WEEK BY WEEK: Notes and Comments on Matters of Moment.

GENERAL interest being centred in the railway strike, there are no fresh developments to report this week in connection with the forthcoming municipal elections. Each district, in the Borough of Ealing, will fight in great style, the GAZETTE has already indicated, and it seems that in every other important town the same thing will happen. A feature of this year's elections is that Labour will fight on its own, and have no alliance, actual or implied, with any other parties. Owing to the greatly increased electorate, some candidates have already commenced canvassing, and the anti-profiteering campaign promises to provide the chief plank in every platform. It seems to be recognised that the best way to cultivate the women voters is to advocate a vigorous administration of the Profiteering Act, and generally speaking, the more so the better.

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A Query from Hanwell.

Hanwell is in need of a swimming bath. Public expression of this particular requirement came from Miss Hayes, head-teacher at St. Ann's Girls' School, on her address at the close of the admirable swimming entertainment given by pupils of the department at Brentford, the other night. It is not the first time that such a request for instructional, practice, and exhibition facilities has been put forward. The chief need, it would appear, emanates from the children. At present, says Miss Hayes, it is necessary to send small parties to Ealing and Brentford. The inconvenience incurred in that arrangement is patent, and it speaks well for the teachers at the Baths that under the present system no fewer than seventy scholars from St. Ann's have "made good." When will the success already achieved be recognised by local sanction of a public swimming centre?

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Ealing Literary Society.

Mr. Arthur Dossy, F.R.G.S., will open the new course of lectures arranged by the Society, at the Lecture Hall, Ealing Green, on Monday, the 13th next. His subject, "With the Italians on the High Alps," with views taken at an altitude of 13,000 feet, should warmly commend this well-known traveller to the interest of the Ealing public. There is every prospect that the lecture list of this Society will be of great interest. Dr. Fort Newton on "Man's Years," Mr. Saleeby on Dr. Lister and Florence Nightingale, Richard Kearton on "The Fairy Land of Nature" (with slides and moving pictures), will be amongst the lectures. A full list of these are shown, with dates arranged for, in our advertisement columns. In the new year there is a prospect that Mr. W. T. Mawson, who has been laying out the New Athens, at Salonika, will be added to the list. The price of the course ticket will be 6s., and these can be obtained at Squire's Music Warehouse, New Broadway, Ealing, W.5.

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Fewer Accidents.

The success of the "Safety First" campaign in the factories is commented on by the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops in his report for the year 1918, which was issued by the Home Office as a White Paper during the week. The report states that the increased employment of women, and the adoption of new types of machines, the increased number of persons employed in factories, and the introduction of female labour into processes hitherto confined to men, would naturally have led them to expect a corresponding increase in the number of reported accidents. This had not been the case. On the contrary, many of the inspectors' reports pointed to a decrease. By continually directing the workers' attention, by signs or short notices, to points of danger and the need of extra care, and also by securing their co-operation with the management in the prevention of accidents, remarkable results had been achieved. The formation of safety committees in individual works had proved very effective, and the Department is pressing consideration of these matters on occupiers and on employers' and workers' organizations.

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Interesting to Small Builders.

The Ministry of Health has had under consideration every method which might be taken to secure the early provision of houses in places where, though the immediate need is acute, the housing issues in course of erection by the local authority are not likely to be immediately ready for occupation in sufficient numbers. Among the expedients which the Ministry thinks might usefully be adopted to meet the situation, is one furnished by a clause in the Housing Act of 1919, in which sufficient public attention has not perhaps been directed. It is the clause under which the local authority may buy or may lease sites which are suitable for the working classes and which are either in course of erection or about to be erected at the instance of a private builder. The clause is one which might give a useful opportunity to a small builder who, while he is unable to tender for a big scheme, might yet be in a position to effect three or four cottages. Such builders, if builders in a large way, who have resources in men and material which they can spare from their main engagements, would do well to get into communication with their local authority and to submit proposals.

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"Welcome Home" Receptions.

Arrangements are well in hand for the series of "Welcome Home" receptions to the demobilised soldiers and sailors in the Victoria Hall. The dates selected are October 7th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 27th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m. Each Ward as far as possible will be dealt with on separate nights. The men in Drayton Ward will be entertained on the Castlebar Ward night, the Mount Park and Grange Wards on the 14th and 15th, Manor 16th and 20th, Lammas 27th and 29th. Invitations have been sent to the men in the Drayton and Castlebar Wards; the other invitations will be issued about a week previous to the date fixed. The names have been taken from the absent voters lists. Should any demobilised man in the Borough not receive the original list, desire to attend, application should be made at once at the Town Hall. The entertainment will take the form of a smoking concert, arranged by different sections of the burgesses, with light refreshments.

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Rugby Players Wanted.

The Ealing Rugby Club, one of the oldest playing clubs in the South of England, being successfully concluded negotiations for a new playing ground at Perivale, is looking forward to a revival of that sports-loving rivalry characteristic of its activity in the past. By way of prelude to the initiation of the new programme, a general meeting of the Club was called on Monday evening, and a very satisfactory response followed attention. The event brought together a good nucleus of playing members, with the absence of several of the club players, through rail-road dislocation, many of the items on the agenda could not be settled in the discussion. Thus, the problems were largely of an informal character, and may be summarised in the general statement: The Club, finding itself heavily depleted through casualties in the war, only a nucleus list has so far been compiled, whether an "A" XV list is possible can only be determined by the influx of new playing members." It is the aim of the committee to introduce new and active blood into the Club, and now that the financial situation is momentarily rendered, it is hoped, a subordinate factor, it is to be hoped full advantage will be taken of the special facilities offered.

Financial Wisdom.

The Council that administered Hanwell finances during the war was composed of wise men. Because they had carry out improvements owing to the greater national demands, they did not let the rate decrease to the lower limit. They kept it level, and a good surplus has accumulated. Now, when the necessity has had to be acknowledged, and increasing wages, and the cost of materials flow in the upward direction, the reserve money comes in extremely handy, and instead of jumping the rate up to a prodigious height, the Council will be able to keep it within moderate bounds. It is a fact that which the district may well congratulate itself, especially considering the greatly increased rates ruling in neighbouring towns.

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Volunteers Disbanded.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that it has been decided to release from their obligations all members of the Volunteer Force, other than the R.A.S.C., M.T. units, which are still required for special duties. Accordingly, the instructions have been issued to commence the disbandment of the force forthwith. A message has been addressed by the King to the Lord Lieutenants of Great Britain, conveying his Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered by the Volunteer Force, and of those who, by their willing support, contributed to its success. "I cannot forget," his Majesty says, "the self-sacrifice and patriotism which inspired so many of my subjects, who from reasons of age or other causes were unable to serve abroad, to come forward and train themselves for any eventuality in the hour of their country's need." The Army Council has also expressed its appreciation of the services of all ranks of the force.

CHANGES AT ST. JOHN'S.

RETIREMENTS FROM DAY SCHOOL WORK AMONG INFANTS.

An active participation in the work of St. John's Infants' School, covering a period of almost forty years, was brought to its formal termination on Tuesday afternoon, when the deepest thanks were tendered to Miss Minard and Miss Richardson, headmistress and first assistant respectively.

In opening the proceedings, the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Summerhayes) said they had come together, as representatives of the day school departments, the Managers, and Church to say good-bye to two very dear friends, whose names had been associated from the school for two generations. It was very seldom in the busy days common to the age that two such earnest workers remained in touch with any particular institution for so many years, and that in not at all an easy place of work. They were present to recognise almost forty years' unbroken service, and that service of the very highest.

He only wished they could all call together some of the old pupils at the school in order that they might express "what we want to express from our hearts to Miss Minard and Miss Richardson." He could remember, many years ago, that what always struck him about the school was the manner in which the headmistress gave herself up to really mothering the children: not only teaching them but actually seeing to make them feel at home in the first few weeks of elementary instruction. That had gone on for two generations of children. It had laid a fine, strong foundation of character, and had fixed the tone and atmosphere of the school.

A DEEP LOSS INCURRED.

He linked his thanks with the memory and gratitude of his father, who had the very highest regard for Miss Minard and Miss Richardson, and, in the second place, associated the long line of teachers who had come into contact with the foundation and her friend and helper. Many, he added, felt with them the deep loss they were incurring in the withdrawal of such examples of high regard and respect. In making the presentation of two little tokens of esteem, he thanked the recipients "not only for your service to the school, but for the high standard you have set before us, and your strong devotion to duty through hard and difficult times."

The gift to Miss Minard took the form of a clock, while Miss Richardson received a handbag. Two tiny tots presented simple but effective bouquets, and Mr. E. J. Golledge, headmaster of the boys' department, associated himself with the Vicar's tribute.

Declining to make a speech, Miss Minard summised her indebtedness in the words: "Thank you all very much." The ringing cheers that concluded the pleasing ceremony were a remarkable demonstration of what little ones can do.

At the meeting of the Education Committee on Thursday, it was agreed that a letter be prepared expressing, on behalf of the Committee, the warmest appreciation of the excellent service rendered to the cause of education in Ealing by Miss Richardson during the past thirty odd years.

SCHOOL DINNER INTERVAL.

HEAD TEACHERS' REASONS AGAINST CURTAILMENT.

The Consultative Committee of Ealing Head Teachers submitted three alternative suggestions to the Education Committee on Thursday evening.

The first, with reference to the subject of nursery schools, which, the head teachers thought, should not be discussed apart from attached to infants' schools. They suggested that nursery classes should be attached to each existing infants' school, be under the supervision of the head mistresses, and open for the attendance of children between the ages of three and five.

The second suggestion was that the dinner interval should not be curtailed. Experience of the last four years, they stated, had shown that the shortening of the dinner interval during the winter had tended to increase the number of latecomers and absence in the afternoon session, or prevented children from going home to a proper middle-day meal. Now that lighting restrictions had been removed, the head teachers considered it would be greatly in the interests of the children if the shortening of the dinner interval was not resorted to this year.

As the business of the head teachers' meetings almost wholly concerns the work of the schools, a further suggestion was that the meetings should be held during school hours, thus rendering possible the attendance of all the teachers.

The first and third suggestions were referred to the General Purposes Sub-Committee, and the second to the two managerial sub-committees, with power to act.

"MUMMING BIRDS."

Fred Karno's new version of "Mumming Birds," the fantasy that made Charlie Chaplin famous, is also a feature of Chiswick Empire on Monday. Jimmy Russell is now principal comedian, and is supported by Cyril Cooke, Jimmy Tray, Emma Searman, Mabel Searby, J. le Fre, Frank Prior, Fred Lewis, and Minnie Clare.

Miss Ina Hill, the famous prima donna of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company; Sammy Shields, the football enthusiast; Bert Robinson and Nan Macken, in their original comedy Irish song scena, "The Old Cobbler;" the Mandos, in their marvellous "Brainwave act; Wal, May and Fredie Francis, eccentric entertainers; and Herbert Hoyle in comedy cameos will also appear.

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A lifelong resident of Acton, named Pullen, now celebrating her golden wedding, had a grandmother who lived to be 100 and a mother who lived to be 84. They also lived in Acton.

THE WEAK AT BRENTHAM.

COUNCILLOR HUTCHINGS AND HIS LADY OPPONENT.

The death of Mrs. Sell, of Woodfield-road, late on Sunday night, has removed a well-known and highly respected lady from the district. Though suffering much during the cricket days of her husband, she cheered as she went about in her bathchair. With Mr. William Sell and his daughter, much sympathy is felt.

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The final cricket match of the season, in which Wyncroft Sports were defeated, at Brentham, had a very pleasant interlude. During the interval Mr. Aliport, on behalf of the cricket club and supporters, presented to Mr. T. Nicholson a silver mounted inkstand. Mr. Nicholson's services on the ground, and as umpire for many seasons, have been much appreciated, and although, as the recipient said, all was done for the love of the game, the cricketers were determined to show their feelings tangibly.

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The Dramatic Society met on Monday night last, and elected Mr. Macfarlane honorary secretary. With him to form a provisional committee are Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Folker, Miss Carter, Miss Martin, Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Ward. Mr. Folker has promised to produce. The entertainment committee, now new), and as soon as the committee has formed a scheme of work and collected the old "props," a start of work commenced, and a very successful season will be made. Meanwhile, what of the Choralists?

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The Bohemian, on Friday evening last, was a distinct step in advance of the first one. Mr. Hutchings, as usual, was the entertainers, and the introduction of two or three dances added considerably to the variety and general enjoyment. The substitute Committee apparently is against any dancing of an informal nature, and has intimated to the "Bohemian" Committee that no permission for dancing can be allowed. The parent body is, in this action, not encouraging those who are helping to make the Institute a desirable place.

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So Mrs. Morris is to oppose Mr. Hutchings, and the possibility of two Brenthamites reaching the Council disappears as far as the Mount Park Ward is concerned. But unless other forces appear in the fray one resident in Brentham will represent the ward, and, of course, Mr. T. Jones, of Mecklenburgh, has a chance in the adjoining ward. But why not a real "general" municipal election?

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The Woodfield-road repairs are very good, as far as they go, but they do not go nearly far enough. The part from Mount Pleasant road to the Lane is almost as bad as was the other part.

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Owing to one of the finalists being held up on Saturday last, on his journey home, the final of the golf competition was postponed until to-day. To-day the Football Club is at home to Cleveland, and the Hockey Club journey to Acton Town to visit the City of London H.C. The Junior F.C. defeated Castlebar Rangers by 5—2 (Palmer 2, Clarke 2, Perry 1).

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Brentham has some phenomenal pedestrians. The number of men who tell their neighbours that they simply love walking to and from the city is very large. In fact, in the billiard room the man who admits he had a "lift" on the road is regarded as something of a degenerate. But it is the admission that really brands the man! The mystery is how some of these men can leave home at 8 a.m. and be strolling up Cheapside before 9.

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Mr. Bryceson was in Brentham on Friday last, but did not stay long enough to allow of the presentation of his testimonial being made.

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TEMPERANCE WORK.

OPENING OF THE AUTUMN SESSION.

The Christ Church and S. Saviour's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society opened its autumn session with a devotional service and admission of new members in Christ Church on Monday evening.

The service was taken and address given by Rev. N. Muirhead Hope, who urged that the children should be taught self-sacrifice, which would lead to self-control, and, as they grow older, to self-restraint. Had this been done in Bands of Hope years ago, there would have been no need for prohibition and Acts of Parliament to make the nation so sober. People would have learnt the use not the abuse—of strong drink. Mr. Hope told of a Band of Hope he worked in the North of England, where the children raised by their efforts £700 for various charitable objects which did not in any way benefit themselves. They heard much about the "good old days" but the Band of Hope continue it now the war was over, and the world should be a better place to live in. Every member ought to feel his or her membership a responsibility, and do some definite work for the Branch.

The next meeting will be a social, on October 8, in S. Saviour's Hall, at 6.30, and the speaker Miss Ada Rose, National Secretary for W.T.A.U. The musical programme will be provided by S. Mary's Branch.

All interested in temperance work are invited to attend a public meeting in St. George's Hall, Bond-street, on Wednesday, October 8th, at 8 p.m. Speakers: The Bishop of Willesden, and Mrs. Auld, Sec., C.E.T.S. Women's Union.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

The parent of a child in attendance at a private school has been informed by the Ealing Education Committee that it has no power to accede to the request that the child might be treated at the school clinic. Referring to the matter the Committee says:

At the meeting of the Committee, on Thursday, Councillor G. H. Gubb asked if boys attending the Council School were eligible to attend, or was the clinic reserved for children attending the elementary schools.

The Vice-Chairman (Alderman G. C. Farr) replied that if notice had been given, a consideration of the question would have been given. His view was that, inasmuch as the Elementary Education Authority dealt also, with the question of secondary education, the children attending the secondary schools should be eligible for attendance at the school clinic.

Dr. Orr stated that under the Education Act of last year, secondary school children also had to be dealt with at the school clinic, but there was no scheme before the Committee at present. That was one of the first matters to be considered by the newly-formed Higher Education Committee. At present they could not deal with secondary school children at the clinic.

PICTORIAL SPORT.

In the picture of "Sporting Life," showing at the Kinema, West Ealing, next week, we have one of the finest drama series yet presented on the screen. In view of the many excellent pictures at present showing in the theatres, this statement appears to be a strong one; but, at any rate, there is no exaggeration about it. Those who have seen "The Whip" will see some faint resemblance of that play in "Sporting Life." At the same time, there are many points of difference. The whole latest sporting events are "snapped" from the National Sporting Club, and, of course, the Derby, on Derby Day.

A charming romance interwoven with the plot saves the picture from being too "sporting."

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 15, Tufton-street, Westminster, S.W.1., has received an anonymous gift of £1,000 for the society's Medical Missions Fund.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION'S RETORT TO LABOUR PARTY'S ATTACK.

The question of the forthcoming local municipal elections has been considered during the week by the Executive Committee of the Ealing Conservative and Unionist Association.

It was felt that it is inadvisable to mix up the question of Imperial and Local Politics, but, in view of the attempt made by the Labour Party to capture the Local Government of the town, it was resolved that the Conservative and Unionist Association should oppose the candidates of the Labour Party at the elections on November 1st next.

It was agreed that the following candidates be supported by the Association against the attack by the Labour Party:—

Drayton Ward Councillor D. Howell-Jones.

Castlebar Ward, Councillor George H. Gabb.

Mount Park Ward, Councillor F. Hallows.

Lammas Ward, Councillor A. W. Bradford and Mr. C. Groom.

Manor Ward, Councillor J. S. King.

Grange Ward, Mr. Arthur E. Cobbin.

With regard to certain other Wards and candidates the matter is still under consideration.

COUNCILLOR FULLER'S VIEWS.

INTERESTING POINTS IN UNANIMOUS ELECTION MEETING.

Councillor J. C. Fuller, as one of the representatives of the Manor Ward, rendered an account of his stewardship on Thursday evening at the Princes Room, Town Hall. It was an open meeting, but apparently so well satisfied were Manor Ward electors that his municipal business has been well and truly done, that only a mere handful of them attended. Indeed the meeting resolved itself into a happy hunting ground for retiring and prospective councillors to refresh themselves upon subjects suitable for inclusion in their election addresses.

Mr. G. A. Chambers presided and advanced the opinion that it did not so much matter what the views of a councillor were so long as he was intelligent, honest, industrious, and interested in municipal work. Those personal qualities of a man counted more than his particular views on a particular question. The right point of view was the well-being of the people, and it was because Councillor Fuller had always made that his true aim that he (the Chairman) was pleased to signalise his birthday by supporting him that evening.

HOUSING PROBLEM MUST BE FACED.

Councillor Fuller gave a very effective and comprehensive review of what he thought most important matters that have engaged the attention of the Town Council since he took office a member two-and-a-half years ago and that are, as the politicians would say, practical politics at the present time. Having explained his reason for resigning and seeking election, Councillor Fuller briefly alluded to the work of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committees, pointing out that the very efficiency of the work of the former rendered it the less public. Valuable work, however, was done month by month, and the Ealing public health department was one of the proudest possessions of the town.

Concerning housing, Councillor Fuller was so impressed with the urgency of the need for providing accommodation that he not only fully supported the policy of the Council in promptly endeavouring to meet the housing need, but was prepared to advocate that the Council should take into early consideration an extension of the scheme in view of evidence that has been forthcoming that the present scheme would fall short of meeting the requirements. He frankly admitted that he was appalled at the cost—something approaching £900 per house when all reductions had been made—but declared that the problem was of such importance that he was absolutely in terms of money.

On education Councillor Fuller said he was prepared to continue to advocate that the fullest advantage should be taken of the provisions of the Act of 1918, especially in regard to compulsory attendance, and that early regards allotments he indicated what he had already done in that direction, and expressed his hope that he would continue still using all the powers it possessed to retain the present allotments and to provide additional allotments if they were proved to be necessary.

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CLARICE MAYNE AND "THAT."

Clarice Mayne and her irrepressible partner, Jimmy Tate, are responsible for a week's programme at Shepherds Bush Empire.

Clarice Mayne's reputation as a great artiste is widely known, and she is certainly no superior, in the singing of the light and lilting ballads provided for her by her partner. Her voice is sweet and true, as well as a monarch of mirth when accompanying Miss Mayne at the piano. Miss Mayne will sing two new numbers—"That," and they will be found as attractive and ear-haunting as the popular "Broken Doll" and "I'm in Love." To mention only two of the many successes of this famous pair.

Peter Parise, in plaintive comedy; Laddie Cliff, a comedian and dancer of originality and polish; Joyce and Shields, speciality dancers; Bert Price and his concertina; Betty Balfour in songs from her repertoire; Frank Le Dent, the world-renowned juggler; and Jack Wilson, in "A Sister to Assist 'Er," are also appearing.

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As the result of a collision between a motor car and a motor omnibus at Hammersmith, a newsvendor named Moore and a girl of 15, named Quested, of Notting-hill-gate, were knocked down and injured. The omnibus then dashed into the window of the tea packing department at Cadby Hall, and injured one of the employees working inside.

MR. W. J. STURGESS.

LAMMAS WARD CANDIDATE'S REPLY TO FEDERATION.

Mr. W. J. Sturgess writes from 1, Talbot-road, West Ealing:—

In your last issue (under Federation Flashes) it stated that the Lammas Ward electors are puzzled and perplexed at the allotment holders running a candidate. One of the chief reasons for my candidature is to represent the allotment holders in the Council is to secure plots for the ex-service men who require same. If their chairman, who is eligible to act in the interest of allotment holders, why is it there are so many men still waiting for plots? What steps has Mr. Pearl taken to secure plots for the men?—and what support has he given to the Association in its repeated efforts to induce the Council to provide ground for discharged men? I would suggest that the matter be taken up with Mr. Pearl, who is eligible to act, and advised that allotment holders are well advised in not leaving things to others, but looking after them personally.

There is another matter which puzzles and perplexes a good many people: why a considerable proportion of the Council represent the railway interest. We have had too many of the trading fraternity on the Council in the past, and it shall not be any better off if local affairs are in the hands of railway officials? We have to bear in mind that Councils are called upon to deal with matters that may have important bearings on the railways running through their districts, and it is hardly fair to employees, who may be Councillors, that they should have to adjudicate upon matters and give a decision adverse to their employers."

CHURCH COLOUR SCHEME.

VICAR DECIDES TO ABANDON THE PROPOSAL.

St. Matthew's (Ealing Common) Church colour scheme has been abandoned, and the reason why is explained by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Sadler Phillips) in the current issue of the Parish Magazine.

"It will be remembered (he says) that the plebiscite was taken at the morning service of Sunday, August 3rd, when a voting slip was handed to everyone who attended the service except the small children. As a result of the voting on that day 69 parishioners out of 222 voted against the scheme. In addition, 93 voting slips which had been given out were left in the Church pews unused. The votes were then closely inspected by the Churchwardens, and it was found that of the 69 negative votes 12 had been cast by two families, whereas the greatest number of affirmative votes cast by a family was 4, and that in only one case. It was also apparent that such people had generally not been present, which was due, no doubt, to their being out of Ealing for their summer holidays. On these figures the Vicar and Churchwardens felt that they could not decide to abandon the scheme. The opposition was not strong enough.

"After careful consideration the Vicar and Churchwardens decided to give the 'opposition' a further chance of increasing their weight, and therefore voting slips to the number of 80 were sent out to the seat-holders who had not voted, but actually only 35 forms were returned, of which 24 were 'negative.' These figures were then given to the Vicar, who stated that he would like to consider them for a week. At the end of this time the Vicar informed the Churchwardens that he could not decide at the whole matter from a broad point of view. It seemed to him in spite of all that could be said in favour of carrying the scheme through in the large majority of favourable votes which had been obtained, the fact remained that a substantial number of parishioners were in opposition. To what extent the 'opposition' had been artificially created by Mr. R. W. Vining's weekly attack upon the Church, and the Church generally in the local Press, he could not say, but the point that could not be lost sight of was that this was a Memorial Church in memory of the men who had sacrificed their lives in the Great War. It was a token that he was appalled at the cost—something approaching £900 per house when all reductions had been made—but declared that the problem was of such importance that the present scheme would fall short of meeting the requirements. He frankly admitted that he was appalled at the cost—something approaching £900 per house when all reductions had been made—but declared that the problem was of such importance that he was absolutely in terms of money.

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CLARICE MAYNE AND "THAT."

Clarice Mayne and her irrepressible partner, Jimmy Tate, are responsible for a week's programme at Shepherds Bush Empire.

Clarice Mayne's reputation as a great artiste is widely known, and she is certainly no superior, in the singing of the light and lilting ballads provided for her by her partner. Her voice is sweet and true, as well as a monarch of mirth when accompanying Miss Mayne at the piano. Miss Mayne will sing two new numbers—"That," and they will be found as attractive and ear-haunting as the popular "Broken Doll" and "I'm in Love." To mention only two of the many successes of this famous pair.

Peter Parise, in plaintive comedy; Laddie Cliff, a comedian and dancer of originality and polish; Joyce and Shields, speciality dancers; Bert Price and his concertina; Betty Balfour in songs from her repertoire; Frank Le Dent, the world-renowned juggler; and Jack Wilson, in "A Sister to Assist 'Er," are also appearing.

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As the result of a collision between a motor car and a motor omnibus at Hammersmith, a newsvendor named Moore and a girl of 15, named Quested, of Notting-hill-gate, were knocked down and injured. The omnibus then dashed into the window of the tea packing department at Cadby Hall, and injured one of the employees working inside.

The WEEK'S CHIT-CHAT: Fact, Anecdote & Information [By "GAZETTEER."]

"Lots."

There is still truth in the Biblical saying, "Let us reason together."

Cheerio!

"Keep in good spirits and make the best of things," is the advice offered by the Ealing Parish Council Committee.

Last of the Bradburys.

Currency Notes printed after October 1st will bear the signature of Sir N. F. Warren Fisher, in lieu of that of Sir John Bradbury.

How it was Done.

Overheard in the Grove on Monday morning: "O! Yes; I remembered doing it, my dear. I put all our clocks on an hour!"

New Jerusalem Line.

"The Hallelujah Railway is still running."—Notice placed outside the Salvation Army Citadel in Ealing-road, West Ealing, on declaration of the great strike.

Paradoxical.

"What did you do in the great strike daddy?"

"Well, my son, having been demobilised, I was serving in the 29th Battalion."

(The out-of-work pay to ex-Service men is 29s. weekly.)

A Delicate Performance.

Urging Hanwell Council to acquire huts in Elthorne Park for housing accommodation, a demobilised soldier tells the Council that he possessed one room. It is, he says, a hard rough to put your legs through the windows to get your trousers on!

To a Striker.

The words I might have healed!
The human sorrow and smart!
And yet it never was in my soul
To play so ill a part!
But evil is wrought by want of thought,
As well as want of heart.
—THOMAS HOOD.

Pussyfoot, Please Note.

Sir Herbert Nield, M.P., alluded at York Quarter Sessions to "the threatened invasion of prohibitionists from the other side of the Atlantic."

"Great Britain," he added, "does not desire to be told its duty by America, and especially not by that section of Americans which is engaged in the total prohibition crusade."

Most Unanimous!

"He was then unanimously adopted by a very large majority," said Mr. Ashley, replying the claims of Mr. C. Groom as a municipal candidate, in view of the previous approval of his candidature at a meeting twelve months ago.

This amusing intelligence was imparted to a meeting at Northfields Schools, last Friday evening. But few smiled at the little inconsistency in speech.

A Guardian Humorist.

Mr. I. Cohen, one of Ealing's representatives on the Board of Guardians (Ealing), so as to save their large staff—especially girls and young women—the fatigue of coming to work for a few hours only, may we make an appeal to the whole of the City employers likewise not to open their warehouses, factories, or offices tomorrow. This will not only be warmly appreciated by the City workers themselves, but will relieve the great strain upon Cabbies, who have kindly assisted in every way during this week in conveying workers to and from their homes.

"In the happy event of the strike being over, the day's rest on Saturday will be appreciated after the heavy strain of the week, and much petrol will be saved."

EDUCATION FINANCE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO £00,000 GALLONS OF WATER.

The Education Committee, on Thursday, received a report from its Finance Sub-Committee that the County Council had sent a statement showing the balance still due from Ealing in respect of capital expenditure on the Ealing County School and Technical Institute was £182 15s. 9d.

It was agreed that this be paid.

The Borough Treasurer pointed out that the proportion of expenditure to be borne by Ealing amounted to £8,932 15s. 9d., and that the sanctions for loans totalled £5,687, leaving a balance of £245 15s. 9d.

This amount is to be met from revenue.

Mr. E. R. M. Castle, assistant district auditor, reporting on the audit of the accounts of the Education Committee, stated:

"Ealing water consumption has increased since the year 1913, to the excessive consumption of water at Little Ealing School, for the December quarter, 1918. The number of gallons used was 611,000 as compared with 309,000 for the previous quarter. The explanation given to me was that the caretaker had neglected to control the flushing tanks, with the result that these were left running day and night. It appears that there is no officer of the Council responsible for the due exercise of economy by the caretakers of these schools after school hours.

"I beg to draw your attention to the amount of the overdraft at the Bank. The amount overdrawn at the beginning of the year was £1,419 2s. 2½d., and at March 31st, 1919, this had increased to £3,063 1s. 10½d."

With regard to the matter of the consumption of water at Little Ealing School, the Secretary stated that the question was dealt with by the Managers of Provided Schools in February last.

In connection with the concluding paragraph of the report of the Auditor, the Borough Treasurer pointed out that the figures quoted were those shown on the Statutory Financial Statement (Elementary Education), which deals with income and expenditure only, and does not include the Elementary Education Revenue Account at March 31st, 1919, being £2,459 10s. 10d.

THE GIRL WITH NO REGRETS.

In this enthralling drama, at the Walpole next Monday, Percy Hyland is portrayed as an orphan who goes to live with her married sister, unconscious of the fact that her sister and brother-in-law are professional thieves. After a series of adventures at their house she leaves to take up a post as secretary to a rich man, with whom she falls in love. On the evening she decides to marry a man her thieving relatives' break into the house and endeavour to involve her in it.

Virginia Pearson will be presented on Thursday in "The Love Auction." Tired of waiting for a man she had loved from childhood, a pretty girl decides to marry a man of wealth just before her lover returns to announce his position, and was ready to settle down. The girl is heartbroken, but is consoled by the prospect of unlimited means. Soon after marriage she learns that her husband is a drunkard, and in his weak frenzy she turns to her old lover for sympathy. This creates a sensational situation in which the husband plays a strange role.

WATER BOARD FINANCE.

The Metropolitan Water Board on Friday, after brief discussion, rejected a scheme for the reorganization of the Board's administrative system, under which the Chairman was to be recognized as the representative head responsible for the exercise of general supervision and control, receiving a salary of not less than £4,000 a year, in place of £800 as at present.

Railwayman Win!

See page 7.

Daddy up-to-date.

"What did you do in the great strike, daddy?"

"Made do on fifteen bob, my son."

Bear This in Mind.

In every rank, or great or small,
Industry pays, as all.—GAY

Big Earthquake Predicted.

Mr. W. Wheeler, of Bath Villa, Manor Court-road, Hanwell, informs me that he expects to learn of a great earthquake this week, but not in England.

"Underground's" New Manners.

Passenger: Does this train stop at the Temple?

Amateur Conductor: I'm afraid not. I'm awfully sorry!

To be or not to be.

In continuance of their "Safety First" campaign, the London General Omnibus Company has placed the following adapted quotation from Shakespeare on the rear of most of its omnibuses:—"To be or not to be—Careful."

The "All Clear" Lads.

The good work done by the Boy Scouts during the air raids is at least to be recognised in one district. Mr Henry Forsman, M.P., the Mayor of Hammersmith, is on the afternoon of Saturday next presenting a special commemorative silver medal to twenty boys, who, according to the records of the police, blew the "All Clear" on the occasions in question.

The presentations will be made in Ravenscourt Park, by permission of the London County Council, and a large gathering of Boy Scouts is expected from the Hammersmith District. It is also hoped that there will be representative deputations from the organisations of other Boy Scouts in Western London.

The Rising Sun!

"Housing," the official organ of the Ministry of Health, is as optimistic as most Government publications. Its title line is the centre-piece of a pictorial representation of a new and delightful city, over which the rising sun is seen pouring its beneficent rays, lighting up tree-lined streets beautifully cut and designed, and a broad central thoroughfare leading up to a dome-crowned edifice in the distance—apparently a town hall or a citadel of peace and happiness.

In the background, too, there are fields and trees, but—rather strangely—no valleys or mountain peaks—features without which Mr. Lloyd George's new world hardly be complete.

Saturday a Holiday?

Last night Captain Larking, the secretary of the Early Closing Association, wrote as follows:

"A number of City wholesale textile firms having informed us of their intention not to open (to-morrow, Saturday), so as to save their large staffs—especially girls and young women—the fatigue of coming to work for a few hours only, may we make an appeal to the whole of the City employers likewise not to open their warehouses, factories, or offices tomorrow. This will not only be warmly appreciated by the City workers themselves, but will relieve the great strain upon Cabbies, who have kindly assisted in every way during this week in conveying workers to and from their homes.

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