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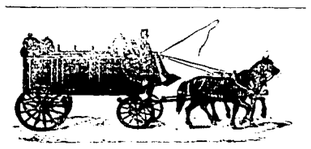

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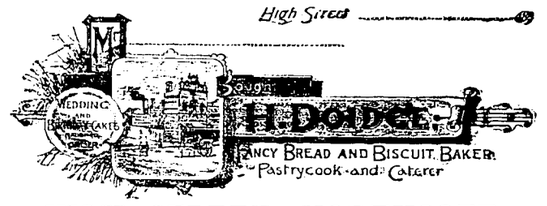

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SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

The battle over the alleged heresy of the Rev. Hector Ferguson is waxing hot and fast. Warmer as time passes, and may culminate in something like excitement on Tuesday next, the day upon which he is cited to appear before the Presbytery of Melbourne North. In the meantime the bold-speaking and original-thinking minister, whose opinions are based on the Bible and human reason, has the sympathy and well-wishes of his congregation.

Under the auspices of the Preston Branch A.N.A., of which he is a member, Mr. G. R. Story delivered a lecture at the Bredford hall on Wednesday evening before a full audience of both sexes, entitled, "An Australian's return ticket to America, and the Old Land." Mr. Story has just returned from a trip, as the title indicates, with the sights he saw and the impressions he formed, fresh in his mind, and in presenting these with almost electric rapidity before his audience in clear and forcible and at times highly descriptive language, it is needless to say that a remarkably interesting hour and a half was provided. Over some scene or theme of special interest one could have wished that the lecturer might have lingered longer, but time pressed, as the journey had to be compassed by 9 p.m. Later on, as opportunity occurs, the tourist will no doubt classify the results of his observations and present them in a series of lectures. If such does come to pass those discourses will be well worth hearing. A rapidly-changing series of limelight pictures, managed by Mr. Alex. Gunn and Mr. W. Hordsteee, admirably illustrated Mr. Story's remarks. *Apropos* of his tour through Germany the lecturer spiritedly sang "The Watch on the Rhine." A collection on behalf of the Children's Hospital yielded upwards of £2. On the motion of Messrs J. S. Whalley and C. Rule a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Story.

To-morrow there will be anniversary services at the Northcote Primitive Methodist Church, in the morning the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. S. Bracewell, a former popular pastor of the church, and in the evening the church's ablest orator will preach. At the choral service in the afternoon, the soloist will be Miss Ada Porritt and Miss Jean Smith, and an interesting function will be the distribution of prizes by his worship the mayor. The tea meeting takes place on Tuesday and the scholars' meeting the same evening at eight. At the latter the usual interesting programme of recitations, solos, etc., will be given by the children. There will be special singing by the children at each of the services.

Dealing with trusts.—On the 22nd ult. Mr. Daly, the tram inspector, sat with Cr. Peel and Mr. T. Thomson, members of the Board of Advice, at State school 1401, to hear reasons from parents who had not sent their children to school the required days in the quarter prescribed by the Act. In many of the cases good excuses were forthcoming—such as illness, attending court being the chief causes of absence, which requires to be substantiated by a doctor's certificate. Others complained of having no boots. The chairman in moving upon them saw no reason for keeping the children away, as the Act compelled all to be sent to school instead of to the factories were not attended, the parents evidently being under the impression that they would not come under the inspector's notice. Under disregard of the requirements of the Act was exhibited by some parents, so much so in one case that a fine of although 12 years old, had attended so rarely that it was only fit for the lowest class. Many of the parents are to appear before the local Bench.

Electoral.—Mr. Russell Phillips has issued his address to the electors of Victoria and receives Pupils, Concerts and Soirees attended. Terms—In class, 10/6 quarterly. Private lessons by arrangement.

121 Gold street, Clifton Hill.

ELOCUTION.

MR. G. MALCOLM RUSSEL whose pupils have been most successful at Northcote and other competitions) will open classes and give private tuition in Mr. Farr's School, Clifton Hill Tram Terminus, on Wednesday evenings. Mr. Russel adopts the methods of the best British teachers. Particulars at school. 10s 6d to 2 guineas.

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

Present:—Crs. Parsons (mayor), McLean, Harry, Pearl, Thompson, Banks, Whalley, Rule, Bracken, Brady, McIntosh, Plant, Dennis, and Candy. An apology was tendered for Cr. Hooper, who was indisposed.

MORE RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Preston Shire Council wrote requesting the co-operation of this council in getting increased railway facilities. "It was suggested that a joint letter be written to the Commissioner for Railways asking for extra carriages to be attached during the busy hours, as at present such train was invariably over-crowded.

Cr. Yeomans remarked that that was hardly what they wanted.

Cr. Plant said that there was no doubt about this particular train being over-crowded.

Cr. McIntosh said there was always plenty of room when he travelled by it.

The mayor said that what the regular travellers wanted was a train a few minutes after 5 o'clock. This would relieve the traffic and prevent overcrowding of the later trains. They had over again he had seen travellers have to sit seven aside in the carriages. He had heard that the officer who reported that there was no over-crowding on the 5-38 train was a friend of the boards go out and not the Whittlesea. (Laughter.)

Cr. Yeomans said the travellers might get up with a little over-crowding if they gave them a train at a better time. The department, somehow, would not study the convenience of the public in these matters, at any rate on this particular train.

A motion was carried that the request be complied with and additional trains be asked for at more convenient times.

MAINTENANCE BUNDAS STREET.

The Preston Council wrote asking that the council should share the cost of supply and spreading of 30 yards at 1s per superficial metal and 6d per yard at a cost of £4 5s, the total cost being £4 10s.—Referred to works committee.

THANKS.

W. A. Grill, secretary Horticultural society, wrote thanking the council for remission of part of rent of hall for the use and also for giving free use of small hall for monthly meetings.—Received.

THE NORTHCOTE TRAMS.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

OUTLOOK NOT HOPEFUL.

There was considerable correspondence and some talk at the Northcote town council meeting on Monday evening in regard to the trams, but while such was interesting it was not very hopeful.

It appears that before the Minister of Public Works could make an order delegating the tramway power over the road to the British Insulated Wire Company it was necessary for the latter to submit to the Minister the plans in connection with the new (cable tram) proposals.

A letter was read from Messrs Herbert & Downes, the council's solicitors, stating they had seen Mr. Deakin (the representative of the British Insulated Wire Company) several times and urged him to send plans, but his excuse was always that he was in daily communication with the mayor.

As verbal requests were of no avail they wrote him on the 20th February the following letter:—

Dear Sir,—We cannot understand the delay in supplying the plans and specifications for the amendment of the order-in-council, and therefore there is no use in our course of Wednesday we shall have them prepared by the engineers.

The council is determined to have the matter settled without further delay, and if there is any clash of interest you will of course understand that the question has the prior claim on our services."

Mr. Swift considered that the request of this letter had not been complied with and Mr. Downe had accordingly prepared the proper plans, which should be adopted that evening, so that they might be placed in the hands of the Minister without further delay.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The mayor remarked that at the last meeting of the council (on the 13th) he had explained to them that the cable re the modifications in the agreement had arrived in England too late to be dealt with at the last meeting of the directors, but that it would be brought up at the February meeting. Since then he had been at the office almost daily expecting to hear the completion of matters. He had fully expected a reply and hoped that it might be to-day, but now he regretted to say he did not feel at all satisfied with the matter. The position now was that the delegation would be completed in about a fortnight and the company would then either accept or reject it. The council had made an excellent agreement—anybody could see the handsome receipt for £5000 in the town clerk's office below. They could not, of course, take the company by the scruff of the neck and compel them to go on, but there was a legal way to proceed in regard to the matter. If the company failed to accept the delegation they would be distinctly actionable.

Cr. McLean remarked that it was high time finality was reached. They had been congratulating themselves first on having an electric service and then a cable service, but had apparently been quite deluded, and all were greatly disappointed, no one, probably more than the mayor himself. He thought he could take credit for the council having a deposit receipt of £500 in their possession. (Laughter).

Well it was he who first said that the deposit must be secured in a proper way.

The mayor moved that the plans be adopted and lodged with the Public Works Department.—Carried.

THE BANK RE OPENS NEGOTIATIONS.

The following letter was received from Mr. G. B Appleton:—

In view of last year you were good enough, on behalf of your council, to make me an offer of £4000 for the bank's interest in the Northcote tram. As the line is now absolutely free to dispose of this property, will you kindly let me know before your council, and if they feel disposed to renew the offer I think business may result.

LOCALISMS.

Northcote annual children's excursion on Wednesday next, 8th March. Only fine weather—and March 8 is usually all right in that respect—is wanted to ensure another successful and enjoyable picnic.

The full committee in connection with the Northcote children's excursion are requested to meet at 8.30 sharp next Monday evening to make final arrangements.

Fernyne Gully, where Northcote young and old are going for their annual excursion on Wednesday next, has been greatly improved since last excursion there. Two thousand additional trees have been planted, and a number of native seats have been arranged advantage points along the gully.

For pigeon shooting the Northcote children's recreation and where and when they may be obtained; also times of starting of trains, see advertisement elsewhere.

The sports committee of the Northcote cricket club have got up a most attractive programme for the juvenile members' sports on Wednesday next. The refreshment committee are making all necessary arrangements for the commissariat. Collectors on behalf of the provision and prize funds are urging their claims this evening and will be able to report results at the meeting on Monday evening. For services of ladies to assist in serving up a first-class lunch on Tuesday at 1 p.m. will be thankfully accepted.

"The true attitude of the Christian" is the Rev. Hector Ferguson's subject for to-morrow morning's service.

The annually dreaded date late Mr. W. Johnson's estate is advertised for sale of real estate, but on the way are expressions of sympathy for the legal heirs in the matter. The funeral last Saturday afternoon was very numerously attended.

The forty-third anniversary of the Northcote Wesleyan S.S. is to be celebrated on Sunday, March 12. It will be noticed that the preachers on the occasion are the Rev. Henry Bush, J. Thomas and S. Shilton.

Harvest festival services are announced for to-morrow at the Preston Wesleyan Church, and on Monday evening a concert is announced to be given by the choir. Ada, and it is understood to write to the Brick Company stating that if there were any discoveries shown it was by Mr. Osborne and not by the council.

THE TWO-HORSE CABS.

C. F. Roberts, and 24 other residents of the northern portion of the town, wrote intimating that they had learnt that the owners of Clifton Hill to Northcote intended to move through the council to have the two-horse cabs licensed for Northcote to ask Messrs's. Smith street, done away with. They trusted the council would give no support to such a proposal, as these particular cabs were a great convenience and the only conveyances to be depended on as to regularity of running.

Fred. W. Withers, Plow street, wrote to the same effect.

Cr. Pearl also reported that he had interviewed the Hackney Carriage Committee and requested them not to deal finally with the matter of abolishing the "stand" at Smith street (North side) as petitioned for by the other cabmen till the council had had an opportunity of considering the matter.

Cr. Pearl moved that a letter be written to the Hackney Carriage Committee asking that the resolution not be thoroughly satisfied with the service of Mr. Deakin's tram, suggesting that he be not interfered with.

Cr. McLean seconded the motion, remarking that Mr. Deakin was entitled to every encouragement.

Cr. Banks would support the motion for this reason—"We know when he leaves, and he leaves then." (Laughter.)

Cr. Harry having also supported the motion, it was carried unanimously.

A LEGAL THREAT.

James Smith wrote claiming that there was still a balance due to him of £2 10s on the park contract, and if the council did not forward him this sum he would take legal steps to recover the same.—Referred to the parks committee.

PARKS AND GARDENS COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. Dennis, recommending—

1. That the sum remaining unexpended of £98 7s 6d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. High street north, paving footpath, Hutton street to the boundary.—It is recommended that the work be carried out by day labor in the same way as the paving of the High street southern portion of High street.—Adopted.

3. Bridge, High street.—It is recommended that the bridge be lengthened on the channel in High street, near Clarke street.—Adopted.

4. Cart sheds.—It is recommended that a shed be erected in the store-yard, Separation street, for the protection of the council's water carts and other plant.—Referred to the engineer-in-charge.

5. Drainage, Clarke street.—It is recommended that a footpath and drain be constructed on the north side, the length of the frontage of Mrs. Brooks's property, to connect with the drainage from the quarry-hole on her land.

It was decided to "flurry up" the Public Works Department in regard to preparing plans for the improvement of the Merri Creek.

Cr. Harry moved that specifications be prepared and tenders called for the erection of shelter shed in the council's yard.—Agreed to.

Cr. Harry moved that the Postal Department be requested to have a receiving box placed at Stott's noos corner, which would be a great convenience, and the only cost would be that of putting it there.

Cr. Pearl seconded on the understanding that a request be also made for a pillar box at the corner of St. George's and Arthurton roads.—Agreed to.

Cr. Thompson made enquiry as to how the arrangements in regard to private street construction on the deferred payment principle was proceeding.

The town clerk explained that the Act was very technical and the next step was to make a plan to be prepared by the chairman and duly honored.

Mr. Whalley proposed and the toast of "Parliament." A matter he said that was under the consideration of Parliament was the Factories Act. The Government were not providing sufficient facilities for this, especially in regard to shipping accommodation and the opening up of fresh markets. It was unquestioned that exporters of fruit had to bespeak shipping space in November and had to wait till the February, as who could anticipate what the crop would be? Before his business was the question of the people desiring shipping space just now had to go round and offer premiums to the vessels to get secured it at an earlier day. This was all due to the Government not making proper arrangements. And he would ask what was the use of giving bonuses to orchardists if they could not get fruit opened up? It reminded him of a man he had dined with in Sydney, whose name he promised to withhold at the time, who provided it with a half inch tap. (Hear, hear). The Government might also have had a look at the question of consensus in regard to their land policy.

Mr. Gaunson, M.L.A., in a most very cordially received, reminded the company that the export of fruit was a congratulation, and he was sure the perfection in the arrangements for it must rest with the council at once. Something better, however, might be expected in the near future, as the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Peacock) was in daily touch with his duties, and he had assured him that he would do his best to provide them with proper facilities for sending their fruit to the markets of the world, and that they ought to now thank all waters. A toss and sale of the fruit was held on Saturday night, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. Cr. Bracken occupied the chair, and the band of willing helpers, which brought the meeting to a close.

The cricket and tennis Bowie Event v. Evelyn, played on Saturday last, resulted in a win for the latter by 26 runs. A second eleven from Bowies East are to play the former team on Saturday next.

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ARTHUR'S CREEK FRUITGROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

SECOND ANNUAL SHOW.

Arthur's Creek, usually so quiet and serene, bustled with life and activity on Thursday, the cause of such being the holding of the second annual show under the auspices of the Arthur's Creek Fruitgrowers' Association, on the level plot below Mr. William Murphy's. It was created a commodious marquee, from which the adjacent flag gaily fluttered in the breeze. This was the beginning of the day's proceedings of that and the surrounding districts brought the best products of their orchards and their gardens and vied with one another for the honors of the day. There was a much larger gathering present than last year, thoroughly representative of the district, and also including a fair sprinkling from Northcote, Preston, Fitzroy and the city. And of the attendances was better the show itself was vastly superior to its predecessor. Visitors not familiarised with such fruit as were fairly astonished to see it in such profusion, and many a complimentary exclamation was heard as they passed round the tables for inspection. When their official had at allotting the prizes was over the judges unbuttoned themselves, and with one voice declared that "the display was truly excellent." Referring to the exhibit with which Mr. Sharp won the champion prize a judge of 20 years experience said he could never see it excelled. The dishes of Pea-good Nonsuch and Early Rivers were also special features. An almost equally meritorious collection was Mr. William Murphy's, in which the judges lay no one or two dishes only. The Hon Chrome exhibit of apples was also a sort apples, as exhibited at the show, were also unsurpassable. Competition was keen in the classes for many of the more important sections running up to 10, 11, and 12 pround, however, was the time they had to consider. By doing as he proposed they would be able to get through no less than 450 dishes of fruit. There were in all awards of 300 entries altogether. All the exhibits were staged in the tent on the staging being admirable, reflecting credit on the committee. Mr. Chas. Draper (secretary pro tem.) and Mr. Phillips (secretary), and their hardworking committee, are to be highly proud at the general success of the show, and they had good reason to be special thanks are due to Mr. Phillips for the able and courteous way in which he carried out the secretarial duties.

Visitors to the show were much interested in the working of some of the machines and spraying pumps as shown by Mr. John Davies, of Franklin street, Melbourne.

The show was opened by Mr. E. H. Cameron, M.L.A. for the district. He heartily congratulated the association on the splendid display made, at noting that he could not remember a equal at this season. He was sure, in fact, that a similar sample of fruit could not be seen any where. He wished the association every success in the future.

THE LUNCHEON.

The cricketers' annual first-class luncheon, being ably assisted in the arranging for and entire of it by Mrs Kelly (of the Lucerne refreshers), and the Misses Mary and Jane Murphy, of Arthur's Creek, was held in the H. Stephens, who seems indispe-able in connection with matters of this sort at Arthur's Creek. The president of the society (Mr. Chas. Draper) occupied the chair, and Mr. Cameron the vice-chair. Apologies were read for the non-attendance of Mr. Gair, M.L.A., and Mr. Lee, the president of the Royal Agricultural Society.

THE TOASTS.

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NORTHCOTE POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

[Before Messrs Bastings (chairman), Malcolmson, and Knox, J's.P.]

James White, sanitary inspector, v. John Anderson.—Sellng milk adulterated milk. D.-fendant pleaded guilty.

The inspector's evidence was that on the 25th inst. he took a sample of milk from defendant, which on being examined by the analyst, was found to contain 11 per cent. of added water.

Fined £1, with 15s costs.

Same v. Daniel McAuley. Case dismissed as unproved, the analyst not having forwarded his certificate that 8 per cent. of water has been added.

LIGHT WEIGHT BREAD.

Same v. Henry Hamilton. Selling light-weight bread. Pleaded not guilty.

The inspector stated he had taken from defendant on the 16th February, 12 lags loaves, which on being weighed were found to be in all 26oz. short.

Fined 1s per oz., with 2s 6d costs.

Same v. Same. Defendant again pleaded not guilty.

This case was tried on the 19th February, 4 days later, 18 large loaves were taken, which were found to be in all 34 oz. short.

Fined 2s 6d for each loaf, and 2s 6d costs, being half the value of the loaves.

SOCIETIES.

U.A.O.D.

The quarterly meeting of the Gwalia lodge was held on Monday evening, the A.D., Bro. Chapman, presiding, and an excellent attendance of members being present. The gala committee were urging the lodge to see every effort to make this year's celebration as great a success as ever, and a committee was appointed to act with the Fitzroy and Aberdeen lodges in the matter. The newly-elected district president (Bro. Lees) was introduced by Bro Rosch, P.D.P., and duly welcomed. Two new members were initiated. There was a good amount of business transacted, the lodge was duly closed.

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Mr. Duffy's speech at the luncheon at the Post and Telegraphs picnic on Saturday was not reported as follows:—

"Mishter chairman and ladies, God bless them all, for they're the light of post and telegraph illsery of them. There was a time when I was the only man in the whole post-masters General. (Cheers) (Here the telephone bellsy.) Well, anyway, I wouldn't say but I might think that I wasn't such a young and handsome man, for I was the darlint of the golden hair hanging down me back—Oh, that was in the days before the telephone system, from which I now, as we have touched this subject, am employed in watching you for the hearty manner in which you drank my health. I may say that little thought of the day when I was a boy, that I would be the poisest service in the wurruld. Before misdemeanors here shivered the timbers of the *Hyperion*. When the switchboard was taken to the post office and with her golden hair on her back to reever four or more calls. Duffy's voice continued:—

"And for why do I say that this is the poisest service in the wurruld? Bekase I've been round the world in me time (Sensation). Two more telephone ladies were transmitted and carried out by the bodied line-repairers to recover.) In other places the pedal only is used, but I cannot call their souls their own—no, not by a long chalk. Now, as I was this afternoon there will be a quarter past 11 at night, near the garden of Eden and when the two were a-spoonin' I was cut off, but he pursued and caught one of them.

The Bench severely cautioned the lads, telling them that they would not record a conviction against them on this their first offence, but if ever brought before them again they would most assuredly be sent to the reformatory.

The parents had to pay 5s 6d costs each, being half the cost of the witness's fees, and half the value of the drinks.

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Announcements

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BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

MR. & MRS. DEAN and Family desire to thank their many friends for expressions of sympathy, letters, and flower tributes received during their recent sad bereavement.

DEAN.

TIP-TOP Grazing Paddock, South Yan Yean. Stock wanted at current rates, drawing bath ways free. W. Marshall, South Preston.

WANTED Light General. Can milk. Apply Mrs Truscott, Spring street, Preston.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, Northcote.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the above will be celebrated on SUNDAY, 5th March (To-Morrow), when Three Services will be conducted—Morning, 11, Rev. S. Madden; evening at 7, Rev. A. Madden.

In the Afternoon at 3 o'clock a Special Anniversary SERVICE will be held at which the prizes will be distributed by His Worship the Mayor (Cr. Parsons). Miss Ada Porritt and Miss Jean Smith will be the soloists.

On TUESDAY, March 7th, a TEA MEETING will be held in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m. Admission, 1s (Children, 6d).

To be followed by a SCHOLARS' MEETING in the Church at 8 p.m., when a splendid programme of recitations, solos, &c., by the children and others will be rendered.

Special singing by the children at each services under the leadership of Mr. W. Brown, assisted by the Unity orchestra, the choir, and other singers. Organists, Miss Sinden.

PRESTON Wesleyan Church.—HARVEST FESTIVAL. Sunday, 6th March (To Morrow). Preachers—11, Rev. J. Smith; 7, Rev. H. Janes. Monday Evening, CONCERT by Choir. Address by Rev. S. C. Rockett, and other Conference Ministers will take part. Admission Free, Collection.

NORTHCOTE WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The 43rd ANNIVERSARY of the above will be celebrated on SUNDAY, 12th March (To-Morrow). When Sermons will be preached as follows:—Morning at 11, Rev. H. Bush; Afternoon at 3, Rev. J. Thomas; Evening at 7, Rev. S. Shilton.

PUBLIC & SCHOLARS' MEETING, Monday, March 13th, when Addresses will be given by the Ministers of Circuit. Music & Recitations by Scholars. Chair to be taken by Cr. Dennis, J.P. Special Singing by Sunday School.

Special Singing at each service by the Scholars.

Collection in aid of School Funds at each service.

SHIRE HALL, EPPING.

A BALL in aid of St. Vincent's Hospital, will be held, as above, on Friday Evening, 17th March (St. Patrick's Night). Refreshments provided. Good Music—violin & piano. Dancing at 8. Double Tickets, 3s 6d; Single, 2s. JOHN BUTLER, Promoter.

Note Address—

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By order,

W. G. SWIFT,
Town Clerk.

5th March, 1899.

SHIRE OF EPPING.

APPOINTMENT OF VALUER.

Applications will be received at the Shire Hall, Epping, to 12 noon on Monday, 20th day of March, for the office of Valuer to the Shire. Full particulars can be obtained by letter to the undersigned. The applicants to state the rate of remuneration required.

JAMES RYAN,
Shire Secretary.

3rd March, 1899.

Local Government

SHIRE OF PRESTON.

Ratepayers are notified that all DOGS must be registered on or before the 14th March.

CHARLES STEWART,
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HONORARY JUSTICES.

[TO THE EDITOR].

SIR,—Considerable surprise was evinced at two decisions in cases heard at the last sitting of the Preston Court before Messrs Clinch, Gardiner, and Malcolm, local justices. First—That of inspector against Howse for having his slaughter-house in an insanitary condition—*vide* your last issue. The only witness for the prosecution was the Inspector. Four witnesses were called for the defence and flatly contradicted the Inspector. Their worships retired, and on resuming their seats fined the defendant £3 and costs; but a greater surprise for those in court was when Mr. Jamieson made a strong application to the justices to increase the fine to £5, so as to give the right to appeal, but they absolutely refused to alter their judgment. Mr. Gardiner, I presume voicing the opinion of his fellow justices, remarked that "it would be shocking for me to hear no opinion of our judgment." To my mind that is exactly what the *referee did* show, and was a decided exhibition of weakness. If a man's business reputation is at stake, is it not only fair to give him a chance to defend it?

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Cr. Butler said he was satisfied with this explanation, in that it showed why was the party responsible for the delays. They did not want to pay £30 for work that was not worth £5.

Cr. McCormack said the council should have a full explanation from the officers as to the causes of delay when the accounts came up.

The discussion after proceeding further, was dropped with the understanding.

From Deputy-Postmaster-General, stating that owing to the increased use made of the loose-bag at Wollert, he was of opinion that it might be necessary to establish a second delivery at this office.—Received.

From Davies & Campbell, forwarding certificate of title of strip of land required for new road, Thomson-st.—Received.

From M. J. S. Gair, M.L.A., forwarding letter from Land Department stating they were prepared to submit a few allotments in Epping at a test sale, at an upset price to be fixed after inspection.—Received.

From J. A. Brack, Preston, asking to be furnished with particulars as to the valuation of the farm occupied by W. F. Stephens, Thomastown, for the past 3 years.—Referred to secretary.

From H. Goss, as follows:—"Please put the boys on for the property known as Parnell's."—Referred to secretary.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1. E. Kinloch-vane road would recommend that 10 chains of construction be done.—Tenders had been called for 2 chains.

2. Reported that the briars had been cut on the worst portions of Electric Plant.—Received.

3. Reported that considerable damage had been done to the roads by persons digging holes for rabbits and leaving same open.—Cr. Bollycout moved that 50 cation notices be printed, offering a reward of £2/2/ for information leading to the conviction of persons leaving holes in the road.—Carried.

4 Reported that a window had been broken at the concert in aid of the Children's Hospital.—The secretary instructed the secretary to have the necessary repairs effected and intimated that an account for the same would be sent to the concert promoters at a later date.

PENDING MATTERS.

The president intimated that he had learned that morning, though not officially, that there was likely to be some delay in Preston getting possession of their portion of the necessary land. Under these circumstances it was possibly not wise to accept the tenders which had been called for that meeting for fencing their half of the road.—It was decided, on the notion of Crs. Butler and Hansen, that it was not desirable to accept tenders at present. The four tenders sent in were returned to the tenderers without their contents being made known.]

TENDERS.

Five chains of construction Kinlochowe road.—Cr. Butler moved that the tender of —, Delzoppo at £4 5s 6d per chain (bulked sum of £20 12s 6d) be accepted. It was not the lowest tender by 15s, but he would on the principle that contractors living in the district where the work was done had given the preference, where there was not much difference in the price. Cr. Bollycout seconded the motion. Cr. McCormack said he was not in favor of the work being done at the rate at all, but it would be establishing a bad precedent if any but the lowest tender was accepted. Cr. McCoy moved that the tender of Pratt and Brazil, at £10 17s 6d, be accepted. Cr. Hansen seconded. The president said he would have supported the motion for the reason given by Cr. Butler had Delzoppo been an old tenderer. The amendment was carried by 4 to 2.

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Cr. Hansen moved that the approaches to Fore's lane be put into a safe condition.—Carried. Cr. McCormack said he must protest against the continued expenditure, when they had not the funds to do it. Next year he would take legal means to prevent such expenditure.

FINANCE.

Mr. Dos (treasurer) reported the receipts for the month as £43 12s and the present Dr. balance as £269 6s 5d. The accounts for the month, amounting to £137 1s 7d were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs. McCoy and Bollycout.

A NEW VALUATION.

It was unanimously decided on the motion of Crs. Butler and McCormack that it was desirable that a fresh valuation of the rateable property of the shire be made.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICES.

Cr. Butler submitted a motion for a re-arrangement of the offices, with a view to economy and greater efficiency. The desirability of having a fresh valuation made had now been affirmed and he thought the valuator might have coupled with his work the duty of collecting dog fees, rates and agricultural returns. In this way all the outside work could be completed by the one man at the one time instead of having different officers going at different times. So far from being called on for their rates he knew 8 or 10 up his way who had never even got notice of them, and as the rate collector was only at the shire hall one day a week it was very inconvenient to ratepayers. So far as he could learn it was the wish of the ratepayers to have the offices combined and have one officer always at the shire hall. If this scheme were carried out they would find that they would get their valuation done for practically no extra cost at all.

Cr. McCormack seconded the motion *pro forma*.

Cr. Hansen—My opinion is that we would never get a competent valuer to undertake the collection of dog fees.

Cr. Hansen was also of opinion that a good valuator would not take such petty jobs.

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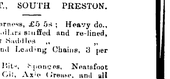
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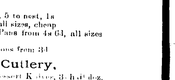
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The Rev George Carson, with Messrs Bayliss, Edgar, J. J. Barry, and Thomson, left Sydney on Wednesday last.

A deputation on the Preston shire council to lay before them the resolutions carried at the recent meeting of the ratepayers in favor of the Reading and Recreation Rooms. These were to the effect that the meeting desired that the council should accept from the trustees, as a present, the building (which was now free of debt) and remove same at their (the council's) expense to the Preston Park. All the above gentlemen had a few words to say on the subject, but there appeared to be some difference of opinion amongst them as to the wishes of the public meeting in regard to the precise use the building should be put to, when it came to the park.—Cr. Braithwaite took the cautious attitude of moving that the offer be received and referred to a committee of the whole council, and Cr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Cr. Crispe regarded the offer as an exceedingly generous one, and moved its acceptance forthwith. Cr. Nichol seconded the amendment. Cr. Braithwaite raised the point that the amendment was out of order, as every councillor should receive notice when a pecuniary liability was to be incurred. The president upheld the point. Cr. Crispe moved a further amendment that the offer be referred to the committee with power to act. Cr. Nichol seconded. Cr. Robertson failed to see any great urgency in the matter and supported the motion, which was carried.

A.N.A. conference decide to retain the art union, but only by a narrow majority.

Senior-constable Ashton told the Preston bench on Monday that it was becoming a common practice for crowds of boys to avail themselves of the cheap railway ride and come out to Preston on Sundays, chiefly, it seemed, for the purpose of raiding the gardens in that neighborhood. Mr. A. W. White was the victim of one of these raids on Sunday. He did not catch the thieves actually in his garden, but discovered them near by feasting on his water melons. He seized two of the biggest boys, but they managed to satisfy him that they were not in the garden, but another lad named Frederick Hall, aged 16, of Market street, South Melbourne, was caught slipping into the train with a water melon under his coat. He was brought before the court on Monday, but as the charge was not pressed by Mr. White and a little special leading was done on his behalf by Senior-constable Ashton, the bench allowed him to go, but not before Mr. Keogh, P.M., severely cautioned the lad and told him to beware of keeping bad company. The fact of his being in the lock-up all night was also no doubt considered by Mr. Keogh.—At Ivanhoe, goods sold and delivered, £1,16 which an order was given for the amount with 2s 6d costs. Messrs Keogh, P.M., Bond and Mackay, J.'s.P., were the presiding magistrates.

The Preston shire council on Monday evening adopted the following charitable vote:—Ladies' Benevolent Society, £5; Melbourne Hospital, Homœopathic Hospital, and Children's Hospital £2 each; Women's Hospital, Alfred Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, and Little Sisters of the Poor, £1 each. Cr. Howden said he had much pleasure in moving that £20 of the ratepayers' money had already been given to charity. He would therefore move that the remainder of the £50 referred back for further consideration. Cr. Nichol seconded the motion. The president said that the £25 referred to was practically in the treasury and it was out of order to refer to it. Cr. Nichol said that as the council found-ed that token of £50 to appeal for charity and another £25 of the shire funds had already gone in that direction they might well reconsider the matter. Cr. Howden had moved his gift and lost on the casting vote of the chairman. A further amendment by Cr. Crispe, cutting out the Homœopathic Hospital and adding £1 each to the Little Sisters and St. Vincent's Hospital was also put and lost on the casting vote of the president and the motion was carried in a similar way.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in connection with the Preston Wesleyan Church last Sunday, the preachers being the Revs. E. Smith and R. Jones. On the Monday evening the services were continued, Rev. J. H. Tuckfield in the chair, and a good programme was supplied. Miss Crispe sang "The Holy City," Miss Norton "The Distant City," Miss E. Hembry "The Vesper Hour," Miss E. Crispe "The Lost Chord, Mrs. Mutimer "The New Kingdom." These items and also an anthem by the choir (under the able conductorship) were well appreciated by the crowded steadance. On the occasion Miss Edith Hurlstone greatly amused the gathering by one of her taking recitations. The Rev. S. C. Flockart was present and gave a characteristic address, expressing the same time his great pleasure at being amongst his old friends again. The decorations were a speciality. Votes of thanks to all and doxology brought a successful gathering to a close.

The Rev C. P. Thomas, of All Saints' Church, Northcote, was selected yesterday afternoon by the board of nomination for St. John's Church, Melbourne, to fill the vacancy in the incumbency caused by the Rev. Dr. Torrance's resignation. All the members of the board were present, consisting of the Bishop of Melbourne (in the chair), the Dean of Melbourne, Archdeacon Langley, Archdeacon Armstrong, Messrs. W. Croft, Henry Bruer, and J. K. Forrest. Mr. Thomas has been in the diocese of Melbourne since the year 1876, having been appointed curate of Philip's Church, Collingwood (1876-1877), Chiltern and Rutherglen (1877-1879), Rosedale (1881-1888), and Northcote (1888-1898).

It is some time since there was a first-class concert in Northcote, so that the fixture arranged by Mr. T. Munro for Wednesday next, and which is held under the auspices of the Wadla Lodge U.A.O.D., should have the best chances of success. Some of the most attractive performers in the musical profession have been secured, including Mrs. Palmer, who will sing Cowen's "Tears" and (by request) "Annie Laurie," and Miss Nina Schlotel, the leading violinist, who is down for a couple of solos. Mrs. Purdy, the Misses Caples, Mr. Horatius Dickson, Mr. C. Little, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. T. Munro, & Mr. W. P. Roberts may be all expected to give a good account of themselves, & make up a very attractive programme, full particulars of which, together with the charges of admission, &c., are advertised elsewhere. It will be just as well to those entering for a good seat to purchased their tickets forthwith and go early.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WALTER G. WOOD.

Upwards of a hundred ladies and gentlemen met at the shire-hall, Preston, on Thursday evening to entertain and otherwise show their goodwill and esteem for Mr. Walter C. Wood, who recently left his old home for the Geelong district, where he has taken up work in connection with the Church of England ministry. The Rev. J. Harriot Watson, of All Saints', presided, and had the pleasure of conducting in the early part of the evening a first-class musical programme, in which Miss Lal Hutton, Miss Chuck, Mr Walter C. Jones, Mr R. Richardson, and Herr Brennecke took part. The last-named gentleman, who has, musically speaking, taken Mr Wood's place in the district, was not long in showing the company that he was a musician of a very high order. His violin solos were a positive treat. A couple of graphophone selections provided by Mr F. E. Wood were also much appreciated. During an interval in the programme the Rev. Mr Watson, on behalf of the company, presented Mr Wood with a purse of sovereigns. He was sure that all felt it an honor and a pleasure to share in this testimonial to Mr. Wood, who after living an irreproachable life in Preston, where he had held many offices and carried out their duties with credit to himself and all concerned, was now leaving for another and a higher sphere of labor. The universal feeling was that Mr Wood would be greatly missed. The object of the gift was to limit the gift to members of the church, but as many outside had expressed a wish to contribute that Mr Wood might accept the gift as representing the good feeling that the people of town towards him. It was thought that a gift like this would enable Mr Wood to purchase of books necessary for Mr Wood's studies. At any rate they hoped he would accept it as a token of best wishes for his welfare and success in the work he had undertaken. (Applause). Cr Bond (president of the shire) said he had known Mr Wood for the last three years, and he was one of the highest terms of his character. He had set an example to goodness to the rising generation, and he would do well to follow. His courage in surrendering a good living to take up the work of the church was also to be commended. (Applause). Cr Braithwaite had much pleasure in seconding the motion. Cr Nichol said that he was a grandfather conducting the services of the Baptist Church, and his father was still alive and was a minister of the Wesleyan family of seven Calvinists, and intending their grandchildren to be bound to succeed in his own calling. As a son, as a citizen, and as a musician he had always found in part of Mr Wood a wished him every success in the future. (Applause). Mr S. B. Backhouse, M.A., considered it was not too much to say that the church had gained an acquisition in the person of Mr Wood's qualities entering on its work. (Applause). Mr Wood, on coming up, said he knowledge the gift and expressions of appreciation, was so cordially received that it was more than he could express. He said it was with feelings of deep regret that he left Preston, but the new sphere of work to which he had been given was to him, and he sincerely hoped he would be blessed in it. He entered upon his new duties cheerfully, but he was fleeding it a blessed work and was liking it better every day. He had left many friends and a good living, but the financial part he did not mind at all, as he had gone into his new work for the love of it. (Applause). He could assure them he felt deeply touched by their kindness. It had been truly said that one had to leave a place to know who his friends were. (Applause). In very neat, feeling, and appreciative speech Mr. George Hamilton, on behalf of the choir of All Saints', Preston, presented Mr Wood with a token of their esteem and regard in the shape of a prayer book and another religious work. Mr Wood was evidently much touched by this further mark of esteem and the way in which he acknowledged it showed that the gifts would be greatly treasured by him as souvenirs of his pleasant relations with the choir as conductor and organist. The choir added to the completeness and sociability of the evening by providing light refreshments, which were handed round at this stage. Altogether the evening should be a pleasant memory to Mr. Wood.

LOCALISMS

At the Druids' concert, arranged by Mr T. Munro for Wednesday next, Mrs Palmer will sing and Miss Nina Schlotel will play. This alone should be sufficient attraction to crowd the house.

The forty-sixth anniversary of the Northcote Wesleyan S.S. has arrived, and in order to celebrate the event special sermons will be preached tomorrow as follows:—Rev. H. Bath at 11; Rev. J. Thomas at 3; and Rev S Scholes at 7 Particulars as to the further celebrations advertised in another column.

Verily "there is nothing new under the sun." Said old Job three thousand years ago, "Oh that mine adversary would write a book." Envious Presbyterian divines of the present day have been muttering this for some time past, and have got their wish. Result—the "heresy charge" and the inevitable ejection of one of the ablest ministers and the breaking up of one of the most prosperous and prospering Churches in Victoria.

Sergeant Robinson, formerly of Preston, has succeeded in getting a transfer from South Richmond (where he was for a time forcibly entombed) to Brighton.

The Preston shire council at their meeting on Monday evening received a call a conference of the Northcote, Preston, and Fitzroy councils for Tuesday next, 14th inst., in the shire-hall, Preston, for the purpose of considering the question of the proper mode of the service on the Whittlesea line, especially with regard to the evening trains from Epping. The Fitzroy council had expressed most wanted was an additional train from Epping to Fitzroy, and additional carriages on the 5.38 p.m. train from Melbourne to Whittlesea.

The Preston technical education committee sent an invitation to the Preston shire council and Board of Advice to the opening of the new classes at Darebin. Cr. Bond, president of the shire, was appointed to represent the shire, and his services in that capacity and prosperity of the church throughout a period of unusual depression and the present intense apathy of the congregation to him is exhibited at the meeting on Thursday evening. It must be a hard wrench for many to leave their old friends, but this evidently, almost to a man and woman, has been forgotten. Mr. Wood's watched to have to let pass the church, but this evidently, almost to a man and woman, has been forgotten. Mr. Wood's services, great testimony to the minister.

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THE HERESY CHARGE.

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With the advent of Mr. Ferguson on Dec. 10, 1893, a new era dawned for Presbyterianism in Northcote. Up to date a county band of worshippers met for prayer, and the Sunday collection being quite sufficient to pay the nominal stipend of the clergymen and other expenses. Presbytery chose to send along from South Yarra to Mr. Ferguson, under the direction of Mr. Ferguson's preaching, however, the congregations began to grow larger and larger and not many months had gone by before the town-hall was crowded and the people got in such heart that they determined to build a church of their own. This was accomplished in June, 1894, since which time a church school had also been added to the church property. It has gone prosperously, in fact, till at the present time the church stands practically clear of debt. During the time Mr. Ferguson has been in charge he has preached in strict accordance with the standards of his church—that is he did not preach what Mr. Rentoul declared to stand the light of truth and reason as preached in the nineteenth century, but preached with great acceptance is shown by the growth and prosperity of the church throughout a period of unusual depression and the present intense apathy of the congregation to him is exhibited at the meeting on Thursday evening. It must be a hard wrench for many to leave their old friends, but this evidently, almost to a man and woman, has been forgotten. Mr. Wood's watched to have to let pass the church, but this evidently, almost to a man and woman, has been forgotten. Mr. Wood's services, great testimony to the minister.

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CHAPTER I.

A VISITOR FROM AMERICA—AN IMPORTANT REVELATION.

Woolborough was a busy, thriving and well known town in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

To reside in Yorkshire and not to be familiar with the commercial fame of Woolborough would be considered by the natives without having heard of St. Paul's Cathedral. Every one in the West Riding of the Inveterate shire ate only knows Woolborough, but knows it to be the place to be prosperous proud of, for it holds a position second to none as a hive of industry, and as a magnificent example of what has been and can be done with Yorkshire brains and Yorkshire pluck.

The town of the girls mentioned was approached with cups of tea, which she placed before them, and then, with a pleasant smile, left the pair, soft dimpled cheeks with the rich color of health, and eyes that were soft and fluffy, making a rippling halo round her face, which, although not pretty, seemed to have a peculiar charm of its own, and which lingered with well with a graceful form just as the sunset glow lingers in the sky. She was dressed like the other girls in a neat black dress, with a white apron, and her face showed that she was very carefully. Indeed, she was one of those such a sombre attire did not suit, for Miss Polly was the acknowledged beauty of Polly Paterson.

"Good gracious, Jemima Paterson," remarked the tall young man, Jack Jarvis by name, as the waitress went away, "you never told me that you and teacups in her hand.

"Why, Jack, I—"

"What rot, Jemima," exclaimed Jim Paterson, with a short laugh. "Why not tell her plainly, as you would any other girl? She's only a waitress, you know."

"Excuse me, Jim," said Jarvis, flushing a little, "but your sister is a lady, though she does wait on us, and I consider that a lady than most of the more drawing-room young ladies I know. Besides, I've known her since we were children, and I've always taken the cup which the girl held out to him. Sorry we were overheard, Jemima," finished Jack," said Polly's brother. Sort of thing that happens to us fellows. Biggest sort of bun—advertising sensation bunkum. And you are Polly Paterson, the beauty of Polly.

"Oh, no; Mr. Jarvis may call me anything he likes," said the girl shortly as she left the room.

Jarvis glanced after her, wondering whether she was offended or not, and, a little to his surprise, found that he was in a state of opposite looking intently at Polly. As she moved off they exchanged glances, and she blushed fortively at her brother Jim.

Jack Jarvis and Jim Paterson lived in and were professional class were Messrs Bury and McCormick and in the lower class Messrs Hodgins and Hodgson. The exhibitors were Messrs Hodgson, Hodgson, Jackson, Newbarn, Candy, Griff, Worthley, Bary, Brace, Henshaw, Blamey, Maggs, and Fraser.

In the matter of Mahoney's road the Preston council on Monday evening decided to confer with the Epping council to mutually decide what they are prepared to do in order to open the road for traffic.

"Well, now ?" said Mr. Park Pollock, expectantly.

"I am quite a wonderful story, but true, Parky (you every word of it—gospel, sir," said Jim, with a laugh. "Colonel, Pollock, Esq., late of the Square," by Mr. Jarvis's friends in Woolborough. He and Jack Jarvis were reporters on that well-known Yorkshire organ, the "Woolborough Weekly Post," and were fellow-clerks.

"Then you gave Rutherfit's formed a daily home, and Jack Jarvis's father was a friend of Flossie Fenton, and both carried on a correspondence with the two boys. Not that much of this somewhere went on in my younger days, but I suppose parents have permitted it, though doubtless the good old governor would have been horrified had he known what was going on in his business as a correspondence office. But Jack and I, of course, between pals—" ventured Pollock.

Shortly after Archie came in the two gentlemen opposite rose to go, and Jim introduced himself with his little hatchet in his hand and Jarvis carried on the business, and his father really to speak aim if he didn't, and Jack Jarvis, who had graduated and dropped into journalism, as well as Pollock (articled to a solicitor), and Jim and communication.

"Now, Jack, you've got to tell me all about it," said Jim, "and you, Pollock, you've got to tell me all about it," said Jim, "and you, Pollock, you've got to tell me all about it," said Jim, "and you, Pollock

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER, SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1899.

13, TRISTRAM-STREET.

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Of the former I had some experience. For six months I traversed Tristram-street daily, on my way to and from business, and so had ample observation of the appearances in connection with a pot-bellied card bearing the words, "Apartments for a Single Gentleman," which first suggested to me the advisability of my taking up my abode with Mrs. Barnes, the landlady, who neither far nor indoors, bore relation to the pot-bellied card on account exceeded its average. The air of Tristram-street was doubtless tonic. The evaporation of my brandy, too, appeared to be considerable. This was clearly necessary.

My occupation of Mrs. Barnes's apartments had been delayed three months when it happened, on my return home one evening, that I found the street door open. With my habitual quietness I closed the door behind me, and peered into the sitting-room. Seeing myself on the couch, I plunged into reflections of the restlessness of everything. This was a frame of mind I was frequently in, and, with that in view, I opened my contents.

When I opened my cupboard I did literally have beauty in view. There, in Mary's right hand clasped the bottle containing it, while her left held a new glass of very fair proportions. Behind Mrs. H. by the cheerful person of the sitting-room, the table was covered by a savory cloth, on which lay my supper. Presently beneath that cloth the steam of finest speech possessed by the majority of the human race, and that is the subject I am now coming to practice, to which perfection in art is attributable. Mrs. Barnes spoke with true feminine volubility. She thought of my landlady's comfort, my happiness, and exercise of the gifts.

"Lor' bless us, sir," she said—she had, I found, a bad habit of undue ornamate bombast—"I am glad you've come, sir, I haven't been my running on. My poor dear husband that was—he's been gone fifteen years, and I have had another answer every day since—used to me—'Martha,' says he, 'how you do run on, to be sure!' says he, 'you're worse than a sea-gull,' says he, 'and that's the truth, Whatever I have on my mind, I speak it out, I do, sir, and that's just me, sir."

The feature of Mrs. Barnes's conversation which most powerfully impressed me, however, was its monotony. She never thought of the slightest hint of suspicion attaching to the same horse twice in so much honour to her late husband was she said, more than she would boast of her own. Her doubts and disagreements which sometimes, she was aware, too frequently arose between landlady and lodger, she assured me that it might be "more agreeable to both parties if she did not mention."

This last omitted expression, which was delivered with a cheerful smile, I fought to mean, when I had recovered the shock it gave me, merely that I should refrain from it myself. The picture of me going to market on Saturday night, with Mary at my basket on my arm, rose before my eyes. The former self-sat on the latter, with a heavy pocket, it would not become a City clerk. Mrs. Barnes and I, therefore, came to a compromise. She would purchase my provisions for me, only on the condition that I was to look them in the face, and approve them. I was not to be most particular in keeping my cupboard locked.

"For," she said, "servant girls are not to be depended on."

It was only natural that a woman of Mrs. Barnes's principles should look with disgust on those nefarious doings which form the cunning of landladies is too frequently practised. She seemed to keep a strict eye upon me, and I forgot all about the infernal machine in the cupboard, threw open the door, and brought the china clattering about my own ears!

It was a nervous and unhappy circumstance that every one of the articles I had given to Mrs. Crutchett, and which my carelessness subsequently allowed to be broken, was a relic of the late Mr. Barnes. To his widow's tears I could not refuse the fancy price which I was obliged to pay.

It was also a singular fact, and one which

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 6TH.

Present:—Crs. Bond (president), Nichol, Crisps, Braithwaite, Robertson, Marshall, Howden, and White.

A CASE OF TYPHOID.

Dr. Beckett wrote reporting case of typhoid—Fanny Aikman, aged 30, Regent street.—Referred to the health officer.

DISPOSAL OF READING AND RECREATION ROOMS.

J. J. Barry wrote intimating that a deputation would wait on the council to lay before them the resolutions passed at a public meeting re disposal of Reading and Recreation Rooms.—Deputation to be received after correspondence is dealt with.

A SUSPECTED TANNERY.

Jacob Fletcher wrote entering his emphatic protest against a tannery which he believed was in course of erection adjoining a house he was renting in Clifton grove, and whither he had come specially to live on account of the fresh air.

James Lyon, owner of the above property, also wrote protesting against such a business as tanning being allowed in Clifton grove, which would so depreciate the value of property in that neighborhood as to amount to confiscation.

Cr. Robertson moved that replies be sent that council is unaware of a tannery being erected in Clifton grove, as no application had been made for a license.—Carried.

"NOT LIABLE."

The City of Melbourne Building Society wrote disclaiming liability for construction fees on a property in Carlisle street, which they had sold in 1897.—The secretary intimated that the notice had now been served on the right person.

REMISSION OF A FINE.

John Howse wrote requesting the council to remit the fine of £3 which he considered was unjustly imposed on him for alleged insanitary premises by the Bench of magistrates on the 20th ult., who would not even give him the right of appeal. If he was so sense to say the offal had been in the cart a fortnight, as it would have all been eaten up long before that time.

Cr. Nichol remarked that it was evident Mr. Howse considered he had not received fair play at the hands of the Bench, and after what he (Cr Nichol) had read in the Leader and heard of the case he would like to see the matter thoroughly ventilated. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole. Mr. Howse and the inspector to be invited to be present.

Cr. Crispe seconded the motion.

Cr. Braithwaite said such a course was preposterous. The local Bench had given its decision and Mr. Howse wanted to appeal the Supreme Court was the proper place.

Cr. Crispe—They would not let him.

Cr. Braithwaite, continuing, said if they carried this motion it would show that they had no confidence in their inspector and believed him to be a liar and a perjurer.

Cr. Robertson, while he sympathised with Mr. Howse, did not think the council had any right to interfere in the matter now that the Bench had given their decision.

Cr. White said he took the same view of the matter.

Cr. Marshall strongly supported the motion, reminding the council that when they went into the matter before bringing it into court, the inspector stated he could bring overwhelming evidence. But for this the case would not have been gone on with. Perhaps they could not alter the decision of the Bench, but really the matter should be thoroughly investigated.

The president—I am quite with the negative side.

Cr. Marshall—I daresay you are.

The president—Councils do not sit as courts of law but to administer the affairs of the municipality. They had no power to interfere with the decision of the Bench.

The motion was then put, and the voting was taken.

The president gave his casting vote against the motion.

Division:—For—Crs. Crispe, Nichol, Howden, and Marshall. Against—Crs Bond, Braithwaite, White, and Robertson.

VENTILATION OF SEWERS.

The City of Footscray wrote inviting representatives to conference to consider the present objectionable system of ventilating sewers by ten Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

Cr. Howden said these vents were a necessity, but perhaps more judgment might be used in the placing of them.

Cr. Crispe moved that a representative (Cr. Braithwaite) be sent. The conference would doubtless lead to some information being got that would minimise the nuisance.

Cr. Nichol seconded. Carried.

THE NIGHTSOIL TRAFFIC.—A LAWYER'S LETTER.

Woerley & Dale, solicitors, wrote as follows:—"We have been consulted by Mr. James Lyon with reference to the continual nuisance caused to him (and others) by the transport, reception, and deposit of nightsoil near his residence in Preston known as "Huyton." We understand that such nightsoil is deposited, or is about to be deposited, on the lands of Messrs Sullivan, Welsh, Thomas, and others, by permission of the council, granted under Sec. 261 of the Health Act. If this is so we respectfully beg to point out that such section only gives the council power to provide places for the reception and deposit of such nightsoil, provided that no such nuisance be caused by the transport, reception, and deposit of such nightsoil. We are instructed that our client complained by letter to the council on the 9th January last, and that on the 1st inst. a reply was sent promising special consideration to such complaint, notwithstanding which Mr. Lyon is given to understand that the council intend to again grant permission to the three gentlemen named to deposit nightsoil on their land. We are therefore instructed to inform you that should such be the case our instructions are to commence an action against the council and apply for an injunction, a course we trust the council will not render necessary."

Cr. Marshall moved and Cr. Nichol seconded that the letter be referred to the solicitors.

Cr. Braithwaite said he was certainly in favor of the letter being referred to the solicitors, it being evident that no representations of Mr. Lyon would receive a fair hearing from the council.

Several councillors protested against this remark and called for its withdrawal.

Cr. Braithwaite withdrew the remark, substituting that he thought that Mr. Lyon's complaints would fall on very unwilling ears, because a majority of the council seemed determined that nightsoil should be used to an unlimited extent in the east riding. Why, it was impossible to conceive. The total valuation of the east riding was £8000 and property to the extent of about £2000 only was represented in the getting of nightsoil, or 5 or 6 per cent. of the whole shire. Under these circumstances it seemed to him amusing that these nightsoil permits should meet with so much support, especially from central and west riding members, as they must know the using of the nightsoil was detrimental to the shire.

Cr. Nichol—Nonsense.

Cr. Braithwaite—The nightsoil could be a matter of very little consequence to those who used it. I said the impost of a £5 license fee would ruin them. The east riding was the only portion of Preston that had not been deposited by the land boom and a great amount of money had been spent in reticulating it, showing that it was never intended that nightsoil should be used here. Mr. Lyon had built a mansion there and paid £20 a year to rates. The users of nightsoil also gatherpaid about £120 a year. Surely, then, Mr. Lyon had a right to have his objections heeded. A lady of his acquaintance thought of bringing her delicate son out to Preston on account of the fresh air, but the doctor whom she consulted said—"Oh! don't go out to Preston for Preston for the reception of all the filth of Melbourne—the nightsoil is sent there." They should stick to the principle of granting no new licenses, but just allow those who had had it for years to continue using it.

Cr. Nichol said he would like to remind Cr. Braithwaite that 15 months ago the council had unanimously decided to allow the use of nightsoil on the payment of a £1 fee. As to the danger to health they need not go beyond the opinion of their own health officer, who had positively stated that if nightsoil was used as manure and properly covered it was not dangerous to health. And even if it were offensive there were other industries which could be charged with that also.

Cr. Robertson observed that the whole discussion was out of order. The point simply was to whether they should refer a certain letter to their solicitors.

The motion was carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crispe submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £47 7s 5d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Recommending that triangular tree-guards be used, dimensions 3 ft 3 in. on each side, posts 3in. x 2in. top rails, rails 3in. x 2in. top, bottom, and centre, 8 six-foot pickets on each side, secured top and bottom with 3-in hoop iron; posts to be sunk 18 inches into the ground, the costs of guards to be about 6s 6d; and that all persons requiring guards obtain them through the council.—Adopted.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The report was submitted by Cr Crispe, recommending—

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Cr. Crispe moved the adoption of the clause *pro forma*.

Cr. Braithwaite moved an amendment that consideration be deferred pending a reply from the council's solicitors.

The president seconded. Lost.

Division on the amendment—For—Crs. Braithwaite, Bond, and Crispe. Against—Crs. Nichol, Howden, Marshall, White, and Robertson.

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4. That this council support the Colac shire in their endeavour to obtain an alteration in the drainage law.

Crs. Braithwaite and Bond gave notice that they would enter their protests against the adoption of those clauses.

Cr. White remarked that he was "no lover of nightsoil," but these people must live.

Cr. Crispe admitted voting for the permits in committee, but the solicitors' letter made a difference.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Stewart reported as to the best means of carrying out certain improvements in Fetling and Cooper streets, as brought forward by Cr. Robertson.—Referred to the committee of the whole.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Hamilton reported having investigated a complaint made by Mr. Jas. Lyon as to nightsoil being spread near his premises. He (the inspector) found that the material being used was a mixture of cow manure and nightsoil.

Cr. Howden said he had gone down and seen the stuff that was being used to an unlimited extent in the east riding. Why, it was impossible to conceive. The total valuation of the east riding was £8000 and property to the extent of about £2000 only was represented in the getting of nightsoil, or 5 or 6 per cent. of the whole shire. Under these circumstances it seemed to him amusing that these nightsoil permits should meet with so much support, especially from central and west riding members, as they must know the using of the nightsoil was detrimental to the shire.

Cr. Nichol—Nonsense.

Cr. Braithwaite—The nightsoil could be a matter of very little consequence to those who used it. I said the impost of a £5 license fee would ruin them. The east riding was the only portion of Preston that had not been deposited by the land boom and a great amount of money had been spent in reticulating it, showing that it was never intended that nightsoil should be used here. Mr. Lyon had built a mansion there and paid £20 a year to rates. The users of nightsoil also gatherpaid about £120 a year. Surely, then, Mr. Lyon had a right to have his objections heeded. A lady of his acquaintance thought of bringing her delicate son out to Preston on account of the fresh air, but the doctor whom she consulted said—"Oh! don't go out to Preston for Preston for the reception of all the filth of Melbourne—the nightsoil is sent there." They should stick to the principle of granting no new licenses, but just allow those who had had it for years to continue using it.

Cr. Nichol said he would like to remind Cr. Braithwaite that 15 months ago the council had unanimously decided to allow the use of nightsoil on the payment of a £1 fee. As to the danger to health they need not go beyond the opinion of their own health officer, who had positively stated that if nightsoil was used as manure and properly covered it was not dangerous to health. And even if it were offensive there were other industries which could be charged with that also.

Cr. Robertson observed that the whole discussion was out of order. The point simply was to whether they should refer a certain letter to their solicitors.

The motion was carried.

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SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH.

Excitement in connection with the "heresy charge" has somewhat abated this week. Of course with a very friendly-worded request the Rev. Mr. Ferguson met the Presbytery committee on Monday, and during the course of a 2-hours' conversation explained away the alleged heretical book were gone through. As to how matters were going up to date Mr. Ferguson took his congregation into his confidence at the service on Thursday evening. *Inter alia* he announced that Dr. Marshall, of Scots Church, was entirely at one with him in his views regarding the Trinity, and, generally speaking, the ministers, so far as they had gone, were with him only on very small points. Both the morning and evening services on Sunday last were largely attended, and all were present, by leaving their signatures, intimated their willingness to follow Mr. Ferguson out of the church, should such a painful and unfortunate course be necessary. The next meeting of the Presbytery committee to consider the book will take place on the 28th inst., and their report will in all probability be presented at the first meeting of the North Melbourne Presbytery in April.

The Northcote town council was fortunate in the committees which it has to manage the institutions now under its auspices. Its library committee relieves it of all responsibility and worry under that particular head, while its parks committee promises to be equally active and trustworthy in managing the important work entrusted to them. On Monday evening the latter body secured from the council an advance of the necessary funds (about £60) for the formation of a cycling track, undertaking to pay same back within a reasonable period.

About two hundred and fifty volumes of really first-class reading matter—the first instalment of new books ordered for the Northcote Public Library—have just arrived, and most are ready for circulation. Other instalments are, in due course, to follow. Whilst catering for the entertainment, the mental and moral nutrification of all classes of readers, the library committee will endeavour to meet the growing and sensible demand of our young people's walks in life for such character—practical works that will open for them the battle of life. The selection, we are, appears wise and judicious, and will, no doubt, enhance the reputation and attractiveness of this really excellent and most popular institution.

A new road—The Northcote Town Council have decided to form, channel and metal the full width of Robb's Parade, 44 chains long, the conditions being that the Brick Company pay two thirds and the council one-third of the cost of the work; the Company, at the same time, to make over to the council. The work is being done in compliance with a request by the Brick Company, and when it will be a great convenience. The advantages claimed for the council are that the new road will connect Separation street, which is too narrow to accommodate the heavy traffic, and the maintenance of which in consequence is a continual source of expense, through only a 3 chains long, as against Robb's parade 44 chains. Cr. McLean was the only dissentient, considering the proposal as "outrageous." The first cost to the council will be between £50 and £60.

The Northcote town council was before the public when it would be in default in respect of bringing the Hon. Mr. Taverner out to inspect the Merri Creek, and wrote a letter of enquiry. Mr. J. Hume Cook, M.L.A., replied by the following effect:—"Re Merri Creek. There is no occasion to see Mr. Taverner in this matter. The Act is a Local Act in force, and may say that provision has been made by him on the next estimate to towards the work. I am not at present in a fit frame of mind to mention that I can assure the council that it is such a sum as will be highly satisfactory to all parties concerned. Cr. Cody may take that the letter be received and a letter sent to Mr. Cook thanking him for the interest he had taken in the matter. Cr. McLean, in seconding the motion, remarked that he had had a personal association with Mr. Taverner, prior to his departure for London, and that a very satisfactory arrangement would be made. The motion was carried. Neverthless Cr. Read took the opportunity of saying that he considered it anything but satisfactory having to wait for another year. At present the condition of the creek was a positive menace to the public health and a disgrace to every representative man in the districts interested. Work was wanted and they should go to the Government and say that the work be pressed on with without further delay.

The Northcote Public Library Committee in our advertising columns today asks us to bring under notice to-at the new issue of books. This we do not by publishing a list of the new books which have just been added to the library, but by adding a list down the column will show that not only has the re-der of light literature been fully provided for in the issue of the latest works of a of the present-day novelists, but also that the lovers of more solid reading fare have not been forgotten. Whilst standard masterpieces of the best minds in the old world, the literary efforts of Australia's rising men will be found well looked-after, the new selection including the poems of John Sandes ("Oriel" of the Melbourne "Herald of the Universe"), the son, the Rev. W. H. Fitchett's "Fights for the Flag" and the Rev. He-tor F. Jones' "Spiritual Life in the Natural World." Su h a valuable and extensive addition to its books should give a big fillip to the library's popularity and useful ness.

A conference was held at the Preston Town Hall on Tu esday evening for the purpose of considering the means of securing an improvement on the present railway facilities at the Preston line, which, except as regard Sunday fare, is even worse than it ever was in the good. Cr. Bond, mayor of Preston, took the chair, there being present Cr. Cody, Mr. Cr. Marshall, and Mr. Stewart (Preston); Cr. Read, representing Northcote, and delegates from neighboring clubs so well represented. During the evening the following gentlemen addressed the meeting:—Messrs. Harry, Pearl, Marks, and Mr. Swift (Northcote); and Cr. Barr and Grigg (Fitzroy). The first impression one suggested in the service was an additional train to leave the city shortly after 5 o'clock to accommodate the large number out this way who leave work at that hour. This was unanimously agreed to but so much other revie-w seemed necessary that it was resolved to refer the matter to a sub committee, consisting of Messrs. Cr. Cody, Read, and Bond, to meet Mr. Cook thanking him for the interest he had taken in the matter. Cr. McLean, in seconding the motion, remarked that he had had a personal association with Mr. Taverner, prior to his departure for London, and that a very satisfactory arrangement would be made. The motion was carried. Nevertheless Cr. Read took the opportunity of saying that he considered it anything but satisfactory having to wait for another year. At present the condition of the creek was a positive menace to the public health and a disgrace to every representative man in the districts interested. Work was wanted and they should go to the Government and say that the work be pressed on with without further le ay.

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LOCALISMS.

A meeting of the children's excursion committee is called for Tuesday evening to act at 8 o'clock, the business being to pass the balance-sheet.

Several northern ratepayers feel greatly aggrieved at the town council's temporary refusal to provide park improvement. An inquest on is talked about.

The Hon. Alfred Deakin and Mr. George Meares are to deliver addresses at the Preston State hall next month in connection with the centenary celebrations of the Preston Wesleyan Church.

"Having been condemned, I suppose the hanging must now take place," remarks Thos a Northcote councillor on the recent fire in the coal-yard.

A meeting of the ratepayers of the north wards is called for Monday evening, 20th inst., to consider the action of the Preston Shire or Carlisle street, and other business.

According to Mr. Cook, M.L.A., a "highly satisfactory amount" has been placed on next year's estimates towards the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Merri Creek.

Mr. Ferguson's formal re-connection with St. Saints', Northcote, takes place on Wednesday evening next, March 22nd. The Rev. Mr. Ferguson will be the principal on the occasion, the performers including Dr. Gemmell, Mr. Lena Lascombe, and Mr. Gladstone Simms. An added interest in connection with this festival will be found in the fact that it will be the last with which the Rev. T. Sons will be associated.

Northcote council on Monday evening decided to do away with the system of having one day labour in four. As the new arrangement is that the men shall receive the usual wage for five days' work, the decision of a whole holiday will mean an equal number of days' pay and no more. The change is to take place on the 1st proximo.

Mr. (Cr. Paterson) felt seriously the loss of Mr. Cook's services, but at the same time he did not think the council was justified in refusing to be represented. They had made an excellent appointment, and had got it backed up with a deposit of £500. For a company seeking to run up business in a new country they had done very well indeed to start with. Having gone fully into the thing they came "the baby act," and plied they "didn't know." Some of their breakdown they added result to injury to the property, and their case was a poor one. He felt that the council had been badly treated, that the company had suffered, and that the colonies generally were in a way that would not commend itself to other possible friends.

Cr. Grant seconded the motion.

Cr. McLean said that he quite agreed with the remarks that had fallen from the previous speakers, pretty Polly would be a splendid match.

Polly's day's work is done, and she is now free to enjoy herself. She would be lonely and cheerful. One or two gallant young men follow her about, exchanging glances, and whisper to each other that Polly is a "stunner" at Rothwell's. They do not venture to speak to her, however, as they are afraid of her sharp tongue on account of this; they are gentlemen they are, nevertheless, and have no desire to run from grim jokes in public. Polly is not unaware of the admiration she excites, but likes that—it is a very young person. Such is one of the delights of existence. Another is the Grand Parade on Sunday afternoon, two steps up, Polly produces her Sabbath gown, the shoes, and gloves, stepping blithely.

Such is the life of a young person in the little Brighton, where tea is served at 5 o'clock, and one is in bed by 9. Polly is not quite content, however, and she has a dim feeling that there is something wanting in her life. Perhaps it is the world moving.

Northcote contains 16 per 1000 and not 19 a. h. Governm-n-t is responsible for the statement that Northcote is a "healthy suburb." Mr. Lyon says that the death-rate is

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER. SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1899.

A CLOUD IN THE SKY.

"Lenny, you will be the death of that child one of these days. If you hit her again I'll hit you."

"A good thing too," jeered the woman. "I hate the sawing little cat. I'll break every bone in her body before I have done with her."

You will have to break every bit of me first, said Mrs. Gardiner to herself, as her daughter, a fragile girl of nine unhappy years, sought his screaming arms.

Every bit of you? gibed his wife, her cheeks aflame with alcohol. No, I'll break your heart. That will be enough for me."

She did not waste very much time in putting the vile threat into execution.

This exhibition of vulgar passion was not shown in any chance bout. Drink merely stalking pallid lust to offset the scene. Sheer want, which again got its headlong lash to the finest nature, was not an excuse.

On the contrary, the wife's home had been somely furnished drawing-room in a fashionable part of the fair and saintly city of Worcester.

"My poor Hilda," said Mr. Gardiner to his daughter, having left the notary alone, "I feel you have a very miserable life here. We must see and alter it some way or the other."

"Dear dad," said the grave and thoughtful-looking child, "it must be somewhere good for you than for me. Mis is very violent, but she does not hurt so much as you would suppose. Or perhaps I am getting used to it."

"You are a good, brave little girl."

"It is only lucky mis has got no dad," Hilda continued meditatively, and with touching artlessness. "It is only sure by, Easter sometimes, that dad does not marry that she has become so very irritable."

"Mr. Easter, my dear?" repeated the surprised husband. "Surely you are mistaken."

"Oh, no. It comes when you are out. But I can remember dad, for I was quite grown in when I was ill, and now mis has him to attend her. He gives her brandy and on de Cologne myself. I have seen him pour it on himself, so he must believe that it is good. Yet I've seen mis in a worse temper than after it.

"No doubt, no doubt," groaned the unnerved Mr. Gardiner, his surging thoughts going back to dead days. "Poor child, poor child," cried he suddenly, "you must be ill yourself. Your hands have a hot coat."

Does it. I feel chilled to the bone. Just as though I was in a draught. Nurse Hilda was suffering from something more than the old-fashioned influenza. The period of anxiety we mentioned had arrived. Her poor proud, and pretty, was ravaged in the small pox. Scarcely a day passed without losing one of its members during that awful visitation. The Lady Hall being at the head of street end. Miss who helped to carry the results of the dead were themselves stricken down. Panic became general. The dread disease rode through the city like a plague-stricken parent from child. Dr. Fantin brought the contagion into the Gardiner household, and it seized on the head of the house first. Hilda met the attack strongly, strength of constitution it has her low with mis is resilient and most virulent form.

Mr. Lewes Gardiner took immediate measures, and not only secured the safety of his house, but also the city.

Her husband made no demur. Possibly he did not feel her absence to be any distinct loss. Another medical gentleman, a friend and pupil of Dr. Fantin, who, odd to say, was not now seen on the premises, took charge of the sufferer.

Mr. Gardiner made his spouse a comfortable allowance, and it seemed to be under stood that no further communication or personal intercourse between the pair could very well be deposed of with.

Hilda, on the verge of death, turned to life. There had been no loss of darkened room, and no ill protected her features with cooling lotions and oil dressings that when she was sometimes moved to see them she met a smiling face.

For long her scandalous mother completely disappeared. Her allowance remained unclaimed and her address "unknown." This happened unfortunately for Mr. Gardiner, for it occurred at the period when he had at last resolved to legally get rid of the unsavory creature who, under the name of wife, was more than a millstone about his neck.

He had dropped out of his knowledge in such a way that he could not formulate any definite charges against her.

His lawyer knew that a thing of the past. Hilda he placed with a modern cousin of his in a cozy and pleasant house in a quiet and beautiful as summer showers and he travelled a good deal. Still, his visits to his daughter were frequent, and gradually became slowly than the Hilda's health and spirits. Her mother months' benefits of the country seemed almost to confer her. Before a year was out she was known their married, and made beautiful by fascinating child.

Not that either tired, or dreamed of trying to cultivate songs. They were only those of healthy, innocent mirthful people.

So, at least, thought Mr. Lowry's disappearance, and for four, three two had been very seemingly tageless lave fell fast in dreamland.

One day Mr. Gardiner, who had seen his daughter on a visit of considerable agitation.

"Hilda," said he, "I fear I have had some thing to tell you that is distressing to call but you good," he continued, with a sigh which was not all affectation.

He took the "Worcester Advertiser" from his pocket and pointed to a paragraph marked in it. This was the description of a woman who had been found dead in the Severn. She was "undoubtedly it is my mother," said Hilda.

The woman, Mabel Green, was in the room and to do she and Mr. Gardiner was a little ashamed that their eyes should so quickly meet.

"It will be necessary for us to go to the mortuary and view the body, to see whether we can identify it," observed the latter to his daughter. "It will be an ordeal for you Hilda."

But the alacrity the rang lady displayed in dressing herself somewhat surprised the elder.

Neither father nor daughter had any hesitation in declaring the dead woman to be Mrs. Gardiner. They had no doubt about the view. The jury's verdict was that the latter had died from misadventure, the plea meaning being that she had tumbled into the water because she was drunk enough to help doing so. In the name of Mr. Gardiner she was buried.

Soon marriage drew the coupons from vision world to warm reality. The other lover of it caused to be a shadow, but nothing to do with this narrative.

Of two good joints years they seemed to have swallowed the clear of life.

Then came a night when Hilda, ratant because her father had given his consent to her betrothal with the youth of her heart, was [illegible] a moment turned to stone.

She was about to open the hall given by Mr Gardiner in honour of the event when her arm was roughly seized by a colored woman, blear-eyed and combolese.

"A nice set. Grown fat and saucy. Deny your own mother, would you?"

HOW PICKPOCKETS DISPOSE OF POCKETBOOKS.

The pencil clerk thoughtfully drew a number of lines on the back of the notary slip which had come though the mail marked "printed matter," and then, after he had wrapped in a newspaper but previously been, he placed it on the top of the pile. He knew every time a bulldog or bagpipes tune like Sam was received in the office that was about all there was to do that day.

"Now, sir," he remarked, turning to the waiting man, with a red, hot face, "I will look around and see what I can find for you."

"Is there anybody?" he asked, [illegible] the door of the inner office.

"No, sir," answered the boy, looking up from his desk.

"Then I'll have a look round," said the man, with a cool assurance that was positively astonishing. "I looked for a gentleman who was expecting me, but I suppose he may attend to me just as well."

In a few minutes the man, with a red, hot face, was back in the outer office, and the boy was still at his desk. But the pencil clerk was not to be seen. He had gone for a [illegible] and the man, with a red, hot face, was standing with his back to the fire, and his coat tails [illegible] his arms.

"Can't find anything for you," he said, "but I'll look again presently. Anything I can do in the meantime?"

"No, thank you

NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH.

Present:—Crs. Parsons (mayor), McLean, Harry, Pearl, Marks, Thomas, Bavinco, Mitchell, McIntosh, Plant, Hooper, Candy, and Bailey.

The mayor intimated that an important engagement kept Cr. Dennis away.

A DOUBTFUL ADVANTAGE.

Francis Ivessoi, A. T. Burrell, and four other property-owners in Elmhurst street, wrote requesting the council to apply to the Railway Department for permission to remove the small gate near the Croxton railway station in a line with Emmaline street, in connection with the lately-constructed footpath.

Cr. Harry moved that the request be complied with, as it would add to the convenience of the people petitioning.

Crs. Marks, McIntosh, and McLean did not think the present gate would be in a better place.

Cr. Pearl also thought the request was an unreasonable one, and seconded a motion, by Cr. McLean that the matter be referred to the works committee.—Agreed to.

THE TWO-HORSE CARS.

The Secretary Hackney Carriage Committee wrote stating that the council's objection to the removal of the stand of the two-horse cabs would be considered at the next meeting.—The town clerk intimated that he had seen the committee and if any alteration were made it would be in the direction of making the two stands uniform as to distance, the two-horse cabs not necessarily having to wait their turn, but to run according to their present time table.

A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

M. Foster wrote stating that his phaeton had sustained damage owing to the wheel getting down into a hole in the roadway at a point opposite the Bridge hotel. The repairs necessary had cost £2 6s, an amount which she requested the council to pay.

Cr. Plant moved and Cr. Harry seconded that the same reply be sent as to other claimants, viz., that the council were not liable.

A BETTER TRAIN SERVICE.

The Shire of Preston wrote inviting representatives from this council to meet delegates from Fitzroy and Preston, to confer to consider the matter of better signalling, and improving the present train service.

Cr. McIntosh moved that as many representatives attend as possible.—Agreed to.

CHEAPER MUNICIPAL GAS.

The Secretary also forwarded (Mr. John Cuzzens) wire intimating that the Metropolitan Gas Co. had passed a special resolution to pay 1000 feet for public lighting in a certain municipal district, and suggesting that the same all other councils should take action to secure a similar quotation for a term of years.

Cr. McIntosh moved that as many representatives attend as possible.—Agreed to.

CHEAPER MUNICIPAL GAS

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FEES: Per Scholar 1 to 2 guineas; Boarders, 8 to 10 guineas per Quarter (Jan. 30th; April 10th; July 17th; Oct. 23rd).

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PROFESSOR & MADAME SPENCER having returned from Sydney will receive Pupils about 1st March. Prof. Spencer, piano; Professor Spencer, banjo, terms, moderate.—Lansdowne Cottage, near tram terminus, Clifton Hill.

MISS SMALLMAN desires it known throughout Preston and Northcote that she is conducting the school formerly carried on by Miss Scott at the North Preston Wesleyan Schoolroom. Miss Smallman has had considerable State School experience and has first class credentials as a teacher, so that parents may rely on their children receiving a sound and thorough education. Terms on application.

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Rev. S. H. FERGUSON.
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Evening, "Hell according to Revelation and Reason."
Sabbath School at 3.

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Fellowship Class, 10 a.m.
Evening, "Nebuchadnezzar's pusishment."
Minister—Rev. Geo. Carson

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Mutual Improvement and Bible Research Society, Monday evening.
Fellowship meeting, Wed. evening.

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JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH.

THE Victorian Women's Franchise League have sent us an "appeal on behalf of woman suffrage," with a request that we publish same. We have pleasure in complying with their request, though we must frankly confess that we are very sweet on the movement. We have nothing to say against the justice of the concession, but we contend there has not been the slightest call for it by the great body of the sensible and likeable women of Victoria. Meddling in such matters, too, is unnecessary, because there is not a privilege to which they are justly entitled that men will not give them. As matters stand the ladies get more advantage paid them by what is termed the "steerner sex," but if they thrust themselves into the clash and hurly-burly of politics, the concession would no longer be theirs. Probably, therefore, they would lose more than they would gain. At any rate such a condition of things would not make for the general happiness of a people. When he has heard the woman suffrage orators from the platform, many a man doubtless has reflected that it were better that a millstone were tied about his neck and he were cast into the midst of the sea than that he should have to share a house with such a woman. The appeal is as follows:—

"As Woman Suffrage is now a live question in the colony, and our Government is pledged to again introduce the measure during the coming session of Parliament, and place it before the Legislative Council, The Victorian Woman's Franchise League has determined in making a strong effort to secure, before the century closes, the passing of a law in Victoria that will give women the right to vote for members of Parliament. The League, having done its best in the past, now appeals to all sympathisers throughout Victoria, for contributions to aid such an effort. The members desire to enlist your kindly sympathy and influence in furthering their aim. Any contributions forwarded to Mr. John Ross, hon. treasurer, Equity Chambers, 380 Collins street, Melbourne, will be very thankfully received and acknowledged.

At the Preston shire council meeting on Monday evening, Cr. Braithwaite again sought information as to whether there was any chance of the main drainage scheme being soon undertaken. They had had three heavy downfalls of rain recently, and on those three occasions Darebin Creek had overflowed, and the roadway was impassable owing to the accumulation of flood waters. There was similar flooding of the footpaths also at the corner of High street and Bronte street, if something were not soon done it might not be unwise to consider the erection of overhead footpaths in the low-lying parts. He trusted there would not be much further delay. Mr. Stewart's reply was that if the council did not give him too much work in the meantime he would have the plans ready in about a fortnight.

Daniel E. Seager, who was committed for trial at the Preston Police Court on 20th February last on a charge of cattle stealing, for which he was dealt with in Criminal Court, found guilty, and sentenced to three months' hard labor. Constable Cook, as will be remembered, was complimented by the Preston Bench on the way in which he had worked up the case, had had a suitable entry placed on his record by the superintendent of the district.

The final meeting of the Northcote children's exercision committee to wind up affairs in connection with the Fern Tree Gully trip was held at the town hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance and Cr. Pearl was voted to the chair. The balance-sheet was not ready as yet, owing to the large falling off in collections on behalf of the refreshment fund—(£13, as against £23 other years)—and also to the smallness of the sum that he should be able to give. The committee being specially liberal in that respect this year. It was evident that last year's balance would have to be encroached upon to a considerable extent but after all accounts are paid it is expected there will still be a few pounds in hand. Some strong comments were made by the committee on the very unsatisfactory and inadequate arrangements made by the Department to comfortably carry the excursionists, and it was decided to make a formal complaint re the matter. The meeting did not separate before a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who had given such excellent assistance in preparing the refreshments. Cr. Pearl also moved a special vote of thanks to the joint secretaries (Messrs W. G. Swift and W. S. Stott) to whose efforts he ascribed in a large measure success gained from year to year. Mr. Swift suitably responded, and on his motion the committee thanked the proprietors of the Fern Tree Gully hotel for the interest they always took in the matter. Messrs Dalziel and H. Batten were appointed to audit the accounts prior to being published.

The usual meeting of the Northcote Primitive Methodist Mutual Improvement Society was held on the P.M. church, Mitchell street, on Monday evening, when Mr. A. Dalziel read a paper on "The tax on unimproved lands" to a fair assembly of members. The subject caused a good deal of discussion and a very instructive evening was spent by all present. At the conclusion a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. W. Belcher and seconded by Mr. J. Cowan, was passed to Mr. Dalziel. Next Monday evening a part of entertainment will be given by the members of the society.

The practice of driving bullocks up the road reached a rather exciting experience to a Northcote gig loading this week. She was going down High street at Rucker's hill and thought she had safely got through the ordeal of passing a mob when she suddenly found herself face to face with a ferocious-looking bullock that had detached itself from the rest. The brute was making for her, when the driver cried out "Run, run." Run she did, and quickly vaulted over the fence out of harm's way. The driver was much concerned and professed himself anxious to compensate for any damage done, but as a severe fright was the only consequence no claim was made.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
PRESTON BRANCH A.N.A.
ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL
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TUESDAY EVENING, 20th APRIL,
at the Shire Hall.
Tickets as usual.
G. C. WINNETT, Sec.

LOCALISMS.

The late Mr. Jas. Ryan had the unique record of not missing a single meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council for 30 years.

A meeting of ratepayers of the Town of Northcote is called for Tuesday evening, 28th inst., at the Croxton Hotel.

Northcote council special meeting re trams without result, but hope to be able to announce something better soon.

Spending money in the park is like giving a child a toy in place of its breakfast.—Mr. R. R. Dixey.

Preston division O.S.T. have sent us a very nice letter acknowledging services rendered by the *Leader* in connection with their recent most successful concert, Cheering.

In another column we publish the list of alterations considered desirable in the Northcote and Preston train service. Should such concessions be granted very little will be left to grumble about.

At a recent concert at Clifton Hill Mrs. Palmer openly and very severely rebuked a young lady for presuming to sing "Home, Sweet Home," when she (Mrs. Palmer) was on the programme.

In the opinion of Mr. B. R. Patey the present lighting in the north only makes the darkness more visible—an overhead footpath is much appreciated by north ward ratepayers.

Northcote Children's Excursion Committee were surprised to find on going their way in which the Railway Department accommodated them on the occasion of the Fern Tree Gully picnic and they are going to let them know about it too.

Preston Sons of Temperance, paying practically the same service to the community smaller by one-half, make a profit of over £7 on their recent concert, Northcote Druids hardly pay expenses. How is this thus?

Average attendance at the Northcote State Schools is now 850, with days now and then when there are over 1100 in the classes. The more than ordinary rise in attendance is not proper accommodation for more than half the number. The Minister of Education has promised the Board of Advice to send up for inspection the whole of the vacant land in Northcote, and to-day next week to report as to the accommodation necessary.

The Fitzroy College are holding a grand concert at the Fitzroy town-hall on Wednesday evening next in aid of the sports fund and tennis court. There will be a first-class programme, the artists including the Misses Fanny Lind, Hurst, Mary Conly, Nellie Archer, Elsie Archer, Lothian, Cook, and Messrs W. G. Barker, E. L. Wilson, C. O-mond, and Will Elder.

Cr. Braithwaite came to the council meeting on Monday evening armed with a copy of the Scriptures, and during a lull in the proceedings read the chapter he next appropriate to the subject in hand. He also suggested the lines on which a sermon could be preached from the text.

The Northcote Primitive Methodist M.I. and B.R. Society will give an entertainment in the schoolroom on Monday evening.

In connection with the anniversary celebrations of the Preston Wesleyan S.S. next month there will be a special gathering at the Shire Hall on Monday afternoon, April 3th, at which addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Alfred Deakin and Mr. G. H. Maxwell, barrister-at-law.

"Sweeping condemnation.—Mr. Ingleton is so dissatisfied with the composition of the Northcote town council that he suggested at the Creation meeting of Monday night that a petition be got up requesting councillors to resign in a body. (Oh! Oh!)

A *fire outside* of the golden Druid, value £1000, first prize; and the Australasian art union, is on view in Mr. Coles' window, High street, Northcote. The lucky gold will itself may be seen at Mr. H. Armfield's, Smith street, Collingwood.

Bushell and Company, whose tea shop is now one of the striking features of Smith street, advertise their special lines of tea in to-day's issue and challenge comparison with other sellers. The firm has establishments at Sydney and Brisbane, where they have proved very successful, their system of trade proving highly popular.

Little Hilda Baker, of Northcote, not yet 3, who has won so many musical prizes since she was 7, has just received another in the shape of a beautifully-designed silver medal, being a second prize won at the recent A.N.A. competition. The competition was open to all little pianists in the colony under 12 and 34 competed.

Miss Lucy Yves intimates that she has resumed the dressmaking business lately carried on by her sister at High street, S. Preston.

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Mackenzie's boots are as good as gold—durable, lasting, and of equal VALUE for VALUE as good as can be got anywhere. Just try them and you will not regret it. CHILDREN'S TOUGH SCHOOL BOOTS just the thing to resist the rough and gravelly wear and tear of roads and paths. GENTS & LADIES STOUT & FINE BOOTS and SHOES, good leathers, fine shapes, lowest prices. Boots of every description made to order. REPAIRS at CHEAPEST RATES. Country customers' repairs left in the morning, finished for return trip. Mackenzie's Boot Warehouse, Plenty Road, near Bell street, South Preston.

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

WHAT THESE MUNICIPALITIES INTEND ASKING FOR.

The sub-committee appointed from the Preston conferences re local train service met at the Fitzroy town-hall on Tuesday evening, the following delegates being present, viz.,—Cr. Pearson (mayor) and Yeomans (Northcote); Crs. Bond (president) and Howden (Preston); Crs. Grigg and Barr (Fitzroy); and Cr. Fleming (Brunswick). Cr. Methven, Brunswick, was unable to be present owing to being out of town.

UP TRAINS.

Commencing with the up morning trains, it was decided to ask that the 5.55 from Preston be so altered as to leave Preston 6.30 and reach the Flinders street; and also that the 6.54 train be timed to start 20 minutes earlier.

A third request will be that the 8.36 from Preston be run as an express after reaching North Carlton, as the passengers from thence will have been picked up by a Coburg train immediately preceding.

The Commissioner will also be asked to put in a train to leave Preston at a quarter past 9 and arrive in Melbourne at 10 o'clock, and further that the train which now leaves Preston at 9.50 p.m. be put down to 10.15 so as to accommodate gatherings leaving the shire-hall.

DOWN TRAINS.

In regard to the down trains it was decided to request that an extra train be put on at 4.30 p.m., to leave Melbourne at 5.15 p.m., also an additional train between 6.40 and 8 p.m., say about 7.15.

Requests will also be made for alterations and additions to the down side at North Fitzroy and Royal Park and that Clifton Hill created a North Carlton on the down side.

After the above requests have been put before the Fitzroy Council will be kept open to the splitters and carters, which has been a great boon to the residents of Fitzroy, good judgment of Government subsidy came into his office and was duly attended to.

Amongst the many offices which he held was that of enumerator for Bourke East, Collins, Lonsdale, and Mount Bourke Boroughs, North Melbourne, Brunswick, and Coburg. Numerous municipalities interested will also be invited to attend. As soon as Mr. Methven returned at least one, and Mr. Tom Wilkinson and Mr. G. E. Robinson were appointed to groomsmen. About 40 relations and oldest friends sat down to the breakfast, which was served in the drawing and adjoining room, and a large number of the young friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained in the evening. The presents were numerous and handsome, the young couple being very well known in this district,

SCOTS CHURCH, HEIDELBERG.

INDUCTION OF THE NEW MINISTER.

The Rev. G. M. Macdonald, who was originally ordained in the Baptist Church, but has now entered the Presbyterian Ministry, was inducted to the pastorate charge of Heidelberg and Templestowe last evening, at the Presbyterian Church, Heidelberg, the Rev. George Carson, of Preston, moderator of the session, performing the ceremony. The charge to the minister was given by the Rev. Duncan Fraser, having resigned in 1897, a moderator had been appointed by the Presbytery of Melbourne. As Heidelberg was unable to support a full-time pastor, it was resolved to unite with Templestowe. The Rev. G. M. Macdonald had been called by the congregation unanimously to conduct services, and had succeeded so well that he had received an almost unanimous call from the congregation, which had been sustained by the presbytery.

The induction ceremony having been performed,

The Rev. A. Hardie addressed in solemn terms the newly inducted clergyman, reminding him of the solemn promises he had solemnly made, and saying that any departure from them without authority would be a violation of his vow, and a terrible sin.

The Rev. L. M. Weir, D. McKenzie and T. M'Gregor also took part in the proceedings, each offering kindly advice to the inducted minister and members of his flock.

WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Jane Frances Wilkinson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Wilkinson-road, Brunswick-street, South Preston, with Mr. Arthur Edward Wilson, of the bridegroom, was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore cream silk trimmed with cream chiffon and cream silk ribbons and carried a handsome bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Lucy Wilkinson (sister of the bride), who was dressed in cream sergette trimmed with chiffon and satin ribbon, and Misses Ethel Robinson and Mabel Taylor, who were each dressed in cream serge trimmed with chiffon and silk ribbons. Mr. C. Robinson, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Mr. Tom Wilkinson and Mr. G. E. Robinson were the groomsmen. About 40 relations and oldest friends sat down to the breakfast, which was served in the drawing and adjoining room, and a large number of the young friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained in the evening. The presents were numerous and handsome, the young couple being very well known in this district,

AN OLD MUNICIPAL IDENTITY GONE.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES RYAN.

AN OFFICER SINCE THE SIXTIES.

Sincere and general regret was expressed throughout these districts on Monday last when it became known that Mr. James Ryan, secretary for the shires of Epping and Whittlesea had breathed his last. Mr. Ryan was a most estimable, zealous, and conspicuously trustworthy officer, was a model of courtesy and tact, a patron of public spirit and the possessor of a kind and charitable disposition. With such qualities it is needless to say that he was universally esteemed throughout the whole of the district in which he served.

Mr. Ryan was a native of Limerick, Ireland, and came to the colony in 1851, shortly afterwards settling in Plenty district, where he has spent the whole of his colonial life. He had held the office of secretary for Whittlesea shire for 20 years, having been appointed in 1869, a year after the constitution of the shire, and as showing his faithful attention to duty and his wonderful good health, it may be mentioned that he never missed a single meeting of the council during that period. Yet on three times lately there had not been a sufficient number present at the finance committee meeting to pass the accounts, and often he (Cr. Bond) had to sit on the committee alone, in order to make a quorum, which was hardly fair.

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A GOOD CHEQUE.

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A PAGE FROM AN OLD BACHELOR'S DIARY.

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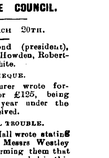
Than never to have loved at all."



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THE TRIBUTE FROM THE PRESTON COUNCIL.

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The president seconded the motion, remarking that he was very pleased Cr. Crisp had referred to the subject. Cr. Braithwaite, in supporting the motion, referred to Mr. Ryan as a gentleman of sterling ability and exceptional geniality, and as one who had devoted himself to his municipal work. He had set an example which all might follow. Whenever he met Mrs. Ryan he always expressed sympathy. He could assure Mrs. Ryan that her husband's memory would be held in kindly remembrance by all who had been associated with him.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Local Government

TOWN OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS will be received until 4 p.m. on Monday, 27th March inst., for the following:—

Supply of 120 c. yards of road metal.

Latham street.

Bluestone kerb at the Town Hall.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

(By order),
W. G. SWIFT,
Town Clerk.

21st March, 1899.

SHIRE OF EPPING.

The Adjourned Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at the Shire Hall, Epping, on Monday, 27th March, at 12 noon.

W. H. LOCKWOOD,
Acting Shire Secret

POLLY, THE TEA ROOM GIRL; OR, A YORKSHIRE HEROINE.

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

In Barfield's Tea-rooms, Commercial road, Woodhouse, Yorkshire, girls "assist" customers. Their names were Polly Paterson, Bessie Preston, and Ella Watson. Naturally three such pretty girls attracted not a few young men to the Tea-rooms. Among these were Jack Jarvis, reporter, who looked with admiring eyes upon Polly; Archie Grant, otherwise known as "Swanky Grant," who looked upon Polly's brother, in whom Ella had fixed her affections.

The tea-rooms one spring afternoon came two gentlemen—Mr. Park Pollock, merchant, Albion street, and his friend, Colonel Washington Dodge, just arrived from California. Having taken a good look at Polly and also at her brother, the two adjourned to the "Cosy Corner," and ordered tea, talk, of which we can be privileged to overhear.

The Colonel has come over from America to discover the owners of a piece of land in which gold has been found. His intentions is to buy it from them for an old song. The owners turn out to be Polly and her brother, whose father had been in American mining camps, and who died in the quest for land. He was believed to be dead, and everybody but Polly thought that there was any gold in the property.

The Colonel and Mr. Park Pollock resolve to go in for testing the Paterson land to sell the land, when the gold mine would make them both enormously wealthy. Should they be unwilling to sell the Colonel is quite prepared to resort to force, fraud, forgery, and even murder, if necessary. Mr. Pollock is horrified at the proposal, being, to use a Yorkshire phrase, "as the rocks."

The Colonel further hints that if any one tries to claim the land he can produce bones about putting an end to their existence.

Mr. Pollock forthwith conceived a scheme for getting Polly Paterson out of the Colonel's way. Mrs. Pollock was immediately set about to invite Polly to tea. In the course of the ages of whom he had spoken had not figured in his reading, while he pretended to the Colonel that he was doing all he could to further that scheme, he was not.

The Colonel's suspicions were aroused, however, one evening, when Mr. Pollock was coming out of the house where Polly and her brother lived. He asked:

"Is Miss Paterson pretty?"

"Pretty enough," replied Mr. Pollock, on the girl on the sly. "Looks tender head, too. Eh, Colonel? Will, Polly, if you cut up to any little game with the Colonel, I'll be almost instinctively Colonel Washington Dodge, an' he'll make it the proudest day his son ever saw his mother-in-law married."

"Yankee brag," said Jack, tactfully. "I was growing quite interested in the man, and was just hoping that we just might get into a good impression in its place. And Jarvis, unfortunately, is not the man to not help being affected by the change in his manner, and began to think that after all Colonel Dodge might really be the religious and philanthropic man that Mr. Park Pollock had represented.

"I'll give you a history of my life, if you like," he said; "perhaps it will interest you, your readers."

"I shall be very glad," responded Jack, and he began to take down the glowing narrative which the Sheriff of Coconut County now favoured him.

The Colonel had, of course, fought in the war between North and South, on the side of the North, of course; he had had many adventures, some of which he obligingly recounted to the reporter, he had had his horse shot under him, and he had also had his cuticle shaved off by a bullet, but he had never been so near getting a decoration as during the time when he was acting as Washington Dodge, Sheriff of Coconut County, State of California.

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"Give us a bob, an' I'll tell ye," said Widger, with a sudden, slight gleam in the stranger's eye. The writing was in pencil and rather faint, and he held it up to the light in order to read it.

"Aye, what he read, and the words formed an enigma over which he was doomed to trouble his head for many a day—

"Patterson came to America some thirty years ago . . . made good in North says . . . two children. Mary and Jessie generally called Polly and Bessie . . . very likely know nothing about . . .

"Jack," exclaimed the latter at last, "I've got a splendid idea. Let's go and see Paterson's daughters. Perhaps they know something about it. They're sure to be at home this afternoon. But though Augustus was honest, he was not above spoiling the Egyptians on occasion, and we must not blame him too severely for pretending to assist in the service of Colonel Dodge. That unscrupulous gentleman, we may think, well deserves to be cheated and befooled.

Rising from his comfortable seat on the parlour couch, Augustus Jarvis looked at the big, a little street arab is that you can sit comfortably on an average—Augustus loaded the whole world proudly in the face. He was a happy boy, for he had that morning received a large sum of money, and when I thought of what for some time he had had on his mind. He was therefore exceedingly happy. He had been Woodhouse street just to get a glimpse of Polly—never so, really, may once spare a time have done in the case of your own particular sweetheart, he would not mind, but while all the other young ladies were travelled by the car had flowers in their bosoms, Polly never had one given her. That was his chance. Going fairly into a florist's shop, he had down twopence, and asked for such a nice flower for a lady." The florist, much interested, asked, "Is it for your sweetheart, my man?" and on the urchin promptly answering "Yes," gave him the handsomest rose for nothing. Augustus was a little disappointed, for he had made up his mind to spend his money in the world on that rose in this offering, but he consoled himself with the reflection that Miss Paterson would not know.

Just then another street arab came along. He was a lad who went to the school where Augustus had formerly been a pupil, and Herbert had heard this lad cheek Polly. So he set to work and swept a clear mouth that offered to be pet, and in a few minutes his lady had also dared to be rude to Polly had paid for his impudence. It was a heavy fall, but Polly's champion came out on top, while his opponent lay in the gutter.

A young man who had been an interested and amused spectator of the scene now stepped forward, and laid a hand on the conquering hero's shoulder.

"Well, young shaver," he remarked, "you're a smart youth!"

"I don't know what that's told me that to-day," replied Augustus, looking critically at the speaker, and wishing, as he said, that another case tawdering a half-crown free.

"You were out with Polly Paterson, weren't you?" he asked, in a confidential manner.

"Yes, I was," replied Augustus, warily. "Do you know her?"

"Yes, and I—I admire her very much, myself."

"So do I," said Augustus.

"Then you perhaps are my rivals," laughed the young man, who, it may as well be said, was no other than Mr. Jack Jarvis, of the Chronicle."

"Have you seen Miss Paterson to-day?" inquired Jack's "rival."

"I've just been into Raeliff's Tea Room, where she works, you know."

"And did you notice a flower in her dress?"

He Yes, I—I noticed it," Jack confessed. He then, in fact, had been among the admiring male favoured admirer of Polly had given her the rose.

"Well, it was me that gived her it, an' she seemed pleased enough," Augustus declared.

"I have just seen there," replied Augustus, vaguely indicating a spot, which assuredly was not the tea-room, "a lady friend of mine, and she tells me that Miss Paterson is going to bring a case for libel against a certain person."

"Libel!" cried Jack, suddenly brightening up. "Really! Well, you're a brick! Come and I'll give you a bun and a glass of milk."

"All right," said Augustus, beginning to wonder how much longer he could keep secret when Miss Paterson was going to bring

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER. SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1899.

"Why are you not at school, Augustus?" asked the girl, smiling upon him sweetly. "I don't it time you were off? Won't the teacher whip you if you are late?"

"He, he!—I'd like to see him try," answered Augustus. "No, no, he knows better. If he did every window in his house would be smashed by this time to-morrow I" Then he added, "But I'm going to school, off. Ron away to school now, Augustus, he's a good boy."

As Polly tripped across the road she felt a ring at her dressmaking department, and that Augustus had followed her. "Here, Polly, he boy, and from the ragged pocket he drew forth a beautiful yellow Gloire Dijon rose, reminded by a spray of delicate maiden hair fern, and tenderly presented the offering to his teacher.

"Why, Polly girl! Polly in surprise, "is this really for me? Oh how kind of you! Thank you, Augustus," and she stooped to put his cheek, and might even have kissed him, who knows—but Augustus noticed that the manner was passing on and he instantly flew down the street, shrieking at the pitch of his voice, "He, stop yer bloomin' bosses and let the lady an' gent cross!" and the "Sporty's" So the car stopped, and Polly got in escorted with confusion, while Augustus marched off with his head in the air, not, even found courage to put out his tongue, in broad daylight, at a passing policeman.

A tall gentleman who had watched the scene from the other side of the road now came forward and hailed the hero of the encounter.

"Guess you are a smart younker," he said to the boy.

"Guess I am," replied the boy, in such an exact reproduction of the tones of Colonel Washington Dodge that we have no difficulty in identifying the stranger as that worthy.

"By gosh, younker, you ought to be in new worship, and that the Colonel ambassador, he added, and a hand on the conquering hero's shoulder.

"That young lady seems to be a great friend of your family," said the Colonel, "and why I was you giving her flowers! You have cheerfulness, sir you!"

"Yes, I am," said the man, briefly, looking up at the speaker, and wondering what he was driving at. "Why, you see, I'm working for Mr. Park Pollock, and I'm—"

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At the end of the street Polly was waiting for the car one morning. She was not obliged to wait, for the cars follow each other pretty quickly at busy times, but a certain person was she became aware of the presence of Archie Grant, whose face she thought she should know. The urchin was bareheaded and barefooted, extremely ragged and somewhat dirty, but he had a shapely, handsome face, and features which were not unpleasing. He had wound himself round a lamp-post in a somewhat complicated manner, so as to display to the best advantage his graceful form behind the iron shaft he kept a furtive watch on Polly.

"Why," she said, going forward with a smile. "You are Augustus Herbert, aren't you?"

Augustus Herbert unwound himself from the lamp-post, and looked at the young lady's face smiling so kindly upon him, he said, "Yes, I am."

Had the boy been a few years older than he was, Polly would have had no doubt of his sense, but as it was he seemed to be much under the influence of the presence of the young girl.

Polly, despite her hard work during the week, found time to teach a class in a school on Sunday afternoons, and Augustus Herbert was one of her most promising disciples. True, he did not always learn his lessons very well, but he thought Polly a "real" lady, did much—far more indeed than Polly knew to keep the other urchins in order. This, coupled with his engaging face, made him a favourite with Polly. The girl was, at times, sometimes to wonder how he came by such an aristocratic name, and she had constructed a pretty little romance to account for it, according to which Augustus was the issue of a noble house in decayed circumstances. The romance was very far from the truth, however. The truth was that when Augustus joined Miss Polly's class he had just been reading the thrilling adventures of "Augustus Herbert, the Boy Pirate; or, The Jolly Buccaneers of Dead Man's Reef," with numerous illustrations—one penny," and being suddenly surprised by a request for his name, he had answered, after a little deliberation, "Augustus Herbert," his great-est ambition at the time being to grow up into a pirate such another hero. His real name was somewhat well known in certain quarters, as we shall see ere long.

ROMANCE OF THE SIXPENNY WIRE.

The history of the telegraph reads almost like a romance, so rapid has been its development. More than 30,000 miles of line, carrying wires to the total length of considerably over 220,000 miles, are now under charge of the Postmaster-General. The original line, over which wires something like ninety miles of message are transmitted in the course of one year, and when I thought of the many wonderful developments, a writer in the "Temple Magazine") with which it is, however, now associated, it was not surprising that when, in response to his hard invitation, I called at a time hard due in the case of your own particular sweetheart, he would not mind, while all the other young ladies were travelled by the car had flowers in their bosoms, Polly never had one given her. That was his chance. Going fairly into a florist's shop, he had down twopence, and asked "for such a nice flower for a lady." The florist, much interested, asked, "Is it for your sweetheart, my man?" and on the urchin promptly answering "Yes," gave him the handsomest rose for nothing. Augustus was a little disappointed, for he had made up his mind to spend his money in the world on that rose in this offering, but he consoled himself with the reflection that Miss Paterson would not know.

Just then another street arab came along. He was a lad who went to the school where Augustus had formerly been a pupil, and Herbert had heard this lad cheek Polly. So he set to work and swept a clear mouth that offered to be pet, and in a few minutes his lady had also dared to be rude to Polly had paid for his impudence. It was a heavy fall, but Polly's champion came out on top, while his opponent lay in the gutter.

A young man who had been an interested and amused spectator of the scene now stepped forward, and laid a hand on the conquering hero's shoulder.

"Well, young shaver," he remarked, "you're a smart youth!"

"I don't know what that's told me that to-day," replied Augustus, looking critically at the speaker, and wishing, as he said, that another case tawdering a half-crown free.

"You were out with Polly Paterson, weren't you?" he asked, in a confidential manner.

"Yes, I was," replied Augustus, warily. "Do you know her?"

"Yes, and I—I admire her very much, myself."

"So do I," said Augustus.

"Then you perhaps are my rivals," laughed the young man, who, it may as well be said, was no other than Mr. Jack Jarvis, of the Chronicle."

"Have you seen Miss Paterson to-day?" inquired Jack's "rival."

"I've just been into Raeliff's Tea Room, where she works, you know."

"And did you notice a flower in her dress?"

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"Well, it was me that gived her it, an' she seemed pleased enough," Augustus declared.

"I have just been there," replied Augustus, vaguely indicating a spot, which assuredly was not the tea-room, "a lady friend of mine, and she tells me that Miss Paterson is going to bring a case for libel against a certain person."

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THE MARTYROOM OF MRS. MICCS

"I am 'ome to comfort, and you know I ain't," said Mrs. Miggs to her husband, when she found him in the enjoyment of supper, "and her a guess for a summer hat.

"I'm sure I've been to economy. I suppose I can do without, and, thank goodness, I have a constitution as is equal to the occasion, making a fuss about it? But I do think it's the attitude of her husband to encourage her in new spring hats and bonnets while you're a-starving, and I'm sure I've been to such a spring dress this year until everybody's tired of the sight of it, and I'm sure I've been picked over in the shops and 'ave to wait for all the ladies in front of me to 'ave their say before I can get served, and I shall never be satisfied with anything I buy, for I shall be sure to see a thing about it, for that isn't my way. I am one who can be suited at once in anything if things disappoint me, I endure in silence, and tell Miss Paterson exactly what I think."

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IMPRESSIONS OF A JEWISH HOME.

A writer in the "Jewish Home Journal" has an interesting description of a week's holiday he spent in the house of a Jewish family. If I were asked for the most characteristic of that household which cannot be described from my memory, I would say that it is the remarkable position which is held by the mother. In the first place, everybody is queen of the home. That is her right, and where the absolute prerogative went. Mrs. Joseph could not have received more homage, love and respect had she been born was a sovereign in fact. There was not only absolute deference paid her in family matters, but it was done delightfully and unconsciously. I liked the frank manner in which the children approached their mother. Perhaps they had the knack of being perfectly at ease in her presence, as one sometimes sees between father and child in our bustling, snappy, American civilization, but I think that all the children were quiet, loving ways, such a horror of shams and hypocrisy, that I am inclined to think that in goodness, honour, and truth can be presented by the mother to her child. Example, however, is only on the surface. When home life is pure and beautiful, the mystery is explained. Don't you think so?

THE SLEEPING SENTINEL.

An anecdote showing President Lincoln's merciful nature is as follows: On the night, in one of the sleeping sentinel, William Scott, of Pennsylvania, was found asleep on his post, after he had been condemned to be shot. Frank Scott, a brother of the sentinel, went to Washington to intercede for his life. He was a boy of only fifteen years of age, and entered a brief prayer, first in Hebrew and then in English. Then he placed the cakes and loaves were a symbol of the double portion—which he had brought to present, gathered in the wilderness on the day before the Sabbath. Then he told the story of his brother's crime, the grief of his parents, and the children adding their little voices, and the mother, with a breaking heart, the mother of the house. Mrs. Joseph seemed to be the centre of everything. She was the mother, but the quality of self-sacrifice for her own singing. The guardians' arrangements were always made with the guests' refreshments (ma be by their wives) were satisfactory, and hearty thanks of the hosts were passed to the performers, to Mr. Joseph for having done all the collecting very successfully, and to the ladies who had provided the refreshments. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held both financially and socially. Kindly feelings towards the vicar, who is about to leave for the more central position of St. John's, Melbourne, doubtless contributed towards the success of this year's festival.

THE FREEDOM OF AUSTRALIA FROM SMALLPOX.

The dreadful disease of smallpox has not obtained no footing in Australia. We have escaped its ravages almost entirely. A complaint, however, which is especially prevalent here is indigestion.

Mr. Herbera de Valle, of 10 Bocaboca-field Parade, Albert Park, Victoria, suffered very severely from this complaint, of the digestive organs. He relates how he was ill, and how he cured himself. de Valle says:

"About two years ago I suffered from indigestion. My symptoms were a sort of chronic indigestion fastened upon my system, and I could not look at any food at all. When I could eat anything it seemed like a lump on my chest. I was losing flesh at the rate of half a week at a time, causing me excruciating pain. The digestive fluids of my stomach seemed lacking in solvent power, and were unable to cope with the food taken into it. In fact, I was dying. When the oppression on my chest was relieved a little I was then attacked with severe griping pains in the stomach and bowels, which would come on periodically, and were of such a nature as to very fairly doubled me up, and I would have to sit with my hands pressed to my abdomen till the pain had gradually left me. My sleep at night was very disturbed. In fact I felt as weak in the mornings than I did when I went to bed at night. Terrible bilious fits attacked me, in which I was distressed a yellowish color, and my head began to throb as though it would burst, and nausea came into my mouth. I could not see properly, and was violently sick, and would be sick sudden or even a sound would greatly startle me. These fits were the last for a couple of days or a stretch. I had a very troublesome cough, and thought it was the first stage of consumption. I was losing flesh weight, my strength and vitality were rapidly ebbing fast, and I was shivering and crashing to the bottom. It was rough on him, but I saved myself, I suppose of got very much worried at this:—He is an old man, nearly bald, and has one ear, very tenly gone in front, with only a few years to live; I am half his age, strong and healthy, and have a long career before me, a comedy to finish and a tragedy to begin, and I'm accepted at the Strand. Now, I ask you, under the circumstances, did I act rightly or wrongly?

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QUIET.

Her velvet blouse of purple hue
Has buttons of enormous size,
And round her waist a golden band
Is dazzling our admiring eyes.
Her manner is unusual too,
Such elegant simplicity.

A single set with amethysts,
A diamond buckle holds them fast,
And where the shoulder straps meet
A diamond buckle holds them fast.
Her shoes are lost in the gloom,
Her stockings of black,
Her cuff is made of silk and lace,
And fur, and just a flower or two,
And her hat is a dream of delight,
Of purple and black turquoise blue.
It's charming nonsense, you see,
Such elegant simplicity.

A bangle set with amethysts,
A diamond buckle from a chain,
A girl can't wear much less, and then,
Her diamond links are very plain.
In fact, you hardly ever see
Such elegant simplicity.

THE "SAGACITY" OF LOVE.

A young sub-lieutenant in India left his regiment on furlough, and put up at a native hotel, ons a hundred miles from Poona. Here he was immediately smitten by the attractions of a lovely maiden who was staying there.

He proposed, was accepted, and the happy pair were betrothed.

The colonel, however, disapproved of such a connection, and wrote to the lieutenant, peremptorily ordering him to join at once.

As he happened to be a friend of the young lady's mother, he thought he could prevail upon the fond couple by sending a peremptory telegram couched in the following words:—

Join at once.

The answer of Mars was in despair. He presented himself before his astonished with the following telegram, which he had received from the colonel:—

Don't join at once.

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ALL SAINTS', NORTHCOTE.

The annual festival in connection with the above church was held in the parish hall last Wednesday evening. The night was favorable, and the attendance was the largest on record. The festival assumed the usual form of a concert followed by refreshments. The programme was a varied one and good throughout. Miss Lilian Osmond and Mrs Addy-Wilson, Mr Burke and Mr Louis Lucombe, and Miss Lilian and Miss Adelaide Osmond sang duets, the boy choristers sang "Kyrie," Miss Adelaide Osmond, Mr. Gladstone Simons, and Master Lyle Christian gave recitations, and the following ladies and gentlemen sang solos:—Miss Lilian Osmond, Miss Stanley, Mr. Dickenson, and Messrs Louis Luscombe, Griffith, Greenaway, Walter Osmond, and Master Norman Candy. Nearly all the names mentioned are well known to entertainment-going people of Northcote, and we need hardly say that their several performances were highly appreciated and many of them encored. There can be no mistake about the excellent musical talent of Mr. Lucombe as a singer and of Mr. Gladstone Simons as a humorous reciter. Mrs. Addy-Wilson helped much to the success of the entertainment as accompanist, and great praise is due to Miss Lilian Osmond, the choir mistress of All Saints', for arranging such a good programme as well as for her own singing. The guardians' arrangements for the comfort of the guests at refreshments (ma be by their wives) were satisfactory, and hearty thanks of the hosts were passed to the performers, to Mr. Gladstone Simons for done all the collecting very successfully, and to the ladies who had provided the refreshments. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held both financially and socially. Kindly feelings towards the vicar, who is about to leave for the more central position of St. John's, Melbourne, doubtless contributed towards the success of this year's festival.

TWO PRACTICAL JOKES.

What follows relates to the first meeting of the late Henry J. Byron and Artemus Ward. The story is related by Mr. G. S. Edwards. It was at the Savage Club after one of the Saturday dinners, and Ward was suggested to Artemus to have a tilt with Byron, and, if possible, draw him out. The genial showman had only been in the country a few days, but he knew Byron's "metier," and went for him at once.

"Is it true, the Black Country of England, did he not ?"

"He did."

"And he killed him. I know you were his son the moment I laid eyes on you. I am a nice old gentleman, and I made his acquaintance in Staffordshire. He wished to go down a coal mine, and I took him. He went down together and said a good many time, explored, lunched with the miners, and proceeded to return to mother earth. Well, then, you know, to go down a mine you are fond of your mother, I can assure you. The profit and coolness of the thing quite amused. We entered the huge basket and were being slowly drawn towards the mouth of the pit, when I saw the old rope was about to snap under the strain. It was terrible, horrible,

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

The weight of two men was too great, and the rope was certain to break. Self-preservation is the first law of nature. An instant more and we were lost. Yet I was equal to the occasion. I had a very troublesome cough, and thought it was the first stage of consumption. Now, I thought, my strength and vitality were rapidly ebbing fast, and I was shivering and crashing to the bottom. It was rough on him, but I saved myself, I suppose of got very much worried at this:—He is an old man, nearly bald, and has one ear, very tenly gone in front, with only a few years to live; I am half his age, strong and healthy, and have a long career before me, a comedy to finish and a tragedy to begin, and I'm accepted at the Strand. Now, I ask you, under the circumstances, did I act rightly or wrongly?

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NORTH WARD GRIEVANCES.

A public meeting of ratepayers in the northern wards was held at the Croxton Hotel on Monday evening last. About thirty gentlemen were present, and Mr. W. Hutton was voted to the chair.

CARLISLE STREET.

The first business was to consider the decision of the Preston council re the construction of Carlisle street and what steps should be taken to prevent Preston from conducting its drainage into the north wards.

Mr. Mulcendy said it would be a lasting disgrace were they to allow Preston to pour its drainage over Northcote territory to the discomfort and danger of residents, and moved—

That the Preston Shire Council having decided to construct Carlisle street, which street, when so constructed, will empty its drainage into Northcote territory, this meeting, in the interests of public health, unanimously requests the Northcote Shire Council to at once take all necessary steps to prevent such an injustice being done to the ratepayers of Northcote.

Mr. Ingleton seconded the motion, which was supported by Messrs Chirgwin, Patey, Kelly, Hutton, and Sedgwick, and carried unanimously.

PARK IMPROVEMENT.

The next and only other matter for consideration was the request of the Northcote town council in advancing for a period the sum of £65 for the construction of a path in the park, conditionally on the parks committee undertaking to refund the amount.

Mr W Brown said he alone was responsible for the request to be put forward. Some time ago the parks committee had a meeting in connection for the erection of a fence, but little was said till the hose question arose, and he was told that a track in the park would be made. Imagine their surprise, then, when the council at last meeting agreed, almost unanimously, to a further expenditure of £65. He was in favour of the park being used for the public benefit, but is now quite active, and is in a position to say that it is a fairly good one. Northcote is in a healthy position, and consequently requires a park for the young men and women to play in. There is a man living near to me who has been ailing for a long time, and is improving continually. He became a mere skeleton, but now he is getting stout, and with his head dropping almost on his chest. At last he took to the bed, and finally concluded that he would not get up again, but he did get up, and is now getting fat. Northcote is the place for the boys to work, and no expectations. "I can drop out now," he says, "and am not troubled either night or day with my old complaint." Lots of other cases come to my hearing, including one in which a man got married a fortnight ago, and is going to build up the constitutions that disease has shattered, success to it —I remain, yours truly,

JAS. C. JAMES.

"Egmont," Evans street, Port Melb.,
Mr W Webber,— Feb. 7th, 1899.

Dear Sir,—You are at liberty to make what use you think proper of the letter I sent you, as should it in any way promote the welfare of my fellow-creatures, I shall be only too pleased to do so. Wishing you benefit immunity; and it is the greatest good that I can thank most sincerely. The name Sampson, of whom I spoke, is now working at the Ballarat gold-fields, and He is still affected a little by the change of climate, but it is rapidly wonderful to see him working after the low condition to which he was reduced. I am quite convinced quite well that you are an exceedingly busy man; I, myself, am full of your successes. Trusting that your health may continue to improve, and that Mrs Webber and family are well.—I remain, yours truly,

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Further particulars from any of the members or—J. REID, Secretary, 21 Bridge street, Northcote.

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Announcements.

ERECTION OF SCHOOLS.

According to the Government statist's last return the population of Northcote has increased considerably, and this is fully borne out by the experiences at the local state school. The attendance of late have been far in excess of the number for which accommodation is now officially provided. School No. 1401, situated in Helen street, was built to accommodate, according to the Board of Health regulations, about 570 (that is, allowing 10½ square feet to each individual). The Board Advice, towards the end of last year, took into consideration the over-crowding of the school and found that instead of the above number there was an average attendance of 750. They accordingly wrote to the Minister of Education and acquainted him with the state of things, and finally got the promise that a 4th class would be provided for at the Prince of Wales' Park school; and that the Board of Advice would consider the matter of providing more accommodation for Helen street in 1401. The first part of the arrangement was fulfilled, but to avoid the crowding of the school in Helen street, Mr. Ingleton has instructed that all children living north-east must continue to go to other streets in the town, for the repairing of which he considers, and rightly there is no money available, it is the opinion of those members of the Northcote Town Council are not acting in the best interests of the ratepayers in loaning their funds for expenditure in the parks, while their legitimate work urgently required no money for the purpose.

Mr. Patey seconded the motion, speaking

CRICKET.

PRESBYTERIAN MATTING COMPETITION.

B. section.—Preston v. Dorcas St. This match was commenced last Saturday in the Preston Park. When two of the latter's wickets had fallen for 11 runs the match had to be stopped on account of the rain. Newnham, 1 for 0; and McMacking, 1 for 10; secured the wickets. The match will be continued to-day.

Ramblers v. Sotchmo. To be played at the Muses's Park this afternoon. Ramblers team—Alford, Elms (2), Brown, Dredge, Field, Pewer, Howson, Lamphier, Leamon, Molntyre, Hall, Mitchell, Potter, Trivett, Woods.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, 20TH MARCH

(Before Messrs. Braithwaite, Clinch, and Gardiner, J.'s.P.)

The only case heard was Howse Bros. v. Jas. Malcolm, a claim for 9s 9d, goods sold and delivered. After hearing the evidence, the Bench dismissed the case with costs. Mr. Fergo appeared for the defendant.

EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

As intimated elsewhere, the meeting of the shire council adjourned in consequence of the death of the secretary (Mr. Jas. Ryan) will take place on Monday, 27th, at the usual hour.

ANOTHER BILE BEAN MIRACLE.

MR. A. J. FORDER, GENERAL DEALER, DUNBO, CURED OF SEVERE LIVER COMPLAINT AND INDIGESTION.

Mr. A. J. Forder, a well-known general dealer, of Dunbo, N.S.W., having written to the Bile Bean Manufacturing Co. narrating them of his having been cured by Bile Beans, and offering to have the matter made public a reporter was deputed from the *Dubbo Liberal* to interview the gentleman.

SO STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL

Mr. Forder commenced by stating that he voluntarily came forward to give particulars of the wonderful result of Bile Beans. He (Mr. Forder) contracted the illness at the Diamond fields, Kimberley, South Africa, in 1889, where I was overseer for the Transvaal Diamond Mining Company. I suffered so from liver complaint that I had to resign my position, being quite unfit for work. The medical man I was under, a first-class physician, strongly advised me to leave the place and the colony, for if I remained there was nothing but death before me. I came to this country in 1894, but felt no better. I must tell you the doctor had described my disease as congestion of the lungs and liver, arising from indigestion. Since I have been in Australia my health has not improved up to lately. I always had a severe pain in my stomach after eating, and a terrible feeling in the head, with pains in the right side and between the shoulders. I also was subject to a languid tired feeling, and felt extremely quarrelsome. My appetite was quite gone, and I could not eat the most tempting dishes, my rest was always disturbed and irregular. About two years ago I completely broke down, and had to attend the hospital as an out-patient. My body was covered with boils, which the doctor described as 'hives.' I got no relief while in the hospital, and gave up in despair. I tried every patent medicine I could hear of, and none of them had any effect on my complaint. As a last resource I was advised by a friend at Old Dubbo to try Bile Beans, and he presented me with a box in May last, but I had no faith in them, having tried so many medicines. I commenced to take them, however, to satisfy my friend, following the instructions given on the leaflet in which there were enclosed. Before I had finished the first box I began to feel relief in the stomach, the pains being less violent, and my appetite improved slightly. I felt so much encouraged by this that I purchased five large boxes, and took the Beans regular. My health and strength steadily returned, the spots left my body, and my weight also increased. To make a long story short, I completely recovered. I am now enjoying far better health than at any time since I was 21 years of age, and I am now 42. In following my occupation of woodbuyer and general dealer I am exposed to all weathers, and never feel the slightest ill effects. When I think of the long years of suffering I have undergone I can only describe my cure as miraculous." "You certainly look in the best of health," said the reporter. "I am, indeed, and feel quite happy. My wife and friends can hardly realise the great change in me since I commenced taking the Bile Beans. I attribute my cure entirely to their use, and shall be glad to recommend them to anyone. I honestly believe that but for the Bile Beans I should not have lasted another six months after leaving the hospital.

A LADY HYPNOTIST.

REMARKABLE DOINGS IN PARIS.

The Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes:—A very puzzling young person is at present exercising the curiosity of Parisians. She is known to fame as Mlle. Lina. Till recently she was an artist's model. Then Colonel de Rochas and M. Jules Bois discovered her strange capabilities, and Mlle. Lina has since passed much of her time in hypnotic trances, a state in which she performs wonders that must be seen to be believed. Her sponsors, it will be well to remark, are men of high standing and acknowledged reputation and not professional organisers of rare shows.

When in a trance her sensibility leaves her body and can be localised by the operator in any object he desires within a few feet of her. Object be pricked or otherwise manipulated. Mlle. Lina experiences

EXACTLY THE SAME SENSATION

as if the act had been performed on her own person, whereas her body while she is in this state is wholly insensible. It may be objected that this sort of thing might be feigned. Colonel de Rochas, however, vouches for several cases in which deception would seem to be out of the question.

On one occasion, for example, the sensibility of Mlle. Lina had been transferred to a photograph plate. Various experiments were made, and then the subject was brought back, as it was thought, to her normal condition. After the lapse of a considerable time Mlle. Lina was suddenly seized with a shivering, and then with violent sickness.

In another curious set of experiments music played an important part. It was found that when a piano was played within hearing of Mlle. Lina while she was under the hypnotic influence she adopted attitudes suggested by the music played. In every case the attitudes were

SO STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL

and apposite as to excite the admiration of the operatic artists and painters who had been invited to witness the experiments. Here, again, the suggestion might arise of deception, though there is no reason to believe that Mdlle. Lina has ever had any musical or dramatic training.

But direct proof has been forthcoming of the genuineness of the phenomena. A Polish musical composer who witnessed some of the experiments asked to be allowed to apply a test that would satisfy him that Mdlle. Lina was not merely going through a performance rehearsed beforehand. What she did was to play a Polish country dance that had fallen even in Poland into almost entire obsolescence. To the astonishment of Mdlle. Lina went through the dance exactly as it ought to be performed, though it was utterly impossible that she could have learned the proper gestures and measures.

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SOCIETIES.

O. S. T.

The Rose of Preston Division held their quarterly meeting on Tuesday evening last. There was a good attendance of members present, although some were absent on account of the meeting at Hawthorn to welcome the delegates to the annual meeting of the National Division, which opened on Wednesday morning. The secretaries of the anniversary concert reported that there would be a net profit of over £7 when all the tickets and money were returned. The P.S. reported that the *Son of Temperance* (the official newspaper of the order) had been posted to every member this month and would be continued monthly in future. At the conclusion of the business the item on the syllabus was taken—Quoit match, married v. single, which resulted in a win for the latter with 103 against 88. The following were the highest scorers:—Single—Bros. Westcott 31, Norton 22, Bussell 17; married—Bros. Arnold 24, Sanders 16, Pike 15.

THE OLDEST LIVING MAN.

The oldest man in the world lives in Vienna. He is 111 years old, but is hale and hearty. By no means decrepit, he disputes the hospitality of his comfortable home with the pleasant cheery manner of an old-world gentleman.

Think what it means to be 111 years old! A man born in the year 1788 was the year of his birth. At 7 years his childish ears drank in fearful stories about Louis XVI. having his head chopped off. At 18 he was stirred by the Battle of Trafalgar. Well may he remember when Queen Victoria ascended the throne; he was then 50 years of age. He had almost reached 60 when the revolution changed the face of his Fatherland. Dynasties have risen and been overthrown, science has transformed the world, but here is a man full of life and interest.

He is a living history of the greatest days the world has known. His wife is 76, but she is hale and sprightly, and confides the old gentleman to his friends whenever she accepted attendance for a day, chatting with his friends and reading, frequently dropping off into a refreshing nap. On being asked how he lived in his young days he replied:—"I have worked hard and felt hungry after my labour. I always had two pounds of meat at a meal and a pint of light Hungarian wine. Twice in my life I was drunk, and I was so dreadfully ill afterwards that it was no task to keep sober. I've always liked girls. I liked them when I was young, and when I was middle-aged, and also now when I am old. All the mischief that I was ever in had a pretty girl at the bottom of it.

"What do you think is the cause of my happy old age? Oh, I know exactly. I never worried and I never grieved. I worked until weary and then slept in unbroken rest until it was time to work again. It is those who let trouble grow over their nature who grow old before their time. A whole night's sorrowing has never put a copper in any man's pocket or made a misfortune lighter to bear.

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Gauze Fly Chests, to hang, 1s and 1s 3d each

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Nest of Jars, 5 to nest, 1s

Cover Jars, all sizes, cheap

Preserving Pans from 1s 6d, all sizes kept

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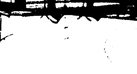

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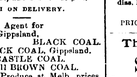

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