LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

[illegible] Funerals for the week ending [illegible], 22; unconsecrated, 52; [illegible] Registrar.

[illegible] between Mr. Hugh [illegible] son of Mr. Christopher Gilbert [illegible] Hall, Stamford, and [illegible] daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert [illegible] place, London, and East [illegible]. Mr. Peacock is a well-known [illegible] an ardent follower of [illegible].

[illegible]—On account of the briskness [illegible] Builders' Association have noti[illegible] an advance of half[illegible] raising the rate of wages 9d. per hour [illegible] almost unique as no de[illegible] been put in.

[illegible] Admitted 26, discharged 42. In the house 154. Out-patients: Admitted 120, accidents 29, discharged 2[illegible]; On the books 623. Fever Institution: Admitted 8, discharged 0, in the house 6. Physician for next week: Dr. Cooper. Surgeon for next week: Mr. Bond. House Visitors: Mr. J. H. Dimblebee and Mr. J. Gilby.

Fire.—On Tuesday night a bedroom fire occured at the dwelling-house of John Sharman, 26, Rodney-street, off Brunswick-street. A candle was accidentally put near a curtain, and the latter ignited. The flames, however, were promptly subdued by the neighbours and on the smart arrival of the fire brigade, some of the children, who were in bed, were removed out of all possible danger.

Mr. T. Grosvenor Lee, who is the president of the Unitarian Association, has been presiding this week at the annual meetings in London. Support of the Marriage Bill now before the House of Commons was given on Wednesday night, and the provision for not requiring the presence of a registrar was regarded as essential, unless his presence was required at all marriages wheresoever celebrated. The Association also regarded it as essential that the registration of persons authorised to perform the marriage service should be provided for as well as the registration of buildings. A successful year's work was reported, and Dr. Brooks Herford was elected president for next year.

Rescued from Drowning.—About a quarter to one on Wednesday morning, two men, named Arthur Smith and Wm. Lead, were passing Mill-lane bridge, when they heard cries for help coming from the direction of the canal. They ran down to the bank, and saw a man struggling in the water. Fortunately, he was so close to the side that his rescuers were able to drag him out by the hands, although by this time he was exhausted, and almost unconscious. Sergt. Collins and P.C. Foulds subsequently conveyed the man to the Infirmary, where the doctors pronounced him sufficiently recovered to be taken home. He proved to be Ernest Smith, aged 23, of no occupation, Victoria-street, and his explanation of the occurrence was that he was returning home by the water side when he stumbled and fell into the water.

PEATLING MAGNA.

Club Anniversary.—The Friendly Society held its annual meeting on Whit-Monday, when upwards of 40 members sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by the stewards and Mrs. Chapman. The balance sheet showed that the society was flourishing. Dr. Steele occupied the chair and Mr. Taylor the vice-chair. After the loyal toasts were given, the chairman, vice-chairman, Mr. T. Smith, and other members gave speeches, etc.

COSBY.

Club Anniversaries.—The annual dinners of the sick clubs were held on Monday and Wednesday. The "Open Hand" Lodge and the Nottingham Order of Oddfellows dined together at the Bull's Head on the first-named day, and the Waterloo Friendly Society meeting at the Blacksmith's Arms. Accompanied by a band, all the members went to church, and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Lingham. On Wednesday the Female Society celebrated its annual feast at the schoolroom, where an excellent dinner and tea was provided, dancing being the order of the evening.

LEIRE.

Friendly Society.—This friendly society held its annual dinner at the Bull's Head on Monday, when a large company sat down to an excellent spread. The subsequent proceedings, which included a procession through the village, were enlivened by the strains of the Burbage Brass Band, but the evening's enjoyment was shortened by the unfavourable weather. Several honorary members attended the dinner, and the society appears to be holding its own with similar institutions in the district, as shown by the balance sheet produced by Mr. W. Pawley, secretary.

LONG WHATTON.

Parish Council.—The monthly meeting was held in the National Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, Mr J. Clarson presiding. There were also present Councillors J. Foulds, J. Wain, I. Groves, G. Gamble, and F. Dakin (clerk).—Mr. Groves proposed, Mr. Foulds seconded, and it was resolved that the Council do not entertain the request of the Chief Constable to put a police notice board up.—Mr. Foulds proposed that the vacancy on the Council be filled, but, as there was no seconder, the motion was lost.—Mr. Clarson proposed, Mr. Wain seconded, and it was carried, that the rent accruing from the Bull Piece be given away to the poor in bread.

ASHBY MAGNA.

On Whit-Monday this village was quite en fete for the annual festival of Court Earl of Aylesford, A.O.F. The Willoughby Waterless Brass Band, under the direction of Mr. N. Worthy, was in attendance, and escorted the members to church, where an appropriate service was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Cott, rector. Dinner was afterwards served in the school by Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, of the Chequers Inn. The Rev. A. M. Cott occupied the chair, and Mr. J. W. Sanders, C.C., the vice-chair, amongst those present being Brothers Woodword (chief ranger), G. Coltman (secretary), P.G.M. Worthy, etc. Complimentary speeches were made by the chairman, vice-chairman, chief ranger, and secretary. The band and members paraded the village, and were entertained by the leading parishioners, dancing taking place in the evening. The balance-sheet showed the court to have made considerable progress during the year.

Female Friendly Society.—The members of this society also held their annual dinner, on Monday, when the stewardesses prepared a substantial repast in Mrs. Tailby's granary. They also attended church, paraded the village, and joined the Foresters in dancing in the evening.

THURMASTON.

Old People Entertained.—In response to an invitation issued to all old people of the village by the committee and members of the Liberal Club, upwards of 80 people of the age of 65 and over partook of an excellent meat tea in the club room on Tuesday afternoon, admirably served by a committee of the following ladies: Mrs. D. Winterton, Mrs. G. Ballard, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. W. Garner, Mrs. C. Garner, Mrs. James Blount, Mrs. J. Lewin, Mrs. A. Roberts, Mrs. F. Toon, and Mrs. T. Pole. After tea an entertainment was given, presided over by Mr. G. Ballard, who expressed, on behalf of the committee and members, the pleasure it gave them to have been the means of so many aged people meeting together, and hoped that this would not be the last time they would meet in this way. Songs and recitations were the order of the evening, during which refreshments were served to all present. The usual vote of thanks terminated a very pleasant evening.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY.

Whitsuntide Festivities.—This popular festival has been greatly marred by the unfavourable weather. A large number came in by train on Sunday morning, and during the day the village presented an animated appearance, until the rain in the evening completely damped the ardour of the numerous visitors.—On Monday a cricket match was played on Mr. B. Stevens' ground, between the home team and Anstey P.M. C.C., the latter being victorious.—The anniversary of the friendly society was held on Tuesday at the Royal Hotel, when the members sat down to a substantial din[illegible] members being present. [illegible] Mr. G. Sharman, secretary [illegible] had invested its [illegible] financial position [illegible] the Willough[illegible] the members in a [illegible] hotel [illegible] until 10 p.m. [illegible] Society [illegible] afternoon, by [illegible] prepared by the [illegible] of the village presid[illegible] was supplied by Mr. Frank [illegible] for dancing, when a [illegible] till the small [illegible] showed the society to [illegible].

[illegible] BOSWORTH.

[illegible] Society.—The [illegible] by this society is now issued [illegible] by kind permission of the pre[illegible] Esq.) at Bosworth [illegible] has this year extended its radius [illegible] Market Bosworth for agricultural [illegible] horticultural exhibits. The total [illegible] money has been increased to £180, [illegible] have again secured the Shire Horse So[illegible] for the best shire mare in the [illegible] of visitors is also catered for [illegible] in prizes for jumping, and as these [illegible] some good jumpers should be [illegible] subscription to the combined [illegible] year, and such a small subscription [illegible] to many to become members [illegible] should communicate at once [illegible] Mr. John Tharpe, Nailstone, Nun[illegible].

[illegible] Police-court, on Tuesday, John [illegible] was remanded on a charge of [illegible] and of causing serious harm to a [illegible] Short, whom he ran over with a [illegible] Whitechapel, and who has since [illegible].

[illegible] SKINS ON FIRE! With tor[illegible], eczemas, and every species of itching [illegible] skin and scalp humours are instantly [illegible] with CUTICURA SOAP, a [illegible] CUTICURA (ointment), the great [illegible] CUTICURA RESOLVENT, [illegible] blood purifiers and humour cures, when all [illegible] who have suffered long and hope[illegible] have lost faith in doctors, medicines, [illegible] CUTICURA remedies appeal [illegible] They are, in truth, the greatest [illegible] purifiers, and humour remedies of [illegible].

ASHBY AND DISTRICT.

The Late Mrs. Ratcliff.—On Monday, the body of the late Mrs. Ratcliff, of the Highfields, Ashby, was laid to rest in the family vault at Hartshorne. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Mr. S. Ratcliff, brewer. She died in her 68th year.

Whit-Monday Fete.—On Monday the annual fete was held in the Bath Grounds. Wet weather somewhat marred the attendance. The Willenhall Temperance Band was engaged, and there was a host of other attractions, including a cricket match between Ashby Hastings and Leicester Ivanhoe, which ended in a draw. Fireworks at dusk closed the festivities. About 2,000 people visited Ashby by the Midland Railway route.

Death of Mrs. Jno. Grundy.—Mrs. Grundy, wife of Mr. Jno. Grundy, baker, of Belton, and late of Ashby, died at Belton on Monday, after a lengthened illness. She was 55 years of age. The deceased's sons and daughters reside in Ashby. She, with her husband, extended a cordial invitation to all Ashby "trippers" en route to the annual steeplechase meeting, at Loughborough, and had a great regard for the town in which she happily resided for many years, and for the residents, by whom she was respected.

Church of England Friendly Society.—The annual dinner in connection with this society was held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Ashby, on Monday afternoon. Canon Denton presided. Mr. Geo. Timms being in the vice-chair. There was a large attendance. Mr. Timms, secretary to the society, read the quinquennial report, which was a very satisfactory one, the public valuers remarking upon the increased prosperity of the society during the past five years.—Canon Denton proposed "Success to the Ashby Church of England Society," and in doing so said the club was the richest in the neighbourhood, and was on the soundest basis. In the report they had the remarkable fact that they had lost no members, either by death or secession, during the past year, and after paying the sick money they had an addition of £56 to the funds. They had now altogether in their possession about £1,700—(applause)—and that was a position they ought to be proud to have attained to. At the Board of Guardians, of which he was chairman, they always found that the club members they had before them were those who had come to the end of their sick pay, and got a small allowance. The Guardians always honoured and did the best they could for those who had done the best for themselves. (Hear, hear.) They had a wonderful instance of what association did in connection with the Whitwick Colliery calamity, and it was a consolation to the families of the lost men to know that they were provided for by a society of a similar spirit and principle to that one. He would ask them to express their deep sorrow at what had occurred at the colliery, and he had no doubt that the calamity had strengthened those present in the wish to do all they could to make provision for the accidents of life and its sorrows. As he looked round the room he could not help thinking that there appeared to be little work for the doctors to the society to do. (Laughter.) They had a respectable and healthy lot of members. The quinquennial report spoke for itself, and they were satisfied that the management must have been thoroughly sound and good. They were very much indebted to the secretary for the great pains and trouble he took in preparing the reports and conducting the affairs of the society, which, he hoped and believed, would go on prospering in its good work. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Secretary Timms. (Applause.)—Mr. Timms, in reply, commented upon the position of the society, and said 10 years ago 20 per cent. was added to the sick pay or taken off the contributions, while in 1892 they reduced to those who had been in the society for 20 years the premiums to the extent of 75 per cent., those who had been members from 10 to 15 years they granted a reduction of 50 per cent., the members of from 5 to 10 years' standing received an abatement of 25 per cent., those from 1 to 5 years 5 per cent. Notwithstanding this, the funds had increased during the past five years by £140, and the committee had now decided that the one to four years' members should receive a further reduction of five per cent., the five to six years' members 10 per cent., the seven to nine years' members to be excused the payment of premiums altogether (Applause.) They would have 24 members free of society, and these would now be entitled to 10s. a week when they were sick; while after they had been on the books for six months they would receive 5s. a week for life. (Hear, hear.)—Dr. Orchard proposed "The chairman," to which Canon Denton responded, and other toasts honoured were "The medical officers," "The vice-chairman, trustees, and committee," "The Press," and "Host and hostess."—Previous to the dinner, a meeting of the members had been held, at which the officers of the society were re-elected.

BARDON HILL.

Cricket.—A match in connection with the West Leicestershire League was played on the club ground, between Bardon Hill C.C. and Ravenstone. Ravenstone batted first, and gave a good account of themselves, scoring 88, Messrs. H. Holmes 18, A. Woolley 14, W. P. Sheppard, and T. Smalley 11, each, being the principal scorers. The home team went in, and when wickets were drawn the score was 50 runs for the loss of seven wickets. J. Martin contributed 11, J. Surman 10, and H. Smith 8. The Bardon Hill 2nd played Coalville Town 2nd, on the Fox and Goose ground, and secured an easy win, owing mainly to T. Lines, who compiled 35. The scores were Bardon Hill 2nd 79, Coalville Town 2nd 49.

COLEORTON.

Cricket.—A match was played on the club ground on Saturday, between the Coleorton and Allsopp's (Burton). The home team were, unfortunately, minus three of their best players, who were playing at Nottingham, and consequently they were defeated by sixty runs. The two teams had a meat tea after the match, at the Beaumont Arms, and the remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner.

Club Dinner.—The members of the Oddfellows' Club (M.U.), meeting at the Angel Inn, held their annual feast on Monday. They first marched to the Parish Church, where a special service was held, afterwards sitting down to a substantial spread. The Hathern Brass Band were in attendance, and played agreeable selections during the day.

RAVENSTONE.

Club Feast.—The annual dinner of the members of the Star of Ravenstone Lodge, G.U.O.O.F., was held on Monday. The members first marched to church, headed by the Coalville Town Band, where an address was given by the rector. About seventy sat down to dinner in a marquee at the King's Arms, where a first-class spread was provided. After dinner the chair was taken by the Rev. G. O. Vandeleur, and he was supported by Major Hatchett, J.P., Councillor Jas. Jones, and Mr. Jas. Radford. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given by the chairman and Mr. Jones. Mr. Jas. Radford proposed "Success to the Star of Ravenstone Lodge," and Messrs. Marlow and Tolton responded. From the statement presented, it appeared that the lodge had made very satisfactory progress during the year, both the membership and the balance in hand having increased. The proceedings were enlivened by selections by the band.

WHITWICK.

Conservative Club.—A meeting of Conservatives and Unionists was held at the Whitwick Conservative Club on Monday evening, to make arrangements for a committee to take over the club from the directors, and run it on the same lines as the Leicester Constitutional Club. Mr. Everard de Lisle presided. A committee of thirty was appointed to take over the club.

IBSTOCK.

Wesleyan Reform Sunday School.—Anniversary services were held on Sunday, sermons being preached by the Rev. C. Barker, Baptist minister, of Hugglescote. In the evening the chapel was too small to accommodate all who desired to attend. The choir rendered an anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me" (Fawcett), and the other special pieces were, "The Cross and Crown," "Lift up your heart and voices," "Oh, what can little hands do!" and "Raise the song of triumph." Mr. B. Beeson presided at the harmonium, and there was the usual orchestra of stringed and wind instruments. The collections amounted to about £17. The scholars' treat was held on Monday, Mr. Kilner kindly lending a field for games.

Whitsuntide.—The "Hope and Persevere" Lodge N.U.O.O.F. held their annual fete on Whit-Monday. The Excelsior Brass Band, conducted by Mr. G. W. Smith, was in attendance, and accompanied the street procession. The other two bands had outside engagements. The "United Brass Band" (conductor Mr. J. Underwood) donned their new uniforms, and, prior to leaving Whitehill, the "Town Band" (conductor Mr. J. Cooper) halted in the main street and played the "Dead March" from "Saul" in Mr. Gladstone's memory.

MARKFIELD.

Wesleyan Chapel.—The Sunday-school anniversary was celebrated at this chapel on Sunday. The services were well attended, particularly in the evening, the sermons being preached by the Rev. W. J. Boote, of Leicester. The singing of the choir and children reflected much credit on their instructor, Mr. A. Callis, sen.—The anthems were "Christian warfare," "O come, let us worship," and "Her ways are ways of pleasantness," the solos being well rendered by Miss Woods, (Leamington), and Mr. A. Callis, jun. (London). Mr. F. Callis presided at the harmonium, and there was a small orchestra. The collection in aid of the school fund realised about £10.

Club Feast.—Monday was club feast day, and the various lodges held their annual gatherings. The members assembled at their headquarters, and then marched to the parish church. The junior friendly society, held at the Red Lion, were headed by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Brass Band; the Oddfellows meeting at the Earl Grey Inn, had the Earl Shilton Brass Band; and the Women's Friendly Society, held at the National School, also attended the service.—The Rev. A. A. Gill rendered an appropriate sermon, and after the service a return was made to the lodge rooms. In the afternoon the village was paraded by the clubs, led by the two bands, and dancing was indulged in during the evening.

DUNTON BASSETT.

Club Feast.—The men's Friendly Society held their annual dinner in the Board School, on Tuesday, when a substantial repast was well served by the stewards, a large number of honorary and benefit members being present. They afterwards paraded the village to the strains of the Wigston Band, and dancing followed. The funds are in a satisfactory condition.

COALVILLE PETTY SESSIONS.

Friday.—Before Mr. J. P. White, Major Hatchett, and Mr. Jas. Smith.

Drunk.—Joseph Fewkes, collier, of Thringstone, summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone on the 12th inst., was fined 10s., and 10s. costs, or seven days.——Arthur Broadhurst, collier, of Ibstock, for being drunk at Hugglescote, was fined 5s. 6d., and 12s. costs, or seven days.——Jno. McCarthy, collier, of Whitwick, was fined 5s. 6d., and 10s. costs, or seven days.

Obscene Language.—Christopher Knapp, labourer, of Osgathorpe, summoned for using obscene language at Osgathorpe on the 7th inst., was fined 8s., and 12s. costs, or seven days.

Wilful Damage.—Thos. Wilkins, Jno. Wilkins, Walter Tracey, Jno. Watson, Thos. Watson, school boys, of Hugglescote, were summoned for wilfully damaging a sewerage filtering bed at Bardon, on the 8th inst.—Mr. George Farmer, of Ashby, the clerk to the Rural Authority, prosecuted, and defendants were fined 5s. each, and 5s. 6d. costs, or seven days.

Refusing to Quit.—William Henson was summoned for being disorderly and refusing to quit licensed premises.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—The prosecutor, Charles Wilkins, of the Rose and Crown, stated that the defendant refused to leave after closing time. He insisted on accompanying a young women.—Fined 2s. 6d., and 10s. 6d. costs.

Assault.—Thomas Dent was summoned for assaulting Charles Wilkins, the prosecutor in the previous case.—He said that he was endeavouring to eject Henson, when defendant said no man should put him out, and struck him (prosecutor) in the face.—The wife of the prosecutor said defendant told her that he came from Loughborough, and could demand a drink. He only struck one blow. Defendant denied striking the prosecutor, but called no witnesses.—Fined 5s. 6d., and 12s. costs, or seven days.

Women's Quarrel.—Selina Wood, wife of Charles Wood, collier, Hugglescote, was summoned for assaulting Phoebe Hibbert, at Hugglescote, on May 12th inst.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant said she was in her uncle John's garden, when defendant came across private ground and struck her with a paling, and then on the head with a knife. There had been no provocation at all, and she thought that the woman could not be right. (Laughter.)—She called a woman named Cartwright, who deposed to seeing complainant's head bleeding.—Defendant asserted that she was struck more times by the complainant than she struck complainant.—She called Mrs. Savage, who stated that complainant struck defendant. She saw no knife, though complainant was bleeding. Defendant struck the first blow.—Elizabeth Wills corroborated. She said that the complainant was cut with a piece of wood.—P.C. Wood stated that he was called by Mrs. Wood, who made a complaint to him.—The case was dismissed, and each party was ordered to pay 5s. costs.

Alleged Assault at Coalville Cattle Market.—William Thornley, dealer, Ashby, was summoned for assaulting John Dendrick, at Coalville, on May 17.—Mr. J. B. Waring (Leicester) appeared for the complainant; defendant pleaded not guilty.—Kendrick said he was a licensed victualler, of Standon-under-Bardon. On the date named he purchased two pigs at Messrs. Bertenshaw and Stimson's sale and marked them in a particular way. Defendant also bought some pigs. When complainant went to take his pigs away, about five o'clock, the defendant's father resented it. Then the defendant appeared on the scene, and struck complainant several times.—Replying to the defendant, complainant said he did not strike the first blow.—Esther Robinson, wife of William Robinson, of Ellistown, said she saw Thornley strike the complainant several times, and there was no provocation at all on the part of Kendrick.—William Robinson, husband of the last witness, corroborated.—Defendant said there was a dispute as to the ownership of the pigs, and the complainant struck him. — Henry Thornley, father of the defendant, said they pulled the pig out of the cart when it was put in.—The Clerk: The charge is assaulting Kendrick, and not the pig. (Laughter.)—Witness said he believed his son struck Kendrick, but the latter also struck defendant.—A fine of £2, and costs £1 7s. 6d., or seven days' was imposed.—The money was paid.

KEGWORTH.

Concert.—On Sunday afternoon a sacred concert was given in the Market-place, Kegworth, by the Shepshed Town Band. A collection was taken, which realised £1 7s.

HATHERN.

Hathern Old Prize Band.—On Sunday evening a second open-air concert was given by the members of the Hathern Old Prize Band on the Round, Mr. T. Tollington officiating as conductor. A collection was taken in aid of the band fund, and amounted to £2.

Hathern Prize Band.—On Sunday afternoon the Hathern Prize Band (bandmaster Mr. T. Miller), who appeared for the first time in their new uniform, gave an open-air sacred concert on the Round Bank, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Gilbert, of Loughborough. A collection in aid of the funds of the Loughborough General Hospital was taken, and amounted to £1 12s.

SUTTON BONNINGTON.

Game Trespass.—At the Shire Hall, Nottingham, on Saturday, George Adams, Robert Domleo, and Ambrose North, of Kegworth, were summoned for trespassing in search of game, on land belonging to Mr. W. P. Paget, at Sutton Bonnington, the right of shooting being that of Mr. T. Rowth. Mr. E. Williams appeared for the prosecution.—P.C. Dyer deposed to seeing the defendants beating the hedges. They had two dogs with them, and when he searched the defendants he found upon Adams a freshly-killed rabbit.—Adams was fined a guinea, and the others were each fined 12s. 6d.

RATBY.

School Anniversary.—On Whit-Sunday anniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist School were held and well attended, especially in the evening. The Rev. N. Jefferson (Leicester) was the preacher. The children sang special hymns with great taste, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Jordan, sen., and Mr. Ezra Astill presided at the harmonium, and Mr. Ward played a 'cello. The choir rendered the anthem "What are those arrayed in white robes?" at both morning and evening services. At the close of the latter service several scholars received a copy of the Holy Scriptures, Mr. Jefferson addressing appropriate words to the recipients. The children's treat was held on Tuesday afternoon, but the weather was very disappointing. A public tea was also held, and was largely attended. The collections on Sunday, amounting to between £16 and £17, are devoted towards providing prizes and treat for the scholars who number over 200.

ANSTEY.

Congregational Chapel.—After being thoroughly renovated, and the gas laid on, this chapel was re-opened on Sunday last. Rev. Chas. Haddon preached excellent sermons morning and evening to good congregations. Collections, which were satisfactory, were taken on behalf of the renovation fund. On Monday a public tea was held in the schoolroom, a fair number sitting down. A meeting was held in the evening, when addresses were delivered by Revs. G. S. S. Saunders, F. Lansdown, and Chas. Haddon. Mr. W. P. Viccars, of Anstey Pastures, presided. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

TUR LANGTON.

School Anniversary.—The anniversary of the Congregational Sunday-school was held on Sunday, the Rev. A. James, of Leicester preaching afternoon and evening. The scholars sang a number of hymns very heartily, Miss Busby presiding at the harmonium. On Monday a public tea took place in Mr. Ingram's barn, which was profusely decorated. About 120 sat down, there being large contingents from Leicester and Market Harborough. The company subsequently crowded the chapel, where a meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Rev. J. A. Hopwood, of Kibworth. Stirring speeches were delivered by the Rev. H. Cubbon, M.A. (Leicester), and W. E. Marris (Harborough). During the evening Mr. Cubbon sang "The Star of Bethlehem," and Miss Locke "The children's home," Miss Hesley reciting "A city Arab," all being excellently rendered. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Seamarke (Kibworth) offered a few remarks, the latter observing that he had travelled 2,000 miles in conducting services at that place of worship, but was now about to retire from lay preaching, after some 55 years' service.

MOUNTSORREL.

Bank-holiday.—From early morning the streets presented an animated appearance. The quarries closed until to-day, and with the Bank-holiday opening fine and bright there was a constant stream of vehicles and cycles through the village from Leicester, en route for Woodhouse, Longcliffe, and other pleasure resorts. Several teas and socials had been arranged, and the Wesleyans gave their annual treat to the Sunday-school children, but in the afternoon the weather was of a cheerless character, rain falling at intervals and interfering with pleasure.

Mr. Gladstone's Funeral.—The final tribute to the memory of Mr. Gladstone was paid on Saturday, when the flag was hoisted at half-mast on the tower of St. Peter's Church, and during the day the bells rang out muffled peals. In the evening an impressive memorial service was held. Many people wore mourning emblems. On Sunday a memorial service was held at the Baptist Chapel, when an address was given by the pastor, the Rev. J. Tomkins. A most impressive tribute was paid to the illustrious statesman. References were also made at the other Nonconformist places of worship to the great services rendered to the country by Mr. Gladstone.

SILEBY.

The Whitwick Disaster. — On Whit-Sunday afternoon the Sileby Town Band paraded the village, and collections were taken in aid of the Whitwick Colliery Fund, the sum of £7 10s. 4d. being obtained.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

The Late Mr. Gladstone.—On Sunday morning, at Higham parish church, the Rev. H. Fisher preached an impressive sermon in reference to the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone. At the close of the service Mr. Dawson played the "Dead March" in "Saul."

The Whitwick Colliery Disaster.—On Sunday, at the parish church, collections were made in aid of the Whitwick colliery disaster. £3 12s. 7d. was raised.

CASTLE DONINGTON.

Wesleyan Church.—Anniversary services in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church were held on Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Downes, of London, had been announced to preach, and also to lecture on the following day, and keen disappointment was felt on Saturday morning upon the receipt of a telegram to the effect that the doctor was ill, and could not possibly fulfil his engagements. The Rev. J. Griffen, the superintendent of the Green Hill Circuit, Derby, very generously stepped into the breach. The collections were taken as arranged.

Club Anniversary.—The fifty-fourth anniversary of the inauguration of the Loyal Moira Lodge (Manchester Unity) was held on Tuesday. A considerable proportion of the members together with the juvenile branch, assembled in the forenoon, and, headed by the Barrow-on-Soar brass band, paraded the streets of the town, a halt being made at many of the principal residences. The banner of the Derby district and other insignia of office were carried in the procession. The following officers were present: N.G. J. Raven, G.M. A. Saxelby, P.G. S. Clarke (secretary), V.G. George Pegg, P.G.'s H. Ramsden, J Hardy, W Fowkes, J Fowkes, J Birkin, B Tunnicliff, and P.P.G.M. W. Morton (Derby). Precisely at noon the procession filed into the old parish church, to the strains of the National Anthem, an excellent sermon being preached by the vicar, the Rev. J. C. Roney-Dougal. A capital dinner was splendidly served at the headquarters of the lodge, the King's Head Hotel. On the removal of the cloth Mr. Francis Edmund Burton was voted to the chair. The usual loyal and other toasts were submitted, and well received.—In proposing "Success to the Loyal Moira Lodge, as a part of the Manchester Unity," P.P.G.M. Morton said that the members had every reason to be proud of their position in the Order. During the past twelve months the lodge had disbursed £289 in sick pay, and still had effected a saving of £51 2s. 10d. (Cheers.)—P.G. Geo. Clarge (secretary) said that for the eighth time he had the pleasure of submitting the annual statement to the members, and he was pleased to report that the lodge was flourishing, both numerically and financially. The balance-sheet showed that £2,425 11s. 2d. stood to the credit of the lodge. (Applause.) This amount was invested as follows: In property at Loughborough, £320; freehold land, £500; freehold land and buildings, £535 5s. 6d.; freehold houses and shop, £575 5s. 6d., cash in bank, £395 6s. 9d.; in treasurer's hands, £101 15s. 5d. During the past year the sick and funeral fund had received payments to the amount of £502 19s. 6d., whilst the expenditure totalled £477 1s. 6d. With respect to the management fund, the receipts had been £153 2s 11d., and the expenditure £147 18s. 5d. The total membership at the end of 1897 was 326; 30 had been admitted during the year, 10 had lapsed through death and non-payment, making a net increase of 20 members on the year, which he considered was very satisfactory.—Bro. N.G. John Raven strongly urged the younger members of the lodge to attend its meeting and take a deeper interest in its welfare. A term of office was very educational. He certainly had a deeper knowledge of human nature than he could possibly have otherwise gained. He was glad to find that the Manchester Order was flourishing generally. It was now holding its annual conference in the ancient city of Oxford. When it met there 51 years ago the total number of delegates was 161; to-day there were 651 in attendance.—On behalf of himself and Dr. Duncan, who could not be present, Dr. J. T. Fletcher replied to the toast of "Our medical officers." He had been amongst them for more than eight years, and he trusted that the happy relationships which existed between the members of the lodge and the medical officers would continue.—In responding to the "Town and trade of Castle Donington," Mr. Stevenson was pleased to be able to say that the commercial prospects of the town were improving. Things looked very much brighter than they did a short time ago. Some branches of industry were decidedly flourishing. He had come amongst them now for 28 years, and had always received a very hearty welcome. (Applause.)—Mr. W. Brooks also made a few apt remarks on the same subject. — The Secretary reported that subscriptions had been received from the following: Miss Bourne £1, Messrs. Offiler and Co. 10s. 6d., Mr. Z. Smith £1, Mr. R. L. Tooth £1, Mr. J. Fielding 5s., Mr. J. P. Simpson 5s., Mr. H. Simpson 5s., Mr. J. Simpson 10s., Mr. H. Sanford 10s., Miss Bakewell £1, Rev. J. C. Roney-Dougal £1, Mr. G. Fletcher 5s., Mr. L. Stevenson 10s., Dr. Fletcher £1, and Messrs. Joshua and F. E. Burton £1 1s.—Letters of apology were read from Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P., Mr. R. L. Tooth, Mr. J. G. Shields, J.P., C.C., and others. The juvenile members were entertained to tea in the vicarage grounds during the afternoon by the Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Roney-Dougal. Games were also indulged in. Telegrams of greeting were received from and forwarded to the Oxford Conference. Songs, duets, glees, and musical selections were rendered at intervals during the afternoon by the members of the bands.

P.S.A. Bazaar.—In connection with the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Adult Bible Class, a bazaar and sale of work was held in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday last. The bazaar was opened by Mr. J. G. Shields, who was introduced by Mr. J. Simpson, president of the class. Mr. Shields said that since the time he first came amongst them, some 16 years ago, he had always received at the hands of the people of Castle Donington the greatest kindness, and he should always be pleased to do what he could for them. He regarded the object for which the bazaar was held as a very good one; he was pleased to hear that their class was progressing so favourably. Whatever helped to keep the young people out of the lanes and streets and public houses on the Sunday deserved every encouragement. He was a decided Churchman himself, but he had no fault to find with people who were not of the same religious persuasion as himself. There was great credit due to the people who took such an interest in the young folks as to give their time and trouble to such institutions as that in whose interests they were met. He was interested in all that pertained to the welfare of Castle Donington and its people, and that was why he was with them on that occasion, and he hoped the goods would find a ready sale. (Cheers.)—In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Shields for coming amongst them at so great a personal inconvenience, Mr. Simpson said that if they had searched the country through they could not have secured a more suitable and popular gentleman to perform the opening ceremony. They were all delighted both to see and to hear him.—Mr. John Stevenson, in seconding, spoke to the generosity and broadmindedness of Mr. Shields.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and the bazaar commenced. The Rev. John Allsopp (returned missionary from South Africa) took part in the opening ceremony. The stalls were heavily laden with useful and fancy articles of all descriptions, and most tastefully arranged. The following were the stallholders:—General Stall: Miss Atkin, Mrs. T. Bucknall, Mrs. T. Bates, Mrs. Gouriay, Mrs. J. Johnson, Mrs. Kilbourne, Mrs. H. North, Mrs. J. Simpson, Mrs. W. C. Simpson, Mrs. W. Summerfield, Mrs. J. Stevenson. Refreshment Stall: Mrs. J. Bucknall, Mrs. W. Bucknall, Mrs. Brewin, Mrs. G. Dixon, Mrs. Dakin, Mrs. G. Farmer, Mrs. Newham, and Mrs. Smith. Flower Stall: Misses Astle, A. Bucknall, Taylor, and Trussell. Crockery and Basket Stall: Messrs. J. Frakes, G. Heywood, G. Squires, and H. Ramsden. American Stall: Messrs. Birkin, Bates, Glover, Farmer, North, and Rockley. Bran Tub: the Misses E. Bucknall, P. Bucknall, M. Dixon, C. Dixon, F. Farmer, H. Poxon, and M. Simpson. A large collection of curiosities from Natal was exhibited by Miss Allsopp. Entertainments of a varied character, such as living waxwork, hat trimming competition, shadowgraph, Punch and Judy show, post office, etc., were provided during the evening, and were a source of endless amusement. Considerable credit is due to Mr. J. Hamblen, secretary, and the members of the committee, for the admirable arrangements. The goods found a ready sale, the proceeds being devoted to the various branches of P.S.A. work. The bazaar was continued on Wednesday.

Parish Council.—The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Council-room on Thursday evening. Present: Messrs. Laurence Stevenson (in the chair), J. Fielding, S. Poxon, Harvey, J. Birkin, and J. Burton (clerk).—The Clerk read a communication from the chief-constable of Leicestershire, asking that a suitable posting station might be provided, on which police notices and County Council regulations should be displayed.—On the motion of Mr. Fielding, it was resolved that the frontage of the fire station be used for the purpose.—The committee appointed to inspect and report on the site proposed as a recreation ground were divided in opinion as to its suitability for this purpose.—Mr. Poxon said that his opinion in the matter had undergone no change. The site was in every respect a most suitable one, on account of its proximity to the cemetery grounds. He held that the place where they buried their dead should be sacredly guarded and kept from intrusion as much as possible. There was a very strong feeling throughout the town antagonistic to the proposal. He was heartily in favour of a public recreation ground, and should be pleased to assist in any scheme that would commend itself to his approval, but he could not support any proposal which, if carried, would intrude upon the privacy of the cemetery grounds. He, therefore, moved that the project be abandoned.—In seconding the motion Mr. Harvey said that the frequency with which he visited the cemetery in connection with funerals qualified him to judge the case on its merits, and in his opinion if the proposed site was laid out as a public recreation ground he was afraid that unseemly proceedings would at times interfere with the solemnity of the burial service.—Mr. Stevenson thought that after all that had been said the Council could not do better than utilise the proposed site. He was not at all in accord with the opinions expressed by the previous speakers, and he did not think there were any grounds whatever for the rejection of the site on the reasons stated.—In moving an amendment to the effect that the site be accepted by the Council for the purpose of a public recreation ground, Mr. Birkin made some vigorous remarks, particularly ridiculing the idea that the adjacent gardens would suffer from the intrusion. There would be no more danger then than now.—The Chairman explained that if the motion were carried, the Council would have to look elsewhere for another site.—The amendment found no seconder, and the original motion was carried.—The Gas Company's bill, amounting to £86 3s., was ordered to be paid, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.—Petty sums due to the clerk, to the amount of about £6, were ordered to be paid.—The seal of the Council was attached to certain legal documents, and implements for the use of the superintendent of the cemetery grounds were ordered to be procured.

Rent Audit.—The annual dinner in connection with the rent audit was given on Whit Tuesday, by the executors of the estate of the late Baron Donington. The table was set in a spacious marquee, on the premises of the Donington Arms Hotel. Amongst those present were Messrs. J. G. Shields, C.C., J.P. (estate agent), J. Ratcliffe (farm bailiff), Jos. Hudson, Amos Frakes, T. Summerfield, J. Timms, J. Gee, D. Merrell, E. Edge, J. Earp, and T. Earp (Melbourne). After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Mr. J. Gee proposed, and Mr. A. Frakes, supported the toast of "The Health of Mr. J. G. Shields," both gentlemen speaking to the unflagging interest that Mr. Shields took in all that pertained to the prosperity and welfare of the tenantry. The toast was received with acclamation.

SHEPSHED.

The Holidays.—Seldom has there been fewer visitors at the Whitsuntide season than in the present week. Charnwood Forest failed to give sufficient attraction—accounted for by the fact that the weather was cold and miserable.

A Mad Dog.—On Friday, a dog, belonging to Mr. John Barwick, farmer, Ashby-road, apparently went mad. It was shot before it had the chance to bite anyone, and its carcase was sent for analysis.

Concert.—The Shepshed Brass Band gave a concert in the Market-place on Sunday afternoon, under the conductorship of Mr G. Elliott, jun. In addition to the programme which appeared in the "Herald" last week, the band played the "Dead March," as a tribute of respect to Mr. Gladstone. A collection realised £3 10s. 4d.

Cricket.—Shepshed were without a match on Saturday last, and the first twelve played nineteen others. The latter went to the wickets first, and scored 63. The twelve opened their innings well, and had only three wickets down when 50 appeared on the telegraph board. A change, however, occured, and, chiefly owing to the excellent bowling of Pauley and Lister, the next eight wickets fell for 14 runs, the twelve just winning by one run.

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P., and the Vaccination Bill.—Replying to the resolution passed at a public meeting at Shepshed, Mr. J. E. Johnson Ferguson writes to Mr. W. Dakin, stating that he has already explained very clearly his position in respect to the Vaccination Bill, and he does not know that he can add much. He adds: "If we are successful in striking out the clause making vaccination compulsory, of course the clause which gives a vaccination officer compulsory power goes with it, but if we are unable to strike one out we shall be unable to get rid of the other."

Lambert's Charity.—A meeting of the trustees of this charity was held on Thursday evening, at the Red Lion Hotel, when there were present Mr. R. W. Stevens (chairman), Revs. W. H. F. Hepworth, and Canon Martens, and Messrs. E. Wightman, W. Tapp, J. Slater, E. Start, J. Peach, R. Husbands, W. Freeman, E. Dutton, C.C., C. Peach, and A. Hubbard (clerk).—The alterations which had been made to the Red Lion Hotel premises to conform with the orders of the magistrates, were examined, and found satisfactory.—The Brewery Company, who were the lessees of the premises, wrote promising to pay half the cost, not because they were in any way bound to do, but in order to meet the trustees.—Mr. Dutton, Mr. Tapp, and Rev. Canon Martens thought they were bound to pay.—The Chairman said the clerk had made a plan, as directed, and which had been submitted to the magistrates, and at his (the chairman's) suggestion, the Deputy Chief Constable had been asked to view the alterations.—Rev. Canon Martens moved, and Mr. C. Peach seconded, that the clerk be paid £1 for getting out the plan, and it was carried, the Clerk stating that he should have been satisfied with much less.—The Chairman said the whole cost had been £22, which was £1 15s. more than the contract. Other small matters, however, had been left in his hands to get done, and he thought it was satisfactory.—A letter was read from Dr. Still respecting the new stretcher, and also repairs which had been done to the nursing appliances.—It was resolved to pay for the stretcher, but the other items were left until they were laid before the trustees.—The Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth gave notice to raise the question of having the stretcher kept in a more central place.—The tenant of the land in Charnwood-road, Mr. H. Wale, being dead, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. E. Dutton, seconded by Mr. J. Slater, that the clerk be allowed to let it to the family for the sum of £8 per year, on condition that it not sublet for any purpose.—This was all the business.

OAKHAM.

Trip to London.—On Whit-Monday a day trip to London conveyed 13 persons from Oakham.

Fat Stock Market, Monday.—There was a good show of sheep, but small of beasts. Prices were good and firm all round.

Provision Market, Saturday.—Butter 9d. per lb. Eggs 18 a shilling. Beef 6d. to 8d.; mutton 6d. to 9d.; pork 6d. to 7d. per lb. Potatoes 1s. 2d. per stone. Bread 6½d. to 7½d. per loaf. Flour 2s. 2d. to 2s. 6d. per stone.

The Parish Church. — On Whit-Sunday special sermons were preached in the parish church, which was beautifully decorated with choice flowers. The choir sang special anthems.

Oddfellows' Anniversary.—On Whit-Monday the first anniversary of the newly-instituted Diamond Jubilee Lodge of Oddfellows, Oakham District, was held at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Greetham. The members, accompanied by the Oakham Town Band, attended service at the parish church, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Pigot, vicar. Afterwards about sixty members and friends sat down to an excellent dinner, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. E. C. Piggott, and the vice-chair by Mr. Sheldon. During the afternoon the usual toasts were given, and in the evening the members paraded the principal street, and a very enjoyable evening was afterwards spent.

Sunday School Anniversary.—On Whit-Sunday the anniversary sermons of the Primitive Methodist Sunday Schools were preached by Councillor Cliff, of Mexborough. In the afternoon there was a children's service conducted by Mr. Cliff. On Monday the children processioned the principal streets of the town and there was afterwards a well-attended public tea, and in the evening a meeting at which addresses were given by Mr. Cliff, Rev. R. Ainsworth, and others. The proceeds of the services were in aid of the school funds.

UPPINGHAM.

Volunteer Shooting Match.—On Thursday the School Cadet Volunteer Corps had a simultaneous match with the Marlborough School Corps, Uppingham obtaining 425 points to Marlborough's 375. On Saturday an interesting shooting match took place between the F Company, Leicestershire Battalion, Uppingham School, with the Charterhouse School Corps. For the Uppingham School Blackcroft and Mitchell both made 68 out of a possible 70, the first-named making 13 bull's eyes out of 14. The following are the totals: Charterhouse Cadets, 454; F. Company, Leicestershire, 451; Uppingham Cadet Corps, 448.

The Church Clock.—During last week the clock on the church tower was renovated by having new works fixed by Messrs. Smith and Son, of Derby, and the face painted and letters and hands re-gilded by Mr. George Cliff. The new clock is in memoriam of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is supplied with the Tennyson chimes striking the quarters and the hours in sweet musical tones.

Cooking Lectures.—On Friday evening Mrs. E. A. Springthorpe concluded a series of cooking lectures in the Oddfellows' Hall. Mrs. Springthorpe showed the various methods of using up cold meat, etc. At the conclusion of the lectures Mr. A. Seaton (the chairman of the Gas Company) proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Springthorpe for the very able way in which she had conducted the lectures. The vote was seconded by Mr. W. Southwell, and Mrs. Springthorpe responded.

SUTTON BONNINGTON.

Correction.—Last week's report of the entertainment and prize distribution at the National School should have read that the gentlemen present as managers were the Rev. E. S. Taylor, and Messrs. J. W. Burrows, A. Parker, and T. Pepper, and the ladies mentioned were present among the audience witnessing the proceedings.

Methodist Free Church.—The annual Sunday School sermons were preached on Sunday by the Rev. W. Holroyde, of Loughborough. Special hymns were sung by the scholars exceedingly well, and the choir rendered the anthem "Let your light shine before men" (Barnby). Mr. I. M. Shepherd conducted, and Mr. E. Wilders presided at the organ, and was assisted by Mr. F. Astle (violin) and Mr. H. M. Shepherd ('cello). The congregations were large, especially at the evening service, and the collections realised £8 5s., a considerable advance on previous years. The children's treat and public tea were held on Monday, and well attended. Unfortunately at tea-time rain came on and marred the proceedings. However, some availed themselves of the opportunity of a few games in a field placed at their disposal by Mr. I. M. Shepherd.

GOTHAM.

The Water Supply.—At the meeting of the Basford Rural District Council, on Tuesday, the question of the Gotham water supply again came up for consideration, and Mr. Burnett, agent to Lord Howe interviewed the Council, and presented a scheme prepared by himself for supplying the village, involving an outlay of £502 17s. 8d. He was reminded by the Chairman that the Council had placed the matter in the hands of Messrs. G. and F. Hodson, of Loughborough, and that he should deal with them, and replying to several questions by the chairman, said that he had seen Messrs. Hodson, and acquainted them with the details of the scheme. Mr. Burnett's scheme was then read by the Clerk, and also that prepared by Messrs. Hodson, with a proposed expenditure of £1,500.—The Rev. F. A. Wodehouse, as the representative of Gotham, said that he considered it would be the most satisfactory procedure to the village of the plan of the Council's surveyor were adopted to form the subject of a Local Government Board inquiry at Gotham. Mr. Barnett's proposed improvements and other suggestions could then be finally discussed. He should prefer to keep himself unpledged for the inquiry.—The Chairman thereupon moved that the scheme of Messrs. Hodson be adopted, and that permission be asked from the Local Government Board to borrow £1,500, at 30 years, to carry out the work.—Mr. M. Savidge seconded, and Mr. Bagnold Smith supported the motion, the last named observing that he thought the best thing the Council could do would be to adopt Messrs. Hodson's scheme.—The motion was carried without a dissentient.

FLECKNEY.

Baptist Chapel.—On Sunday anniversary services were conducted, morning and evening, at this place of worship, by Mr. Beamish, of Leicester. In the afternoon a cantata, "The Promised Land," was rendered by the choir. The soloists were Mrs. A. Sturgess, Miss E. A. Sturgess, the Misses Perkins, Mr. W. Garner, jun., and Mr. Archer (Leicester). The work was most creditably rendered, Mr. W. Garner, jun., presiding at the American organ. The collection realised £2 8s.

BARDON HILL.

Club Dinner.—The annual dinner of the "Granite" Sick and Benefit Society was held on Whit-Tuesday in a marquee in front of the Birch Tree Hotel. The members assembled, and marched to the old schoolroom, where a special service was held, headed by the Ibstock Town Brass Band. The Rev. R. E. Broughton, M.A., vicar of Hugglescote, preached the sermon. The procession afterwards reformed, and headed by the band and the handsome silk banner belonging to the club, made a parade through the village. The weather, unfortunately, was most unfavourable. Dinner was afterwards served, between eighty and ninety sitting down. After dinner the chair was taken by Mr. W. T. Everard, J.P., and he was supported by the Rev. R. Dunn and Mr. B. N. Everard. Following the usual loyal patriotic toasts, "The Bishops, Clergy, and Ministers of all Denominations" was given by the Chairman, and responded to by the Rev. R. Dunn, whilst the toast, "Success to the Granite Sick and Benefit Society" was well received. Since the last annual dinner the society has been registered under the Friendly Societies Act. The balance-sheet showed a profit of £31 on the year's account. The total capital of the society at the end of December amounted to £402 13s. 6d.—"The Host and Hostess," "Chairman," and other minor toasts concluded the list.—Mr. B. N. Everard occupied the chair during the latter part of the day. The proceedings were enlivened at intervals by songs and selections rendered by the band.

BARROW-ON-SOAR.

Scholars' Treat.—On Friday afternoon the scholars attending the Board Schools had the usual treat in the shape of a substantial tea, followed by games, &c., in a field kindly lent by Mr. Woollett. At eight o'clock the scholars were assembled in the large schoolroom to receive prizes for good attendance during the past year. The proceedings were opened by a glee entitled "May has come." Addresses were given by Messrs. S. W. Mayes, C. S. Thomson, and J. Simpkin (members of the Board), and the Head-master (Mr. F. C. Austin) urging the scholars to cultivate the habits of punctuality and perseverance. The prizes were afterwards distributed, the recipients being enthusiastically applauded. In the course of the evening a number of children's songs were sung. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the friends who had made the arrangements.

The Whitwick Disaster.—The sum of £3 has been forwarded to this fund by the South End Cricket Club, being the proceeds of their match with Quorn United.

Mr. Gladstone.—On Thursday evening, at the Wesleyan Chapel, an eloquent address was given by the Rev. J. Jenkin on the Christian and moral aspect of the life of Mr. W. E. Gladstone, which he described as one of the noblest and purest lives of this or any century. Mr. Gladstone's favourite hymns were sung. On Saturday, at 1.30, a memorial service was held in the parish church, the vicar officiating. The hymns, "Rock of ages" and "Lead, kindly light," were sung, and the "Dead March" played by the organist, Mr. Fitness. The flags on the church tower and Liberal Club hung at half-mast.

HINCKLEY.

Death from Lock-jaw.—On Sunday Mr. William Kirby, member of the Hinckley Rural District Council and Board of Guardians for Burbage, died from lock-jaw, the result of an accident a few weeks ago, when he was unfortunate enough to get his left hand pricked with a rusty nail. Dr. Bradshaw Smith attended deceased, but all efforts proved unavailing.—Coroner Bouskell held an inquest at the Chequers Inn, Burbage, on Tuesday evening, when a verdict that deceased died from lock-jaw, the result of an injury to the hand by a rusty nail, was returned. Deceased was 48 years of age, and was a bed and mattress maker by trade, but lately followed the occupation of a farmer. He leaves a wife and two children. For over nine years he represented Burbage on the Board of Guardians, and was member of the Rural District Council since its formation. The deceased was connected with a number of other local institutions, and was very much respected in the village. His loss will be very generally felt.

Temperance Federation.—The annual gala under the auspices of this federation was held at Hinckley on Tuesday. Despite the rain the event passed off successfully. At half-past one a procession paraded the principal streets of the town and repaired to Mill Field, Trinity-lane, where sports were held and games engaged in. A public tea was held in the various Sunday Schools at half-past three, and at night a great public meeting was held, when addresses on the temperance question were delivered by Mr. Joshua Moseley and Mr. J. Roles, Birmingham; and by Mr. J. T. Nowell, Derby.

EAST LEAKE.

Street Football.—At the Shire Hall, Nottingham, before Mr. A. Heymann, Mr. R. B. Bagnall Wild, and Mr. A. Radford, three youths were fined respectively 2s. 6d. for playing football in the village street, two others having to pay 5s., this being their second offence.

Friendly Societies.—On Whit-Monday the lodge of the Ancient Order of Druids, headed by the Hathern Junior Prize Brass Band, and the lodge of the Grand Imperial, headed by the Sutton Bonnington Brass Band, each carrying their flags and regalia, proceeded to church, where an appropriate sermon was delivered by the rector, Rev. S. P. Potter, in which the Rev. gentleman paid a high tribute to the memory of Mr. Gladstone. The clubs, after service, paraded the village, headed by their respective bands, etc., and afterwards adjourned to their respective lodge rooms for dinner. On Tuesday the local lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows met at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, and, after attending service at the church, paraded the village, headed by the Sutton Bonnington Brass Band. The rainy weather prevented many from joining in the procession.

Measles.—The Board School is closed, by orders of the sanitary authority, on account of an epidemic of measles.

GREAT EASTON.

Whitsuntide is generally reckoned upon at Great Easton as the great holiday of the year. The Oddfellows Lodge held their anniversary, the Kettering silver hand being in attendance leading the lodge members in their regalia and parades. Dinner was provided by Mr. J. T. Ashby, of the Marquis of Granby Inn, and in the afternoon racing and other athletic sports were arranged, prizes being awarded. Mr. George Ashby granted the use of his field for the sports, where a large marquee was erected to serve the purpose of dining-room, dancing pavilion, and shelter from rain. The evening was set apart for dancing.

Wedding.—On Whit-Monday a pretty little wedding was celebrated at Great Easton Church, between Mr. Hickling, of Sidmouth, Devonshire, and Eva, daughter of Mr. S. W. Haddon, of Great Easton. The bride and bridesmaids wore cream-coloured dresses.

BIRSTALL.

Sunday-school Anniversary.—The annual sermons on behalf of the Sunday-school in connection with the Methodist Free Church were preached on Sunday by the Rev. Francis Jones, of Hill-street Chapel, Leicester. The congregations were large, especially in the evening, when the chapel was filled. The scholars sang a number of suitable hymns in a very praiseworthy manner. The collections amounted to £4 10s. 7d., an increase on the amount realised last year. On Tuesday the annual tea meeting was held, and was well attended. After tea the company were permitted, by the kindness of Mr. W. H. Walker, to enjoy the pleasure of a ramble through the grounds attached to that gentleman's residence.

Whitsuntide Holidays.—On Whit-Monday evening a dance took place at the National Schools, and was patronised by a goodly number of the younger portion of the inhabitants. A very pleasant and enjoyable time was experienced, and the effort was fairly successful for the object for which it was promoted, namely, to help the fund for purchasing a piano for the school.

THE KEYSTONE OF HAPPINESS.

Health has been happily described as a treasure only properly valued when it is lost. When all one's energies are required in the struggle of life, good health becomes one of the most valuable of our assets. Many business men, to whom time is precious, are incapacitated occasionally by severe, though temporary, attacks of those minor ailments from which most of us suffer at some time or other, and which, if allowed to develop, may assume a chronic and dangerous form. What is obviously required in such cases is a remedy which shall be pleasant in form and effectual in action, without entailing any interference with business pursuits. Such a remedy is offered by "California Syrup of Figs." In all cases of habitual constipation, biliousness, indigestion, depression, and loss of appetite, "California Syrup of Figs" is confidently recommended. To maintain a healthy habit of body, a pure, natural laxative medicine is required. "California Syrup of Figs" admirably fulfils the purpose without inconvenience or discomfort, and in the shortest time possible. "California Syrup of Figs," Nature's pleasant laxative, is a delicious extract of the finest ripe figs, with an excellent combination of plants whose properties are medicinally laxative, and act most beneficially. Whilst being most pleasant to the palate, its action is mild and gentle, but prompt and unfailing. It acts in harmony with Nature, cleansing the system, and assisting the natural functions of liver, kidneys, and bowels, without any of the uncomfortable griping and weakening effects so well known to those in the habit of taking ordinary pills and purgatives. Its good effects are permanent. Of all chemists 1s. 1½d., and new large size 1s. 9d. Simply asking for "Syrup of Figs" won't do; you must ask for "California Syrup of Figs," and see that you get it. Every package of the genuine bears the name and trade mark of the California Fig Syrup Co., 32, Snow Hill, London, E.C.

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SOCIAL NEEDS.

Whatever questions of Social Needs may exist, and however much we may rack our brains to discover satisfactory solutions of them, there is at least one—and certainly not the least important—province, in which the solution has been found. For is not the question "What is our best daily beverage?" of importance to all classes of society? And is any other answer to that question possible, from disinterested persons, than "Van Houten's Cocoa"? It is more wholesome than any other drink, it is nourishing and easy to digest; refreshing, without acting injuriously on the nervous system, in the way that Tea, Coffee and other drinks do; and its delicious flavour in no way palls on the taste after continually using the cocoa. As regards its price, it is, as thousands can testify from practical experience, not at all dear to use.

What a pity all social questions cannot be answered as easily as the above one; but their answers require a great deal of thinking about. Those who are busy thinking about them, cannot do better than take a cup of Van Houten's Cocoa daily, as for helping the brain-worker it is without equal.

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VAN HOUTEN'S EATING CHOCOLATE?

MARKET BOSWORTH PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday.—Before Rev. R. Titley (in the chair), Dr. Thomas, and T. Cope and Harrington Hulton, Esqs.

Wilful Damage to a Door.—Two boys, Owen Hallam and George Henry Preston, Ibstock, were brought up on a summons charged with doing wilful damage to a barn-door, belonging to Thomas Wilson, Ibstock, on the 8th May.—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Dobney stated the case, and said he received information on the 9th ult. that the door in question had been broken on the previous day. From inquiries he found that defendants had been in the field. He went to the houses of both defendants, and one of them said the door was broken by the other. When the summons was served on Hallam he said Preston had as much to do with it as he had.—Prosecutor said that he saw the defendants on Sunday, the 8th May, in the field next to his. Prosecutor and his son watched defendants for a good while, but did not see them do anything to the hovel. About five o'clock on the same night he went to the hovel, and found that the door had been broken, and there was a "splasher" just by the hovel in Mr. Preston's field. The damage done to the door was 2s. Several times before the door and the hovel were damaged.—A fine of 1s. each and costs was imposed, and the amount of the damage. Hallam, who did not appear on the last occasion, was ordered to pay the costs of the previous Court.

A Cyclist in Trouble.—Thomas Bland, Nuneaton, was summoned for riding a bicycle at Fenny Drayton, on the 19th May, without a light.—Defendant admitted the offence.—P.C. Baker said that at ten o'clock defendant was riding a bicycle on the Watling-street without having a light. Defendant told him that the lamp had just gone out, but witness examined it, and found that it contained no oil.—Fined 1s. and costs, 10s. in all.

Cruelty to Children at Desford.—Emma Herd, married woman, Desford, was summoned by Inspector Barnes, N.S.P.C.C. (Loughborough), for persistent cruelty to her six children at Desford, on the 11th May, and upon subsequent dates.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, saying that the children were all in court, and she was prepared to have them examined by a doctor.—Mr. H. Dean (Loughborough) appeared on behalf of the inspector, and said the defendant had been up before the justices once before, but was let off. The present prosecution arose out of circumstances that were disgraceful to the defendant, who had greatly neglected both her house and family. He might add that her husband was a hard-working man, but his wife was a gossiper.—Inspector Barnes said that on the 12th April he went to Herd's house, where he saw a girl, 15½ years old, named Sarah, Minnie (four years), and Maud (14 months), and having made a slight examination of the children he went in search of the mother, and found her in a neighbour's house. She went back with him to the house. Witness then examined the living-room, finding it in a most shocking state. The floor, which was a brick one, was covered with grease. He also went upstairs. There were two bedrooms, one only being occupied. In the room that was occupied there were three full-sized bedsteads close together. There were seven children under 16 years, one over 16, and the two parents, making ten altogether, who occupied this room. The window was closed, and the stench was so bad that he was obliged to ask the defendant to open it. The smell was so bad that he had to leave the house. Before doing so he examined three of the children, and found them very verminous. They were scantily clad. The girls Sarah and Minnie were the two worst. Two girls were at school. Their heads and bodies were very verminous. All the children were black with dirt. They were well nourished, and he found plenty of bread in the house. At three o'clock the same day he went again to the house, in company with P.C. Healey. They went and examined the beds. The mattress was so rotten that it could be picked to pieces. He again visited the house on the 11th of May, when he was accompanied by Dr. Kelly, of Desford. He found no improvement in the room downstairs. At the room at the back there was a heap of dirty clothing. Dr. Kelly examined the bodies of the children, and found them in a dirty state. The baby appeared as if it had not had its face washed for several days, and the state of the house was such as to cause the children unnecessary suffering.—Dr. Gordon Kelly stated that on the 11th May he went to the defendant's house, which he found to be very dirty indeed, in fact, he had never been in a dirtier one. He should say that the house was not fit for human habitation. He also went upstairs, and saw that the bedding was both dirty and scanty.—The Bench sentenced the defendant to seven days' imprisonment.—On leaving the court, defendant said: "I shall be none the better for it; only worse." (Laughter.)

No License.—Thomas Clamp, labourer, Newbold Verdon, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for keeping a dog without a license.

Setting Trap Guns at Ibstock.—George Robert Gee, farmer, Ibstock, was summoned for unlawfully wounding a boy named William Satchwell, of Ibstock, on the 30th April last. The case had been up before, but was adjourned in order that the lad might be able to attend the court to give evidence.—Mr. Dean held a watching brief on behalf of Satchwell, and Sir Thomas Wright defended.— William Satchwell (11 years), said he was the son of Thomas Satchwell, a collier, of Ibstock. On Saturday, the 30th of April last, he went gathering violets with three other boys and his sister. It was between four and five o'clock in the evening. They went down to Gee's field to get the violets. It came on to rain, and they went into a hovel in Mr. Gee's field. He went to the hovel first, and pulled the door open in order to find a seat. As soon as he touched the door a gun went off, and the charge hit him in the right thigh. He remained [illegible] but fell to the ground. Afterwards the boys helped him home half of the way, and the rest [illegible] witness walked himself. He had been [illegible] a fortnight.—Cross-examined: It was the first time he had been to the hovel. It was not true that he had been there before after eggs, and that either himself or anyone with him had stolen eggs. He did not see a rope until he opened the door.—Wm. Hastings (12), son of John Hastings, collier, Ibstock, said he was with the last witness, and when the gun went off witness caught hold of Satchwell's hand, and helped him out of the hovel. The boy had a [illegible] against the wall. Witness and his brother then helped Satchwell part of the way home.—Cross-examined: They had never been near the hovel before, and had never stolen eggs from it. He had never told a gentleman that he went to the hovel and took eggs away, which himself and another boy had divided between them.—Ernest Edward Hastings (8), gave corroborative evidence. He did tell a gentleman who called that they had been to the hovel before for eggs, but it was not true.—Mrs. Satchwell spoke to finding a wound on her son's thigh. Dr. Meredith had attended the boy.—Dr. Meredith said there were three wounds on the boy's thigh. From the first wound he extracted four and a half peas. Witness then dressed the wounds. The boy was very much hurt at the time, and appeared in pain. The boy had now almost completely recovered, with the exception of a little stiffness. The wound did not quite reach the artery.—Sergeant Kirton said the defendant told him that he set the gun, charged with peas, and left it at 6.30 on Saturday night, and the next morning he found it had been discharged, and he reloaded it. On the previous Sunday the lock had been broken off the door, and he believed someone had been stealing his hens. Defendant said he had watched the place for some time. He set it so that it (the charge) would get them in the legs. Witness produced the gun and the cord attached to it. The gun, which was in a horizontal position, was about two feet from the ground. It was fixed to an upright post. The muzzle pointed towards the hole in the door, which was used by the fowls. The gun was capped, and the trigger fall was cocked. One end of the cord was attached to the trigger, and the whole affair was so arranged that when the door was opened the gun would go off.—Sir Thomas Wright, in his address to the Bench, said he would like to call their worships' attention that under Statute 24 Vic., c. 100, Section 31, it was provided that unless there had been any intention on the part of the defendant to set a gun calculated to do grievous bodily harm there was no offence committed. In the Act it was said he should not use an engine, but he contended that this was not the kind of engine that one would set calculated to do grievous bodily harm.—The Magistrates' Clerk: He is also charged that he did do grievous bodily harm.—Sir Thomas Wright said that the engine was not placed there to destroy life, and therefore did not come under the Act. If the gun had been there charged with powder and shot it was a different matter, but the very fact of the gun, which was an old one, being charged with peas conclusively showed that it was merely placed there as a sort of alarum. No one regretted that accident more than the defendant, and there would be no difficulty about paying the doctor's bill.—Defendant was then committed to take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed, defendant himself in the sum of £50 and two sureties in the sum of £25 each.

LOUGHBOROUGH PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday.—Before R. Whiteley, Esq. (in the chair), the Mayor (Ald. W. Tidd), J. Harriman, and J. S. Smith, Esqrs.

A Margarine Case.—Thomas Sperry, grocer, Nottingham-road, Loughborough, was summoned under the Food and Drugs Act, for exposing margarine for sale by retail without labelling it as such, and also with selling as butter an article containing of fat foreign to butter at least 60 per cent.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—Mr. George Rowlatt prosecuted, and said this was a very glaring case.—Defendant traded under the name of the Cash Grocery Stores, on the Nottingham-road, and before then was an assistant in the same business, and therefore there could be no excuse for not complying with the Act.—Deputy-Chief-Constable Smith said that on Saturday night, May 7th, he went into the defendant's shop, and asked for some fresh butter. Defendant said he had only half a pound, and pointed to some which he said was Danish butter, at 11d. a lb., and other which he said was French butter, at 10d. Witness asked for a lb. of the French, and defendant gave it to him. Then witness told him that he wanted it for analysis, and he was dividing it into the usual three parts, when defendant said he wished he had had the 11d. butter. Witness asked why, and defendant said it was better than the 10d. He also said it was invoiced to him as "extra double."—Witness said he had bought it for butter, and there was no indication that it was margarine, or anything but butter. The sample was sent up for analysis, and the certificate stated that it only contained 27.65 of butter, and at least 60 per cent. of fat foreign to butter.—Defendant said he had told the deputy-chief while he was dividing it that it was double mixture, and he had neglected to label it. He had turned it out of the proper papers, and had not put other labels on it.—The chairman said this was a very serious case, but as it was the first against the defendant, they would let him off with the comparatively small fine of 30s. in each case, but he was liable to pay £20.

A Mala-fide Traveller.—Timothy Coley, labourer, Shepshed, was summoned for falsely pretending to be a traveller, at Hathern, on Sunday, May 17, and so obtaining drink.—He did not appear, and P.C. Boardmore stated that about three o'clock on the afternoon in question he saw the defendant go into the Dewdrop Inn. Following him in he found he had been served with drink by the landlord's son, who said the defendant told him he had come from Nottingham. Witness asked if he did not belong to Shepshed, and Coley said he did, but he slept at Nottingham on the previous night, and could prove it.—P.C. Challoner said he had seen defendant since, and he told him he was very sorry, and added that he had been to Kegworth with a horse before going to Hathern.—The Bench convicted on this evidence, and imposed a fine of 20s., or seven days.

A Sad Case.—Elizabeth Gilbert, widow, no fixed abode, was again brought up on the charge of attempting to poison herself at Quorn on May 22nd.—The Deputy Chief said the woman was found on the Sunday night in Mr. Cradock's garden at Quorn, in great pain, and partly unconscious. When she was brought round she said she had taken some red precipitate. Inquiries had been made, and it had been found that she purchased some of that poison at Long Eaton on the previous Saturday. She was well-known at Derby, and there was a long list of convictions against her. The letter from her daughter was also before the magistrates. The woman now seemed penitent and sorry for what she had done, and he believed if she could get away from the court she would apply for admission to the workhouse, and no doubt that was where she ought to be, as she was quite destitute, and had no home.—Defendant said she wished to get to the workhouse, and was not fit to travel.—On the understanding that she went to the relieving officer at once the Bench discharged her.

Reformatory Arrears.—Wm. Mycroft, hosiery hand, Falcon-street, Loughborough, and Wm. Winfield, labourer, Dead-lane, Loughborough, were summoned in respect of arrears for the maintenance of their sons at reformatories, and orders to pay up were made in each case.

A Borrowed Lamp.—John Coup, plumber, Quorn, pleaded guilty to having no light on his bicycle when stopped by P.C. Kirkland at 11.15 p.m. on the 24th May, but said it had only just gone out, and he had relit his borrowed lamp three times on the way from Loughborough.—The constable said the lamp was just warm, and the Bench only inflicted a fine of 2s. 6d.

SECOND COURT.

Before the Mayor (Ald. W. Tidd) and J. Harriman, Esq.

Sileby Drunkards.—Joseph Bailey, shoehand, Sileby, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at that place on the 21st ult., and, on the evidence of P.C. Weston, was fined £1, including costs, or seven days' hard labour.——Thomas Hall, Albert Walker, and Thomas Preston, shoehands, of Sileby, were charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 21st ult.—Hall did not appear, and the other two pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Weston stated that about [illegible] the defendants were in King-street drunk and using bad language. They went away when requested, but at 12 o'clock the defendants came down Barrow-road in a very drunken state, and using awful language. They had a gallon beer bottle with them at the time.—P.C. Wilkinson corroborated.—Walker and Preston denied that the policeman spoke to them.—Hall was fined 15s., including costs, or seven days, and the other defendants 10s., or five days.——Joseph Lacey, shoehand, Sileby, did not answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the 22nd near Sileby Church, and on the evidence of P.C. Wilkinson he was fined 15s., or seven days.——Stephen Bunney, another Sileby shoehand, was charged with a similar offence on the 21st ult.—He did not appear, and P.C. Weston, who proved the case, said the defendant was drunk in bed when he served the summons.—Fined 15s., including costs, or seven days' hard labour.

Straying.—Charles Walker, coal higgler, Shepshed, pleaded guilty to allowing his horse to stray on the turnpike road, at Shepshed, on the 21st ult.—P.C. Challoner spoke to finding the animal wandering about the road, at half-past two in the morning.—Fined 5s.

A Nuisance.—Thomas Cabbage, a miserable-looking individual of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, in the Market-place, Loughborough, on Tuesday evening.—P.C. Thornton said the man asked people for money, and when refused used disgusting language, and Inspector Agar said the man only came to the town the previous day, but was a thorough nuisance.—Fined 15s., or seven days' hard labour.

At an inquest held on Monday at Croydon on the body of Police-constable Trusler, of Brixton, London, who was found dead on the railway, an open verdict was returned. Dr. Carruthers said every bone in the deceased's body was fractured. On the day of his death he was to have appeared before the Commissioner to answer a charge of drunkenness, for which he was under suspension.

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