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FOOTBALL.

HAMPSTEAD TOWN F.C.

Barking were the visitors to the Avenue ground, Cricklewood-road, last Saturday, in the London League, and were defeated by 3 goals to 0. The weather prevailing made good football impossible, and the few spectators who braved the elements were as much to be pitied as the players. H. J. Pomfret scored for the Town in the first half, and further goals were added towards the close of the game by V. Hongh and G. T. Marchant.

The 2nd XI. journeyed to Gordon Hill and there defeated the Great Northern Railway F.C. by 1—0 in the Finchley League (Division 1). W. G. Darvell scored the only goal of the match for the Town in the last few minutes and thus maintained Hampstead's unbeaten record in this competition.

London League (Division 1) table to January 11th, 1913.—Bronze Athletic 10 points, Hampstead Town 9, Ilford 5, Barking 7, Finsbury 0, Deptford Invicta 3, Wood Green Town 2, Kilburn 1.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT IN THE WORKHOUSE.

The entertainments which Mr. B. Crosland (vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians) has annually arranged for the amusement of the inmates of the Paddington Workhouse, are always looked forward to with the greatest delight and pleasure, for the audience are quite sure of a rare treat, especially when dramatics are the order of the programme. Last Saturday's performances kept up Mr. Crosland's reputation as a first class manager, and with the aid of the Rudolph Amateur Dramatic Society, connected with St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, he gave no less than three selections. The large dining hall was crowded, and among those present were Mrs. Mylne (chairman of the Board), Messrs. H. Graham, J. McKenzie, W. Boylott, and A. E. Oliver (Guardians), Mrs. S. J. Cole, and Miss Urquhart. The first item was the farce, "Done on both sides," which caused roars of laughter and was admirably acted. Mr. B. Crosland was splendid as Mr. Bowlaway, while Miss Kate Arthur as "Mrs. Whiffles" had every scope for the display of the very fine histrionic capabilities which she possesses. These two sustained the chief burden of the plot with conspicuous success. Miss Ida Edwards was another charming actress, whilst Mr. W. H. Crook and Mr. A. Bailey sustained their respective roles with great distinction.

Rather more ambitious was the second item, the domestic drama, "A sheep in wolf's clothing," the scene of which is fixed in 1685, in Taunton. Thirteen participated in this play, and each part was satisfactorily filled. Mr. B. Crosland making a first-rate colonel and carrying out his military role with great success. Miss Kate Arthur, as "Dame Carew," again showed to advantage by her clever way in which she made the most of her difficult part. Mr. Arthur Bailey, as Hester Chedzoy, made the most of his humorous part in quaint Somerset dialect, causing great amusement amongst the old people. Miss Dorothy Hewlett, too, acted most vivaciously and charmingly, and Miss D. Wren and Miss I. Edwards were both equally excellent. Mr. C. O. Whitfield made a big "hit" as "Master Jasper Carew," whilst the others who ably sustained the honours of the evening were Messrs. W. H. and W. Crook, A. Bailey, Wimbolt, W. Allen, and C. Gardner. The last item was the one-act farce, "Dreadfully Alarming," which was preserved with great merit by the Misses D. Hewlett and I. Edwards, and Messrs. W. H. and C. Crook, A. Bailey, and C. O. Whitfield. Mrs. Hetty Whyte sang beautifully, and other vocal selections were also well rendered by Miss Connie Croft. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. B. Crosland and his friends for their most enjoyable evening.

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. Macaulay, Mr. Bennett-Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hodges and family, Miss Roberts, Mr. F. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. U. Maggs, Mr. Monson, Mr. Wolseley Hirt, Miss Templar, Misses Greaves, Mr. and Mrs. Treurey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pifcot, etc. Local audiences have appreciated the talent of Mr. Sidney N. Folker on previous occasions, 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 Christmas night were specially chosen with a view to giving variety and contrast. He opened, for instance, with the evening party scene from the "Pickwick Papers," where Sam Sawyer entertains his friends, and they named 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 a portrayal of "Uriah Heap," "Little Dorrit's father," and "Sydney Carton," which proved so great a contrast as only possible with such characters. Dickens's stories of "Mr. Winkle's" misadventures at Dingley Dell was recited in a very happy manner, and kept the audience in ripples of laughter. Mr. Folker gave his best item until last, when as "David Copperfield" he told the story of "Little Emily" and later in "An Episode in the life of Mrs. Gamp," and "Martin Chuzzlewit," in which, with the aid of Mrs. Sydney Folker as Betsy Prig, he portrayed how the friendship between Sairah Gamp and Betsy was strained to the utmost when Mrs. Gamp's all too frequent and distinctly references to the mysterious Mrs. Harris. The recep tion 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 course of the period "To the Memory of Charles Dickens," A.D. 1870. Miss Eveleen Brookshaw 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 exquisitely played pianoforte solo "Menuetto fon Romanie" Op. 7 (Greig). Miss Mabel James, who possesses a pleasing soprano, was encored for her songs. Miss Maria Clair, from the Aldwych Theatre, had promised to dance "Le Cygne," but as she was indisposed her place was taken by Miss Gladys Lester, a little girl from the Aldwych, who contributed a very pretty dance and an Irish jig.

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DR. SKENE AND THE INSURANCE ACT.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Most 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 and why they are honoured by a distinguishing star. At the meeting when we stampeded under the fearful threats administered to us by the Chairman of the Middlesex Insurance Committee, I suggested that if any of our local members went on, we should all go on and "stick together." The idea caught on, and myself went on nominally, 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 he desires, but with this proviso—if there are many unelected 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 panels.

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 on the panel as the result of the direct misrepresentation of the Chairman of the Middlesex Insurance Committee. I can only warn other practitioners that in future no verbal promises should be taken, but 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 claims of the three telegrams I received from the Clerk of the M. diesex Insurance Committee states that under no circumstances will I be allowed to have patients who have contracted out of the Act. This is personally 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 6s. 6d. allowed under the Act to those who contract out.

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STEEPLECHASE AFTER ALLEGED BURGLARS.

Fred Leathem, 27, a Sussman, no address given, and Edward Gurney, 24, the alias, refused bail when they were charged on remand at Willesden yesterday, with being concerned together in burglariously breaking and entering 60, Blenheim-gardens, Cricklewood, and stealing silver plated cutlery, a silver cigarette box, silver crackers, rings, watches, bracelets, and other articles of jewellery, the property of Mr. Herbert Wilkinson.—P.C. Pratt said that on January 3rd at ten o'clock at night he went to the house, 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 Leathem and an other man come out of the front door. He believed the other man was Gurney, but was not quite sure. On seeing him they ran back into the house, and closed the door. He blew his whistle and ran to the back of the house, where he saw the men 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 twice, the witness being always one out of the house to the house and down the garden, and he followed them in turning a hedge by the garden fence. He fell down face forward and injured his left thigh. He continued to follow the men 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 two dogs, one of which bit him on the left hand. He had to beat them off with his truncheon and took to a fence, one of the dogs continuing to attack him until he had surmounted the fence. The two men, meanwhile, had climbed a fence into the next garden, and he subsequently found them in the custody of a gentleman. Leathem said to him, "I give you credit old sports. You have got a bit of pluck. You didn't know what you were going to meet. 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 Leathem's pocket. At the station he was found to have in his pocket some of the plated stolen from Gurney's house. Witness added that he had been on the sick list since his accident, and had not yet resumed duty.—Det.-Sergt. Hazamer repeated his evidence as to taking the prisoner Gurney into custody at West Hampstead. He denied being 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 assisting the prisoners 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 tweed cap, three cigars, and a steel chisel. He also found that the chisel fitted the marks on the door of 60, Blenheim-gardens.—The prisoner Gurney gave evidence on his own behalf and denied that he was implicated in the burglary. He stated that he went to bed at 5.45 on the night of the burglary. On the following Monday, after registering at the Labour Exchange, Maida-vale, he met a man who told him he had seen silver stuff buried in a field at the Welsh Harp. He told him that if he would tell it for him he could have a shilling or two for himself. He went to the Welsh Harp and got the stuff, and was he was arrested it was in his possession. He knew Leathem, but did not associate with the man. In reply to the Magistrate, the prisoner said he declined to give his address to the public as he did not want it to appear in the newspapers.—Prisoner's father said his brother Sidney Gurney was not out on the night of the burglary.—Detective Sharp proved a number of convictions against Leathem for stealing, housebreaking, theft, etc.—Detective Miller proved convictions against Gurney 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 Commissioner.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCHES.

The donations to the Christ Church (Brondesbury) free-will offering scheme during December have amounted to £8 7s. 6d., and the total to date to £84 2s. 0½d. Since February last the debt on the parish room has been reduced by nearly £50, but there still remains £250 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.

Excellent congregations attended the services at the United Methodist Church, Princes-road, on Sunday, when in the morning Mr. J. Nounsefell, B.A., B.Sc., preached a very interesting sermon, the text he took as his text "Jesus stood on the shore." In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the newly appointed minister, the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, M.A. (of the Methodist Church of Australia), his discourse being based on the words "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, [and is not rich toward God."—On Monday evening a most interesting lecture was delivered in the schoolroom by Mr. J. Rousselot, B.A., B.Sc., on "A Holiday in Belgium," which was much appreciated.

BOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—The Public Libraries Committee of the Hampstead Borough Council has several hundred volumes, mostly books recently withdrawn from circulation, which are available for distribution to Hospitals, Orphanages and similar institutions of a public character in Hampstead. Application will be made for these books, and I shall be glad if authorised persons connected with such institutions, desirous of participating in this distribution, will make early application to me, either personally, or by post, at the Central Library.

Yours faithfully,
W. E. DOUBLEDAY.
Central Library, Finchley-road, N.W.

DEATH OF MRS. URQUHART.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Cowie Urquhart, the wife of Mr. Henry Urquhart, of 27, The Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W., on Tuesday, 8th inst. The deceased, who was an esteemed resident for many years, had been ill for a long time, but had much took place on the 11th inst., her end being very peaceful. Mrs. Urquhart, who was a keen supporter of the Willesden Hospital, and was much interested in the good work of the Institution, the funeral took place on Wednesday morning when the remains were cremated at Golder's Green. A service was held at Christ Church, Brondesbury, when the deceased worshipped, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Vale Williams, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Belton. The congregation included Mr. and M. a. O. C. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackintosh and Mr. F. W. Chant Holbrow. The bearers and coffin, which was of polished oak, were covered with beautiful floral tributes sent by sorrowing relatives and friends. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. J. H. Kenyon, Ltd., of Edgware-road.

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LOCAL NEWS SUMMARY.

LOADING UP EDUCATION COST.—Mr. H. R. A. Cotton at the Harlesden Methodist F.S.'s on Sunday commended school clinics and dining halls for schools.

THE WILLESDEN GREEN AND CRICKLEWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY gave a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" last evening at Hampstead Conservatoire. Miss Oliver played the accompaniment, who will appear in the next issue of the WILLESDEN CHRONICLE.

IF YOU WANT A REALLY PRETTY PICTURE for your home, see the Exhibition of Photographs, specialises in the photographing of young folks. He has a well equipped studio with every requirement to please them. A visit to the window in Dyne-road, will give you a taste of what I mean.

SMALL FIRE AT DYNE-ROAD.—Early on Saturday morning the Willesden Fire Brigade were called to No. 35, Dyne-road, in the occupation of Mr. Coopman. It was found that an escape of gas had come in contact with a light carried by a servant, with the result that several articles in a cupboard under the stairs were damaged.

VANGUARD INJURED.—On Friday night a collision occurred at High-road, Willesden Green, between a tramcar and a van, the vanguard, William Hoare, aged 15, of 238, Kilburn lane, being thrown in the roadway. He was attended by Dr. Locke, who found that he was suffering from severe bruises and an abrasion of the nose.

EXTRA BIG PICTURE PALACE.—Applications for shares in this Company, the proposition of which appears on another page, have been supplied for in satisfactory numbers, from local people, and it is probable that the list may have to be closed before the advertised time, January 25th. Applications for shares should therefore be made as early as possible to prevent possible disappointment.

BROMSBURY COLLEGE, WILLESDEN-LANE.—Among the successful candidates at the College of Preceptors examination, held in December last, appears the name of Miss Ethel Mary Ward, who has been awarded a "Pass" certificate. This pupil gained a second class certificate in July and was placed in the second division, having gained "distinctions" in algebra and mensuration.

SUCCESS.—We congratulate Mr. W. G. Westgarth, of Oxford-road, upon having successfully passed for Associateship of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Mr. Westwood is twenty-nineteen years of age, and has therefore to wait nearly two year before he can write the letters A.C.I.S. after his name, which he is qualified to do by this examination. He is an old St. Augustine's boy, and has during the past year been preparing for this examination at the Metropolitan School of Commerce.

HOW TO SPEND A HAPPY EVENING.—A private fancy dress Cinderella dance is to be held at the Grand Theatre, Town Hall, on Tuesday, 28th January, 1913, which promises to provide a real jolly evening. Music will be contributed by Mr. Arnin's Laubach orchestra which will introduce all the latest rag times, etc. Why not come and join in? Tickets 3s. (including light supper and refreshments) may be obtained from 50, Brondesbury-road, N.W., or at the hall

SALUSBURY-ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Mr. H Trotman, a member of the Congregational Committee, did a very usual but kindly thing last week. His daughter came of age about Christmas time, and it occurred to him that he might do good in the coming-of-age party all the children of the Sunday school. This happy thought crystallised and was carried out last Thursday. The huge party gathered around a very large Christmas tree, which was laden with about 400 gifts. The children had an extra special tea, with fruit; then there was some games, and music provided by the Trotman family. Afterwards Father Christmas distributed the gifts from the tree. During the evening Mr. D. Japes, superintendent of the Sunday school, presented a gift to Miss Trotman, with the best wishes of the teachers and scholars.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTIN.—The death occurred on Saturday at her residence, 26, Nicell-road, Willesden, of Mrs. Martin, aged 78, a lady well known in the neighborhood. Mrs. Martin was for many years a tailoress as a dresser at 5, Hide-street, retiring some 10 or 12 years ago. She formerly came from Ireland, from where she was also born, and she was in her 78th year and had been in ill health for some time. The funeral took place yesterday, the interment being in the family grave at Kensal Green Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in the trade of Mr. John Nodes, undertaker, of High-street, Willesden.

WILLESDEN GREEN RIFLE CLUB.—An interesting competition was spent at the Range, Anson-road, last Wednesday, when a match was arranged for lady friends of the members. The shooting was very creditable, considering that many of the ladies had never handled a rifle before. Silver bars for highest score, presented by the Club, was won by Miss Sheen with a score of 56 out of a possible 100, Miss D. Walker coming next with 52. Mrs. H. J. Trains, whose first experience it was to handle a rifle, joined the Club, so to the present, has had a very successful career, and has gained the maximum of twelve. They meet the Southfields Institute Club next Wednesday in a shooting match at the Anson-road range.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD INQUIRY.—At the Municipal Offices, Dyne-road, on Monday morning, Mr. E. Neth, M.Inst.C.E., held an inquiry on behalf of the Local Government Board into a proposal by the Willesden Council for sanction to borrow £2,335 for the making-up of Brenston, Ridley and Collent-roads. Mr. Stanley W. Ball, clerk to the Council, and Mr. O. C. Robson, engineer, were present. The proposal to make the roads had already had been made by the inhabitants to the Council with sanction under the Public Health Act of 1875, and Mr. Robson stated that the work was to be carried out by the Council, the cost being borne by the owners in each case.—There was no opposition, and the Inspector decided to view the roads.

HAMPSTEAD ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—An ordinary meeting of this society was held in the Central Library, Finchley-road, on Monday evening, when Mr. Henry B. Wheatley, F.S.A. presented a paper on "Old Vauxhall Gardens," the subject of the last meeting having been read by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Charles J. Murdoch). Amongst H. P. Gabell and W. G. Vincent were, on the motion of the president, seconded by W. E. Doubleday, unanimously re-elected auditors of the society for the present year. The president then read a letter from C. C. Stopes, who gave a most intere ting address entitled "The Burlington Founders of the Theatres, the Globe, and the Blackfriars Theatres." She was heartily thanked at the close.

THE CAUSE OF STREET ACCIDENTS.—Some interesting information regarding the causes of street accidents has just been given by Sir W. Nott Bower, Commissioner of Police for the City of London, before the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquiring into the causes of fatal accidents due to power driven vehicles in London. From this it appears that the carelessness of pedestrians was one of the principal causes of a large number of these accidents. This negligence is manifested in two ways: first in crossing the street, especially in congested parts. The second cause is the manner in which people get on and off motor vehicles. The London General Omnibus Company are accordingly issuing a series of pictorial announcements showing how to get on and off their motor 'buses. The observance of the very elementary rules therein set forth will do much to minimise any danger arising in this direction. Although the number of people engaged in the City between 7 p.m., and 7 a.m., and the number of vehicles having doubled during the last ten years, Sir W. Nott Bower said that the number of accidents in that area was not increasing.

GERMANY.—Last week the monthly limelight lecture in connection with St. John's Guild was held in the long room, St. Martin's, Kensal Rise, the lecturer being F. J. Marchant, Esq., and his subject "Germany."—Mr. Marchant opened with a brief sketch the history of the "Fatherland," and then took his audience on a journey up the Rhine, starting from Cologne, among so far other things for its cathedral, dating from the 13th century, containing the chest reputed to contain the remains of the three wise men who visited our Lord at His birth. Past Bonn he took his audience, showing the lovely spot and most ably rendering a song, which it sung by all passengers when passing the Rhine, "Die Wacht am Rhein," and some more magnificent, making the journey quite realistic. Mention was made of Heidelberg and Heaverer, after which several views were shown of Berlin and places of interest in the capital. A few pictures were then shown of Vienna, the lecturer remarking that its strong German inclinations called for the inclusion in a lecture on Germany. Mr. Marchant concluded his lecture with a few facts of German life and by slaging of the German and Austrian National hymns in the respective native tongues, for which much applause was accorded.—Rev. H. M. Thorpe then thanked the lecturer on behalf of the audience for so enjoyable an evening.

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