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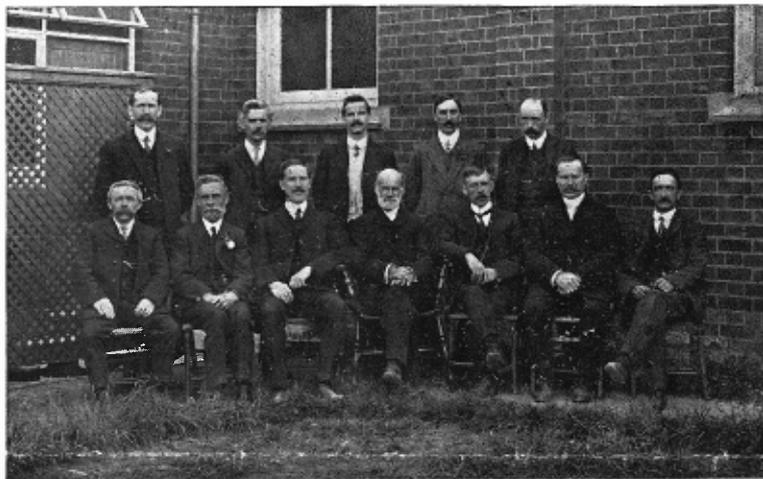
WHAT'S IN A NAME!

The Committee of the A.T.F. have now practically decided that the time has arrived for the enlargement of our Estate Journal. There is certainly room for improvement in many ways, including size and contents. For some time past it has been recognised that amongst other things, a corner should be reserved for our children, in which interesting stories and articles written expressly for their young minds could be inserted and in which they themselves could be invited to take a part. Unfortunately however, we have at present no space to spare, in fact, even now, the reports from our different Committees and Associations have to be cut down and as our Estate grows, so will these increase. But with the enlargement of our Journal arises the necessity for a new name or title, which it is most desirable should be appropriate, suggestive, and apt of expression. For instance the name "Forerunner" given to our little paper by those few friends who originally conceived the idea of some journalism upon the Estate was a happy one, as it suggested immediately what was in their minds. Their desire was that it should simply be the first step towards the exchange of views, shall we say publicly, and the inspiration of thoughts in other minds, on matters, intellectual, social, and recreative amongst our members and that it should ultimately become a permanent institution. The effort made has been fully appreciated by all, and as a forerunner it has ably paved the way for a better, brighter, and more interesting journal. But as a forerunner it has, in its full sense of meaning now finished its course and we require a name.

Members will readily remember the letter which appeared in the correspondence column about three months ago, suggesting the word "The Link" or "The Beacon" as two very suitable names by which the paper in future might be known. These are certainly two good names, but if any member has other ones to suggest, I am sure our Editor will be very pleased to receive them. Surely we have some who can think of other names which would be suitable, and we suggest that anyone who can, will do their best and send them along to the Editor together with their reasons for choosing them.

During the present unrest in the coal industry in view of its topical nature, it may be of interest to recall the fact that we might have been even more interested in this neighbourhood in the matter, for taking into account the numerous borings that have

been made it was evidently the opinion of expert geologists that a bed of coal lay underneath this side of the town. As far back as 1833 a boring was made near Billesdon Coplow to a depth of about 600 feet, when the tool broke in the hole and the work abandoned. But as recently as 1897 another attempt was made about three-quarters of a mile south-west of Billesdon village and



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went 969 feet into the earth but no coal was found.

Coming nearer home, in the seventies several attempts were made, the first one close to where the Willow Brook crosses Green Lane; 741 feet was the depth attained when the tool broke in the hole as at Billesdon Coplow. The next attempt was made near the same brook between Gwendolen Road and Stanhope Street in 1878 when 809 feet was the depth recorded and many kinds of rock found but not the one desired. A boring was made about the same period on the Crown Hills, near Evington, which went to a depth of 1000 feet 3 inches, reaching a bed of hard black slaty rock; this was unsaleable and it was abandoned. Amongst the many might-have-beens, had these attempts been successful, our Garden Suburb might have been situated in a less beautiful spot.

“Our Home Life”

We all know the old saying “manners maketh man,” but what about the home, does not that play a very important part in the making of a man or a woman, for it is mainly in the home that habits of future life are formed, and the character moulded for good or for evil. Law itself is only the reflex of the homes of a nation, for after all, public opinion is in the main, the foundation of a government, and public opinion is only the fuller development of private opinion. And this is the result of thoughts and ideas sown in the minds of children and young people in their home life, so that the inclinations for good or evil among the “powers that be” are a great deal dependent upon what were the moral conditions of the early home life of the men elected to fill these positions.

One great writer has said, “Civic virtues, unless they have their origin and consecration in private and domestic virtues are but the virtues of the theatre, for he who has not a loving heart for his child cannot pretend to have any love for humanity.”

Another has said that “Nations are gathered out of nurseries, and they who hold the leading strings of children may even hold a greater power than he who handles the reins of government.”

Thus homes, which are the nurseries of children who grow up into men or women, will be good or bad in accordance with the power that obtains there. When the Spirit of Love and duty pervades the home, where the government is kind and sensible, there we may expect to find healthy, useful and happy beings, capable as they increase to manhood and womanhood of governing themselves and others wisely, and contributing to the general welfare of those around them. On the other hand, in a home where these desirable conditions do not exist we have—but why dwell upon a picture so much the reverse of what a home should be, and what our idea of home is.

How can we apply the few foregoing thoughts to ourselves? Well, in the first place we are but a collection of homes, and to go one step further, we are collectively speaking or ought to be, one large family, with certain members elected to occupy the places of the powers that be. But upon us all devolves the responsibility of seeing to it that the best conditions of love, duty, sensibility and kindness pervade our whole actions one with the other, and that the younger members of our family are surrounded by that influence that will create in them, those qualities that will in the days to come, enable them to hold the positions which we now fill, both in the home, business world, and upon our own Estate. We have done all we can in the material surroundings by removing ourselves from the complex life and the closely constructed dwellings of town, surrounding our homes with all that is beautiful, and getting the added benefits of a healthier existence. What then are the unlimited capabilities of our coming generations, if these beautiful ideas of home life are held before us and

aimed at by us all. Ought we not, as the years roll onward, to be able to reach the highest pinnacles of brotherhood and sound sensible control of civic affairs.

ATLANTA.

REPORTS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting was held on the 15th. instant. Mr. Hibbett taking the chair in the absence of the president. The Committee's report was presented by Mr. S. Beamish, who stated that the first pair of houses on the new part of Estate are being built, although not so fast as we would wish, the weather delaying work lately more than at any time in our previous history. He also thanked the members for their response to the appeal for working capital. Messrs. J. Rowlett and S. Beamish reported attending a conference at the “Morning Star” Works on “Co-operation and Small Holdings,” the report producing an interesting discussion.

Two new nominations have been received for committee, viz; Mr. T. Neale and Mr. G. Ward. The voting papers will be sent out in due course. Messrs. Folwell and Vass being appointed tellers.

The Secretary reported that the subscription list for Mrs. Hern and family, which was now closed, had reached a fairly substantial sum and it was proposed to hand the amount over immediately. An announcement was made that the Supply Association are dealing with the seeds this year, and that orders for potatoes, peasticks and artificial manure should be handed in without delay.

ESTATE COUNCIL.

Owing to the trouble with the lighting and heating apparatus the first Concert of the month was cancelled. This was a great disappointment to our people, and certainly to Mr. Grant and Friends who were previously disappointed. On Saturday February 10th. Mr. Spencer kindly arranged the concert which was much appreciated. Saturday February 17th. our old friend, Mr. Aston and party, gave us a very enjoyable time.

A meeting of the Children residing upon Estate was held on February 10th, under the auspices of the Estate Council, to form a Children's Festival Society, with a view to prepare for our Easter Day Festival, and also to get into training for Co-partnership Festival, which this year is to be held at Ealing in August. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, and it was decided to form a Society with its own Secretaries, and pay a small subscription weekly, when registering attendance. Dancing, Swedish Drill, and Choral Singing, with later on, outdoor sports for the boys, are to form the programme of work, with a view to having a real Old English Village Festival Day on Easter Monday, consisting of May-pole, Flag and Ribbon Dances, under the leadership of Mrs. Meekins,

Swedish, Indian Club and Indian Bell Drill, leader Miss Mabel Meekins; Choral Singing, conductor Mr. T. Wilford; and old English Sports, Running, Jumping, Throwing the Hammer, etc

All weekly subscriptions are to be returned to contributors when going to Co-partnership Festival, August 24th, at Ealing, to sing in Juvenile contest.

Will Adult friends bear this date in mind, and make it their Annual Estate Outing.

Humberstone and District Supply Association.

The 1st Quarterly Meeting of the above Society was held on Friday, January 26th, in the Assembly Room. Mr. J. T. Taylor presided over a good attendance of members. The Committee's report presented by the secretary congratulated the Society on the successful operations of the quarter and the encouragement it gave for the future. After some discussion the recommendations of the committee for the disposal of the balance profit were accepted. These proposals included dividend on purchases of 1/9 in the £. Also £10 17s. 2d. set apart for Social Service Fund, out of which the following grants were voted, Dividend on wages of 9d. in the £; £2 2s. to A. T. Forerunner Committee; £2 2s. to Anchor Tenants' Estate Council; reserving the balance of upwards of £5 for future disposal. The ballot for new committee resulted in the following being elected in the order named: Mr. Jays, Mr. J. T. Taylor, Mr. W. Neale, Mr. S. B. Beamish, Mr. J. S. Wilford, Mr. Meekins, Mr. C. H. Goodenough, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. Meekins, Mr. W. Mason, Mr. W. H. Keywood, Mr. E. W. Harris. Mr. C. W. Purdy and Mr. Vass, were elected auditors.

The Established Church in Wales.

A lecture in defence of the above was given in our Assembly Room on Friday, 16th inst, by Rev. W. Watkin. The meeting was well attended, and the church case was put in a most interesting and instructive manner by our lecturer, after which a plentiful crop of questions and an animated discussion contributed to the success of a prolonged meeting. Our reverend visitor was evidently aware that his hearers' views on the subject differ mostly from his own, but his good humored presentation of his case and the happy manner in which he replied to all questions and criticisms entitled him to our heartiest thanks which were freely accorded. We share the belief expressed by Mr. Watkin that his coming amongst us, if it yields few political conversions, will have the far more valuable result of producing a greater intimacy, and closer friendship between himself and many of his Garden Suburb parishioners.

Items of Interest.

We congratulate the Leicester Distributive Society on their past quarter's success. This year should shew a trade of a least half a million.

CRICKET CLUB

A complete list of fixtures has now been made up and with two exceptions they are all home matches, the two away, are, one at Quenby, and one at the Borough Asylum.

Will all intending members please notify the Secretary, and hand in their entrance fee.

H. FOLWELL, "Ingleside."

On Thursday March 14th, Mr. Karl Smith will deliver a lecture in the Assembly Room on "The true shape of the Earth." Discussion invited.

Important Notice—We, the Knutts, do hereby challenge the Cornstalks to a game at Rugbiation Football on Easter Monday,—Father Time's scythe barred. The Cornstalks may add to their number to make up a team. There will be other Ladies of Title to meet Lady Godiva and Mother Hart Reply to the Kernel of the Knutts, c/o the Editor of the A.T.F.

We understand that the Billiard championship of the Estate, at present held by Mr. Aston, will be played off during Easter week. According to information to hand the Juvenile will take some beating.

The membership recorded by Distributive and Co-operative Societies in 1909 was 2,527,236 an increase of 917,221 or 55% as compared with 1899.

The value of the trade of all Societies, but not including Banking, Insurance and Building Society transactions was £132,000,000, an increase during the same period of 56½ millions or 75%.

In 1909 there were 1580 Industrial Co-operative Societies, with an aggregate membership of 2,512,048. Their total distributive and productive business amounted to nearly £128,000,000, an increase of nearly 54 millions or 73% over 1899.

£24,000,000 of goods were produced by the Industrial and Co-operative Societies in their own workshops, this amount being equal to 45% of the estimated wholesale value of the year's turnover of the retail Societies.

We are glad to inform our readers that arrangements are being made for other interesting lectures to be given during the month of March, due notice of which will be inserted in the Case.

Time was, is past: thou canst not it recall,
Time is, thou hast: employ the portion small.
Time future is not, and may never be.
Time present is the only time for thee.
If thou hast yesterday thy duty done,
And thereby cleared firm footing for to-day,
Whatever clouds may mark to-morrow's sun,
Thou shalt not miss thy solitary way.

Gardening Notes.

During the next few weeks the first batch of eggs belonging the many insect pests will be hatching out hence the necessity for a good winter wash which is certain to kill a large percentage of them. I think we shall all see the desirability of killing the first batch. A good solution may be made by dissolving $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of soft soap in about a quart of boiling soft water making up with cold to 10 gallons then add $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of caustic soda. Allow to stand over-night and stir well before using. This is best put on with the Knapsack Sprayer, or may be brushed on. Care should be taken while using, because it will turn your skin brown wherever it is allowed dry in. All digging, trenching, manuring and pruning must be pushed along.

Sow Broad Beans of the long pod type. Plant all fruit and rose trees that were left over when the bad weather set in.

Raspberry canes that were not thinned out last back end may be done now by taking out all weakly canes leaving about five to each stool, these should be tied to stakes or wires and have about nine inches taken off their tips. Soot should be bought now and stored away in a dry place for use later on. The burning properties will then be cooled down by the time it is wanted.

Don't be persuaded to plant Evergood potatoes; the writer gives this advice after personal experience.
T.R.

A lonely rock by the wayside,
All jagged and seamed and rent,
Yet over its brow the daisies
Their pure, bright faces bent;
Gay columbines danced on slender stems,
And fairy trumpets blew;
From every crevice tufts of fern
And feathery grasses grew,
Till gone were the outlines sharp and bare
That might offend the eye,
And the wayside rock was a charming sight
To every passer-by.

Dear heart, alone and lonely,
Though shattered life's hopes may be,
What the flowers did for the wayside rock
Old Friends may do for thee.
Thy deeds of tenderness, words of love,
Like flowers may spring and twine,
Till joy shall come into others' lives
From the very rents in thine.

Saturday Evening Entertainments in the Assembly Room.

March 2nd.	...	...	Mr. L. Weston and Party
" 9th.	...	...	Mr. Grant and Party
" 16th.	...	...	... .. Dance
" 23rd.	...	...	Sanvey Gate A. S. Choir
" 30th.	...	...	The Cornstalks

Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

Letters to the Editor need not be signed. Writer's name and address, on a separate slip, must accompany letters, but will not be published unless required. Will correspondents and others please write on one side of the paper only.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to introduce into your columns matters of a controversial nature, but I consider it my duty to write a word of warning on a matter which, to my mind, is becoming somewhat of a menace to the tone and future happiness of our Society. I refer to the Dances and Dancing Classes now so frequently held on the Estate and it is for the sake of the younger ones that I am writing. Far be it from me to condemn the natural desire and real necessity for recreation, but it is for us to see to it that all such provided, is harmless and healthy and of such a nature as to build up our young people both in body and mind. But as is well known, Dancing is a pastime which is apt to grow upon those who commence with it and in numberless cases the desire for it causes a waste of valuable time which should be spent in a far more profitable manner. It also often leads our young men and maidens into a class of company which we as parents would much rather prefer them not to enter and the ultimate influence of which it is impossible to gauge. This is my reason for writing.

Yours truly, NATIPUR.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—I should like to suggest that, annually a Saturday be set apart in the summer for what I would call "A Festival of Flowers." We could easily decorate our Assembly Room, with a wealth of beautiful colours which flowers can give us. I do not intend this to be a Flower Show, as generally understood, but to be used as a Gala Day, so that we might advertise the same in local papers, and invite all Leicester to see what can be produced in our Garden Suburb. I would suggest that our Committee give Certificates of Merit for deserving displays, and I feel convinced that our best gardeners would endeavour to make it a success, knowing full well that they were doing something which would help to increase the membership of our Society.

Yours truly, GARDENIA.

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