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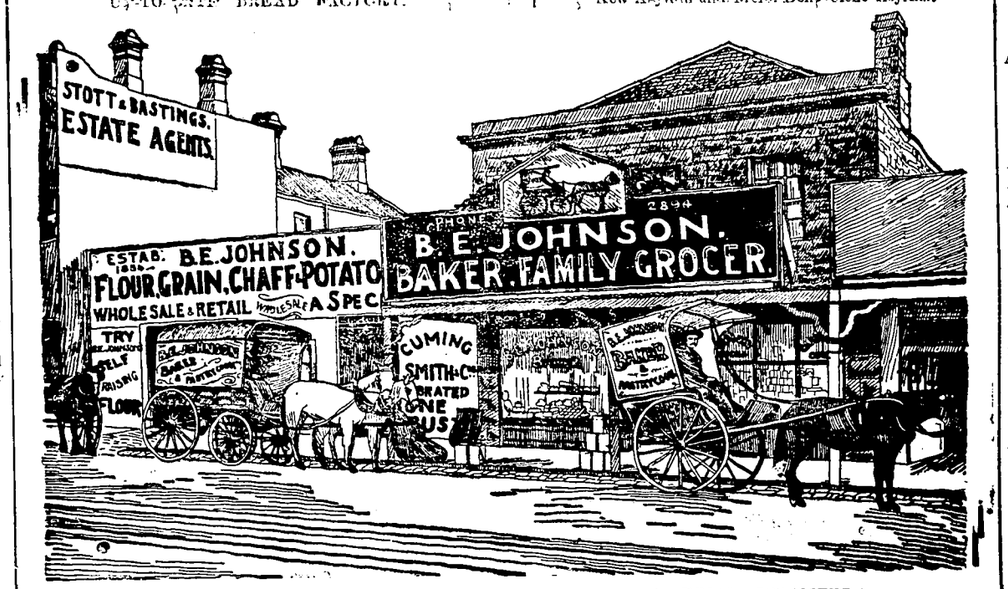

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Evening at 7, Rev. S. McCOMAS. Miss Lena Conly will sing, "The light of the world."
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54 Vict. No. 1060, Sec. 64.
1 Edw. VII. No. 1769, Sec. 4.

NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the Estate of Georgina Hannah Southey, late of 58 Cunningham Street, Northcote, deceased. Intestate, who died on the 5th September, 1902, has been granted to me, and Creditors and next of kin and all others having claims against the Estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, New Government Offices, 483 Collins street, Melbourne, on or before the 5th November, 1902, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.
F. F. BRIDE,
Curator of the Estate of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 19th Sept., 1902.

I HEREBY give notice that it is my intention to extend my present Slaughtering Premises situated at Oakover Road, South Preston.
A. ALEXANDER.
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Death

KRAY (nee Hendley).—On 27th September, Marion (Sis), dearly beloved wife of Joseph Kray, Bootmaker, and eldest daughter of William Hendley, and dearly beloved stepdaughter of Annie Hendley, of Regina St., South Preston, aged 24 years. Interred in Waverley cemetery.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL.

Published Every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER.

As anticipated the general elections have resulted in the Irvine Government being returned to power with a tremendous majority. The constituences have spoken out for constitutional and reform reform with no uncertain voice, and the parliament they have elected will be more of a convention to carry out this particular work than anything else. Should the Premier's expectation that he will be strengthened by 12 months be verified there will be very good reason for satisfaction, since the convention scheme was dropped, as this will be a much more direct means of ascertaining the will of the people.

The "naming" one did not come up as expected at the Preston Police Court on Monday. Mr. Braithwaite appeared to the matter at the council meeting on Monday evening. He said he had been expecting a summons to appear at the local court to answer for some alleged breach of the by-laws. He and his friends had been getting a good deal of amusement out of it, but he would like to know how much longer he was to be kept waiting. The president remarked that if Cr. Braithwaite was getting so much fun out of it, surely the more it was spread the better for him. (Laughter). Cr. Braithwaite's reply was that he did not have too much of a good thing; besides certain allegations have been made, and they ought to be proved." Mr. Savage angrily advised the impatient councillor to "Never kid the boys; buy good morning till you meet him."

At a social gathering at the Tradeshall on Thursday evening, Mr. Frank Anstey, the newly-elected member for East Bourke Boroughs, told his friends that during the years he had represented that he would not again stand for Parliament, but it was better to learn Hebrew than politics, but he felt the call of duty again, and so fought the election to a finish and spread the gospel of labour. (Loud cheers). He had made up his mind not to devote his time to helping individuals to place and power, as that sort of thing was only fit for scavengers. He was going to fight for humanity and be the voice of the people. (Cheers).

Cr. W. H. Dennis is to be entertained on Wednesday evening next by the members of the Star of Northcote Tent, I.O.R., in recognition of his election to the position of mayor of the town. Cr. Dennis was initiated into the mysteries of the tent at its inauguration many years ago, and was elected the first chief ruler. He is a prominent Oddfellow, as well as his advocacy of them, are well known, and the present is deemed a fitting occasion to show the tent's appreciation of so old and consistent a worker. Members of the Citizens apart from the Rechabite Order will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity to be present to do honor to the mayor. An excellent programme has been arranged, including such artists as Mister Ethel Benson, Ella Henry, Mr. Hector Lightfoot, and others. Several Parliamentary representatives are expected to be present, and a most enjoyable evening is anticipated. The social will be similar in character to the one tendered Mr. Dennis on the occasion of his election.

LOCALISMS.

Northcote

Musical and Elocutionary Competition.

Open at the Town-hall next Saturday, 11th inst.

A splendid entry has been received for all sections.

Several attractive features have been added, including "Open Scena Competition," Brass Band Competitions," and competitions for juveniles.

Mr. F. T. Hickford should not be begrudged his seat in Parliament by any section of the community, for it has cost him four contests to win it. Judging by his past career the electors of East Bourke Boroughs will have in the new member a most capable and fair-minded representative. He can accept as Parliament will be watched with interest, as will also that of his colleague, Mr. Anstey, whose poll of 3365 votes is no doubt a record for any Victorian constituency, and one the young member must feel proud of.

Subscribers to the Preston Public Library are notified that the new quarter commenced on October 1st.

The children's bazaar held at the Federal Hall on Wednesday and Saturday last resulted in a profit of £5 for Miss Sutherland's Kindergarten. Miss Miller and Miss Jessie McDonald, Miss Miller and Effie Stewart were the girls who arranged the bazaar.

Northcote Rechabites intend entertaining Cr. Bro. W. H. Dennis the (Mayor) at a complimentary social on Wednesday next.

The next meeting of the Northcote South Ratepayers' Association takes place on Tuesday evening.

A concert in aid of the I.O.R fance fair is to be held at the Rechabite-hall on Friday evening next, 10th inst.

The correspondent of the Preston Leader writes:—"The Monday evening gave the council a reminder re the annual Children's Excursion, and the matter was left in the hands of Cr. Lawrence to carry out the pledges and fulfil the promises he made upon the platform by placing the whole affair upon a substantial foundation. (Applause).

Mr. Methven also spoke, and said he very much regretted that the choice of the Board had not fallen upon Labor that night. However, he sincerely trusted that the selection they had made for the representation would be carried by a wise one. (Applause.)

Mr. R. E. Grundy thanked those who had voted for him very sincerely. He would now look on the field as the days, and he had worked hard in the cause of reform, although he had not secured their approval. Still, in Mr. Hickford they had an able representative, and he wished him every success.

Hutton & Hutton invite everyone to walk through the shop and inspect the new spring fashions at Nicholson street.—[Advt.]

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

MESSRS ANSTEY AND HICKFORD ELECTED.

Election day passed off very quietly in Northcote. At no time was there any thing like a rush at the polling-booths, and when 7 o'clock had arrived all who were going to vote had voted. There was not an angry crowd in the polling-booth, but fraternal greetings were the order of the day. The following, beyond a doubt, is the most complete and correct return of the voting that it is possible to get:—

	Anstey	Grundy	Hickford	Methven
Alphington	89	105	145	107
Bourke Hill	1,017	1,044	1,188	1,170
E. Brons.	294	88	204	332
Clifton Hill	490	212	423	422
Fairfield	488	212	423	422
Voting by post	10	22	21	13
Totals—				
Anstey				3465
Hickford				2941
Methven				2609
Grundy				1779

The voting at last election was as follows:—

Anstey	...	1722
J. H. Cook	...	1861
Hickford	...	2099
Methven	...	2323
Reay	...	2205
Wales	...	1977

After the returning officer had announced the result of the poll from the balcony of the Town-hall, Mr. Anstey briefly addressed the crowd from the window.

Mr. Anstey, who was received with cheers, said he had come to the front to push their principles, and in the interests of those who had fought and worked for Labor he would not forget to give due representation to those principles and measures. On the other hand, Mr. Hickford would give expression to opinions with which he did not always agree. Next day he would send a lightning message through the sea to the world of labor's victory, and left to the greatest city of the world that their son, who had left their place in childhood, was no unworthy son of theirs, and he hoped the election of that representative would never be able to say of him that he was an unworthy representative. (Applause).

Mr. Hickford, who was loudly cheered, said he would work against Mr. Grundy's the community, but all classes. (Cheers). He would endeavour to carry out the pledges and fulfil the promises he made upon the platform by placing the whole affair upon a substantial foundation. (Applause).

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NORTHCOTE CARTAGE CONTRACT.

9s 4d A DAY FOR MAN, HORSE AND DRAY.

INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.

At the meeting of the Northcote town council on Monday, at 8 o'clock, Cr. Mitchell, as chairman of the public works committee, moved the following recommendation:—

That the tender of M. Gillies for supplying horses, drays, and drivers, &c., for general carting for the year ending on the 30th September, 1903, at the following schedule rates be accepted, viz.:—

1. General work and dust carting, 1s 2d per hour.
2. Two horses or three horses, etc., for roller, 1s 2d per hour.
4. Loading, carting, etc., road metal etc., per cubic yard.

Cr. Mitchell, in moving the acceptance of this tender, said it was not the lowest, but it was the best. (Laughter). The

[illegible] was a reduction on last year's rates, but in the fact that Gillies knew the work and had done it satisfactorily in the past the committee had gone outside the usual rule of accepting the lowest tender.

Cr. Marks seconded the motion, remarking that the men recommended had done their own masters work very careful and deserving. They knew their work and knew the town.

Cr Smith said it should simply be a question of the lowest and best tender, the difference being £20 and the ratepayers should be considered. Besides a good deal had been said against the present contractors.

Cr. Scott said it would be very unfair to tenderers and establishing a very bad precedent if they departed from the usual of accepting the lowest tender. It would be said the work could not be done for the money if it was done, and he had been showed what had to be done, and if it was not done they had their remedy." He was going to support the lowest tender, though he did not think 9s 4d a day sufficient for the driver.

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Cr. Jamieson seconded, remarking it was just the minimum which he desired for a cab.

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A SHORT STORY.

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"I understood, of course, that he alluded to a male companion."

"Mr. Brand is no doubt aware that I am a professional aeronaut, and just as competent to go up as an amateur."

"I—I quite believe that you are," replied Low, "We were descending. I—I believe that you have a balloon somewhere."

"Nonsense!" replied Low, who wanted to be sulky, and could not. "Are you aware of the object of this ascent?"

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"Are you competing with M. Dupont in a long-distance race?"

"Exactly. The man who sets foot first on the ground in the most distant part of the country, wins the prize of one thousand pounds, which is being offered."

"And when do you ascend?"

"Any minute now, I hope. We have waited long for favourable winds."

"And M. Dupont—from where does he start?"

"At Burton Park, ten miles from here. He has a balloon, and means to ascend as possible. An, here is a wire which I suppose is from him."

Low opened the telegram and read:—

"Dupont, Burton Park, to Wilton Low. Good luck. How do you stand?"

"Just what I expected," said Low, hopefully. "He will still use aeronautically. At that hour let the ascent be made."

"Good" said Wilton Low, when he had sent this message. Now we know pretty well how things are. In this wind lasts we shall cross the Channel in a few hours."

"Mr. Brand is late," said Miss Jaxon. "If he does not arrive in a few minutes I shall go up alone."

"You may, Miss Dixon," said Low, with a sneer. "I shall not go with you."

"My name is Jaxon, Mr. Low."

"Jaxon—Dixon—it is a trestal meeting."

"Mr. Brand is coming," said Miss Jaxon, quietly.

"Oh, I have no fear," she assured him gaily.

Low hurried away to conclude some final business. His lady went to examine the progress of the filling of the balloon, and which was now almost filled.

Ten minutes passed, and Low looked at it she had not as absent for that short time. Then he looked at his watch, and muttered a malediction. This fellow Brand would put in an appearance. If he be late I shall not wait for him."

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EDRIE'S LEGACY.

By the Authoress of "The Two Kys," "Dorothy's Jewels," &c.

CHAPTER XV (Continued.)

When Edrie awoke from her sleep of exhaustion, after her flight from Bellyfield Court, it was just entering the great city of New York.

At first she hardly knew where she was, or rather it seemed as if she were not in any one locality.

But she soon remembered all that had happened, and realised that she was about coming into a strange place, and would need to keep her eyes wide open and her senses on duty.

She saw the people in the car gathering up their valises and bags, and followed the example of her own small possessions.

To her dismay she found neither bag nor bundle—both had been stolen while she was soundly sleeping.

Her music-roll was all that remained to her; the thief evidently having no use for a roll of music, or fearing that it might be identified, had not taken that.

She felt in her pocket for her purse.

Happily that, with the small amount of money which it contained, had been taken, and she was without either money or clothing, in a strange city, where she had not a friend to whom she could appeal in this emergency.

What could she do?

She was faint and hungry, for she had eaten nothing since the evening before.

She still had her rebate check, which she had tucked inside her glove, but the little she would receive in exchange for it would barely suffice to get her a scant breakfast.

The conductor came through the car as she was pondering upon her dilemma, and she appealed to him, telling him of her embarrassing situation.

The man looked surprised and sympathetic, but of course he could do nothing to repair her loss.

With a heavy heart she left the car and passed out of the station.

For hours she wandered aimlessly around the city, and about noon Edrie paused before a brilliantly lighted restaurant, and looked wistfully at the food, or starve. She entered, and told the proprietor of her misfortune—that she had been robbed on the train, and was penniless in a strange city. She gladly begged permission to sing for his guests, with the hope that they might reward her.

Her innocent face and lady-like manner favorably impressed him, and after a moment's reflection, he gave her the required permission.

"Your child!" he said, "it will be more trying to you than to me, and you shall sing if you wish."

He led her down the room toward an open space, where she could be seen by the people sitting at the numerous tables, and standing before her to sanction the unusual proceeding, he told her to sing.

Although she had not been conscious of the fact, his eye had never left her since she began to sing; his dinner had remained untasted, while he watched her every movement and expression with the closest attention, and now, as she came up to him and modestly held her plate before him, he laid a dollar bill upon it.

She glanced up at him in surprise as she saw it, and then shrank back, half-frightened by the glitter of his brilliant eyes, which searched her face with a bold, inquisitive stare.

"Stay," he urged, in a low tone, as she would have passed on.

She paused, but did not lift her eyes to his face again.

"You have a fine voice, and you have been well trained," he continued. "How happened you to come in here to sing to-night?"

She briefly told him.

"Bosh! A lie came from Boston?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you came out of the train? That was bad. Have you ever been in New York before? Do you have anyone here?"

"No, sir."

A peculiar expression flitted across the man's face as she replied to his last query—a feeling that it might be identified, but not taken that.

She felt in her pocket for her purse.

"I do not know."

"You do not know! It is bad to be in New York," the man said, with a short, dirty, sweeping her pretty face and trim figure with his lightning glance.

The proprietor now came to Edrie's side, and she turned to him with a look of anxious look.

"How have you succeeded?" he asked her, in a kind tone, and motioning her to some vacant seat.

She showed him the plate, with a shy smile, though a blush of shame mantled her cheek as she thought of the conspicuous manner in which she was obliged to gain it.

"Sit down here and count it," he continued, moving a chair to a table in a corner, which was in the shade, secluded from his gaze as she had before those more brilliantly lighted.

She glanced around for the proprietor, but he was gone.

Edrie was disappointed, for it was to him for his kindness to her, and ask him to direct her to some respectable place to stay.

She went up to the cashier's desk and asked for him.

"Mr. Boynton has gone to dine out," the girl said, regarding her kindly, "but he said you were not to pay anything for your supper."

"I—I will call, if you please," Edrie replied, blushing; "he has been so kind and I have caused him so much trouble that I especially desire to thank him."

"I will tell him, if you wish," the girl said in a friendly way as she turned away.

Edrie came at last to a table where a handsome, well-dressed man sat alone, with the choicest of everything spread out before him.

He raised his head as she approached, and said, "Come along with me."

She paused in surprise.

"I cannot dine with you," she replied, now thoroughly aroused, and struggling to free her hand from his grasp.

"You must, my pretty one. You do not suppose I have fooled away all this time for nothing, I hope. You are a lovely little creature, and I am going to provide a pretty home for you. Come, come, be reasonable," he coaxed, yet fastening his hold upon her, and forcibly drawing her within the shadow of a side door-way.

"Let me alone, sir!" Edrie panted, all fire and spirit at this insult, yet desirous, if possible, of making matters peaceful and unobtrusive. "Release me instantly!"

"Not a bit of it, my dear," he replied, with a low, mocking laugh, as he saw that she was intensely angry, and he was determined to overcome her anger, if he could.

She started and uttered a low frightened cry, and turning, met at her side the man who had given her the dollar.

"Is this your partner?" he asked, in a cool, yet courteous, but drawling tone.

"No, sir; I never saw him before in my life," she answered, making a move to go on.

"Where are you going? I only waited to meet it in the street, where only waited to meet it in the street, where only waited to meet it in the street, where

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH.

Present:—Cr. Cripe (president), Paterson, Nichol, Newton, Braithwaite, Robertson, Howse, Oliver.

PROTEST.

Cr. Braithwaite entered his protest against the returning officer for the central riding allowing his deputy an honorarium of £1.

WILD STREET DRAINAGE.

The Railway Department wrote to the effect that while they were prepared to contribute £25 towards taking away the drainage of Wild street, they could not see their way to comply with the council's request to pay half-cost of carrier underneath the railway.

The president, after explaining how matters stood, suggested that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole.

Cr. Oliver moved to that effect.

Cr. Braithwaite seconded. Carried.

NOTICE TO SLAUGHTER HOUSE PROPRIETORS.

The Board of Public Health wrote notifying that they could not allow slaughtering to be car..... ..., owned by Bowen's and Mrs. Foley's establishments, the latter occupied by Mr. McNamara.

Mrs. Foley wrote asking the council to use its influence to get her license extended to the end of the year, so as to give her time to make fresh arrangements with regard to her land.

Cr. Paterson thought this request was a very reasonable one and moved that a letter be written asking the Board to comply with it.

Cr. Newton seconded the motion, pointing out that inconvenience might befall if these establishments were closed before the additions to Alexander's abattoirs were completed.

Cr. Oliver suggested that a similar request be also made in connection with Howse's establishment. This was agreed to and the motion carried after being supported by Cr. Robertson and the president.

SCHOOLS PICNIC.

Thos. Seconde, correspondent Board of Advice, wrote asking the council to co-operate in the matter of organising a children's picnic the same as last year, and suggesting that a public meeting be called to initiate the matter.

Cr. Newton moved that the request be complied with, and that it be left in the hands of the presidents to call a meeting. After making such a splendid start with these picnics it would never do to let them fall through.

Cr. Howse, in seconding the motion, said he thought there was a general understanding that the picnic was to be an annual affair. It would have his hearty support. Carried.

ELECTRIC VOTING MACHINE.

A six-page circular was received pointing out the advantages of adopting the above.

Cr. Newton said the secretary had given him some idea of the principle of the machine and he thought it would lead to great improvement in the voting throug out the State. He moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the whole. Seconded by Cr. Howse and carried.

METROPOLITAN BOARD PIPE TRACK.

The Northcote town council wrote asking this council to call a meeting of the joint committee of the councils to take further action to prevent the board carrying out their proposal to fence the pipe-track.

The president said that the chairman of the board and the water supply committee visited Northcote and Preston in connection with the matter the previous Monday and the matter had been referred back to the engineer for water supply and chairman to ascertain the number of crossings that private owners are entitled to and get further information. When this was obtained the councils would be communicated with and given the opportunity of requesting any further crossings they may think necessary. The matter of fencing had been left in abeyance meanwhile.

Cr. Newton moved and Cr. Paterson seconded that it be left in the president's hands to call a meeting of the conference when he considered it necessary.

CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

A letter was received from the Postmaster-General's Department, notifying that the council's letter giving result of poll had been received and the matter would receive attention.

The president moved that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Hume Cook, M.H.R., also the result of the poll, and probably he would be able to get the necessary amount put on the estimates. Cr. Oliver seconded.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £74 11s 6d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. That plans be prepared in connection with the paving and making of lane between Livingstone and Bell streets.—Adopted.

3. Collector's report No. 79, clause 2. —Your committee report that the cost of laying a 4-inch water main in Oakover road from the pipe track to the bridge over the main drain would cost about £150, and the net annual value of properties adjoining is £225.—Adopted.

4. Recommending acceptance of the following tenders :—

4. Scavenging and cleansing, Clarke Bros., in the amount of £178 2s.—Adopted.

Cr. Newton mentioned that this price was £9 2s lower than last year, and £20 lower than previous year.

5. Removal of nightsoil, Hannorah Foley, at 4d per pan per month of 4 weeks.—Adopted.

6. Supply of horses and drays, Alfred Strongman, at 8s 9d per day.—Adopted.

7. Channelling in Oakover road, Alfred Strongman, in the amount of £46 9s 9d.—Adopted.

8. Your committee report having accepted the tender of Clarke Bros., in the amount of £21 13s 3d, for the supply of 300 yards of spalls.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Paterson (chairman) submitted the report, recommending that accounts amounting to £55 13s 2d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Cr. Howse (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That Mr. Hutton be informed that the council are willing to pay half the cost of erecting and maintaining a fence on the east side of the drain south of Oakover road.—Adopted.

2. Making stores under the Special Improvement Rate.—That the list of stores as submitted in the engineer's report, No. 250, be made under a special improvement rate.—Adopted.

3. Recommending that the valuation for the year 1902, as submitted, be adopted.—Adopted.

4. Main drain through the railway reserve.—That the engineer bring up a further report when the plans and specifications are complete.—Adopted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The collector reported having collected rates for the year, amounting to £2821 12s 10d leaving only a matter of £178 1s 6d outstanding.—Referred to finance committee.

He applied for three weeks' leave of absence, dating from 20th October.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Howse and Braithwaite.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Steers reported having branded for the fortnight 100 cattle, 1576 sheep, and 189 pigs.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Replying to Cr. Howse the engineer said the men had started the work of cleaning out the drain in Bell street between Victoria and Albert streets, but could not get on owing to the overhanging hedge.—Notice to be served to have the hedge cut.

Cr. Howse moved that the matter of constructing the footpath in Bell street, between Victoria and Albert streets, be considered with the estimates.—Cr. Nichol seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Oliver complained of the way in which Kupsch, the contractor for resewerage, &c., was leaving some of the channels. Some of them had not been cleaned out for months and were filled up with grass and mullock. This was not fair to the new contractor, and the engineer should see that the work was properly done in a better state.

Cr. Braithwaite remarked that the drain near him was not cleaned out for months and months, and if the work was done in the same way in other parts of the town he was very pleased that they had a new contractor.

Cr. Newton said he had brought the Wood street channels up again and again.

The engineer—They have been cleaned out three times.

Cr. Newton—I know a part that has not been cleaned out for 12 months.

The engineer explained that it was customary to let the grass grow in the channels before cleaning them at certain times of the year.

THE BYE-LAWS.

The president remarked that on the bye-laws being looked into it was found they required revision and it would be a friendly to refer the matter to the committee of the whole, he would move to that effect.

Cr. Nichol seconded.

Cr. Braithwaite—What particular bye-laws are referred to ?

The president—Very nearly every one of them. Motion carried.

THE TAN FUE.

Cr. Paterson moved that the pan fee for the ensuing year be the same as at present.—Carried.

FACTORS TO CIVILISATION.

With the constant growth of civilisation comes ever increasing devices for saving time and labor, and which are found very essential to cope with the rush at which we in civilisation exist. In the Telegraph and Telephone we have two very great time savers in business pursuits, and we who have always been accustomed to these facilities can hardly understand how our accustomed business is carried on without them. In every trade machinery is fast replacing to a great extent manual labor in the race against time. And the means of transit Electricity is fast replacing steam power on the railways. Motor cars will shortly take the place of the horse in the streets of cities, and the automarine and flying machines as a means of transit under water and through the air respectively, from recent experiments are now by no means the impossibilities they were adjudged some few years back. All these devices have been invented with the one idea, that of waging war successfully against time, and we individually to be in keeping with the times live as a factor in time rate than nature intended, and although iron and steel may be improved from time to time to meet the extra strain required. Nature does not thus improve the human system, and the result is that the digestive organs become impaired in consequence of not being received sufficient time to perform their functions, the stomach becomes weak through overwork, the nerves are unstrung through the constant strain put upon them and the whole system becomes debilitated. In such cases it is necessary to apply a remedy which will assist nature in order that she may be able to cope with the extra and more arduous duties allotted to her. A remedy which will strengthen and stimulate the liver, stomach and digestive organs to increased action, strengthen the nerve tissues and keep the blood pure. Such a remedy is Bile Beans for Biliousness, being a purely vegetable preparation specially prepared to assist nature to discharge the extra duties the system is called upon to perform by the continuous and never-ending war against time, not happen to like. Sir Alek's aim is to bring his opponent into contempt, and it is impossible that the Premier is an unreliable politician, because he is big and fat. But Barton's work will tell. Indeed, it might almost be construed into a compliment. If you were to weed out of Australian politics all the members who are big and fat, you'd have a very large number left. Look at the prominent men in Federal politics; and at Deakin. One night, when standing in the bar of a Richmond hotel, a ball bearing fool approached him, and talked insultingly about his colour. Peter took no notice of the man any more than if he had made a grab on the top of the Great Pyramid ; but this, instead of discouraging the blackguard, made him bolder, and he began to talk Egypt, saying he could buy a whole drove of niggers before breakfast. "Go outside and wait for me," said the pug. The boozy one was willing, and went out. The landlord followed him, and said, "You blanky fool ; do you know that the man you have been insulting is Peter Fitz, the pugilist ?" "Who—us?" said the bold boozer, and he made a straight bolt. When last seen he was running wildly up the street half a mile off, and the supposition is that he is running yet.

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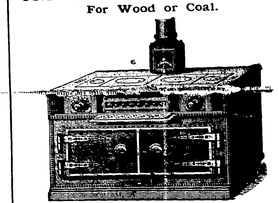

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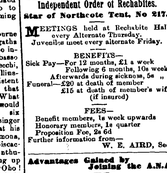

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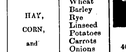

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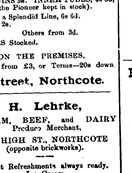

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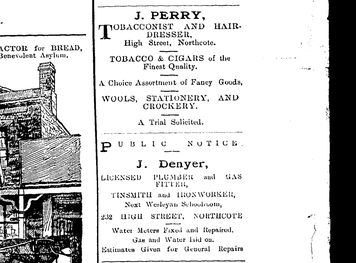

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TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—The reasons advanced by Cr. Mitchell and others who supported the motion that Mr. Gillies' tender be accepted cannot be acceptable to the ratepayers. Unquestionably the lowest tender should be accepted unless there was some sufficient reason why it should not, and only Cr. Bastings advanced any such reason. Everybody who knows Gillies Bros. well endorses every word that was said in their favour, and, although a tenderer for the work, I would, if I had the power to do so, grant them a ten years lease of the work. Best to go to the expense of advertising for tenders to put upon the engineer to the trouble of drawing up elaborate specifications, and go through the form of opening and considering tenders for the work in a farce I would not feel proud of being a party to if I were a member of the Council. As on a former occasion they may have to ask again—"Where are the contractors?"—Yours &c.,

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SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER.

What are now familiarly called "committees" seem to have become one of the country's settled institutions, being a favorite annual fixture of nearly every city or town of any importance in the State. By the energetic efforts of the committee of the Northcote Public Library, Northcote has been kept in the front rank of the educational movements are concerned, and under their auspices the third grand series of concerts commence at the town-hall this evening. Things were on a pretty large scale last year, but this year that scheme has been ever so much widened, even substantial help having been secured from the practicers of calisthenics at the schools, and bringing in also considerable amateur Thespians who will be found able to present comedettas and play scenes in a manner which is at creditable to their professional brethren. These contests are most exciting, and have been the means of developing and bringing to notice a vast amount of literary, elocutionary, literary and other talent, destined to shine more fully when opportunities time and money afforded. For the present competitions hundreds of contestants from one to the other of the polis and various parts of the country have entered the lists, and the result is sure to be the keenest rivalry for the prizes. Connected with the concerts this year also is a grand brass band contest, but this does not come on till the King's Birthday, November 10th. It is the first time the townspeople and all who desire to come from outside will have the privilege of enjoying every evening during the week a diversified series of contests, the programme published elsewhere being a general indication of what is to be expected.

Ex-Cr. Robert Burrows was a visitor at last Northcote town council meeting and on the usual announcement being given a seat next the mayor and having his health proposed. In acknowledging these courtesies Mr. Burrows remarked that he thought Northcote was as good as any place—with the exception of Coolgardie, (Laughter.) Coming back this time after three years absence he was pleased to notice very great improvements, one of the greatest being the erection of the tramss, in the train of which, no doubt, had come most of the other improvements. The next thing would be the direct line, when the place would go ahead more than ever.

Northcote town council on Monday evening let a further batch of private street works, amounting in all to about £2,000 in the 12. This is real progressive work and will tremendously benefit certain portions of the town from a sanitary point of view, and is one further stage towards the readiness these districts ought to be in when the great rush of population sets in on the completion of the direct line through Fitzroy.

A meeting of bird fanciers was held at the Peacock Inn, Northcote, on Thursday evening. Mr. A. Rogers presiding. Mr. C. Rose having explained that this meeting was the outcome of a similar meeting held on the 22nd ult., when it was resolved that a poultry society be formed, several of those present expressed themselves as strongly in favor of such a society being established in the district. Exception having taken to the name given at the previous meeting it was decided to amend it, and the society will now be known as the Northcote and District Poultry, Pigeon, and Canary Improvement Society, the president and secretary of the Board of Australian Women's Association will also be present.

LOCALISMS.

LIBRARY COMPETITIONS town hall this evening.

Preston branch A.N.A. are being tendered a complimentary concert in the Town Hall, A.N.A. at the city hall on Wednesday evening. An invitation is extended to all to be present, the admission being free.

So as not to clash with the grand brass band competition at the Melbourne Cup and Flemington Racing Carnival, the Northcote Methodist Sunday School have kindly decided to hold their annual picnic on Cup Day.

By request, Cr. Cripps, president of Prestonshire, has called a public meeting for Tuesday evening at the council chambers for the ways and means of providing a picnic for the school children of the district.

In supporting a request for 8 or 10 loads of ashes for Christmas street Cr. Hunter called the mayor on Monday evening that on going home from the council meeting he twice stumbled "owing to the badness of that particular path." "But," he hastened to add, "I don't want it to be thought that I can't not walk steady after leaving your hospitable board."

At Monday evening's meeting of the Northcote town council Cr. Candy moved that the new members for East Bourke Borough (Messrs Anstey and Hickford) be invited to be present at next council meeting in order that they may be sworn in and take their seats with them and put on a better footing in view of future business relations with them. Cr. Jamieson seconded the motion, which was carried.

We have been asked to acknowledge with appreciation additional donations to the literary competition prize fund:—Per Cr. C. W. M. Dennis, £1 1s; per Cr. Candy, £1 1s; Cr. E. H. P. Edwards, 10s 6d; Mrs. Cook, 10s 6d; per Mr. Scott, Post Masters' Association, 10s 6d. The secretaries and members of committee will be pleased to receive further contributions at this evening's meeting.

Cr. Edwards is anything but abrupt of speech. When he was against the motion that a letter of condolence on the cricket club getting a few loads of road scrapings on Monday evening to the effect that the blow with the remarks—I am sorry to differ with so excellent a councillor as generally, Mr. Mayor, but I think some measure of courtesy should be extended to visitors who have expressed a wish to come within our borders."

It is notified that the lazaar in aid of the debt on the Fairfield Methodist Church has been postponed till January 14th 1903.

We have received from the Melbourne Sports Depot, 55 and 57 Elizabeth street, Melbourne, a copy of their new season's cricket list. This useful little booklet, which is in addition to a handy catalogue of cricket requisites, contains the revised laws of the game, and is obtainable gratis at the Melbourne Sports Depot.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Anniversary services in connection with the above church were conducted on Sunday, when there were completed, in weather, good congregations assembled. The preachers were the Revs. J. T. Robertson, M.A., and Hay Hunter, M.A., whose discourses were much appreciated. The Rev. Mr. Hunter showing a special art in interesting the children, on each occasion he addressing a few words of being thoughtful, thankful and truthful.

The anniversary was further celebrated by what was styled an "old-time tea meeting" at the Shire hall on Tuesday evening. At this the attendance, though not so large as has been seen in recent other years, was satisfactory between 220 and 270 sitting down to the excellent tea provided by the ladies of the church and the congregation. Tea was dispensed at the various tables by the following ladies, viz.:—Mrs. W. Hutton and Mrs. Scott, the Misses Bruce-grove, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Broadbent, Mrs. W. Muss and Miss M. Paterson, Mrs. Carson and Miss Bedgell, Miss Carson and Miss Climie. Mrs. T. Paterson and Miss Cooper, Mrs. K. McKenzie and Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Connell and Misses Gemmel, Mrs. Rayner and Miss Bitter, Mrs. Broom, Mrs. Daglish and Miss Daglish, Miss Hendrie and Mrs. Parker.

The meeting followed upon old lines, being neither a concert nor a conversazione, but a pure public meeting such as was the fashion 15 or 20, or for that matter 30 years ago—a full pot of fare in which the main dish is the addresses of the visiting ministers and the chairman's remarks and recitations in between.

The Rev. Geo. Carson, minister of the church, who presided, said it was so long since he had presided at a meeting that he felt as shaky as when he delivered his first sermon. (Laughter.) He thought it was their old tea-meeting, and hoped they would spend a pleasant social time together. (Applause.) He said they started their anniversary gatherings with one of these tea-meetings, and although it was a good many years since they had had one, he thought it was a very good idea that they should have one again. He was glad to say that a fair number of the old supporters of the church were present, especially when they are conducted by preachers so good as Mr. Hay Hunter, Moderator-elect of the conference, and the Rev. S. Knight. On Wednesday they had had a very fine entertainment on a big scale.

The Northcote town council disposed of its £3200 worth of 4 per cent. debentures in connection with the last special improvement loan to the Melbourne Tramway Company on the very satisfactory terms that they have expressed a wish to come within our borders."

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PRESTON BRANCH A.N.A.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held in the Rechabite hall last Wednesday, the president, Mr. Le Plastrier, in the chair. After the usual business of the branch a euchre party amongst members was held, and won by Mr. A. Scott. Next Wednesday Mr. Gaily, M.L.A., is tending to the branch a compliment, a number of some of the leading artists will appear, including Mr. Geo. Jennings, the president and secretary of the Board of the Australian Women's Association will also be present.

COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL AND PRESENTATION TO EX-CR. YEOMANS.

It is a common saying that the reward of municipal service is characterised by "more kicks than half-pence," but Cr. Yeomans has lasted by experience. His rejection by the Central Ward electors after 16 years good and faithful service, have constituted the "kicks" while a complimentary social and handsome presentation tendered him on Friday evening last were a good receive in the "half-pence." As sooner was he out than the loss to the council was realised, but his friends were determined that he should not rest long under the impression that his services had been unappreciated. The social he was tendered was no trumpery affair but a gathering taken part in by some 160 representative citizens of the town, and the presentation ranks with the most honorable that has been given in the district in both the Federal and State Parliaments, most of the town councillors and a large number of representatives of kindred societies. The hall was filled in the early evening with a very excellent programme of music and elocution, the Rev. S. Knight, Mr. Mitchell, Councillor Ella Henry, May Sullivan, Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Ritter, Mr. A. H. Hanson and many others contributing.

The company was then invited to draw up to the tables furnished in the evening across the head and down the sides of the hall, when the mayor and councillors and the Misses Dennis sat at the head of the table, at which also were Messrs. Cook, Mr. S. Mauger, M.H.R., and Messrs Anstey and Hickford, M.L.A.'s, and the chairman of the evening, ex-Cr. Harry.

The first toast was the health of "The King," proposed by the chairman and drunk with musical honours.

Mr. R. A. Whitley, in a somewhat lantering speech, proposed the toast of "Our Guests," the Mayor, he remarked, that all parliamentarians appreciated the fact that they were not in evidence at the meeting. (Laughter.) Somehow, though, there was a strong resemblance between this congregations being looked upon as the wave of ministers. He heartily congratulated the Preston congregation on the progress they had made since the commencement of the church was started many said it would never be a success, but they had done well. It was a record implied that there had been good work done and that the people were right that there should be no drones in the Christian service. In proposing the toast the speaker thought he might the church along in the best way they are likely to find a more crowded. Interesting discourses were delivered by the Rev. S. Scholes in the morning, Rev. S. Adamson in the afternoon, and Rev. L. S. McDougall (of Queen's College) in the evening, the absence of the pastor owing to the excellent singing of the children, and church service was also tastefully decorated.

On Monday evening the annual "scholars' night" was held in the church, Mr. J. Hunter, superintendent of the Clifton Hill school, presided, and delivered an interesting address on school work. The following programme was also gone through, reflecting great credit on all the little ones taking part:—

Opening exercises; "A little hero," Raphael Argo; solo, Jessie is my Friend," Bertha Robillard; recitation, "Up, church," Connie Robillard; duet, "Kindness to one another," Agnes Wilmot and Hilda Jensen; dialogue, "Our Easter Cross," 16 little girls; solo, "I am not one," Raphael Argo, Leslie Saunders, Bert Membrey; recitation, "Keeping his word," Claude Allen; solo, "Shepherd Divine, Clesie Josephs; recitation, "Only a test," Bertha Robillard; quartet, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam," Alice Membrey, Sara Wilmot, Hilda Hansen, and Agnes Parker; recitation, "God's Kiss," Agnes Wilmot; Duet, "My Mother's Bible," Lily Robillard and Beatrice Roberts; recitation, "Take up the collection," Thomas Robillard; recitation, "Our first thanksgiving day," Lily Robillard; recitation, "The little old woman," Hilda Hansen; solo and chorus, "Jesus loves the little children," Hilda Jensen and children; recitation, "The Queen's letter," Irene Jones; recitation, "Stretch a little," Jane Muir; solo, "I'll follow Jesus," Janie Wilmot; dialogue, "Lilly-Ann," Lily Robillard; solo, "Father, O hear us," Nellie Curtis. Rev. S. Scholes presided at the harmonium during the evening.

Northcote Military Brass Band are practising hard with the view of carrying off the honors at the forthcoming Brass Band competition on the 10th prox. The band will march through Northcote this afternoon, when a collection will be taken up on behalf of the uniform fund.

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A HEROINE OF HOME.

A SHORT STORY.

Leonard Leslie kissed his wife fondly when she ran to the door to welcome him home from business, but when he saw the look of fear in her face he held her at arm's length and looked at her closely, and rested his head upon his hand. He was tired after a long day's work, with nothing but a couple of hours to stay up with the baby and nurse it to sleep, then to bed—married now nearly twelve months and they loved each other beyond expression, but they were terribly hard up, and the future looked dreary indeed.

"Now, Ted, dear," his wife said brightly, "because you are married I don't want you to be poor. You will manage somehow."

"Manage somehow!" he repeated, "I've been trying to manage somehow for the last month, and I've got to the end of my resources. I've been to every office in the city, and I've been refused by every one. I've tried to get a billet as a traveller, but I've no experience, and I've tried to get a billet as a clerk, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a shop assistant, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a porter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a navvy, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a bricklayer, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a carpenter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a painter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a plumber, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a gasfitter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a blacksmith, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a tinsmith, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a whitesmith, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a locksmith, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a gunsmith, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a cutler, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a saddler, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a harness maker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a boot maker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a shoemaker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a tailor, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a hatter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a draper, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a grocer, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a butcher, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a baker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a confectioner, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a fishmonger, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a poulterer, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a fruiterer, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a florist, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a seedsman, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a nurseryman, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a gardener, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a coachman, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a groom, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a stableman, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a jockey, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a trainer, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a bookmaker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a billiard marker, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a waiter, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a barman, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a cook, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a housemaid, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a nurse, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a governess, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a lady's maid, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a housekeeper, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a barmaid, but I've no experience there either. I've tried to get a billet as a waitress

EDRIE'S LEGACY.

By the Authoress of "The Two Keys," "Dorothy's Jewels," &c.

CHAPTER XVIII.

EDRIE'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

"Well, for a young lady who is supposed to have so little strength, you are capable of making considerable noise," the young physician remarked, while he regarded her glowing, eager face with undisguised admiration.

Edrie was in the best of spirits. She was filled with delight to find that her rich voice was still at her command, and that she abandoned herself to the transport of the moment.

A gleam of mischief shot into her dark eyes, a smile of wicked amusement curled her red lips, and lifting her hands with a gesture of mock dismay, she cried:

"Good Oh, Doctor Field, have I been making only a 'noise'?"

His face fell, he blushed, and an expression of self-reproach clouded his eyes.

"I did not mean that," he faltered, in confusion, "and I beg your pardon for using the unfortunate word. I only meant that you have wonderful power considering your recent illness."

"Now I," repeated Edrie, bubbling over with mirth. "To think that after all of the days and nights of weary discomfort, I should be only capable of making a 'noise'!"

Her merriment was contagious, and Doctor Field laughed outright at his own blunder.

"I see that you mean to punish me severely for my slip of the tongue," he said; then added: "But really, I have no idea that I had the responsibility of a prima-donna on my hands all this time. Your voice is entrancing; you sing beautifully."

"Thank you," Edrie responded, with a lofty smile. "Your apologies are accepted. Then lifting her still gleaming eyes again to his face, she asked fresh: "How long have you been here?"

"For the last fifteen minutes at least, and I assure you I have had a rare treat."

"I would not have thought it of you, Doctor Field—you, a man in your own awkward, and play the eavesdropper," Edrie retorted, with a bewitching spice of saucinness.

"I would even do it again. I would not have missed it for anything," he retorted, in the same spirit. "But, seriously, Miss Brown, what are you going to do with that grand voice of yours?"

"Make it earn my living if possible," she answered, smiling, yet with a pathetic little sigh for the struggle before her that touched her companion deeply.

There could be no question regarding the possibility of the matter, he said, with animation. "I am sure that you could go before the public even now, and command a large sum for your services. You have been very well thinked," he concluded, regarding her with considerable curiosity.

"Yes, I have," Edrie quietly admitted, "and it has been my ambition for several years to fit myself for the opera."

"Have you given much attention to operatic music?"

"Yes, I am already familiar with several operas."

"Have you studied dramatic action?"

"Some that; the professor who was my teacher was himself in opera for years, and he has taught me considerable; but, of course, I realise that I have still much to learn."

"Miss Brown, I think you are a remarkable young lady," Doctor Field admiringly asserted.

"I am sure that mamma and I both agree in that opinion," cried Belle, in her element getting her head inside the door leading into the kitchen, while Mrs Graham's smiling face could be seen over her shoulder. "We have just stood entranced down in the laundry during the last half-hour," she went on, regarding Edrie with gleaming eyes, "we have been literally trasported to another sphere, where soft vulgar things are wash-tubs and soapsuds do not exist. Why you ought to bring Edrie and give an impulsive little hug—"you have entirely taken my heart away. How you have listened to my poor drumming for the last few days, and thanked me so sweetly for trying to amuse you when you must have been very tired; and with agony over the wretched work I made of it half the time to be obliged to sit with you for allowing me to make myself so ridiculous."

"That so delicate a creature in the young girl's grasp, her cheeks were crimson, and her voice trembled as she concluded.

Edrie bent forward and kissed her softly on the lips.

"Dear Belle, you are altogether too severe upon yourself," she said, gently. "you really have a sweet voice, and I am sure I should be very ungrateful not to appreciate your kindness in trying to make so many tedious hours pass pleasantly."

"You are very good to say so," Belle returned, hastily; "but, truly, I could not have stood it, for I am fond of music in its true sense told us that you sang charmingly that night, but I never dreamed of anything like what we have heard to-day."

Edrie flushed at this reference to the night when she had sung at the ball. She could not recall that time and her desperate condition without a feeling of deep humiliation that she had been persuaded to so unwise a course, and do violence to her own modesty. She questioned Belle, however, as to what she had done.

"When do you think it will do for me to go regularly to work, Dr. Field?" she asked, anxious to get her affairs settled from that channel.

"What do you mean by going regularly to work?"

"You know I have my own living to earn." Edrie answered, with averted eyes, for a sense of pain was growing within her as she looked exceedingly youthful since her illness was pronounced out of danger.

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"I am sure that mamma and I both agree in that opinion," cried Belle, in her element getting her head inside the door leading into the kitchen, while Mrs Graham's smiling face could be seen over her shoulder. "We have just stood entranced down in the laundry during the last half-hour," she went on, regarding Edrie with gleaming eyes, "we have been literally trasported to another sphere, where soft vulgar things are wash-tubs and soapsuds do not exist. Why you ought to bring Edrie and give an impulsive little hug—"you have entirely taken my heart away. How you have listened to my poor drumming for the last few days, and thanked me so sweetly for trying to amuse you when you must have been very tired; and with agony over the wretched work I made of it half the time to be obliged to sit with you for allowing me to make myself so ridiculous."

"That so delicate a creature in the young girl's grasp, her cheeks were crimson, and her voice trembled as she concluded.

Edrie bent forward and kissed her softly on the lips.

"Dear Belle, you are altogether too severe upon yourself," she said, gently. "you really have a sweet voice, and I am sure that I should be very ungrateful not to appreciate your kindness in trying to make so many tedious hours pass pleasantly."

"You are very good to say so," Belle returned, hastily; "but, truly, I could not have stood it, for I am fond of music in its true sense told us that you sang charmingly that night, but I never dreamed of anything like what we have heard to-day."

Edrie flushed at this reference to the night when she had sung at the ball. She could not recall that time and her desperate condition without a feeling of deep humiliation that she had been persuaded to so unwise a course, and do violence to her own modesty. She questioned Belle, however, as to what she had done.

"When do you think it will do for me to go regularly to work, Dr. Field?" she asked, anxious to get her affairs settled from that channel.

"What do you mean by going regularly to work?"

"You know I have my own living to earn." Edrie answered, with averted eyes, for a sense of pain was growing within her as she looked exceedingly youthful since her illness was pronounced out of danger.

She was far too weak and nervous to give a thought to her future, but now that she was beginning to be regained her, with her fair, delicate face, and the short crops of curly hair which clustered about it, as scarcely more than a child.

"I would not have thought it of you, Dr.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE HANDICAPS.

(Continued).

Kinglike, 8st 13lb, is handicapped on his form in the Eclipse Stakes, where, with 7st 6lb, as a young three-year-old, he came right from the last of the field and cut down Seashore, 9st, and Paul Pry, 8st 13lb, and then ran second to Malster in the Derby, having previously beaten that colt in the Caulfield Guineas. A very big but leggy horse, who does not impress one as a stayer, though his breeding by Wallace out of Bonnie Rosette argues staying ability.

Gunboo, aged, full brother to The Grafter and Garbin, is a horse of great size, but seems better over a shorter course.

The Victory, 4yrs, 8st 12lb, by The Admiral, from The Charmer; his second to The Idler in the Adelaide Cup and his winning the Birthday Cup, carrying 8st 11lb, in 2min, 32sec., stamps him as a high-class colt, and age serves his sire's stock greatly.

Football, 5yrs, 8st 11lb, is another of Instey's descendants, being by Thunderbolt, from Footstep, but I think pace is his forte, and doubt him getting the two miles.

Australian, aged, 8st 9lb, by the Australian Peer, from Ophelia, is a very brilliant horse, and last year got a distance in moderate company, but two miles among the best is, I think beyond his power.

Felicitous, 5 years, 8st 7lb, by Far Niente, from Waiting; his best form was winning the Adelaide Cup, a mile and five furlongs, beating The Victory, 7st 12lb and Flagship, 7st 12lb, but the distance may trouble him, as none of his sire's stock so far like it.

Bonnie Chief, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb, brother to Kinglike, is also on the leg, and has high speed and weight-carrying ability. If the distance does not beat him, I should think he would defeat Wakeful at the weights.

United States, 4yrs, by Bill of Portland, from Happy Land, is their half brother to the mighty Hova, and has 8st 7lb. His best form was shown in winning the Spring Stakes over a two-yearold in Inch Inore, but the opposition was not strong, still he looked a good one and age may serve him.

Flagship, by The Admiral, from Locosa, is a very old wh- has been before the public continuously, and like most of his sire's stock has improved with age. The way he romped home in front of a fairly smart field, carrying 9st 7lb over eight and a half furlongs at Moonee Valley attests this. His Adelaide Birthday Handicap win under 7st 12lb attests his steady improvement, and though he may not quite get t the end of the two miles, he will beat most that beat him.

Amurjer, aged 8st 4lb, by Far Niente, out of Electric Light, has a lot of pace, but has yet to show staying ability, and as yet none of his sire's stock have shown much partiality for a long journey, and I doubt his seeing the end of this one.

Royal Artillery, 5yrs, 8st 2lb, by Light Artillery from Lady Doris; his best form was beating Clean Sweep in the Adelaide St. Leger, but the Melbourne Cup winner may not have been at his best, as the time was not exceptional. As a four-year-old we have no performance to guide us, and think he is held safe by Flagship.

Patonage, 5yrs, 8st 2lb, by Grand Flaneur from Olga, is a brother to Patron, and was certainly unlucky in his latest essay in the Sydney Metropolitan, where he got left at the post, and had a bad run through the race, while Perion, who ran second, under 7st 8lb, got 10lb and a beating from him in the Trial Stakes on the first day of the meeting, and, as the Metropolitan was run, was also unlucky. Patonage evidently stays, and has a weight he is master of, and is sure to be well supported for the Melbourne Cup, and, if nearly as good as his brother, must have a great look in.

Militades, 5yrs, 8st 2lb, by Eiridspord (imp.)—Emilia, is a chestnut horse a distance should suit; his best performance was beating Royal Artillery in the A.J.C. Derby, and running second under 7st 5lb, to Frost Admiral, 8st 10lb, in the V.R.C. Handicap. He is in Scobie's stable, and with such trying tackle as it possesses, he must be a dangerous whenever backed by his connections.

Kilt, aged, 8st, by Lochiel from Mantilla, comes of a really good family on the dam's side, and can gallop, but, I fancy, would be more at home over a shorter course. His best form was winning the Boulder Cup, two miles and forty-eight yards, with 9st 4lb in 3 min 15sec, but I should hardly like his Melbourne Cup chance.

Warrior II., 5 yrs, 8st, by Endfield out of Melodise, though very brilliant, has shown no partiality for a distance, and looks to be held safe by Sir Leonard, who easily carried 9st 12lb to the front and beat him over a mile and a quarter and a hundred yards, and I do not think a longer course is in Warrior II.'s favor.

Combat, 6 yrs old, by Carnage from Maid of Honor, is well treated at 7st 12lb. This horse has improved greatly in appearance, and his best performance was his second to Wakeful in the St. George Stakes, winning the Bendigo Handicap with 9st, and winning the Onkaparinga Cup with 9st 7lb. This horse should stay and has plenty of pace and has a chance.

Brakpan, 3 yrs, 7st 10lb, by Grafton from Peerust, was the best two-year-old of the season, but I fear is cursed with the temper which made his brother Greenpan useless, but should Payten get him to the post in his best form and in good humour, he should beat most of those above h'm, as he is sure to stay.

Debenture, 3 yrs, 7st 10lb, by Wallace or Edridspord, from Water Lily, looks like a Wallace, and though rather a delicate horse, if he can be brought fit to the post will be very hard to beat, and as he is half brother to Revenue is pretty certain to have a chance as his weight will not trouble him.

Vanity Fair, 5 yrs, 7st 9lb, by Pilgrim's Progress from Madcap, is half sister to Malvolio. She has plenty of pace, and is bred to stay, but as yet has failed to do so, and I do not think the season will suit her.

Australia, 4 yrs, 7st 9lb, by Gozzon from Yrisette, is a rare gallopper, but few of her sire's descendants get a journey, and I do not fancy her at two miles.

Nare Jack, 4 yrs, 7st 8lb, is a chestnut gelding by Gozo from Sing Song, won the Queensland Derby and ran second for the Queensland Cup, with 7st 5lb, to Drake, 7st 3lb, in 3min, 31⅖sec., and won His Majesty's Cup, one mile and a half, with 8st 12lb, in 2min, 39sec., so he is evidently smart and can stay.

The Persian, 5 yrs, 7st 8lb, by St. Blaise from Phoebe, with 7st 8lb, came with a great run at the end of the Sydney Metropolitan and was unlucky to lose, he evidently stays and will have to be reckoned with if Fielder's best.

Pard, 4 yrs, by Pilgrim's Progress from Vendetta, is nicely handicapped; her best performance was with 7st 2lb, winning the Bagot Handicap in 2min 40⅘sec. from Gazelle, 7st 2lb, and Vestone, 7st 12lb. She is bred to stay, and really fit at the post would have a look in, but the season is against her.

Callosus, 4 yrs, 8st 13lb, including 7lb penalty, by Paddock from Tortilla has performed well up to a mile in West Australia, but distance does not seem to suit him.

Black Watch, 4 yrs, 7st 7lb, by Light Artillery from Arcola, was a moderate performer as a two-year-old and may be served by age, but has no form to recommend him.

Pudding Ice, 4 yrs, 7st 7lb, by Lochiel from Parthingale, has run unplaced repeatedly, and is not good third in a five furlongs flutter.

Visitor, a chestnut gelding, 4 yrs, 7st, by Pilgrim's Progress from Miss Jessie, is yet to gain a place, but is in dance. Will soon find it.

Athanasia, a chestnut mare, by Pilgrim's Progress from Athanasia, is by no means Wilsonby stable, and was backed recently at 3 middell, but ran sick and allegro missed her foal-worry.

Gaylad, a brown mare, 6 yrs, 7st 5lb, by Paddock out of Gaylass, has not been seen much on the racecourse, but is a good worker in the Ringwood district, and is a good hack, and has a chance in the absence of better horses, as those she beats are duffers, who never look like getting home.

Bellerophon, 5 yrs, 7st 5lb, by Parbury from Pandora, showed his best form when 6st 12lb, he ran second to Footstep in the V.R.C. Plate Handicap.

Wrack, half sister to Abundance, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb, won a welter at Geelong, but has failed repeatedly.

Ourali, a three-years sister by Trenton to La Carbine, now 6 yrs, with 7st to carry, may be the hardest of her sex to beat here. Like her famous relative, age may serve her. With 7st 11lb she forced the pace for most of the journey, and was second, after making all the running, to Footbali, in the V.R.C. King's Handicap, while she has hosts of victories over shorter courses to her credit.

Hazel Lad, 4 yrs, 7st, by Trunby from Royal Nell, as a 3 yrs old won Patterall's Stake, 7 furlongs, with 8st 2lb, beating The Persian, 8st 12lb, and is evidently smart.

Mozda, 4 yrs, 7st, by Bill of Portland from La Fosca, and thus half sister in blood to Wakeful, ran second with 7st in the Adelaide Birthday Cup, to The Victory, but hardly seems up to Melbourne Cup form.

Dalmeny, 4yrs, 7st, won the A.J.C. Rous Handicap, one mile and three furlongs, under 7st 2lb, beating Sir Evan, 7st 10lb, and Maulder, 7st 6lb, and is evidently useful.

Still Water, 4 yrs, by Far Niente from Rivala, has a second at Moonee Valley, and a second win at Sydney Tattersall's to credit.

Eleanor, 3 yrs, by Haut Brion from Trieste, showed great pace, and beat Abundance in the V.R.C. Sires Produce Stakes and may win.

Chatter, 3 yrs, by Carlyon from Small Talk, was a good two-year-old, but failed badly in the Adelaide St. Leger, and as yet Carlton's stock have failed to stay, though he could stay all day.

Wild Bush, 3 yrs, now 8st 2st, including 5lb penalty, is by Maxwell from Planetsite, he is half brother to Blundeer, and like him has high speed, but as yet his sire has not got a stayer, and the journey may be too long for him.

Rhyn dg, 3 yrs, now has 6st 13lb, including 5lb penalty, is by Harmonist from Calypso, and is a fine powerful horse who might be better with a few pounds more. He is very stoutly bred, as his dam is by the Yattenden horse, Chiltern, and goes back to Stockwell and Bay Gown's family, and his recent form under weight is very attractive.

Silenus, 3 yrs, by Valasia from Aria, reads more like pace than a two mile performer.

Strata Florib, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb, by Grafton from Stella Florib, is very stoutly bred, and is the property of the Hon. Duncan Gillies, M.L.C., a lover who, while in England where he now is, won this race with Bianco. He is a very large weight to carry, though he can gallop

(To be continued.)

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

Bell-Lady Angela Forbes (Mrs. Nathaniel Watts) Magazine, in reprint of "Ben Jonson's Execration against Vulcan," has a delightful story of Scrapton. Tired of part of the old gentleman's collection of rubbish, one of the heirs, Mr. Michael Scrapton, decided to sell it by auction. Among the lots was a set of Ben Jonson's works, which, however, the auctioneer described as "the Rev. Ben Jonson's works." The Ring Master of the show was delighted, and his wife was at the best and prettiest of the whole business. She was those cute boys and girls, gathered in, by Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and now a dozen of physical health, are, we learn, now dependent on the Homes. In the bygone part of the year 7,257 orphans, destitute, or waif cripple were maintained, and 8,980 separate applications were dealt with, of which 2,722 being absolutely destitute, were forthwith admitted—the rising population of London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol, Manchester, Sheffield, and Leeds furnishing the largest number. Up to date the Institutions have emigrated 13,340 boys and girls, chiefly of them to Canada, where in two is a hundred have fulfilled the motto by rising to wealth, more than others throughout this country, is ready to find lodging and to deliver who are in the battle of life other by dividing it out by means of physical drafts. We regret to record that Dr. Barnardo has had for a time to lay aside the cares of management, and complete medical rest has been ordered. The story of the Magazine will be read with deep and keen interest. Copies of it (published for the Head Office of the Institute at 18 & 25 Stepney Causeway, London E.), &c.

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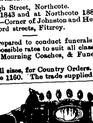

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EDRIE'S LEGACY.

By the Authoress of "The Two Keys," "Dorothy's Fortune," &c.

CHAPTER XXI.

EDRIE'S FAREWELLS.

She returned after a minute or two with the purse in her hand. It was a pretty little affair with silver clasps, which Professor Reiffenberg had purchased as a gift for her when he was last there, that very morning, the money she had earned by singing in his choir.

"You do not know how rich I feel, Doctor Field," she said, gaily, as she held her purse up before him. "I have earned forty pounds during the last ten weeks, and it is such a delightful sensation. Now, please, state the amount of my indebtedness to you, and give me the pleasure of paying the first bill I have paid in my life from my own earnings."

The young doctor regarded her with a smile of pleasure, mingled with tenderness.

She was very pretty standing there, Dr. Field thought, as he said, gaily, as he shook that flush of pleasure on her cheeks, her lips smiling, her eyes gleaming, with delight over possessing forty pounds that she had earned herself.

Her form was filling out into beautiful proportions, for she was not a perfect oval, while her hair, which was growing in quantity and silkiness, lay in soft, glossy rings all about the little forehead, making a pleasing contrast with her pure complexion.

Doctor Field thrilled with sudden pain, as Edrie's fresh beauty swept over him.

He loved this fair girl—day by day she had been rising herself about his heart, until she had gradually made him her own, and now, at the thought of her going away, to be gone so long, he felt bereft, rebellious.

He arose and took her pretty hands—one in each of his.

"Miss Brown—Edrie," he said, in a tone which he tried in vain to keep from trembling, "I cannot take your money—the first money of which you are so proud—and worthily—of having earned, but you must give me something else—if you will—that I should value even more highly than a golden fortune, were it in your power to bestow one upon me."

Edrie glanced up in surprise when he began to speak, but as her eye met his gaze, and fell at the love that throbbed in his heart, her head drooped, the flush of gladness faded from her cheek, and an expression of pain settled about her mouth.

"It is your love, my darling, that I crave," Walter Field went on, his voice growing more tremulous with suppressed feeling, "your dear heart that I would win, and mine is nearly crushed by the thought of your approaching absence. I could not let you go without telling you this and asking you to give me some hope that I may claim you when you come back. You shall be my wife. I look up, Edrie, and—let me read in your dear eyes the love for me which I yearn, speak and tell me that I have not sued in vain."

For a full minute there was not a sound in the room, save that of the ticking of the tall, old-fashioned clock in the corner. The young girl stood before her eager lover, startled, confused, shrinking, while he gazed upon her with a look of love and yearning that is beyond description.

At last, when the silence was becoming unbearable, Edrie lifted a pair of troubled eyes, and said, in a pained voice, as she released her hands from his clasp:

"Oh, Doctor Field, why have you told me this?—I am sorry—I—"

"Sorry" he interrupted, in a quick, startled tone. "Pray, pray do not say that," and his face grew white with a sudden fear.

"But I must—I cannot tell you how sorry—"

"Why?" he cried, catching his breath audibly, as a feeling as if somebody had dealt him a cruel, unexpected blow.

"Because you have been so kind to me —I owe you so much and—I cannot bear to grieve you pain," she faltered, brokenly.

"Cannot bear to give me pain," he repeated, mechanically, while his eyes searched her now downcast face with a look of misery that it was well she did not see. "Then do not, dear," he pleaded, "tell me that you will love me —that I may have that one hope to feed upon during the long year you are away."

"I cannot—I cannot! why—why did you have to say this to me?" she almost sobbed, unnerved by the sound of the misery in his voice.

"Cannot, Oh, Edrie!" Walter Field cried with white lips.

"Is it because of your hopes, because of the brilliant prospect before you—because you cannot give up the fame and glory that await you for the quiet routine of domestic life? Darling, I will wait. You shall have your fill of the fame and glory first. I will be very patient, I will come to see me in the end—by and by, when you are sated with the homage of the world—only give me the treasure of your love and your promise that I may ultimately claim you as my wife."

"No, no, I cannot," she replied.

"Edrie—oh, why?" he entreated.

"There is another man—perhaps I do not love you," she returned, sadly.

It cost her a pang to make this avowal, but his intense earnestness convinced her that this was the only proper way for her to act.

The young man saw from her sorrowstrained manner that she believed he was true, and he was after prepared to meet, after reluctantly accepting as positive truth his mistaken belief, a denial summarily—hastily—in truth of what he might have justly construed into a half-hearted effort to escape his importunities.

"Edrie," he said, in a voice that broke down entirely when at length they met each other's gaze, but among the many varied, yet vessel slowly steamed out from the port. "Edrie, Edrie descended to her statesroom, accompanied by Mrs Reiffenberg, who had attempted to find her self-possessing-ease an elegant basket of flowers, together with a package of books, every small case of "Reminders for Invalids" filled with full directions for their use. By their side lay a card with the name of Walter Field written upon it, and she knew that he must have stepped aboard the steamer during the interval of the two days previous, upon this token of his remembrance.

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But the signal came at last for all those who were not going to sweep over the seas, and Edrie knew that the supreme moment had come.

She found it even harder than she had thought.

She clung to Belle, of whom she had grown extremely fond, with almost a painful clasp, said a few words to Mr Graham, and then turned to Walter Field.

He alone could not speak; he knew he ought not to have come, but it was impossible for him to stay away. Edrie's magnified look upon her face, held her hand for a moment in a vise-like grip, then turned away, and looked not once back as the steamer, in its course down the pier, pleading as excuse to his friends that he must attend to their horse, and would wait for them at the carriage, he hurried away, and was lost to sight.

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"I will remember," Edrie answered, reverently, and then, with one more kiss, one last, lingering hand-pressure, she went out from that humble home to the brilliant fortune awaiting her.

When she reached the steamer, she found Mr Graham, with Walter Field and Belle already there, watching for her, and the spirit's pleasant hour with them in looking over the grand ship that was to bear her across the mighty deep.

But the signal came at last for all those who were not going to sweep over the seas, and Edrie knew that the supreme moment had come.

She found it even harder than she had thought.

She clung to Belle, of whom she had grown extremely fond, with almost a painful clasp, said a few words to Mr Graham, and then turned to Walter Field.

He alone could not speak; he knew he ought not to have come, but it was impossible for him to stay away. Edrie's magnified look upon her face, held her hand for a moment in a vise-like grip, then turned away, and looked not once back as the steamer, in its course down the pier, pleading as excuse to his friends that he must attend to their horse, and would wait for them at the carriage, he hurried away, and was lost to sight.

Edrie watched her kind friends as they remained in each other's side, broke down entirely when at length they moved away, and then sat among the passengers as the vessel slowly steamed out from the port.

When Edrie descended to her stateroom, accompanied by Mrs Reiffenberg, she was surprised to find her cabin filled with a magnificent basket of flowers, a large-size elegant basket of flowers, together with a package of books, every small case of "Reminders for Invalids" filled with full directions for their use. By their side lay a card with the name of Walter Field written upon it, and she knew that he must have stepped aboard the steamer during the interval of the two days previous, upon this token of his remembrance for her.

"How kind! how thoughtful!" Edrie murmured, "how kind every one has been to me!" and a tender blessing was wafted back to poor upon the friends whom she had left behind.

During all this time the detectives at Boston were busily searching for the supposed murderer of Daniel Campbell, and the newspapers were filled with positive assertions of the family to the effect that was that Edrie Brown had poisoned the wine, out of motives of revenge that they were loathed to state, as they spent years in the search for the heiress, only to be disappointed. Nobody had been discovered.

No one had seen Edrie Brown that winter's morning; no one noticed her as she passed together with Mrs Graham entering the station in town to the express train, which was about to start on its way to Boston, and the detectives were mystified, baffled, when the fact that she had disappeared in the most unaccountable manner became known to them.

The tragedy had created but very little excitement anywhere outside of New England. An item or two regarding it had been copied from Boston periodicals into some of the New York papers, but this was all while Edrie lay so very ill in the Grahams' humble home, and the family had not even seen them, while she was as securely hidden with them as if she had been in the remotest corner of the globe.

When she began to recover she had often longed for her dear Mrs Campbell, with her kind smile and encouraging word, for Helena's lively chatter and the any company that she constantly brought into the house; but most of all she longed for Harold with all the strength of her loving heart, for the lingering glance of his eye as it met hers, for the softening tone of his voice had become so dear to her whenever he spoke to her, and for the hundred little attentions that had come to her from the moment of his coming to him.

When she found she was going abroad she felt as if she must hear something of them, that she could not go without knowing that they were all well and had not entirely forgotten her. She prepared to write and tell Mrs Campbell of her plans, and then she resolutely refrained, and come to her, but she steadfastly resisted the impulse, even though she knew how she would rejoice with her. She was far too proud, after what she had heard Mr Campbell say about her, to throw herself in the way of Harold, to force herself that she would never again consent his mercies—that he might have—hastily on—think of—as he might have justly done—a mere bid for notice—an effort to make him come nearer, "but I will not say farewell to you just now in your presence, for I shall see you again, and the Goodness!"

The "Peronia" was advertised to sail at noon on Wednesday.

Edrie and Professor Reiffenberg and his wife sailed for Edrie, and then she had farewell had to be said to Mrs Graham, and the young girl felt that this unexpected parting was the most severe ordeal the hardest trial that she had ever experienced.

"I shall never forget your goodness to me," she said, with a burst of tears, as she threw her arms around Mrs Graham's neck and hid her trembling eyes upon her shoulder.

The woman had roamed like a mother to her, in her own, her gentleness, and tenderness had touched her.

She had tried to come to some satisfactory arrangement with Professor Reiffenberg, but neither he nor his wife would

CHAPTER XXII.

EDRIE MAKES A NEW ACQUAINTANCE.

The "Peronia" had a delightful passage. The weather was perfect, the winds favorable, and the sea unusually quiet, and smooth all the way over. Very few of the passengers were sick, there was a jolly company on board, a large number of young people among the passengers, and everybody and fully enjoyed themselves.

Edrie was up every day, remaining with a smile

the joyous faces, and merry voices were like a lovely poem to Edrie, who, well wrapped in shawls and rugs, lay back in her steamer chair and watched what was going on about her with a sense of restful enjoyment such as she had never before known.

"I am very idle—I am lazy," she said one day to the professor, with a dreamy smile, when he came upon her, sitting with folded hands and in a dreamy mood.

"Idleness is good on the sea," he replied, "it is not good to work either with the brain or the body—the energy—the vitality will all come back when once we get on land again."

But he would make her go twice a day with him and his wife to the upper deck, where they paced briskly back and forth for a full hour for exercise, and Edrie always came down with her cheeks glowing and her eyes sparkling with exhilaration.

The evenings were more lively, for there were many charming and cultivated people among the voyagers, and they arranged for some entertainment in the grand salon from eight to ten.

Edrie sang, recited, declaimed, and made speeches; a mock trial, which lasted nearly two hours, and made endless good evening music, both vocal and instrumental, was arranged to make the time pass most enjoyably.

Edrie entered heartily into the spirit of it all, assisted in getting up a number of these merry affairs, and was elected at Hollyhurst by Helena and some of her friends to act as vice-president in several tableaux, where she looked her part—a beautiful coachable statue, Helena said, and was the witnesses in the box, and the public admiration, then, Vocal or instrumental ?

"Vocal."

"Do you intend to go upon the stage?" asked the professor's wife.

"Yes, I must, for I have my own way to make in the world."

Edrie almost wondered at herself for speaking so freely, but she liked him and more and more.

She did not find a cabin steward, although one was on the entire length of the corridor.

"They must all be busy," she thought. "I wonder if I could not get the vial filled with water, which is my custom every night, and fifty-four must be near it.

She turned and went back until she came to it. Putting aside the curtains, she peered within.

Yes, on the dressing-case there was a small bottle of medicine.

She stepped inside and took it, and as she did so, there was a quick sound in the room behind her, and a man's voice, saying, "Ah, Mr Richard is the name of that young lady, I wonder if he is an invalid, or whether he is merely suffering from sea-sickness? I have not seen him passed question and gave the vial to him.

"Thank you, young lady," he grave fully said. "I am sorry to have given you the trouble."

It was no trouble at all," she replied, gaily. Edrie remarked, simply, and then she added: "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"No, I thank you, I will sit down and talk to me for a little while," the gentleman said, inviting to a chair by the window, while his eyes lingered wistfully upon her bright face.

Edrie sat down, remarking with a smile:

"I have not seen you before during the voyage, I think you must have been ill."

"There can be no doubt about it. I have been horribly sick," he replied, with a comical grimace. "This is my first experience on the sea, and a miserable one it has been, too. I was never able to lift my head from my pillow since we left New York until to-day. But I hope that the worst of it is over. Have you been a good sailor?"

"Not at all. Why, on every moment of the voyage," she said, brightly. "There is something very exhilarating in

THE MARVELLOUS CENTURY PLANT.

[Contributed on Magazine Night at the Kth. Suburban Horticultural Society.]

(By Professor De Prince of Wales' Park).

I feel a good deal of hesitation about writing this paper. It is not a story written by a person who has been drinking whisky punch, or has had a nightmare, but a plant paper and a record of events that actually happened.

It has always seemed to me that village life is the happiest and most comfortable, and that the busy city man who would establish his home where he can have repose without inconvenience and discomfort, should place it amid the trees and flowers, and by the grassy highways of some pretty hamlet, where the noise of the world's greater commerce never comes and where isolation and companionship are both possible without an effort.

Such a home planted judiciously in a half-acre, where children can romp and play, and where one can cultivate a few flowers and vegetables, mingling the sentimental heliotrope with the practical cabbage, and the ornamental verbena with the useful onion, may be made an earthly paradise.

There must not be too much ground, for then it becomes a burden and a care. There's few city men who have the agricultural impulse so strong in them that they will find delight after a day of mental labor and excitement, in reaping a garden with a hoe in the hope of securing a vegetable harvest. A very little exercise of that kind in most cases suffices to moderate the horticultural ambition of the inexperienced citizen. Half a pleasant enough to weed a few flowers, or to trace a spadeful or two of earth about the roots of the grape-vine when you feel disposed to an hour's industrious exercise; but when the garden presents tasks which must be performed, no matter the frame of the mind or the condition of the body, you are apt for the first time to have a thorough appreciation of the meaning of the curse inicted against the ground when Adam when forth from Eden.

It is far better and cheaper to hire a competent man to cultivate the little field; then, in your leisure moments, you may set out the cabbage plants upside down, and place pans for the strawberry vines to slumber upon, knowing you may do evil or leave it will be corrected on the morrow when the offender is far away, and when the manipulation of the agricultural expert, muttered as he relieves the vegetables from the jeopardy in which ignorance has placed them, cannot reach your ears.

Adding to my ignorance until I joined the North Suburban Horticultural Society, I was in the market one evening and was allured by an expert to purchase a plant true to name, viz., the "American Agave," or Century Plant. The expert, for he was the same, said it had belonged to his grandfather, and he consented to part with it only because he was in extreme poverty. Poor expert! He informed me that the plant grew but half an inch in twenty years, and blossomed but once in a century. The last time it bloomed according to information obtained from the grey-haired grandsire of the man, was in 1702, and it would, certainly, burst out again in 1902.

Patriotism, and a desire to have such a curiosity in the family, induced me to purchase it at the price of £10 10s. I planted the phenomenon on the south side of the house against the wall. Two days afterwards I called my wife's attention to the fact that the Agave had grown nearly three feet since it was placed in the ground. This seemed somewhat strange after what the expert said about the growth of half an inch in two decades, but we concluded that the surprising development must be due to the extraordinary fertility of the soil, and "Queenie," my wife, exulted as she thought how we had beaten the expert by getting a century plant so much larger and so much more valuable than we had supposed. My wife said the expert would be entirely mad if he should call and see that century plant of his grandfather's getting up out of the ground so splendidly.

That afternoon we left for our summer residence on the Merri Creek and remained there two weeks. Quite long enough!

Upon our return the first thing we went to see was how our century plant was coming on. My wife suggested gloomily that she should be history deputised it if had perished from neglect during our absence. But it was not dead. We saw it as soon as we came near the house. It had grown since my departure a trunk as thick as my leg, and the branches ran completely over three sides of the house and the window shutters, which were closed so tightly that we had to chop the century plant away with an hatchet. Over the roof, down the chimney, which was filled with foliage that it would not draw, and over the grape vine arbor in such a fashion that we had to cut away vines and all to get rid of the intruder. The roots also had thrown out shoots over every available square foot of the yard, so that I had eight or ten thousand century plants "all fix for pot plant distribution" in an exceedingly thriving condition, while a branch had grown through the wood shed window and was getting on so finely that we could only reach the wood by tramping though a kind of East Indian jungle. I said to my wife "Queenie" I'm kind of sorry I bought that Century. I have half an idea that the expert who sold it to me was a humorist and that his revolutionary grandfather was an octogenarian fraud.

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V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE HANDICAPS.

(Continued).

The Corsican, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb, including 5lb penalty, is by The Admiral from The Dauphine, and is a very improving horse, and may have a say at the finish.

Clifton, 4 yrs, by Grafton from Loch Ess, 6st 12lb, won the S.A.J.C. City Handicap, but has since run disappointingly.

The Mid-shipman, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb is full brother to the Corsican: he seems to need age.

Devilment, 4 yrs, by Light Artillery from Gehenna, has no performance of merit.

Ossan, 4 yrs, by Grafton from Robina, has no places to his credit.

Falirk, 4 yrs, by Wallace from Umilla, has been a sad disappointment hitherto, but shows signs of improvement.

Point Piper, 3 yrs, by Projectile from Hirondelle, 6st 11lb, showed pace as a two-year-old, but has not scored since.

Lochkley, 3 yrs 6st 11lb, by Padlock from Jess, I should deem an unlikely starter.

Merton Steel, 3 yrs, by Dalmeny from Cast Steel, won a race as a two-year-old at Hawkesbury.

Fire Clay, 4 yrs 6st 10lb, by Rurnall from Deodee, won a couple of two year old races with light weights.

Bon Voyage, 5 yrs, 6st 10lb, by Mostyn from Thebes, was a smart three-year-old, and easily beat Seclusion at Caulfield, just before the A.J.C. Meeting, but since running almost favourite, ran badly in the Epsom Handicap, and may not like a journey.

Prince Willie, aged, 6st 10lb, by Martini-Henri—Iolanthe, is badly clean in wind or sound enough for a Melbourne Cup.

Lowland Chief, 6 yrs, 6st 10lb, by Arcenis, has been a good performer over hurdles, but may be unreclaimed here.

Cortes, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb, by Wallace—Harvest Home, won a Bowlish Stakes and ran third to Brahpan in the Easter Stakes.

Seaport, 5 years, by Portera from Opera, is bred to stay, and ran well up in the cup last year, and may have a chance.

St. Mars, 5 yrs, 6st 10lb, by Bill of Portland from Florence Nightingale, was a Paris Stakes at Hawkesbury as his only recommendation.

Carcoes, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb, by Grafton from Care, is a decidedly smart filly, winning the V.R.C. Prince's Handicap easily from Merriang. That filly may be dangerous.

Lord Middleton, 3 yrs, by Gipsy from Lady Norah, ran fairly well as a two-year old, but showed no form at the A.J.C. meeting.

Carisbrin, 6 yrs, 6st 9lb, by Gossoon—Trinette, will find the journey too long for her.

Honeybee, 5 yrs, by Zalinski—Busy Bee, ran well in the Toorak Handicap, but may like a shorter course.

Gannon, 3 yrs, by Grafton from Bela, was a fair two-year-old, and may stay.

Peter, 3 yrs, by Preston from Submission, has never run.

Iweia, a bay colt, by Bill of Portland from Mersey's daughter, Chelsea Lass, sister, is in Wakelin's stable, and has been cantering at Caulfield.

Futurings, aged, 6st 9lb, by Forbes—Becoming, was won hosts of country, but is outclassed here.

Mandore, 4 yrs, by Correge from N'Anjo, ran a great race with Rimosky at Caulfield and was second as a three-year-old to the Rose Handicap, and may stay a chance.

Headland, 5 yrs, by Bill of Portland from Mountain Lass, has been unplaced in the country.

Merriang, 3 yrs, by Harmonist from Anarchy, has pace, but stays badly.

Oakwood, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Pilgrim—Progres- from Vendetta, is bred to stay, and gained places as a two-year-old.

War Chief, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Wallace from Flash, may need time. I should not fancy him here.

Seclusion, a bay mare, 6 yrs, by Carnage from The Nun, has recently shown brilliant form, defeating in the Metropolitan Stakes such horses as Royalty, Acasta man, and Bonnie Chief, but she and Royalty claimed a 14lb allowance off weight for age; still this form gives her a decided chance if the elect of the stable.

The Carraker, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Gibraltar from Jacintha, has yet to earn winning brackets.

Robert Bruce, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Wallace from Juanna, ran fairly well as a two year-old, but gave his trainer a lot of trouble.

Easton, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Grafton from Sir Katherine, won a couple of two-year-old events in Sydney.

Blue Spec, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb, by Trenton from Specsia, ran second to Coolabah in the Caulfield Guineas, and ran well at Flemington recently, and ran well in the Caulfield Guineas in Sydney.

The Vice Admiral, 3 yrs, by The Admiral from the Heroine, has no form as yet.

Billali, Bobadil's brother, has recently won a race, while Madagascar ran second to Flagship at Moonee Valley recently.

It thus seems that Wakefield, Blue Metal, Patronage, Chester, Brahpan, Debentate, The Persian, Fend, Patronage, Acasta, Abundance, Bullion, Eleanor, Industrious, Onrah, Rhapsody, The Corsican, Lowland Chief, Seaport, Manilde, Seclusion, Blue Spec, Rienzi, Grafin, Athanie, and Billali would furnish the winner, and for places I would select

The Persian	... 1
Abundance	... 2
Blue Metal, Patronage, or Seaport	... 3

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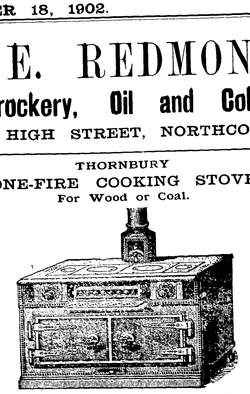

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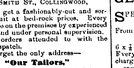

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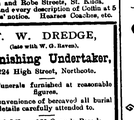

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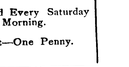

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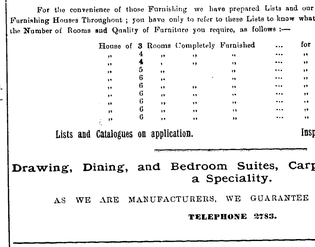

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SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

Northcote is getting quite an interesting appearance, and the large number of state advertisements in the issue has a distinctly local flavor. The Public Library, which is now to be held in connection with the Library Committees at the Town Hall, is to be opened on Nov. 1, the following extract from the description in *Brandrum*, a New South Wales publication, show what a subject of interest at the present time is the proposed contest at Northcote. Some of your readers no doubt have dabbled this a second-class entertainment, but I am sure that the second class is the concern. The prospectus sets forth that the contest is open to all bona-fide amateur bands, and it is to have special reference to the test-piece for the contest. The prizes of music chosen in relation to the test-piece, and in relation to the man in the tent, and if a band does not play the test-piece it cannot win the test-piece: "Gems of Stillman" or "Flora di Amenti" or whatever they will be are not second-class. Another thing, too much patter about second-class prizes will not do, as the expenses to some bands, who are only to a second-class contest, are very great. The idea that it is *very* dig to compete in an alleged second-class contest. It is to be thoroughly understood that what is wanted is for all our suburban workers to get their war paint on and toe the mark.

An interesting event of next month is the two-day spring flower show under the auspices of the North Suburban Horticultural Society. The object of the mayor is to open the show at the Northcote town hall on Friday evening, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. The season having been so favorable, it is confidently expected that a beautiful lot of exhibits will be staged. A concert programme has also been arranged for the attraction of visitors and a further strong inducement to attend is the fact that every person paying a shilling ticket will receive a valuable pot plant on leaving the show.

A meeting of the electors of East Ivanhoe Borough, convened by Mr. W. H. Dennis, was held at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening last with the object of arranging for a presentation to the Ivanhoe Councillors, Cr. Gordon Hill, and Alphington to Mr. D. McInnes, ex-M.L.A., in recognition of long services rendered by these parts of the constituency. A number of gentlemen attended, and it was decided that a subscription lists should be issued, the largest contributor to get the mantel ornament. The meeting adjourned until Thursday evening next, the 30th October.

The new numbers for East Ivanhoe Borough, Messrs. Anstey and Hackford, M.L.A., were the guests of the Northcote Town Council on Monday evening. While the luncheon was going on they were accommodated with seats on the Mayor's left, and after the Mayor's room they made the acquaintance of the Council, and individually and in reply to the toast of their health promised to work together for the welfare of this portion of their electorate.

It is a treat to drive along the Epping road through Thomastown and Epping just now. The pastures are verdant, while the crops look simply magnificent, being all cut in vat, and individually cases more than fence high. The harvesting of the bountiful hay crop will shortly begin. The richness of the soil hereabouts here is the golden shadow of high prices.

LOCALISMS.

Hospital Sunday to-morrow. Remember the charities.

Competition finals to-night. A splendid display of musical and elocutionary talent.

Advance Northcote!—The "New Shop" opens this day with a complete, new, and fashionable stock of Drapery, Men's and Boys' Clothing. Visit the New Shop. (Advt.)

The comedietta, "Barbara," a bright and attractive little piece will be played at the town-hall, Northcote, this evening.

Their handmaster being otherwise engaged the Northcote Temperance Military Band will not play on Hospital Sunday, but will give a performance on November 9 for the benefit of the charitable institutions.

Every purchaser of a shilling ticket for the show will receive a valuable pot plant.

Cr. Bonnis, the returning officer, notifies that an election of five members of the Board of Advice will be held on the 20th November. Nominations must be posted or 32 Walker street before or on Saturday, 15th inst.

Mr. F. T. Hodgen, M.L.A., was entertained at a complimentary smoke-night by his friends and supporters in the recent election.

Messrs C. K. Jamieson and R. d. Mudie's auctioneers throughout the week will be found in the vicinity of Northcote, under their local auctioneer to be a resident in the district, and will be found at the rear of Land Hyett and Co.'s office.

The Northcote Public Library Committee will hold a meeting at the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening, 28th inst., at 8 o'clock, when the question of the appointment of librarian will be considered. Applications, stating salary required, and accompanied by testimonials, should be forwarded to the Secretary, Mr. Bolton, not later than Monday, 27th inst.

The Northcote Methodist Church Anniversary Celebrations commenced on Sunday last. The anniversary services in connection with the above were conducted on Sunday last. The anniversary sermons were preached by A. R. Elgar was to preach in the morning owing to a previous engagement. His text was "And a cloud received Him out of their sight." Brief summaries of the discourse was a really earnest, powerful and eloquent appeal to the unsaved to accept Christ at once, as itself but to go for nothing less than Christ in the heart and life. The devotional part of the services was impressive, and the choir irreproachable. The collection was given to the coming of Him for their enterprise, and the proceeds were the Rev. Archibald M'Cann respectively.

The anniversary was further celebrated by a grand tea-meeting and coffee supper at the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, and a recent seat remaining, and the event passed off with success and gave pleasure to all. The floral and other decorations were under the direction of Mrs. Hall and Miss Hall, assisted by Misses Hall, Hall, Hall,

ONE AGAINST TWO.

A Short Story.

A June sea lay at our feet, a golden future stretched over the horizon, and only whispers were of love until——

"A thousand apologies, my dear sir, but are you aware that the lady beside you is already betrothed?"

The wholly unexpected interruption was sufficiently disconcerting in itself, but the information conveyed was none the less staggering because of the quietly modulated voice of the speaker.

Ross Delumi sprang from my side and faced the two men who had so inopportunely broken in upon our love-making.

"Giulio! You?" she breathlessly exclaimed.

"Giulio, your brother!" laughingly responded the young man. "and Giovanni, too. You are surely not ill-surprised to meet Giovanni Corbona? Have you no word of welcome for your brother and—your fiancé?"

"None!" quickly returned Ross.

"None?" echoed Giulio, and haughtily translated the state of affairs to his Italian-speaking friend.

"Because," added Ross, "I own no brother. I have told you that before, Giulio."

"Yes," laughed Giulio. "But then you are only a woman, then whom even my luck at cards is not more variable, and I have laughed at you. But, and his brows knitted menacingly, "it is different with my friend Giovanni. You have given your word to marry Giovanni——"

"Never! I defy you to prove it!" interrupted Ross.

"Then let me say that I, as head of our family, gave it for you. I, as head of our family, command you to marry Giovanni and I have forsaken my home in Italy and journeyed to England—the land of cold and calculating Englishmen—to claim a bride and a sister."

For on the situation had become intolerable.

"I am fain that I should say," I interjected, "that your sister and I, Signor Delumi, have exchanged tokens of affection. None at the moment, it is perhaps appropriate for me to say, and I will now—unless your sister wishes me to stay—step still along the cliffs."

"Go as it still pleases you," turned to Ross, and she spoke in French.

"I shall see you again very shortly?" I queried.

"Within the hour," she replied, and I turned away.

Certainly I had much cause for reflection. While water still whitened the streets of my native town I had, at the bidding of my doctor, sought health and repose in the little Devon village where, at the foot of the hills, with the sea murmuring in the bay, nestled still the flowers of spring.

In that obscure nook I had found another visitor—Ross Delumi, accredited, like myself, in search of repose.

The Fates were at work. We fell in love, we exchanged vows, we were going to be married.

I had related my life story; Ross had frankly (I thought) returned my confidence.

Her mother, an Englishwoman of some note, had married, against her parents' commands, an Italian adventurer, who, having squandered her fortune, was killed in a brawl. His wife soon after succumbed to the shock, and Ross, an orphan, returned to England—never forgetting that her mother's people had deserted her—leaving her brother, Giulio, in Italy to his own notorious life.

But of Giovanni Corbona I had heard not a word. Why had Ross never mentioned his name? What was the precise nature of the bond that Giulio had now referred to?

Utterly bewildered, I presently swung myself about, and saw Ross and the two men bearing down upon me.

"We have come to an agreement, the signor, my sister, and I," exclaimed Giulio.

"You see, my friend will not believe that his cause is hopeless. Actually enough he suspects that absence alone has made my sister forget him, and so we have arranged that the whole matter shall remain in abeyance for two weeks, during which period my sister will refresh her memories either with you or with Signor Giovanni, while she decides, once for all, always. If her affections have been definitely transferred, or fear-struck—she has recently but imagined herself to be in love."

The rapidly-spoken words came to a halt at last, and I, scarce realising the position, looked helplessly at Ross for guidance.

You will agree, Lionel?" she queried wistfully.

"Of course," I said, "if you wish it."

"And you will trust me?"

"For a fortnight," she corrected.

"Only for a fortnight."

And so, for the nonce, we parted.

II

But for Ross's declaration of constancy, I should have taken greater alarm at the interference of the two Italians, though they gave me not the slightest cause.

Giovanni Corbona went off to London, and each day as I strolled across the cliffs, arm-in-arm with hope and fear, I met Ross walking with her brother, and while she was always busy there was a loving smile as we passed. Giulio treated me to a respectful bow, and I had reason to the reflection that all would be well for me at the end of the long-and dreary fortnight.

Still, it was a weary, anxious time, and when I ticked off the seventh day, and thought of the week of doubt, and conflict, and miserable self-communing to follow, I could not say that I was happy.

Especially so, on the eighth day, Giovanni returned, while on the ninth morning I myself saw him enter the little cottage (which Giulio and Ross were renting from an absent artist) that stood on the brink of the bay about half a mile from the village.

Straightway I suspected treachery, and when, on the tenth day, I passed Giovanni on the cliffs, walking by Ross's side, while Giulio lingered in the rear, it was as if my heart, suddenly petrified, refused to perform its function.

But worse was to come. Ross passed me without so much as a glance, and Giulio, who feared I recalled him, bowed with a supercilious ostentation that was almost insulting.

Had Giovanni won? It was not fair, of course, that he should be given the opportunity of walking with Ross each day

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Public Works Department, intimating that R. H. Lovell would be the Government auditor, at a fee of £5 5s.—Received.

From T. Lynch, making application for the use of the shire hall for a social on November 5th—Granted, on the motion of Cr. Morgan.

From Frederick Dunn, public analyst, stating that he had received no samples of food and drink for analysis for past quarter.—Received.

From C. C. Shoppee, M.L.A., asking this council's co-operation in the matter of erecting a memorial at Kyabram to commemorate the reform movement.

Cr. Hansen moved that the letter be simply received. He thought they could do better with their money. Cr Morgan seconded the motion. He did not consider it desirable to carry out the proposal.

The president supported the motion, remarking that any surplus money they had could be spent in providing grass for starving stock. Carried.

From J. W. Welsby, stating he had ascertained that a mare he had lost, and which was impounded, had been sold to Mr. Zimmer for £10 5s. He desired to know how he could recover the balance after the poundage expenses had been paid, and applied to the council for same.

From James Boyle, poundkeeper stating that the expenses in connection with the impounding of the mare sold on first October for £10 5s was £3 2s 9d.

Cr. Hansen moved that Mr. Welsby be asked for a statutory declaration as to the identity of the horse.

Cr. Morgan seconded. Carried.

From Andrew Graham, claiming balance of £8 5s in connection with the sale of a bay horse which had been sold by the poundkeeper belonging to him.

From poundkeeper, stating the horse, had been sold for £11 5s, and the expenses were £3.

It was decided to ask for a statutory declaration in this case also.

From secretary Women's Hospital, stating that the use of patient's names on the cards overhead in the midwifery department has been entirely abolished.

From Mr. Ebsworth, solicitor for Mr. T. Butler, asking that a balance of £1 17s 6d due on his contract, also amount due for 46 links extra fencing be paid.

Cr. Hansen moved that a reply be sent that the council had decided to pass money before the letter was received.

Cr. McCoy seconded. Carried.

From Gas Co., stating the price of tar had been reduced to 8d per gallon.

Cr. Morgan moved that the engineer report as to the probable cost of tarring the gravel put down in front of the hall. Carried.

From Municipal Association asking the council, through their Parliamentary representatives, to take steps to prevent the reduction of the Government subsidy.

The president said that at the Municipal Association dinner, Mr. E. H. Cameron, Minister of Mines, had told them that they would get £50,000 before Christmas. As there was an impression that this meant that they would get no subsidy next year it was decided that a deputation wait on the Premier. He had not seen the result of that interview.

Cr. Hansen said the Government really owed the second moiety of last year's subsidy and they should get it to pay the clerk's salary.

Cr. Morgan believed if the present intention of the Government was carried out it would mean a loss of £2000 for next year. So long as they got what they expected for last year (which they had actually spent) they were prepared to put up with a reduction in the subsidy for this year.

The president suggested that the Municipal Association be written to asking the result of the deputation to the Premier.

Cr. Morgan moved to that effect. Seconded by Cr. Hansen and carried.

From F. Ewert, asking that a culvert be put down at his gateway in Sharp's lane.—Cr. Hansen moved that the engineer report at next meeting. Carried.

From Constable Connolly forwarding his resignation as sanitary inspector.—Received.

From H. S. Madigan, head teacher State School, applying for the use of the shire-hall for the purpose of holding a concert and ball in aid of the fund for beautifying the school grounds and giving prizes to the children. In the event of the entertainment being a success it might be thought advisable to repeat it about Christmas for the benefit of the library.—Cr. Butler moved and Cr. McCoy seconded that the hall be granted. Carried.

FINANCE.

The treasurer (Mr. Jas. Dea) reported that the receipts for the month had amounted to £239 9s 8d and the present Dr. balance was £438 3s 9d.

The accounts for the month amounting to £47 6s 1d were passed for payment on the motion of Cr. Morgan and McCoy.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1. Have had ruts and holes filled on Gardiner road at a cost of £1 16s.—Received.

2. Re Cooper street west would recommend that about a dozen loads of gravel be placed in the middle of the road and about 15 yards of 2½ inch metal spread on top and then blinded with metal or good road scrapings. The cost would be about £6.—Cr. Hansen moved and Cr. McCoy seconded that the matter stand over for six months. Cr. Morgan said it was very awkward to get over the road with loads of hay at the present time, and he questioned whether the metal would bind when it was put on. The motion was carried.

3. In reference to the cottage the old portion of it being below the surface of the ground is always damp on the eastern floor, and it appears that the joists and floor of the other part are completely rotten and ought to be pulled down and two other rooms erected in their place. The cost would be about £60.

Cr. Hansen said undoubtedly the two old rooms were not fit for human habitation. The caretaker was always in such poor health on account of it that no gentleman would propose to her, and she ought to come on the council for damages. (Laughter). At the same time he knew the council had no £60 to spend on the work.

Cr. Butler moved and Cr. Morgan seconded that the matter stand over for consideration with next year's estimates.—Carried.

4. The drain and water table at Sherwin's, Merrang, have been cleared out by Arnell, and the water table at Hehir's has also been attended to, Mr. Hehir doing the ploughing.

5. Re crossing on Glover's lane, would recommend that a culvert be constructed in the centre of the road, say 20 feet long, cost to be about £9. Two Monier pipes, 21 inch opening, would suit the purpose and be everlasting. The cost would be the same, with extra cost of filling £3.—Cr. Hansen moved that the matter stand over for 3 months, as they really had no money at the present time to do for work. Cr. McCoy seconded.—Carried.

6. The amount paid on T. Butler's contract for fencing Mahoney's road was £-5 7s 6d.—Received.

7. Posts have been erected on the crossing going to McDonnell's as directed on the creek.—Cr. Hansen said he would have a motion concerning this matter to move under ordinary business.

TENDERS.

1. Repairs and improvements to Mort Creek bridge.—The tender of M. Keating at £31 10s was accepted. It was decided also to arrange if poss ble to get some extra work, as recommended by the engineer of Prestonshire, carried out.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Butler asked for leave to withdraw his motion re clearance at Mr. Henderson's till next meeting, in the meantime a deputation consisting of Mrs. McCormack, Butler, and Morgan to meet Mrs. Henderson to see what arrangements can be made. Cr. McCormack seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Hansen moved that engineer report at next meeting as to the cost of putting chutes at the north-east corner of Regent and High street.—Carried.

Cr. McCoy said he thought it was incumbent on them to make Mahoney's road passable for traffic.

Cr. Butler moved that a letter be written to the Preston shire council asking what they were prepared to spend in making the road passable.

Cr. McCoy seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Hansen moved that the engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of boxing out and covering over a water-way at McDonnell's ford, as this work would save the doing of the same work year after year.

Cr. McCoy seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Butler moved that tenders be called at next meeting for the culvert at Gardiner's on the main road, for which specifications had already been prepared. This would be a permanent job and would save periodic expenditure.

Cr. McCoy seconded.

The president said he would not favor the doing of any work that could be done by relief, as they found they were at present in a bad condition, and they had entirely to depend on money in the shape of Government subsidy which they would not get.

Cr. Morgan moved that the local constable be appointed inspector of nuisances and Constable Conolly, of the resignation of £10 a year.

Cr. Butler thought they might save this £10 by appointing Mr. Payne to do the work.

Cr. McCoy seconded the motion, as he thought a constable of police was entitled to carry out the duties of the position better.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Hansen moved that Mr. Payne be appointed ranger at 10s or £1 a year to remove stock that was trespassing in the district.

Cr. Butler seconded.

The president ruled that notice of motion would have to be given.

The president brought up the matter of the want of grass for starving stock. He moved that an advertisement be inserted in the papers asking that landowners make it known if they could accommodate any stock from the drought-stricken districts.

Cr. McCormack seconded.—Carried.

The estate asked for by Cr. Hansen showing the list of allotments in Epping on which no rates had been paid during the past 7, 10, or 15 years, was read by the secretary. The total amount of rates owing on such properties was £41 3s, and the owners were not known.

Cr. Hansen said this matter had gone far enough, and it was time the council took steps to secure itself and get what was due.

It was decided to allow the matter to stand over till next meeting, the legal position in the meantime to be looked up.

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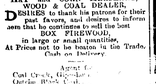

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