorer) man, for I question if he would have an audience of 20. As a rule there are not queues waiting to be nominated for these public positions. It requires time and money, of course, the question of ability should probe in.

Under present conditions it certainly requires an organisation of some kind or another to select and "run" candidates, and if this can be accomplished free from party bias so much the better. In many boroughs at the next election "Independents" will be to the fore. Why not in Deptford? Cannot the Executive Committees of the Conservative, Liberal and the National Citizens' organisations meet and choose suitable men and women who if returned will do their best for all, apart from the question of what political party they may favour in Imperial matters?

In the near future I think we shall come to two main camps—Labour and Anti-Labour, and in local elections the time is ripe for only two tickets—Independents and Labour. This would give a good straight fight, but it there should unfortunately be three.

Perhaps it is not to late for Deptford to come into line?—I am, Sir, etc.,

H. F. C.

PRIVATE ROADS OF BLACKHEATH.

Sir,—Passing Blackheath Park and Manor way One morning, I observed at the entrance to each a notice stating "Blackheath Park is closed to-day." One thoroughfare had a chain drawn across it, and the gate of the other was closed, and anybody seeking admission was subjected to a searching cross-examination by the attendants. I am aware that the Cator Estate claim that these roads are private property, and, if their contention is well founded, there is nothing to be said. But is this contention well founded?

Inside the gate of the Manorway this morning the municipal dust cart was proceeding as do normal business. These thoroughfares are lit at night by lamps which do not differ in appearance from the ordinary street lamps. Who defrays the cost of lighting these thoroughfares if they are private property? If you, sir, as a ratepayer, are called upon to pay your share to the lighting of these roads, on what ground can you be excluded from traversing that road—even on one day in the year? If they are private roads, their lighting should not be a public charge.

As it is claimed that the roads are private, I assume that the cost of their upkeep falls on the Cator Estate, and not on the local authorities.

Do the police patrol private roads? I have seen sometimes patrolling these thoroughfares.—I am, Sir, etc.,

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WOOLWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The Council and the Guar

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Councillor Balshaw, contending t error had occurred in one of the C letters to the Board, intimated that his supporters would vote against the

On a division the report was ado No statement was made in regard position of the dispute to date.

Mental Hospitals, Etc.

The Works Committee recommend the Council join the Public Act Mental Hospitals, Ltd., formed to municipalities in London boroughs.—Co Duff and others asked questions as to which might arise by prices falling af purchase in advance of material. It but the committee's recommendatio agreed to.

Dangerous Sanitary Inspector.

Another long discussion ensued on th tion of the discharge of the last ins Mr. J. W. Eaves, one of the sanitary tors, but, by carrying the report of the Health Committee, the majority of the cil maintained the previous decision.

THE "WELL HALL REPUD

SCENES AT WOOLWICH COUNTY C

Cheers for the "Well Hall Republic the singing of the "Red Flag" ga number of tenants of the State's E Estate at Well Hall when they left the wich County Court on Wednesday. Th been sued by the Office of Works for ion of their houses owing to arrears and in each case the Honour Mr. Grainger issued the order applied for, understanding that it would not be a as long as the current rent is paid small sum off the arrears.

Defendants were said to owe some from £15 to over £70. In each case ployment or illness was pleaded.

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Bishop's Speech.

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an air reminding one instead of a rondeau interrupted with lace-like arpeggio passages.

From Chopin the recitalist passed to Schumann in his Viennese Carnival, a piece descriptive of carnival scenes in Vienna. In the continually recurring passages of vigorous chords in the opening movement one noticed the player's habit of accentuating notes in the left hand to such an extent that the air is left to the imagination of the listener. However, the movement as a whole was full of suggestiveness. The Romance movement was very beautiful, and at the conclusion of the work, in response to an insistent encore, Mr. Hambourg played Tausig's arrangement of Schubert's Marche Militaire, which provided a fine opportunity for an exhibition of dynamics.

The third set consisted of Tschaikovsky's "Humoresque" and "April," "Chant Polonais in G flat," which is a transcription by Liszt of one of the few songs of Chopin, Liszt's Etudes in D flat, and a brilliant arrangement by Liszt of the Wedding March and Elsie' Dance by Mendelssohn. The first four were full of charm, while the fifth, abounding in passages of tremendous difficulty and brilliance, was naturally very popular. As an encore Mr. Hambourg played magnificently the only old classic of the evening, the Bells of Cythere by Couperin, and followed that up with the Turkish Patrol by Beethoven.

BELLINGHAM ESTATE POOR CHILDREN'S TREAT.

A committee has been constituted to arrange a treat for the children of the poorer residents on the Bellingham Estate. It is hoped to entertain 500 of the children between the ages of four and ten years on December 30th, and an appeal is being made for help to the residents who are in a better financial position than their fellows, also to tradesmen doing business on the estate, and to the general public. It is proposed to provide the little guests with a first-class tea, to be followed by a concert (for which voluntary artistes are wanted), and also to give each child fruit, sweets and a toy. Gifts of tea, sugar, milk, butter, bread, cake, sweets and fruit are invited, as well as toys and contributions to the Toy Fund. The managers of local theatres, etc., are to be asked to allow a collection to be taken from their audiences on one specified occasion, and volunteers who will help in the task will be welcomed.

All those who are willing to assist in the project in any way should communicate with the secretary to the committee, Mr. George Elliott, 41, Mornington-road, Bellingham Estate, Catford.

SYDENHAM KEYNOTE CLUB.

Mr. Frank Mummery, principal of the Sydenham Conservatoire of Music, arranged another delightful programme for the members of the Sydenham Keynote Club at the Conservatoire on Tuesday evening, and it attracted a large audience, despite the fog and the counter-attraction of no less than three election meetings in the neighbourhood.

Perhaps the principal feature was the appearance of Miss Gladys Maill, an exceptionally skilled pianist, who gave several vivid interpretations of works of the great masters, especially compositions by Debussy and the able Liszt, for which she was enthusiastically recalled. Miss Hildegard Arnold's 'cello solos were exquisitely played, Becker's "Minuet" and a Tarantella by Popper, being delicately played. Miss Doris Petri proved a delightful vocalist; for a soprano she has a surprising compass, and had no difficulty in rendering well-known songs by Tschaikowski, Vaughan Williams, Dvorak and Bowen. She, too, was heartily applauded.

Mr. Mummery, as usual, played the accompaniments, and was very fine in a Bring Sonata in collaboration with Miss Arnold.

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...the favour. He argued that Germany had a right to be represented on the League, and said it was not the British spirit to kick a nation when it was down. Russia, too, should be represented. It was criminal of the Government not to use the machinery which they were mainly responsible for setting up, and he blamed "George" very much indeed. He knew he had a difficult position in the Cabinet, trying to please all, and pleasing none, but he should have steered this country in a better way. The candidate touched upon the capital levy, part of the Labour programme, and said he did not associate that term with confiscation. It was merely a contribution from those able to pay, and would not, if applied with limitation, result in driving capital out of the country.

A member of the audience waved the Labour Party mandate in the air and asked Mr. Bowerman if he adhered to those principles in their entirety.

The candidate hesitated, and there was a cry of "Stick to your principles." Then, in non-committal terms, Mr. Bowerman replied "Yes"; he would support any mandate which he felt would benefit the nation. He knew there were certain members of the Labour Party who had the idea that he was not prepared to go the "whole hog," but they never pressed him; they realised that he had a mind of his own.

The chairman was Councillor Bryer.

The Deptford branch of the National Union of Railwaymen has passed a resolution pledging the support of the branch to Mr. C. W. Bowerman.

ROYAL ARSENAL CO-OPERATIVE CONVENTION

MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

There was a good attendance at a conference held by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society's Educational Committee at Conway Hall, New Kent-road, S.E., on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. Dickinson, chairman of the Educational Committee, presided, supported by Mrs. E. Reid, Mrs. M. A. Tucker, Mrs. E. A. Fabolan, and Mr. F. L. Birch, and Mr. J. [illegible], educational secretary.

Mr. W. H. Neville, secretary to the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, gave a highly interesting and practical address on "The [illegible] of the member in the organisation of co-operative trade." Referring to the Woolwich Society, he said that if, 18 months ago, they had asked his opinion on co-operative trade, he would have been obliged to take a gloomy outlook. He was glad to say that, so far as the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society was concerned, it appeared to have surmounted the difficulties in a very satisfactory way. He did not know any society in the country which had come through the difficult economic period of the last two years with greater credit and satisfaction than their society [illegible].

There was a brief discussion on the paper in which Messrs. Gross, White, Saunders, [illegible], Butler, [illegible] (Woking), Stafford, J. [illegible] and Mrs. Tucker took part, and Mr. Neville effectively replied to the points raised.

In the evening a [illegible] performance of the opera, "Les Cloches de Corneville," was given by the Peckham Co-operative Choral Society, supported by the Peckham Co-operative Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. W. [illegible]. The following artistes rendered solos and duets: Miss [illegible], Miss [illegible], Mr. A. [illegible], and Mr. [illegible] Johnson.

During the interval, with Mr. C. J. [illegible] in the chair, Mr. F. L. Birch gave an address, in the course of which he declared that the co-operative movement stood for democracy, and its great aim was to raise the people to a higher plane than they at present occupied.

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...Mandoline Duet, Scott, Barr, A. Fairbank and Spear. "Italy": Miss Worthington, Mesdames Hunt, Swain and Medhurst. "Switzerland": Mesdames Tarr, Marriner, Carter and Jenkinson. "Wales": Mesdames Adcock, Carey, Daniels and Tharp. "France": "Our Missions": Mrs. Jones, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. James. "India": (Sunday schools): Mrs. Jackson, the Misses Cornwall, Virgo, R. Griffin and J. Creasey. "Old England": Mesdames Griffin, Taylor, Everitt and Richard. "Canada": Mrs. Bourne, Miss L. Atkins, Mrs. A. Harvey, Miss C. Wilmot and Mrs. E. Thomas. "Arabia": Messrs. G. H. Jameson, L. J. Blake, C. W. J. Lepper and C. Edwards. "Norway": Mrs. Milner and Mrs. Mayhew. "China": Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen. "Bolivia": Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Edwards. "Japan" (refreshments): Mrs. G. Palmer, Mrs. Ray Carter, Miss Jones and Miss D. Scott.

The entertainments, which were under the direction of Messrs. Tarr, C. Richards, G. Palmer and H. F. Spear, included a pianoforte competition. A wireless instrument was installed by Messrs. Bornsby(?), and each evening a wireless concert was given. Pianoforte selections were given by Miss Potter, and a one-act farce entitled "Going, gone," was performed by Miss Phyllis Arnold, Mr. Kenneth Booth, Miss Theodora Arnold and Mr. Marshall Featherstone.

Yesterday the bazaar was opened by Mrs. Chas. Baker, J.P., who was presented with a bouquet by "Cuddles" Byrne. The Rev. W. Justin Evans presided. To-day the Rev. Geo. Barber and Mrs. Barber, who a year ago were associated with the church, will perform the ceremony. The Rev. Geo. Barber is preaching at the church on Sunday morning and evening.

The bazaar secretaries are: Mrs. Robert Hall, Mrs. Cecil Walker and Mr. A. E. Adcock, while the treasurers are Mr. Clayton Hall and Mr. Robert Hall.

BELLINGHAM RECREATION GROUND.

MEETING OF PROTEST.

Residents on the London County Council's Bellingham Estate, Catford, held a meeting on Bellingham Green on Saturday afternoon to protest against the action of the London County Council in letting the recreation ground (originally intended for the estate) to the tramway men on a lease of 14 years.

Mr. G. Elliott declared that, as the ground was originally intended for this estate, it was a paltry thing for the L.C.C. to do to let it out to people who neither lived on that estate nor in the borough. It was for every father and mother who paid the high Bellingham rents to back up those who were fighting the County Council, and let them know that they must allow Bellingham tenants the use of this ground or provide them with another suitable piece of ground.

A resolution of protest was passed, copies of which are to be sent to the prospective members for Parliament, the Borough Council, the Clerk to the L.C.C., the Ministry of Health and various political bodies.

BROCKLEY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY "SOCIAL."

In celebration of the [illegible] anniversary of the St. George's Church, Brockley, a "social" was held in the Brockley Presbyterian Church Hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. E. H. J. Martin (Vicar of St. James', Hatcham) presiding. Selections were rendered by the [illegible] Orchestra, the vocalists were the Misses Day, Wood and C. [illegible], and Messrs. E. York and Coward. Mr. Brown was the pianist and Miss Florence [illegible] the accompanist. An account of the year's work was given by Mr. Alldis (a warden).

Mr. Cave spoke of the Sunday schools, and the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent gave a short address, and the chairman congratulated all those connected with the church on a year's good work. Refreshments were dispensed under the direction of Mrs. Lark.

A [illegible] dress dance in aid of the funds of the [illegible] Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, was held on Friday at the Deptford Borough Hall, over 400 being present.

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BANK CLERKS AND PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

The Bank Officers' Guild (No. 1 London Branch) have asked local candidates whether they are prepared (1) to support the desire of upwards of 30,000 bank employees to organise in the Bank Officers' Guild, (2) whether they will use their moral influence to prevent any undue pressure being exerted against the desire of bank employees, and (3) whether they will advocate the establishment of a Joint National Whitley Council for the banking industry. The following candidates have answered in the affirmative: Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. C. James, Messrs. F. [illegible] Hodes (Bromley), W. Greaves-Lord (Norwood), C. G. Ammon (North Camberwell), Sir Philip Dawson (West Lewisham), J. [illegible] Harris (North-West Camberwell), [illegible] (Peckham), Lieut.-Colonel A. Pownall (East Lewisham), Captain R. Gee, V.C. (East Woolwich), and J. T. Sheppard (West Woolwich).

In the third query Lieut.-Colonel Pownall adds the promise "should circumstances warrant it," and Captain Gee, on question 1, says "Yes, providing there is no compulsion to join." Time has not permitted the receipt of replies from all the candidates.

CRIPPLES' PARLOUR AT DEPTFORD.

Under the auspices of the local branch of the Cripples' Mission of the Shaftesbury Society, a "parlour" was held on Friday evening at Clifton-hill County Council School, Deptford, when an address was given by the Rev. Robert Anderson (of Burnt Ash Congregational Church, Lee). An entertainment was provided by "Ye Olde English Dancers," under the direction of Miss H. M. Overall, and "wireless" shows of thanks were sent to Mr. Robert Fleming, a benefactor of the mission. The hon. divisional superintendent is Mr. Frank Blundell, of 68, [illegible]-road, Lee.

2/20TH LONDON REGIMENT.

The annual reunion dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, on Jerusalem Day, Saturday, December 9th, at 6.30. A larger gathering even than last year's is expected. Tickets [illegible] from J. T. Ellis, 8, [illegible]-road, [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] ideals were held by the Labour Party. They doubt not that the election in Deptford would be a walk over, but now it is felt that it was.

Mr. Bowerman said that he was [illegible] told of a Conservative meeting at Deptford-park Schools the previous night, [illegible] which, he understood, was practically broken up. As far as his [illegible] were concerned, they knew [illegible] would not accept the slightest responsibility for an incident of that kind (applause).

Other Deptford meetings are reported on page 10.

EAST LEWISHAM.

Bellingham's First Political Meeting.

Residents on the London County Council housing estate at Bellingham had their first taste of political meetings last night, when Colonel Auberon Powell addressed a large assembly at the Athelney-street School on the estate. The chair was occupied by Councillor Walter Bond.

In embarking upon his address, Colonel Powell expressed gratification that the L.C.C., in allocating the houses on the Bellingham Estate, had, to the first place, considered the claims of the ex-Service men. He spoke of the residents as being citizens of the great Borough of Lewisham, where they were to be welcomed. The candidate went on to deal with various political issues, and particularly with the question of unemployment.

Colonel Gordon Hewa, chairman of the Lewisham Conservative Association, was amongst those supporting the candidate.

Mr. Zoro, the Liberal candidate, appeared to be taking a night off, speaking at Blackheath on the evening previous. He spoke of the capital levy, the idea of which, he said, was too advanced for the average persons, the majority of whom did not know what capital was. The great engine of production was not known as "capital," but as "credit." It was impossible to have both a capital levy and a [illegible] income. He suggested that the nation's debt should be reduced by better methods of economy, and, if necessary, by an increase of death duties.

Last night Mr. E. W. Wilson, B.A., the Labour candidate, addressed a crowded meeting at the Torridon-road Council School, Mr. J. R. McPhie, M.A., being in the chair.

The Chairman declared that in the whole history of representative Government there had never been such a record of broken pledges as that of the late Government.

Mr. Wilson said the Labour party stood for the whole of the workers of the country. His speech was a strong attack on Mr. Lloyd George and a vindication of the Labour Party's programme.

IN WEST LEWISHAM.

"Are you in favour of the extension of the Rent Restriction Act, with the exception of the same protection to the thousands of families living in flats which are exploited by landlords?" was one of many questions put to Sir Philip Dawson at a big meeting at St. John's Hall last night.

On the declaration of the Deptford result a coloured light will be shown from the top of the Town Hall indicating the successful candidate—red for Conservative and blue for Labour.

Mr. J. Nye also spoke and Mr. Zoro afterwards dealt with many Labour bulletins.

WEST WOOLWICH.

Last night Mr. J. Sheppard spoke at a well-attended meeting at the Pope-street School, Eltham, and argued that Labour alone could bring to the workers of this country the relief they desired.

Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking at Woolwich, said they would never restore trade to this country and the confidence that was necessary for success if there were to be constant upheavals and disturbances industrially. A good many people had now come to the conclusion that strikes were detrimental to Labour itself. Peace, both at home and abroad, could alone be achieved by the policy of the Conservative Government.

Other Woolwich Election meetings are reported on page 11.

"WOMEN IN THE PULPIT."

Lecture at Blackheath Last Nigh

Miss Denham, minister's assistant at Penge Congregational Church, delivered a lecture on "Women in the Pulpit" at the Blackheath Congregational Church Lecture Hall last evening in connection with a course of lectures on "Women in Public and Social Work." The Rev. I. Maldwyn Jones presided.

Miss Denham remarked that she disagreed with St. Paul's utterance on women. His attitude towards the women of Corinth and Philippi differed greatly. She considered that the church war afforded women a great opportunity, of which they fully availed themselves. Dr. Garvie had declared to her that he was thankful to God that the enfranchisement of women had not been accomplished solely as the result of the suffrage movement. Had the time arrived when women were to be articulate in the professions? She considered that men were better preachers than women generally, but they lacked imagination. The ministry of the pulpit should be open, and laymen—if they had a consecrated message—should be allowed to pronounce it. On the other hand she held that women were better Scripture teachers, and there was no reason why their gifts should not be utilised.

A lecture on "The Place of Anecdote in Public Speech" was given in the hall of the Lewisham Wesleyan Church on Wednesday evening by Alderman J. R. Nagg, J.P., of North Shields, vice-president of the United Kingdom Alliance, the chairman being Mr. Clifford Smith, who was supported by the Revs. F. G. Hewland (resident minister) and A. Hancock (the United Methodist Church).

Councillor Taylor, speaking as president, said his party had [illegible] to vote with the Reformers.

On a show of hands for the Councillor Tiffen 28 and Council 16, Alderman Green having Councillor Tiffen Mayor for the year, Councillor Marchant claim also, which, leaving the ann

The new Mayor was being Councillors Elliott and Tance only his predecessors with the badge of office and given the the Town Hall and the offic the Council.

Alderman Green said the re had held an unblemished rem borough for over 40 years. He him as the first citizen of the and its chief magistrate, and his wife, the Mayoress.

The Mayor thanked Green for t they had done him and said the his very best to uphold th and dignity of the office an borough. He paid tribute to t ally of Alderman Green and him as his deputy should he be from attending any ceremonial

The election of three Aldermen in Mrs. G.E. Green and Messrs. Hall and F. Trew being appr successful candidates being t Ascott and Webb and Mr. Berryman.

LEWISHAM.

Councillor Dodd Re-Ele

Alderman Hiern was vice-chair when the Council assemb p.m., and only one nomination running for the office of Mayo Councillor C. H. Dodd, whose office has just closed. Council who proposed his re-election, actions by members had alr characterised by justice and British the Council chamber to the ideal Mayor, and no matter quarter an application came Dodd was always ready to ar functions called for his presence

Councillor Hayes, who seco Councillor Dodd had been his in public work for 26 years.

Councillor Webb supported th him, which was unanimously a

The Mayor having signed th tion of office, said he felt deep of the honour the Council had They were taking on the admini the healthiest and most be London boroughs, and he appe Council as a whole to work t the good of the borough. His Kathleen Dodd, who had done for him during the past year, ended to act as Mayoress. Mr was sure, would bear with re death of the Rev. Richard Mad was his chaplain last year, a resolution of sympathy would written. Canon Rosevaare, w was greatly obliged, had consen as chaplain.

His Worship then invested th and Canon Rosevaare.

Only three names were put f tion for the office of alder Messrs. E. Ball, J.P., and W. J. re-elected, the third vacancy b by the election of Mr. T. R. Be was Mayor in 1925-27.

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LEE HORTICULTURISTS' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Prizes won by members of the Lee, Blackheath and Lewisham Horticultural Society at the annual exhibition were last week distributed by Councillor Harry Chowman, M.B.E., a vice-president, at a meeting held at Churchdown School, Lee. Mr. F. W. Bull, who presided, stated (in proposing a vote of thanks to Councillor Chowman) that the Society hoped to take a high position in the allotments movement. It was proposed to extend their work in the near future, and to stimulate an increasing influence in flower cultivation. It was the Society's intention to have classes for flowers at the next show. They were, he understood, to lose their indefatigable secretary, Mr. J. Gayton, who had served them well for some years. Under medical advice, Mr. Gayton was giving up the work in which he had taken such a keen interest. He had had no easy task, and only those who had been immediately associated with him knew the enormous amount of work which the secretaryship entailed.

Replying to the vote of thanks, Councillor Chowman said he took a keen personal interest in gardening. When travelling on the Continent years ago he was much impressed by the assiduous cultivation practised there. A recent journey into Derbyshire had shown him that the same thing applied to this country to-day, for there were large allotment areas near all the centres of population. Lord Leverhulme had said that the produce from allotments was something like £40,000,000 per year, and he did not think that would be far wrong.

Mr. Gayton subsequently stated that in 1916 Lord Northbrook, in view of the shortage of food-stuffs, declined to allow the cultivation of flowers on the Baring-road ground. This restriction had now been removed, and plotholders could grow a reasonable amount of flowers.

BLACKHEATH GARDENER'S SUDDEN END.

An inquest was held at Greenwich on Wednesday touching the death of George Thomas Shrubb, aged 74, a journeyman gardener, of 13, Foxfield-road, Blackheath.

P.C. Norman, 267 R, stated that while on duty at St. John's Park-road, Blackheath, on Wednesday morning at about half-past seven he saw deceased lying on his back on the footway. He was conveyed in an ambulance to the Miller Hospital, where he was found to be dead.

Dr. S. Fox, casualty officer at the Miller Hospital, said that, in his opinion, death had taken place at about half-past six in the morning, and had been caused by suffocation from regurgitation of food into the trachea and bronchi.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

BELLINGHAM TENANTS' DANCE.

The second of a series of entertainments organised by the entertainments' section of the Bellingham Estate Tenants' Association took the form of a dance for the tenants and their friends at St. Michael's Hall, Bell Green, on Saturday. The music was provided by Mr. Leach's orchestra, and the dance proved a distinct success. The proceedings were enlivened by several novel features suggested by Mr. C. M. Wortley, the entertainments' secretary, who officiated as M.C. in the place of Mr. R. Davies, who was unable to attend. Mr. Brooks (vice-chairman of the association), Mr. Bellamy (secretary), Mr. Jones (assistant secretary), and Mr. Smith, one of the committee, acted as stewards, and the catering was arranged by Messrs. F. Logan.

BOXING AT PLUMSTEAD.

An important boxing tournament will take place in the large hall at Plumstead Baths, High-street, Plumstead, on Monday evening next, October 30th, when Tommy White, of Welling, middle-weight champion of Kent, will box Mark Moss, of Canning Town, for £30 a-side and a purse. The referee for the contest will be the famous Eugene Corri, who was specially invited to America to referee the Carpentier-Dempsey match. A number of other exciting contests by well-known boxers will provide an evening's sport, which will be worth travelling miles to see. Doors will open at 7.30 for 8 o'clock. All proceeds, after payment of expenses, will be devoted to the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital Equipment Fund.

BISHOP AT NEW CROSS.

PULPIT DEDICATION.

On Wednesday evening the Bishop of Woolwich dedicated the new oak pulpit and brass lectern at St. Michael's, New Cross (in connection with St. James, Hatcham-park). Of simple but pleasing design, the pulpit harmonises well with the general effect. The cost, about £30, including the lectern, has been defrayed by a sale of work.

The Bishop was attended by Mr. D. W. McIntosh (warden of St. James's) and Mr. W. T. George (warden of St. Michael's). Those taking part in the service included the Rev. E. J. Martin (Vicar of St. James's), the Rev. A. W. Barker (in charge of St. Michael's), and Messrs. J. Jones, H. J. Sands and J. Chong (lay readers). The anthem was Elvey's "I was glad," and the canticles were sung to "the time-honoured setting of Bennett in F." The music was very well rendered. Mrs. A. Davis, A.R.C.O., was at the organ. The Church Lads' Brigade attached to St. James's and affiliated to the King's Royal Rifle Cadets, attended under Lieut. Eddy and formed a guard of honour at the entrance on the Bishop's arrival.

In his address from the words "The Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins," the Bishop of Woolwich said that people wanted to do all kinds of things to make the world better, but they did not make much headway. The world said "I have a right to experience the different emotions and excitements, and I have a perfect right to order my life according to my own inclination." That was utterly wrong. A man might say "I will pay the price, but he could not keep sin to himself. If a child or a dear friend sinned they must keep in touch with them still, even if it broke their hearts," said the Bishop. They had to let their Christianity come out and show itself. He had heard of splendid missionaries and splendid workers at that dear little mission.

The new pulpit was supplied by Hammer and Co., of Bermondsey.

ELTHAM WOMAN FATALLY BURNED.

Mr. Coroner Whitehouse held an inquest at Greenwich on Wednesday on the body of Lois Ellen Fraser, aged 73, of 20, Blunts-road, Eltham, who died in the Lewisham Hospital on Tuesday evening. Francis Fraser, domestic gardener, the husband, said that for eleven months she had suffered with epileptic fits.

Lilian Maud Fraser, of the same address, deceased's daughter-in-law, said that on Monday she had taken deceased's lunch to her room. She made up her fire and went downstairs to get some more coal, being absent from the room about ten minutes. When she returned to the room deceased was lying in the fender with her left shoulder alight. Witness pulled off the burning clothing and got her on to the bed.

The Coroner: How do you think she got on the fire? Witness: I think she had a slight stroke.

Dr. Humphrey Nockolds, D.S.O., medical superintendent of the Lewisham Hospital, said that on admission deceased was suffering from severe burns and was semi-conscious. She made no progress and died the following day from shock following the extensive burns. Part of the back was actually charred.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

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BROCKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH EXHIBITION.

The three days' exhibition and sale held in the Brockley-road Baptist Hall in aid of a renovation fund was concluded on Saturday evening at a concert, at which prizes won in the various competitions were handed to their respective winners by Mrs. R. Harvey (of Blackheath). The artistes for the concert were Miss Hilda Randall, and the winners of the musical and elocution contests, the Misses Jessie and Marjorie Randall, Grace Lever, Sylvia Vine and Margaret Lines, and Messrs. Arthur Oxford, Albert Moves, Reginald Bailey and A. Clements. The chairman was Mr. Sydney Harvey (treasurer) of the South East Auxiliary of the Sunday School Union.

In the afternoon the opening address was given by Mr. J. C. M. Kerslake, who, after congratulating those who had sent exhibits to the cookery competition (which was judged by Mr. Kerslake and Mr. J. Kerslake), said they were, in the main, much superior to the usual run of articles sent to such competitions. In fact, he could say they were as good as those he had recently been called upon to inspect at the Agricultural Hall and at Olympia. A demonstration of cooking, which was largely concerned with the preparation and making of tea cakes, followed, given by the courtesy of the Lewisham Branch of the South Metropolitan Gas Company.

In addition to the various annual competitions held during the three days, prizes were also given for the best work in photography, needlework, embroidery and handicraft, painting and handwork, all of which competitions attracted large numbers of entries, and a remarkable amount of good work, much of which was that of juniors. The adjudicators were Mr. Edgar E. Bell, F.R.P.S. (president of the South London Photographic Society), Miss Edith B. Christer, Mr. H. A. Rankin, Mr. C. L. Binns, and Miss D. Walker. The Rev. J. F. Niven (Brockley Presbyterian Church) decided the winners of the elocution contests, and the judges for the musical competitions were Mrs. Arthur Fraser (medallist, R.A.M.), Miss Bessie Willis, L.R.A.M., and Mr. Ernest Collins.

A concert was afforded on Thursday evening, and on Friday a recital was given by Mr. Ernest Wellbeloved. The stall-holders were Mrs. Cracknell and Miss Hibbs; the Misses Murdoch, Harris and Bradley; Mesdames Andrews and Linnell; Miss Chester and the Misses Appelbee; the Misses Weeks and Holmes; Mesdames Woodward and Newnham; and Miss H. Wilson; and Miss H. M. Francis.

On Sunday evening an organ recital was given in aid of the fund by Mr. A. J. Randall.

For the exhibition, which was largely arranged by the young people of the church, Messrs. F. C. C. Woodward and F. W. Newnham were energetic organising secretaries.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HITHER GREEN.

On Saturday evening an excellent concert programme was submitted at the Woford Green Memorial Hall, Hither Green-lane, in aid of the forthcoming Wesleyan Bazaar, and under the direction of the Church Bazaar entertainment committee. A large audience was treated to seven capital items by the talented artistes in the opening half of the entertainment, the second part of which was taken up by an amusing sketch, "Compromising Martha" (by Keble Howard), which was effectively presented by the Brownfield Players under the direction of Mr. Burton Yaldwyn. Those who contributed to the musical programme were Mrs. E. H. Sears, L.R.A.M. (wife of the Rev. E. H. Sears, minister of the Wesleyan Church), who was deservedly encored for her pianoforte solos; Miss Edyth Hanson (soprano), among whose songs was the charming aria, "One Fine Day"; and Mr. Leonard Lomsey pleased well with "Lohengrin's Farewell," "On with the Motley" and other arias and songs. Miss Dorothy Woolmer and Mr. C. Davidson, in an amusing duologue, added the concerted item. The sketch, which was enacted by the Misses Kathleen Yaldwyn, Alice Chappell and Eva Wren (Mrs. Bartlett Hill), and Messrs. Burton Yaldwyn and Bartlett Hill, went with a swing and kept the audience in roars of merriment. Mrs. Sears acted as accompanist.

Wednesday's Births, Funerals, Rain, &c. ... A. Hobbs, A. Yourwhite, Lewisham ...

... wished to give Goddard another chance, as he considered he was worth it. On the understanding that he returned to the school, Goddard was bound over. [illegible] was placed on probation to Mr. Fraser.

THE OTHER MAN.

Robert Bennett (19), [illegible] Forest Hill, was charged with being concerned with another man not in custody in assaulting Grace Bridger, of 63, Blythe-hill-lane, Catford. The prosecutrix said at 9.15 p.m., while returning home, she passed prisoner and another man. Directly afterwards one of them caught her by the arm, and clapped his hand over her mouth and nose. She screamed, and he ran away. Thomas Angus, of 67, Blythe-hill-lane, stated that shortly after prosecutrix had passed his house he heard a scream. The prisoner and another man then came from that direction, and witness asked, "What have you been doing with that girl?" They replied, "Nothing." The girl's father came up, and prisoner was taken to Catford police station; the other man ran away. P.C. Driver, 563 P, stated that prisoner, when charged, said, "My mate is off to Southampton to-morrow." Later he said, "I did not commit the assault; it was my mate."—Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins (to prisoner): There is no evidence against you, except that you stood by whilst some other man insulted the girl. You may go.

WIFE AND CHILDREN DESERTED.

Albert Edward Halls (40), saddler, of [illegible], Glasgow, was charged on warrant with running away and leaving his wife and four children chargeable to the Lewisham Union Guardians.—Evidence was given to the effect that prisoner, who was then a non-commissioned officer in the Army, left his wife and children at 77, Mansfield-road, Forest Hill. His wife learned that he was at Glasgow, and wrote asking him why he did not return home. At irregular intervals he sent money, but in September, 1921, the wife applied to the Guardians for relief. The family was then in a deplorable condition; everything of value had been disposed of for food, and only bedding was left. The defendant was in good employment, and was also in receipt of an Army pension of 12s. 10d. weekly. The cost to the Guardians had been £20. Mrs. Halls, who applied for an order of separation on the ground of desertion, made an appeal to the magistrate not to send her husband to prison.—Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins said prisoner deserved no sympathy, but in view of the wife's appeal he would bind him over for six months, on condition that within that period he repaid £20, plus £5 the costs of the apprehension. The wife would be granted an order for maintenance at the rate of 40s. weekly.

"COME ONE, COME ALL!"

William Howells, 20, labourer, of 5, Dartmouth-place, Forest Hill, was charged with using insulting behaviour in [illegible]-road, Forest Hill, and was also summoned by Alfred Moxley, of 13, [illegible]-avenue, Forest Hill, for assault. P.C. Davies, 593 P, said he was called on Saturday night to prisoner, who was near the Railway Signal [illegible]. The prisoner had his coat off, in a fighting attitude, and was being restrained by a man. Moxley stated that an altercation arose between Howells and a companion of his. Howells said "If that is your game come out here and fight!" at the same time taking off his coat. His friend told him not to be foolish, but Howells went on with his preparations. On this his friend handed witness a bottle which he carried. Howells took off a belt, and struck witness on the back of the neck with it. Mr. Fleming: Was the blow intended for your friend or for you? Moxley: I don't know. Mr. Fleming: Oh, but come? You were the bottleholder; he was attacking the enemy? Moxley said the blow might have been intended for his friend, and added that as soon as he received it he ran for a constable. In cross-examination, he admitted that Howells, when taking off his belt, said "Come on, both of you!" but denied that he struck Howells on the cheek. The constable (recalled) said there was a slight bruise on Howell's cheek when he was arrested. Both charge and summons were dismissed.

WHAT IS A VERANDAH?

"I thought there was some reason for your dropping in the word 'verandah,'" observed Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins to Mr. Young, the district surveyor for East Lewisham, when that gentleman read a section of the Building Act in the course of proceedings in respect of an unauthorised structure. "A verandah is something which is attached to the side of a house, and is really in that sense suspended. It is no longer a verandah if it is on the ground." Mr. Young: I was not aware of that, sir. I have been a lecturer on architecture for many years. Even if it is not a verandah as such it is a distinction from a building. Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins: I think probably you are using wrongly the word "porch." The structure had been described as a covered way between the house and the ...

... was concluded in the London Sessions.

SCHOOL FESTIVITIES AT DEPTFORD.

A tiny chapel, consecrated by a number of "old boys" of Hughes-fields School, was placed on the wall above the war memorial tablet in the boys' department on Monday morning. A short service was held, Mr. A. E. Burgess, one of the teachers, addressing the scholars on the significance of the gift.

The remainder of the week was devoted to Christmas festivities. On Monday evening Mr. Burgess gave a lantern talk on Ireland, and the life history of the [illegible], and on the following morning a football match took place between the school "midgets." On Wednesday the whole school participated in a tea provided by Lady Florence Pelham Clinton and the Nelson Bequests. In addition to Lady Florence Pelham Clinton the visitors included Mrs. Glenn McCarthy, Councillor Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. [illegible]. The festivities also included an entertainment by the younger boys, a fancy dress dance by the girls, and a final concert in the boys' department yesterday afternoon. The last-named was attended by about 30 "old boys."

There was a Christmas tree for the lower classes, and sweets and fruit were distributed throughout the school.

BELLINGHAM ESTATE TENANTS ASSOCIATION.

In aid of the fund for the children's tea and entertainment (to be held on December 30th in the New Church Hall), donations have been received to date as follows:—Lieut.-Colonel Assheton Pownall, M.P., £2; Sir Robert [illegible] and Sons, £1 1s.; Mayor of Lewisham (Coun. C. H. [illegible]), £1; Mr. G. F. Bennett, £1 1s.; J. Tait, Bromley Green, £1; Express Dairy Co., 10s. 6d. Splendid assistance is being given to the above fund, and it is anticipated that the 500 children will have a happy time. The secretary and committee wish to thank all the collectors, etc. All communications should be forwarded to Mr. Elliott, 41, [illegible]-road, or C. H. Holloway (secretary), 77, [illegible]-street, Bellingham.

GLENISTER ROAD EVENING INSTITUTE.

On Saturday, the prizes and certificates gained last session in connection with the Glenister-road Evening Institute, Greenwich, were distributed by the Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor E. M. Deane, J.P., L.C.C. There was an exhibition of the work of the woodwork, metalwork, millinery, dressmaking and other classes. An entertainment was given, opened by the Girls' Gymnastic Classes, under Miss Williams, and the vocal classes, under the direction of Mr. Adams, gave a fine rendering of "A Ballad of London River."

The responsible master of the institute (Mr. W. T. Wood) reviewed the work of the institute.

A.E.U. CONCERT.

A concert on behalf of unemployed, sick and superannuated members was held at the Club House, Trafalgar Hotel, East Greenwich, on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Greenwich East Branch of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and under the conductorship of Bro. [illegible] Gallimore. Bro. James Murray was in the chair, and the visitors included the Mayor and Mayoress. An excellent programme was contributed by Harry Gallimore, Miss E. Galloway, Mr. Hugh Fitzsimmons, Miss Violet Carroll, Miss Hilda Canfield, Miss Hilda Freestone, Bros. Moore, Miss V. Carroll, Miss H. Freestone, Mr. C. Woolcott, Miss Trixie Laurie, Mr. Ambrose, Little Marjory, Mr. George Woolls, Miss Lillie Moore, Mr. Harry Jenkins, Mr. Bert Whittaker, and the Bros. Hedges. The accompanist was Mr. Bert Rogers.

KENNINGTON THEATRE.

An "all-star" cast in "Cinderella," this year's Christmas pantomime, includes Ouida Macdermott, Albert le Fre, Kitty Curtis, Jack Barty, Harry Cliff and Rene Ray. The pantomime will first be shown to-morrow evening at 7.30, and thereafter, each day at 2.30 and 7.45.

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... [illegible], and a description of some women suspected of stealing them. He subsequently went to the cloak-room at Woolwich Arsenal railway station, where he was shown a parcel containing the furs. He and Det.-Sergt. [illegible] kept observation on the cloak-room, and in the evening the prisoners entered. Strong produced a ticket and was handed the parcel. Asked how she came by the ticket, Strong did not reply, but Mead said "A woman gave it to her in the big public-house round the corner close to the Arsenal station." Mead said she did not know the name of the house or the name and address of the woman, whom she described. Witness failed to find this person, and prisoners were arrested and charged. Mead, who has four young children, was remanded on bail in two sureties of £10. Strong was remanded in custody.

George Beale, 41, [illegible]-road, Plumstead, summoned by Isabella Beale, since of [illegible], for assault, was bound over for twelve months.

TOWER BRIDGE COURT.

CANADIAN AND HIS CLOTHING.

James Shepherd, 19, of [illegible]-road, Deptford, and Thomas George Mitchell, 18, of [illegible]-buildings, Rotherhithe, were charged before Mr. Waddy on Monday, with being concerned together in stealing a quantity of clothing, value £30, the property of Henry Cheeseman, a Canadian. When the prisoners were arrested and taken to the police station both were found to be wearing clothing which formed part of the subject of the charge. Det.-Sergt. Walden said that the prosecutor arrived at the Surrey Commercial Docks from Canada on December 4th, and on the arrival of the prisoners, who told him they were anxious to earn a shilling or two, entrusted them with his boxes to take to Paddington, and return to him with the cloak-room ticket. They did so, and the prosecutor had no suspicion till he opened his boxes at Cardiff, and found that two suits and other clothing were missing. He communicated with the London police and the prisoners were traced. The prisoners were said to have been previously convicted, and both were sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Marriage.

The marriage was solemnised on November 29th, at St. George's Church, Kingston, Jamaica, of Miss Norma Durban, youngest daughter of the late Rev. William and Mrs. Durban, of Wellmeadow-road, Catford, and Mr. Cyril C. Manton, of Kingston. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Vicar, officiated. Mr. Victor Manton gave the bride away, and Mr. Reginald Manton, another brother, was "best man." About 40 guests were entertained at the reception after the ceremony, and Mr. and Mrs. Manton motored to Montego Bay, a beauty spot of the island, for the first part of the honeymoon, later visiting Mandeville, the home of Mr. Manton's mother. Mrs. Graham, who accompanied her sister to Jamaica, was the only representative of the bride's family present.

TOWER CINEMA, PECKHAM.

The leading feature of next week's programme at the Tower Cinema, Rye-lane, Peckham, which is to be open from 12.30 p.m. on Boxing Day, is to be "Fascination," Mae Murray's latest picture. Adapted from a novel, the theme of "Fascination" is a drama of love in Spain, and the film is characterised by many gorgeous gowns, a great deal of brilliant dancing and many lavish scenes. The grace of Miss Murray's dancing is well suited to this romantic story, with its series of swiftly moving and highly dramatic incidents, and the whole effect is a film of remarkable power. "Fascination" is supported by what is claimed as "the greatest holiday programme of pictures and music in London." On Sunday Bert Lytell is to be screened in "Easy to Make Money."

A LEWISHAM ACCIDENT.

A Ford motor-car was overturned in a collision with a Sentinel steam lorry near the Clock Tower, Lewisham, on Friday morning. Stanley Pearmain, the driver of the car, who lives at [illegible]-road, Camberwell, and George Ketteringham, of [illegible]-road, Peckham, were thrown out and injured. They both received treatment at Lewisham Hospital.

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Personal.

Mrs. Salter, Mayor of Bermondsey, has been voted a purse of £400 a year.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., has been nominated by the Masters as one of the Governors of Dulwich College.

General Lord Horne on Tuesday made the half-yearly inspection of the cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

Mr. J. C. Arlen, Mr. J. T. Le Brocq, C.B., and Mr. John Reid have been appointed L.C.C. representatives on the governing body of Woolwich Polytechnic.

The Rev. S. Walwyn James, acting as conductor, preacher and soloist, is conducting a mission at Queen-street Baptist Church, Woolwich, of which he is pastor.

Mrs. Hamilton has been elected a co-opted member on the Greenwich Maternity and Child Welfare Committee in the place of the Mayoress, who resigned.

On Thursday, at their residence at 22, Wickham-road, Brockley, a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitehouse. Dr. Whitehouse is the coroner for South-East London.

Mr. E. G. Dixon, J.P., of Barclay's Bank, Ltd., Woolwich, has been appointed hon. secretary of the Plumstead Almshouses Committee, in succession to the late Mr. J. Houlihan.

The Mayor of Woolwich (Councillor J. A. Turnbull) will give a tea and entertainment to the children attending the special schools at Woolwich at the Town Hall on January 30th at 4 p.m.

Mrs. K. E. Thomas, headmistress of the infants' department of the Glenister-road L.C.C. school, Greenwich, is to be headmistress of the infants' department at Athelney-street L.C.C. School, Lewisham.

The Mayor, with the Medical Officer of Health and the Tuberculosis Officer, have been appointed representatives of Deptford Borough Council at a conference in February in connection with dispensary service and work of care committees.

Councillor A. E. Goss has been appointed a member of the Special Committee on Unemployment set up by the Lewisham Borough Council, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Councillor Weeks.

Councillor J. Speakman has been appointed the representative of the Deptford Borough Council on the District Council for the Administrative County of London, and Father Mahoney was chosen as his deputy.

The Rev. Sydney Archbell, of Lewisham, has declined a call to the Moreton-in-Marsh Congregational Church, Gloucestershire, and is considering calls from Rainham (Kent) and Rehoboth, Morley (Yorkshire).

Councillor Mrs. Drapper, J.P., with the Medical Officer of Health, have been appointed as representatives of Deptford Borough Council at a Congress to be arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute at Hull from July 30th to August 4th.

The distribution of Sir W. Treloar hampers to crippled children will be conducted at Woolwich Town Hall on January 2nd at 2.30 p.m. by the Mayor (Councillor J. A. Turnbull), who has also arranged to give the children an entertainment.

Councillor J. Speakman, J.P., and Councillor W. E. Arnott have been invited to represent Deptford Borough Council on the new Local War Pensions Committee for Lewisham and Deptford, which comes into operation to-morrow. The committee will consist of 25 members, three seats being allocated to Lewisham Council and two to Deptford.

ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM HIGH-ROAD.—M., 11, Rev. W. B. W. Lacey; A., 3.15; and E., 6.30, Rev. W. F. Jagoe, the Vicar.

ST. MARK, LEWISHAM.—E., 6.30 (confirmation, procession and carol service), Rev. N. C. H. Fisher.

ST. LAURENCE, CATFORD, MISSION (Hall), Bellingham-road.—E., 6.30 (lantern service), Rev. G. E. Fagence (who gives addresses [illegible] every Sunday evening on "The Gospel of the Christmas Feast").

ST. GEORGE, PERRY HILL.—M., 11, Rev. A. Miller Hagerty (Assistant Priest); E., 6.30 ("Carol Service of the Seven Lessons"), Rev. J. H. Wasley Kane, the Vicar.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, LEWISHAM.—M., 7 (Low Mass), and 10 (Sung Mass and Sermon), and E., 6.30 (Solemn Evensong), and 11.15 (Matins, blessing of the Crib and Midnight Mass), Rev. W. E. Woodward (Priest-in-Charge).

ST. JOHN, SOUTHEND, CATFORD.—M., 8 (Holy Communion, and 11 (Choral Eucharist), and A., 3 (service for older children), Rev. J. Philip Smith, the Vicar; E., 6.30 (evensong), Mr. W. E. Morgan (lay Reader of St. Paul, Forest Hill).

ST. DUNSTAN, BELLINGHAM.—M., 9.30 (Choral Eucharist, with sermon); A., 2.30 to 4.30 (Sunday schools), and E., 6.30 (evensong), Rev. J. Philip Smith, the Vicar.

PREACHERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—M., 11, Bishop of Southwark.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. F. S. Tickler, the Vicar.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH ROOM.—M., 10.30 (Young People's Service), Mr. James Wakeford.

ST. PETER, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. W. T. Money, the Vicar.

ST. PAUL, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. W. H. Jordan, the Vicar.

ST. ANDREW WITH ST. MICHAEL, EAST GREENWICH.—M., 11 (Choral Eucharist), and E., 6.30 (Carol Service), Rev. F. Challenor, the Vicar.

ST. CATHERINE, HATCHAM.—M., 10 (Children's Service), 11 (Choral Eucharist with shortened Matins), and E., 6.30 (Evensong with Carols), Rev. W. H. Rosevaire, the Vicar.

ST. JAMES, HATCHAM.—M., 11, Rev. E. F. J. Martin, the Vicar.

ST. MICHAEL, KNOWLE-STREET, NEW CROSS.—M., 11, Rev. A. W. Barker.

ST. GEORGE, BROCKLEY.—M., 11, Rev. E. H. G. Sargent.

ST. PETER, BROCKLEY.—M., 11 (Festal Service and Sermon), Rev. F. Windsor Ousley, the Vicar.

ST. HILDA, CROFTON PARK.—M., 10.30 (Matins and Sermon), 11.30 (Choral Eucharist), and A., 4 (Evensong), Rev. A. Shirley, the Vicar.

ST. GEORGE, PERRY HILL.—M., 11 (Matins), Rev. J. H. Wasley Kane, the Vicar; A., 4 (Children's Service), Rev. A. Miller Hagerty (Assistant Priest).

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, LEWISHAM.—M., 8 (Low and Holy Communion) and 10 (Solemn Mass); E., 6 (Solemn Evensong and Carols), Rev. W. E. Woodward (Priest-in-charge).

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SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

M., 7.30, Matins and Litany; 8, Holy Communion; 11, Holy Communion with sermon; service, Stanford in B flat and Stair in E flat; anthem, "Behold a Virgin shall conceive" (Jacob Handel); hymns, 58, 62, 122. E., 3, Evensong (sic).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

A lecture on the history and architecture of the Cathedral will be given in the Cathedral on Tuesday at 2.30.—On Wednesday afternoon (at three) a special carol service is to be sung by the Cathedral choir in aid of the child sufferers of Smyrna and the Near East.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

After the evening service on Sunday carols will be sung by the choir. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be celebrated in the morning at 7, 8, 9.15 and 11.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, GREENWICH.

On Sunday evening there is to be a Christmas musical service by the choir.

ST. PETER, GREENWICH.

On Sunday afternoon the Rev. T. A. Hold will address the Brotherhood [illegible]

ST. MARK, LEWISHAM.

On Christmas Day the services are to be: M., 7 and 8, Holy Eucharist; 10.15, matins (choral); and 11, choral Eucharist.

ST. MARGARET, LEE.

On Christmas Day there are to be services of Holy Communion at 6.30, 7, 8 and 12.15; matins at 11, and evensong at 3.30. On Sunday morning the Canticles will be sung to Lewis in A, and at the evening service, to Arnold in A, the anthem being "Christians be joyful" (Bach). At the morning service on Christmas Day the Canticles are to be sung to Stanford in B flat, and the anthems will be "There were Shepherds" and "Glory to God" (Handel).

ST. JOHN, SOUTHEND, CATFORD.

On Sunday and Christmas Day there will be services of Holy Communion at 8, and on Christmas Day, also at 7. On Tuesday morning Holy Communion will be at 8, on Wednesday at 7, and on Thursday at 10.30.

ST. DUNSTAN, BELLINGHAM.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day, from 2.30 to 4.30, children are invited to visit the Crib, and to bring offerings for the children of Smyrna (in connection with the "Save the Children Fund").

ST. HILDA, CROFTON PARK.

An organ recital will be given to-morrow afternoon by Mr. A. E. Perry. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be services of Holy Communion at 8, and on Thursday at 6.30 and at 10.

ST. SAVIOUR, BROCKLEY RISE.

Evensong on Sunday is to be shortened to permit of the rendering of Christmas music from "The Messiah" and a number of carols.

Religious Intelligence.

GREENWICH WESLEYAN CENTRAL HALL.—M., 11, Rev. E. J. Pike; A., 3, Mr. T. Welch; E., 6.30, Rev. F. Barton Lacy.

PECKHAM WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. Edwin Hall; E., 6.30, Rev. T. J. McClelland.

NEW CROSS WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. G. Jarvis Smith, M.C.

NUNHEAD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. T. J. McClelland; E., 6.30, Rev. E. Hall.

HATCHAM WESLEYAN MISSION (Pepys-street).—M., 11, Mr. H. J. Pitt; E., 6.30, Mr. T. E. Mitchell.

STAFFORD-STREET WESLEYAN MISSION.—E., 6, (children's service), Mr. Mitchell, jun.

BROCKLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. F. H. Hinton; E., 6.30, Rev. Walter Barton.

LEWISHAM WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. B. Cottle; E., 6.30, Rev. F. G. Rowland.

CATFORD WESLEYAN MISSION.—M., 11, Rev. W. Norton; E., 6.30, Rev. B. Cottle.

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FOREST HILL WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. A. G. Carnow; E., 6.30, Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan, D.D.

WESLEY HALL (LOWER SYDENHAM).—M., 11, Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan, D.D.; E., 6.30, Rev. E. Ballard.

UPPER NORWOOD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. E. Ballard; E., 6.30, Rev. E. Marriott.

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BLACKHEATH WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. A. E. Dunmore; E., 6.30, Rev. H. Spencer.

SHOOTERS HILL WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. H. Spencer; E., 6.30, Rev. G. A. Pollard.

BURNT ASH WESLEYAN CHURCH, LEE.—M., 11, Mr. W. Nicholls; E., 6.30, Mr. F. E. Christian.

ELTHAM PARK WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. C. A. Pollard; E., 6.30, Rev. C. A. Pollard.

SYDENHAM WESLEYAN CHURCH.—M., 11, Rev. J. Marriott; E., 6.30, Rev. A. G. Carnow.

LEWISHAM HIGH-ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—M., 11 and E., 6.30, Rev. S. Archbell.

LEWISHAM HIGH-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. J. E. Arthur.

DEPTFORD HIGH-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. Wesley Morgan.

MAZE HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, GREENWICH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. A. D. Belden.

BLACKHEATH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. I. Maldwyn Jones.

ALGERNON-ROAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LEWISHAM.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. Albert L. Bevan.

DEVONSHIRE-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH (Greenwich).—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. J. Jarvis.

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Personal.

Mr. Eric J. Greenwood, son of the ex-Mayor of Greenwich, has passed the examination for Primary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor E. M. Drury, L.C.C.) has been invited to attend the annual Wolfe dinner of the Westerham Society at Westerham on January 2nd.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir William A. Wayland addressed a meeting on Monday of the Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the subject being "Proportional Representation."

At the recent examination of the London College of Music the following pupils of Miss E. S. Allcock, A.L.C.M., 6, Fairthorne-road, Charlton, were successful:—Hetty Girdler (advanced intermediate); Dorothy Wiseman, Monica Barnes and Florence Castle (elementary).

Mr. F. H. Reed, one of the representatives of West Lewisham on the London County Council, who went to India on a business trip some two months since, returned in time to attend the annual dinner of the West Lewisham Conservative and Unionist Association on Monday.

Colonel Pownall, M.P., has been elected to the Executive of the Army Committee of the House of Commons. The Army Committee consists of those members who have served in the Army, and exists in order to bring before the Government the views of such members on service questions.

Harold Knowles, B.Sc., of St. Paul's Cathedral, continues his suggestive and helpful articles for amateur singers in the "Woman's Magazine" for January.

... about the head. By his side sat a collier, and over the cot was the expressive message "Thank you." It was intended simply as a token of thanks, but someone threw a copper in the cot, and others followed, with the result that £3 14s. was collected. It showed what a splendid band of workers they had—insisting on giving money as well as willing to work all through the year. He also paid a tribute to Messrs. Kentlake's, the caterers, for their generosity.

A Vote of Thanks.

Referring to the resignation of Mrs. Robinson from the position of hon. superintendent, Councillor Hartley said Mrs. Robinson for a long period had done splendid work for the society, and proposed a vote of thanks by way of recognition, which was duly carried.

Mr. C. J. Morris was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee for Lewisham. Mr. E. N. Greenwood and Captain F. W. Holder were elected to the Finance Committee, and Mrs. Bulmer, section supervisor, "H" division, to the House-to-house Committee.

Mr. Chadwick said certain workers, he believed, were disappointed because they did not receive, at the concert, the badge that is to be presented to all workers with twelve months' service. He would like to assure them that the task planned for that evening was impossible to carry out. If they reflected on the fact that there was an audience of 1,800, and that 600 were entitled to badges, they would easily imagine the confusion that would have resulted. In connection with the "Living Christmas Card," he complimented Mr. Archibald, who conceived the idea, and Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Charlton for making the necessary arrangements. First and foremost, the idea was to express the thanks of the executive to the workers for their past services.

The Mayoress of Deptford, who was welcomed by the chairman as one of their members who had served on the executive, and worked devotedly for the society, then presented badges to a large number of workers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was accorded the Mayoress, on the motion of Mr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Responding, the Mayoress said collecting was very hard work, and therefore she knew they would all feel proud of their decorations. They were engaged on a great work, and she hoped it would continue in order to keep running the splendid institutions they knew their hospitals to be.

POST-WAR ASSESSMENTS

By an error due to the deplorable acoustic conditions obtaining in the new County Hall, we last week reported that the Council had approved a recommendation in favour of assessment committees being required to fix the gross and rateable values of new properties by comparison with the gross and rateable values of pre-war properties. Last week consideration of this matter was postponed, and on Tuesday its discussion, which was proceeding, was adjourned under the standing orders to the next meeting.

CONVALESCENTS AND RAILWAY FARES.

Replying to a question by Mr. C. W. Bowerman, in the House of Commons, as to whether the Minister of Transport will consult railway directors with a view to the restoration of the pre-war practice of allowing patients travelling to and from convalescent homes to do so at reduced fares, Lieut.-Colonel Ashley stated that he was drawing the attention of the railway companies to the matter.

... the part of the brewers they would strive to improve some of the existing houses before seeking for new licences.

Mr. I. Salmon said the proposal was not put forward with the object of creating a demand for drink. There was space on the site for a house to be run on careful lines, and the result of providing it would be to show whether such a house could be made a commercial proposition. To reject the recommendation would be to lose a great opportunity.

Mr. Herbert Morrison thought the report should go back in order that the matter might be considered in a broader aspect.

Sir Howell Williams said he thought it was the desire of the committee to solve a very difficult problem, but he was sorry that they had endeavoured to solve it in this particular way. He did not understand why a firm of brewers should be encouraged to come forward and make a bid for the only site which the Council had, for many years, to let for the purpose of a public-house.

Major Ernest Gray was of the opinion men and women had as much right to drink beer as coffee. (Cries of "Agreed.") If it was agreed, what was all the bother about? As to the system of local veto, under which one's morals were looked after by one's neighbours, he did not care for it. He was not a beer-drinker—beer was bad for rheumatism—(laughter)—but the aim of local veto was all in one direction, while he had no doubt that the great mass of the men and women who had sent them to that Council were in favour of greater free trade in drink, rather than greater restriction. He mentioned that it had been suggested that the Council take over the management of the house themselves, but he had been informed that it was impossible.

Complaint was made by Dr. Scott Lidgett that although they were face to face with a new position, no reasoned policy had been put forward by the committee.

Council's Own Example.

Mr. C. E. Sumner remarked that the Council had provided a decent place for refreshment in their own County Hall, and expressed the opinion that if the Council could not manage the place, the management could be entrusted to a committee of the tenants.

Lieut.-Colonel Levita pointed out that, if the matter were sent back to the committee they would miss the Brewster Sessions and delay the project for a year. The experiment would be of the greatest interest with what was known as a reformed public-house. The effect of its not being approved would be to drive the people off the Bellingham Estate to public-houses in the neighbourhood, and he could not see why tenants on a County Council estate should be deprived of an opportunity of getting liquor on the estate. As to the suggestion of a local vote, he thought it extremely undesirable that such questions should be referred to the tenants—the Council had quite enough trouble with tenants without it.

On a division, the amendment was lost by 74 votes to 34.

Lord Haddo moved, and Sir George Bonham Carter seconded, that the tenants should be allowed a vote on the question. This was lost, and Mr. Morrison then moved, and Mr. Pinncombe seconded, the recommendation of the committee, which the chairman had declined to move, providing that a vote of the tenants be taken. This was lost, on a division, by 55 to 31, and the recommendation as submitted by Lieut.-Colonel Levita approved.

The statement made in a London morning newspaper yesterday that a liquor licence had already been granted in respect of the projected house is incorrect.

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For the second concert of the season of the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music, given in the Concert Hall, Blackheath, on Tuesday evening, an attractively varied programme was submitted. The opening piece—Movement in C minor for Violin and Pianoforte (Brahms)—was rendered with rare smoothness and distinctive ability by Miss Daisy Kennedy (violinist), and Mr. York Bowen, an old student of the Conservatoire. Mr. Fraser Gange (tenor) followed with two colourful airs, and Mr. York Bowen contributed a Prelude in A minor, by Debussy, and a Capriccio in B minor, by Brahms. Mr. Mischa-Léon, the well-known operatic tenor, was in fine form, and included among his songs three North European airs, two in Danish and one in Norwegian, and concluded with a couple of gentle little French melodies. Miss Daisy Kennedy gave renderings of five one-movement pieces, among which we were especially attracted by "Tambourin" (Gossec) and "La Chasse" (Cartier-Kreisler). Miss Kennedy, violinist, pleased by her easy renderings of fine dances, and the first part of the programme was brought to a close by Miss Dora Labbette (soprano), who responded to an encore with "O Tell Me, Nightingale." Another item of exceptional interest was the duet "Tout Here—Tout There," from "Véronique," which was sung at the close by Miss Labbette and Mr. Gange.

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Mr. Eric J. Greenwood, son of the ex-Mayor of Greenwich, has passed the examination for Primary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor E. M. Isaacs, L.C.C.) has been invited to attend the annual Wolfe dinner of the Westerham Society at Westerham on January 2nd.

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The Executive Committee reported, through the chairman, that the proposed allocation of £3,200, announced at the concert, would bring the total for the year to £5,200, and thus maintain the average of £100 per week for the hospitals (applause). As a matter of fact, this year's figures related to ten months only.

Councillor Hartley, the chairman, referred to the "Living Christmas Card," the very original idea of expressing thanks to the workers at the concert. As the audience filed out of the concert hall they were confronted with a hospital cot, in which was a little boy bandaged profusely about the head. By his side sat a nurse, and over the cot was the expressive message "Thank you." It was intended simply as a token of thanks, but someone threw a copper in the cot, and others followed, with the result that £3 14s. was collected. It showed what a splendid band of workers they had—donating or giving money as well as willing to work all through the year. He also paid a tribute to Messrs. Kentlake's, the caterers, for their generosity.

A Vote of Thanks.

Referring to the resignation of Mrs. Robinson from the position of hon. superintendent, Councillor Hartley said Mrs. Robinson for a long period had done splendid work for the society, and proposed a vote of thanks by way of recognition, which was duly carried.

Mr. C. J. Morris was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee for Lewisham. Mr. E. N. Greenwood and Captain F. W. Hobbel were elected to the Finance Committee, and Mrs. Burnett, section supervisor, "B" division, to the House-to-house Committee.

Mr. Chadwick said certain workers, he believed, were disappointed because they did not receive, at the concert, the badge that is to be presented to all workers with twelve months' service. He would like to assure them that the task planned for that evening was impossible to carry out. If they reflected on the fact that there was an audience of 1,800, and that 600 were entitled to badges, they would easily imagine the confusion that would have resulted. In connection with the "Living Christmas Card," he complimented Mr. Archibald, who conceived the idea, and Mrs. Monk and Mrs. Charlton for making the necessary arrangements. Nurse and [illegible], the idea was to express the thanks of the executive to the workers for their past services.

The Mayoress of Deptford, who was welcomed by the chairman as one of their members who had served on the executive, and worked devotedly for the society, then presented badges to a large number of workers.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was accorded the Mayoress, on the motion of Mr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Responding, the Mayoress said collecting was very hard work, and therefore she knew they would all feel proud of their decorations. They were engaged on a great work, and she hoped it would continue in order to help running the splendid institutions they knew their hospitals to be.

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Social Experiment.

Mrs. Hopkins thought that the recommendation afforded an excellent opportunity for a social experiment—the house would be one to which the women could go, as well as the men, for recreation and social work.

Miss Henrietta Adler said however much they might talk of temperance reform, there was no blinking the fact that this was only another glorified public-house. She contended that if there was any real desire for temperance reform on the part of the brewers they would strive to improve some of the existing houses before seeking for new licences.

Mr. I. Salmon said the proposal was not put forward with the object of creating a demand for drink. There was space on the site for a house to be run on careful lines, and the result of providing it would be to show whether such a house could be made a commercial proposition. To reject the recommendation would be to lose a great opportunity.

Mr. Herbert Morrison thought the report should go back in order that the matter might be considered in a broader aspect.

Sir Howell Williams said he thought it was the desire of the committee to solve a very difficult problem, but he was sorry that they had endeavoured to solve it in this particular way. He did not understand why a firm of brewers should be encouraged to come forward and make a bid for the only site which the Council had, for many years, to let for the purposes of a public-house.

Major Ernest Gray was of the opinion men and women had as much right to drink beer as coffee. (Cries of "Agreed.") If it was agreed, what was all the bother about? As to the system of local veto, under which one's morals were looked after by one's neighbours, he did not care for it. He was not a beer-drinker—beer was bad for rheumatism—(laughter)—but the aim of local veto was all in one direction, while he had no doubt that the great mass of the men and women who had sent them to that Council were in favour of greater free trade in drink, rather than greater restriction. He mentioned that it had been suggested that the Council take over the management of the house themselves, but he had been informed that it was impossible.

Complaint was made by Dr. Scott Lidgett that although they were face to face with a new position, no reasoned policy had been put forward by the committee.

Council's Own Example.

Mr. C. H. Sumner remarked that the Council had provided a decent place for refreshment in their own County Hall, and expressed the opinion that if the Council could not manage the place, the management could be entrusted to a committee of the tenants.

Lieut.-Colonel Levita pointed out that if the matter were sent back to the committee they would miss the Brewster Sessions and delay the project for a year. The experiment would be of the greatest

W.C.I. The Brockley members will open a new club-room early in the New Year, fully equipped with wireless apparatus.

Kent Rugby Union Football Ground.

An appeal is being made to all sportsmen in Kent to contribute donations to the fund organised by the Kent County Rugby Union Football Club for the proposed purchase of a ground at Grove Park, at a cost, including dressing accommodation and other expenses, of about £2,000. The demand for membership of the club is enormous, but it is felt that it would not be right to continue to elect members without games being secured. Further, it is of vital importance to the future of the game that grounds should be supplied for young players. Though clubs which use the ground will pay a rent, as no gate-money will be taken, the project cannot be self-supporting for years. The Rugby Football Union are willing to advance a portion of the cost on a first mortgage at 5½ per cent. per annum, to be paid back in 15 annual instalments, but the larger the amount given now, the smaller will be the sum to be borrowed. The treasurer to the fund is Mr. G. Rowland Hill, 6, The Grove, Blackheath. A dance will be held on Friday, January 19th, at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent-square, Westminster, and all profits will be devoted to the Ground Fund.

Skittles.

It is reported (writes "J.K.") that some of the women's clubs in London are desirous of having skittle-alleys constructed for them as a further means of recreation. Woman has long been represented by the symbol "X"—the unknown quantity—and although she has, during these past troubled years, revealed a great deal in her capacity for work and also for sport, the idea of the proposed extension in the latter field is attractive. One has always associated the game in question with the village ale-house, and a time-worn rejoinder of a man twitted with having obtained a soft job used to be that it was "not all beer and skittles," as though such conditions represented the amenities of life! It is not stated whether the members of the clubs referred to intend to confine their play to their own sex, but should they elect to include their male friends in what, in tennis parlance, might be termed "mixed doubles," it is to be trusted that they will not interpret the latter word in the way known to sundry as a war-time "measure."

BLACKHEATH CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC.

Season's Second Concert.

For the second concert of the season of the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music, given in the Concert Hall, Blackheath, on Tuesday evening, an attractively varied programme was submitted. The opening piece—Movement in C minor for Violin and Pianoforte (Brahms)—was rendered with rare smoothness and distinctive ability by Miss Daisy Kennedy (violinist) and Mr. York Bowen, an old student of the Conservatoire. Mr. Fraser Gange (tenor) followed with two colourful arias, and Mr. York Bowen contributed a Prelude in A minor, by Debussy, and a Capriccio in B minor, by Brahms. Mr. Mischa Léon, the well-known operatic tenor, was in fine form, and delighted among his songs three North Hungarian airs, two in Danish and one in Norwegian, and concluded with a couple of gaudy little French melodies. Miss Daisy Kennedy gave renderings of five non-movement items, another which we were unfortunate

£3,200 FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS.

Welfare Society's Record Distribution.

The Hospitals Welfare Society, whose operations now cover the three boroughs of Deptford, Greenwich and Lewisham, is about to make a further allocation of the funds raised by weekly house-to-house collections in its area. On this occasion the sum of £3,200 is to be distributed among the local hospitals, representing the high-water mark of achievement of this admirably conducted and progressive organisation.

The gratifying announcement was made by the chairman (Councillor O. W. Hartley) at a meeting of the Grand Committee held at the Deptford Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

Supporting the chairman were Mr. Arthur Chadwick (vice-chairman), Mr. James Austin (hon. treasurer), Mr. Peter Duff, Mr. H. Newton (chairman of Housing-house Committee) and Mr. Edgar F. Brooks (secretary).

Complimentary to Grand Committee included Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Greenwood (ex-Mayor and Mayoress of Greenwich) and Alderman W. H. Green and Alderman Mrs. Green (ex-Mayor and Mayoress of Deptford).

The Mayor of Greenwich, writing in reference to last week's concert, said: "I feel it is a great privilege to be asked, as Mayor of Greenwich, to become one of the patrons of your splendid society. The Hospitals Welfare Society is now the leading organisation in this district for the support of the local hospitals, and I feel it is one of my foremost duties to give encouragement and support in every direction that lies in my power. I therefore hope you will call upon the Mayoress and myself whenever you think we can be of assistance."

Not Quite £100 a Week.

In the course of the House-to-house Committee's report Mr. H. Newton, chairman, said it was to be attributed to the combined appeal and the intensive campaign in the schools that they had not yet got back to the £100 a week average. The figures for five weeks to November 12th gave an average of £94 1s. 2½d. per week. The report included an expression of thanks to those who were instrumental in arranging the free concert to the workers.

Mr. H. Archibald presented the Sports and Entertainment Committee's report, in which it was stated that the series of whist drives, held bi-weekly at the Unitarian Hall, Lewisham, were showing a satisfactory profit, but that more support was deserved and solicited. Arrangements for the 1923 fair were in hand, and the football competition matches would be played at the latter end of the season. It was hoped to organise a school competition, for which a suitable cup was in the possession of the committee. On Saturday a collection was made on the Crystal Palace F.C. ground, and two ladies succeeded in collecting £5 6s. 3d. (applause). Referring to the workers' concert held at the Deptford Town Hall last week, he proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, specially mentioning Miss Ella Shields, who contented over from Dublin, between two appearances there that evening, and delighted the audience with her singing.

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MODEL PUBLIC-HOUSE FOR BELLINGHAM.

L.C.C. and Local Option.

The London County Council was recommended on Tuesday to let a site in Handbrooks-road, Bellingham, to Messrs. Barclay, Perkins and Co., Ltd., for a lease of 30 years, at a rent of £150 a year, with a view to the erection on the site of a building at which refreshments, including alcoholic liquors, may be sold, it being provided that the rent should be reduced to £100 a year in the event of the necessary licence not being obtained by the company.

It was also recommended in the report, as it appeared on the agenda paper, that before the licence licensee to apply for the transfer of all licences on the Council's Bellingham housing estate shall be given an opportunity of voting for or against the proposal, but this latter recommendation was not submitted by the chairman, Lt.-Col. Levita.

It was mentioned in the report of the Housing Committee submitting the recommendation that the erection of very 3,000 working-class houses on the estate would be completed in the course of the next few days. The site applied for by the brewing company was on the main road leading from Bellingham station to the middle of the estate, and forms part of the site originally reserved for use as a shopping centre. The building was designed to contain a large refreshment room, smoke room and lounge with ample seating accommodation, as well as a spacious dining hall, which could be also used as a recreation room and for social events and meetings. A roof garden was also provided for. No drinking bars would be provided, the business being conducted on restaurant lines, and arrangements would be made for the supply of luncheons and suppers, and for the sale of prepared foods for consumption off the premises. The staff of women would be under the direction of a lady experienced in social and welfare work during the war.

"It appears to us," the committee reported, "that the provision of a substantial and spacious building may well prove of considerable utility in the neighbourhood, as it must be remembered that on the Council's estates there is always a demand for such accommodation which cannot be provided at the public expense. The general conduct of the establishment would be subject to such rules and regulations as would satisfy the Council, and a further control would be secured through an application for a music and dancing licence which, we understand, is in contemplation."

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The candles were given by St. Mary's, Graham-street, Eaton-square, and the altar linen by the Misses Bully (St. Mildred, Lee) and Clark (St. Margaret, Lee).

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The Rev. A. J. Wade Gery, the Rector, based his sermon on "In an hour that ye think not, the Son of Man cometh" (St. Matthew, chapter 24, verse 44). He said the coming of the Son of Man was not an event of some far off future date. The burning sense of justice, and the fervent desire to do good, which was manifested by so many of their fellow men, was proof of a belief in God, and although many of these people did not profess any definite creed, he could never believe that they were irreligious. They were giving themselves to God's service whether they realised it or not. He looked forward to the time, probably not very far distant, when such signs of spiritual activity should become a real living force of practical religion. The efforts which were being made to establish brotherhood between nations and individuals, and some bond of union to link up all classes of the community, was ample evidence that Christ was entering into the hearts of men. At the same time our national, political, family and individual life was nothing like it ought to be, although the power of Jesus Christ was beginning to show itself in the work of municipalities and could often be seen in certain families.

It was impossible, he said, to live long in Deptford without discovering what a wonderful work the Nursing Sisters of St. John were carrying on in the borough. That was indeed the coming of Christ into Deptford, for His servants who were doing that heaven-blessed service possessed within their hearts the real spiritual privileges of righteous zeal, which brought the desire to help those in need.

At the conclusion of the service a recital was given by the choir, Mr. F. Sedgwick being at the organ, with Mr. F. Willis as soloist. Renderings of the anthems "Hearken unto Me" (Sullivan), "O Come let us worship" (Mendelssohn) and "As pants the hart" (Spohr) were afforded, together with two quartettes "Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake" (Farrant) and "God so loved the world" (Stainer).

ACCIDENT TO FOREST HILL VICAR.

The new Vicar of St. Saviour's, Brockley-rise, met with a serious accident on Tuesday morning. He was cycling along Park-road, Forest Hill, when a tree, which had been partially dislodged at the roots, fell and knocked him from the machine. He was rendered unconscious, and on being medically attended had to have five stitches put in the scalp.

He is still lying seriously ill at his residence, 2, Church-road. The bicycle was smashed.

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DEPTFO D NURSING SISTERS' ANNUAL SERVICE.

Mayor and Council at St. Paul's

The annual service for the Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine, Watson street, Deptford, which was held at St. Paul's Church on Sunday evening, was attended by Sister Constance Welch and a large number of the nurses, and also by the Mayor of Deptford (Councillor J. Tiffen, J.P.), and the Mayoress and members of his Council. These included Aldermen W. H. Green, J.P., Reid and Tow, and Councillors Aplin, G. W. Hartley, Hicks, Howard, Kemp, Marchant, H. W. Powell, Taylor and Wise, while there were also present Dr. C. Thomson (Medical Officer of Health), and Messrs. E. C. Sears (deputy Town Clerk), T. E. Charles (Borough Accountant), and A. G. Matthews (mace-bearer). The Greenwich Union Board of Guardians was represented by its chairman, Mr. E. G. H. Bax, Messrs. Armstrong, Clegg, Shaldrick, and C. Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Arkwright (master and matron of the institution).

The Rev. A. J. Wade Gery, the Vicar, based his sermon on "In an hour that ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." (St. Matthew, chapter 24, verse 44). He said the coming of the Son of Man was not an event of some far off future date. The burning sense of justice, and the fervent desire to do good, which was manifested by so many of their fellow men, was proof of a belief in God, and although many of these people did not profess any definite creed, he could never believe that they were irreligious. They were giving themselves to God's service whether they realised it or not. He looked forward to the time, probably not very far distant, when such signs of spiritual activity should become a real living force of practical religion. The efforts which were being made to establish brotherhood between nations and individuals, and some bond of union to link up all classes of the community, was ample evidence that Christ was entering into the hearts of men. At the same time our national, political, family and individual life was nothing like it ought to be, although the power of Jesus Christ was beginning to show itself in the work of municipalities and could often be seen in certain families.

It was impossible, he said, to live long in Deptford without discovering what a wonderful work the Nursing Sisters of St. John were carrying on in the borough. That was indeed the coming of Christ into Deptford, for His servants who were doing that heaven-blessed service possessed within their hearts the real spiritual principles of righteous zeal, which brought the desire to help those in need.

At the conclusion of the sermon a recital was given by the choir, Mr. F. Sedgewick being at the organ, with Mr. F. Willis as soloist. Renderings of the anthems "Hearken unto Me" (Sullivan), "O Come let us worship" (Mendelssohn) and "As pants the hart" (Spohr) were afforded, together with two quartettes "Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake" (Farrant) and "God so loved the world" (Stainer).

ACCIDENT TO FOREST HILL VICAR.

The new Vicar of St. Saviour's, Brockley-rise, met with a serious accident on Tuesday morning. He was cycling along Park-road, Forest Hill, when a tree, which had been partially dislodged at the roots, fell and knocked him from the machine. He was rendered unconscious, and on being medically attended had to

CHURCH FUND R DEPTFOR

Successful Sale

St. Michael's, Deptfor daughter church of St. Ja has the distinction of b parish which in these du population of 8,000, wi churchwardens and seven it has bills to pay every y will wonder, therefore, the to hold periodical sales of w annually in connection wi itself, and it took place o The impression of most p present at the opening c afternoon was that if the c the Rev. A. W. Barker, B an excellent clergyman, made a successful organi Aided by an enthusiastic ladies and gentlemen, a display of goods had be and they were arranged vantage on the stalls. Th the congregation received tings was shown by the lady the opening ceremony, at of the parish, the Rev. E presided, supported by Mr Upson (Brockley), the R Mrs. Barker, and others.

The Vicar, in the course remarks, stated that they h children in their church in the parish, and though calls had thrown to be not one person who woul one scholar less dear, for some of them they h of the Children's Good acho £1 per hour! That sale of to strengthen their hands a for they had no endowme depended on voluntary cont right well was the work d done.

Mrs. Upson, in a graceful declared the sale open, an by a little fairy, Miss a handsome hand-painted place of the customary bo

A hearty vote of thanks Mrs. Upson, on the motion seconded by Mr. Read, an also cordially thanked with a hand-painted table of the customary bouquet

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yesterday a meeting of the Greenwich and Deptford Board of Guardians to make an extra allowance to people in receipt of outdoor relief at Christmas on the same scale as last year. This will be one grant of 3s. for adults (except those living with parents) and 1s. for children of 14 years of age and under. A joint deputation of the National Unemployed Workers' Committee Movement (Deptford and Greenwich branches) was received and the Board's decision communicated.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL AMATEURS.

Last Night's Performance.

Members of the Sydenham and Forest Hill Amateur Dramatic Society gave another demonstration of their abilities at Hamilton Hall, Forest Hill, last evening, when the first of three performances of "Mice and Men," a comedy by Madeleine Lucette Ryley, was given before a large audience. The cast was well chosen, the principals, especially, being able and trustworthy players. Even in the minor parts, accurate and pleasing representations were given.

The acting of Mr. David Davies was a notable contribution, his portrayal of the character "Mark Embury" being extremely natural. He was well supported by Mr. Ernest Halsey, Mr. Douglas Mackrell and Miss Gwnitha Halsey. The whole atmosphere of the play was very realistic, and it was not surprising that the audience showed its hearty appreciation of the production.

Credit is due to the producer, Mr. Arthur Phillips.

LEWISHAM WIDOW'S DEATH.

ECHO OF THE AIR RAIDS.

At Lewisham on Tuesday an inquest was held on the body of Harriett Ann Cornish, aged 58, widow, of 68, Ladywell-park, Lewisham, where she died suddenly on Sunday afternoon.

Mary Mafeking Cornish, a daughter, said her mother had "never been the same" since an air raid during the war in which witness's father and sister were killed, and deceased lost several toes on the right foot and sustained injuries to the left foot. She seemed as usual on Sunday morning, but when witness went into her bedroom in the afternoon she found her sitting, dead, in a chair.

Dr. C. Hoffman, of 179, Hither Green-lane, Lewisham, ascribed the cause of death to lobar pneumonia.

BELLINGHAM NEW SCHOOLS.

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Broad (Edmonton) asked the President of the Board of Education whether he had refused to allow the London County Council to build more than one elementary school on the Bellingham housing estate; whether he was aware that there is upon this estate a population of approximately 10,000 persons, and that the only school available has accommodation for a little over 1,000; and whether, in view of the circumstances, he would reconsider his decision.

Mr. Wood said the answer to the first part of the question was in the negative. The Board were fully aware of the circumstances of this case; they had informed the London County Council that they were prepared to consider proposals for the provision of the first section of a second school to be erected on the southern site at Bellingham, and preliminary plans were now under consideration.

friend and ex-M.P., Sir Ion Hamilton Benn, as one who joined up voluntarily in the war and set an example to all the young men of Greenwich. Mr. Hume had been a good lieutenant to Sir Ion when he represented Greenwich in Parliament. They were pleased to see so many Borough councillors among the company that evening, as well as Mr. Shepherd, the Conservative agent, who might well be proud of the victory recently secured (hear, hear).

An enjoyable musical programme was contributed to by Miss Lena Corry, Miss Ethel Netherway, Mr. Walter Fullerton, Mr. William Arthur, Mr. Edwin Stone and Mr. E. C. Hoover. Mr. Roland Sydney was the musical director.

BRITISH LEGION MEMORIAL PARADE.

Service at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

A contingent of about 200 members of the British Legion, principally representing the three Lewisham branches, attended the morning service at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, on Sunday, and afterwards laid a laurel wreath at the base of the Lewisham Borough War Memorial. The sermon was preached by Canon Rosemare, who based his remarks on the words of St. John 3, 19: "Light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light."

After the service the Legion members formed up outside the church and, headed by the bands of the West Lewisham and Central Lewisham branches, marched in slow time to the Lewisham War Memorial. The West Lewisham band played a dead march en route, and in front of the memorial a bugler sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

Amongst the principal officials of the respective branches there were present: Messrs. S. Ross and H. R. Stevenson (Borough of Lewisham branch), F. W. Leeks and G. J. Cooper (Central Lewisham), J. W. Moore and F. White (West Lewisham) and S. Thew and Pritchard (Greenwich branch).

RECTOR OF LEE.

The announcement is made that the Rev. F. H. Gillingham, Rector and Rural Dean of Bermondsey, has been appointed rector of St. Margaret's, Lee. The living, which is in the gift of the Lord Chancellor, fell vacant on the death of the Rev. Richard Meddings.

In athletic circles the rector-designate is a well-known figure: until quite recently he was playing at half-back in league football, and he played several useful innings for Essex last season. A graduate of Durham, the Rev. F. H. Gillingham's first curacy was at Leyton. After serving as chaplain to the forces, he was appointed in 1908, curate of St. James the Less, Bethnal Green, and was preferred to the living of Holy Trinity, Bordesley, Birmingham, two years later. In 1914 he was presented to his present living. During the war he served temporarily as chaplain to the forces.

As a result of the bazaar which was opened on Thursday last week by Lady Dawson at St. Cyprian's Hall, Brockley, the sum of £300 has been added to the hall-building extension fund.

The Home Secretary has directed the suspension from Monday, December 18th, to Saturday, December 23rd, both days inclusive, of the general early closing order for shops in force under the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920.

"Paradise" in a perfectly convincing and likeable manner. As her husband "Peter," Mr. Cedric Atkinson bore himself with the correct amount of imperturbability demanded of the adjutant who is bullied by his own wife, and Col. ... B. Airey was in his usual good form as "Colonel Roudy," the commanding officer of "Peter's" battalion.

Among the lesser people, Lieut. F. ... M. Long, R.N., afforded a happy little study of "the Vicar" (Rev. Ambrose Lovett), Miss M. Karlsen was amusing ... "formidable" as "Miss Emmeline Lovett" (the "Vicar's" sisters), and Miss Daisy J. C. Connor and Mr. Edward Chappell gave of their best in the characters of "Penelope Moon" ("Betty's" friend), and Mr. McFarlane (the rather susceptible bank manager) respectively. Remaining parts were taken by the Misses M. Fagan (Rose) and Eva B. Barrett (Mrs. Beamish).

A production which was excellent in every way owed much to Mr. George Foss (the producer and stage manager) and the overture and selections were rendered pleasingly by the Club's orchestra under Mr. William Dunn as musical director.

IN AID OF THE DRAPERS SCHOOLS.

Dance of Messrs. Holdron's, Peckham.

A successful dance, attended by about ... people, was held last night in the ... same hall at Messrs. Holdron's, Peckham, in aid of the Warehousemen, Clerks' and Drapers' Schools at Purley. During the evening Mr. Bryce-Grant, chairman of the Greater London Appeal Committee of the Schools, thanked Mr. W. J. Hopton for efforts on behalf of the schools and ... present for their assistance. Mr. Collie James made an appeal for the schools which he described as a monument to the drapery trade.

Exhibition dances were given by Miss Cynthia Horrocks and Mr. Cyril Hutson, whose jazz band provided the music of the evening. The hall had been decorated by Mr. Woodstone and his committee; Mr. N. W. Short, hon. secretary, acted as M.C., and the stewards for the whist (there were about 50 players) were Messrs. C. Brown and L. C. Wessend. The refreshments were dispensed under the direction of Miss Gladden and Mrs. Bendry.

Amongst those present were Mr. Collingwood Hughes, M.P. for Peckham (who distributed the prizes) and Mr. F. Philp, secretary of the schools.

RELIEF TICKET — LUXURIES

It was suggested at the meeting of Greenwich Board of Guardians yesterday that certain traders were supplying relief ticket holders with luxuries in lieu of authorised commodities. The Clerk was given authority to apply tests in order to investigate the matter.

We understand that, encouraged by the measure of success which attended a recent venture of the sort, Brockley traders, under the auspices of the Brockley Commercial and Social Association, are considering the desirability of another Shopping Week, from the 19th to 23rd inst.

The Coliseum next week is to have a return visit, for one week only, from Seymour Hicks and Barbara Hoffe in "Waiting for a Lady," Mr. Hicks' adaptation of Sacha Guitry's playlet.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

For week ending WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6th.

Highest temperature, 50.8, on December 6th.
Lowest temperature, 41.1, on December 6th.
Mean temperature, 46.1, being 4.3 above the average for 40 years, 1841—1880.
Sunshine, 4.3 hours.
Rainfall, 0.08 inch on one day.
General direction of wind, N.N.W.
Weather (remarks): Rain on December 1st.

aberings in its wake. This being so it is all the more gratifying to be able to bear testimony to the good conduct of these men while in our midst—taking all things into consideration their behaviour has been exemplary, showing that the majority, at all events, are of that class of genuine work-desiring unemployed for the alleviation of whose hard case the Government is devising schemes.

Topics of the Week.

King's Roll of Honour.

Lieut.-Colonel Fremantle has, by question in the House of Commons, returned to the subject of the King's Roll of Honour, and called attention to the fact that less than half the municipal authorities in the country are members of the roll, asking the Minister of Labour what steps he proposes to take to see that local authorities carry out their moral obligations towards disabled ex-service men? Sir M. Barlow replied that he was fully aware of what he regarded as the disappointing response made by municipal authorities under the Roll of Honour Scheme, and he repeated that it would be dealt with by the proposed King's Roll National Council. Sir W. Davison suggested that the names of the local authorities that had not joined should be published, but Sir M. Barlow replied that what must inevitably become a black list had been considered on more than one occasion, and he would very much rather make another effort to see whether, as a matter of goodwill, they could not carry the local authorities with them.

Bellingham's First Church.

On Monday evening the first church on the Bellingham Estate will come into being—the church hall in Brooke Hollow-road is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwark, who is then to license it for use in public worship. Practically all the necessary "furniture" for the new church—which is dedicated to "St. Dunstan," has come from neighbouring parish churches. A high altar has been received from St. Margaret, Lee, an altar cross from St. Mark's, Bromley; communion vessels from St. Saviour, Brockley, and various articles for the altar and the sanctuary from St. Philip's, Sydenham. There are associations of particular interest, however, about the font and the chalice. The former was discovered by the Vicar in the grounds of Bromley Hill House (near Southend Village), doing duty as an ornamental flower-pot. Having obtained permission from the owner, Mr. Smith himself assisted, with a pick-axe, in the work of removing it from the garden. The period appears to be that of the early 18th century, it being evidently a model of Paton fonts. An even more curious history attaches to the chalice, which, left among the baggage on our evacuation of Gallipoli during the war, was captured by the Turks, in whose possession it remained for over a year, and who, after strong representations had been made by the Foreign Office, eventually agreed to restore it. The dorsal hangings were in use at Southwark Cathedral until the restoration of the screen, and were presented to the Vicar by Bishop Hook, chancellor of the diocese.

Eltham Road Arrears.

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...suburban shopkeeper ... there is no answer to ... something must suffer ... [illegible] ... of the picture. The local firm has the whole ... under his purview ... only the best in points of ... of quality ... in mass, whereas in the ... it is only a question ... in mass, without any ... determining the other ... Fashion experts ... in the mass production ... huge supplies demanded ... bargains "up town" ... into the styles certain ... the practised eye despite ... All these little ... and niceties of finish ... say, an establishment ... Sainsbury's at Lewisham.

Here we find all the ... of diversity of ... up-to-date establishments ... of careful selection ... but an odd feature or ... Christmas show. Suppose ... the idea of adding utility ... What could be better ... choice fur coats, which ... guineas upwards? ... what a wonderful ... here. Or go in another ... handbags, wonderful ... and beads. There a ... decorations. There is a ... flowers, in dainty ... with a special feature ... simple chrysanthemums ... for a few pence. Produced ... these blooms will be ... acceptable addition to the ... Following out the practical ... will be afforded by a ... Chinaman's model flat, ... splendid example of the ... the home, small or large ... really beautiful, as well as ... furnished in every respect ... utility scheme in another ... again are fur coats and ... stock of elegant blouses ... and even the remarkable ... might be included in ...

We can add to these illustrations ... Take a jump to ... of the district, Messrs. ... Lewisham High-road. Why ... for furs? Why, indeed ... novelties—natural squirrel ... stoles wide, 60in. long ... natural shade at £7 19s. 6d. ... another direction in this ... There are ladies' reliable ... and gauntlet gloves, lined ... fur, and also fur-trimmed ... Another peep in a fresh ... ladies' white embroidered ... chiefs with initial in corner ... for 1s. 11½d. These examples ... various show how all ... are catered for. Indeed, ... shopkeepers of South London ... are familiar to our readers ... the practical side of ... with considerable success ... instance may be quoted ... Rye-lane, Peckham, ... on blending usefulness ... will find velour cloth coats ... from 39s. 6d.—these are ... and at 59s. 6d. All ... be found smart and well ... this year, the firm's Christmas ... include a splendid selection ... frocks and, for "after the ... a wide range of furs of ... value. Again, at Messrs. ... the display is almost ... variety. The whole of ... have been "Christmas ... where one will there ... of articles for gifts, fancy ... wear. The toy bazaar is ... here again all the latest ... productions of the toy ... have been assembled. A ... display provides hours of ... where in South London we ...

...firm's wonderful Toyland Zoo. Surely nothing has been seen like it before. The hundreds of children who, accompanied by fond parents, have gazed in astonishment not only at the clever mechanical contrivances, but at the marvellous representations of animals, have no doubt mentally possessed themselves of one or other of these extraordinary toys. Our fervent wish is that they will not be disappointed.

Grown-ups may not have heard of "The Witches' Cave" at Blackheath, but many of the children have. It is to be found at Messrs. Hinds and Co., Lee-road, and is replete with witches, broomsticks, cauldrons and all the paraphernalia associated with ancient legends. Apart from the diversified collection of toys, which we will not attempt to describe, visitors should take the opportunity of inspecting the special show of utility articles, which include a number of real ... coats, three-quarter length, at twelve guineas, and velour cloth coats at the low price of 39s. 11d.

Whilst still on the subject of toys, one is reminded of Medhurst's enlarged Toyland at High-street, Bromley, where the top note in comprehensiveness is reached, resulting in an almost bewildering display of novelties, which range from the "Fairy Queen" doll to musical chimes, working models, mechanical animals and insects, whilst the new indoor golf game is sure to attract much attention.

Who said "Beano"? A good many people will doubtless be saying it this Christmas time. It must not be inferred that these remarks apply to the uttering of ... with reference to a failure to patronise the barber. Messrs. Strond, of Lewisham, include the new pastime in their season's great preparations in the matter of toys, etc. Basketware is to play a useful part in the role of presents, and all needs will be met by Messrs. Strond's wide range of goods, which include standing work baskets from 1s. 11d. to £3 3s., and basket chairs for babies from 29s. 11d. Another idea for a Christmas gift is china and glassware—there is a big assortment here. Christmas cards are going, we are told, but the calendar has come to stay—at least for a year. It is in great vogue as a handy successor to the former vehicle of good wishes.

Perhaps one's fancy, or somebody else's fancy, turns to jewellery. Immediately H. Samuel, of Powis-street, Woolwich, comes to one's thoughts. Here are ready for choice no less than 30,000 gifts at factory prices. One need say nothing more. No wider range of selection could be found, nor will it be desired. "All of a glitter" is the Lewisham branch of Messrs. Sanders and Co., Ltd., at 120, High-street. The gold bracelet watches attract the eye, as do also delightful novelties in silver and electroplate. And the diamonds! One wonders what romances the coming festivities hold for them. The entirely new Christmas stock does the firm credit.

Christmas celebrations, however, do not consist solely of present-giving. Mr. Collette Jones, of Greenwich, evidently realises this, for he has purchased four tons of plum pudding basins, and whether trade be booming or not, he is aiming to cope with depression, for there are to be exceptional reductions in most of his stock. This includes a large consignment of Oriental carpets and rugs, purchased by auction at about a quarter of current prices, and many toys, especially dolls. In all his other well-known departments special attractions are offered.

Doubtless a considerable amount of re-furnishing of homes will be included in the season's arrangements, and this consideration calls to mind Messrs. Haycraft and Son, Ltd., of Deptford Bridge, and Lewisham High-road, who are making an extensive display of fancy brass articles, stainless knives, etc., with a big assortment of electro-plated ware. A new carpet-sweeper also suggests the present idea in the true utilitarian sense.

The above cursory glance around some of the principal depots in the district conveys the impression that South London ...

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Housing and Unemployment.

Arising out of a report by the Housing Committee on the present position of certain clearance schemes, at Tuesday's meeting of the London County Council, there was a long discussion on housing. In the opening stages of which it was pointed out by Messrs. H. A. Baker and W. J. Pincombe that, apart from the crying need for more houses, the evil of unemployment is greatly aggravated by the practical stoppage of all work in connection with the building of houses.

The chairman of the Housing Committee, Lieut.-Colonel Levita, said all were agreed that housing must not rest as at present, but on this year's estimates six millions were being provided for housing, and they were developing their schemes up to the level approved by the Council. Private enterprise would not, at present, undertake the building of the class of house required by the working classes, but the Council could not be expected to declare a policy at a time when the Government had not yet been able to make up its own mind.

On a report of the Special Committee on Unemployment opportunity was taken by Mr. Herbert Morrison to urge that more should be done by the Council to provide work for the unemployed. Among works suggested by him were building in outer London, work in secondary and elementary schools, tramway developments, improving the River Lea and the River Thames, new drainage schemes, street-widening schemes, transformation of neglected squares now semi-private. "It would surely," he urged, "be better to use money for productive work than to allow the unproductive drain on the ratepayers to continue."

STREET TRADING.

The General Purposes Committee presented a report, consideration of which was adjourned to Tuesday next, on the recommendation of the Departmental Committee on Street Trading, asking the Council to express the opinion, inter alia, that in view of the special conditions prevailing in the county of London and of the need for uniformity, the Council should be the authority to make by-laws for the conduct of business at street trading centres.

A BELLINGHAM SITE.

In February the Council decided to let on lease to the South Suburban Co-operative Society a site at Bellingham, with a frontage of 80ft. to Randlesdown-road, but it was now reported that it had not yet been possible to give possession of the site. It was agreed to substitute another plot, with a frontage of 40ft., in the same road, the rent of which, calculated on a similar basis, will amount to £25 ... per annum.

DEATH IN A TRAMCAR.

At Woolwich on Friday an inquest was held on William Wilson (...), a ... at the ... India Rubber Works, of 44, ... road, Erith.

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[illegible] v. West Hamp. III., at Charlton Park (2.30 p.m.).

4th XI. v. Hanley's Bank III., at West Ealing.

ST. JAMES', HATCHAM.

Last Saturday the 1st XI. were entertained to the Croydon Municipal Offices, and won an interesting game by 3 goals to 1. The 2nd XI.'s visit at Mottingham, where the home team was successful by 5 goals to 1.

The "B" XI., playing Dreadnaught H.C., at Lee, received a game badly contested from start to finish, and won by the odd goal of 3.

Games To-morrow.

1st XI. v. L.C.W. and Park Rov.—At Mottingham: E. Edwards, S. Walker, E. Turner, E. Philpot, C. Grimmer, L. Stevens, A. Wright, S. Stevens, E. Glass, E. Pope and W. Gould.

"A" XI. v. L.C.W. and Park Rov. II.—At Norbury: S. Harding, E. Medway, S. Cook, T. Pain, A. Vicarall, A. Wigner, H. Pain, J. Manning, T. Pain, E. Jones and A. F. Walters.

"B" XI. v. Colfeville's H.C.—At Mottingham: E. Randall, H. Wadley, F. Fowling, E. Smith, A. Ashley, A. Green, F. Roads, F. Wilson, C. Finch, H. Weight and K. Wood.

KINGSBROOK (R.A.F.).

The R.A.F. (Kidbrook) hockey team entertained the Air Ministry on Saturday at Kidbrook road, and were again successful by 4 goals (scored by Harlow 2 and West 2) to nil. The home players were aggressive from the bell-off, the defence being the strong for the visitors' forward line.

Tomorrow the R.A.F. meet New Eltham in the return match, and a good game is anticipated. Teams selected from: A. G. Richardson, J. W. Ross, G. L. Fowler, J. Pyott, A. Trimmer, J. Rowe, G. Hayes, G. West, A. Harlow, A. Hammond, D. Jessop and A. Wright.

Clifford Wanderers met Eltham at Southend-lane, Catford, on Saturday. The Wanderers should have scored more than the one goal in the first half. Winter's goalkeeping bringing off several very fine saves. The second half was a repetition of the first, and the Wanderers won by 2-0. Goals were scored by C. W. Langford (1), A. F. Winter (1), and C. A. Lovelly (2). Next week the Wanderers are away to Wycliffe.

Athletics.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS.

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL.

Blackheath Concert Hall—gaily decorated with bunting and drapery—presented a gaiety contrasts on Wednesday evening, when the club held a highly successful fancy dress carnival, admirably arranged by a committee, with Mr. W. A. A. Winter as hon. entertainments secretary. Mr. W. D. Winter acted as M.C., and the company, which numbered over 400, were rapidly "shepherded" to the prizewinners—Misses F. L. Gilbert, L. Harris, J. N. S. Leslie, A. T. G. Tremlin, E. W. Fulford, and G. A. Peachey. The costumes were in many cases quaintly original and pretty, the first and second ladies' prizes being awarded to Miss Hilda Fulford and Mrs. Fulford, while Mr. A. C. King and Mr. Fulford were the successful gentlemen. Hanover's band was in attendance.

KENT ATHLETIC CLUB.

At a committee meeting held after Saturday's run the following were selected to represent the club in the South of Thames Cross-Country Championship to be held at the Lansdowne Bowling Green, Dulwich, on Saturday, 8.15 p.m.—A. Baldwin, B. Brown, F. H. J. Duck, F. S. Elgar, W. G. Jackman, C. H. Ladbrook, A. J. Lock, T. G. Lynch, W. S. Miller, W. T. Mills, G. T. Pierce, T. F. Sherrill, reserves, W. H. J. Jeffery, W. J. Pratt, W. T. Tennant. J. Richards, with 10 minutes start, entered 2nd prize in the Cambridge Harriers' 10-mile road walking handicap on Saturday last at Eltham.—Hon. Secretary, W. Wallace, 48, Algernon-road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

KENT ROAD CLUB.

The S.E.C. had a very successful week-end. On Saturday the run was to "The Retreat," Pol Hill. Leaving the Academy, the club proceeded through Bishop, Old Bexley, St. Mary's Cray, Orpington, and then up Pol Hill. On Sunday the run was to New Chapel Green, via Chislehurst, Orpington, Shoreham, Polhill, Edenbridge, to New Chapel Green, returning home via Leigfield, Oxted, where a detour was made to Knockholt, and then to "The Retreat," Pol Hill, to tea.

The run for Saturday will be to Farnborough, starting from the Academy (and Herbert-road) at 3.30. Sunday's run is to Meopham, starting from the Academy at 9 a.m. All club cyclists invited.

The hon. secretary is Mr. S. Howes, 91, Rathbone-street, Plumstead.

CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS.

Last Saturday the club held their 10-mile road walking team and handicap race from the Castle Hotel, Eltham. A splendid entry of 27 was received. 17 faced the starter. W. S. Cowlay got away at the start, but at the first mile had dropped behind. E. F. [illegible] [illegible] competitors, who Moore had not well alone, stuck solidly to his task, and after having his man down for eight in the second was never the leading.

The officials were: Referee, Moore, J. C. Hall; Engine Cont, J. Parsons and Jack Hall; timekeepers, Messrs. F. Murray and Harry Lee; M.C., R.S.M. Sapps, R.F.A.

BOXING AT ELTHAM INSTITUTE, GREENWICH.

The amateur gymnastics which is associated with the excellent welfare arrangements made for the 600 odd employees of Messrs. G. A. Harvey and Co. (London), Ltd., was crowded on Wednesday evening, when the Boxing Club held a most interesting tournament. A full programme claimed the close attention of the spectators, who included Mr. G. A. Harvey, of Brighton (the chairman of the company), Mr. L. G. A. Harvey (managing director), and Mr. A. G. C. Clarke (director). During the proceedings light refreshments were served from the large canteen in which is provided daily the meals for the employees. The prizes were presented by Mr. G. A. Harvey, and they were distributed by Mr. S. G. A. Harvey. The officials were: M.C., Mr. Jack Jones; referee, Mr. Jeff Monk; timekeeper, Mr. H. Hemer; whipper-in, Mr. H. Gibson; seconds, Messrs. Shipton, Delaney, and Spendler; ref. The general arrangements were satisfactorily made by Mr. C. Rogers, of Greenwich, the instructor, and Mr. A. Stanley Fisher, the welfare superintendent and secretary to the boxing club. Details:—

Tot. Novices' Competition (three 1min. rounds).—Tom Mashlen beat Len Lockwood; George Gilbertson beat Bert Howe; Eddie Collins beat Harry Baker. Semi-final: Mashlen beat Gilbertson; Collins, a bye. Final: Collins beat Mashlen. The latter was giving away a little weight, but made a good fight of it.

Fat Novices' Competition (three 2min. rounds).—George Brundish beat Ernie Smith; Jim Lewis beat Jim Mutill. Final: Brundish beat Lewis, who was knocked out in the second round.

Feat Special Contests.—George Kennedy was "billed" to oppose Charlie Smith, but the latter took Kennedy's place, and retired in the second round. Dick Lancaster took George Heywood after an extra round.

There was a special six-round return contest between Jack Howard, of Lewisham, and Harry Goodbody, of Deptford. Goodbody had been retained the first encounter. A fine contest was witnessed. There was not much to it during the first two rounds, in the 3rd and 4th rounds Howard did all the attacking. He put his man down for two counts of nine in the fourth, knocking him out in the 5th.

Great interest was centred in the six-round bout between Charlie Rogers, the instructor, and Bob Bates, of Charlton. It was a very exciting contest, and the decision was a draw.

METROPOLITAN POLICE AND UNEMPLOYED.

Sept Pools, of "B" Division Metropolitan Police, will promote a highly attractive amateur boxing show on the 20th inst. at New Cross Baths, and the entire proceeds, without deduction, will be handed over to the Unemployed Funds of the Mayors of Greenwich and Deptford. The arrangement of the bouts will be in the hands of Sapps, Feeling and Sgt. Matthews, who were responsible for last week's tournament in aid of the St. John's Hospital.

Lacrosse.

JUNIOR FLAGS (1st round).

Owing to illness at the last moment Catford (Sud) went over to Hampden Park for their Flag Match with Surbiton (Sud) with eleven men only, and had to fold hard the whole time. At the interval the score was one all. On changing ends, and rearranging the positions somewhat, Catford faced better and got two goals, but Surbiton stuck close and scored one. Moore and Webster, Fullbrook on attack, were all good for Catford, and on defence Cross was conspicuous. Catford ran out winners by 4-3.

Lawn Tennis.

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Cycling.

C.T.C. (S.E. SECTION).

Next Sunday run is to Reigate Castle, meeting at the Railway Hotel, Sydenham Junction, at 9.30. All members will be welcomed, and as some very pretty scenery will be visited, they are invited to bring their [illegible] or put with a sheet of glass, and this again with paper or moss. When the glass dry daily until permission is well defined, then remove the paper, and in a couple more days finally remove the glass. Both mounted and green cuts be grown on strips of flannel stretched over a board, the two ends of the flannel reaching down into a dish of water. The seeds are sprinkled evenly on the flannel, which is always saturated with moisture, and when growth begins the roots push into the fabric. Many a chip's mess-room has supplied themselves with mustard and cress grown in this way. Cress should be sown about four days in advance of mustard, if both are to be cut together.

NATIONAL UTILITY POULTRY SOCIETY.

DEPTFORD BRANCH.

A general meeting of this branch was held at the Victoria Hall, Greenwich, Deptford, on the 1st inst., when the president, Mr. R. Rickhead, was in the chair.

The resignation of the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. H. Wheeler, was accepted, and it was decided unanimously to send him a hearty vote of thanks for his past services. Mr. Howard was elected to fill his place. It was decided to visit Borough Poultry farm at Haywards Heath on Easter Sunday, arrangements having been made with the railway company to convey the party for the single fare for the return journey.

It was decided to make a "two-day" event of the annual show—November 1st and 2nd. It is hoped that Mr. W. Powell Owen will come and judge again.

At the next meeting, arranged for February 14th, Mr. W. Powell Owen will lecture on "The Rearing Chick."

ROYAL VICTORIA YARD SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB.

Members and friends of this club held their third whist drive on Friday at the Lewisham Volunteer Club Hall, Highstreet, Lewisham, which was well filled. Many old friends from the Admiralty were present, as also Councillor and Mrs. Mulliner, and Mr. Cranfield, C.B.E., and Mrs. Cranfield, who spent part of the evening with the members. The which prizes were won as follows, in order of scoring, it being decided to give prizes to the first four in order of merit:—1st, Mr. Channing; 2nd, Mr. Field; 3rd, Mr. Cockburn; 4th, Mrs. Dale; highest lady (half score), Mrs. Field; highest gentleman (half score), Mr. Lewis; lowest score, lady, Mrs. Dyer; lowest score, gentleman, Mr. Ahlquist.

The Chairman of the club (Mr. G. H. Simmons) spoke of the interest the superintendent (Mr. C. W. Cranfield, C.B.E.) and Mrs. Cranfield were taking in the social side of the staff, and Mrs. Cranfield presented the winners with their prizes.

Mr. C. W. G. Bond was M.C., and the committee Messrs. Medworth, Wilshire and S. W. Jennings (secretary).

SCOUTS' CONCERT AT BELLINGHAM.

An entertainment organised by Miss Cecil Adams, the energetic Commander of the 1st Bellingham Troop of Boy Scouts, was given at St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham, on Wednesday, for the purpose of raising funds for the movement at Bellingham. The troop, which was only formed on January 1st, is really a reorganisation of the old Southend Village troop of Boy Scouts. The Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Smith) is nominally the Scoutmaster, but the main share of the work devolves upon Mr. R. W. L. Mason, who is Assistant Scoutmaster. At present there are about 15 Scouts and 30 Cubs. The entertainment, which was much appreciated, included two humorous sketches, "The Tenants," performed by Mrs. Adams and Miss Adams, and "Between the Soup and the Savoury," given by Miss Dorothy Bayne, Miss Phyllis Sargent and Miss Cecil Adams. The programme also comprised individual items rendered by Miss Cecil Adams (who sang and supplied music of the accompaniment), Mr. W. G. Ile, and the Rev. J. Philip Smith (vocal numbers), and Miss Margaret Matthew (songs at the piano and humorous patter).

Net Ball.

LEWISHAM SCHOOGLS ASSOCIATION.

Results for week ended February 3rd:—West Lewisham.—Kilmorie-road St. Bill's-road 7; Dalmain-road 5. Hamilton-road 8; Lewisham Bridge St. Brockley-road 5.

The match last October between Manor-lane Old Girls and College Park Girls' Club resulted in a win for the latter by 36-26. The fact that the court was not full size was partly responsible for the heavy scoring on both sides. To-morrow College Park opposes Camberwell A.C. 1st Team at Lower Sydenham.

[illegible] visits somewhat, he was [illegible] frequently from Feb[illegible] 9th.

Applicant, who had been [illegible] on January, on May 13th of last year [illegible] hours when the [illegible] her left hand. The manager [illegible] paper on the wound and [illegible] ointment. Three days later [illegible] and sending that she [illegible] was paid compensation up [illegible] 5d. a week. Dr. [illegible] doctor, recommended her to [illegible] Hospital at Greenwich, [illegible] as an out-patient until Jan[illegible] then admitted to the Infirmary [illegible] September 1st remained [illegible] After her discharge she [illegible] High Down for five weeks [illegible] which period she was [illegible] round.

Cross-examined by Mr. [illegible] the respondent, applicant [illegible] suggestion was made by [illegible] who had put something on [illegible] to use poultice, the [illegible] taken off. When an in-patient [illegible] Hospital her hand improved [illegible] had discharge the former [illegible]

Dr. C. D. Marsh and Dr. [illegible] surgeon at the Miller Hospital [illegible]

Dr. J. R. M. Wilshaw, [illegible] to the Miller Hospital, said [illegible] first saw visitor her [illegible] disappeared, and as far [illegible] there was no evidence of [illegible] generally the condition of her [illegible] that it was due to some [illegible]

Dr. Irving, from Wim[illegible] examined applicant on Jan[illegible] condition of her hand did [illegible] skin disease of which he [illegible]

Counsel: What did you [illegible] the condition described? [illegible] pays carbolic and—some [illegible] from carbolic and not sepsis.

Cross-examined by Mr. [illegible] for applicant, witness said [illegible] the girl's hand would be [illegible] treatment. When he first [illegible] wounded if sepsis had [illegible] some carbolic acid over her [illegible] the same conditions sepsis [illegible] he came to the conclusion [illegible] it herself.

His Honour Judge [illegible] said it was a very unpleasant [illegible] for the presence of the [illegible] would have been put to a [illegible] cruity. It was clear that [illegible] applicant's hand did not [illegible] recorded skin affection. [illegible] pointed that it might have [illegible] the hospital, but he was [illegible] could not have been possible [illegible] but in the circumstances he [illegible] award in favour of the [illegible]

When asked a question [illegible] payment of costs, applicant [illegible] some insects came out of [illegible]

WEST KENT MO[illegible]

After a period of enforced [illegible] the winter months, the [illegible] opened the season with a [illegible] Fields on Sunday. The [illegible] all expectations—thanks [illegible] weather probably exercised [illegible] and a good number of hikers [illegible] cyclists enjoyed the [illegible] numbers.

The next event, on the 13th [illegible] form of a speed judging [illegible] will be made from the [illegible] Green, at 2.30 p.m., and [illegible] upland to cover a circuit of [illegible] of 30 miles per hour, with [illegible] or speedometers. [illegible] friends can arrange for [illegible] course of the night to the [illegible]

A full list of fixtures will [illegible] application to the hon. [illegible] Ramsay, 77, Park-road, [illegible]

NEW CROSS [illegible]

Charlie Austin met with [illegible] from a crowded house on [illegible] on making his first appearance [illegible] the long and successful [illegible] at the Palladium. The [illegible] playing in one of his [illegible] "Factory's Burglar," and [illegible] to mind his other "Factory [illegible] realise that the new one—[illegible]—is just one long laugh. [illegible] the part of a distinctly [illegible] ably supported by Cyd Ellis [illegible] and Blanche Marvin. [illegible] Peyton pianist, plays with [illegible] on his fiddle, but on [illegible] visit the floor passages of [illegible] overshadowed by the playing [illegible] That his abilities were not [illegible] was proved by the number [illegible] he received. Amongst [illegible] with Molly Valmar, presents a [illegible] "Find the Lady"; [illegible] skilled violinist, who [illegible] duetters with his partner [illegible] and plays fiddle and [illegible]

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[illegible] after 10 p.m. are not workers, but idlers. [illegible]

[illegible]

The whole trouble, to my mind, is that the public-houses open far too early. If they were allowed to open at 7 p.m., the great bulk of the community would go home from their day's toil instead of going from work direct to the public-houses. This means that, in all probability, they stay until closing time, whereas with the public-houses opening at seven o'clock the majority of workers would go home, and possibly, after a meal, might or might not go out to enjoy a glass of beer.

The question of different hours for different districts is not right.—I am, Sir, etc.,

S. R. CURTIS.

Lewisham, S.E.13.

BROCKLEY HOUSING ESTATE.

Sir,—Apropos of your article in this week's "Kentish Mercury," one naturally sympathises with the prospective tenants, who are not permitted to keep "quiet" fowls, but for this they must thank their selfish brethren, who by the retention of crowing cockerels disturb the neighbourhood by their unceasing noise. This point appears to have been overlooked, but the Council, in the interests of health, are within their rights to protect children, invalids and a host of sensitive folk who are nightly robbed of [illegible] sleep and [illegible] due to this nuisance. [illegible] Deptford and other boroughs are leading the way, and one looks forward to the time when the keeping of these unwelcome pests will constitute a punishable offence.—I am, Sir, etc.,

"R.I.P."

Hither Green, S.E.
February 20th, 1923.

VALUE OF ALCOHOL.

Sir,—I note that the Bishop of Woolwich—in his address in connection with the temperance rally at Hither Green—declared that alcohol taken in any form was not a food.

I beg to contradict his statement, because alcohol contained in beer is a food to the body and acts in a similar capacity to that of fat or sugar. Beer also contains protein—a food matter found in lean meat—being derived from malt, vitamines which [illegible] are also found in beer and milk.

To the average athlete alcoholic beverages have been found of great value, ale, beer and stout [illegible] are made. They were the staples of the Light [illegible] of Putney and Lansdowne House. Champagne was served at dinner to celebrate the full course, but the principal drink during the period of training was good English ale.—I am, Sir, etc.,

A. E. COUZINS.

Deptford, S.E.

THE BELLINGHAM PUBLIC-HOUSE.

Sir,—With reference to the letter in your last issue protesting the public-house to be erected on the Bellingham estate, it would be interesting to know if your contributor is a tenant of the estate or not. I notice his address is not given, but the words are the same as the words of Mr. Redwood, of the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform, who kindly, and at great inconvenience to himself, gave advice to the tenants at the meeting held on Wednesday week.

Moreover, as we are being canvassed to vote for the public-house by a person who admits he is not a tenant, perhaps one has some justification for thinking that all this interest and care in our welfare is not entirely disinterested.

In view of the challenge thrown out at the meeting last Wednesday week, perhaps a [illegible] might also be allowed to ask who really did find the money for the expenses of that meeting?—I am, Sir, etc.,

FRED. S. SMITH.

"FAMOUS PICTURES AND THEIR PAINTERS."

Sir,—As a pioneer in the task of organising facilities for guidance in the "[illegible]," I am delighted that our suburbs should be favoured with such an opportunity of having revealed to them the fundamentals for a true appreciation of the products of the painters' art as is furnished by Mr. C. F. Cook's course at St. Dunstan's College. The enterprise of "The Kentish Mercury" in drawing from the lecturer a preliminary list of books is characteristic and public-spirited, but, as a student, I venture to deplore the discouraging [illegible] of his list of recommendations.

Further, I challenge Mr. Cook's [illegible] on the subject of prices, both of new and secondhand books. His statement that no such books as [illegible] "Schools of Painting," [illegible] "How to Look at Pictures," and so on, are to be had for 3s., is unjustified [illegible] of the splendid [illegible] in [illegible] contained in those volumes. [illegible] our help is always at the disposal of those who need [illegible].—I am, Sir, etc.,

FREDK. W. BATE.

[illegible], Lewisham High-road, S.E.4.

A number of letters are crowded out.

[illegible] Monday's programme will include "The Game of Life," [illegible] and Tom [illegible], and for the last three days of the week "The Book of Kings" and "A Little Brother of God" are to be screened.

At the King's Hall, Lewisham, "The Flower of the North," the principal picture for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is an adaptation of James Oliver Curwood's novel. Pauline Starke and Henry B. Walthall, of "Birth of a Nation" fame, head an all-star cast. For the last three days of the week "When Greek Meets Greek," an excellent British picture, is the chief item. Miss Violet Hopson and Mr. Stewart Rome play the leading characters. In the same programme is another of those clever natural history pictures, showing "The Battle of the Ants." The management is to be congratulated on securing first exhibiting rights for Lewisham of that wonderful picture, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which has now been playing continually at the Palace Theatre, W., for the past six months, and has broken all records for the run of a picture in this country. It will be screened at the King's Hall on Monday, February 26th.

During the week-end "Atlantide," a "wonder" film from a well-known novel, is to be seen at the Catford [illegible] Hall Cinema, Catford, together with Jack [illegible] in "[illegible] Bells." On Monday, for the three days, Frank Sheridan has the leading part in "The Rider of King Log" and "The Missioner" (from the novel by Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim) will also be screened, with the eleventh episode of "The Skywayman." The change of performance on Thursday will introduce Barbara Bedford in "The Face of the World," and there are also to be shown "The Song of Life," [illegible] in a [illegible], "A Hero at Sea," and a second [illegible], "Courting Trouble."

"The Great Moment"—starring Gloria Swanson—is the leading item of the week-end show at the Imperial Cinema, Lee Green, where during next week the bill will be headed by "Atlantide," which is an adaptation of the novel "The Queen of Atlantis." This will be shown each evening at 8.15 and 6.30, with matinees on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 2.40. The film was a great success at the Covent Garden Theatre, where it had a lengthy run. On the following Monday another attraction in "The Virgin Queen" (with Lady Diana Manners) will be seen here.

The week-end programme at the Queen's H.E., Rushey Green, Catford, stars Ethel Clayton in "Beyond," a fascinating story of the deepest problems of life, and "[illegible]," a romance of Old Spain, starring George Walsh and Miriam Cooper. The feature for Sunday is "[illegible]" (Rafael Sabatini's story), and on Monday, and throughout the week, "The Sheik," a picturisation of E. M. Hull's [illegible] novel of the Sahara desert, featuring Rudolf Valentino and Agnes Ayres, will be screened. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Saturday Night" ([illegible] Foy, Conrad Nagel and Theodore Roberts) will support "The Sheik," and for the remaining three days Jack Holt will be seen in "After the Show."

Gloria Swanson in "The Great Moment," and Viola Dana in "Aladdin's Other Lamp," are to be the features of the week-end at the Brockley Palladium, Brockley Cross, where during the whole of next week may be seen "Flames of Passion," which features Mae Marsh and Hilda Bayley. This is a drama which culminates in the most realistic murder scene screened so far. The picture will be shown daily at 3, 6.40 and 8.30, and will be supported, for the first three days of the week, by "There's Many a Slip," and, from Thursday, by the first of the late Mr. George R. Sims' poems.

During the week-end, Albert Ray is starred at the Broadway Theatre, Deptford, in "The Last of the Mohicans" and "Closed Doors" is also being shown. On Monday, for the three days, "The Face of the World," featuring Barbara Bedford, is to be screened here. It is claimed that more thrills have been packed into this picture than into any one ever before produced. "Bucking the Line" (Maurice Flynn) is in the same programme. On Thursday, the change of programme is to bring "Who's Wrong with the Women?" a great problem story [illegible], and Constance Talmadge in "Lessons in Love." The management claim that this programme is the greatest ever shown to the public at one sitting.

While cycling in Lewisham High-road on Monday, John Smith (48), of [illegible]-road, S.E., collided with a motor-car, and was afterwards treated at the Miller Hospital for cuts and abrasions.

Reginald Morris, aged nine, of 1, Westcombe Park-road, East Greenwich, was treated in the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, on Wednesday afternoon for concussion and shock as a result of being knocked down by a motor-car in Trafalgar-road, East Greenwich.

The machinery of the Guardians may be used, it was stated, for compelling attendance, and it is expected that the proportion of students will be five boys to three girls. The existing voluntary day continuation schools will to a large extent provide the accommodation on a basis of segregated classes.

With a view to stimulating interest in London's continuation schools a movement is on foot to hold a series of conferences of the juvenile organisations of the London boroughs.

Passenger figures for 1922 on the L.C.C. tramways were: ordinary 418,500,000, workmen 85,000,000, and children 88,500,000; a total of 700,000,000. This number is an increase of 36,000,000 over the total passengers for 1921.

The Press gallery at the new County Hall was fitted with [illegible] for Tuesday's meeting.

It appears by a statement made that an experiment is to be made with a [illegible] in the hope of improving the acoustics of the hall.

GREENWICH.

For the half-year ended September 30th of last year £158,253 was expended on outdoor relief by the Greenwich Board of Guardians. This compares with £870 for the City of London, which distributed the greatest average per head per day.

At Tuesday's meeting of the L.C.C. tenders were received for the renovation of the surfaces of the bare areas on Blackheath.

The borrowing, by the Greenwich Borough Council, of £7,831 in respect of the paving of the carriage-way of Anchor and Hope-lane, Charlton, has been sanctioned.

DEPTFORD.

Sir William Treloar has asked the Mayor of Deptford (Councillor J. Tiffen, J.P.) to select 20 crippled children of Deptford to attend a special matinée performance at the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square, on February 7th. There will be over 800 cripples from the Metropolitan boroughs present.

Between April 1st and December 30th, 1922, 211,[illegible] bathers and washers used the Laurie-grove Baths. The receipts amounted to £1,[illegible].

The births in Deptford for the last month of 1922 were equivalent to an annual rate of 18.1 per 1,000 of the population—a material drop from 22.5 for the corresponding period of the previous year. The death rate declined from 16.5 per 1,000 last year to 12.9 for the month under review.

The Town Clerk of Deptford (Mr. Arthur Perkins) will give a lecture on the history of Deptford at [illegible]-road Wesleyan Church, [illegible], on Wednesday. The Mayor will preside.

LEWISHAM.

Lewisham Board of Guardians expended £63,[illegible] in out-relief during the six months ended September 30th, 1922.

The Guardians on Monday accepted the tender of the Medway Lift Co., of Deptford, at £1,[illegible], for the installation of electrical lifts at the hospital.

An increase of [illegible] per week has been granted by the Guardians, on the recommendation of the Constitution Committee, to male nurses in their service holding the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Society.

WOOLWICH.

During the six months ended September 30th, 1922, Woolwich Board of Guardians spent £[illegible] in out-relief. Poplar, which headed the list, expended £[illegible].

The hoarding which previously enclosed the new Plumstead Market has been removed at the request of the stallholders, who complained that it hindered trade.

The re-arrangement of a portion of the Woolwich Market, by which stalls formerly standing in New-road have been moved to [illegible]-street, has produced objection from adjacent shopkeepers that their windows are hidden. The Baths and Markets Committee is considering the matter.

The L.C.C., having obtained an alternative school site in the neighbourhood of [illegible]-road, Plumstead, have decided to inform the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society that negotiations will not be further proceeded with in regard to a site on the society's property, which was originally selected.

[illegible] this "lottery," [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] character [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the law. There was a [illegible] with [illegible] he would [illegible] [illegible] should be [illegible] and the [illegible] whole aspect of the [illegible] [illegible] he should [illegible] alternative of a fine [illegible] for one month [illegible]

The defendant said [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] for the prosecution of the [illegible]

DEPTFORD [illegible]
"LEAG[illegible]

Council of Chris[illegible]
Meet[illegible]

Under the auspices [illegible] Council of Christian [illegible] of a series of three [illegible] was given last night in [illegible] Hall by Mr. J. F. G[illegible] (Lewisham), who spoke [illegible] Peace." The chairman [illegible] Leonard Mills (Elim [illegible]) was supported by the R[illegible] R.D. (Vicar of St. Pet[illegible] (Lewisham High-road [illegible] Church), and Mr. W. J. [illegible]

Mr. Green said the [illegible] nations who would [illegible] accept the settlement [illegible] international court of [illegible] the League. It would [illegible] one nation would be [illegible] in the right and the other [illegible] wrong, for the settlement [illegible] be some measure of [illegible]

DRURY-LANE [illegible]

Although no definite [illegible] fixed for the final performance [illegible] Nights" here, it will be [illegible] weeks owing to contracts [illegible] for the [illegible], [illegible] under the title of "[illegible]

Don't Del[illegible]
Spring is [illegible]

Several of the [illegible] be obtained at

Newing's

may be required [illegible] your opportunity [illegible] them at such bar[illegible] will be lost.

Beddings being [illegible] below cost.

Bedsteads at [illegible] lously low p[illegible]

Suites, Easie[illegible] Couches and [illegible] Chairs and [illegible] other items [illegible] cheap to c[illegible]

14 Days' Sal[illegible]

NEWIN[illegible]
60, etc., LOND[illegible]
GREENWI[illegible]

stockings, and 41 mackintosh capes. The receipts amounted to £446, but to deal with the whole of the children in the borough who required boots and clothes necessitated a fund of at least £1,000. Although it was difficult to get money in these days, the Mayor and those who were assisting him felt that the heart of Greenwich was sound and that the whole of the money required to deal with the needs of these necessitous children would be forthcoming. He urged all present to secure all the support for the fund that was in their power (applause).

The orchestra then played "For he's a jolly good fellow," and the exhibition of the pictures was proceeded with. The principal film was "The Man who Married his own Wife," and there was a number of others equally attractive.

LEWISHAM VOLUNTEERS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN.

Christmas Party Yesterday.

As a result of the generosity of members of the Lewisham Volunteers (1914-1919) Club, 272, High-street, Lewisham, schoolchildren to the number of 136 were entertained there yesterday evening to an eminently satisfying tea and Christmas party. The children were from St. Mary's Schools, Lewisham, St. Saviour's Roman Catholic Schools, Lewisham, and from the Lewisham and Catford Corps of the Salvation Army, which provided 50 of their youngest members. After tea, a highly successful event for the children, there were such rollicking games as "Musical Chairs," led by members of the club, and helpers, and a screamingly funny marionette show by Mr. Harry Spiller, who kept the children in roars of laughter and persuaded them, with little difficulty, to sing the choruses of a number of up-to-date popular songs. Refreshments were then taken to the strains of Edgar's excellent "Jazz" orchestra, and there followed a distribution of carefully chosen toys by "Father Christmas" (Mr. J. Low, a member of the club). When at last, late in the evening, the youngsters went home, each took with him three pennies and a bag of sweets.

Contributions were received from Messrs. J. Ginbey (of Messrs. Sainsbury's), the Lewisham "Acacia" and Catford Lodges of Instruction. Mr. J. Low (of Messrs. Edwards and Sons) gave the milk and cream; Mr. S. T. Lea, the sweets; Mr. J. Ginbey (of Messrs. Sainsbury's), the butter and tea; and Mrs. Church, a case of apples. The M.C.s were Captain Cook and Messrs. A. C. Darby and S. H. McMurdie.

The ladies, wives of members, who came early in the afternoon to lay the table and assisted in serving, washing-up, and the like, were Mesdames Goodwin, Nell, Nunn, Stevens, Knight, Veasey, Skinner, Hill, Kerr, Kemp, Darby and Mitchell and Miss Roberts (of Edgar's orchestra) also helped. The entertainment had been organised by the house committee. Among those present was the Rev. Father Clifton (St. Saviour's).

S.M. GAS CO. BONUS.

We understand that a bonus at the rate of 3 1-8 per cent. will be paid into the co-partnership accounts of all employees working under the terms laid down in the co-partnership agreement for the past half-year. This is the first bonus since 1916.

The Rev. S. Udney, who has captured two burglars at Thornton Heath vicarage within three months, was one of the assistant clergy of St. Alfege, Greenwich, during the vicarship of the Rev. Brooke Lambert.

the courteous way in which the police made his passage through the Metropolis so easy and comfortable.

The other toasts were "The Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and Chief Constables," "The Visitors," and "R Division Sports Club."

Among those present were Mr. [illegible] Perry, Major Tomlin, Major [illegible], Sir Wyndham Childs, C.M.G., Col. [illegible], Major [illegible], the Mayor and Mayoress of Greenwich (Councillor B. F. Dence, J.P., L.C.C.), and Mrs. Dence, Dr. and Mrs. [illegible], the Town Clerk of Greenwich (Mr. F. J. [illegible]), Supts. Hawkins, Wensley, Carlin and Neal ("The Big Four"), Supts. Good [illegible] and Anderson, Chief Inspt. [illegible], [illegible] Jackson and [illegible], Mr. Curtis, Mr. J. A. Collard, Mr. C. H. [illegible] and Alderman Hammond, representing the A.A.A. and A.B.A.

The general arrangements were admirably carried out by Insp. Thomas [illegible] (hon. secretary, entertainments committee), Station P.S. Grundy, Det.-Sergt. Kerr, Sergts. Kirk and Green, Det. McTaggart and P.C. Lowe.

Letters to the Editor.

N.C.U. AND LEWISHAM GUARDIANS.

Sir,—Although a member of the National Citizens' Union, may I be permitted to criticise the Borough of Lewisham Ratepayers' Association on their attitude as shown in the last issue of your paper. When joining the N.C.U., I hoped their earlier efforts in the cause of efficiency and economy in local affairs would be maintained, but with the return of members to office on both the Council and Guardians, the operation seems to be content that all suggestions and criticism should be left to the Ratepayers' Association, who, you reported, carried several matters before the Government auditor. Among other matters, was Cumberlow Lodge, upon which he reported very adversely, stating that profits shown by the Guardians was entirely fictitious. It is therefore to be regretted that the Guardians declined permission to representatives of the Ratepayers' Association to inspect the conditions under which matters are carried on there.

What were the members of the N.C.U. who are Guardians doing? and why is inspection declined?—I am, Sir, etc.,

"KARLSTHORPE."

BELLINGHAM "MODEL" PUBLIC-HOUSE.

Sir,—In reference to the above matter, I note that the Bishop of Woolwich suggests that we employ "Local Option," whereby the great question should be solved. I do not profess to know much about "Local Option." Although one cheerfully endured hardships during the war and gave up many long-cherished liberties, we do not want or intend to part with them now, and those "kill-joys" seem to think they can keep us out of our liberty for all time, and with afore assurance want to make us a "dry" nation. Not all at once perhaps, but bit by bit, and that is what they call Democratic Control or Local Option, or something else misleading, but it means prohibition all the same whether for the inhabitants of a single county or a whole continent.

It is all very well to say "Let the majority decide." The majority does decide who shall represent us in Parliament and on local councils, but what right has any majority, however large, to interfere with one's personal affairs. Every free born Englishman has the right to decide for himself what he shall eat and drink, what time he shall go to bed, so long as, in pleasing himself, he does not interfere with the freedom and comfort of anyone else, or overstep the bounds of law and order.

No! Local Option with the option loaded for prohibition will not do.—I am, Sir, etc.,

P. E. RAYNOR.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Sir,—Your correspondent on teachers' salaries contends that there is no reason why teachers should be singled out for reduction of salary. Is this really accurate? Surely any reduction in their salary should be comparable with the reductions made in the various bonus schemes applicable to other classes.

The teachers were practically the only class to have basic rates increased, and that by a higher percentage than any other war increase (vide Geddes Report). In one case there has been no reduction under any "cost of living scheme"; in the others there have

desirous to enlighten me on the success of America, through prohibition, but I fail to see his point. America is far better off than any other country, and her success to-day, if one can call it such, is entirely due to the fabulous sums paid over by the various countries for raw materials and foodstuffs during the trials of the Great War and after. What was the matter with our Imperial standing in 1913-1914? No country could command such wealth, and no prohibition. If we could only find out the real truth, I am sure that the amount spent by the U.S.A. "boot-leggers" and "rum runners" would almost be equivalent to that expended in Great Britain.

Representative [illegible] declared that the Prohibition Law had made America a nation of [illegible], had made law-breaking popular, and had created a state of rebellion amongst millions of citizens. Better have old England as she stands.—I am, Sir, etc.,

S. B. CURTIS.

Lewisham, S.E.13.

Sir,—Actions and politics must be studied in the light to be understood. "S.E.A." may not be aware of the history of the prohibitionists. During the last year of the war, when the conservation of foodstuffs was so important, an agitation arose in Auckland on account of the waste and loss resulting from the manufacture of beer and spirits. The Government at once put forward legislation restricting the hours during which licensed premises might be open, and a considerable measure was passed for a poll of the whole country in April, 1919, on the question of prohibition by a simple majority. This was the prohibitionists' opportunity, and strenuous efforts were made by advertising and meetings, and above all by getting every girl who had attained 21 put on the register as an elector. On the polling day, April 1919, all possible motor-cars were requisitioned, and every woman elector conveyed to the poll. It was well known that great numbers of the men, owing to their occupations requiring them to migrate in search of work, were not on the register. The prohibitionists were jubilant, but the men who were serving overseas had facilities to record their votes, and so the result prohibition was rejected by over 10,000 votes. In December, 1919, at the General Election, the same tactics were pursued, again unsuccessfully.

As to the right and wrong of this matter, it is assumed as a matter of course by the advocates of total abstinence that to drink anything at all is morally wrong—a sin; and that the effect of taking drink even in the most moderate quantities is only injurious. These contentions are insupportable. Wine is a divine gift to man; see Psalm 104 and numerous passages in the New Testament. Excess certainly is severely condemned, as is excess of food. Only a small minority of the medical profession support total abstinence; and as those who attacked Mr. Johnson in the Essex Hall pointed out, to work in mud and water, as they did in the trenches in Flanders, is only possible to a man if life is sustained by stimulants—they know this by actual experience. This, of course, applies equally to those who have to work here in all weathers and to lift heavy loads; and to expect a man perspiring and exhausted to content himself with a cup of tea is lunaticism.—I am, Sir, etc.,

ABSTAINER, NOT PROHIBITIONIST.

CHARITY CONCERT AT HATCHAM.

An excellent programme was submitted last night at St. Catherine's Hall, Hatcham, by a party organised by Miss Mamie Payne in aid of the Miller Hospital and of St. Dunstan's, which institutions should benefit considerably by the attendance of an audience numbering some 200 persons. The vocal side was well represented by the Misses Doris Brown, heard to advantage in "One Fine Day" (from "Madame Butterfly"), and Hilda Page, who showed a voice of rare quality in "Tender" and other songs, and Mr. Percy Jarratt, a fine baritone. Messrs. H. H. Chapman and H. M. Christian put in some capital humorous interludes, Miss Gladys Cant was a graphic elocutionist, Mr. Godfrey Culliford was a clever "magician," Miss Payne was in good form for songs at the piano, and Mr. Walter Harding was a useful pianist.

Pupils of Miss Elsie Hyde completed the programme with a graceful display of dancing.

An article in the February number of the "London Magazine," by Valentine Williams, deals with the menace of the military situation in Germany.

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stant's College the other day) and instead that Julia Cartwright's "Painters of Florence," which has seen no issue proceedings, should be on everybody's shelves, as Messrs. Murray do it for 3s.

Mr. Cook has a special affection for the "precious" beauty, meticulous truth, and jewelled colouring of the Dutch and Flemish painters and went through Holland and Belgium for his lectures. "Tyrwhitt's "Great Masters of Past Times (Dutch and Flemish)," which first published at 3s., is almost an indispensable book." Mr. Cook concluded, "the work of a profound observer and an artist himself, and another useful book is W. Bode's 'Great Dutch and Flemish Painters," Duckworth, 7s. 6d. Martin Conway has just produced a monumental work on the Flemish painters (John Murray at ten guineas). But what is the good of books if you do not go to the pictures themselves? The interest of art is not only with the thing represented, but in the craftsmanship and the created thing. Go up to town with one set purpose. Do not turn to the Coliseum on the right hand nor to Barker's on the left, but go straight to the National Gallery, and if you take into the building a mind receptive, inquisitive and not encumbered you will bring something else away with you. It may be a new aesthetic sense, it may be the seeing eye, it may be a spiritual anchorage for all time."

In going to the National Gallery one may take Mr. Cook's lectures as a stage on the way, and discover precisely what it is that he is in search of in the great adventure to Twilight-Land. It would be passing strange if, in the National Gallery—after Mr. Cook's lectures—he should encounter, like the charioteer with the two horses in "Pointer" tale, nothing less than a restoration of the lost vision of beauty.

CO-OP. EMPLOYEES' SHORT-LIVED STRIKE.

A brief strike of motor men and others employed in the bread delivery section of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Powis-street, Woolwich, took place on Friday morning, but at mid-day the men were back at work. It appears that negotiations have taken place between the Management Committee of the society and the Union of Co-operative Workers with reference to the pending discharge of one of the motor drivers. This driver had been convicted in a number of accidents, and, after the last one, was given notice to terminate his employment on the 8th inst. His fellow workers resented this action, but decided to return to work after it had been arranged that the matter should be submitted to the arbitration of the Joint Committee of Trade Unionists and Co-operators, set up by arrangement with the Trade Union and Co-operative Congresses. The driver's notice has been suspended pending the decision of the Joint Committee.

From the evidence of the inquest at Lewisham on Tuesday, it appeared that John Collins, aged 74, pensioned Naval school master, of 8, Sydling-road, Lewisham, died there suddenly on Monday morning as a result of chronic bronchitis and valvular disease of the heart.

Vacuum Steamer and Express.—Quick Cure for Sleeplessness and Nervous Troubles. Prescribed by Leading Physicians, highly recommended, and post free 1s. 2d. by Kenilworth Chem. Co. Dudlington.—Advt.

wished all the children a happy and prosperous New Year. The Vicar of Holy Trinity (the Rev. G. Twentyman) said that the fact that they were spending such a jolly afternoon was due in the main to the kindness of Sir Philip Dawson, and he asked all present to learn as much as possible during their school life so that they, too, might rise in the world, as Sir Philip had done. The 1,500 children gave three hearty cheers, and, on the suggestion of the Vicar, waved their handkerchiefs with much enthusiasm. The guests included 80 crippled children who are being assisted by the Sydenham Cripples' Fund, of which Lady Dawson is the president.

Over 120 poor children of Sydenham were entertained by Mr. H. W. Newing, of Catford, at the Forty Rise Baptist Mission Hall, Bell Green, on Saturday. An excellent tea was served; games were played, and Mr. Harvey, dressed as Father Christmas, distributed toys. Mr. Lal Carter, Mr. Stanley Collins, and other friends of Mr. Newing also treated the children to a musical entertainment.

DRAMATICS AT BELLINGHAM.

A musical and dramatic entertainment was given at St. Dunstan's Hall, Bellingham, on Saturday, for the augmentation of the new church hall building fund. The principals were Mr. H. Lancaster ("Reginald," of Louis Bidwell's concert parties in Prince) and Miss Juliet Lancaster, who gave several sketches of a peculiarly fascinating order. One was entitled "Love on the railway," an amusing little comedy, and another was "Merchandise," a monologue, which has been dedicated to the Prince of Wales. In all their numbers, serious and humorous, Mr. Lancaster and his partner showed a rare artistic talent which deserved a larger and more demonstrative audience. The programme was interspersed with some capital songs by Miss Marjorie Mortenhoe and Mr. R. F. Hayward, and pianoforte solos by Miss Adams.

At the interval the Vicar, the Rev. J. Philip Smith, who presided, said that just before he came away he had the gratification of receiving a cheque for £5 guineas for the building fund from one of the City companies. He congratulated the artistes on the excellence of their entertainment, and said he thought the social gatherings generally associated with Twelfth Night had accounted for the comparative smallness of the attendance.

A BORSTAL FAILURE.

Bessie Miller (21), a domestic servant, of Cranham-street, South Bermondsey, pleaded guilty at Lambeth Police Court on Monday to stealing two pieces of silk, value 30s., the property of her employer, Elizabeth McLaughlin, of Lyndhurst-road, Peckham. Det. Chapman mentioned that the prisoner spent two years at Borstal.

Mr. Hay Balfour sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour.

HONOR OAK PARK "OLD KROCKS."

Last Sunday, in spite of the wet morning, a small party turned out for the ramble—leader, Frank Rattle—commencing to Catford and Bromley.—Next Sunday morning the start will be made at 9.45—leader, Rambler Jim Plan.

rails and furniture, was unveiled at the Lower Sydenham Wesleyan Church by the Rev. Robertson Ballard on Sunday evening. He was assisted during the service by Lieut.-Colonel D. Forster, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Engineers, who gave an address, and by Captain J. Wright.

Prior to the unveiling Lieut.-Colonel Forster said that the men who were being commemorated would be remembered by all members of that congregation for their achievements, heroism, and, above all, their sacrifice. As time passed on the memory of the dangerous struggle would become less poignant, but even to-day—over four years after the Armistice—no one forgot that those men had died for them. It stirred them to the depths of their hearts, and should lead them to dwell on the greater sacrifice made by Christ Himself. He would leave one thought with them—"They for us," "He for us," but, above all, "He for me." Later Mr. Ballard unveiled the rails and a copper tablet, and this was succeeded by two minutes of silence, after which the "Last Post" was sounded.

The names inscribed on the tablet are F. J. Bailey, E. K. Bailey, F. S. Cass, D.C.M., F. J. Cuthbertson, E. Frampton, F. Green, R. G. Hitchings, H. Herring, H. Ingham, M. Little, E. Lawrence, A. Norris, S. Richardson, W. Saltmarsh, E. S. Scott and A. Winter.

WOOLWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL TENANTS.

TREAT TO CHILDREN OF UNEMPLOYED.

On Saturday, at the Women's Hostels, Well Hall, nearly 400 children of unemployed members of the Woolwich Borough Council Tenants' Welfare Association (associated with the Kidbrooke Housing Estate) were entertained to a tea and entertainment. The guests on arriving were dressed by Messrs. W. H. Abbott, W. Holmes, P. Warlow and F. Eldred, and also received a formal welcome from Councillor A. E. Tyrrenorth. The Mayor and Mayoress of Woolwich (Councillor and Mrs. Turnbull) were present during the proceedings, and the Mayoress was handed a bouquet of flowers by one of the guests, Gladys Cooey.

Replying to a vote of thanks to the visitors proposed by Mr. G. A. Bines and seconded by Mr. A. J. Warlow, the Mayor promised his support to the effort that was being made to secure a larger ground on the estate for athletic purposes. In the course of the evening Mr. Kimberl, of Abbey Wood, gave a display of magical tricks, and Mr. H. Higgs, attired as Father Christmas, distributed toys. On leaving each child was presented with fruit and sweets.

The arrangements were made by a committee of which Mr. Beaton was secretary, and Mr. Holmes and a number of assistants attractively decorated the hall.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE.

In the No. 81 (Blackheath) Nursing Division examination, held at Morden-terrace Women's Institute on December 20th, the following were successful:—

"First Aid."—Medallists: Evelyn L. Lill, Dorothy Dolman, A. Thorne, Margaret Medhurst, Nellie Humphreys.

Certificates: Victoria Mitchell, Mary King, Fannie Wilson, Nellie Oliver, Violet Hodgson, E. Young, King, Martha Carter, Edith Fenwick, Gertrude Chivers, Emma Ritchie.

Lewisham Chamber of Commerce was a living force in the affairs which concerned the borough. It was formed many years ago under the title of the Sydenham and Forest Hill Traders' Protection Society, and in 1909 increased its sphere of work by becoming affiliated to the London Suburban Traders. It took a step in the right direction seven years ago, when they elected their present chairman to the position he now held. The life and energy he put into the affairs of the organisation had been reflected in its present healthy position, and from the time of his election the Chamber had never looked back (applause).

Mr. R. H. E. Blaxill (chairman of the Chamber), who replied, attributed the success of the Chamber to the good working committee which had supported him during the past seven years. He pointed out the advantages associated with their affiliation to the Traders' Federation, which represented 46 organisations in London and the suburbs, and said he was pleased to say that the West Lewisham Chamber of Commerce was recognised more to-day than ever before. He gave a welcome to the president and chairman of the local Grocers' Association, and said he hoped some scheme would be formulated whereby the two organisations would combine in the achievement of more useful work.

Mr. Blaxill went on to speak of the social activities of the Chamber and prospective visits to the L.C.C. generating station at Lots-road and other big public works. He referred also to the effective work of the Borough of Lewisham Chamber of Commerce (represented at the dinner by their chairman), Councillor Mrs. Edwards' notable municipal victory, the presence of the Mayor, and the assistance rendered by their president (Sir Philip Dawson), who, he remarked incidentally, had offered to show a party of traders over the House of Commons.

Mr. R. C. Hart proposed the president (Sir Philip Dawson), who was toasted with enthusiasm.

Country's Industrial Problem.

Sir Philip, in reply, spoke of the industrial prospects of the country, and, referring to commerce as the life-blood of the nation, said it was better to see a gradual improvement than a sudden recovery which (as in the case of a patient suffering from a grave illness) had a tendency to a fatal relapse. He attended a dinner given by the Institute of Civil Engineers the previous evening, and at that function Sir William Ellis, one of the leading figures in the iron and steel industry of the country, told him that conditions were decidedly improving in that department of industry. He believed that a further recovery was imminent, but in order to gain the best result they must have behind all industry the good sense of the working man and the populace in general. Notwithstanding the loud voices of a very few noisy ones who were listened to a great deal more than they deserved, the great bulk of the working classes was sound at heart. They had every reason to be satisfied with the steps which had so far been taken by the present Government. We must reduce our expenditure—and the Government was doing its best in that direction—and we must see that our indebtedness to the U.S.A. was put on a fair and proper working basis. In that respect he believed the results of the efforts of the Chancellor of the Exchequer would exceed the most ardent expectations. The fact that for the first time since the war the Government had shown the courage of definitely stating its views to our great ally, France, had considerably cleared the air. He was told by one of the greatest of our financiers, who was well acquainted with the French mentality, that the feeling in France towards England was better than it had been for many years past. They realised that we had been perfectly honest in our views. We must not quarrel with France, and he was quite sure that France did not wish to quarrel with us. It was a fundamental ... France in a

secretary, secretary of the ... Grocers' Association, was simply there "as a citizen," and that that remark also applied to Mr. F. Haywood, who had been described in the announcement as a churchwarden. "It does not mean that he is supporting me in this little fight as a representative of the Church," said the chairman.

The Bishop of Woolwich, with whom on the platform was the Rev. J. Philip Smith, Vicar of the parish, said it was the first time that he had heard details of this "little public-house," and he must confess that he was profoundly unconvinced.

"I," his lordship went on, "have had experience for 35 years in South London, where I have lived and worked, and this thing" (aloud) "to me is a nightmare." To talk about the atmosphere of a public-house as that to which to bring children was wrong. He was no killjoy, and if Mr. Redwood would advocate such a house without a licence he would "go for it with both hands" (applause).

He would, he said, like the people of Bellingham to say for themselves whether they wanted the house (hear, hear). It had been argued that they must not ask them, because that would be local option. He suggested that plebiscite of all men and women of 21 years of age should be taken. It was not fair to have a thing like that forced upon the community against its will. Where was it going to lead? He did not know. The London County Council had developed estates, and had given no facilities for licensed houses, and now appeared to have departed from that whether the people wished to have it or not. Whether they liked to have it or not the L.C.C. presumed to say "You are going to have this beerhouse we think it is for your good."

His lordship explained that he considered it unfortunate that the notice of the meeting had been issued in the form in which it appeared, and that also he did not consider it fair to Bellingham that the house should be forced upon them in any way. Personally, he thought a public-house of that description would not bring an atmosphere for good, and he hoped that no licence would be asked for until the people of Bellingham said whether they wished for it or not.

The Chairman read out the copy of a petition prepared for signature on the estate and for submission to the Licensing Justices asking them to grant a licence for the type of public-house proposed.

Mr. T. Hinds disagreed with some of the things that the Bishop had said, and the Rev. Robert Coutts (Catford Wesleyan Church) interrupting, Mr. Hinds remarked that people who advocated Local Option wanted prohibition.

Mr. Redwood challenged the right of the Bishop to tell them what they should eat or drink.

A great many questions followed. One questioner gave the audience to understand that he feared the establishment of what would be a tied house. Another elicited the admission that children under 14 could not be admitted to the licensed part of the premises.

It was gathered that an opposition petition is being signed on the estate. One of the tenants protested against any brewery coming there and providing a house, and said that if any house were provided it should be one of which the tenants should have the profits.

"FUNCTIONS OF WORKS COMMITTEES."

Lecture at Deptford Last Night

A lecture, under the auspices of the Deptford, Lewisham and Greenwich branch of the Industrial League and Council, was given at the Town Hall, Deptford, last night by Mr. F. S. Button, J.P. (of Erith), who spoke on the "Functions of Works Committees."

The lecturer, who was introduced by the Mayor (Councillor J. Tiffen, J.P.), said the ... was faced with diffi-

Vicar.

ST. JAMES, HATCHAM.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. E. R. J. Martin, the Vicar.

ST. MICHAEL, ENNERSDALE RD., NEW CROSS.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. J. W. Butler.

ST. GEORGE, BROCKLEY.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. E. H. G. Sargent.

FAULKNER-STREET MISSION, NEW CROSS.—E., 7, Rev. C. F. Turner.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, EVELYN-STREET, DEPTFORD.—M., 11, and E., 7, Rev. W. Raper.

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CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, LEWISHAM.—M., 7 (Low Mass), and 10 (Sung Mass and Sermon), and E., 6.30 (Evensong), Rev. W. E. Woodward (Priest-in-Charge).

ST. MILDRED, LEE.—M., 11, Rev. Alfred Ogilvy, the Vicar; E., 6.30 (Monthly Musical Service), No sermon.

ST. LAURENCE, CATFORD, MISSION (Holbeach Hall, Holbeach-road).—E., 6.30 (Gospel Service), Rev. C. E. Parsons (who gives addresses here every Sunday evening on "The Basis of the Christian Faith").

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

The collection on Sunday will be given, as a New Year's offering, to Mr. Edwin Venus, the Scripture Reader.

An organ recital, with vocal and instrumental music, will be given after the evening service on Sunday.

ST. PETER, GREENWICH.

On Sunday afternoon the "Brotherhood" meeting will be addressed by Mr. R. T. Fullagar on "Giving our boys a chance." The soloist is to be Mr. Arthur Lowe.

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ST. BARNABAS, DEPTFORD.

On Friday afternoon a tea party for deaf children and the children of deaf parents was given by Miss T. M. Glynn in the lecture room of this church. The annual New Year tea party is to be held on Wednesday at All Saints' Hall, Monson-road, Hatcham. The tea will be followed by a meeting and an entertainment, and the Mayor of Deptford has promised to be present.

ST. CYPRIAN, BROCKLEY.

Continuing his course of sermons on the Creed, the Vicar will take as his subject on Sunday morning the clause "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

ST. JOHN, LEWISHAM HIGH-ROAD.

The Men's Class (at 3.15) on Sunday afternoon is to be addressed by Mr. Copper, who will speak on "The Greatness of the Little." There are to be electrical demonstrations and orchestral music.

ST. MARK, DEPTFORD.

The services on Sunday will be: M., 8, Holy Communion, and 11, Choral Eucharist, and E., 6.30, Evensong, when the "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" will be sung to Field in D, and the anthem will be "Seek ye the Lord" (Dr. Roberts).

ST. PETER, BROCKLEY.

On Sunday morning the "Te Deum" will be sung to Stanford in B flat, and in the evening the Canticles will be sung to Smart in B flat, the anthem being "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" (Roberts). After the service Mr. G. H. Heath Gracie, F.R.C.O., will play an organ solo, "Hungarian March" (Berlioz).

ST. GEORGE, PERRY HILL.

The music on Sunday will be: Morning Service, Garrett in D; Introit, "Dies advent," Mode II; Holy Communion, Tours in F; Evening Service, King Hall in B flat; anthem, "From the Rising of the Sun" (J. H. Brown).

ST. MILDRED, LEE.

At Evensong the monthly musical service will be held. Canticles will be sung to Rainbird in F (first performance), and the choir will render a selection from "The Messiah"; soloists, Miss Clayton, Miss Mackereth, and Mr. A. Clayton. After the service Mr. Walter Reinhard will give an organ recital, assisted by Miss Cameron, vocalist.

ST. AUGUSTINE, HONOR OAK PARK.

On Monday evening, at eight, the annual New Year social will be held.

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM.

The fourth of a series of monthly addresses is to be delivered on Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Institute, Ladywell-road, by the Rev. A. J. Wade Gery (Rector of St. Paul-with-St. Mark, Deptford), who will speak on "Is the Old Testament the Word of God?"

ST. JAMES, HATCHAM.

The subject of the Vicar's lecture on Sunday evening will be the church's New Year's motto, "Bring that Friend." The band of the C.M.S. Blind Boys' School (Foochow, China) will give vocal and instrumental selections at the Goldsmiths' College Hall, New Cross, on Wednesday evening. The Bishop of Woolwich will preside.

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[illegible]ST LEWISHAM TRADERS' DINNER.

[illegible] Stanley Prior and a "Kentish Mercury" Article.

[illegible] Philip Dawson, M.P., who presided [illegible] annual dinner of the West Lewis[illegible] Chamber of Commerce at the [illegible] Hall, [illegible]-road, Forest [illegible], on Wednesday, struck a note of [illegible] when he spoke of the industrial [illegible] of the country. On the other [illegible], without attempting to damp the [illegible] of the optimists or depreciate the [illegible] signs [illegible] in the distance, Stanley Prior gave a reasonable word [illegible]. He quoted an article which [illegible] in "The Kentish Mercury" last [illegible] on the challenge to suburban trade [illegible] invasion of the great West End [illegible], and emphasised the imperative [illegible] of countering the movement by a [illegible] effort on the part of the local [illegible].

[illegible] Alderman T. B. Roberts, in giving the [illegible] of "The West Lewisham Chamber of Commerce," said he was pleased to [illegible] that the Chamber was in such [illegible] conditions. He was sure that [illegible] result had been only achieved [illegible] the active co-operation of the principal [illegible] of the district. He had often [illegible] why the whole of the Forest [illegible], Sydenham and Honor Oak Park [illegible] people were not members of [illegible] organisation. It had occurred to [illegible] that some of the smaller traders [illegible], perhaps, be shy of that rather high-[illegible] title of "Chamber." If it was [illegible] was incumbent on the members of [illegible] Chamber to disabuse their minds of [illegible] notion, and point out the advantages [illegible] collective action as against the efforts, [illegible] futile, of the individual. The West [illegible] Lewisham Chamber of Commerce was a [illegible] force in the affairs which concerned [illegible] borough. It was formed many years [illegible] under the title of the Sydenham and [illegible] Hill Traders' Protection Society, [illegible] in 1908 increased its sphere of work [illegible] becoming affiliated to the London [illegible] Suburban Traders. It took a step in the [illegible] direction seven years ago, when they [illegible] their present chairman to the posi[illegible] he now held. The life and energy [illegible] put into the affairs of the organisation [illegible] been reflected in its present healthy [illegible], and from the time of his election [illegible] Chamber had never looked back [illegible].

Mr. R. H. E. Blaxill (chairman of the [illegible]), who replied, attributed the [illegible] of the Chamber to the good work[illegible] committee which had supported him [illegible] the past seven years. He pointed [illegible] the advantages associated with their [illegible] to the Traders' Federation, [illegible] represented 40 organisations in [illegible] London and the suburbs, and said he [illegible] pleased to say that the West Lewis[illegible] Chamber of Commerce was recog[illegible] more to-day than ever before. He [illegible] a welcome to the president and chair[illegible] of the local Grocers' Association, and [illegible] he hoped some scheme would be [illegible] whereby the two organisations [illegible] combine in the achievement of [illegible] useful work.

Mr. Blaxill went on to speak of the [illegible] activities of the Chamber and [illegible] visits to the L.C.C. [illegible] at [illegible]-road and other big public [illegible]. He referred also to the effective [illegible] of the Borough of Lewisham Cham[illegible] of Commerce (represented at the [illegible] by their chairman), Councillor [illegible] Edwards' notable municipal victory, [illegible]

BELLINGHAM M[O]DEL PUBLIC-HOUSE.

L.C.C. Scheme Discussed.

OPPOSITION BY BISHOP OF WOOLWICH.

A meeting was held at the Parish Hall, Bellingham, on Wednesday evening to consider the London County Council's proposals for the provision, on the Bellingham estate, of a model public-house.

Mr. G. [illegible], a resident, who, taking [illegible] responsibility for the calling of the meeting, denied the truth of rumour that he was being "backed" by brewers. He liked a glass of beer, he said, and wanted to see on that estate a licensed house of a type to which he could take his wife and family. He stated that owing to absence in Switzerland Lieut.-Colonel Pownall, M.P., was not able to be present. He had received from Lieut.-Colonel Ball, L.C.C., a letter congratulating those concerned on the fact that on the L.C.C. the opposition of the "cranks and faddists" to the proposed house had been defeated, the writer expressing himself as opposed to forcing individuals to drink "ginger pop."

Mr. V. C. Redwood, J.P., organising director of the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform, spoke in opposition to Local Option, and in favour of the type of house approved by the L.C.C. committee. He claimed that it was wise of the L.C.C. to grant to a firm of brewers the privilege of establishing on that estate a public-house on the lines proposed. A man who wanted to drink "ginger pop" or other such drinks had no more right to force it on other people than they had to make him drink stimulants.

The Chairman explained that Mr. A. Bellamy, secretary of the Bellingham [illegible] Association, was simply there "as a citizen," and that that remark also applied to Mr. F. Haywood, who had been described in the announcement as a churchwarden. "It does not mean that he is supporting me in this little fight as a representative of the Church," said the chairman.

The Bishop of Woolwich, with whom on the platform was the Rev. J. Philip Smith, Vicar of the parish, said it was the first time that he had heard details of this 'little public-house,' and he must confess that he was profoundly unconvinced.

"I," his lordship went on, "have had experience for 35 years in South London, where I have lived and worked, and this thing" (alcohol) "to me is a nightmare." To talk about the atmosphere of a public-house as that to which to bring children was wrong. He was no killjoy, and if Mr. Redwood would advocate such a house without a license he would "go for it with both hands" (applause).

He would, he said, like the people of Bellingham to say for themselves whether they wanted the house (hear, hear). It had been argued that they must not ask them, because that would be local option. He suggested that plebiscite of all men and women of 21 years of age should be taken. It was not fair to have a thing like that forced upon the community against its will. Where was it going to lead? He did not know. The London County Council had developed estates, and had given no facilities for licensed houses, and now appeared to have departed from that whether the people wished to have it or not. Whether they liked to have it or not the L.C.C. proposed to say "You are going to have [illegible]

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

LESSONS FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

MORNING.—Isaiah, 62; St. Matthew, 8, v. 14.
EVENING.—Isaiah, 61, or Isaiah, 63; Acts, 8, v. 26.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY.

M., 7.30, Mattins and Litany; 8, Holy Communion; 11, Holy Communion with [illegible] [illegible] in C, [illegible] "[illegible]" ([illegible]); hymns, [illegible]. E., 3.15 [illegible] service, [illegible] in C; [illegible] "When Jesus was [illegible]" ([illegible]); hymns, 47, [illegible].

PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—M., 11, Canon [illegible] (Rector and Rural Dean of [illegible]); E., 6.30, Canon [illegible] ([illegible]).

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. T. A. Grundy; A., 3 (Young People's Service), Mr. James Wakeford; E., 6.30, Rev. F. J. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. ALFEGE CHURCH ROOM.—A., 3.15 (Men's Hour), Mr. J. C. Wilson.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, EASTNEY-STREET, GREENWICH.—M., 11 (Young People's Service); A., 3.15 (Young Men's Bible Class), and E., 7 (Mission Service), Mr. Edwin Vosse.

ST. PETER, GREENWICH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. T. A. Hall; A., 3.15 ("Brotherhood"), Mr. E. T. Fullagar.

ST. PAUL, GREENWICH.—M., 11, Rev. W. H. Jordan, the Vicar; E., 6.30, Rev. [illegible] (Vicar of St. Michael, Blackheath-park).

ROAN MISSION, RANDALL-PLACE (ST. PAUL). —A., 3 (Sunday School), 4 (Lads' Bible Class), and E., 6.30, Mr. W. J. [illegible], L.C.M.

EMMANUEL CHURCH (HOLY TRINITY), GREENWICH.—M., 11 (Choral Eucharist), and E., 6.30 (Evensong), Rev. [illegible] (Priest-in-Charge).

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. W. H. King, D.D. (former Vicar and now Vicar of Beverley Minster, Yorkshire).

ST. CATHERINE, HATCHAM.—M., 11 (Mattins and Litany), and E., 6.30 (Evensong), Rev. W. H. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. CYPRIAN, BROCKLEY.—M., 11.15 (Missa Cantata), and E., 6.30, Rev. H. T. [illegible], the Vicar.

ST. JAMES, HATCHAM.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. E. E. J. Martin, the Vicar.

ST. MICHAEL, KNOYLE-STREET, NEW CROSS. —M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. J. W. Barker.

ST. GEORGE, BROCKLEY.—M., 11, and E., 6.30, Rev. E. H. G. [illegible].

FAUNCE-STREET MISSION, NEW CROSS.—E., 7, Rev. C. F. Tonks.

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Religious [illegible]

GREENWICH WES[illegible] M., 11, Rev. F. [illegible] Church, Greenwich [illegible] Lane.

DEPTFORD CENTR[illegible] W. Rowe (Brockley [illegible]

PECKHAM WESLE[illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. T. A. [illegible]

NEW CROSS WES[illegible] Rev. Leonard [illegible] New Cross-road [illegible] M.C.

CATFORD WESLEY[illegible] R. [illegible]; E. [illegible] Baptist Chapel).

BLACKHEATH WESLE[illegible] W. [illegible] 6.30, Rev. [illegible]

HATCHAM WESLE[illegible] —M., 11, Mr. C. [illegible] Roberts.

STANSTEAD-STREET [illegible] 4 (Children's Serv[illegible]

[illegible] WES[illegible] Rev. R. Morgan [illegible] (Congregational Church); E. [illegible] F. G. [illegible] (Brockley-road [illegible])

HITHER GREEN W[illegible] Rev. E. H. [illegible] (Honor Oak Congr[illegible])

BURNT ASH WES[illegible] Rev. I. W. [illegible] Church).

LEWISHAM HIGH [illegible] CHURCH.—M., 11 [illegible] Clarke.

LEWISHAM HIGH-[illegible] CHURCH.—M., 11 [illegible] Ashford.

[illegible] GREENWICH.—M [illegible] Anniversary.

[illegible] LEAKY [illegible] —M., 11, Rev. [illegible] W. Irving (South [illegible])

BURNT ASH [illegible] M., 11, Rev. R. [illegible] Sermon.

[illegible] CATHEDRAL [illegible] M., 11, and E., 6 [illegible]

ALGERNON-RD. C[illegible] LEWISHAM.—M., [illegible] 6.30, Rev. [illegible] Church.

[illegible]—M., 11, an[illegible]

[illegible]-STREET [illegible] WICH.—M., 11, R[illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. Ro[illegible]

EAST GREENWICH [illegible] and E., 6.30, Rev [illegible]

ROAN BAPTIST CH[illegible] E., 6.30, Pastor [illegible]

[illegible] BAPT[illegible] T, Rev. D. [illegible]

LEWISHAM-ROAD [illegible] Rev. C. A. [illegible]

[illegible]-HILL, B[illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. W[illegible]

[illegible] Rev. G. Jarvis [illegible] Church); E., 6.3[illegible]

[illegible] Rev. F. E. [illegible]

LEWISHAM [illegible] (HAMLET) —M. [illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. A[illegible]

[illegible]-ROAD [illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. [illegible]

[illegible] Rev. W. T. [illegible] E. [illegible] M.B.E.

[illegible] BAPT[illegible] 6.30, Rev. A. [illegible]

BLACKHEATH [illegible] CHURCH, [illegible] E., 6.30, Rev. A. [illegible]

LEE BAPTIST [illegible] E., 6.30 [illegible]

SOUTH LEE [illegible] Rev. J. W. [illegible]

ST. MARK'S PRES[illegible] WICH.—M., 11, [illegible] Harvey.

[illegible] PRE[illegible] —M., 11, and E[illegible]

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Hall and seconded by K. Robertson (Head Boy of the school). Present also at the opening were the Rev. R. Gatehouse French, the Rev. Nelson Bitton (secretary of the London Missionary Society), the Misses E. Ramsay (headmistress of Walthamstow Hall), Fry-Smith (a former president), Edwards (hon. secretary of Walthamstow Hall), and Harriet Spicer (Chairman of the governing body), and Messrs. Edward Unwin and F. C. Thompson (joint hon. secretaries of the fund), and W. Edwards.

A programme of attractions included a gymnastic display by the boys, country and national dancing by the junior girls, concerts by pupils for Walthamstow Hall. During the evening a play "Facing the Music" was acted in King George's Hall by senior boys. Among eleven stalls were those held by the schools; one in charge of Mrs. Justin Evans and Miss Burnett (of the Bromley Congregational Church), and that superintended by Mesdames Tilley and Wilsmp and Miss Ryan (of the Elthorne Congregational Church). Ladies from the Blackheath Congregational Church dealt with the matter of "teas" under the supervision of Mesdames Gutteridge, Lack, James Kelsall and Howes. Selections were rendered by the Poplar and Bromley Silver Prize Band.

BELLINGHAM BICKERINGS.

Conflicting interests and warring elements serve to make Bellingham anything but the peaceful, harmonious township which the "Tenants' Association set out to promote. The bitter feeling which reached a climax at the last two general meetings of the association is the subject of much comment in the current issue of the tenants' journal. Mr. H. J. Brooks, who has retired from the chairmanship of the association, has a parting editorial thrust at the malcontents and their "campaign of lies and misrepresentations," and goes on to state that he has a clear conscience in everything connected with his efforts for the association. He has the consolation of knowing, however, that despite critics and "mud-slinging" his sterling services have been appreciated by a substantial portion of the members. The newly appointed executive expressed, in a resolution, its "absolute confidence" in him as the editor of the journal, but unanimously appealed to him to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Brooks has evidently the same views as Mr. S. C. Elkes, who writes: "Under no circumstances could I be prevailed upon to again edit the journal, knowing full well that my reward would be similar to that meted out to our most esteemed friend, Mr. Brooks. I have already had my reward—about 10 abundance!" Mr. Brooks has, it appears, found one section of the residents agreeable, for he has resolved to retain the chairmanship of the Horticultural Association. As he states, the members of the committee are workers with whom it is a pleasure to co-operate. Mr. A. A. E. Jones, who comes into the fray on behalf of the late chairman, states that many of the old committee supported Mr. Brooks in his "justifiable resentment against slanderings, lying rumours and base insinuations," and the refusal of many to stand for re-election was due to their loyal support.

The Bellingham poet, with all the humour of his art, pens an alphabetical rhyme which is mainly directed against the "gas-bags, who grumble and growl, with the brains of a sheep and the pluck of a mouse," and the "idlers who save up their strength to appear at the meetings and talk at great length." So the world wags at Bellingham.

PECKHAM LABOURER'S DEATH FROM THE HEAT.

On Saturday, at Camberwell, Mr. Sewell, Surrey Coroner, held an inquiry touching the death of John Frederick Appleyard, [illegible]

In Defence of Capitalism.

It was primarily the duty of all Liberals, Sir Edward concluded, to consider their policy towards the great problems of the day. Those seemed to him to be three: (1) The restoration of peace, (2) the proper housing of the people, upon which all social reforms will follow, and (3) the future of our industry. As to the last named, the Labour Party had proclaimed that our present system, known as the capitalist system, was wrong. Their ideal was to absorb all ownership in the State. It is not for Liberals to reject any inquiry into the possibility of the nationalisation of certain industries. He was prepared to consider and to weigh carefully proposals for the State control of certain national services. Municipalities owned their electric light, their tramways and their water. It was not certain that these concessions cost less; indeed many of them cost more under municipal ownership. Nevertheless, that additional cost, if it existed, was justified by the essential services these undertakings render to the public and the benefit to the community that their efficiency conferred. There might be other services for which modern progress demanded State ownership. Nevertheless, it must be remembered that when we were discussing Capital we were describing a nebulous body. We must remember that the owner of a War Savings Certificate was just as much entitled to be classed as a capitalist as any millionaire, and before we tampered with that complex machinery which constituted our modern industry we must be very careful that we were not so far dislocated as to bring the machine to a full stop. On the other hand, no one was entitled to assume that industrial legislation could be neglected. Anti-sweating Acts, Factory Acts, in fact all reasonable measures for the protection and the betterment of the worker were the duty of the Liberal Government, and such legislation as would conduce to the sharing of the profits among workers as well as among the shareholders or the capitalists were measures for the improvement of industry which should be actively pressed by all who held Liberal views.

HONOR OAK PARK RADIO SOCIETY.

On Wednesday week Mr. E. Wilkinson gave the members of this society an account of his experiments in transmission 18 years ago. Using an induction coil giving a 3in. spark controlled by a telegraph key and connected directly to the aerial, or "skyline" as it was then called, successful transmission was obtained over a few hundred yards. The receiving apparatus consisted of a coherer, a P.O. type relay, a "buzzer," and the necessary batteries. After much trouble a successful "earth" was made with a circle of Leclanche cathode, packed in with a mixture of carbon, manganese-di-oxide and earth.

Transmission was increased to over two miles by the use of Tesla coils, with magnetic interrupter worked by a small motor, Leyden jar condensers, and a 30 watt dynamo. The induced current in one of these coils is so great that sparks passing from primary to secondary often pierced glass and ebonite over 3in. thick, while a 3in. iron bar placed in the secondary became red hot in a few seconds.

Mr. J. Keary, during a short talk on amateur work, showed the members some truly wonderful workmanship.

Next week Mr. J. Barton will demonstrate with his three-valve set.

GREAT CALAIS FETE.

Calais will be an Isle on Sunday, the occasion being Mule Day. The attractions will include a battle of flowers, a great floral procession, fireworks, etc. Special sailings to the Isle are indicated, but a special day excursion will leave Charing Cross at 7 a.m. Fares at 5s. a.m.

Dulwich Architects - Culpin & Bowers by Ian McInnes

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Ewart G Culpin (1887–1946) & R Steuart Bowers (1889-1943)

Up until the end of the First World War the West side of Dulwich Village, north of the Hamlet School and south of Warigul (a large C18 house standing roughly where the entrance to Sainsbury's sports ground is today) was playing fields. No 24 Dulwich Village, the small cottage style house opposite the St Barnabas Village Hall, was the first to be constructed. Completed in January 1922, the owner and designer was a young architect, R Steuart Bowers.

At much the same time, local builder A H Williams was building the terrace of houses and pair of semi-detached houses on the site to the south of it, the design and appearance of these houses being exactly the same as those at the north-eastern end of Court Lane where the builder, with Steuart Bowers as his architect, had carried out a much larger development during 1920 and 1921. The same team was also responsible for Nos. 29-43 and 47-59 Burbage Road and, most likely, the line of bungalows in Village Way.

The architectural firm of Culpin & Bowers were best known in the 1920s and 30s for their public housing projects. Ewart G Culpin, the senior partner, was a successful journalist who had become secretary of the Garden City Association in 1906. His outstanding promotional skills revolutionised the Garden City movement (he later founded the International Garden Cities and Town Planning Association) and extended its involvement far beyond Letchworth in Hertfordshire, the first garden city, into all aspects of contemporary town planning.

He was clearly, in today's terms, an excellent networker, writing many books and pamphlets, and lecturing throughout Europe. He was an active member of the Labour Party and had a long career in local government politics. He sat on Ilford Council from 1917 and was an Alderman of the London County Council from 1925-37, becoming Vice-Chairman from 1934-37 and Chairman from 1938-39. Culpin was clearly the 'job-getter' and Bowers the designer.

They had set up the practice together at the end of 1918, just as WW1 ended, primarily with the aim of putting the garden city proposals into action, but also no doubt to benefit from the huge amount of new housing which was going to be built under Lloyd George's 'Homes fit for Heroes' legislation..

The firm carried out a huge number of projects. As early as 1920 they were involved in the early stages of the Bellingham Estate development in Lewisham and housing at Margram, Port Talbot for Messrs Baldwins. The latter had built an integrated iron and steel works near the Welsh coal mines (with its two blast furnaces it was regarded at the time as the most advanced steel works in the country) and needed accommodation for their workers. It was the largest housing development in the country at the time, over 500 houses being under construction by December 1920.

Other schemes in the early 1920s included the Belfry Garden Village at Harefield, Middlesex for the Bells United Asbestos Company and Uxbridge Distrct Council, a scheme at Reading for Reading Council, the Sentinel Garden Suburb at Shrewsbury, housing at Merton as part of a News of the World scheme to build houses for returning war heroes, and the 'Quadrant' in Hendon town centre.

Their most widely published early project was the 'Durlocks' housing scheme at Folkestone – built for Sir Philip Sassoon, MP. The 33 houses had to contend with a steeply sloping site and Sir Philip's desire that they should have a similar appearance to his recently completed country house at Port Lympne (now the safari park) by Herbert Baker.

South of the river, their best known scheme was the garden-city like cottages at Wilson Grove and Ember Street for Bermondsey Borough Council. Built in 1927-28 at the instigation of the local GP, councillor and MP, Alfred Salter (1873-1945), they set new standards for working class housing in the area. Dr Salter and his wife Ada had become involved in local politics when they set up their practice in Bermondsey in 1900. Later on, in an attempt to improve conditions for the poor, they also set up a free local health service. Alfred was elected to the council in 1903 with Ada becoming the first woman councillor in 1910, and Mayor of Bermondsey in 1922. That year Alfred also became the local MP.

Other social housing schemes included Crossfield House in Notting Hill for the Kensington Housing Trust and several office projects for the Transport and General Workers' Union including Transport House in Smith Square and Bevan House in Hull. They were also closely involved with the work of the Industrial Welfare Association in Wales, improving social amenities for miners, and their final project together was the construction of the Camberwell Town Hall (now Southwark Town Hall).

Culpin and Bowers ended their partnership in 1935. Culpin set up separately with his son Clifford, while Bowers continued as architect to the Transport and General Workers Union until his death a few years later.

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'Homes Fit For Heroes' in Lewisham

Since the country commemorates in 2014 the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1, albeit competing for attention in a world riven by conflicts in Africa, the Middle East, Ukraine, and elsewhere just awaiting the excuse to break out, this issue of the Newsletter devotes space to a small selection of World War 1 Home Front aspects of local interest.

John Coulter in his book *Lewisham, History And Guide* comments on the effect of the Great War on housing development in the borough in the decade following the Armistice. "Wars change everything." They certainly do. Well, perhaps not everything – not mankind's taste for more of them, it seems. 'Homes Fit For Heroes' was a slogan and a social movement of reform which emerged from the trenches, as surely as the mud and the blood. The response was to build modern housing estates – some large, some of smaller 'cottage' design – that extended the urban spread in all directions. The influx of newcomers changed not only the physical landscape but often the social landscape, too, of boroughs like Lewisham.

It was scarcely conceivable in the wake of the huge casualties and other sacrifices of ordinary working class people on the fighting fronts and on the home front to deny their claims for better living standards than they had endured before. The *status qou ante* was simply not on the political agenda. However, a degree of foot-dragging was apparent in Lewisham, usually on financial grounds, but that did not stop London County Council building Bellingham Estate between 1920 and 1923 on the poorly drained acreage of Bellingham Farm and going on to compulsorily purchase 150 acres of farmland between Bromley Road and Grove Park for the much larger Downham Estate in the late-1920s. Many of the new residents came from Deptford and Bermondsey, though quite a number from further afield.

The Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham's population was about 140,000 in 1911, rising to 152,000 by 1921 despite the depredations of war, and by 1931 pushed to 192,000. These increases changed the social and political balance, though two-thirds of the people were at that time still middle class and voted Conservative fairly solidly. Nor was there a dearth of 'working class Tories' on the housing estates – at least not among some of the older generation who wanted nothing more than to escape the slums and 'better themselves'. Nonetheless, the Great War set in a chain of effects which grew in strength over the years.

Fordmill Road, Bellingham, showing a scrubbed, raw newness in 1929. There doesn't appear to be much of a parking problem.

LONDON SYMPHONY- A DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECT

Alex Barrett, a filmmaker based in Kingston has written to say he is currently working on a creative documentary film project about the culture and history of London, entitled *London Symphony*. The film is a modern-day depiction of London in the genre of a black and white, silent film known in the 1920s as the ' city symphony' . This style of filmmaking flourished at the time and consisted of a series of documentaries that attempted to build poetic portraits of city life. More information about *London Symphony* and a short film Alex Barrett has made in the same style may be found on the project's website: http://www.londonsymphfilm.com.

The new film will be shot in over 200 locations around London, including some in Lewisham. *London Symphony* is viewed as a community project, in which Alex hopes to involve directly as many Londoners as possible. He has been working on the project for almost a year now, and has begun to interest distributors in the film, but as yet not managed to secure funding. From the middle of September a crowd-funding campaign for the project will be organised, For the campaign to work, the support of people like our members who are interested in promoting local history would be extremely valuable. The film is being made as a small, independent production, but will not get made if the campaign fails. Any member who wishes to help, please contact Alex at alex@alexbarrett.net

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It may not be generally known that in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Southwark adjoining the Imperial War Museum there stands this moving Soviet War Memorial. The inscription in front reads *This memorial commemorates the 27 million Soviet citizens and service men and women who died for the Allied Victory in WWII. WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.*
The Soviet Memorial Trust Fund was founded in 1997 to raise monies for the memorial which was unveiled in 1999. The Trust organises annual remembrance ceremonies on 27 January [Holocaust Memorial Day], 9 May [Victory Day] UK Remembrance Sunday in November, and other significant dates. That on 9 May this year was attended by The Mayor of Southwark, the Charge d'Affaires, Russian Federation Embassy, Simon Hughes, MP, numerous UK and Soviet veterans organisations, and representatives of Embassies, UK Ministry of Defence, etc.

The Soviet Memorial Trust Fund is supported by IWM, Southwark Council, the Russian Embassy, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce, etc., but welcomes donations to continue its work. Contact for more information is Ralph Gibson at [illegible]@hotmail.co.uk

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FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Joan Sadler's correspondence from York always comes on a lovely postcard scene. Here on the right is a wonderful view of Wastwater set in the Lake District National Park, a few miles from the Cumbrian coast at Seascale. She writess, "As always, lots to read in the summer Newsletter, and I loved the Dancing School feature."

Her days are remarkably full of activity. A week in Keswick, then off to Scarborough for 5 days, listening to the orchestra at the Spa. One of her favourite days was at the Yorkshire County Show...All far from the madding crowds at airports and on foreign beaches!

... [illegible] years ago, of speaking to the late Commander Tarleton as to the need of the work and being present at the opening of the Institute, when the Duchess presented him with an emblem which he now had the honour of wearing (applause).

Mr. Churchwarden Newell briefly seconded the motion, which was supported by the Mayor of Deptford, who said that her Royal Highness had endeared herself to the inhabitants of, at least, the lower part of Deptford. He was present at the opening, in 1889, by the Duchess of Albany of Goldsmiths' Institute (now College) in Lewisham High-road, since which her Royal Highness interested herself in Deptford, and it was a great sorrow to the people when they heard of her death. They looked forward to her daughter taking, in a large measure, her place in fulfilling the many acts of charity and kindness which they got without stint from the royal purse (applause). The plans for the new wing of the Miller Hospital were ready, and those responsible were anxious to go ahead, but more money was required. He hoped the result of the bazaar would enable the church to reach the £3,000 which was desired, and many more hundreds for the renovation of the organ, and other activities (applause).

Her Royal Highness, having visited the stalls, partook of tea, the ladies in attendance being Mrs. Dunkes, Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, Miss Newell, Mrs. F. B. Reed and Mrs. H. Gadding.

Madame [illegible]'s orchestra played during the afternoon and evening, and there were numerous entertainments and "side-shows."

To-day the bazaar will be opened by Miss Cecilia Stone (who will be accompanied by Sir Charles Stone, J.P., vice-chairman of the Board of Managers of the Miller Hospital), and to-morrow by Mrs. Tarleton. A word of praise is due to Mr. Lloyd Edwards for his complete organisation of the bazaar, and all connected therewith.

The stall-holders were:—Mesdames Dunkes, H. Dunkes, [illegible] and Onstead, and the Misses [illegible] and Maltby; Mesdames [illegible], Armstrong, Hall, Stidolph and A. G. Stidolph, and the Misses Armstrong and Stidolph; Mrs. Davis, the Misses Berry, Miller, Prosser, Lacy and Mantell; Mrs. Hall, the Misses Baker, [illegible], Wright, E. Carr and O. Smith; Mesdames Castle, Mills, Clement, Thomas and [illegible], and Miss Long; Mesdames Deighton, Cullen, Worthington and F. Webster, and the Misses Cullen and Deighton; the Misses [illegible], M. Hatley, Phillips, D. Pooch, [illegible] and Johnson; Mesdames Crane, Weaver, Dean and Parker, and Miss Hedges; Mesdames Barter, Shepherd and White, and the Misses Fribe, Clark and D. Shepherd; Mesdames Hinde, Cronkin, Chattors and E. Roberts, and the Misses Newell, Chapman and M. Hinde; Mesdames Phipps, W. E. Gibbins, Hamilton and Wheeler, and Miss Phipps; Mesdames A. Lloyd Edwards, Newell, Fowler, Goulding, [illegible], Snelling and Brown; Mesdames Frasel, Upton, Salsbury and Sprenger; Mesdames F. B. Reed, H. Godding, Grange, Baker, A. Crane, Denton and G. Jenkins, and the Misses Browning, F. Clark, I. Denton, G. Mills, J. Fry, W. [illegible], L. Moore, L. Nesbitt and F. Walling, the Misses Annette, Joan and [illegible] Dunkes; Mr. William Baker.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, LEWISHAM

Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Bart., will open the new wards (for women and children) of St. John's Hospital, Morden-hill, Lewisham, on Thursday, the 17th instant.

At the Goldsmiths' College on the evening of Saturday, the 19th inst., the South London Philharmonic Society will wind up the season with a concert programme of exceptional interest, the chief attraction being the playing of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto by the famous pianist, Walter Rummell. A children's concert in the afternoon will be a full rehearsal.

Every child should not [illegible] a decent home in which it may be brought up. You may say that that is idealism, but no Christian ought to talk like that. Such a splendid work as this ought to encourage us to tackle the bigger work that lies to our hand."

This public meeting, which was well attended, was presided over by Mr. A. C. H. Chaplin, one of the founders, who was supported in addition to the Bishop, by Mr. J. F. Jones, the other founder, Mr. A. G. Nichols (treasurer), Mr. E. T. Campbell, L.C.C., the Revs. H. W. Benson, M.A., and A. [illegible], Mr. Horace Baldry (secretary), and others.

A Testimonial Rat.

Mr. Jones gave briefly the history of the Homes, and referred to the leading principles which had characterised their management.

The Chairman related a conversation he had had that day with one of the first boys taken under their care; he was now a man of 60 years of age, and sent his love to Mr. Jones, the first secretary. He also told a story of the first five boys' gratitude, after a short sojourn at the House, originally opened—gratitude expressed by the purchase for harpence with their odd halfpennies of a white rat, which they produced in the office and formally presented, somewhat to the consternation of the recipient.

The proceedings concluded with an expression of thanks to the Bishop, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Nichols.

SUDDEN DEATH OF BLACKHEATH DOCTOR.

Dr. Langford George Davies, M.A., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond., M.B. (Camb.), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. W. Davies, of 25, St. John's-park, Blackheath, was taken suddenly ill in Montpelier-row, Blackheath, about seven o'clock on Wednesday evening. Having been medically attended he was taken in an ambulance to Greenwich and Deptford Hospital, where, on arrival, he was found to be dead.

He was 42 years of age and resided in Shooter's-hill. During the war he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps and afterwards in the Royal Air Force.

FELLOWSHIP INN, BELLINGHAM

The County of London Licensing Confirmation Committee, which met at the Sessions House, Newington Causeway, on Monday, confirmed the grant of a licence to Mr. Ernest Popplewell Pellin in respect of the model public-house, known as the Fellowship Inn, adjoining Bellingham Station, on the L.C.C.'s new estate, for two years and three months. The application by the brewers, Messrs. Barclay, Perkins, before the Blackheath Licensing Justices at the last local sessions, was the subject of a spirited opposition by various church and temperance organisations. The monopoly value was fixed at £800.

The Woolwich Ruri-decanal Conference on Monday night discussed at some length the question of Prayer Book revision, but no resolution was submitted.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has promised to visit the annual fete in aid of the funds of All Saints' Boys' Orphanage, Granville-park, Lewisham, to be opened on Saturday, June 9th, by Admiral Sir Roger Keyes.

Mr. Gordon Bagnall, president of the Oxford Union and of the National Union of Students, son of the Rev. R. J. T. Bagnall, formerly of Forest Hill, has been appointed Associate Warden at the University Settlement, Liverpool, as organiser for social service.

Neill: "read himself in" on Sunday at the morning and evening services, and at the morning administration of Holy Communion. At the evening service he gave a short address based on "And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God.'" The men's class will hold their bi-monthly open meeting at the church room on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. The address will be given by the Vicar. The soloist will be Mr. C. B. Harper, and the orchestra will play. Ladies are invited.

ST. CATHERINE, HATCHAM.

At Choral Eucharist on Sunday morning, the preacher is to be the Rev. G. H. Morrell, Vicar of St. Laurence, Catford; collections will be taken for the Central Church Fund. On Ascension Day there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at six and eleven; choral Eucharist at 7; mattins at 10.30; children's service at six in the evening, and festal evensong at eight. The collections will be devoted to the Cambridge Mission to Delhi.

ST. CYPRIAN, BROCKLEY.

The Rev. G. T. Evans has this week commenced his duties as assistant priest, and he will preach at both morning and evening services on Sunday. In the afternoon, at three o'clock, a musical service will be held, when selections will be sung by the choir, and Miss Christine Walker will play violin solos, with organ accompaniment by Mr. Herbert Westerby, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O. Mr. Westerby's organ recital at 8 p.m. will include a selection from Wagner's "Tannhauser," "Idyll" (Ralph Kinder), Largo Op. 1 (No. 2) (Beethoven), and extemporisation. The sung Eucharist will be Harwood in A flat, and the canticles at evensong Stainer—No. 3. The Bishop of Southwark will minister Confirmation on Monday at eight o'clock.

ST. PETER, BROCKLEY.

Confirmation will be ministered on Wednesday evening by the Bishop of Southwark. The preacher on Ascension Day will be Canon Haldane (Precentor of Southwark Cathedral). The choir festival will be held on Sunday, when the morning preacher will be the Rev. C. J. Marion (Vicar of St. Saviour's, Denmark-hill).

In the morning the "Te Deum" will be sung to Stanford in C, and in the evening the canticles to Huntley in B flat. The anthem will be "Hear my Prayer" (Mendelssohn), the solo being taken by Miss Marion Browne.

ST. GEORGE, PERRY-HILL.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Ascension Day at seven and ten, and at festal evensong the preacher will be the Rev. Edmund Ruber (secretary of the Southwark Diocesan and South London Church Fund). A Masonic service in aid of St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, will be held on Sunday, June 3rd.

The music on Sunday will be: Morning service, Tours in F; evening service, Cruickshank in G; anthem, "If ye love me" (Monk).

ST. MICHAEL'S, BLACKHEATH PARK.

The five choirs of the Blackheath Choirs Association will hold a musical service next Thursday evening. The Rev. Cyril Winn will conduct, and Mr. H. V. Spanner, Mus. Bac., the blind organist, will be at the organ. The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Whately) will officiate.

ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER. Wanted, St. Catherine's, Hatcham; Anglican music; only Eucharist. — Apply, Vicar, stating age, experience, salary.—Advt.

NEW VICAR OF CHRIST CHURCH, LEE PARK.

The Rector of Lee (the Rev. F. H. Gillingham) has presented the Rev. Ewan Christopher Blaxland, curate of St. George's, Camberwell, to the vicarage of Christ Church, Lee-park, in succession to the Rev. W. P. McDonald, who has resigned. The Vicar-designate, who was "head boy" at Winchester, is B.A. of New College, Oxford, and, before graduating, was at Wells Theological College. He was ordained deacon in the diocese of Southwark in 1915, and priest in the following year. Before coming to St. George's he held a curacy at Richmond Parish Church.

The Rev. T. R. Clifton has been nominated to serve on the Lewisham Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment.

At the Parish Church Hall, Ladywell-road, Lewisham, on Tuesday evening, the St. Mary's (Prestbury) Dramatic Company gave a performance of "Our Mutual Friend" (Dickens) to a large audience. The play had been adapted from the well-known book by Miss G. L. Kett and Mr. C. H. Hall, the latter-named directing the rehearsals. The love affairs of John Harmon and Bella Wilfer provided the principal episodes and a very interesting production was heartily applauded. The cast was as follows: Mrs. Boffin, Mrs. C. Knell; Mrs. Wilfer, Miss K. F. Campbell; Bella Wilfer, Miss A. Maynard; Lavinia Wilfer, Miss R. M. Gall; "Noddy" Boffin, Mr. G. S. Bennett; Reginald Wilfer, Mr. C. Knell; John Harmon (alias Rokesmith), Mr. W. Boxall; George Sampson, Mr. B. Lowing. The proceeds are to be devoted to the St. Mary's Parish School fund.

Mr. K. H. Trafford has been appointed Inspector Knowsley on the East Grove-with district.

her pulse, and further delighted the audience in a duet, with Miss Jean Dalton, the lady singer. Miss Muriel Horst, in her rendering of the aria, "Ah! Fiorin Lui," was particularly heard to advantage. Special mention must be made of the musical monologues by Miss Rachel Horst, and the singing of Mr. Haydn Jones and Mr. Stan Richards. A double recall was given for the pianoforte duet by the Misses Vera Judge and Viola Marshall. The other artists included Miss Lily Bennett, Miss Leslie Hartland, Miss Constance Crutchley, Miss Kate Duckworth, Miss Ethel Berry, Miss Eula Kennedy and Miss Helen Taylor. The duties of accompanist were shared by Mrs. Herbert Gater (who opened the programme with a pianoforte solo), and Miss Muriel Horst. Mr. H. Flockhart Chapman acted as musical director.

Sir Ian and Lady Bess were amongst those commanded to Buckingham Palace on Monday.

Bowling Greens.

Sympathy set the increase in the charges for the playing of bowls in the Council's parks. Lady Eve said that letters protesting against the increase had been received from 18 leagues, clubs and individuals. Regards that deputations might be received to urge the reduction of the fees paid last month were refused, but a deputation from the London Parks Bowling Association, which has not up to the Council expressed any opinion upon the new fee, and the Wandsworth and District Amateur Bowls League had been invited to attend the committee at their next meeting to discuss the question of increased fees.

Drink in Music Halls.

The Council decided to take no action in the sale or consumption of intoxicating drinks also number of music-halls, including the Wembley Hippodrome, when used solely as a theatre for a continuous period of not less than one month.

Lewisham Council's Conduct.

Housing Committee.

The Housing Committee reported that arrangements had been made for roads of Bellingham to be scavenged by the Lewisham Metropolitan Borough Council in advance of their adoption as public highways, subject to a nominal payment in respect of such services.

Permission had been granted during the pleasure of the Council for a band of voluntary players to give performances on Bellingham green, at shared rates, and to make collections, provided that no nuisance or violence is caused.

The settlement at £75 of a claim in respect of damage caused by the construction of a sewer from Bellingham to Grove-park, had been approved. The committee had authorised the letting of a house at Bellingham to a medical practitioner at a rent of £130 a year, the tenant to pay rates and taxes, and the letting of a plot of land at Bellingham to a club of residents on the estate for use as lawn tennis courts at a rent of £5 a year, the club to be responsible for rates and repairs.

The thoroughfare unofficially known as Bodrey-road, Bellingham, is to be incorporated with and under the name Randlesdown-road.

"SAFETY FIRST" PRESENTATIONS AT NEW CROSS.

Careful Drivers Rewarded.

An interesting event took place at Messrs. Pyne Bros.' establishment, Lewisham High-road, on the 28th inst., when Mr. J. Arthur Pyne distributed to members of the staff "Safety First" awards which they had obtained. The recipients were E. Pine (who has a record of eight years service free from accidents and qualified for a medal), E. Hambridge (6½ years), and W. Clark (three years), both of whom had been awarded diplomas by the "Safety First" Council. In the course of his remarks Mr. Pyne congratulated each employee on his record, and said that the firm was proud of the men, and he hoped to be able to present further awards next year. Referring to the long service of some of the employees present, Mr. Pyne particularly instanced Mr. William Marsh, with 38 years' service, and Mr. Thomas Wagford, with 33 years. He added that it was a pleasure to toast all the employees on that occasion, for it demonstrated the existence of a feeling of unity which the firm valued highly.

Mr. B. H. Jones, speaking also for the directorate, heartily supported the system of awards for promoting safety; their motors and drivers were (he said) a credit to the firm, and he trusted that they would always be kept in the present state of efficiency (applause).

Under the auspices of the Protestant Reformation Society a lecture before an