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dent, C. F. Cory-Wright, Esq., J.P., for the use of his beautiful grounds, "Northwood," Horsney-lane. The committee take this opportunity to thank him and Mrs. Cory-Wright for their kindness and liberality in offering for competition so many special prizes. The society again tender their best thanks to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and to the Earl of Carlisle for their liberality and support in giving special prizes and subscriptions, also to those who so kindly sent exhibits not for competition, the collection of cacti shown by W. P. Bodkin, Esq., J.P., and the groups sent by Messrs. Cutbush, B. S. Williams, J. Rossell and Son, Mathews and the Manor Farm Gardens, which were greatly admired, and added so much to the success of the show. The competition in all classes was exceedingly good. Year after year the groups of plants form one of the great features of the show, and the amateur and cottagers are to be congratulated on the great merits of their exhibits. Referring to the financial statement, the society commenced the year with a balance in hand £2 14s. 6d., and after paying all accounts the balance standing to the credit of the society is £17 2s. 8½d., which the committee think very satisfactory. The committee have great pleasure in announcing that W. Scring-our, Esq., has consented to become president for 1899, and has kindly placed his beautiful grounds, "Parkfield," at their disposal for this year's show."

ALLOTMENTS.

Messrs. Brooke, Turk and Eason reported:—"We have visited the allotments and cottage gardens on several occasions during the past season and found the cropping of same all that could be desired; the crops, generally, were not so good as we have seen them in former years. This we have no doubt was due, in a great measure, to the exceptionally-dry season we experienced, and also to the fact that the allottees have had their new gardens to attend to. During visited these we are pleased to note the progress that has been made since last year. We think it a pity, knowing the good work that is being done with the allotments, that more space cannot be obtained near Highgate. We have heard of several applications being made to the District Council for plots, and they have been offered the same in or near Totteridge-lane, Muswell Hill. We hope those that have the control or granting of allotments will endeavor to find spaces in near home. The cottage gardens and windows have again been very bright and well kept, the dry season apparently suiting the flowering plants. We again congratulate the cottagers on the management of same."

THE FINANCES.

The following balance-sheet was presented by the committee:—

Receipts—Balance at bank, 1897, £2 14s. 6d.; honorary members, £62 1s. 0d.; ordinary members, £13 18s.; special prizes, £01 19s.; advertisements in schedule, £5 17s.; receipts at gates, £49 0s. 3½; by tickets, £2 5s. 3d.; allotment prize s, £8 5s. Total, £205 3s.

Expenditure—By prizes, £39 7s.; Messrs. Unitents, £30; Woobridge and Co., Trinity-road, £13 16s.; band, seeds, £9; advertisements, £1 9s.; judges, show, £2 2s.; judges, allotments, £1 10s.; superintendents of tents, £2 2s.; till-posting, £2 0s. 6d.; refreshments, £4 7s. 2½d.; seats and tables, £3 5s.; secretary's salary, £10; collecting, £5; postage and stationery, £3 9s. 6d.; expenses at exhibition, £2 1s. 6d.; police, £1 5s.; institution, rent, £1 1s.; allotment prizes, £8 5s.; William account, 7s. 6d.; cheque-book, bank, 2s. 1d.; balance at bank, £19 9s. 8½; in hand, secretary, £1 3s. 0½d.—total, £205 3s.

A GRIEVANCE.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, referred to the eminently satisfactory result of the year's working. They all knew what an exceedingly good show they had, and when they considered that in previous years they were in debt their financial condition would be regarded as most favourable. This result was due to the exertions of the officers and committee, and to the liberality of the president, Mr. Cory-Wright. (Applause.) He wished their sister society was in the same flourishing state. Perhaps it would take a leaf out of their book, and get additional subscribers. With regard to allotments, he was felt that a good deal of sympathy was due to holders for the way in which they had had to clear out. (Hear, hear.) He hoped that they had now seen the end of their allotments and that they would do well. At the same time he was afraid there were many who would be glad to have allotments but could not get them. He could not help feeling that those who had the ability and the property should come forward in their generosity and give them allotments nearer home. (Applause.)

Mr. Bevan seconded, and said the question of allotments was in a most unsatisfactory state. The ground was of higher value than allotment-holders could afford to pay for it, but no doubt some arrangement could be made to get land nearer home. There was a great grievance in the adjoining neighbourhoods as well as in Highgate with regard to this matter.

Mr. Storey said the owners of the ground did not regard the question as they did who wanted it. He owners have said to people, "Here is a plot, a position that the time would come when they would have to let them have it. It had been stated that the land could be obtained excepting at a prohibitive price. He believed that if the Hornsey District Council would look at the matter in a business way they would get the ground. It was frequently the case that they pay for the land in seven years. If the District Council had to provide money for making-up roads and such like they would borrow it and spread the payment over a period of 30 years. The first time they were asked to do anything wholly and solely for the working classes they wanted to repay the necessary loan in seven years. He was very much surprised that their president had not gone a little more out of his way to show his appreciation of the work of his cottagers, and that he had told them there was land two or three miles away. Mr. Cory-Wright had stated publicly that there was plenty of ground for cottagers at Muswell Hill. Surely he did not expect the speaker and his friends at Highgate to do a bit of gardening after having walked a mile and a-half or two miles home! (Applause.)

In reply to Mr. Storey, Mr. Bevan said he believed there was an Act of Parliament which would compel the District Council to purchase land for allotments.

Mr. Storey: Well, compel them to do it, then; and they can spread the repayment of the loan over three thousand years if they like, or make it like the Queen's Wool—"for the public for ever and ever." (Laughter.) This is a public meeting, and what is said to-night may perhaps get into the Newspapers.

Mr. Dixon: If you could induce the District Council to buy the land it would have to be let to produce certain interest on the outlay.

The report and balance-sheet were then adopted.

THE RULES.

One or two minor alterations were made in the rules, and the officers were then elected for the ensuing year.

HIGHBURY CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.

The second annual smoking concert in connection with the Highbury Cricket Club was held on Thursday evening in last week at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters-road, a large attendance being present. Mr. C. Butcher presided, and was supported by Messrs. James Mather, J. Ellwood, C. B. Mellish, Tom H. Hinson (the assistant secretary), Alderman Hom, (treasurer), J. Donald Fletcher (his able assistant), &c. The club are the holders of the Finsbury Park Cricket Association Challenge Cup and medals. They have already arranged 19 matches, and it is hoped that the first year's success will be fully maintained. The first year was gratifyingly successful. The club played 19 matches, of which they won 8, drew 7, and lost 4. They scored 1,876 runs against their opponents' 1,180. The programme on Thursday evening was of an entertaining order. Mr. J. Crumbly proved himself a very clever pianist. The humorous item at was strong and excellent in quality. It was admirably sustained by Messrs. Harry Hall, Percy Tarling, Bert Hughes, Jas. Fish, Jas. Fish, and Sid Grafton—all of whom were accorded hearty receptions. Messrs. C. May Phelps and Eugene Hanson contributed some greatly-appreciated baritone and tenor songs respectively. Mr. James Cuthbertson scored highly as a baritone vocalist, and Mr. W. G. Culmer's descriptive songs were amongst the gems of the programme. The Bohemian Body Tribe—Messrs. Nettleton, Sotton and Pelling—gave specimens of their exceeding ability as instrumentalists. An exhibition of parlour magic and mystery by Mr. Frank Woods was highly appreciated. Mr. Phil Barton's recitations met with a cordial reception. Mr. Ernest Cherry gave his clever Dickens' character impersonations. The Tollington Vocal Quartet—Messrs. Stowell, E. Hanson, Cobbing and Watt—fully sustained their reputation as entertaining and cultured vocalists. The members of the club are to be highly congratulated upon the success of the concert. Encores were the rule of the evening.

At the Hornsey P.S.A., on Sunday, Mr. Arthur Willis spoke on "Gold, the artist among all the metals," and described in an interesting manner the operations of gold mining in South Africa, showing several specimens of gold-bearing quartz.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk.—Sold only in packets and pound tins, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., LTD., Homœopathic Chemists, London."

Notes by the Way.

THE allotments question is greatly exercising the minds of Highgate cottagers, and the opinion was expressed this week that Mr. Cory-Wright had not done quite so much as was desirable in the interests of allotment-holders. I fully sympathise with the cottagers in their present position. It is not very encouraging to them after a hard day's work to be compelled to walk to Muswell-hill in order to engage in a little gardening. But Mr. Cory-Wright, the Lord of the Manor, Hornsey, cannot be blamed for the existing state of affairs. It is a matter of impossibility to secure land nearer Highgate for allotment purposes unless at a prohibitive price, and even if that price be paid the rental would necessarily be high, on the lines of an ordinary investment, for it could not be expected that the Council would exact an extra rate from the general ratepayers in order to provide cheap allotments for a portion of the ratepayers. The only solution of the difficulty is to grin and bear it. We ought to be thankful for small mercies, and, much as I sympathise with the cottagers in their desires, I cannot agree that Mr. Cory-Wright has been wanting in that interest which he invariably displays in the welfare of the people.

HORNSEY horticulturists—as represented by the local Association—are not exactly in what I regard as a thoroughly commendable position. They have finished twelve months with a balance in hand—and also a balance in the hands of the late Secretary. This latter item is an ugly line in the balance-sheet, and ought to be at once wiped off. The loss of the secretary's fees worked well during the year, but the lamentable reduction of the prize-money won at the last exhibition still lingers in many memories. I hope the Association will see the advisability of a little more economy in the future. The bad attendance at an exhibition ought to be no excuse for a deficit in the accounts, for with proper foresight and careful business application a big "gate" can be easily secured. At the last show the entrance money realised a little over £22. For about a five-pound note Lloyd's would guarantee a £50 "gate." This plan has been adopted by a North London Association with satisfactory results. If the Hornsey Horticultural and Allotments Association would like further information with regard to this provision I fancy Mr. Turk can tell them all they need want to know.

ALTHOUGH the accounts of the Association for the past year appear, at a glance, to show receipts amounting to £138 12s., the actual income, apart from balances in hand, was about £118. It is these balances—at least two of them—which attract my notice, and to which the Association should pay particular attention. The year started with a balance of £5 15s. in the treasurer's hands. This was eminently satisfactory. But the same side of the account appears these items:—"Late Secretary, on account of deficit (1897), £6 10s.; balance in hand of Secretary (1897), £7 13s. 7½d." These added together represent a sum which would have been sufficient to have avoided the dissatisfaction expressed by some prize-winners by reason of the reduction of the prize money. In a public Association the treasurer should be the treasurer and not the secretary the secretary. The latter ought not to have the keeping of the purse. With the newly-elected officers, however, I feel convinced that the Association will prosper, and it is to be hoped that any ill-feeling which exists against the society will now be wiped away.

THE Hornsey School Board are desirous that all the Sunday and other school treats to children attending their day schools in each district should be held on the same day, and the idea is worthy of commendation. In such an event the school-room of the district would be closed on the day of the treat. At present the attendances and the progress of the scholars are greatly retarded through Sunday and Friday school treats given on different days. As the Government grant is based to a great extent upon the attendances, the anxiety of the School Board is easily understood. I think a communication from the Board to Sunday Schools authorities would effect the desired end.

HORNSEY teachers are safe in the keeping of the members of the School Board. It is gratifying in these days to know that somebody has an interest in you beyond an interest in your actual work; and doubly gratifying when that somebody is a public authority. It will be seen from the report of the School Board meeting, the position of certain teachers has been assured, and their prospects rendered extremely hopeful. The status of a public school teacher in Hornsey is advancing. The members of the School Board evidently know what they are about, and are determined to retain the services, interests, and respect of their clever staff of teachers.

I AM sure my readers will join me in an expression of sympathy towards Mr. Gaskell, who has left town on account of ill-health. Mr. Gaskell is a hard and thorough worker in the public interest, and it is stated that he contracted his present illness whilst carrying out his committee duties in connection with the Hornsey School Board. I hope all hope Mr. Gaskell will have a very speedy return to health and work, and that his valued services will for many years be at the disposal of the ratepayers.

ANOTHER Bart scheme! Everybody must surely recognise the worth of Mr. Henry Burt as a public man. He has served for everybody, and no sooner has he secured a polling station for Muswell-hill than he has set to work to induce the Hornsey School Board to consider the advisability of opening playgrounds of Hillfield, Mr. Gaskell is a children on Saturdays. The School Board will at a future meeting have the proposal under consideration. Meanwhile the children of the district will bless and glorify Mr. Burt and his thoughtful foresight.

THE Hooligan is not unknown in Hornsey. I was a witness of an exciting scene in the waiting-room at Hornsey Station late the other night. A passenger was waiting for a train, when a man evidently in drink entered the room and without the slightest provocation assumed a menacing attitude towards the gentleman, who, realising that discretion was the better part of valour in such a case, walked round the table. The man threatening followed and proceeded to throw himself of his coat in order that his movements in "killing" his victim might not be impeded. A porter walked past the door of the waiting-room, but took no notice of what he evidently regarded murder. An exciting scene ensued. The attacker and his prey dodged round the table, and eventually the former endeavored to place the table on a chair in order to get at his victim. Fortunately the arrival of the train gave the gentleman an opportunity of diverting the Hooligan's attention and making a successful bolt for the door. No harm was done excepting probably as the result of a flying blow on the proboscis which the attacker received as his victim rushed past him. I wonder what the result would have been if it had happened that a solitary lady was in that waiting-room when the bully arrived!

SOME recent correspondence has attracted notice to the work of School Managers. One of the Hornsey Board's Managers appears to think that they have not enough power. They cannot let the school halls, whilst the St. Michael's, Highgate, Managers can. They can invite the teachers at that school held a "social" in the schoolroom, by permission of the Managers—at a charge of seven shillings and sixpence. I am told that a certain sum was also paid for cleaning. Oh, Now in Hornsey the teachers have got the use of the schools for social or other purposes free. Should the Hornsey teachers wish to agitate against the Board they would do so in the Board's schools by the consent of the Board, and at the Board's expense. At Highgate the "social" was practically part and parcel, I believe, of the parish school teaching. Surely Highgate might take a leaf from Hornsey's book in this instance. The Hornsey teachers must feel grateful that their Managers' powers are limited. Perhaps the St. Michael's Managers will refund the money—perhaps not!

THE Middlesex County Council in consenting to an increase in the number of Guardians for the parishes of Hornsey, Tottenham, and Wood Green have not gone quite so far as the Board of Guardians desired. The County Council were of opinion that Hornsey and Tottenham ratepayers should be represented at each instead of seven, and Wood Green four instead of three. They have granted Hornsey nine, Tottenham eight, and Wood Green four. The Hornsey ratepayers have grounds for complaint to the largest representation, but in the matter of ratable value the advantage rests with Hornsey, so that the County Council appear to have been chiefly guided by financial reasons, and rightly so. The Hornsey ratepayers are very jealous for the importance of their parish as a contributor to the Union funds, and it is very pleasing to them that the Local Government Board has granted additional allotments for a portion of the ratepayers. The only solution of the difficulty is to grin and bear it. We ought to be thankful for small mercies, and, much as I sympathise with the cottagers in their desires, I cannot agree that Mr. Cory-Wright has been wanting in that interest which he invariably displays in the welfare of the people.

WOOD GREEN.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—FRIDAY.

Present: Messrs. R. M. Little, C.B., Q.C. (Chairman), C. Jones (Vice-chairman), H. B. Holding, J. P. Davies, W. J. Palmer, W. Hardy, Alfred Wood, C. Smith, J. Botterell, W. J. Cowan, H. Rason, Marlow Reed.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

The INSPECTOR (Mr. J. Adams) reported that the house to house visitation of Edith and Palace Roads had been completed.

Infectious Disease.—The following had been notified since the last report:—Diphtheria, 5; scarlet fever, 16; erysipelas, 1. Three cases of scarlet fever had been removed to the Isolation Hospital.

No. 30, Selborne-road.—Several defects in connection with the drain were reported at this house.

No. 8, Boundary-road, Station-road.—It was reported these premises are used as a fried fish shop; the yard is sufficiently paved; the w.c. pan is in a filthy condition, and is without a sufficient flush of water; the guttering and spouting of the house is defective; there is also a cistern built at the rear of the house which is not properly paved or drained. These premises at the time of inspection were found to be overcrowded, which is said now to be remedied, but he (the Inspector) might have to report further upon this matter. Two beds are let to lodgers at 6d. per night, bringing the house under the definition of a "Common Lodging House," and as such the Inspector recommended the Council to call upon the occupier to register it.

The report was adopted, and it was resolved to take steps where necessary to carry out the recommendations.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS ORDER, 1885.

The following had applied to be registered under the above Order, and the SANITARY INSPECTOR recommended the Council to grant the applications:—Mr. Henry C. Wells, 49, Coburg-road; Mr. John Sturman, 3, Clarendon-road; Mr. Albert Hill, 127, Myddleton-road.

Adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. CONOLLY reported that during the four weeks ending the 18th inst. 26 deaths had been registered in the district, which corresponded to an annual rate of 10·8 per 1,000. The deaths include four from whooping cough in children under five years of age. The following notifications had been received.

	Feb.			Dec.
	'99	'98	'99	'98	'97	'98
Scarlet Fever...	6	7	18	7	5	8
Diphtheria ...	15	8	9	14	1	1
Typhoid Fever	1	1	0	2	1	
Erysipelas	2	1	2	1	1	1

He proposed, with the consent of the Council, to issue leaflets to the public, pointing out the means that should be adopted to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, and embodying the conclusions of the Royal Commission on the subject.

Dr. CONOLLY also informed the Council that he had completed his annual report, and asked that permission should be granted for the printing of same for distribution.

This was agreed to, as was also the proposal to issue leaflets on tuberculosis.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The committee reported that the estimated daily average attendance at the branch reading-room during the year just ended was 184, which was an increase of 15, or a daily average of 184, while the receipts amounted to £2 13s. 4d.

The following is an analysis of the books issued during the month of January:—Essays, literature, &c., 25; poetry and drama, 25; science, 61; history, 27; arts, industries, &c., 51; travel and topography, 51; biography, 23; religion, 28; miscellaneous, 183; fiction and juvenile, 3,941.

The committee had decided to recommend that three additional copies of Hall Caine's work, "The Christian," be added to the library.

This was moved by Mr. DAVIES, seconded by Mr. HOLDING, the report was adopted and the recommendation agreed to.

BYE-LAWS COMMITTEE.

The committee reported having considered the bye-laws with reference to buildings and the alterations of buildings (under the Public Health Acts, 1870 and 1890), and recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board for the adoption of the bye-laws in question. They further recommended that the Council direct the publication of a notice, requiring the prescribed fees to be paid on the deposit of plans, notice from stables or other premises, pursuant to the provision of section 50 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

Both recommendations were agreed to.

Mr. HOLDING asked how these new bye-laws were to be made publicly known, and was informed that advertisements would appear in the district newspapers with that object.

WORKS, &c., COMMITTEE.

In this report the following matters were dealt with:—

Provision of Cisterns.—A circular letter from the County Council of Middlesex, with copy of a resolution adopted by the General Purposes Committee of that authority, stating that it is the opinion of the committee it is desirable that in all new houses suitable and properly constructed cisterns, to the satisfaction of District Councils, should be required to be fixed and maintained whether the water supply be constant or intermittent.

Referred to the Bye-laws Committee for consideration.

The Lancashire Electric Power Company Bill.—The South Lancashire and Cheshire Electric Company Bill, Lincolnshire and Warwickshire Electric Supply Company Bill.—General Power Distributing Company Bill.—The committee directed the Clerk to communicate with Mr. Joseph Howard, M.P. for the district, requesting him to oppose the second reading of the Bills in Parliament, in accordance with a suggestion emanating from the Urban District Councils' Association. A letter was submitted from Mr. Joseph Howard, M.P., acquiescing in the request of this Council.

Telegraph Act, 1892 (Amendment).—The committee agreed to recommend the Council to join with other members of the Urban District Councils' Association in opposing the Bills promoted by the National Telephone Company in the ensuing Session of Parliament.

Loss to Rates caused by Property being taken under Compulsory Powers by Telegraph and Telephone Companies.—The committee agreed that amendment of the law in this respect is desirable, and advised the Council to request the Association to bring the matter before the House of Commons at the ensuing Session, and if it to the proper authorities:—"That the attention of the Government be directed to the necessity of passing legislation similar to section 123 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, whereby local authorities shall, in future, be entitled to be recouped the whole of the local rates, instead of only the poor rate, in respect of any property required by railway or other companies, until the new works come into rating.

Pellatt-grove.—Lighting, &c.—A letter from Mr. Barnett, of 70, Pellatt-grove, calling attention to the condition of the pavement, the bad lighting and the manner in which the trenches were filled in by the gas and water companies. With regard to the trench-filling, the matter was referred to at the previous meeting, and the Surveyor now stated that he had interviewed the parties interested and obtained a promise to the effect that more care would be exercised in future. The Surveyor was also instructed to see to the matter of improving the lighting.

Melrose-avenue.—In reply to the memorial from the residents here the Surveyor stated that he had not been able to proceed with the preparation of plans and estimates for making up this avenue, but hoped to have them ready shortly.

Dagmar-road, Alexandra Park.—Referring to a letter from Mr. H. J. Phillips, of South Tottenham, the committee recommend that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan and estimate, with the view to this road being made up under the 150th section of the Public Health Act, 1875.

With reference to the lighting of Brownlow-road the Surveyor stated that he had nothing yet to report.

Alexandra Park-road.—Mr. REED asked if anything had yet been done in the matter of this road, and was replied to in the negative. He next suggested that Mr. Booth, a gentleman who had written to the Council, should be informed as to the latter's conditions with respect to additional lighting. This was agreed to.

No. 185, Hornsey Park-road.—With regard to the drainage of this and some seven other houses in Hornsey Park-road, the committee recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to execute the necessary works in connection with this matter.

Bills in Parliament.—The Surveyor reported on the proposal of the Great Northern Railway Company under their Bill before the present session of Parliament, with regard to acquiring lands adjoining their railway at the Alexandra Palace and Park Stations. He also suggested the desirability of an undertaking being secured from the promoters to preserve the Council's rights in regard to the Alexandra Park Block, and also to the advisability of endeavoring to secure the construction of a roadway over the company's line, connecting the western side of the district with the Board's Green-road, and suggesting that an effort be made to induce the railway company, with the adjoining owners, to agree to provide such accommodation by widening the present occupation road on the south side of the land now proposed to be acquired by the company.

The committee agreed that the Surveyor should see the Chairman of the Council, with the view to some arrangement being made with the company on the lines indicated in the report.

Great Northern and Strand Railway, Session 1899.—The Surveyor reported at length with regard to the provisions contained in this Bill, and after discussion it was agreed that Messrs. Croft and Sherwood be formally instructed to take steps to oppose the Bill, with the view to the insertion of clauses protecting the general interests of the Council, on the lines indicated in the Surveyor's report.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had had two interviews with the company, one of which was with the Surveyor and himself. The Great Northern Railway Company anticipated making an important improvement in the district, and the question remained how far they were entitled to go, and how far they were bound to carry it out. The managing director told him the company were willing to do all they could for the district, and generally speaking the interviews he had had were very satisfactory. Under the circumstances, therefore, he would suggest that no action be taken to oppose the scheme in the Lower House, but reserve the power, if necessary, until it had reached the Upper House. By adopting this suggestion a deal of expense would be saved.

Mr. HOLDING thought the matter of a better footpath across the railway leading to the Alexandra Palace might be a fitting subject to bring under the notice of the company.

The CHAIRMAN said he should be the last to let any opportunity slip of improving matters. He thought, however, much more was to be accomplished by showing a conciliatory rather than a hostile spirit.

Mr. DAVIES was of opinion that little wisdom would be displayed in opposing schemes that might be not beneficial to the district.

The suggestion of the Chairman was agreed to.

Palace Gates Road—Mail gap—Estimated Cost £3,080.—The committee approved the plans and estimate submitted by the Surveyor, and recommend that the Council be asked to call upon the Clerk to require the owners concerned in Palace Gates-road, in accordance with the provisions of the 150th section of the Public Health Act, 1875.

Nos. 18, 20, 22 and 24, Mayes-road.—The Surveyor submitted his apportionment of the expenses in connection with the drainage of the properties, amounting to £12 18s., which he considered reasonable for the work and the service of the necessary notices upon the owners concerned.

A number of plans for buildings, &c., within the district were approved.

Sick Pay.—A return was submitted showing a sum of £8 12s. 4d. paid under this head from January 6th to Feb. ary 2nd.

On the motion of Mr. HOLDING, seconded by Mr. HARDY, the report was adopted and its recommendations were agreed to.

FIRE BRIGADE.

This committee reported that the brigade had attended 18 fires of a more or less serious nature from December 5th to February 8th inclusive.

Chimney Fires in District.—The committee recommend that the police be requested to notify immediately to the nearest station of the fire in the district, in order that such offence may be dealt with at once.

Re Fire, 34, Hardy-terrace.—The Chairman informed the committee that he had received a letter from the Fire Brigade were in attendance, and that the Council's Brigade appeared on the scene long after the event. As regards the Fire Brigade, the Green Brigade were at the rear of the premises and effected a good stop prior to the arrival of either Hornsey or Tottenham.

A letter from the Postmaster-General, with reference to the proposals of the Council, with regard to electric or telephonic communication between the fire station and fire alarms and premises of several persons not in the exclusive employment of the Council, and also as to the residences of two foremen-firemen employed by the New River Company, stating that such communication would be an infringement of the Telegraph Act of 1869, and asking to be furnished with any observations the Council might desire to make in the matter, and also as to the conditions of the telegraphic or telephonic communications proposed to be established by the Council be furnished to the Postmaster-General, and also that the requirements of the Postmaster-General be ascertained in the matter generally. It was further agreed that the consent of the Postmaster-General should be obtained forthwith for establishing communication between the fire station and Mayes, Walker's stables as a matter of urgency, pending the completion of the whole scheme of electric and telephonic communication, and that the sanction being obtained the Chairman, in conjunction with the Surveyor, be authorised to establish such communication without delay.

The committee decided that in future the Surveyor be consulted when a substitute is required at the fire-station; that the Clerk should be written to for details as to the attendance of the fire-engine at the Alexandra Palace on the 21st July. It was also decided that no further "turn-outs" of the brigade, unless for actual work, be allowed unless with the consent of the Chairman of the committee. The Surveyor was directed to obtain copies of the rules in force in other brigades with regard to the general conduct of firemen.

The report was adopted, and the recommendations approved of.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This committee's report showed the financial position as follows:—Treasurer's current account, receipts, £4,907 0s. 10d.; balance overdrawn Jan. 19th, £132 18s. 3d.; payments, £4,774 2s. 7d.; leaving a balance in hand, £791 11s.; loans accounts (in hand), £1,739 0s. 6d.; general district rate, gross to collect, February 16th, £5,878.

Tottenham and Wood Green Sewerage Act, 1891.—In answer to an application from the London County Council for particulars in connection with the gross and rateable values of the district for the purposes of the above, the Clerk stated that he had asked the Vestry Clerk to furnish the particulars required by the London County Council.

Expenses of Making-up Brook-road and St. John's Church.—A letter from the Rev. S. B. Rees, claiming the expenses of the making-up of the road in connection with the making-up of Brook-road in respect of St. John's Church, stating that the building is used for religious purposes only.

Accounts.—The following were recommended for payments—Library, £27 14s. 1d.; Clerk's, £1,107 0s. 3d.; Surveyor's, £1,264 2s. 2d.; current account, £3,009 17s. 6½; loans account, £307 2s. 11d.

THE COUNCIL ELECTION.

Mr. HOLDING asked if the hours of polling would be similar to those in the Parliamentary Election, and was by the Chairman that he thought so.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Communication from the Local Government Board sanctioning the reappointment of the Medical Officer of Health.

Communication from the Board of Trade with regard to the hour of the forthcoming workmen's trains inquiry, and stating that the time would be determined by the Railway Commissioners.

Letter from the promoters of the light Railway Scheme stating that the proposed meeting should be held at Westminster.

WOOD GREEN PETTY SESSIONS.

Held at the Town Hall, Earlham-grove, on Friday, before MORTON LATHAM (Chairman), W. T. PALIN and J. E. C. LESLIE, Esqs., and Colonel DURRANT.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.—Francis John Keeling, 33, gardener, of 17, Park-avenue, Wood Green, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at High-street, Wood Green, on the evening of Sunday, the 19th ult.—Police-constable 449 Y stated that at 8.30 on the evening in question the prisoner was creating a disturbance at High-street by shouting, &c., whilst people were returning from church. He (the constable) tried to induce him to desist and go away, but he defied all overtures, and as he was then worse for drink witness conveyed prisoner to the station and charged him.—Prisoner said he was very sorry, and had nothing more to say.—For 14 days, and costs, or seven days' imprisonment, was imposed.

GAMBLING!—William Bates, 18, of 7, Fishmongers'-place, Wood Green, labourer, was charged with gambling with horses coins and cards on the 18th ult.—Police-constable Forrest, 554 Y, came upon the prisoner and a number of others gambling by playing at "banker" at Fishmongers'. About three o'clock from the previous Saturday afternoon. He secured Bates and conveyed him to the station and charged him.—Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was ordered to pay 5s. towards costs, in default three days' imprisonment.

HE WANTED TO GO BACK.—Thomas Rouvray, 32, of 11, Brook-road, Wood Green, labourer, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Green-lanes on the 18th ult.—Police-constable 329 Y deposed to being called to the accused, who was coming from the Alexandra Tavern, Green-lanes, about half-past 10 on the night in question. He was trying to again force an entrance, and witness requested him to go away. This he refused to do, and was taken to the station.—A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed, with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

STREET RUFFIANISM.—Alfred Charles Francis, 19, of 22, Commerce-road, Wood Green, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Trinity-road, Wood Green, and further, with assaulting Sidney Gudgeon, on the 19th ult.—The latter stated that whilst waiting home within a few minutes of 10 o'clock on the night in question the prisoner came behind him and said something which he could not catch, and followed it up with a violent blow behind the ear. Upon the arrival of a police officer he gave the accused into custody.—Police-sergeant Bennett, 69 Y, stated that about 9.50 p.m. on the night in question the prisoner, accompanied by a number of other youths, behaving in a disorderly manner at Trinity-road. They were pushing people off the footway, and he cautioned them as to their conduct. He followed them for some distance, when Gudgeon informed him that he had been assaulted by the accused, and wished to give him into custody. The prisoner was the worse for drink at the time.—The Bench characterised the conduct of the prisoner as rowdyism, which it was intended to stamp out by imposing a fine of 10s. and costs, in default 10 days' imprisonment.

A MASTER AND HIS APPRENTICE.

Percy Bailey, cycle manufacturer, of Station road, Wood Green, was summoned by William Sullivan, as next best friend suing, to show cause why the indentures between James Frederick Horace Sullivan and Percy Bailey should not be cancelled, on the grounds that the latter had not complied with the conditions therein stated as to the welfare of their apprentice of the deceased cycle manufacturer. He was further summoned for the return of a sum of £10 as part money paid for promium on behalf of such said apprentice.

Mr. Howard Avery defended.

After a somewhat lengthy hearing the Bench confirmed the plaintiff had not made out his case and dismissed the summons.

A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Such is the function that extended over four days in connection with the illustrious firm of Messrs. Barratt and Co., the well-known cycle manufacturers. The celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Barratt, the founders of the firm, commenced on Saturday, celebrations commenced with a reception in the Board-room, followed by a banquet in the main show room, given by the male employees. For the second time the duties of chairman devolved upon Mr. G. W. Barratt, who acted for his benefactor, the bridegroom. Mr. Frank Barratt, J. Stewart, S. L. Rickey, A. Scarisbrick and H. Fairweather. Upwards of 200 were present to partake of the good things, and the new ward of the enjoyed themselves would be but a mild form of expression. The comfort of all was made a particular study, and the heartiness with which the good things were received testified to their thorough appreciation of the efforts expended on their behalf. One of the chief features centering in the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome illuminated address to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Barratt, from the assembled guests, in the hands of Messrs. S. L. Rickey and W. Taylor. This was accompanied by an appropriate speech, and followed by a gold-mounted walking-stick, presented to Mr. Barratt, and himself the veteran confectioner made a very neat little speech in return, regretting that the "lump in my throat" prevented him giving utterance to all the feelings he was experiencing. The festivities on Monday, the third day of the celebration, were as vigorously observed as on the previous occasions, despite the fact that it was a "ladies night." As such Mrs. Edward Barratt presided over the function and made an admirable "Mrs. Chairwoman," she being equal to all emergencies and gentle enough to appropriate to appropriate the occasion. Nothing lacked on the part of the caterer, Mr. Spiers and Pond in the catering for the 200 odd guests assembled, and full justice was done to the good things provided by the lady and gentleman of the house. During the evening several toasts were proposed and duly honoured, but the chief interest centred in the presentation to the notorious cycle manufacturer. One of the chief features of