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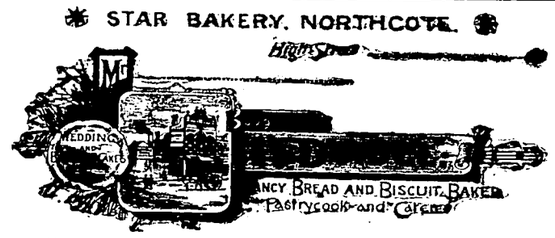

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After his triumphant re-election as Chairman of the Metropolitan Board, Mr. E. G. Fitzgibbon can afford to smile at the criticisms it is the fashion to offer upon him in the various municipal councils, to say nothing of the broadsides which are constantly showered upon him by a section of the Metropolitan press. Whatever the "white knight" can nor do there is one thing that he certainly does do and that is to get the good-will of those who come into immediate contact with him. Whether it be a puritanic commissioner like Cr. Dennis, or a conciliatory one like Co-Commissioner Bayles, or, say Cr. Howden, they all, once on terms, find it easy to get along with him and serve loyally under his standard and will not hear his good name assailed without showing a spirit of defence. It was once jokingly suggested in the Northcote Council that hypnotism was the agency employed by Mr. Fitzgibbon in securing this ascendancy, but the true explanation of his being able to keep in the lead is doubtless his down right ability and his admitted honesty of purpose. In addition to these two scarting trumps Mr. Fitzgibbon strengthens his "hand" with a more meretricious but hardly less influential "card"—flattery. In the use of this he is a past master. Some of his compliments to the assembling members on Thursday were magnificent—he could hardly have done more if he had been the representative men of the City of Melbourne and the whole colony to the Commissioner for the British Empire!" His magnification of the Board's city of origin under the title was also superb, being full of subtle flattery to his electors. Mr. Fitzgibbon closed his acknowledgment of the "high compliment" paid him in the following grandiloquent, but we believe, sincere, and in large measure true, words concerning the objects and aims of his public life :—"I have been in the service of the inhabitants of Melbourne, except during the last few months, for the 4th quarter of the present century. My ambition has been to do my utmost to increase its healthfulness and cleanliness, and enjoyableness and beauty; in that endeavour I have spent the greater portion of my life, and I will still devote myself to the great works which are in my hand, and which are unequalled by any in Australia, or in the most celebrated cities of the world."

We regret to record the death of Mr. David Livingstone, which took place at his residence, Harper street, Northcote, on Saturday. That the sad event notice ing could have been more unlooked for, the deceased gentleman having just reached the prime of life (40), and having been in the enjoyment of the best of health till within a few days of his death. The fatal illness commenced with a chill upon which pleurisy and pneumonia supervened. At the town-hall services on Sunday last the Rev. Hector Ferguson made touching and appropriate reference to the death, the late Mr. Livingstone having been a member of the church choir, and a worker for a leading town hardware house Mr. Livingstone was deeply esteemed as a private citizen, and there was a large representation of the trade at the funeral on Tuesday. A wife and two children are left to mourn their loss

After hearing report of Crs. Cripps and Bryson's visit to the extended conference re the master, the Preston council decided on Monday evening not to join with Northcote and the other municipalities interested in having a survey made of the Merri Creek from the Yarra to Coburg, in order that data might be furnished to the Public Works Department to enable them to grant a subsidy for the creek's improvement.

Mr. Paul Netzler, of South Preston, called the council together on Thursday with his face hardly recognisable in its disguise of bandages, sticking plaster, and stitches. He explained matters by saying that he had just come from the hospital, where he had been under the injuries received by being thrown out of his trap through the collision of the wheels of same dropping into a deep hole opposite Pike's on the Plenty road. Passing later in the day we noticed that all the bad places in the road had been repaired. Mr. Netzler was talking of legal proceedings. Should such happen it will be interesting to see if Preston council follows Northcote's lead in such matters. Also this week there was a terrific smash on one of the Moonee Valley Aerated Waters delivery waggons through "flopping" into one of these same holes.

Though in connection with their recent Shakespearean revival the North Suburban Horticultural Society incurred the responsibilities of a £27 14s 4d, such was the success attained that there are sufficient funds in hand to meet all claims, including prize-money in each amounting to £18. The latter has been passed for payment and will be posted to successful exhibitors on and after to-day at the office of the secretary, fire station, Northcote.

The general half-holiday in Northcote was inaugurated on Wednesday, all shops except those selling milk, &c., being closed punctually at 1 o'clock. The spectacle of a small boy hamstring at the door of a shop and refusing with a sovereign in his hand, but failing to get admittance on account of ordinary rain in the street, not without its humor; but to possibly the proprietor, should he happen to have been looking through a crack, exasperating.

On the question being fairly put to the Preston shire council "Will you accept as a gift the Reading and Recreation Club's building on condition of removing same to the park?—it was decided in the negative, the majority being Crs. Braithwaite, Howden, White and Paterson. Cr. Marshall, as one of the guarantors, refrained from voting, Cr. Bond was absent, and Crs. Cripps, Richardson and Nichol constituted the minority.

PRIVATE STREET CONSTRUCTION.

THE DEFERRED PAYMENT SYSTEM.

NORTHCOTE'S FIRST BATCH

WORK AHEAD.

Another stage in the devious proceedings in connection with the construction of private streets and right-of-ways by the deferred payments system was reached at the last meeting of the council, when, on the the motion of Cr. Braithwaite, the council affirmed the desirability of and passed a resolution ordering the striking of a special rate sufficient to realise 2s 6d in the £ by way of payment for the construction of the last of streets and right-of-ways, as advertised elsewhere.

Under the new system property owners are to get much improvements effected may either pay in a lump sum or by annual instalments, the latter by annual payments of 2s 6d in the £, extending over 13 years. Thus a property-owner whose apportionment is £8 could, instead of paying the lump sum, pay off the liability in 13 annual payments of £1.

It may be mentioned that the estimated cost of constructing the first batch of streets is £1574.

Those property owners who have no desire to take advantage of the deferred payments have already paid in the full amount of their apportionment amounting in all to £547.

This being so, the case it will only be necessary to sell £1000 worth of debentures, which from enquiries made it is anticipated will be taken up at a low rate of interest.

The coming into operation of the scheme will be welcome as providing a large amount of work and also greatly relieving the ratepayers of the present.

So cumbrous is the machinery of the Act that if every formality has not been gone through before a start is made six months will elapse, but if, as they may, the council decide to finance with the money already in hand, tenders might be called for some of the works almost immediately.

LOCALISMS.

Saturday next, 10th June. All rates must be paid on or before that date to secure enrolment on the voters' lists.

An effort is being made to establish a telephone exchange at Preston.

Feeling has been running a bit high in Preston over the Reading and Recreation. It appears that when a particular trade is unanimously against closing early the only way to express their protest at the proper time, secure exemption. This privilege was, however, not taken advantage of by at least two trades, much to their present chagrin and disappointment.

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THEY DECLINE TO ACCEPT.

Feeling has been running a bit high in Preston over the Reading and Recreation. It appears that when a particular trade is unanimously against closing early the only way to express their protest at the proper time, secure exemption. This privilege was, however, not taken advantage of by at least two trades, much to their present chagrin and disappointment.

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THE EIGHTIETH YEAR OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

SERMON BY CANON FORD.

The new vicar of All Saints', Northcote (the Rev. Canon Ford) preached a sermon on the Sunday evening on the commemoration of the Queen's eightieth birthday. There was a crowded congregation and full choir and full choral. The rendering of an anthem by the latter was good, and a solo by Mrs. Gibbs was particularly fine. The special feature of the musical portion of the service, however, was the rendering of the National Anthem by the choir and congregation. It was most effectively rendered.

Canon Ford took for his text, 1st Samuel, 10th chapter, 24th verse, "And all the people shouted and said, God save the King." After noticing briefly the various changes which mark the ruler of Greater Britain, the preacher said there is a somewhat critical enquiry as to the origin of the monarchical form of government. He traced the development from the days of Saul to the present time; and, following somewhat on the lines of Herbert Spencer, endeavoured to account for the genesis of the kingly office, illustrating from history and the progressive enlargement of the dignity into a sovereignty of the people. The standing army, nobility, courts, administration of justice, and so forth. He dwelt on the various references in the Old Testament, whilst requiring "obedience to the powers that be," had laid down the Queen's right of government. The church could accommodate herself to any form of government. The Christian idea of government was loyalty to Jesus Christ, and from this principle what form the State should adopt. Canon Ford then referred to the events of his discourse, Canon Ford delivered a panegyric on the person and reign of Queen Victoria. The secret of her life was loyalty to Jesus Christ, that was the golden thread which shone through the sixty-two long years of her reign. That was the distinction that all might share with her. To receive and to honor Christ, to wear our loyalty to Him as the brightest jewel in our daily life was not impossible but was the boundless duty of all.

Symptoms of Pneumonia.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency towards pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of Pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Francis Howe, Northcote.

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, MAY 29TH.

Present :—Crs. Paterson, Braithwaite, Marshall, Nichol, Howden, Robertson, Cripps, and White.

CR. PRESIDENT'S ILLNESS.

In the absence of the president (whose condition has not improved), Cr. Paterson was voted to the chair.

THE RAILWAY TIME-TABLE IMPROVEMENTS.

D. Methven, M.L.A., wrote stating that the Commissioner of Railways would receive deputation re improvements in time-tables as soon as he obtained the necessary information from his officers.

ROBIN TREE-PLANTING.

W. Braithwaite wrote intimating that he desired, with the council's permission, to plant trees in front of the properties in High street and Murray road, and would require about 25 lineal yards at schedule prices. Referred to parks committee, with power to act.

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COLLECTOR.

F. R. Bayliss wrote bringing under notice of the council the following facts :—

1. On the 15th inst. he was summoned to the court-house at Northcote. Fee, fine, and costs, amounting to 12s 6d, were duly imposed.

2. On the same day a bailiff's man called at his residence, and, in the absence of the lady, broke open the door, which he banged behind him with a violence that could have aroused the Seven Sleepers themselves.

3. Upon doing that blow must certainly have upset him. I always did say he outpointed our Australian champion, and I still thought Had compassionately; for he had been under the impression that the door was a broken one, and, after a vain attempt to smoke some forth for that moment, so had not observed the door-post. And upon the climax to his friend's ideas of unearthly humor.

"Feel better after the rest ?" he remarked presently, as they trudged along.

"Rest ! Rest be d——d. I have always laughed at the bare idea of spirits ——"

"Yes, you've often told me that before," interrupted Had, with a clear note of satisfaction, "I've heard you say that you'd as soon be a corpse as a spirit. But after to-night's experience I'll ——"

"Well ?"

"Well, I'm hanged if I know what to think."

"Pshaw! You're as nervous as a school girl. If you had seen anything, now, it would be worth talking about. But you've got a blue funk because an owl screeches and rats squeak in a barn."

"But I did see something."

"Oh! you did, did you?" thought Had.

"By all the powers, that's surely a lantern coming in the distance," he said aloud.

"Hullo there!"

"Hullo!" answered something almost, and the light moved quickly towards them. It proved to be a man who had been putting up at the Bush Inn, and was returning to town, and on hearing of their plight he will cottage and offered to give them a lift further down the road.

The proprietor was greatly delighted to find his companion sufficiently recovered to be capable of walking.

"I say, old fellow, I have found out all about that spectre," he exclaimed later on in the day, spreading his newspaper before him, beside which he had persuaded Jem to breakfast. "It was a drunken man, who had charged just now, and when the man who took him home had left him he had gone on groaning about. They had evidently taken him to the wrong one and went wandering off to the next. Imagine the drunken fellow's and rheumatic as he was, the old man could not get upstairs to answer the row, and so on his dubiously to be hailed a ragged boy idly sitting on a fence, with :

"Say dar! Head dat cow."

"Say, boy, who's done got a head?"

"Dat man turn 'ar."

"Boy, looks to me to be right side out a ruddy."

"Say, you black rascal! Speak to 'er, won't yer ?"

"Speak to 'er! Why, saltenly. Good evenin', Miss Bonny."

TO LET.

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OUT OF THE BEATEN TRACK.

"Jem, I say—Jem, dead man, rouse up." The speaker, a well-knit, broad-shouldered young fellow, bent anxiously over the prostrate form before him.

"I believe the rascals have pretty nearly finished him up. Jem, speak to me, can't you?" and he gave the unconscious man a shake that would have aroused the dead. Something in the tone of the voice, or the manner of the shake, must have penetrated to the dim recesses of the damage that had been done to his friend, Jem Ashton. They were on a walking tour through the South Western Highlands of Scotland, and occurring to keep to the beaten track had been set upon, after a long day's tramp, by two men, relieved of their knapsacks and the contents of their pockets, and left to their fate in this wild, little frequented country, exposed to the full fury of an oncoming storm. A wild stunned blow had evidently followed "Lend Jem," as his friends called him, senseless on the ground, leaving his more stalwart companion, Had Chester, to deal single-handed with their assailants. The odds were a desperate tussle before he was worsted, to which a few clothes torn and dirty condition bore witness. But the odds were too strong against him, the men made off with their booty, and left him in a bruised and battered condition beside the fallen comrade. Eight matches in all were played, and one lost was their excellent record.

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A clever repartee was that of Lord Melbourne to Mr. Black, who was the editor of the "Morning Chronicle," when Lord Melbourne was Prime Minister, and he and his Government were constantly and severely attacked in the "Chronicle." One day Lord Melbourne, who had been reading the "Chronicle," when each inquired after the other's health, and Lord Melbourne replied, "I am suffering from a bad cold. "Ah, Mr. Black has been writing on you, you have been lying on damp sheets."

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Parliamentary elections have frequently given rise to repartee. One of the most famous in a New Zealand town one of the candidates was a man named Scott, who had formerly been guard of a huge Scotch thistle, and was a well-known character. He happened to be lying on the table of the committee room, when a voter entered, addressing at once withdrawn, such the remark, "Why, Scott, you are lying on the table, like a cushion." A candidate for an agricultural district was addressing a sleepy audience on the subject of the electors ploughing. He approached the question with the remark that he always seems to be very light soil. What crops do you grow?" "Oh, we grow very much on the Chronicle." One day Lord Melbourne, when each inquired after the other's health, and Lord Melbourne replied, "I am suffering from a bad cold. "Ah, Mr. Black has been writing on you, you have been lying on damp sheets."

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CHAPTER XIV.

MR. POLLOCK GETS A FRIGHT—JACK AND AUGUSTUS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER.

Well, old man, fixed it up all right. Reported Mr. Park Pollock, as he strolled into the billiard-room at the Royal Hotel, to which the victor and the stakes, the Colonel's son fellow-soldier, Colonel Windle's two Dodge, was keeping his hand in by practising cannoning, cramming, stabs and baulks. "Gave the chap his ten pounds, and it's all right; it's our time, body and soul."

"Just so," remarked the Colonel, taking his cigar from his mouth and blowing a thin taurt of smoke gracefully through his nose. "Right you are, Purdy. And I hope you won't lose any time, cause I sorter guess North has got on the trail—cross him! Look at that, Purdy!" and the Colonel watched an American paper from a side table and handed it to Pollock. Then he calmly went on knocking the balls about with the cue, occasionally pausing to give himself a word of praise when he made a specially good shot. They were alone in the billiard room, and he could talk freely.

"That's the," cried Pollock as his eye fell on a string of headlines at the top of a column—"the yellow metal abounds," he read—"Gold found in Cleveland County"—"The Sheriff goes to Europe to find the Mein"—"Wealth Waiting"—"Fortunes"—"What's the meaning of all this?"

"It means," said the Colonel, "that you an' me must be darned slick if we don't want to get left. That letter you got to-day's matter much, so long as the New York papers don't get it."

"It makes the thing pulsite at any rate."

"Pooh—that's only the "Red flutch Pressed"—nobody ever reads what it says."

"It's hit upon a good piece of news this time at say-rate. Now if the Paterson should see this?"

"They'd make nothing of it. Never think it was their property. Well, my dear Dodge, we'd better not let any more fine crops grow beneath our feet. Do you call to mind what you promised me when I was a child on your knee the other night?" About North being a friend of his? As he had wanted to hear him about Coconut?. Waal, Purby, if North an't been fattened out. I'm mistook. Just there may be an answer comin' to that letter now e' times days. All that won't be good for us, you bet."

"I should think not. As you say, we must lose no time. And Harris, you may be sure will see, let the grass grow under his feet. He has promised to see about the business at once, and let us know on Monday morning how he has got on.

"That's all right. Any more news of that young rascal, Harrison?"

"No; it is the strangest thing I ever heard or, Colonel. What on earth has become of the fellow? Have you no theory?"

"It strikes me that the Colonel impressively, "that Paterson will turn up maybe rather too soon to quite suit our book."

"You think he is still alive? But how did he escape the bullets? It's almost impossible! And where is he now? . . . And why is he staying now? . . . He overheard our talk, and knows all about the Consolut gold discovery on his father's land in mathematicians.

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"Of course you may think what you please, Mr. Pollock," said Jack loftily. "It doesn't matter to me."

"And Mrs. Paterson told you all about it, Jack?" he remarked. Pollock, who wished very much to know what the mother and daughter had really said to Jarvis.

Some at least of Mr. Pollock's doubts would have been set at rest, while his fears would have been roused stroke, had he been able to listen to the talk between Jack Jarvis and Augustus Herbert at Jarvis's lodgings that afternoon.

For the time, the hour named, and Augustus, having heard that it was genteel and proper to be in good time for appointments of that kind, presented himself at the house in Grafton street, where Jack lodged, at half-past four. Not being troubled with thirst, he rang the bell boldly, and waited quite unexpelled until the door should be opened.

"Is Jarvy on or in?" cried Mrs. Fairley, Jack's landlady, when she opened the door and saw the boy. "I'm not always sure about putting half-a-dozen bullets into him. Is he there? He have told the Mad Scarperin to marry me. What more do you wish to know?"

"I wish to know," returned Jack, "why she is going to marry you. I wish to know, also, if you have been told that you've got his money to settle before long."

"Mad Fairley laughed heartily. "I have seen Miss Paterson and her mother."

Mr. Pollock looked in astonishment.

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"Of course you may think what you please, Mr. Pollock," said Jack loftily. "It doesn't matter to me."

"And Mrs. Paterson told you all about it, Jack?" he remarked. Pollock, who wished very much to know what the mother and daughter had really said to Jarvis.

doings of Mr. Pollock and Colonel Washington Dodge. He did indeed think of lighting his pipe, but did not do so for fear of setting a bad example to Augustus. He eyed not have minded, however, for he was already a hardened and experienced cigarette smoker.

The story which Augustus told Jack that night was the story with which the reader is acquainted. There is no need to go over it in all its sad and tax. The boy told how on the morning when he gave the flower to Nelly the American gentleman came and spoke to them, and hired him to keep watch on Miss Paterson, and report if he saw her in company of any one other than her mother. Augustus told how he had followed the Colonel, and gone to the Pollocks' house, and how, after the Colonel and Mr. Pollock were in league for some purpose, and that their plotting had something to do with Polly.

"Then came the most wonderful and the most important part of the boy's story, and Jack listened with breathless attention as he heard of Pollock and Dodge luring Jarvis into the burglary, to steal certain documents from Mrs. Paterson. For long after the boy had ended his story Jack sat in his chair, silently trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together, and to make out what it all meant. Augustus said how he had followed the Colonel, and Mr. Pollock were in league for some purpose, and that their

"Colonel Wood," says Mr. Marshall, "ordered a bath of the First Volunteer Cavalry, better known as the Rough Riders, about six o'clock in the morning of 24th June. The men brought in ice at the fee-gentleman passes for rest which had been allowed them during the last month.

"We had stopped near the end of a beautiful lane, surrounded with orchards on one side and on the other by the garden of an old English country house. The tropical growth on or right about, and allowing for the time of the year, the scene might almost have been Cuba. There is no pretty-cuddling—nothing, merely dirty digging. The work is hard, but it is strong, he is vital, every muscle in his body is in full play. He is not a man who says 'ough,' he is dead. That 'chug' of the pick, that 'ough' of the shovel, is the sweetest music in the world. Colonel Wood is blessed, for as I know, he not sing one their way. Then the Colonel's wife, Mrs. Wood, and the two sons is lacerated and torn or dead. I did not see the Colonel struck [illegible] but I saw Pat's; I did not hear the bullets strike Pat's head, but I saw the blood flow from the [illegible] and the instant afterwards I heard the bullet strike which struck me.

"I fell to the ground, and staggered to the left. I was standing in the open, [illegible] was walking me up the front. I [illegible] 'chug,' he is dead. That 'chug' of the pick, that 'ough' of the shovel, is the sweetest music in the world. Colonel Wood is blessed, for as I know, he not sing on their way. Then the Colonel's wife, Mrs. Wood, and the two sons is lacerated and torn or dead. I did not hear the Colonel struck [illegible] but I saw Pat's; I did not hear the bullets strike Pat's head, but I saw the blood flow from the [illegible] and the instant afterwards I heard the bullet

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN S.S.

A very pleasant gathering took place on Wednesday evening last in the school-hall, when the ladies of the congregation provided a treat to the scholars attending the school. Tables were laid and filled with a bountiful supply of the good things children love. The hall, and also the tables, were nicely decorated with flowers. At seven o'clock the children, numbering about 80, assembled and did ample justice to the generous fare provided. After the tables were cleared and a very interesting programme was carried out under the chairmanship of Mr. John McKinnon, who gave a short address to the children, urging upon them the necessity of regular attendance and having their lessons thoroughly prepared, and also of trying to bring another scholar (no attending a Sabbath school) with them. Mr. Tait, of Clifton Hill, gave an interesting address on "The Lord is my Shepherd." Miss Martin and Miss Ruby Anderson played violin solos, Miss Hemley sang "I've seen a laddie but ane," and "Comin' thro' the rye," Mr. Reid gave "The Skipper," Miss McDougall "Annie Laurie," Miss Robertson "The Better Land," and Mr. Thomson "The Holy City." Miss Gifford recited "Baimies cuddle doon," and Miss Nellie Anderson, Master Wilfred Hooper, and Master McKinnon also gave recitations in very pleasing style. Mr. George Keiser and Mr. Hansen accompanied on the piano. Mr. McFedries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies, singers, &c., and Mr. J. G. Johnson, in seconding the same, urged upon all the necessity of supporting both the school and church, which, to have any permanent success, must be started and maintained on a true basis. A vote of thanks to the chairman was also carried on the motion of Mr. T. H. McLean. After the benediction was pronounced the children were again regaled with bon-bons, and all went home thoroughly satisfied with their evening's entertainment. In connection with the arranging and carrying out of the above, special thanks are due to Mesdames Johnson, McLean, Campbell, and Thomson.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Was unfortunate in having a very wet night last Friday for holding their anniversary tea meeting and distribution of prizes; but, in spite of the inclement night, there was a large number of the children, who did ample justice to the good things provided for them. After tea there was a magic lantern entertainment (which to children is always a great delight), interspersed with songs by the Misses B. Aitken and M. Thomson and Mr. Robert Richardson. After the pictures had been admired for about an hour, the Rev. Mr. Carson distributed the prizes for the year's work, which the superintendent (Mr. Fortune) remarked had been most satisfactory, there being a marked improvement in both attendance and diligence. Mr. Fortune, in a few appropriate remarks, presented, in the name of the teachers, Miss B. Aitken with a handsome silver jam-dish as a small token of their esteem. He much regretted the loss which would be caused by Miss Aitken's departure, she having done so much to improve the general singing of the school, and her assistance had always been so willingly given. He wished her every happiness in her new home. The singing of a hymn and Benediction brought a pleasant evening's entertainment to a close. The prize list was as follows :—

Mr. Elder's Senior Girls—1st prize, Emma Kuipeli; 2nd ditto, Nellie Crammond and Annie Trobel (equal); Miss Winnett's Class—1st prize, Paula Jung; 2nd ditto, Jessie Crammond; 3rd ditto, Jessie M'Dougall. Miss Paterson's Class—1st prize, Annie Crammond; 2nd ditto, Muriel Moore; 3rd ditto, Annie Hardenack. Miss L. Winnett's Class—1st prize, Mary Duncan; 2nd prize, Alice Wilde. Mr. Kupcel's Class — 1st prize, May M'Dougall; 2nd prize, Jean M'Making. Miss Bedwell's Class—1st prize, Ida Crammond; 2nd ditto, Emma Mitchell; 3rd ditto, Myra Hodson. Miss Creighton's Class—1st prize, Maggie Richardson; 2nd ditto, Jennie M'Kinnie; 3rd ditto, Una Westhorpe; 4th ditto, Inky Duncan. Mr. Hinds' Class —1st prize, E. Michel; 2nd ditto, J. M'Dougall; 3rd ditto, A. M'Kinnie. Miss Aitken's Class—1st prize, Fritz Jung; 2nd ditto, James M'Kinnie; 3rd ditto, William Donaldson. Miss Porteous' Class—1st prize, C. Duncan; 2nd ditto, J. Donaldson, 3rd ditto, A. Madden. Miss Brunsdon's Class—1st prize, Leonard Richardson; 2nd ditto, Colin M'Kinnie; 3rd ditto, Percy Hendrie; extra, Norman Hutton. Mr. Thomas Paterson's Class—1st prize, Thomas Madden; 2nd ditto, Willie Troebel; 3rd ditto, Walter M'Making. Infant Class (Boys)—1st prize, George Carson; 2nd ditto, Jamie Carson; 3rd ditto, Hughie Cameron. Infant Class (Girls)—1st prize, Sophia Nelson; 2nd ditto, Tilly Nelson; 3rd ditto, Dolly Hardenach.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST M.I.S.

Mr. A. Dalziel gave an essay last Monday at the above society's meeting on the subject—" Why should there be class legislation ?" The question excited a good deal of interest and discussion, and Mr. Dalziel was thanked for his effort. At Monday's meeting Mr. J. Barkway, vice-president, will review the Rev. Hector Ferguson's book, "Spiritual Law in the Natural World."

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EPPING SHIRE NEWS.

The anniversary services of the Epping Presbyterian Sunday School were conducted on Sunday, 21st ult., by the Rev. Dr. Black, of East Brunswick, in the afternoon, and by Mr. Carroll, the minister of the charge, in the evening. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather both services were well attended. On the Wednesday following the children attending the Sunday School, under the supervision of their teachers, Misses Dods, Smith and Aitken, rendered the cantata, "The White Garland," in a manner reflecting much credit on both teachers and performers. The remainder of the entertaining programme comprised recitations, songs, and a dialogue by the children. Mr. Carroll presided, and at the close presented the prizes won by the children during the year. While doing so he expressed the pleasure he felt in being present at a function of the kind and his gratitude to those who assisted him in this very important part of church work. After a coffee supper, provided by the ladies of the congregation, the proceedings closed, in recognition of the Queen's 80th birthday, with the National Anthem.

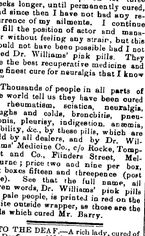
HOW TO SUCCEED ON THE STAGE

MR. DAN BARRY'S VIEWS.

"Mr. Dan Barry has been with us so long now, and his ability as an actor has always been so much in evidence, that we all look upon him as an old friend, and one to be proud of," says a writer in a Melbourne contemporary. Dropping into his office the other day at the Alexandra Theatre, the genial actor-manager had time for a few minutes' chat.

"Can you tell us, Mr. Barry," we asked "what you consider the main factor in gaining success in the theatrical profession, pre-ruling that an actor or actress has fair ability ?"

"Well, that is not quite such a large order as you may think," said Mr. Barry. "If an actor or actress has



MR. DAN BARRY.
(A photo. from Life.)

fair ability and perseverance, the main factor of their success is, I think, good health. There is an immense strain in our profession upon the mental and physical strength of those connected with it, and no professional can hope to rise above the ordinary unless he possesses good health."

"In your own case, Mr. Barry : you have lived under great mental strain for many years, and yet you seem always fresh and never tired."

"Yes," said Mr. Barry, "at present, notwithstanding the dual position of actor and manager which I have to carry out, I am in the best of health ; that was not so always. Some two years ago I felt the strain very much indeed. I would be quite exhausted before the performance started, and more than prostrated afterwards. The sleep I snatched was only fitful, and of no recuperative benefit, for I would rise as tired as ever the next morning. Then my nerves being out of order, neuralgia next attacked me ; this made matters worse, for the pain of neuralgia in its persistent nagging is something fearful. There was no doubt that I was quite run down. I saw two very well-known doctors, and they gave me a good deal of attention and medicine, but without effect. I was told to take a long rest, but my engagement would not permit of this. Then a professional said to me : 'Why not try Dr. Williams' pink pills, they are a first-rate tonic for impure blood and debility.' I purchased a supply, and used them carefully according to directions for six weeks. After the first week I somehow felt more lighthearted, took more interest in my work, and slept better. The neuralgia left me, and after taking Dr. Williams' pink pills for nearly three weeks there was no doubt a wonderful improvement had resulted. I kept on for five weeks longer, until permanently cured, and since then I have not had any recurrence of my ailments. I continue to fill the position of actor and manager without feeling any strain, but this would not have been possible had I not used Dr. Williams' pink pills. They are the best recuperative medicine and the finest cure for neuralgia that I know of."

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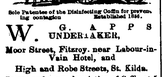

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THE end of the long lane of overdraft will in all probability be reached by the Northcote Town Council this evening, 10th June. Else, the dreary road will have taken 10 years to traverse. Up to Thursday evening the rate-collectors had got in £2393 11.4 10d (out of £5897 2s 9d) of the current rate and £226 16s 5d (out of £1771 19s) of the arrears. The overdraft then stood at £1200 odd. On 9th and 10th June last year under than £1700 came in, so that if this amount is anything like reached a credit balance will result. Should only £1200 additional be got in by to-day, there will still remain outstanding rates amounting to over £3000, which must mean, with energetic collectors, that the council will be in a very good position at the end of the financial year. In fact, as one of progress should soon dawn for Northcote, Ever since 1890 any important works outside mere maintenance—very partial maintenance, too, in some cases—could hardly be thought of, but these days of economising are fortunately drawing to a close. By two means alone the spending power of the council has recently been increased by close on £1000 a year: that is, by reduction of overdraft, the interest upon which at one time averaged £800 per annum, and by taking advantage of the Municipal Loans Extension Act, which prevents the necessity of paying £5/5/0 a year towards the sinking funds of Loans Nos. 2 and 3 for 20 odd years to come. In view of the improved condition of the finances it will not be long, probably before a cry is raised for a reduction of the rates, but the wisdom of such a move is to be questioned, especially while the town is in such a back ward state. If a reduction should be made to bear the burden of the present rate for a year or two longer and then a reduction might be ventured upon with satisfaction and success.

The Northcote town council evidently intends to make the most of their powers under the Local Government Act for getting the town improved by having contracts let for the making of roads constructed under the deferred payments system, as on Monday evening a recommendation from the public works committee that the councillors for each ward be requested to submit a list of roads-way in their respective wards which urgently require construction, with a view to their construction, was unanimously adopted. The chairman of the works committee (Mr. Lee Fatchen) said out the necessity for getting this preliminary work done as expeditously as possible, as on best luck, the after processes according to the Act were very slow.

New station at Middle Northcote.—The following letter from the Secretary for Railways, addressed to Mr. D. Metherell, M.L.A., was read at the Northcote town council meeting on Monday evening:—"Advertising for one call here yesterday, relative to the application of the Northcote town council for the erection of a new station at Middle Northcote station, I am directed by the Commissioner to inform you that since Northcote was last inspected the matter has been given further consideration, and it is now felt that buildings of a permanent nature will be required, for which the necessary plans are in course of preparation."

At the meeting of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., on Thursday evening last, a pleasing feature of importance which was introduced. The idea was taken up by Brothers Johnson, and will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere a meeting for the purpose of bringing the choir into being, to be held on Tuesday evening next, 13th inst., at the town-hall. A large attendance is desired, as the public intention is to hold a series of public temperance meetings, in connection with which such a choir would, of course, be of great assistance.

The arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the Northcote Presbyterian Church are advertised elsewhere. The date fixed is Sunday, June 18, and it is the 25th year of the rule Dr. Tait, M.A., B.D., will be the preacher in the morning and the Rev. Dr. Marshall, D.D., in the evening. On Monday There will be a tea and concert on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., when Rose's cantata, "Under the Palms," will be rendered by St. Andrew's choir, Carlton.

Some interesting particulars of how emergency work was carried on in N.S.W. is being conducted by the federal executive have been furnished by the Premier. He points out that in 1895 per cent. of the newspapers of the colony are federal, and that 80 per cent. of the members of the Legislative Assembly are fighting for the bill actively, not only in their own constituencies but in those represented by the avowed opponents of union. Local committees have been established in every electorate, and in almost every hamlet and village in the colony, and steps are being taken in the north, at every one of the 1,400 polling-places in the colony an appeal shall be made to the electors before referendum day arrives. Even the clergy, Mr. Reid says, are lending a hand. The Archbishop of Sydney has suggested the efficacy of prayer to guide the community on polling day. Presumably, deduces the Premier, prayer is needed to turn the hearts of the anti-federalists. Then in the north, as at every one of the Bishop of Lismore is one of the most active federal organisers, and the good man Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, who is an enthusiastic federalist, has assured Reid that his 70 or leading clergy of his sect were doing all they could to make the campaign a success. A large body of men in the colony who do not attend the mass meetings, but look at politics quietly from a national standpoint, Mr. Reid is convinced, are likely to vote for the Bill for constitution. So completely has the organisation of the federal party been arranged that vehicles will be provided on polling day to take voters to booths, just as if an ordinary political contest were being carried on.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, has sent £1,000 to the Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. *Apply to* Department, A.N.Z., The Institute, "Longcott," Gunnersbury, London, W., England.

ROBBERY AT MR. ALLCHIN'S STORE.

Mr. E. Allchin, who has just gone into occupation of his handsome new shop at South Preston, had the unpleasant experience of having his premises broken into and an extensive robbery made on Wednesday night. So far as can be at present ascertained the goods stolen consist of 80lbs. of tobacco, a box of tea, about £20 worth of drapery, 12s in cash and a quantity of groceries. As if suspecting a raid, Mr. Allchin took special precautions against intrusion before leaving the shop on Wednesday, nailing cleats to the floor to prevent the door being opened. The burglars' jemmies, however, rose superior to these obstacles, and the front door was forced in. The robbers selected their drapery with such discrimination as to suggest that there was a lady in the case." The matter is evidently a mystery. A similar gathering is to be held next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayden, of Kelvin grove, Northcote, were last celebrating their silver wedding. There were two gatherings in connection with the event —of adult friends on the Tuesday evening and young folks on the Wednesday. Both passed off very pleasantly. One of the features of the celebration was the presentation to Mr. Clayden, by the latter, of a large silver lamp, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which the wedding bride was held by Mrs. Clayden's former scholars.

There is already considerable talk at Preston re the August elections, especially in the central riding, that riding where Crs. Robertson and Crisps are the retiring members. The names mentioned of probable candidates are ex-Cr. Crawley, Mr. W. H. Edgar and Mr. J. C. Cooper, which is a subject that would have the temerity to beard the east riding lion in his den. It will therefore be a pity to break Cr. Paterson's marvellous succession of "walk overs."

At the present time everyone we should think that the champion street in Preston for mud is Preuvial Street. Couldn't we have a subscription list, so that the central riding vacancy suggest a remedy?

Rumored that the distress warrant incident at Northcote, which culminated at Monday evening's meeting of the Northcote town council, recommendation from the committee of the whole, who have had the matter under consideration, will introduce the matter.

By this evening Mr. Swift, the town clerk, expects that the Northcote rate collectors (Messrs Sachse and Frofairn) will have got in at least £4500 of the £7669 rate on the books of the council, leaving £3000 odd still outstanding. Up to last evening Mr. Hamilton, the Preston collector, had got in £1804 15s 5d, to which he expected to add about £200 with to-day's collections. He will only leave about £200 of the current rate outstanding.

Northcote Public Library committee have in contemplation the arrangement of a pleasant evening or two for the entertainment of friends during the winter months. The matter will be decided upon at Tuesday evening's meeting.

SOCIAL NEWS.

An exceedingly successful and most enjoyable progressive euchre party was held at the shire-hall, Preston, on Wednesday evening, in aid of St. Joseph's Presbytery. Northcote. It was understood that the parties who had undertaken furnishing Miss O'Connor's stall at the forthcoming fancy fair, and that going lady and her girl friends, as well as the assistance of Mr. J. M. Coler, carried out all arrangements in faultless style. Tables had been provided for 36 sets of players, but even this large number was insufficient to accommodate the very large number who patronised the entertainment, and four or five additional tables had to be pressed into use. The first prize, a handsome silver tea service, was won by Mr. Hutchinson, and the second prize, a handsome silver cruet stand, by Mr. Lee Fatchen. The consolation prize, a pair of vases, fell to the lot of Mr. Hutchinson, jun. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Hooper.

The Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., on Thursday evening last, was visited by the district deputy, Bro. Hall, who was accompanied by Bro. Hall, who was accompanied by Bro. Hall, who was accompanied by

THE PROFESSOR'S ROMANCE!

She was only a poor little dressmaker's apprentice when he first found her. He heard her singing to herself once, working to an open window, as he passed in the street below.

"What a voice!" he said to himself. "How I should love to train it!" Soon, how, he could not get the haunting sweetness of her notes out of his head.

"I must find out who it is," thought the professor. It was not very difficult; it was a quiet neighborhood, where everybody knew everybody else. He learnt that her name was Lynn Peterson, and that she lived with an old aunt, who kept a beer-shop at the corner. A wild little idea Lynn had noted only for her love of dress and for sweet voice. Surely the gentle old woman could have selected so strange profession. But this was no business of his, and he could afford to be eccentric. So Lynn left the unfortunate surroundings of the beer-shop, with the result that he found a new relative, who was only too delighted to be rid of the expense of keeping her. She said "good-bye" to the pressor routine of the workroom, and went to London, to be trained with some people whom she had known since she was a child, in a dull, unfashionable suburb of London, and there time—a week Professor Beaufort came to her singing lessons.

"Now let us take that scale again," he would say, tossing back his mane of iron-gray hair.

Then, after the lessons were satisfactorily over, the professor would often take her out of town, or to a concert. Would give her? This was one of Lynn's greatest treats; she never lost her interest in the bear in the pit, and the monkey-house was always a source of amusement to her. It pleased him so much to watch her pleasure, and he always treated her with the same kind respect, as though she were a real lady, as Lynn often said to herself. But she was more, not a lady born, she had the natural refinement of one.

For a long time Lynn accepted the good things that fell in her lot without troubling who paid for them. Then one day a chance remark from somebody brought it home to her.

She sought the professor in his study.

"Why didn't you tell me?" she demanded, rushing to upon him as he sat in his music-room.

"Tell you what, Lynn?"

"That I am a pauper—a beggar relying upon your bounty," she cried, fiercely.

It is not the truth, Lynn," he answered, with a passing ring in his voice.

"Now, your guardian will pay for your lessons, and I wanted to take them myself. You have not yet said if you are glad to have a good luck at you."

When she had lit the candles, which flattered feebly on the mantelpiece, she returned to her place by the table. "You have a voice," she said, with a tender note in her voice. "Ah, why did you never tell me, and tell me—tell me——"

"Why should I worry you with my little bothers, Lynn?" said the professor, with a touch of impatience.

"I am your friend," answered Lynn, gravely. "Did you wonder why I came back so suddenly? It was because I was afraid you were ill, and I wanted to help you. Why did you leave off writing to me? You was asked of you; I missed your letters so much."

"Did you, really, dear?" asked the old professor, eagerly.

"Ah, did I not?"

Lynn knelt down by his chair, and took his knees. "Such sad I looked out for a letter, and when there came none I was so unhappy. Never mind; it is here. He will write again, I said. But you are not ill, now? You have not yet said if you are glad to have a good luck."

"So glad, Lynn, so glad." But his voice was trembling—the joy was almost too great.

The rest of the evening was a very fortnight, but I couldn't wait so long," said Lynn, with her head on his knee. "I phoned directly. It was best quite well, and my manager was so kind."

"You have been working too hard," said the professor, with a frown.

Perhaps. I have been pretty successful, and I love it. Would you guess why?"

"Why, little one?"

"Because I knew it would please you," whispered Lynn. When she looked up again there was a mist in her eyes.

"Lynn, my singing, I thought—He would not finish the sentence, but pressed her head upon his knee.

But you did not write to tell me so, you know, you naughty child."

There was a silence for a minute in the room. "Why didn't you tell me, Lynn?" he said, rushing to upon him as he sat in his music-room.

"Tell you what, Lynn?"

"That I am a pauper—a beggar relying upon your bounty," she cried, fiercely.

It is not the truth, Lynn," he answered, with a passing ring in his voice.

"Now, your guardian will pay for your lessons, and I wanted to take them myself. You have not yet said if you are glad to have a good luck at you."

When she had lit the candles, which flattered feebly on the mantelpiece, she returned to her place by the table. "You have a voice," she said, with a tender note in her voice. "Ah, why did you never tell me, and tell me—tell me——"

"Why should I worry you with my little bothers, Lynn?" said the professor, with a touch of impatience.

"I am your friend," answered Lynn, gravely. "Did you wonder why I came back so suddenly? It was because I was afraid you were ill, and I wanted to help you. Why did you leave off writing to me? You was asked of you; I missed your letters so much."

"Did you, really, dear?" asked the old professor, eagerly.

"Ah, did I not?"

Lynn knelt down by his chair, and took his knees. "Such sad I looked out for a letter, and when there came none I was so unhappy. Never mind; it is here. He will write again, I said. But you are not ill, now? You have not yet said if you are glad to have a good luck at you

THE HERESY CASE.

[TO THE EDITOR].

SIR,—The enclosed letter in a cutting from the *Prahran Chronicle* of Saturday last, will you kindly insert it in your first issue as a specimen of many letters I have received from all parts of the colony, and even beyond it.—Yours etc.,

S. HICCOX FERGUSON.

"Creditor House," 7-6-99.

SIR,—I have watched with feelings of amusement, scorn and indignation mingled, the proceedings of the so called Christian Ministers in connection with the Rev. Hector Ferguson, and I pray heaven that I may for ever be spared from the judgment of parsons. How bitterly and how keenly they followed up their persecutor? When the poor fellow resigned, why did they not let the matter drop? Oh, no, that would not suit these Christian teachers—they must "bite" him to appear, and he must be brandied, bruised and broken. Oh! the loveliness of it! And when a motion was proposed that he be summarily dealt with, these teachers, these men set up an examplars of a lowly Christ, actually applauded at the prospect of brother's downfall. Verily, there are some things in connection with the parsons that must make the angels weep. Then, after deposing the Rev. gentleman from what they call "The Holy Ministry," but which I call "The Holy Inquisition," they actually engaged in prayer! Could solmn mockery go further? *Is* there any wonder that in these days the bulk of the people do not believe in the parsons? Why, they do not understand the first principles of Divine teaching, for "Love" is no part of their practice, and they know precious little of helping a fallen brother. Of Professor Drummond, all I can say is, that it is a pity he did not live in the dark ages, for he would have made a first class inquisitor. Doctrine and theology—the invention of men—is more thought of, and of far more importance to a cleric, than a man's soul, for it is evident they can damn a man body and soul and then pray over it. "From all such Cant," as Carlyle says, may heaven save us."—Yours, etc.,

DISGUSTED.

MR SPARLING GIVES PARTICULARS OF CLAIM.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—In the report in your last issue with reference to my application to the Northcote town council to use their influence to obtain justice for me, you stated that I claimed £15,000 for redress against the Government. The readers of your journal, ignorant of the merits of my case, might consider such a claim on the part of an exceedingly exorbitant and preposterous. Kindly allow me to give a short explanation. I joined the police force in 1865. I earned a saving of £500 per annum to the revenue by suppressing crime at Dunolly in 1866. I would have been then promoted before many of my seniors, who since rose to the rank of superintendent, had I resorted to the tricks they did. I earned a saving of £700 per year to the revenue by suppressing crime at Pentarrif in 1880. On two occasions in Melbourne I prevented the destruction of many thousand pounds worth of property by procuring a proper pressure of water for the fire brigades. Men senior to me first at the fire neglected to take the proper steps. They have since been made superintendents of police. I rendered many other important services in other parts of the colony, two examples of which I gave in my letter to the council. Either of them entitled me to preferment. My claim for loss caused by injustice amounts to £2001, for increment through being wronged of preferment in my fair turn by seniority since 1880, and loss of salary for being unjustly deprived of my situation in 1888 for trying to prevent what brought scandal on the New York police in 1894, referred to in your issue of the 29th ultimo. The police who exposed the corruption at New York were all rewarded by that Government; whereas I have been punished for performing one of the most meritorious acts of duty a constable could be capable of. The £10,000 extra in my claim is for damage for the pain and inconvenience I have suffered for doing my duty. Money is not adequate compensation in a case like mine. People will understand that by considering themselves placed in my position. I have been wronged for protecting their interests, therefore I deserve their support in trying to obtain justice.—Yours, etc.,

CHRISTOPHER SPARLING.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST RATE JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Preston v. Fitzroy Crescent at Fitzroy. Result—Crescent, 4 goals 5 behinds, 29 points; Preston, 2 goals 7 behinds, 19 points. Goalkicker—Bennell (2).

Preston v. Collingwood Juniors today at Preston Park. Umpire—Field, Ryan; goal, Norton and Armstrong. Preston team—Ashcroft, Bowers, Burnell, Cooper, Dalziel, T. Flynn, Hall (2), Hamilton, Halwig, Monteith, Ralston, Standidge, Wilson, Ward, Woods, Walker, White (capt), Emer.—Williams, Carter, Payne, Barrow and McInerny.

The Northcote F.C. played Richmond City last Saturday at Croxton. There was a very fair attendance of spectators, and after a very even game the City won by 14 points to 4. Those who played best for Northcote were—Butler, Johnson, James, Foletta, Gray, Bretherton, Keenan, Rose, Legge, Rogers and Hopkinson.

This afternoon the Northcote play Montague at Brunswick. Northcote team will be picked from the following, who are requested to meet at Fred Smith's at 2 o'clock sharp:—Butler, Bretherton, Barker (2), Bailey, Chalfers, Foletta (capt.), Gray, Hanley, Hart, Hopkinson, Harry, Inkman, James, Johnson, Keenan, Legge, McCulloch, Ralph (2), Loyal, Oakley, Rogers (2), Rose and White.

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Preston Star v. Coburg at Preston. Scores—Coburg, 4 goals 7 behinds; Star, 3 goals 9 behinds. Star goalkickers—Warnecke, Kupsch Isworth, Bradford played the game of the 40.

The Preston Star having the bye to-day will journey to Epping. The Star are requested to meet at the corner of B.B street and Plenty road at 2 o'clock, as the van will leave 2.15 sharp.

THE GUARD-SHIP "PROTEUS."

TASMANIA 50 YEARS AGO.

Mr. Alexander McGinty, of Armstrong, Victoria, is a colonist, the type of which is fast fading away. Our reporter knew this gentleman would have many interesting reminiscences of the early days to chronicle, so he seized the opportunity when in Armstrong and called upon Mr. McGinty. Mr. McGinty is 76 years of age, but is a fine, healthy specimen of the early veterans.

"We should like to hear something of your early experiences, Mr. McGinty," said the pressman, opening the interview.

"Well," replied the veteran, "as a boy I joined the Royal Navy. I first held a position on the guard-ship "Proteus." I was subsequently drafted to the man-o'-war "Anson." The

A VETERAN SCOT.

"Anson" sailed for Tasmania, where she was subsequently turned into a female prison hulk. Just then gold was discovered in Victoria, and I went over, eventually arriving in Armstrong and I have worked in this vicinity ever since."

"You are quite an identity in this part of the world, Mr. McGinty?"

"Yes," was the reply. "In Armstrong, Stawell, Ararat, and the surrounding districts I have lived for 45 years, and I am consequently well known. I have had a lot of alluvial work to do. The ground, generally wet whilst working, never seemed to trouble me then. Four years ago, however, it was attacked with terrible aching pains in both legs, from the thighs down. The agony was intense, and my limbs at times were useless. I tried liniments and ointments without effect, and eventually I went to the Ararat Hospital and was told that I had a particularly bad attack of rheumatism. I did not improve. The stiffness, tenderness and swelling about my joints was fearful, and the pain became aggravated. Cold and wet, or the warmth of the bed would aggravate the pain. One day, whilst out fossicking, I found that I could not keep up with my mates owing to the fearful pain I was suffering. I could scarcely move my limbs, so I hobbled slowly along and arrived home, the pain being excruciating. Every morning the calves of my legs seemed seized with cramp. I frequently read in the newspapers of the great cures performed by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, so I purchased a box from a chemist in Ararat. In about ten days, on a Saturday evening, I had finished the box. On awakening on the Sunday morning I found, to my great joy and delight, that I could stretch my legs without getting cramp, as I without feeling pain at all. My two sons, who worked with me, were astonished on Monday morning when I walked briskly towards them. They exclaimed, 'What is up, dad?' and I replied, 'Dr. Williams' pink pills have cured me.' To make certain of a permanent cure I continued taking the pills for awhile. This is over two and a half years ago, and I have never had a return of the old complaint since. My cure is permanent. Since my cure I have been enabled to dance the Highland Fling in full costume, and I often do this at dances. This is not a bad performance for a man of my age, and proves that I have not over-rated the effects of Dr. Williams' pink pills. Since my cure I have recommended them to many of my friends, and a large number have told me of the great benefit they have received from them."

Reading Mr. McGinty for his recollections of early life, the reporter withdrew. Acting in the same way, Dr. Williams' pink pills have cured many cases of bronchitis, pleurisy, pneumonia, consumption, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, fever, scrofula, eczema, jaundice, indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhœa, liver and kidney complaints, ladies' ailments, loss of vital strength, debility, anæmia, rickets, paralysis, locomotor ataxia and St Vitus' dance. They always bear the full name, Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, printed in red ink on the white outside wrapper, and are thus specially manufactured for the Australian climate. Sold by chemists and storekeepers, and by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., c/o Rocke, Tompsitt and Co., Flinders Street, Melbourne. Price two and nine per box, six boxes fifteen and three-pence. Never accept a substitute; get the genuine article, just as Mr. McGinty did.

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W. H. Bath, 102 Lygon street, Carlton, Victoria.—CONSTIPATION and LIVER COMPLAINT.

Mr. M'Kenzie, Contractor, South Preston.—CONSUMPTION.

J. McIndoe, Esq., Met. Board of Works, Collins street.—LIVER COMPLAINT.

Miss Jones, Little River, near Geelong, Victoria.—HYDATIDS.

Mrs. Burke, Portland parade, Yarraville.—GALL STONES and ENLARGEMENT of the LIVER.

Mr. Jenkins, Foreman Yarraville Chemical Works.—STRICTURE.

Miss Griffiths, Drummond St., Carlton.—LIVER and KIDNEY TROUBLE.

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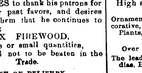

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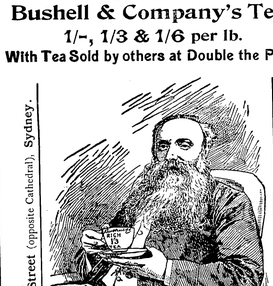

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TUESDAY next, the 20th inst., will be a great day in Australian history, for upon it the people of New South Wales will say whether this group of colonies will be federated or not—whether we are to remain a series of comparatively petty states, with conflicting interests and selfish antipathies, or be united as one grand country with common national aims and aspirations and with concord and good-will prevailing everywhere. And while federation has a great sentimental value, its material advantages are incalculable. Every federation in the world's history has proved it. Hitherto New South Wales is held to have "blocked the way" towards union. We trust the electors of the mother colony will on Tuesday wipe away this stigma forever.

Our anticipations of last week that the Northcote Town Council's overdraft would be wiped out have been more than realised. On Friday, 9th June, and Saturday, 10th June, £1471 was paid in, the total received between 15th May and 12th June being £8001 11s 6d. This leaves the council with a credit balance of £225—a luxury they haveuot known for a decade at least. The town clerk considers it probable that the revenue that will come in up to the 30th September next will quite equal the expenditure, which means that the present credit balance will be the best British sovereign from the general revenue, with the laudable object of finishing up the year with a balance on the right side of the ledger, rendering councillors indifferent as to whether a Municipal Overdrafts Indemnity Act is passed or not.

At the meeting of the Preston Shire Council on Monday Cr. Crispe moved that a leave of absence for a month should be granted to Cr. Bond, and that a letter of sympathy be sent to that gentleman," which was carried, all councillors deeply regretted the peculiarly sad trouble that had come to their fellow councillor. Cr. Braithwaite, in seconding the motion, was happy to say their worthy president was no worse. His speech had not yet returned and his right side was partially paralysed. It was understood, however, that he approved of the motion now before the council, and, in fact, still displayed that indomitable will which he had always shown. Cr. Howden supported the motion, and hoped they would soon see their president again amongst them. In reply, Cr. Bond said that the motion was carried unanimously.

A meeting of delegates from the friendly societies of Northcote and Preston was held at the Peacock Hotel, Northcote, on Friday evening, June 9th, for the purpose of raising funds on gala and bruce auction to be held on 11th, 15th & 16th of November next in aid of Northcote Hospital. Mr. Gardiner Frost, in the direction of paying off the present liabilities and making further improvements in gardens. The following societies were represented, viz., Oddfellows, Free Gardeners, M.U.I.O.O.F., Protestant Alliance, A.N.A., and I.O.O.F. Mr. F. Pound (Druids) was elected chairman of committees. The report of the business transacted at two general meetings of representatives and arrangements already made for the holding of the gala. The prospects of a great success, he said, were very encouraging. After considerable discussion, during which those present strongly urged that all societies should unite in support of the object in view, it was decided to request those societies who could not unite to provide such a valuable property as the gardens for the future use and benefit of friendly societies, it was decided to request those lodges represented to hold a social tea on Friday evening, June 30th, at 8 p.m., when the question of future action will be considered.

There was the usual good attendance at the last meeting of the North Suburban Horticultural Society, the president (the mayor, Cr. Parsons) in the chair. The secretary read the financial statement in connection with the recent chrysanthemum show, which was very satisfactory, as the receipts for the show exceeded the expenditure had been fully met by the receipts, leaving the society still with a fair credit balance. In a few appreciative words the president heartily congratulated the society on the all-round success achieved and remarked that the whole affair was a credit to the town. The first business of the evening was nomination of officers for the ensuing year. These will be elected at the annual meeting, which will be held on Friday evening, June 30. A paper on the use of artificial manures was read to the meeting by Mr. J. S. Whalley, and discussed by the members. The meeting was not allowed to close without acknowledgment of special services rendered in connection with the last show, the stewards and arrangement committee (Messrs Hodgson, T. Thomson, Denby, Meggs, and C. Jackson, junr.), the ladies (Mesdames Hodgins and Griff and the Misses Jackson and Holm) who had conducted the refreshment room; the mayor who had kindly provided the marquee and colour wise lent valuable assistance; the entertainment committee (Messrs J. P. Orr, Cheshaw, McCormick, and J. S. Whalley); and Mr. Griff, the secretary, all coming under this head. There was only a moderate display of exhibits at the meeting, the principal points going to Messrs Denby, Meggs and Shade, Messrs Hodgson and Leamon were the judges.

The monthly meeting o the Northcote Public Library Committee was held on Tuesday evening, there being present Messrs R. Tobin (in the chair), Bastings, Campbell, C. K. Jamieson, Lightfoot, and Swift, and apologies were received from the mayor and Mr. R. J. Whalley. The attendances for the month were reported as 1460. Complaint having been made of the coldness of the reading room during the winter months, the committee instructed the secretary (Mr. Swift) to consult with the finance committee of the town council re providing gas stove or some other heating arrangement. The matter of holding a series of lectures and other entertainments and also the subject of a re-union of the workers at the last fancy fair, by way of a progressive euchre party, were discussed, and final arrangements left to a special meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening. Accounts amounting to £3 1s 4d were passed for payment, and the meeting closed.

On Thursday a deputation consisting of the Mayor (Cr. Parsons), Crs. McIntosh, Mitchell, Pearl and Mr. W. G. Swift (town clerk) waited upon the Postmaster-General with a request for two additional letter pillars for the town—one at the corner of St. George's Road and Arthurton Road and the other at Stott's news agency, High Street. The same request had previously been made by letter and by way of reply it was suggested that the two letter pillars now in use(?) in Basting Street (east ward) and the corner of Raleigh and David Streets (north ward) be removed to the new sites suggested. As a reason for this suggestion it was pointed out that these two pillars were scarcely used at all by residents. Mr. Duffy, of course, again reminded the deputation of this state of things, but did not refuse a request for a three months further trial of the present letter-pillars. With regard to the others he promised to send an officer out to report. Messrs Cook and Methven accompanied the deputation.

Commissioner Howden in bringing up his report to the Preston Shire Council on Monday evening said that the public were under the impression that the Metropolitan Board were debtors to the country, but this was not the case. He would show by the report of the Chief Engineer that this was not so. The number of plans issued to date was 10,982, in connection with which only 7,107 were found to proceed had been applied for, so that there were still 3876 tenements for which plans had been issued but the owners had not moved in as yet. Accounts had been issued for sewering and drainage to the amount of £110,698.

A further decrease in the infectious disease returns has taken place. The report presented to the Board of Public Health on Wednesday showed that the number of typhoid cases reported over the week was 29, a decrease of 7 as compared with 1898, while in the metropolitan area the number of cases fell from 51 to 29, with 3 more deaths, during the fortnight under review this year, as against eight last. The diphtheria returns disclosed a decrease in the number of cases, but an increase in the number of deaths, during the fortnight ended 3rd inst. 8 last year, with 2 deaths, out of 72 cases this year nine were fatal. Scarlet fever cases dropped from 102 to 29 for the whole colony, no deaths being recorded.

ST. JOSEPH'S PRESBYTERY FANCY FAIR.

The above was opened with much *eclat* at the Town-hall last evening by the Very Rev. Dean McKenna, V.G., in the presence of a large & representative gathering of visitors. The various stalls presented a very attractive appearance indicating the zeal with which the ladies have worked for the object in view. All the productions of their handiwork and collections has to be turned into coin of the realm and when this is accomplished the liability on the property will be very substantially reduced. The fair will be open every night and every evening up till July 4. Special arrangements have been made for the amusement of patrons, a change of programme being provided for every evening. A fuller report on the fair will be given in next issue.

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LOCALISMS.

From May 15 to June 12 Northcote council rate collectors, Messrs Sachse and Freebairn, had the pleasure of raking in revenue amounting to £3001 11s 6d. The council has now a credit balance of £225.

Northcote Town Council, at a special meeting held last evening, decided to make the English and Scottish Bank an offer at £3000 for their interest in the trams.

Cr. Bond, president of Preston shire, was on Monday evening granted three months leave of absence. We understand that his health now shows some signs of improvement.

Three cases of diphtheria (one fatal) were reported at the meeting of the Preston shire council on Monday evening. On the recommendation of the health officer (Dr. Wilkinson) the council has ordered a supply of anti-toxin.

A popular lecture on the "Silk and Sorai Industries" will be given by Mr. A. Brown at the Rechabite-hall on Wednesday evening next, under the auspices of the Preston Branch A.N.A. The admission is free.

Preston shire council have under consideration the lighting of the hall with incandescent lights, and also using one of the lamps at present in requisition on the principal streets. There is no doubt as to the improvement such would effect. Economic cash will be served also.

The Rev. Alexander Marshall, D.D., of Scots Church, and the Rev. T. Tait, M.A., B.D., are announced as the preachers for the anniversary services at the Northcote Presbyterian Church to-morrow week, the former taking the evening and the latter the morning service. On Wednesday evening a social tea, meeting and concert, a feature of the latter being the recitations of Mr. Lyster, "Under the Palms," by St. Andrew's choir, Carlton.

Allotments are selling well for the A.O.F. anniversary social which takes place in the Preston shire-hall on Friday evening next, June 23rd. The programme, with regard to music, catering, &c, are in good hands, and there is every prospect of the lodge keeping up the reputation it has won for a successful and enjoyable social. Tickets are reserved to admit a that Mr. Gair, M.L.A., will be present.

A Yarra man the mistake which the clever "Sandgroper" discovered—the typist's or mine? I would not swear, but I think it was in my MS. written in the following way and found verbatim in our terrible proof. It only goes to show the particular subject-matter. Here is another, but it was in the old country in cold place. Speaking of reviewing "the breaches of Zion." When we received the proof it was printed "the *breeches* of Zion." That was funnier.—G.C.

A labour in connection with the Independent Presbyterian Girls' Christian Friendly Society" is to be in about the end of September. The event will have come off in March last but was postponed owing to circumstances over which the Society had no control.

Rev. Hector Ferguson commences a series of lectures on Elijah at the Town hall to-morrow evening.

At the Salvation Army barracks, South Preston, on Wednesday evening, Ensign Bridges, of the Prison Gate Brigade, will give a lecture on the social work of the army. They are also during the winter months, the committee instructed the secretary (Mr. Swift) to consult with the finance committee of the town council re providing gas stove or some other heating arrangement. The matter of holding a series of lectures and other entertainments and also the subject of a re-union of the workers at the last fancy fair, by way of a progressive euchre party, were discussed, and final arrangements left to a special meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening. Accounts amounting to £3 1s 4d were passed for payment, and the meeting closed.

Cr. Bond, president of Preston shire, was on Monday evening granted three months leave of absence. We understand that his health now shows some signs of improvement.

Three cases of diphtheria (one fatal) were reported at the meeting of the Preston shire council on Monday evening. On the recommendation of the health officer (Dr. Wilkinson) the council has ordered a supply of anti-toxin.

A popular lecture on the "Silk and Sorai Industries" will be given by Mr. A. Brown at the Rechabite-hall on Wednesday evening next, under the auspices of the Preston Branch A.N.A. The admission is free.

Preston shire council have under consideration the lighting of the hall with incandescent lights, and also using one of the lamps at present in requisition on the principal streets. There is no doubt as to the improvement such would effect. Economic cash will be served also.

The Rev. Alexander Marshall, D.D., of Scots Church, and the Rev. T. Tait, M.A., B.D., are announced as the preachers for the anniversary services at the Northcote Presbyterian Church to-morrow week, the former taking the evening and the latter the morning service. On Wednesday evening a social tea, meeting and concert, a feature of the latter being the recitations of Mr. Lyster, "Under the Palms," by St. Andrew's choir, Carlton.

Allotments are selling well for the A.O.F. anniversary social which takes place in the Preston shire-hall on Friday evening next, June 23rd. The programme, with regard to music, catering, &c, are in good hands, and there is every prospect of the lodge keeping up the reputation it has won for a successful and enjoyable social. Tickets are reserved to admit a that Mr. Gair, M.L.A., will be present.

A Yarra man the mistake which the clever "Sandgroper" discovered—the typist's or mine? I would not swear, but I think it was in my MS. written in the following way and found verbatim in our terrible proof. It only goes to show the particular subject-matter. Here is another, but it was in the old country in cold place. Speaking of reviewing "the breaches of Zion." When we received the proof it was printed "the *breeches* of Zion." That was funnier.—G.C.

A labour in connection with the Independent Presbyterian Girls' Christian Friendly Society" is to be in about the end of September. The event will have come off in March last but was postponed owing to circumstances over which the Society had no control.

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OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH VERSO.

The colonists of the "fifties" are fast leaving us. Each day (as the obituary columns of the Press inform us) they are passing away to "that bourne whence no traveller returns." In the prime of their manhood and womanhood they came here seeking fortune in a new land. There they had plenty of work to do, but for the most part they have borne the "heat and burden of the day" as well. But the Psalmist's allotted span of "three score years and ten" and even four score years is not uncommon among them. The "passing" of the majority of these, our first generation, gives us but little concern. It is only when one finishes his life's race in our very midst that he feels it. Such is the case with us. Such reflections are caused by the death of Mr. Joseph Verso, which took place at his late residence, Mayor of Northcote—and of Mrs. G. H. Parsons the present mayoress of the town. The old gentleman was held in the highest respect by all who had his acquaintance, and his loss is keenly felt connected with him, he was loved. He had all the qualities of heart and mind to win him this. Up to last Sunday week the late Mr. Verso's years sat lightly upon him, and he was enabled to live a stay as many half his age. Then an internal complaint seized him from which he gradually sank, and finally died in the 80th year of his age. The illness was a painful one, but the old man bore it with patience and even cheerfulness, much of its sadness being doubtless relieved by the devoted nursing of his daughter (Mrs. Parsons) and other members of his family. The funeral on the Saturday morning last at the residence of Mrs. Parsons, with whom he had resided during the last few years. It took place on a fine since Mrs. Verso died, so that the funeral cortege of the late Mayor and Mayoress compasses the deaths of no less than three members of the family—a fact painfully felt by the inhabitants of Northcote, for them an over full cup of sorrow. The deceased was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and was born in 1825. He came to this colony in 1854. By occupation he was a builder, but was also a keen musician, being a member of the orchestra of the Royal Dublin Society on great many years. After first trying his fortune in the Greenhill Gough and Eltham districts, he finally settled down in Richmond, where, as the result of industry and thrift, he became possessed of considerable property. Twenty years ago he came to reside in Northcote, where he built "The Elms," and lived a quiet, retiring, life. Many others he did not pass through the "thorn" readhes, but all after passed the average of human lifetime.

The interment took place on Monday. The funeral was preceded by a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Hector Ferguson, and the Revs. Alfred Ford and C. P. Thomas officiated at the grave. Many floral tributes were sent, amongst which were a wreath, and anchor, cross, and harp, from the Whitechapel district. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Jas. Jones, Mr. Verso had known as a boy in Dublin), Mr. Gair, Jas. Mitchell, H. Knott, and John Herbert. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. H. J. R. Lewis.

THE LATE MR. T. H. THOMAS

The Rev. J. W. Tuckfield preached the funeral sermon of the late Mr. Thomas Hodgson Thomas, of the Preston Wesleyan Church to an over-crowded congregation. The text, gentleman took for his text Job 29 chapter, 4th verse, "O! that it were as in days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle." He spoke in a most impressive manner the preacher gave an epitome of the life of the deceased, who was born on the 3rd January, 1824, in Cornwall, and who immediately after his marriage in 1850 came to this colony and settled at Preston Reservoir, where he was appointed assistant to the late Mr. Chirgwin, and after the death of Mr. Chirgwin was caretaker, which position he held till his death. Mr. Thomas was a man who seemed to endeared himself to all who came in contact with him, and especially to the men who were under him. In the Church he was an acceptable and successful local preacher in the Preston circuit, and his kindly acts and cheery smile will be much missed in the Preston district. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his death.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, JUNE 12.

[Before Messrs Clouth (chairman), Crispe and Malcolm, J's.P.]

DRUNK.

Thos. Broadhurst v. Abley & Dobbie, absconding; penalty £5 10s 6d, or four days' imprisonment, to be paid at the rate of 10s a week.

A PROFESSIONAL TRAVELLER.

Detective Borsom, on behalf of the Railway Department, proceeded against J. Harrison for continuing his journey beyond the station to which his ticket entitled him to go. Detective Borsom stated defendant had taken a ticket to Bell Street, but had travelled on to Reservoir Station. He had become a regular nuisance on the line, sometimes delaying the trains. They had tried to get him out of the train at Bell Street but could not manage it.

Mr. Phillips, station master at Reservoir Station stated that he had to call upon Ferguson and put him out on another occasion, and he walked boldly in.

Fined 5/- with 10/- costs.

The Preston football club intend holding a dance at the Bradford Hall on Wednesday evening, 28th June.

THE HERESY CASE.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—I had thought that, so far as the heresy case was concerned, the Rev. S. H. Ferguson had written his last letter and laid down the arms of his rebellion, but your issue of Saturday last shows that this is not the case. Though the letter was not signed by Mr. Fergie and Co., I have no doubt as to its authorship. The letter bristles with evidences of having been written by a thoughtless person, and would be of no consequence had not Mr. Ferguson been so long in the ministry. It consists principally of a succession of rash statements, which cannot be substantiated, against the Presbytery of Melbourne North, and therefore indirectly against the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and all her members, and therefore should not be allowed to pass unrefuted. The charge is that the Rev. Mr. Ferguson has been wronged and unfairly treated by the Presbytery; whereas the fact is that Mr. Ferguson has not been wronged. I cannot understand how any man or body of men could have acted more leniently after awful consideration of the circumstances than the Presbytery has done. Mr. Ferguson's letter is full of nothing else but a history of the various utterances and acts of disloyalty to his ordination vows and to the Church's Confession of Faith, and has compared them with Mr. Ferguson's book, before the Presbytery. Ferguson was the author. We breathed freer now, for we knew the end was near. Not that we expected ever to see him bring about the end sooner. We could have done so ourselves, after going through the procedure for Mr. Ferguson. We knew it would certainly be impossible for the Presbytery to go further in patient consideration, a book on theology written by Mr. Ferguson was then correct in thinking so. Does any man who knows the Shorter Catechism and Confession of Faith, and has compared them with Mr. Ferguson's book, believe that the author of the latter could be retained in the church of Jesus Christ? Is there a grace, when the fundamental doctrines of not only the Presbyterian Church, but also of the leading Protestant churches, are held up to the unworthy of consideration. And yet this is what Mr. Ferguson's book does. It calls the Presbytery the Holy Inquisition because they deal with that reverend body in the only constitutional way open to them. Had Mr. Ferguson been wronged a fitting remedy would have been rushed to his assistance. The Christian Church of Australasia would have risen in arms to defend one gentleman to be wrongly persecuted. But Mr. Ferguson has not been wronged as such that both a number of the members be endured to the end, it might have been sooner to the glory of God to bring back to us fulness the Northcote Presbyterian Church. In the recent by-election Mr. Ferguson gives the true reason for this. His position is unique. I can only say that the Presbyterian congregation where his point could be so successfully worked. Sir, I am, &c.,

Presbyterian.

G. MILLER.

Dareblin Road, Northcote, June 6th.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—With your permission I would like to pass a few remarks, in the interest of justice, re a letter on the above subject which appeared in your issue of the 10th inst.

I do not intend to enter on the question of doctrine at all, or even discuss as to who is right and who is wrong, as that is a matter beyond me. The writer summed up the whole thing in a nutshell by saying "that the fact of Mr. Ferguson holding Swedenborgian views is in itself of really no importance to this or any other community. What is important and interesting is the circumstance that they are held by one who not only described himself as

POLLY, THE TEA ROOM GIRL,
OR,
A YORKSHIRE HEROINE.
HARRIS, THE BURGLAR, MAKES A DISCOVERY.

CHAPTER XVI.

Well, gen'lemen both, Master Pollocks and Mister Jones, you see before you as soon as "as naked 'ide in your wrack. As the old 'un, too, unfortunately without avail. 'Ow 'ard, gen'lemen all, that I 'ave tried to 'ave honest work should be the truth, but it's 'ard to get on in this 'ere beastly world, gen'lemen both." Mr. Harris, whose speech we know whenever we hear it, spoke rather as if he thought there was another world where things would be arranged more favourably for the unfortunates of the householdeer.

The time was Monday morning; the place was Mr. Pollock's office; the persons present were Colonel Pollock, Mr. Hyde Pollock, and Mr. Joseph Harris, professional burglar.

Mr. Harris is giving an account of his doings in the service of the family of which we have lived him to steal a little fiesta of the Coastal Goldfield from Miss Pollocker.

"I went down to the 'ouse on Saturday night," Mr. Harris explained, "of course after you 'ad left, sir, and I 'ad to bide my time 'ad, as well was the best way to get to a window. I 'ad to wait up over the number of coppers in the neighbourhood, you see, sir, because of the 'ouse bein' particular hour I 'ad of courses got beforehand. I also knowed about all the coppy round about. But this one wasn't frightened in the least."

"Polly herself, I daresay," said Mr. Pollock, looking at his daughter.

"Sprites! girl that, by Jove! Go on, Harris."

"Rounded! she rounds, sirs; 'William,' she says, 'I'm sure there's a man in the 'ouse,' she says, 'I 'ear 'im a-walkin' about.' 'Nonsense!

HOW THE VILLAGE WAS UPSET.

CONSEQUENCES OF A DOLL'S FUNERAL.

In front of the Stoners' house two little girls, children of a navvy, were playing with their dolls, when suddenly the younger of them said—

"I'll tell you what—let's play funeral."

"How?"

"Well, we can play that my Josephine-Maude-dolly died, and that, she buried her."

"That will be splendid! Let's have her at once!"

Immediately after the death of Josephine Maude her great-grandmother said—

"Now, Katie, we must put crape on the door-knob to let folks know about it. You run over to our house and get the big-bladed veil mamma wore when she was in mourning for grandpa."

Katie went away and soon returned with a long black mourning veil. It was presented to Mrs. Stoner's front door bell; then the bereft Dorothy's great brother out stairs, and she wailed and wept so vigorously that Mrs. Stoner put her head out of an upper window and said—

"You little girls are making too much noise down there. Mr. Stoner is trying to sleep, disturb him. I think you'd better run home and play over. My husband wants a rest."

The children gathered up their dolls and playthings and departed, nothing loth, their disappointment as they went down the road.

Many Summers who passed them a block above, but on the other side of the street, supposing the children to be playing at war rose was greatly shocked. She was opposite the house to observe the crape on the door knob.

"Mr. Stoner dead!" she said to herself. "Poor Sam! I know he was ill, but I'd no idea that he was at all dangerous. I must stop on my way home and find out about it."

She would have gone at once, but she had been for her eagerness to carry the news to those who might not have heard it. A little further on she met an acquaintance.

"Ain't heard that the poor fellow up at the Stoners', have you?" she asked.

"What trouble?"

"Sam Stoner is dead. There's crape on the doorknob." Was on there yesterday, and Sam was up and round the house, so I'm sure we see that he was a good deal worse than he or his wife had any idea. I guess I ain't much a-pread."

"My goodness me!" I must find time to call there before night."

Mrs. Stoner was engaged at the villa, post office, ostensibly to look for a letter, but really to impart her information to Miss Wales, the talkative old postmaster.

Heard bout Sam Stoner, ma'am?"

"No. I did hear he was grumpy round a little, but—"

"He won't grunt no more," said Mrs. Simpson solemnly. "He's dead."

"How you talk!"

"It's right. There's crape on the door."

"Must have been dreadful sudden."

Stoner was in here last week, and she reckoned he'd be out in a day or two."

"I know. But he ain't been well for a long time. I could see it in others complexions."

"Well, well! I'll go round to the house soon as Matter comes home."

The news spread now from another source. Jack Hughes the grocer's assistant, returning from leaving some things at the house called in indignation.

"Here Mr. Stoner can't so much for civil than a lump post," said Jack indignantly, for he was employed by Mrs. Stoner, and was much for poor Sam Stoner, an' wasn't left the grocers Mrs. Stoner's the sensible, I point, coal as a cucumber, an' sugar. Hasn't he, an' a least of things, an' I'm main screech, an' when I said I was sorry about Sam she just laughed an' said—laughed! Sam was all right,' an then if she didn't go to jokin' me about my courting Tildy Hopkins."

Old Mrs. Pearey came home with an equally scandalous tale.

"I went over to the Stoners' soon as I heered 'bout poor Sam," she said, "and you'll believe me, there was Mrs. Stoner in the hall in her work! I'm sure if I'd a-known she was, an' she says, just as flippant, as flippant, 'Oh, it's only Peavey, where'd you drop from?' I felt so s'prised an' disgusted that I just left Mrs. Stoner, this is a mighty solemn thing,' an' she didn't put look at me, an' I left with the crape for poor Sam dangling from the front door bell-knob, an' she says, 'I don't know nothin' very solemn 'bout washin' an' hang it out some o' Sam's shirts, an' never see wear that he'll never wear again. I'm goin' to work 'em up into sugar bags if they ain't too far gone for even that."

"Mrs. Stoner," I says, 'the neighbours will talk dreadfully if you don't mind your fal, an' she got real angry, an' said if the neighbours would attend to their own affairs she'd attend to hers. I turned an' left without even goin' into the house."

The "Carbury Weekly Star," the only paper in the village, came out two hours later with the announcement in bold type—

We stop our press to announce the unexpected death of our highly respected fellow-citizen, Mr. Samuel Stoner, this afternoon. A more extended notice will appear next week.

"Unexpected! I should think so!" said Mr. Samuel Stoner in growing wrath when the announcement as he read this announcement in the paper.

"There is the minister coming in at the gate," interrupted his wife. "Do calm down, Sam. He's coming to make arrange ments for the funeral, I suppose. How ridiculous!"

Mr. Stoner the minister was surprised when Mr. Stoner opened the door and said—

"Come right in, pastor; come right in. My wife's busy, but I'll give you the exact points myself if you want to go ahead with the funeral."

For the first time he was the crape and, taking it into the house, he called to his wife for an explanation. Later, they heard Dorothy Dean's childish voice say—

"Please, Mrs. Stoner, Kate and I left mamma's old black veil tied to your door-knob when we were playing over here, and I'd like to have it."

In selecting a jury in a Southern court a lawyer in a murder case asked a hardy mountaineer:

"Do you believe in capital punishment?"

"In 'capital punishment?'"

"Yes."

"Naw, I don't. "I'm agin capital where ever I seen it.

My good man, you don't understand the question," said the lawyer. "Do you believe a man here should be found guilty would you object to hanging him?"

"Not a bit," replied the man. "I've hung dozens in my day. Fact is, I hung 'em every time I think they needs it! All I want is rope."

I WANT TO FLY.

During the last two years there was a number of French officers in my infantry regiment, one named Pantin, a Parisian, who, after having lived with the usual comforts of eating, drinking, gambling, smoking, &c., had suddenly found himself in Africa, and had resolved to go a-hunting. His host supplied him with food and lodging, but he did not want of additional fees, he went in search of a hunting-box. He found one in the Arab village, kept by a plain, painstaking John Bull, of the name of Jones, married and with a boy, average, and a string of the shoulders, that sort of thing.

Jones and Monsieur Anglaise, comment vous, port, c'est-à-dire?

"Well, that's French, you know, sir," began Jones, not that I understand it, but I'm very well. If that's what you mean, sir."

"Bon, son, en good; dans sare, I call tell you, I shall stay with you."

"I daresay you do, Monsieur," replied Jones, more and more confounded country; but I'm a true to the country as ever to leave it, particularly when they've got a country to leave it, and I'm sure you'll be very welcome to my humble dwelling-place here."

Mr. Monsieur, you no comprehend; I shall remain with you, Jones, as you call it, at your service."

"Oh, you want to fly, sir, do you?" said Jones, who had now got into a state of mind to laugh his head off, and who, when he had been a boy, had been fond of flying kites. "You an unmet jack of all trades, sir, and master of none, I'll be bound, sir, and you want to fly, do you? Well, I'm sure I'm agreeable, and I'll make you a pair of wings, and I'll be bound to say you'll fly as well as any of 'em."

Monsieur, you no comprehend; I shall fly myself, Jones, as you call it, at your service."

"Oh, you want to fly, do you?" said Jones, in a fresh burst of laughter, "you fly, sir, as I've heard you say, like a bird, I suppose, you want to fly like a bird, do you? Well, I'm sure I'm agreeable above ten or twelve more than here

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

Continued.

Cr. Braithwaite hardly thought such a matter came within the jurisdiction of the council. As a matter of courtesy, however, he would move that it be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Nichol seconded.—Carried.

A TRANSFER.

J. D. Marshall wrote notifying that he had transferred certain properties in Carlisle street to G. W. Thompson, of Brunswick street,—Referred to collector.

DIPTHERIA.

Two cases were reported.—E. Kreiger, 9 years; Jos. Eilers, 2½ years.—Referred to health officer.

GILBERT ROAD.

Eight residents of the west riding wrote requesting that Gilbert road from Regent street to Murray road be metalled. They used this road every day and it was just now in a condition almost impassable for traffic and was really a source of danger. They would point out that they paid a large amount of rates, but got very little return.

Cr. Braithwaite said it was quite true that the road had been in a deplorable condition for some time past, and the request was a very reasonable one. He moved that it be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Robertson, in seconding the motion, said that of course the road could not be metalled till the matter had been provided for in the estimates, but he was sure the committee could recommend something that would make the road passable. Some of the bricks bats authorised to be purchased might be used there.

Cr. Nichol thought temporary relief might be given at once without waiting for a recommendation from the works committee.

Cr. Robertson replied that he had brought the matter up at the previous meeting, and already a portion of the road had been attended to.

The motion was carried.

APPLICATION FOR DAMAGES.

Paul Nortuer, through his solicitor, wrote claiming damages from the council on account of accident caused by a Plenty road.—Referred to the committee of the whole, on the motion of Crs. Nichol and Robertson.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. Robertson, and contained—

1. Recommending the payment of £72 7s 3d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Re contractors' claims.—Recommended that the matter be referred to the hall committee and public works committee jointly.—Adopted.

3. Re making roads with brickbats.—Recommended that 20 loads be procured.—Adopted.

4. Re tenders.—Recommended that T. O'Connor's tender for supplying 100 tree guards for the bulked sum of £33 6s 8d be accepted.—Adopted.

5. That the tender of A. Strongman for forming 6 chains in Dundas street, at a cost of £37 13s 10d, be accepted. —Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Braithwaite submitted the report, recommending that accounts amounting to £26 12s 1d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

BY-LAWS.

The committee of the whole recommended—

Re clause 2 inspector's report No. 11.—That the inspector draw up a correct list of all persons who have not satisfied judgment for wandering cattle, &c., and submit it to the committee at its next meeting.—Agreed to.

ANOTHER MATTER.

A further recommendation from the committee was—*Re* clause 1 collector's report No. 10.—That the matter be referred to the secretary.

In reply to Cr. Braithwaite it was explained that this clause referred to a matter of rates due on land on the opposite side of the road.

Cr. Braithwaite—It appears to me that these people were so mean that while receiving a rental from the council of £15 per annum for a piece of ground objected to pay a lawful debt of £3 for rates due, trying to escape by a mere legal quibble.

PARKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1. *Re* letter from Mr. Braithwaite.—That the tree guards applied for be supplied and that the planting as suggested be approved.—Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Stewart recommended the redecking of the culvert across High street at Dundas street, as the planks were rotten and the place dangerous —Cr. Braithwaite moved that the work be done at once. Seconded by Cr. Robertson and carried.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. Wilkinson reported having visited Black's farm, South Preston, and found thereon a stack of eighteen 110 yards square and in places 3 feet deep, 150 yards from the house and 150 yards from the road. The drainage from it was flowing into the pastures where cows were grazing.

The inspector reported to similar effect, and asked for instructions what to do and also legal assistance should a prosecution be decided on.

Cr. Braithwaite—Was the stuff deodorised.

The inspector—The health officer considered it very offensive.

Cr. Braithwaite—In that case it is incumbent on the inspector to take action, otherwise he is liable to a penalty. He moved that the inspector take action and be granted the necessary legal assistance. There were some people who seemed to think they could do just as they liked in regard to this nightsoil, and the way that the council treated its officers made them feel justified no doubt in taking liberties. A majority of the council seemed determined to have the nightsoil. He had himself spoken against it till he was sick and tired, and had decided to give it up as a hopeless case.

Cr. Crispe seconded the motion. They had reports from two officers that the stuff had not been used to their satisfaction, and it was also there without the sanction of the council. It would be wrong not to afford the inspector the assistance asked.

Cr. Nichol said he must object to Cr. Braithwaite's remarks and remind him that a large majority of the farmers were desirous of complying with every condition the council put upon them in regard to the use of nightsoil. Cr. Braithwaite should not be always railing at the farmers, who did their level best to comply with the council's conditions.

Cr. Marshall failed to see why the inspector had not already taken proceedings.

The motion was carried.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

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Cr. Robertson said that as the Railway Department had virtually acknowledged their liability, the authorities should be approached on the subject. He moved accordingly.

Seconded by Cr. Braithwaite and carried.

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The Leader.
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SATURDAY, 24TH JUNE.

It has been with extreme pride and gratification that the federation of the colony have learned this week of the overwhelming success of their cause in New South Wales. A majority was certainly anticipated, but no so splendid a majority as 25,000 votes. And what makes the victory doubly satisfactory is the fact that it has been achieved in the face of misrepresentation both by press and platform unprecedented in Australian political campaigns. The provincialists of the northern districts of the colony have to declare that they are still going to fight on, but such a threat need not be taken seriously. The course to union and nationhood is all plain sailing now South Australia and New South Wales have already declared themselves for the bill, the result of Victoria and Tasmania's referendum is a foregone conclusion, and it is nearly certain that Queensland and West Australia will swing into line with the rest, the former having already passed its Enabling Bill. Leaders on the movement predict the date of the probable consummation of their hopes as June next. On that day Australia will join the company of nations, take a new and prouder part in the world's affairs, and, we believe, enter upon a period of prosperity unexampled in her history before.

Evidently dissatisfied with the work of the conference *re* cemetery for the northern suburbs, the Fitzroy City Council are arranging for an inspection of the sites on their own account. They have invited other councils interested to join them and Northcote at its last meeting decided to go. Fitzroy will provide the necessary drags. Cr. Pearl was rather severe in his criticism of the conference matter. He said one site had been submitted which would be most suitable for both Northcote and Preston, on which the Preston representative had even refused to enter.

Yet once again Mr. Sparling, by letter, approached the Northcote town council with an appeal for further assistance in getting him redress to the time of some £15,000 odd from the Victorian Government for the wrongful dismissal from the police force. As usual, Mr. Sparling's voluminousness faxed the patience of councillors, and Cr. Bastings cut the matter short with the remark—I would like to know if this is any business of ours? Cr. McLean was sympathetic. Mr. Sparling, he said, believed he had a grievance and only wanted to be set right. Cr. Pearl—We all want to be set right. (Laughter). Cr. McLean—Mr. Sparling thinks he would have been a sub-inspector by this time if he had not been so abruptly dismissed? Cr. Barkwell—Chief Commissioner. (Laughter) Cr. McLean—Well he has got enough education for it many rate. Cr. Yeomans moved that the letter be referred to the legislative committee, with a request that they make a final report on the matter. Cr. Pearl seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Epping Shire Council on Monday adopted the minutes of the conference, viz.:—Benevolent Asylum, £2 2s; Women's Hospital, £2 2s; Melbourne Hospital, Homœopathic Hospital, Blind Asylum, Eye and Ear Hospital, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Little Sisters of the Poor, Children's Hospital, St. Vincent's Boys' Orphanage, St. Vincent's Girls' Orphanage, Alfred Hospital, and Austin Hospital, £1 1s each. Total, £17 17s.

The handsome new premises recently opened by Mr. E. Allchin at the corner of Bell street and Plenty road have been erected from plans laid by and under superintendence of Messrs Blackburne and Whyte, Architects, of 381 Little Collins street, Melbourne. The total floor area of the store is 1100 feet, and that of shop floor 1700. The frontage is towards Plenty road, but extensive residences also face Bell street. The site is an awkward one on account of its angularity, but every advantage has been taken to give the premises a favorable appearance. A very prominent feature in the building is the excellent cellarage provided. The cellar is twelve feet in diameter, excavated entirely out of brick and cemented, so that in the hottest summer the cellar will be perfectly cool. The matter of ventilation has also received special attention. The store and cellar are divided from the shop by iron fireproof doors. Besides the large plate glass windows the premises are lighted by lantern light extending the full length of the shop. Altogether Mr. Allchin may congratulate himself on having secured premises so well suited and adapted to his business, and the erection of this important addition to the stores of Preston, reflects credit for the enterprise displayed by the proprietor. Next to the store Mr. Allchin has built a private residence to contain a drawing room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and all necessary offices. The plans, &c., of the dwelling were also entrusted to Messrs Blackburne and Whyte. The contractor for the entire work is Mr. J. W. Duncan, of Preston.

Mr. Charles Crispe, son of Cr. Crispe, of Preston, having at the local State school finished his pupil teacher course and obtained certificate of competency, has just been promoted to the headmastership of the State School at Creighton's Creek. Mr. Crispe's promotion is a source of satisfaction to the Shire of Bulla, as he is popular in school and out and it is likely he will carry with him to his new district something more than their good wishes. Last Monday Mr. Clayton, another Northcote boy and trainee, was promoted to the temporary charge of the State School at Major's Line.

A representative and enthusiastic audience assembled at the Salvation Army barracks, South Preston, on Wednesday night last, the occasion being a public meeting in connection with the annual appeal now being made by the Army throughout the colonies on behalf of the Army's social operations. The chair was occupied by Mr. Issac Barrow, who, in a brief address, expressed his sympathy for the work, and compared the present world-wide operations with its lowly beginning a few years ago. The chairman read an apology from Cr. Braithwaite, whose attendance had been prevented, but who forwarded a cheque for one guinea in token of his sympathy. Ensign Bridger, who has charge of the Prison Gate Brigade Home at Abbotsford, delivered an admirable address on the social work of the Army, of which we will publish a more extended report next week. After the ensign's address a collection was taken up which totalled £6, the chairman, with his customary liberality, setting the ball rolling with a cheque for three guineas. Mr. W. H. Edgar also addressed the meeting, and the absence of the Rev. J. M. Harding and Geo. Carson having been apologised for, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

THE TRAMS.

BRITISH INSULATED WIRE CO. BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS AND WANT THEIR DEPOSIT BACK.

"The letter" with regard to the trams is the following extraordinary communication from the British Insulated Wire Company:—

"Referring to the negotiations and correspondence between Mr. Benjamin Hopkins, purporting to act on behalf of this company and the council of the Town of Northcote, and this company, I am directed by the board of directors to inform you that they have decided not to proceed any further with the negotiations, or with the matter in any way, and declares them at an end. This company therefore requests the council to join in authorising the London Bank of Australia to pay over the sum of £500 lodged with it on or about the 7th November, 1898, by the name of Geo. H. Parsons, Mayor of Northcote, and Benjamin Hopkins, Esq., for the British Insulated Wire Company Limited, to this company or to Mr. Benjamin Hopkins, Esq., acting as the company distinctly claims and demands its return as of right.

"I have, &c.,
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A CREDIT BALANCE AT LAST.

SPENDING THE LOAN MONIES.

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LOCALISMS.

The publication of its credit balance is the best advertisement Northcote has had for many a day.

Geo. Baldwin's letter re council, but while there is a law of libel we could not think of publishing same.

According to a return placed on the Northcote council table on Monday evening, there are 76 gas and 55 kerosene lamps in the town.

Annual meeting of the North Melbourne Horticultural Society takes place on Friday evening next, when officers will be elected for ensuing term.

At All Saints' Church, Northcote, tomorrow evening the Rev. Canon Ford will lecture on Sheldon's popular work, "In His Steps." Subject—The wrongful interest.

British Insulated Wire Company want their deposit of £500 back. Action of the council in the matter awaited with interest. It would be too sad if they had to disgorge.

At the Albert-ball on Wednesday evening next the pupils of the Misses Westgarth's High School will give their annual entertainment in aid of the Victorian Home for Consumptives.

Going possibly to the credit balance and the prospective spending of a thousand or two on roads, it is understood that the next few months Northcote councillors were in an unusually good humor on Monday evening, and the most unpretentious members saying anything they were sure to.

As a sort of connecting-link to the Rev. Gladstone's remarkable utterances at Natalkina cone (or some such place) the Very Rev. Dean McKenna on Friday evening last. He followed up his approving remarks on the subject of drink by stating that it was only the nimy and the prude who objected to healthy forms of indoor and outdoor amusement.

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NORTHCOTE TOWN COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JUNE 19.

Present—Crs. Parsons (mayor), McLean, Harry, Pearl, Marks, Yeomans, Bastings, Mitchell, McIntosh, Plant, Hoopey, Dennis, Candy, and Bailey.

Mr. Harry apologised for the absence of Cr. Thompson, whose health is not yet fully restored.

SMOOTHING STONE.

The Public Works Department wrote asking for this council's opinion re Messrs Beaumont and Spence's application to remove stones from the bed of the Merri Creek.—Referred to public works committee.

A REQUEST BY THE VALUER.

Mr. Frank Hall, rate collector, wrote requesting that the council consider the matter of granting him some special allowance for the work of making a valuation of the town, which had entailed the "physical labor of visiting 1900 houses, writing up about 1200 assessments and issuing valuation notices, apart from the mental task of estimating same." Altogether he had to work a great deal of overtime to get the job done. Owing to the high price of necessaries he found it difficult with his present salary to make ends meet.—Referred to the finance committee.

HEBE CREEK IMPROVEMENT.

The Shire of Coburg wrote intimating that they intended to take no action re the survey of the Merri Creek, preparatory to getting a Government grant for the improvement of same.

From Shire of Heidelberg, to similar effect.

From City of Fitzroy, stating that the matter had been referred to the committee.

THE COUNCIL'S PATRONAGE.

Rev. Father Brazil wrote making application for the concession of a piece of ground for fancy fair now running at the Northcote town-hall.—Granted, on the motion of Cr. Bastings, seconded by Cr. Plant.

APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Arthur J. Furseaux wrote on behalf of himself and others, requesting concrete oil to form and gravel footpath and clear out channel at the east end and south side of Mary street.—Referred to public work committee.

E. Kenny wrote calling attention to the dangerous state of the footpath on the west side of Henderson street, Northcote, and asking that same be attended to.

Doctor Crush, Leonard street, wrote asking that the approaches to his residence be improved by laying down some gravel. He had already been attended.

Messrs Smith, — Hopkins, Wm. Lodge, A. D. McKinnon, J. Howard, and eight other ratepayers of Cunningham street, East Northcote, were drawing the council's attention to the urgent necessity for improving the street in the matter of channelling and repairs.

Cr. Dennis said this was positively the worst street there was in the town. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee.

Cr. Candy seconded. Carried.

Arthur Raymond wrote making an application for the bogey concession at Sharp street.—Referred to the works committee

Cr. McDowall wrote seeking for a few loads of ashes for Mary Street, but the council had no ashes to spare.—Referred to public works committee.

W. Brown, hon. sec. Northern Rate-payers' Association, wrote asking for improvement of Separation street, Fairfield town street.—Referred to the public works committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The report was submitted by Cr. Dennis, recommending—

1. Sewer connections amounting to £216 17s 10d to be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Rosemoore Drainage.—It is recommended that tenders be invited for the construction of the first section of the scheme, viz., culvert from High street about 3 chains along Clarendon street, and open channel down to Bell-street.—Carried.

The town clerk said he thought that it was only right to point out that the amount available from the loan fund for this work would be absorbed if the estimate for this work were at all exceeded.

Cr. McLean—The small excess, if any, could be provided out of the general fund.

Cr. Harry pointed out that before the £200 available was spent they would be preparing next year's estimates, when any extras could be provided for.

Cr. Dennis said he thought the council could safely leave the matter to the works committee.

Cr. Yeomans would vote for the report, because he thought the council ought to vote for the rejection of the scheme if they exceeded the amount of the money available.

Cr. Bastings said it was never understood that the expenditure for drainage in the north ward should stop at £200. It may be more, and the balance would have to be provided for out of the general revenue. This was a most important work, and it was high time they made a definite move in the matter. Surely they had been playing the part of Sir Fopp Van Winkle long enough, and should wake up and do something. (Applause from north ward ratepayers present).

The mayor hoped no obstacle would be raised to the commencing of this work. It was too early to say the estimates would exceed the estimate.

The clauses were carried.

3. Lamp, Railway Parade.—It is recommended that a lamp be erected in Railway Parade on the east side, about midway between Charles street and Clarke street.

Cr. Dennis moved the adoption of the clause.

Cr. Plant would second if the lamp was to be a gas lamp.

Cr. Dennis—The committee will be only too pleased if it is practicable. Clause agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report, as submitted by the chairman (Cr. Plant), showed that the balance to the credit of the loan account is £3088 6s 7d, leaving the Dr. balance at £56 16s. Also recommending—

1. That accounts (including public works vouchers) amounting to £3369 9s 4d be passed for payment.—Agreed to.

2. Star of Northcote Lodge, No. 126, re refund of rent of hall.—It is recommended that no refund be made, the fixed rule being that the hall and fittings for entertainment not having been given to charitable institutions are not granted.

3. North Suburban Horticultural Society, re refund rent of hall.—It is recommended that no refund be made.

[Cr. Plant intimated his intention of moving for the rescission of the present rule of charges in order to fix a fresh tariff on a more reasonable basis. One of the objects he had in view was to put a stop to these continual claims for refunds, by making fixed concessions to charitable institutions in the matter.]

NORTH WARD DRAINAGE.

Re remaining block of land necessary to be acquired by the council, Mr. Plant reported that an offer of £1 per foot had been made and refused. He was moved by Cr. Dennis, to endeavor to compulsorily secure the land.

Cr. Harry seconded the motion.

On the suggestion of Cr. Yeomans it was decided to make a final offer of £1 per foot, the refusal of which would compel the council to proceed under the compulsory clause.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. McLean moved that the crossing and channel at the corner of Dennis and Separation streets be put in order. Agreed to.

Cr. McIntosh asked that the engineer report to the public works committee re the dangerous condition of Mitchell street, Northcote.

Cr. McLean again called attention to the condition of Darebin street, which is a perfect quagmire in wet weather.—Referred to public works committee with a view of giving temporary relief.

Cr. Harry moved that the committee of the whole rise and report.—First street question on Monday evening.—Agreed to.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Cr. Plant the council decided to send a letter of condolence to Cr. Bastings on the occasion with the death of her father, the late Mr. Joseph Verco.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NORTHCOTE.

IN MEMORIAM SERVICE.

The Rev. Canon Ford preached on Sunday morning from Revelation, xix., 13.—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Enumerating the different classes of persons who were admitted to the Paradise of Paradise, he said: "With others, again, there is steady advancement in the Christian life. They are not perfect, but grieve they always apprehend the Lord and desire to be with Him, and have been taught to look for that His is with them. They are never assailed by doubt, because their hearts are possessed by a loving trust in their Heavenly Father, and the even tenor of their life has never interrupted. Their's is the tranquil calm of the beloved disciple, who leaned on the breast of his Master. And when their end comes, their entire faith must greatly assist to touch it at all. How easy it is to give away what you don't have to give?

Then he began to speak what he could about the real object of his visit—the Consul Gold Memorial Church. Perhaps he did not, for some time give him the desired information. At last they learned that he had some deeds relating to a bit of land her husband had bought in Ayrton St. Hoped to grow something on it," she said, "but she wasn't quite sure. Well, it was all right, last she offered to show Pollock the deeds, still unimportant, and for a moment to close his hand had almost undone a number of letters lying in the letter-box. "Yes, I'll go straight to Mr. Wilkie, the great stamper of the United States, with their names on the backs of envelopes," he thought, and he had letters to-day, surely," muttered Pollock, "that means drunk," commented the Colonel. "That means drunk," commented the Colonel. "That means drunk," commented the Colonel. "That

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LEADER. SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1899.

MARGARETS STORY

"I don't know what was troubling our little daughter Margaret. Mr. Sellwyn's favourite mode of speech when talking of his eldest daughter. "She is my right hand, and quite a mother to Miss Nellie Sellwyn."

But it was against his principles to let Margaret serve him. "It must be recompensed her services. It does not do to make loving people conscious of their debt."

So he accepted her efforts to please him as such, but daily, at the sound of prayer-bell, would tears or gladdened her was left unsaid. Margaret was usually twelve-and-a-half, rather tall for her age, and of a slight, graceful figure, with a delicate face, and dark, dreamy eyes, whose tender sympathy, whether for foes or laughter, was always ready. There were those who pitied Margaret, thinking her life was dull and lonely for so young a girl. But the child herself could not understand. Dull, with Ruth, and flowers, and her poor people? So time quickly went by, and Margaret was twenty. Then her story began in earnest. She met Lord Tom Fawerington, whose father was the village doctor. Mr. Sellwyn's verdict was: "She wondered humbly what she had done to deserve such great happiness as this joy, and a little prayer of thanksgiving every night, and every morning, that they were not going to be married yet, they must be content. He said that Tom was about to go abroad to South Africa, where conditions were less fixed and money more plentiful than in "seven years for Rachel."

"Only Rachel and Ruth!" observed Tom, enviously, when he said "good-bye" before starting for Southampton. "I'm sure, he didn't have to leave Rachel behind in a wretched lonely house or send her from one to the other end of the world."

"But the time will soon pass," said Margaret, courageously, raising her head to her face that was white, but tearless. "Each day I shall think it is one nearer bringing you back to me, loved boy. Future, dear Tom!"

"Good bye, sweetheart," said Tom, kissing her as though he would never leave off. "Be good to Margaret, Ruth, and take care of her for me."

So Ruth promised, and Tom went off with unspeakably misty eyes, and heavy heart.

"Oh, were I monarch of the globe,
With thee to reign my queen,
The brightest jewel in my crown
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Margaret heard from her lover only at long, irregular intervals. Then a mail-steamer passed away, until no text been gone two years. Then change came to the little dull vicarage.

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"What, Margaret, is that you! Why, how you have altered!"

This was not the reunion she had pictured, and a blank sense of disappointment oppressed her. But he kissed her, and said how glad he was to see her, and they walked away together happier, arm-in-arm.

Tom stayed at the little hotel in the town, and the next day he came to see Margaret.

"Is this the little Ruth I remember?" he said as they shook hands, looking at her rosy face as though he liked to let his eyes rest there. "You must be very happy, Ruth, that are you grow up to do it now?"

"I am eighteen," said Ruth, but she let him kiss her.

That night, when she and Margaret went to bed, she told her how glad, how very glad, she was for her.

"He is so handsome, dear," said Ruth, "and he like eyes shining. I do hope that Margaret, that you love him, and have been faithful to him all these years."

"Oh, were I monarch of the globe,
With thee to reign my queen,
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EPPING SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH.

Present:—Cr. Morgan (president), McCoy, Bodycoat, McCormack, Butler, and Hansen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Public Health Department, inviting the council's attention to the question of analysis and informing them that the board regards it as one of the most important functions of a council to protect the public by means of analyses against unwholesomeness of foods.—Received, action to be taken when considered necessary.

From Secretary League of Victorian Wheelmen, forwarding direction tablets for corner of Epping road and Craigieburn road, the same to act as a guide to cyclists and other travellers. The council had previously promised to erect the finger posts.—Cr. McCoy moved that instructions be given to Mr. Payne to procure and erect the necessary finger posts.

From Jas. C. Newton, sec. I.O.R., Preston, asking this council's patronage for a concert in aid of the Homœopathic Hospital. Granted, on the motion of Crs. McCormack and McCoy.

From John Cooper, Kyabram, stating that he had been valued for 40 acres, whereas his area was only 26 or 27 acres.

From Liquidator Burwood Land, Building, and Investment Company, giving notice of appeal against the valuation put upon 7100 acres at Eden Park. The valuation was put down at £370, while the utmost rent that could be got for it was £40 per annum. He would like the council to consider the matter with a view of making some reduction.

Cr. Butler remarked that the market value of this land was £4 per acre for one section and £7 for 2 sections. The liquidator appeared to be under the impression that the valuation should be made according to the rent, as in New South Wales.

The president moved that a reply be sent that the council was not disposed to make any reduction and that the assessment was made on the capital value of the land, not on the rent received.

Cr. McCormack seconded.—Carried.

From Geo. Howat, objecting to valuation of £112 on 320 acres in the parish of Kalkallo. The most he could let the property for was £80 a year, and he was willing to pay on that.—Same reply to be sent as to preceding letter.

From Maltzahn Bros., also giving notice of appeal.—Received

From William McCallum, Craigieburn, calling attention to a mistake in his valuation. The former valuation was £50. It had been increased to £220.—Referred to the valuer.

From L. Andrews, Woodstock, asking that some improvements be carried out near his gateway. He was quite willing to do half the work.—Cr. Bodycoat moved that the work be done on terms suggested. Seconded by Cr. Butler.—Carried.

W. Payne, day-labor foreman, reported that the following matters required attention, viz.—

1.—Repairs to Rockfield and Bindt's lanes.—The president moved that the matters be attended to.—Carried.

nels through the railway line on to his farm. He asked that the council make provision for the uninterrupted exit of the water, as at present he suffered great loss and inconvenience, as the water was dammed back and flowed over and ruined his crop.—Cr. McCoy moved that the surveyor inspect and report. Cr. Hansen seconded. Cr. McCormack said they would have to be careful or they would be getting into difficulties the same as the Whittlesea Council had done.—Motion carried.

From Henry Madigan, State school teacher, Epping, wrote stating he had noticed in the *Preston Leader* that Mr. Gair was to be asked to use his influence to get him (the writer) appointed electoral registrar. He had signified to his department his willingness to act, but he now learned that an appointment had been made out of Epping.—The acting secretary explained that he had interviewed Mr. Madigan on the subject of the appointment after the last meeting. He then seemed not to desire the position, but said he supposed it would be fitting upon him, in view of this he (Mr. Ryan) saw Mr. Gair and suggested Mr. R. Lorimer as a suitable man for the position. In doing so he thought he was doing a good turn to Mr. Madigan.—Council decided to take no further action in the matter at present.

From sec. Cricket Club, applying for use of hall for a ball on 7th July.—Granted, under the usual conditions, viz., a deposit of £1.

AN INSULTING LETTER.

A letter was also received from George Baldwin, Eden Park, which reflected in such insulting terms on Cr. Butler that the president was prepared to move that the letter be resealed and returned to the writer.

At the request of Cr. Butler, however, the letter was retained, so that he might have the use of it in connection with legal proceedings he intended to institute.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Dea reported having received since last meeting £261 5s. The present Dr. balance was £349 15s 9d without to-day's payments.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the month, amounting to £90 0s 11d, were passed for payment on the motion of Crs. Bodycoat and Butler.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Re Mrs. Henderson's grievance *re* drainage, final consideration of the matter was deferred till next meeting, when the surveyor's report is expected.

German Road.—The ganger reported that three or four more loads of metal and some picking in was required here and Cooper street repair some metal. Cr. McCoy moved that the matters be attended to.—Carried.

Cr. McCoy moved that 10 yards of metal be supplied for Mr. Pratt to break. He wanted the work in order to earn the money to pay his rates.—Agreed to.

Cr. Butler asked that Mr. T. Ryan be given a permit to remove a few loads of gravel from the top of the hill in Grant's lane.—Agreed to.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

Cr. Bodycoat moved that steps be taken to present to Mrs. Ryan an address embodying the council's high opinion of the late secretary.—Agreed to.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST RATE JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Preston v. Mont gare at Regent-street. This match, which was played under protest by the first-named club, resulted as follows:—Montague, 5 goals 9 behinds; Preston, 1 goal 4 behinds.

Preston v. Richmond City at Preston Preston tan.—Arbuckle, Bowers, Burnell, Cochran, Carter, Cooper, Dalziel, Flynn, Henry, Hall (2), Mostachi, Payne, Ralston, Woods, Ward, Walker, White, Emer.—Newnham, Williams, McInerny.

Northcote played Fitzroy Crescent last Saturday. The Crescent scored 5 goals 10 behinds to 1 behind.

The Northcote play the Melbourne Juniors at Croxton to-day. Northcote team will be picked from—Foletta, Barker, Gray, Rose, Legge, Cooper, Inkeman, White, Johnson, Sedgwick (2), Oakley, Keenan, Ralph, Condon, Gleeson, James, Gray, Brooke, Harvey, Hanley, Marsden, Loyal.

A general meeting of the N.F.C. will be held at Croxton on Tuesday evening.

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Austral v. Cambridge on the ground of the former. Result—Austral, 5 goals 8 behinds; Cambridge, 3 goals 6 behinds.

Austral v. Heidelberg on the ground of the former.

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J. Morris.

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R. Clarke, J.P.

PILES.—Suffered 40 years, cured by 2 bottles.—Gentleman in Geelong.

LUNG and LIVER TROUBLES, and RHEUMATISM.—Attended by two doctors, no effect, 6 bottles Vitadatio cured me.

George Powley.

GALL STONES.—Saved me a serious and dangerous operation, Vitadatio has saved me.

Miss E. J. Hocking.

ENLARGEMENT of the LIVER and INDIGESTION.—Nothing could be better than Vitadatio.

Thos. Fraser, C.E.

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F. W. Hohne.

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W. Ritts.

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Mrs. Colman.

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H. W. Skinner.

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Mrs. Wm. Sutherland.

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T. J. Marshall.

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J. M'Keen.

W. H. Bath, 102 Logan street, Carlton, Victoria.—CONSTIPATION and LIVER COMPLAINT.

Mr. M'Kenzie, Contractor, South Preston.—CONSUMPTION.

J. McIndoe, Esq., Mst. Board of Works, Collins street.—LIVER COMPLAINT.

Miss Jones, Little River, near Geelong, Victoria.—HYDATIDS.

Mrs. Burke, Portland parade, Victoria.—GALL STONES and ENLARGEMENT of the LIVER.

Mr. Jenkins, Foreman Yarraville Chemical Works.—STRICTURE.

Miss Griffiths, Drummond St., Carlton.—LIVER and KIDNEY TROUBLE.

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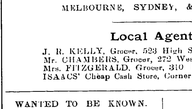

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