THEY SAY

That when a man gets up to speak it is proposed to pandemonium! But he is going to talk about. But it doesn't always happen that he has the knowledge.

That some of the greatest opponents to the Seller's Licence and Publicans' and licensed property had never been in a music-hall or theatre. I beg pardon, Mr. Joseph Walton! He has been in one once—when a religious service was held there.

That people whose ideas run in such narrow grooves have no right to dictate as to what is good and what is not good for the people.

That it was ever true that a Clerkenwell ostryman felt any delight in the pleasure of his own voice than in anything anybody else may say or write. That he is proved by ostryman Malmbat that he never heard of a Dr. Pangloss, or a Chadband! And had never been to a music-hall or theatrical performance in his life. Happy existence! But it comes to this; that ostryman has a perfect right to get his joys from his own particular sphere, but he has no right to say proper and rational provision should not be made for people who cannot get enjoyment so easily.

That when the Clerkenwell Vestry discussed the above subject on Thursday night, Mr. Charles Willmot, leader of the Liberal Party, sat in the gallery. And I wondered what he well-known actor and manager—thought of these critics of the people's amusements? Did he think of the member who had never heard of Dickens's great (and true-to-life) creation of Chadband; a great, by the way, which Mr. Wilmot (on the stage) excels in; and a part which he ought to play for the special benefit of the Stigginses.

That if I say much more on the point, somebody will be sure to say I hold a brief. That is comfortable, isn't it? But I know the proper an opinion rather forcibly, some kind friend says you have a brief—and guinea marked on it.

That any lover of a good entertainment would fight for a promised Alhambra up at the old Wells; and if the barometer of public exhilaration gets too high we will send them to a mothers' meeting or to hear Brother so-and-so talk time to sleep.

That with no disrespect to any past-churchwardens in Clerkenwell, everybody will admit Mr. William Robson to be a model chairman. Last Thursday he kept the debaters running beautifully, and when anyone of them jibbed a bit he pulled him up smartly and emphatically refused to allow him to speak more than once on any topic. Would that it was the same at the Holborn Guardian Board, and then we should be spared 18 speeches from one member!

That though Mr. Robson is as strong an upholder of the rights of public-house property as any man I know, he never showed partiality in that discussion—indeed, he appeared to care little which way the vote went so long as everybody had fair play.

That this sort of chairmanship recalled the words of Thomas Burt, M.P., who was president of the Trades Congress, "to secure good many points of order and opinions as to procedure. He said he may be wrong in his rulings, but he was never vacillating. They had elected him chairman, and tacitly agreed to abide by his decisions. He decided, if he considered legally, and so long as he was chairman he should expect his rulings to be accepted. Some people ought to be printed in big letters, and posted in front of many of the chairmen who profess ability to deal with people who think they know a great deal.

That the odds are a hundred to one that the County Council will make the Clerkenwell Vestry look ridiculous by almost unanimously giving Sadler's Wells a music and dancing license.

That the vote of Thursday on this all-important license would have had a very narrow majority had not the 17 all members had voted as they wanted to. One member avowedly voted against the license because he had an objection to Mr. Kelly; another member declined to vote at all because he could not get an opportunity of saying what he thought about Kelly; a third got accidentally locked out of the room when the division was being taken; and I doubt not there are other explanations of a similar character which had not reached the writer.

That ten-brickers will be interested in knowing that the very large majority of the votes cast in the paper establishments of the Holborn Union in one six months is 28,000 lbs.! How neat it looks, eh? Or, at 24.?

That the Regent's-park Zoo and Primrose-hill were all alive on Friday, with a hundred or so of youngsters from the Hanover-street Board Schools. A word for the North London Railway Company, who carried the children from Highbury to Chalk Farm and back for 2d.; and she to the authorities of the Zoo, who let them in for nothing. And you should have seen that 13st. of Hanover Brown running races on Primrose-hill.

That one day this week, that mysterious-looking 'bus which takes the Islington Amusement Committee out on view—and to be looked—for some people think it is a lunatic asylum—is exposed in Tufnell-street to re-assure Darings' all very fine and large workshops. Perhaps the committee will allow me to give them a few suggestions.—(1) Beware of the dog. (2) don't fall up a peculiarly-constructed step-ladder, and (3) don't fail to assess the special property that has been provided for the comfort of the carpenters and joiners who will work there, in the shape of light, and ventilation, and warmth when needed. N.B.—If the carpenters strike for couches, and pipes, and spittoons, they will be added.

That all the tickets for the dance in honour of the opening of the above workshops are not yet distributed.

That the North Metropolitan Tramway Company possesses a very fine cricket and lawn-tennis ground at Walthamstow—road Walthamstow. But this, like all eligible land, is going to the builders, and next season the cricket pitch will be at Stamford-hill. The tramway cricket club boast of never having lost a match on their own ground. Perhaps the luck will alter at Stamford-hill—at least, our police cricket club hope it will.

That whilst much has been said upon the question of the leader of Kelly's Band, whether these were only two members of the Glerkenwell Vestry who had any real sense in the matter, and they were ex-Churchwardens Davies and Scheib. They said, "It has nothing to do with the Vestry at all," and stayed away from the meeting, and enjoyed a rubber at whist.

That the Churchwarden Scheib testimonial fund has grown considerably during the past week, and now it will be a scramble as to who shall have the privilege of subscribing.

That champion collector William Davies, who, as I have already said, is prime mover in this testimonial, has promised to be never had to ask a second time for a sub. The reply has always been, "What, for Freddy Scheib? Certainly, my boy. Put me down a guinea."

That our Islington Vestry solicitor, Lewis, said he would never have forgiven anybody if he had not been asked to subscribe. There is always a beautiful spirit of liberality and friendly feeling about Clerkenwellers.

That in connection with the Scheib testimonial—which is to presented in four or five weeks—there is a difference of opinions some of his friends wanting to make it a swell affair at the Holborn and others desiring it more quiet, and far more appropriate Vestry-hall as the place of presentation.

That Mr. C. J. Dale, well-known in London musical circles, and especially in London Wall, is to produce Dr. Bridge's new cantata "Jubilee" and that ere long this clever musician will wield the *bâton* at the Handel Festival.

That if anybody had been in the neighbourhood of the Clerkenwell model dwellings on Thursday night or Friday morning, they would have seen a party of eleven vestrymen—members of the Works Committee—down there investigating the complaints of so light in the dwellings after 11 at night. Amongst that crowd there were Chairman Walton, Dr. Jones, Messrs. F. G. Boulton, R. Weston, G. H. Norbury, W. H. Douglass, and A. Beck. (I wish I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Beck a bit more for their late arrival home.)

That these gentlemen found everything pitchy dark at several of the blocks, and people had to light them up with matches, and in four or five flights of steps without being able to see where they went. There was many instances of the tenants being in bed at eleven at night—for safety against robbery and outrage. Is it not a disgrace to the inhabitants that they might make a false step in the dark. The caretaker of one of the dwellings told the committee that he had complained to Mr. Mansell and the Vestry can compel the Corporation and the Peabody people to light up after eleven.

That at the Gas Light and Coke Company's meeting for Auto-cracks, only one person in two very curious prize, viz., paraffin lamps! This was pretty encouragement to the consumption of gas, wasn't it?

That the police who are so solicitous after overcrowded tramcars ought to give a little of their attention to overcrowded railway carriages. It is a matter of wonder to me that people are not distressed by heavy weights; but it is a wonder that people survive, and the amount of poor humanity is suffocated. I had the pleasure of going "third" from Dalston to Bowes-park and Enfield Town one evening last week, with one at each window blocking ventilation, and three others standing in the centre of the carriage, and the guard did not interfere.

That girls death has taken off a well-known and esteemed Board school head teacher in the person of Miss B. Mole. Though principally connected with Nichol-street, Shoreditch, and Haggerston-road Board schools, she was an active and valuable worker in all matters for the benefit of her class all over London. After more than a year's suffering she died and was buried in Hertford, amid many tokens of sorrow, and 'tis said that a more substantial tribute than flowers will be placed on her grave. One of the principal mourners was her brother—P.O. Hope, at Upper-street.

That the resignation by the Rev. G. Thompson of the position of Minister of the City-road Congregational Church is a distinct loss to pulpit and platform eloquence in North London. The rev. gentleman was always an interesting and instructive preacher; and an unusually chatty and good-natured chairman.

That the following is one of the favourite platform utterances of the Rev. G. Thompson:—A minister (perhaps himself) was talking rather strongly against "nagging" a wife who worried their husbands on every possible occasion. He said he was one little man, and he was going to mark his sense of her conduct by throwing a book at her. He made the twist flower and fly exactly as he said it, and the congregation ducked her head to avoid the book!

That for the benefit of my Welsh readers, and the amusement of the Barnsbury Primroses—as it was one of their number who sent me this—I give the following: "Advertisement in a butcher's shop in Llandudno, last week:—

This sheep was grazed by
W. Williams,
Garnedd Goch Farm,
Near
Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerwhirlgogerrobwllantysiliogogoch.
Anglesey.

I may add that the gentleman had previously been up Snowdon, and perhaps saw double. Or perhaps he had been drinking.

That anybody who got his or her nose inside the Clerkenwell Vestry on Thursday night would in some measure realise the saying as to what it is to be "packed like herrings in a barrel" or "like sardines in a box." It was crammed—it was warm. But Dr. Davidson, who is usually cool and collected, was cool and never pronounced the Benediction with greater fervour. Everyone in Islington knows the Rev. Dr. Davidson, and those carpers who thought all his talents should be devoted to Islington-road will now know what it is to be without him altogether.

FINSBURY CHORAL ASSOCIATION.

The prospectus of the Finsbury Choral Association just issued, marks a distinct advance in the history of the Association. Both with regard to the works selected for performance, and the distinguished artistes engaged, the arrangements for the coming season will meet with the cordial approval of all friends of this popular and powerful North London choral society. Mr. Carrodus will again occupy the position of leader of the Finsbury choral orchestra, and will continue to be augmented by a select body of performers from the ranks of the Royal Academy of Music. In view of the very brilliant success of the society's production of "Gaul" last spring, the committee have been very strongly urged to give a second performance, but desirous as this may be, it is of necessity deferred for the present. In order to meet the requirements of the London musical public, it has been found necessary to make considerable alterations in the arrangement of seats in the Holloway-hall where the concerts are held. The committee have done their best to meet the wishes of subscribers in this matter. Important novelties will be produced. Perhaps the greatest interest attaches to the production of Professor Bridge's choral setting of Longfellow's ballad, "The Inchcape Rock," which has been written expressly for the Association, and dedicated to it. The performance will take place in January at an extra concert, and Dr. Bridge will himself conduct the work. The principal vocalists on this occasion will be Miss Alice Gomez, and Mr. Bertram Dalby. During the session, the society will also give its first performance of Dvorak's "Spectre's Bride" and "Columbus of Calais." Mr. C. J. Dale, the Association's conductor, has had pledges from the composers of these works that they will be at Stamford-hill. The trauway cricket club boast of never having lost a match on their own ground. Perhaps the luck will alter at Stamford-hill—at least, our police cricket club hope it will.

ATHLETIC ITEMS.

The North London Swimming Club, at the Islington Baths, Liverpool-road, on Thursday, was well attended. The 440 yards handicap, the prize being presented by the captain, Mr. C. Eaton. The race was exceptionally good, in fact one of the best handicaps of the season; and, judging from the cheering, it was appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by those who like to see a good and exciting finish. The result was the result:—Heat 1—F. Spiller, first; W. Tiedall, second; A. P. Peachey, third. Wo by a yard. Heat 2—A. Dunlevey, 1; H. Pinnemore, 2; E. Gunther a few inches behind, and H. E. Thrupp close up. A splendid heat, and most exciting finish. Heat 3—W. Wright, the popular secretary, just managed to land himself somewhat rapid, the second being Tom Wright and G. Neate third, Voght and Neate having a neck and neck race all the way. Mr. A. G. Langham acted as chipper and starter, who must be congratulated for bringing them so close together. Judge, Mr. James Cole. Final thieveming (Tuesday). On Thursday, splunging contest takes place.

In connection with the Claremont Church Sunday School, a second third cycle run. Handicap was decided on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the North London Cycle Club, and started with the following result:—Heat 1—E. J. Jewell (scratch), first; E. O. Nichols (25 sec. start), second; F. Cross (25 sec. start), third; Jewell swimming in fine form, won a good race by a foot. Heat 2—A. Hitchcock (scratch), first; W. Lance (13 sec. start), second; F. Cruden (25), third. Won by two feet, the same distance the second and third contested. Heat 3—W. G. Savill (8 sec. start), first; E. Lance (15), second. Result, an easy win for Savill. Heat 4—J. Jewell, first; W. J. Jewell, second; A. Hitchcock, third. The prizes were presented by the vicar to Jewell, who passed Savill in the third length, and won cleverly by a yard, Savill securing second prize. Hitchcock, second, and Lance, third, respectively. The captain officiated as handicapper to the satisfaction of the competitors, while Mr. D. Watkins did duty as judge.

The return match between the North Metropolitan Tramway Company's Cricket Club and the club in connection with the police at the Upper-street station took place on Friday afternoon on the ground of the latter, namely, at Walthamstow. The weather and the pitch were all that could be wished. The play was somewhat slow, the second innings of the police giving their adversaries a fine opportunity for the display of good fielding. The police batted first, and batted very fairly with the bat; and altogether the meeting was very pleasant, though the tramways should that they have never yet been able to defeat the tramway men. Annexed are the scores:—Tramway Mess—First innings—Hood Castle 1, Howden c and b Challenger 0, Pepper c and b Castle 2, Vasila c Williams b Challenger 3, Stanley b Castle 18, Heatley b Challenger 2, Watson c Childs b Challenger 4, Swinnow b Challenger 0, Baker c Morley b Challenger 6, Tonkin b Challenger 0, Ryan not out 0. Total 34. Second innings—Hood b Castle 4, Howden c Morley b Challenger 3, Pepper b Castle 3, Vasila b Challenger 0, Stanley b Challenger 2, Heatley c Challenger 16, Watson b Castle 0, Rodgrave c Castle b Challenger 4, Baker run out 4, Tonpkinn b Challenger 1, Ryan not out 2, extras 1; total 41. Islington Police (First innings)—Wood c Baker b Stanley 1, Shargold at Vasila b Castle run out 13, Challenger c Baker b Stanley 0, Hall c Baker b Castle 0, Bishop c Stanley 4, Childs 1 b w 3, Williams b Baker 13, Morley b Baker 0, Vasila b Castle 2, Rodgrave b Vasila 14, Challenger b Vasila 0, May run out 0, Fuhering c Pepper b Baker 0, Childs c Pepper 3, Williams b Vasila 0, Morley c Watson b Baker 0, Matthews b Vasila 0, Ryan not out 0, extras 2; total 52. After the match the teams drove back to the "Hornsey-wood" Tavern, where they enjoyed a cooling glass of harmony. Mr. Stanley, captain of the Highgate Depôt Cricket Club, was with the Tramway Club, and Sergeant Wood was his *vis-a-vis*. Several toasts were given, including thanks to Mr. Adamson, proprietor of the tramway company, for the use of the ground and for kindly sending a gentleman to umpire the match, and also for; and thanks to Acting-superintendent Pearson for giving the Upper-street Police a day's leave. The singers included Messrs. Stanley, Robins, Heaton, Tomphins, Challenger, Pickering, Shargold, Bakewell, and Haynes; while Mr. Oatley made a capital accompanist.

Wilmington Cricket Club played the Eagle on Regent's-park Match-ground, on Saturday, beginning in a wet, but finishing up a fine, sunny, for the winners, bowled exceptionally well, taking 4 wickets for 8 runs. Scores:—Wilmington—Bartlett 0, Stowe b Beckwith 0, Evans c Atwards 1, Waland b Bushnell 3, Gasson c Edwards b Bushnell 0, Nunn run out 3, Pearce b Bushnell 0, Trouse b Beckwith 0, Wilkinson b Drax 12, Mears b Bushnell 0, Holding not out 11; total 35. Eagle—Bushnell c Gasson b Nunn 6, Beckwith c Penny b Nunn 3, Bryant b Penny 13, Drax b Nunn 3, Edwards b Nunn 0, Williams at Wilkinson b Nunn 0, Brodie b Nunn 0, Rose b Nunn 1, Bartlett c Stowe b Morgan run out 0; Parsons b Nunn 0; total 32.

The Merton were defeated by the Charlton, on Saturday, at Kingsmead, by 2 wickets and by 14 runs. Batting first, the Merton were disposed of for 33, Ward (11) and Toynton (7 not out) being the only two who made any stay at the bowling of Thurgood. The Charlton ran up 47, Mr. Walton batting well for 19. Wickets did good service with the ball for the Merton, capturing six wickets for 16 runs. Scores:—Merton, 33; Charlton, 34.

The Unity and the Junior Polytechnic played at Wimbledon, on Saturday. This match resulted in a draw greatly in favour of the Unity. J. Sell and R. Lovejoy batted well for the first-named for 23 and 13 respectively, and R. Lovejoy made the four wickets for 4 runs, and F. Lovejoy, three for 9. Scores:—Unity, 63; Junior Polytechnic, 13 for 7 wickets.

St. Dunstan's House beat Stanford at Crouch-end. Scores:—St. Dunstan's House, 78 for seven wickets; Stanford, 14, all out.

Upper Clapton drew with Hornsey at Upper-street, Scores:—Upper Clapton, 94; Hornsey, 79 for five wickets.

West-green Rovers drew with Crouch-end at West-green. Scores:—Rovers, 78; Crouch-end, 31 for nine wickets.

Holborn beat Albemarle at Tufnell-park. Scores:—Holborn, 101 for four wickets; Albemarle, 14.

Dartmouth-park beat Noel-park, at Tufnell-park. Scores:—Noel-park, 51; Dartmouth-park 57 for seven wickets.

South Hampstead drew with Junior Middlesex, at Tufnell-park. Scores:—South Hampstead, 123; Junior Middlesex, 25 for four wickets.

The Avenell and the Albemarle Cricket Clubs played at Finsbury-park on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the Avenell by 13 runs. Scores:—Avenell—Ward 0, Bailey 0, Sampson 0, Robinson b Barton 8, Porter b Barton 2, Sullivan 1, Sampson b Hallet 0, Banyan b Sampson 3, Davison c Gilmore b Burton 10, Robinson c Painter b Burton 9, Goodman at Sampson 3, Bunn b Burton 0, Hallet not out 0, extras 3; total 45. Albemarle—Gilmore c Davison b Sullivan 0, Sullivan 15, Jordan at Porter 3, Painter b Sullivan 1, Sampson b Hallet 5, E. Bailey b Sullivan 1, Lowe b Sullivan 0, Holdsucker b Sullivan 1, P. Bailey at Robinson 0, Palmer b Sullivan 0, Burton not out 0, extras 2; total 32. Only one innings was played.

The Islington Chapel Junior Cricket Club suffered their third defeat on Saturday, at Harringay, on the occasion of their match with the Dering Club. Mr. Sycroft bowled well for the losers. Score:—Dermark, 42; Islington Chapel Junior, 17. Next Saturday the Islington Chapel Junior play a practice match, Oxford v. Cambridge; the sides will be selected from members of the club, and a good match is expected.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. J. Magillivray, of the Highgate Harriers, was competing in the Mile Open Handicap at the Gas Light Cricket Club sports at Bower-park, and on returning to the dressing-room, he found his clothes had been tampered with, and £1 6s. abstracted from his pockets.

THE REV. DR. THAIN DAVIDSON.

On Sunday, the Rev. J. Thain Davidson, D.D., who last month completed thirty years' uninterrupted ministerial charge of the Islington Presbyterian Church in Colebrooke-row, preached his valedictory sermons to crowded congregations. Dr. Davidson's ecclesiastical career in the metropolis has been signally successful. He has ever been a friend to the people, especially in North London, his name has been synonymous with public work for the last quarter of a century. In 1865, he, along with the late Rev. Dr. John Cumming, of the Scottish National Church in Crown-court, Covent-garden, was appointed one of the chaplains of the Queen's Bench prison, and was one of the oldest charities in London, having been founded shortly after the accession of King Edward VI., and was probably the oldest ancient and philanthropic institution he has been for the last twenty-five years one of the principal attendants at its periodical meetings at the hospital in Cromwell-place, Brompton, and also one of the chaplains and directors of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, to the youthful inmates of which he was a kind and fatherly friend, giving close upon 100 lads and lassies of Scottish birth and extraction, the frequently-paid visits of their genial and kindly spiritual instructor were hailed with rapturous delight. With all the philanthropic work he has had to do, he has object the temporal and religious weal of his fellow country-people in the metropolis. Dr. Davidson has been usefully identified, and to their funds he has been a generous benefactor. In his early days, he preached, and the means, through pulpit and platform appeals to the compassion of other people, were very lucrative to their donors. Just fifteen years ago he established the popular Sunday afternoon meetings for the working-class, which have been attended by hundreds of thousands of the non-church-going population of London, and at various times have been conducted by some of the most noted preachers of evangelical Christendom. Only 2 years now compel Dr. Davidson to seek a less laborious sphere of ministerial duty in the suburban charge of St. Andrew's Church, Mount-park-road, Ealing, but much against the will and wishes of his Islington congregation, and those of the moderator and authorities of the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of England. On Sunday night, when the Doctor gave his farewell address to the young people of Islington, the church was so crowded that hundreds were denied admission. He preached from Job xxxiv. 21, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The sermon will be printed *in extenso* in our impression next week. We have pleasure in inserting address, when Dr. Davidson said good-bye to his many friends, who crowded round for a last grasp of the hand, the scene was truly touching.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Before Mr. Horace Smith, at North London Police-court, on Monday.

Amelia Macpherson, aged 61, widow, of Moselle-street, Tottenham, was called on a charge of being drunk at Harringay-park and Hornsey, on the previous night. Did not appear.

Harry Horsville, aged 50, of Mare-street, pleaded domestic trouble and a cheerless home, and was fined 10s. or seven days' imprisonment; but Mr. Horace Smith said drink only brought him more trouble, and fined him 10s., or seven days.

Justina Forsyth, aged 27, a married woman, of Lancaster-road, was charged with being drunk and incapable at Landseer-road, on Friday night. She did not appear.

At the Clerkenwell Police-court, on Saturday:

Mary Ann Trussell, aged 25, married, of George's-road, Holloway, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at St. James-road, Holloway, on the previous night. Police-constable Buckley, 430 G, proved the offence. Defendant was discharged with a caution.

Robert Jennings, aged 47, labourer, of Wellstreet, Cathrine-street, was charged with being found drunk in Drury-lane. Police-constable Brooker, 217 N, proved the offence. Defendant was discharged with a caution.

Ellen Collins, aged 31, married, of Macclesfield-street, City-road, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Wharton-street. Police-constable 308 G proved the offence. Fined 5s. or seven days' imprisonment.

Henry Winter, aged 23, clerk, of Marriott-road, Tollington-park, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Aldersgate-street. Police-constable Brasington, 65 G, proved the offence, and defendant was fined 10s. Police-court. Police-constable Shook, 22 G, proved the offence, and she was sent to prison for seven days.

JUNCTION-ROAD CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Last week the members of the Junction-road Congregational Church Guild held a meeting in the school-room of the chapel, for the purpose of considering the programme for the coming season. There was a good attendance. Mr. Bishop, the senior deacon, was in the chair. In the course of a discussion of the condition and prospects of the organisation, it was decided out that the term "guild" did not fully cover the work of the society. It was resolved, by a vote unanimously to change the name to the "Junction-road Church Institute." A special committee was appointed to see that only gentlemen are admitted as members; in fact the membership of the committee of eight was given to understand that the number of the Institute, in as much as many left and joined the ranks of the Volunteers, and the session in the autumn. With a view to preventing such an unsatisfactory condition of affairs it was decided that the work of the institute should be kept up through the year, and for the benefit of the members, instead of being closed. A very strong, interesting, and instructive programme has been compiled, consisting of musical evenings, papers by the members, and public lectures by well-known gentlemen. Among the lectures will be the Rev. Henry Simon, of Hare-court Chapel. Next month the session will be opened by the Rev. F. Ellis, president of the Institute, who will give a presidential address. There is to be a determined effort to increase the interest felt in the work of the organisation.

THE REVOLVER NUISANCE.

Walter Griggs, about 25 years of age of respectable appearance, but who said he was a labourer, of 3, Cromwell-place, Dartmouth-hill, Hatcham Hall, 202 G, a warrant officer of the Court, was charged on remand, at Clerkenwell Police-court, before Mr. Bennett, with feloniously shooting at Eugene Beard with a revolver, with intent, &c. The prisoner was brought up last week, and on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., when in the garden, she had seen the prisoner, who had saw the prisoner at an upstairs window. She was frightened at the fellow's face, when she saw the prisoner, asked him what he was doing, and he said he was "only amusing himself." He then said he had fired at her again, and she, alarmed, applied at the Court for a warrant. When arrested by the officer, the prisoner gave up a revolver, which, however, proved to be useless, as the vent was choked, and the pellets he had fired at her were found in the barrel. Mr. Oliver Gill for the Chinese cracker at the prosecutrix, and had brought the revolver to Court. Prisoner's counsel, Mr. Montague Williams said he should not send the prisoner for trial, but ordered him to enter into his own bail for his good behaviour for six months.

ROBBERY BY AN ERRAND-BOY.

Ernest George Jones, aged 15, errand-boy, of Ashby-street, Finsbury-square, Clerkenwell, was charged at the Clerkenwell Police-court, on Saturday, with stealing a quantity of wine, value 7s., from No. 13, Bowling-green-lane, the property of Messrs. Hawkins and Co. Prisoner was in the employ of the prosecutors as an errand-boy. He was suspected of theft and watched. That morning he was seen to take some wine out of a drawer and conceal it under the stairs. Jones pleaded guilty, and was sent to prison for six weeks.

THE GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S SPORTS.

At Bower-park, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large concourse of visitors, the members of the Gas Light and Coke Company's sun. of Athletics, J. R. Ellis, their annual sports. The weather and the ground could not have been better; and the events were contested in good sport and order, thanks to the energy thrown into the affair by officials and the committee, but taking a dolphin of a man's pleasures. The patrons present included Messrs. G. A. Horton, Chairman of the Company, G. V. Fowler, G. F. Foulger, T. Watson, J. H. Pearson, R. Birkett, A. C. Bell, Bennett, W. Gaskell, J. R. Ellis, and (there from the company's depôts respectively at Goswell-road, Shoreditch, St. Pancras, and Footscray) Messrs. Fairbairn, Ellis, and others. This was the third year of the sports, and it is given that Mr. Gaskell's prophecy of success when he started them was not wanting in any particular. And as to the general management of the sports, matters could not have been more satisfactory had the officials been personally at the business. The only cause for remark was a little severity in the handicapping. The judges of the events were Messrs. Bennett, H. Birkett, G. C. Wigley, and L. Butcher; referee, Mr. W. J. Depledge; starter, Mr. T. Billingham (whose voice and activity were of great service); timers, Mr. F. Brill, S. P. Lowman, and W. R. Salter; clerks of course, Mr. H. Wright; handicapper (on events), Mr. H. Lowman, hon. sec. S.C.C.C.A. (other events), Mr. L. Butcher (City of London Sec. and W. C. Bell); committee, Messrs. W. H. Stephens, W. Shorey, jun., H. Dunkley, T. Stansfield, G. Vyse, J. Clarke, jun., G. Crew, A. Newman, A. Rainbird, G. A. Heath, and W. Brestock; and the hon. secs. (for whom especial mention should be made), Messrs. W. A. Eldred. These sports were somewhat unique, inasmuch as they embraced competition from ten years of age up to sixty years; the little toddlers and the old men of course excelling, and a great deal of interest was thus round the course.

The principal events and results:—

100 Yards Flat Handicap (open to *employés* of the Gas Light and Coke Company and to members of the Gas Light Cricket Club).—Final heat—A. H. Glover (6 yards start), first; C. Rodney (3½), second; S. H. Stephens (3), third. Won by a foot. Time, 11 3-5th sec.

One Mile Handicap.—J. R. Lowe (5.I.H.), first: A. George (unattached), second; C. Rodney (Battersea F.C.), third. Won by twelve yards. Time, 4 min. 50 sec.

250 Yards Flat Handicap (boys under 14 years of age).—First heat: Ed. R. Brister (25 yards start), first; A. Delderfield (33), second; H. R. Stephens (30), third. Won by two yards. Time, 33 4-5th sec.

100 Yards Flat Handicap.—Final Heat—William Shorey (15 yards start), first; S. H. Lowman (scratch), second; C. Lawrence (1), third. Won by four yards; a yard separated second and third. Time, 11 sec.

200 Yards Veterans' Handicap (40 years or over).—H. Smith (scratch), first; J. Heat (2 yards), second; T. J. Huckle (2½), third. Won by three yards; six between second and third. Time, 26 4-5th sec.

One Mile and Spoons Race (100 yards).—G. Vyse.

Three-legged Race (100 yards).—William Shorey, 4, and Stocks, first.

One Mile Handicap (Open).—A. Peddie, Polytechnic H. (203 yards start), first; F. Wainwright, Finchley H. (30), second; F. J. Jackson, Finchley H. (84), third; R. Reighn, Polytechnic H. (175), fourth.

Sack Race (80 yards).—F. V. Brett, first.

At the close of the sports, the competitors (and their friends) sat down to tea, which was played a choice and valuable lot of prize, in the shape of travelling bags, clocks, albums, pipes, &c., &c. Mr. Crute, capital, 1 dozen pipes, &c., &c.

Mr. G. A. Horton (introduced by Mr. Foulger, and received with applause) distributed the prizes, the respective winners being cheered as they came to the table.

After this ceremony, Mr. FOULGER called for cheers for Mrs. Horton, which were lustily given.

Mr. STEPHENS assured Mrs. Horton that the members of the Gas Light and Coke Company's Cricket Club considerably appreciated the kindness of her husband, and that, by all the general interest herself and her good husband had evinced in the welfare and pleasures of the men. He (Mr. Stephens) had had given prizes and in any way contributed to the success of the day; and asked Mr. Ramball, who initiated those gatherings, should be passed, and ought to be thanked. (Applause.)

Mr. G. A. HORTON returned thanks on behalf of his wife, and said it had given her and himself great pleasure to be there to witness the general good feeling amongst the company's employés.

Mr. G. F. L. FOULGER also expressed pleasure in being enabled to take part in the affair. Mr. Ellis had worked very hard for the sports. There was only one matter to which he took exception, and that was the prescription of two paraffin lamps. (Laughter.) He hoped that the gentlemen who had won those lamps would not put them in their walking by-laws, and they kept their lamps as ornaments, would advise the lady to light by which the company supplied gas. (Hear, hear.)

Three cheers were called for Mr. Watson, and Mr. Crute responded. He (Mr. Crute) had been, referred to the *debut* given the occasion by the attendance of Mr. Bennett and other ladies. He (Mr. Crute) proposed:—

"How'er it be, it seems to me
'Tis only noble to be good:
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

(Applause.)

This sentiment thanks, loudly declared, and heartily responded to, were for Mr. Wigley, Mr. Butcher, for Messrs. Barber and Bilbrd for "The Fulham men;" and the proceedings closed in most harmonious fashion.

The Prince of Wales's Band (under Mr. G. W. Crawley) enlivened the proceedings.

MESSRS. BARRATT AND CO'S (CONFECTIONERS AND PROTEIVE FOOD).

A meeting was held at the "Cock" Tavern, Highbury, on Saturday last, for the purpose of distributing the prizes, for Messrs. Barratt and Co's money prizes for good attendance for a year, to those who were fortunate enough to win them. Mr. George Osborne Barratt, senior member of the firm, presided. There were also present Messrs. George, William, Edward, Frank, and Albert Barratt, J. Stennett, Hill, Rickey, Peterson, Pier, Gunn, Wood, and others, who had won the prizes for attendance prizes. The Chairman, who was most enthusiastically received, proceeded to distribute the prizes in a most pleasantable fashion. As the names were called out the winners proceeded to the table, and received their prizes from the hands of Mr. Barratt, who offered to each recipient a few kind words of congratulation and sympathy and satisfaction. The money prizes amounted to £20. The distribution was over, Mr. George William Barratt announced, amid loud cheering, that the winners of the medals were entitled to a trip to Paris in the future, but if he was unable to do so, he had no doubt that his sons would follow in his footsteps, and perform so pleasing a task. (Cheers.) Subsequently the committee of the Union, about 30 in number, were entertained by Messrs. Barratt to a very *recherché* character, when Mr. G. W. Barratt took the chair. When the cloth had been cleared, Mr. Sharpe, a schoolboy, proposed "Mr. George Osborne Barratt," and in doing so said that as an employer it was hard for him to find half-holidays an impossibility to find a better. (Applause. Might he long be spared to grace the love of his numerous friends and the esteem of his many friends. The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Mr. Barratt briefly responded, and addressing them as "fellow workers," said he felt himself entitled to do so, seeing that he had for upwards of 45 years been a worker in the establishment. He was greatly pleased to find so many of his old *employés* present with whom he had worked so long and happily. He was getting old now, and falling out of the ranks, but he leaves behind him some worthy successors, and he sincerely desired that they should get kindly treatment which had so long existed between himself and his employés. He would be fully entitled to them in the future. (Loud cheers.) Mr. Wood then proposed "The Firm." Mr. George William Barratt, in replying, said he was born in the business, so could well call them "fellow workers." He hoped he might meet them once each circumstances on many future occasions. (Applause.) Mr. Frank Barratt next proposed "Friendly Societies." Mr. Gunn, in a little girl boy tickets and at that moment one of Leach's companions shouted "Gooper!" The plate and tickets were deposited under the barrow, and the prisoner proceeded to sell, or offer for sale, his goods in a legitimate way. The persons who had purchased tickets were then heard to ask for their purchases back from the boy, who had taken into custody, and, on searching him, found 10s. in silver and 24s. in copper in his possession. Mr. Horace Smith inflicted a fine of 20s.; in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

THE JACK THE RIPPER SCARE.

John Harvey, aged 38, costermonger, with no home, was charged before Mr. Bros, at Worship-street Police-court, on Monday, with being drunk and disorderly and using bad language at High-street, Kingsland, on Saturday night. Constable H. Smith, of the J division, stated that at ten o'clock on Saturday night he was called to the spot by a large crowd shouting that he was Jack the Ripper. He would not go away, and was witness with difficulty got him to the police-station. The prisoner now declared that he was drunk, and did not know what he had done. He was not Jack the Ripper, anyway. Mr. Bros fined the prisoner 10s., or seven days' imprisonment.

"ALL THE WAY FROM MANCHESTER."

Henry Alfred Cook, 11 years of age, who said he came to London in a coal truck from Manchester a fortnight since, was charged before Mr. Bros, at Worship-street, Police-court, on Monday, with being found wandering without visible means at Dalston-lane on Saturday night. The boy told Police-constable Lawrence, who found him sleeping in a van, that he was an orphan, and had no friends. The little fellow now repeated this statement, and said he had begged a living since he came to London. The prisoner was sent to the workhouse.

AN ASSAULT CASE.

Frances Hall, aged 27, married, of Goughstreet, St. Pancras, was charged on Saturday, at the Clerkenwell Police-court, with assaulting Mary Ann Clove, by striking her with a knife at Mount Pleasant. The complainant deposed that on the previous evening the defendant came up to her and struck her a violent blow on the nose. She gave defendant no provocation. Defendant said complainant had assaulted her. Mr. Montagu Williams sent her to prison for seven days, with hard labour.

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