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STEEPLECHASE AFTER ALLEGED BURGLARS.

Fred Lothem, 27, a tramp, no address given, and Edward Gurney, 21, who also refused to address, was charged on remand at Willesden yesterday, with being concerned together in burglariously breaking and entering Sydney Blakeslee-gardens, Cricklewood, and stealing silver plate, a silver watch and other articles, clocks, rings, watches, brooches and other articles of jewellery, the property of Mr. Herbert Williams.—P.C. Pratt said that on January 3rd at ten o'clock at night, he went to 60, Blakeslee-gardens, and found the front door fastened. He went round to the back, and found a glass panel in the scullery window had been removed. He hid behind the hedge for some time watching the house until he heard a click, and he then saw Lothem and another man come out of the front door. He believed the other man was Gurney, but was not quite sure. On seeing him they rushed back into the house and slammed the door. He blew his whistle and ran to the back of the house, where he saw the man leaving by the scullery door. On seeing him they rushed back to the front of the house, and he also ran to the front and got there before them. That was repeated several times, and finally they ran out of the back of the house and down the garden and he followed them. In turning a hedge by the garden footway he fell down four steps and injured his left thigh. He continued to follow the man as best he could and climbed a fence at the bottom of the garden over which they had escaped. He came up with them in the next garden, and was about to arrest them when he was attacked by the dogs, one of which bit him on the left thigh. He had a great deal of with his truncheon and had to a fence of the dogs continuing to attach him until he had knocked them off. The two men, meanwhile, had climbed a fence into Malmoe-avenue, and he eventually found Lothem in the company of a gentleman. Lothem said to him, "I'll give you credit old sport. You have got a bit of pluck. You didn't know what you were doing to me. You've had a good chase and now I'll go quietly with you." On the way to the station he took two pairs of plated nut crackers from Lothem's pocket. At the station he was found to have in his pocket some of the property stolen from the house. Witness added that he had been on the sick list since his accident and had not yet resumed duty.—Detective Sergt. Hammond gave evidence as to taking the prisoner Gurney into custody at West Hampstead. He denied taking part in the burglary but said a man told him where the "stuff" was buried near the Welsh Harp and he went and got it.—Detective Miller spoke as to examining the premises and ascertaining how an entry had been forced. He found a bundle containing silver and silver plated goods packed all ready for removal, in an adjoining garden he found a mackintosh, a pair of boots, a hammer and a steel chisel. He had seen footprints the same as those fitted the marks on the door of 60, Blackslee-gardens. The prisoner Gurney gave evidence on his own behalf. He denied that he was implicated in the burglary. He said that he went to bed at 8.30 on the night of the burglary. On the following Monday, after registering at the Labour Exchange, Harlesden, he met a man, who told him he had some silver stuff buried in a field at the Welsh Harp. He told him that if he would sell it for him he could have a shilling or two for himself. He went to the Welsh Harp and got the stuff, and then he was arrested. It was in his possession. He knew Lothem, but did not associate with him much. In reply to the Magistrate, the prisoner said he declined to give his address to police as he did not want it to appear in the newspapers.—Prisoner's father and brother both stated that he was not out on the night of the burglary.—Detective Sharp proved a number of convictions against Gurney for burglary, housebreaking, theft, etc.—Detective Miller proved convictions against Lothem for felony and burglary. —Both men were committed for trial.—The Chairman commended P.C. Pratt for his plucky and courageous conduct in sticking to the chase after he was injured. His action would be brought to the notice of the Com ission.

THE HARLESDEN CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Harlesden Choral and Orchestral Society, now in its 35th season, announces a concert which will probably prove one of the most successful of the long series they have given. For the first part of the programme a miscellaneous selection will be given, which, as usual, will be entirely of a popular character and the novelty of "The Wedding of Hiawatha Maclean," a Scottish rhapsody, should alone be sufficient to attract a large audience. Whatever this Society undertakes it carries through with flying colours, and definite pains have been taken best by the popular and talented conductor, Dr. W. Phillips, and the members themselves to make this perform once a singularly fine one. A contingent of the Crystal London Choral and Orchestral Society is assisting, and altogether there will be a chorus and orchestra of 150. During the second part of the programme a miscellaneous selection will be given, but definite pains have been engaged, and fuller particulars will be found in our advertising columns. The concert will be given on Thursday, February 20, in Farnese-road Council schools, and seats should at once be reserved. Tickets are now in the hands of the hon. sec., Mrs. Scobie, 1, Brunston-road, Harlesden, the hon. treas., Mr. Edwin Cox, of the London and South Western Bank, Harlesden, and all the members of the Society. An early booking is recommended.

LECTURES AT ALL SOULS'.—On Monday evening under the auspices of the All Souls' branch of the C.E.M.S., Mr. Thos. Cook, M.A., F.R.G.S., of Wembley, Middlesex, will lecture on "Canada, Its Resources and Its Possibilities." Mr. Cook is an attractive and interesting lecturer on Canada, illustrated with very fine lantern views of the whole trip from Liverpool across the Atlantic, the domain of Canada, to British Columbia and Pacific Ocean.—The lecturer was heartily thanked at the close.

SEQUEL TO AN ACCIDENT.

On Tuesday, in the Marylebone County Court, before his Honour Sir W. Louis Selfe, Mr. John O'Connor, M.P., stated the case for damages sought by James Barney, painter's labourer, of 45, Plaza-road, Willesden, the respondent being Robert Chapman, trading as Chapman and Son, of 2, Lancelot-road, Wembley, Brondesbury, for whom Mr. Geo. Cecil appeared. From counsel's statement it was learned that the respondent owns two houses, 39 and 41, Kane-road, and in one of these houses lives a man by the name of Manning, a painter and decorator, who sometimes acted as "handyman" for the owner of the house. On the morning of 7th September last Manning told the applicant that he wanted a pot placed on the chimney of No. 39. In taking it up applicant fell and his left leg was broken above the ankle, his left arm and side were injured, and several teeth were knocked out. He was subsequently treated in the hospital. Evidence was given supplementing these facts, and counsel then joined issue on the points of law—whether Manning was the agent of the respondent, and whether this was casual employment—In the result, his Honour made his award in favor of the respondent.

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CHILDREN'S PLAY AT DUDDING HILL.

In aid of the Catechism Fund of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Dudding Hill, a very pretty children's play, in four acts, "Prisoners Sylvia," was most successfully produced in the hall at the rear of the church on Wednesday night, before a large audience. The various parts were ably sustained by the Dicksons Lay Reader (Mr. Warington Peyton), reveals a pretty story with a fine sustained interest throughout. The acting was of a high standard, and is admirably staged, Mr. B. Bennett being responsible for the very appropriate scenery. The parts are taken by local children, who, in their acting, gave evidence of intelligent instruction and careful training. In an excellent cast, Miss L. Barker as the wicked fairy, stands out prominently, her presentation of a difficult part being exceptionally commendable. The role of the "Fairy" too was a fine piece of acting on the part of Miss R. Bennett. The charming parts were taken by the following children:—E. Bartlett, N. Lacey, I. Pierce, W. Bennett, E. Fuller, W. Gallop, W. Morgan, T. Morgan, E. Bills, S. Wall, J. Frith, D. Batchelor, A. Brown, D. Lacey, L. Barker, A. Barker, A. Pardoe, T. Miles, T. Mansell, W. Youngs, F. Bunchay, E. Wall, D. Frith, M. Youngs, R. Bunnlee, C. Sullivan, D. Patman, R. Jones, C. Jones, H. Brown, D. Bromfield. It was very evident that the attention had received special attention, and although the acoustic properties of the hall are not good, every word uttered from the stage could be distinctly heard, even by those occupying rear seats. The costumes were of a most attractive character and exceedingly pretty in design. They were the work of Miss Pike, Miss Harris and other ladies, who must be congratulated upon them, for the positions added not a little to the success of the production. The music had been arranged by Mr. G. R. Fuller, the church organist, and he said his son performed the duties of pianist, and during the evening played some delightful incidental music. The performance was repeated last night and will probably be given again shortly.

COUNTY COURT CASES FROM HARLESDEN.

"TITANIC" COMPENSATION QUESTION.

On Monday, in the Marylebone County Court, Mrs Kate Eleanor Day, 56, Tubbs-road, Harlesden, sued her daughter, Mrs. Edith Annie Day-Church, formerly Mrs. Booth, of Horn-lane, Acton, for £3 1s., being £2s. for board and lodging, and 5s. for dressmaking. His Honour, on defendant taking the oath, asked: What relation are you to the defendant.—Plaintiff: She is my daughter, I'm sorry to say.—He doubted the allegation of the defence that no claim was made until the defendant's mother-in-law received the £10 of the compensation when defendant's husband had been drowned in the Titanic.—Defendant, it was said, had been awarded £153 12s., which she was receiving monthly for her children and herself. His Honour: There will be judgment for the defendant

NOTES FROM THE CHURCHES

At a conference of St. Andrew's Men's Society, Mr. Paul Jewett, on Sunday afternoon, opened a debate on the subject of "Two Functions of Stage Setting." He declared that we were too prone to elaborate the scene of the play rather than to express the sentiments of the playwright. To illustrate his views he exhibited a very crude it model of the manner in which Shakespeare's plays were produced in his life-time, showing a total absence of all scenic attractions; in fact, the principal actors themselves were the only visible to the audience, thus drawing very considerably on the imagination of the onlookers or, rather, hearers. In a very interesting and instructive address, he declared that all scenic display should be subservient to the needs of the play.

Mr. Burn very much sympathised with his views, and observed that Sir Squire Bancroft had held his audiences for nearly an hour without any scenic display whatever.—On the other hand, Mr. Laycock declared that it was only the beautiful that appealed to the great mass of the people, because they were kept down to the industrial grindstone, leaving them no opportunity for higher mental develop. ment.—Mr. Carter said it was indeed remarkable the efforts which are made to day to actually present a play in the surroundings in which it was written. He observed that it would give one a cold shiver if anything out of harmony with the period of the play were detected, not to speak of a total disregard of adequate stage setting.—The Vicar, in contributing to the debate, declared that the functions of the stage were to provide healthy recreation for the people.

St. Catherine's, Neasden, Men's Service last Sunday had quite a red letter day. Canon Alexander, of St. Paul's Cathedral, preached the sermon, taking for his text St. Mark ix., 15. Mr. Stanley Mills sang as a solo "It is enough," from Elijah (Mendelssohn), which was beautifully sung, and with such distinctness that every word could be understood. The orchestra, with Mr. Williams conducting, and Mr. Pugh at the organ, gave the selections, the first piece being Handel's "Largo," and the closing piece Mendelssohn's "War March of the Priests."—The Rev. E. Cecilia read the lesson, Ephesians vi, and took the remainder of the service.

Great interest is being shown in the series of Bethlehem Tableaux now taking place at the St. Mary's Mission, Taylor's-lane. In every detail there is evidence of careful thought and accuracy. The singing of the choir of twelve ladies is excellent. The tableaux will be shown again to-night, Friday, and to-morrow (Saturday), at 5 p.m.

Mr. Clarkson occupied the chair last Sunday at the Harlesden P.S.A., the lesson being read by Mr. J. J. Young from St. Luke x. Miss Margaret Eastland was the soloist, and delighted all present with her rendering of "Voice of the Father," and "Hold Thou my Hand," for the latter she was encored. Mr. H. E. Baker was the speaker, and he gave a very fine address on the importance of everyone doing their best to help others, he deplored the apathy which was so prevalent nowadays. Mr. Clarkson conveyed the warm thanks of all present to Miss Eastland and Mr. Baker for their services. The P.S.A. orchestra with Mr. Ernest Pugh conducting, gave very fine renderings of the following: Intermezzo, "Sunset" (Blatt), selection, by Mozart; march, "Prince of Orange" (Orsett).

It is the custom at Christ Church, St. Alban's-road, on the second Sunday evening in every month, to curtail a little the ordinary service, and for the benefit of worshippers, to whom music specially appeals, to hold a short musical service at the close of the ordinary course of worship. On Sunday last, after a short sermon by the incumbent, the Rev. Frank Vaughan, L.Th., a special anthem "Christians Awake" (Maunder) was sung by the choir, the solo parts being rendered by Mr. E. Gillett, A "Magnificat," by Villier Stanford, followed, and Mr. Eric Salter, impressively rendered an effective organ pieces. The whole service was most impressive and reflects credit on both organist and choristers.

The donations to the Christ Church (Brondesbury) free-will offering scheme during December amounted to £6 8s. 1½d., bringing the total to £84 2s. 0½d. Since February last the debt on the parish room has been reduced nearly £30, but there still remains £50 to be paid before any fresh work can be undertaken.

Under the auspices of the Catholic Missionary Society, two of the Fathers of that society, the Rev. J. P. Arendzen, D.D., M.A., etc, and the Rev. Joseph Rickaby, have been conducting a mission at the Church of our Lady of Compassion, Linacre-road, Willesden Green. Particularly on Sunday evening there was a crowded church.

The members of the Adult School held their annual tea and social on Saturday. It was a long day morning. About fifty members and friends partook of an excellent meal, doing it full justice. Bingo followed at the tables, supported by Councillor W. Blacklock and others. After the repast the Rev. Clark addressed the meeting in a very entertaining and instructive manner. At the conclusion, Mr. Burgess thanked the reverend gentleman for so kindly coming to address them, this being heartily endorsed by all present. Mr. Burgess then gave a short and interesting address, afterwards calling for comments or questions from members. The following gentlemen gave short speeches and comments on different subjects:—Councillors W. Blacklock and James McCulloch, Bagg, D. McKend, Nicholls, and others. A very pleasant meeting concluded with hymns and prayer. Great praise is due to the ladies who conducted the breakfast arrangements and waited at table.

There was a large attendance at the Harlesden Men's Own on Sunday last. Mr. G. H. Ayers presided in the absence of Mr. Hall. Mr. H. G. Elliott, J.P., chairman of Abbey-road Brotherhood, did the opening. "Elijah, the Man of the Whirlwind," was a masterly exposition of the principles of consecrated manhood, and was listened to with profound attention throughout. The soloist advertised being unable to be present owing to indisposition, Miss E. Comerford Finch generously sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "Abide with me," both solos being loudly applauded. The orchestra and prize brass band also played acceptably, and the meeting brought a most inspiring meeting to a fitting close.

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TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Many will be wondering how I came to be a starred doctor on the panel. I think an explanation is due to the public, who are fully aware of my attitude towards the medical benefits part of the Insurance Act.

Another letter in this issue will explain how many of the local profession of Willesden went on the panel. I was very much honoured by a distinguishing star. At the meeting when we alongsided under the Tuerfel Scheme administered to us by the Chairman of the Middlesex Insurance Committee, I suggested that if any of our panel members went on, we should all go on and "stick together." The idea caught on, and I myself went on manfully, trusting to the verbal assurance given by Mr. Glyn Jones, supported by Mr. Metcalfe and another gentleman whose identity I am not sure of, viz., that none of the doctors on the panel will be called upon "to take a single patient more than is desirable, but with this proviso—if there are many unskilled insured persons, a whole time doctor will be employed to attend to them." This assurance was later given over the 'phone to another local doctor. Since then our hon. secretary has written to Mr. Jones for written confirmation of this promise, and Mr. Jones has replied that he "cannot give a definite answer," but quotes from the Act, which authorises committees to distribute the remainder among the doctors on the panel.

As I deliberately went on the panel with the intention of treating one patient, viz., my housemaid, I think it is quite clear that my name has appeared in the Lancet as the result of the direct misrepresentation of the Chairman of the Middlesex Insurance Committee. I am sorry for my colleagues, who may in the future be visited in consultation by those that all promises had better be substantiated by the written word. Under these circumstances, I think I am justified in breaking my contract and declaring I am not on the panel.

The last clause of the three telegrams I received from the Clerk of the Middlesex Insurance Committee states that under no circumstances will I be allowed to get patients who have resigned out of the Act. This is presumably a threat; it is actually a fine imposed on those insured persons who, under any circumstances, intend to regard me as their medical adviser, for it is plain, if the threat is more than a mere threat, they will be compelled to forego their 4s. 6d. allowed under the Act to those who contract out.

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MR. SIDNEY N. FOLKER'S DICKENS RECITAL.

At St. Matthew's Hall, Harlesden, last night, Mr. Sydney N. Folker gave a very successful Dickens Recital. He had a large and representative audience including Rev. Canon Humphreys, Dr. Macauley, Mr. Bennett-Street, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hughes and family, Miss Roberts, Mr. F. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. U. Maggs, Mr. Mounts, Mr. Wolseley Hurt, Miss Templer, Misses Greaves, Mr. and Mrs. Twegerry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheatland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pifcot, etc. Local audiences have appreciated the talent of Mr. Sidney Folker for some years past, which possibly accounted for the fact that there was hardly a vacant seat at his recital. He is singularly gifted in portraying Dickens' characters, and his selections last night were carefully chosen with a view to giving variety and contrast. He could, for instance, with the evening party scene from the "Pickwick Papers," where Bob Sawyer entertains his friends, and then passed on to some of the more serious episodes from Dickens' works. One of his most appreciated items was "A Dickens Monologue," in which he introduced in succession "Uriah Heap," "Little Pell's grandfather," and "Sydney Carton," which promoted a great deal of laughter, and considerably when for, even in Dickens' time, Mr. Winkle's misadventure at Bath "was recited in a very amusing manner. The audience in ripples of merriment. Mr. Folker acted his best face until he came to "Dick Swiveller Coppersfield" he told the story of "Little Emily," and later in "An Episode in the life of Mr. Micawber," he introduced "Martin Chuzzlewit," in which, with the aid of Mrs. Sydney Folker, as Betsy Prig, he explained how the friendship between Sairah Gamp and Betsy was strained to the utmost point by Mrs. Gamp's all too frequent and definitely reference to the mysterious Mrs. Harris. The reception given to Mr. Folker last night was an indication that he had swayed an audience that one might expect to be keenly critical.

Mr. Folker was assisted by his wife who recited in the costume of the period "the Memory of Charles Dickens," A.D. 1870. Mrs Evelsen Brockhurst contributed much to the success of the recital by the charming manner in which she played the pianoforte accompaniments in addition to which she opened the programme with an ex ploitatly played pianoforte solo "Memoirs from Romanis' Op. 7 (Greig). Miss Mabel Jones, who possesses a pleasing soprano, was encored for her songs. Miss Marie Clair, from the Aldwych Theatre, had promised to assist, but owing to a sudden indisposition her place was taken by Miss Gladys Lester, a little girl from the Aldwych, who contributed a very pretty dance and an Irish Jig.

DEATH OF MRS. URQUHART.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Crow Urquhart, the wife of Mr. Henry Urquhart, of 17, The Avenue, Brondesbury, and 8, Lime-street, E.C. The deceased, who was an esteemed resident for 30 years, died on the 10 for a long time, and her death takes on the sad, sad, her end being very peaceful. Mrs. Urquhart, who died at 61, was a keen supporter of the Willesden Hospital, and was much interested in the good work at Dollis Hill, where the funeral took place on Wednesday morning. Since the remains were removed to Golder's Green. The service was held at Christ Church, Brondesbury, where the deceased worshipped, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Dale Williams, assisted by the Rev. U. H. Nelson. The congregation included Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacKenzie, and Mr. F. W. Chest Robson. The hymns and anthem, which was of polished cut, were covered with beautiful wreaths, sent by the deceased's relatives and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J. H. Keeyon, Ltd., of Edgware-road.

MRS. LLOYD'S CONCERT AT NEASDEN.

A very successful concert was held on Saturday at the Church Hall, Neasden, in aid of the building fund of St. Catherine's Church, which despite the heavy rain, satisfactorily numbered 200. The Rev. Lloyd Williams, who was honoured by a distinguished audience, and "Two fascinating gentlemen," were particularly appreciated, as were also the acoustic sketch, "1st on parle Français" in the second part. The Misses C. Belcher, E. M. Wilson, F. Riffell, and A. Laddell, and Messrs. A. T. Knowles, W. H. Williams, H. B. Hewlett, and C. L. Fowler took their services. The Rev. G. H. Ayers (Vicar) and Mrs. Ayers, the Rev. F. Cowley and Mrs. Cowley, Mr. Shind Tuck, and several of the most active of the church workers were present and gave stiffing help.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT CHURCH END.

The Mutual Sick and Benefit Society gave a New Year's party to 300 of their children on Saturday, at the White Hart Hotel Assembly Rooms. About 50 children came to the large hall and it was gaily decorated with garlands in preparation for the reception of the guests. Mr. Jackson, who presided, was ably assisted by Mr. Morris, who officiated with very great success. Games were indulged in, and a very fine tea followed. The ladies in the cloak room, and were then marshalled and conducted to the large supper room and seated at the two tables, they found an enticing spread awaiting them, consisting of jellies, blancmange, tea and better, cake and pastries. The waste of the children was very well by the ladies who had charge of this part of the programme. After tea the children were formed into a ring round the large Christmas tree where they were highly amused by Mr. Jackson, accompanied by Mr. Pilbeam, who made a clever sketch by Mr. and Miss Jackson proved highly amusing in the dance of Mr. H. Wyatt was very popular as a comic policeman. At 7.30 the lights were lowered and the Christmas tree was illuminated by coloured electric lights, then the children were given one toy each from the tree and a dip in the pool tub. On leaving each child was presented with a large toy, by Mr. Jackson, and as an charge the Assistant had gone home the helpers and a few friends had a very enjoyable supper. One very pleasing incident occurred during the interval. Mr. W. Badger presented a silver watch in a silver frame to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, orphanaff of the committee, in the most able way in which they collected funds for the party. Dancing and singing concluded a very happy evening, Mr. Price being at the piano. The arrangements were carried out by the committee, Mrs. Bagg, Mrs. Blackmore, Fowler, Morrell, Morris, Walker, Gillbank, Bagg, Hoe, Edwards, Keeffey, G. Alden, E. Alden, Mr. Jackson, Morris, Fowler, Mailey, assisted by the following ladies: Mesdames Price, W. Badger, Barker, Langley, Hyde, Keeffey, Keeffey, Morris, Morrell, Walker, Gillbank, and A. Langley, and Mr. A. Barker, secretary.

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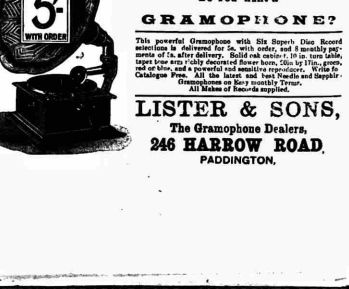

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