

# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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The remarkable advance made during the last few years in the laying out of Garden Cities and Garden Suburbs, serves to prove again that it is impossible for the world to stand still. And what better proof of progress in this direction is required than the development of the "ANCHOR TENANTS" Estate? Three years ago land was purchased by a small society of working men, at the back of a truly rustic village, and to-day there is an attractive little township so planned out that as it increases in size it so increases in beauty as to occasion surprise and win the admiration of all visitors. As the surroundings are healthy to the body, so its institutions must be healthy to the mind. It has founded a Social Service Stores, a Medical Society, Debating and Choral Classes; and other recreative Societies will be commenced this winter.

Now, as a matter of course, arises the necessity for some means of keeping the tenants in touch with each other by recording the doings of these different institutions; giving interesting information where possible, and where desirous, of airing the different opinions on matters connected with the Estate. Hence the publication of this, the first issue of the **A. T. F.**

The past summer has provided us with every natural means for making the existence of our Garden Suburb more widely known. The fact has been manifest in the constant influx of visitors during weekends: each Saturday providing accommodation for parties out for enjoyment; each Sunday ending in a destination being found for numbers of aimless Sunday evening strollers. By the way, it may not be too late in the year to suggest to the Secretary as a fruitful source of propaganda that he issue invitations to

Branch Secretaries of Trade Unions in the town, who often gather numbers of their members together for visits to the Power Station, Gas Works, and similar institutions to pay us a visit.

The winter however will soon be here, and it should not be allowed to have the same effect upon us, in this respect, as it does upon nature generally—Stagnation. No doubt all the tenants can testify to the remarks of friends and acquaintances, when contemplating the "miles from nowhere" place called the Garden City. The comment invariably runs 'Oh, yes, its O K. in the summer, but what about the winter?' After which the tenant addressed assumes a brave demeanor which usually fails to convince. But fancy being snowed up in England—for more than an hour. It is for this class of critic that we might find means of attraction during the winter months.

"No scene is continually and untiringly loved, but one rich by joyful human labour; smooth in field; fair in garden; full in orchard; trim, sweet and frequent in homestead; ringing with voices of vivid existence. No air is sweet that is silent; it is only sweet when full of low currents of under-sound—triplets or birds, and murmur and chirp of insects, and deep toned words of men, and wayward trebles of childhood."

*Ruskin—"Unto this last."*

How gratifying it is to find neighbouring Societies are showing keen interest and full confidence in the ultimate success of the A. T. The Kettering Co-operative Boot and Shoe Society, Ltd. have invested £100 as share capital. The Secretary's interview with the Committee must have given every satisfaction as cheque was received within three days of same. Then again, the Committee of the Leicester Distributive Society, Ltd. have decided to recommend at the next Quarterly Meeting of members, the investment of £200 as share capital. This of course means another £300 share capital besides, as the "Co-partnership Tenants" have duly redeemed their promise that for every £100 share capital obtained by the A. T. they would invest a further £100.

## AUTUMN.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun,  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit, the vines which round the thatch-  
eaves run,  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core.

—Keats.

In such mellow numbers does our poet fondle these fast dying days of the year. Days when the rapturous song of the lark is no longer heard rising upwards. When rises only the blue smoke from in the gardens, publishing the bounteous yield of mother-earth. Days when even man cannot vie with Nature in producing glitter of gold; days when all vegetation glows with resplendent harmonious hues. See those old chestnuts spread in even contour of form, they have accomplished something, they have borne fruit, and now, how lovely in their declining days. Alas! how many poor human souls have borne fruit, have accomplished the work that was intended of them, have passed into a glorious, golden gliding of their later years? These are the days of peace; no more the scorching summer heat, nor lusty activity of spring, not yet the fierce bite of winter, storm-clad, ice-bound, rushing tempests, hail, rain, snow, sleet.

Often in our peaceful Sunday walks along the pathways of our wooded lanes we find ourselves treading softly, silently on a carpet, unique in texture, of nature's own spreading; as if it were spread that no harsh sound should disturb the peace of the dying year; a carpet of leaves; and here and there we shall notice detached by the eddying of the soft south wind, numbers, coppered and golden, whirled round in a circle, chasing each other in a mournful dance, as they would dance a dirge in memory of the May-pole loved of days long past.

These are the days whose mornings, of all the year, are most beautiful and you who read these words may feel specially blessed at being placed in such happy association with nature, because of the days spent in the town where nature is not, but only sordid artificiality where we see too often "the weariness, the fever, and the fret, where men sit and hear each other groan."

These are the mornings oft-times under a sunshine most brilliant, when the mists gather in the hollows of the fields, as they gather in the eyes of sorrowing humanity; the year is dying, the mists gather in the hollows and spread over the hillocks, as though dame Nature mindful of her fading beauty, would veil herself from the too searching glances of the sun.

These are the days whose shortening days bid us drink of their fulness; hours to linger in, as a child delights to linger over the last chocolate, to scrape up the last deliciousness of the honey pot. Days which surely and silently give place to the encroaching night; and the night, in nature's beneficent compensation, hangs up all her finest fairy lamps, all her clustered constellations for our study and admiration.

Yes, Autumn has its beauties; beauties that are full of a sad-souled melancholy, beauties particularly her own. Spring indeed is enchantment, as with the freshness of the maiden innocent of her coming loveliness: but Autumn has a serene loveliness, as of a noble woman, glorious in a serenity earned through something accomplished in her passage through the capricious summer of life.

## Items of Interest.

Rumour has it that the A.T. are not to enjoy alone all the pleasures of this beautiful district, but that men of wealth are shewing some anxiety to become our neighbours.

We understand that the General Committee has already passed plans for shops and offices; but we are not certain as to whether a public clock is contemplated.

We must congratulate the Urban Council on the satisfactory manner in which they are meeting our desires in respect to the improvement in Keyham Lane, and our thanks are due to the gentlemen who supported the scheme.

And now we would suggest to those responsible a further improvement by the cutting of the hedge at the turning. It is a dangerous corner, to the children especially.

No—we are convinced that the tenant in question has no desire whatever to be classed amongst the "upper ten" although we understand he is the fortunate possessor of an up-to-date motor carriage.

We have been informed that the Social Service Committee intend during the coming winter to charge rd. for admission to the Concerts. We do not think the tenants will have any objection to this small charge, for it is unreasonable to expect friends to induce artistes to give their services without making some arrangements for their comfort in coming and going from the Estate, and this involves expense. The S. S. Committee Programme of Concerts for this month will be found in the last column.

We offer a Prize of 5/- for the article which in our opinion best expresses from the numerous stand-points "The Future Possibilities of the A. T. as a Social Community." Length not to exceed 750 words. Papers to be in not later than October 25th.

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## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The September Monthly Meeting was held in the Institute on Thursday, the 15th. Mr. Groome presided, and there was only a meagre attendance probably owing to the inclement weather, which doubtless prevented town members from attending. After the usual formal business had been disposed of, and the Secretary had reported the success of his visit to the Kettering Co-operative Boot and Shoe Society, the Delegates to the Leicester District Association, whose Annual Meeting was held upon the estate, were called upon to give their report. Mr. Jayes in the course of his remarks, mentioned the fact that several of the Delegates expressed their admiration and full approval of our scheme. Mr. W. Neal concurred and the thanks of the Meeting were voted our delegates. Mr. Beamish was then asked to report upon the progress of the newly established Fire Brigade: he mentioned that the Superintendent of Messrs. Faire Bros.' Brigade had been up, and kindly set the Committee right on some important points. He also desired the names of any members who wished to join.

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### CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Choral Society, under the baton of Mr. T. Wilford, gave a concert on Sunday, Sep. the 11th, at the invitation of the North Evington Women's Adult School, in their room situate in Asfordby St., which we believe was much appreciated. The President of the School in some closing remarks pleaded for the formation of a Women's School in the 'colony': ladies please note.

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### ADULT SCHOOL MEETINGS.

Invitations given on two occasions by the Humberstone Adult School, resulted in West Humberstone and Carley Street paying us a visit. Both meetings were held in the open upon the Bowling Green, and both were well attended. The programme of the first meeting included selections by the A. T. Choral Society, and songs by Messrs. Riley and Rowlett. The speakers were Mr. W. Taylor and Mr. J. Jayes.

Carley Street brought along with them their President, Mr. Dixon, who delivered an address on 'Trees.' Mrs. Purdy and Mr. Philpott rendered creditable solos.

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### BAND OF HOPE

The first meeting of the Winter session was held on Wednesday, September 7th, when under the Chairmanship of Mr. Warner, a fruit banquet was given. The following week Mr. Beamish presided, and Mr. Eagle, of the Band of Hope Union, gave an address on "The Miner's Lamp." On the 21st a singing contest was arranged, Mr. Howard consenting to judge; some fine attempts were made by both boys and girls, eventually May Hern and Sydney Wilford carried off the coveted distinctions.

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### MEDICAL AID SOCIETY.

The Medical Aid Society held their Annual Meeting in the Institute on Monday, September 19th. The attendance was not so good as could have been desired considering the importance of the meeting. Mr. Jayes, the President, was in the chair. The Secretary, Mr. Purdy, presented his reports and balance sheet, and the same was considered satisfactory, showing a continued increase in the number of members. The Officers were all unanimously re-elected. An application for membership having been received from an elderly person by the Committee, they desired an expression of opinion as to the necessity of an age limit. A resolution was moved fixing the age at 60 years, but after considerable discussion it was decided there should be no age limit.

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## The Institute.

The advance of winter necessitates further consideration as to whether the accommodation of the present Institute is nearly sufficient for the growing needs of the members; and more especially for the comfort of those friends who have been so generous in the past and doubtless will again tender their services for our recreation and entertainment. We should therefore like to ask if the General Committee have as yet given instructions for the preparation of plans, should they be necessary, for increasing the present building; and as the Church of Christ will shortly be entering the new Meeting House now nearing completion, this will liberate the Institute another evening also. There seems a desire for it to be used as frequently as possible, as a means for social intercourse.

## The Debating Society.

The first Meeting of the above Society was held in the Institute on September 16th. The subject which was opened by Mr. Jayes, who took the negative view, was "Is War Justifiable?" Mr. S. Beamish presided over a good attendance, and a most interesting debate ensued. Mr. Jayes took a most decided stand against justification for war on any ground, and Mr. Law pleaded justification on the grounds that industry and commerce would not have been in their present cosmopolitan state had history been devoid of war. Other speakers followed, mostly taking the negative side.

On Friday, September 30th, Mr. Harrot led a debate on "Is Osborne Right?" taking the affirmative side. Mr. Beamish was in the chair, and a goodly number attended. In the course of his introduction Mr. Harrot contended that the basis of Trade-Unionism did not admit of party considerations, and he took the side of Osborne mainly on that ground. For Osborne, as a person, he had not the slightest sympathy, being convinced that he was only a tool in the hands of a party. He, the speaker, went on to plead for the sore-neglected rights of the minority, pointing out that Trade-Unionists were composed of all shades of political opinion, and it could not justifiably be expected of them to be compelled to pay for a member or party with whose views they disagreed. He held as an alternative to the reversal of the Osborne Judgment, the scheme for State Payment of Members.

Mr. Cliffe, the first to reply, argued the point that the majority shall rule, as an understood law, and that candidates for trade-union membership should be aware of the rule when joining. Mr. Law pointed out that the trade-union basis had not altered; what had altered were the methods, which must move according to economic progress. While the old strike method was played out, the newer weapon of political power was proving far preferable. Mr. Jayes pleaded the strictly moral side of the question, arguing that the minority must be morally prepared to sink their individual self-ness when the weight of opinion is against them, until such time as they can convince the majority to join them. Mr. Taylor advocated withdrawal from his Union of any member who could not agree to pay the parliamentary levy; he thought there was full freedom of action in this respect. Other speakers strongly protested there was no freedom of action, that men were compelled to join their Unions or be boycotted by their fellows. Mr. Harrot replied and so ended the debate. On a vote being taken the majority decided that Osborne was wrong. The meeting closed after a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Harrot.

## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

### ARE FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOWS PROFITABLE TO THE EXHIBITOR?

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating our friends upon the honours obtained by them at the local Fruit and Flower Shows, I must confess my very grave doubts as to whether, with all the prize money received, the same have been a financial success to them. Note the necessary care and the numberless hours of extra labour involved, to say nothing of the cost of getting their exhibits to Shows, and time lost in staging, etc. Of course, if our friends compete in these Shows from the pure love of producing and exhibiting perfect specimens of fruit and flowers, financial considerations do not weigh; but looking at it from the standpoint of a desire to add to the uncertain income derived from their ordinary occupations, one would think that stuff grown ordinarily would pay far better. Probably by joint action another year a ready market could be found for all surplus produce grown upon the Estate. Perhaps the Social Service Committee and the gardeners themselves will express their views on the matter.

Yours truly, RUSTICUS.

### THE SURVIVOR.

When the last day is ended,  
And the nights are through;  
When the last sun is buried  
In its grave of blue;

When the stars are snuffed like candles,  
And the seas no longer fret;  
When the winds unlearn their cunning,  
And the storms forget;

When the last lip is palsied,  
And the last prayer said;  
Love shall reign immortal  
While the worlds lie dead!

*Frederick Laurence Knowles.*

## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

October 1st.—CHORAL SOCIETY.

" 8th.—LECTURE by Mr. DIXON. Subject: "Trees I see every day and yet know them not."

" 15th.—Mr. RILEY AND PARTY.

" 22nd.—OPEN NIGHT.

" 29th.—MERRY CADETS.



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History abounds with narratives of sensational incidents which have occurred so unexpectedly in a nation or a community, as to cause quite a flutter to pass through the whole of its members, and every thing else has had to sink into insignificance for the time being. As a simple instance, take the historical Guy Fawkes Plot. The threatened destruction of our Houses of Parliament raised such an enormous sensation that though centuries have elapsed, it has not yet died out, and thousands throughout the country will be commemorating it at the time this **A. T. F.** will be in the hands of its readers.

But a more recent instance might pardonably be cited, in the awful shock which went through this Estate on that memorable Saturday, when in the dusk of the evening, the first number of this paper was slipped through each letter box. And undoubtedly, after it had been perused the premier question that occupied the mind was not as to whether "Dripping" would continue to have a place in the world," but "What is the meaning of this, and who is responsible for it?" The first part of this query we will gladly reply to, but the second part we shall allow you to continue guessing at, without insulting your pride with the offer of a prize.

But putting all levity aside, fellow-members, you may rest assured that they who took upon themselves the commencement of this little publication are very grateful to you for the interest you have shown in it, and for your very kindly criticism of their efforts. It was sent out with fear and trembling as to how their crude attempts would be received, but they feel amply repaid for the labour and expense it involved.

But we must now impress upon all our fellow-members the fact that they themselves are responsible for the growth and continued success of the **A. T. F.** We realized that there existed on the Estate a rich

store of talent and knowledge which must not on any account be allowed to lie dormant. It must be drawn out and used for the benefit of the whole of our community and our only desire was to tap it. The result already has been very gratifying.

"The fact is, that in order to do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand shivering on the bank, and thinking of the cold and the danger, but jump in and scramble through the best we can. It will not do to be perpetually calculating risks and adjusting nice chances: it did all very well before the flood, when a man could consult his friends upon an intended publication for a hundred and fifty years, and then live to see its success for six or seven centuries afterwards; but at present a man waits and doubts and hesitates and consults his brother and his uncle and his first cousins and his particular friends till one fine day he finds that he is sixty-five years of age—that he has lost so much time in consulting first cousins and particular friends that he has no more time left to follow their advice."

—S. SMITH.

It is noticed that a large amount of time and labour is expended in keeping the borders of our walks trim and neat, also the bowling green well rolled. It is noticed also that youngsters, and especially the elder lads, are often very busy in trying to undo what has been done, and some tenants and their wives have reluctantly to take upon themselves the duties of policemen, minus the uniform, which robs the job of all its terror. It, of course, may be urged upon our ignorance that the green sward, like the toiling million, waxes more lively for being trodden down; if such is the case we have indeed put our foot in it. Nevertheless this is certain, that the young privet edgings upon our borders, and on the borders of the bowling green especially, are suffering severely from encounters with the youngsters, who certainly are too boisterous. Would it be any use to suggest to the Clerk of the Works to put up a gate at the entrance to the bowling green, which would at least be a sign-board to the delinquents to keep out. Another line of wire might also be of advantage, if only put in temporarily. Will all parents please note above lament, and spare not the necessary persuasion.

As the question of a Distributive Society for the Estate is now receiving considerable attention it will be interesting to mention a few advantages obtained by the members of such societies. First we might mention the valuable educational experience derived by members of the committee in the administration of its affairs. The many occasions which arise of sending delegates to Conferences, etc., afford to those sent a grand opportunity of obtaining an insight into the power and wonderful organisation of the movement. Then, besides the "Divi." out of the profits made, almost the first indication of a successful society is the opening of a Library and Reading Room. Classes for students are also formed, and lectures arranged to be given by the recognised leaders of thought and learning. Then could follow the adoption of the Co-op. Societies Assurance Scheme whereby a sum is assured to the next-of-kin on the death of a member, the Society paying the premium. Afterwards, erection and maintenance of small cottages for the free use of its aged members. These are only a few of the many advantages that have been obtained by members of successful societies, and as unsuccessful societies are very few and far between, these should be quite sufficient to induce our fellow-members to give their immediate attention to this most important question. It will be observed that the author of our winning article has written strongly on this point.

## Items of Interest.

Thanks to Mr. Riley and friends for the splendid concert given on Saturday Evening, Oct. 22nd. The boy 'Kubelik' astonished the audience.

The friend anxious lest the **A. T. F.** would degenerate (?) into a religious pamphlet can rest assured that his fears are groundless: and to the friend who complained that the Church of Christ was mentioned incidentally we would say 'Patience, brother, patience.'

In the next development of the Estate, the G. C. ought to consider a Swimming Bath. Certainly it is a "pond"-derous question.

May we point out to the ladies attending to take part in the open debate on "Women's Suffrage" on Nov. 11th., the undesirability of more than four speaking at once. A word to the wise is sufficient. The rumour as to the impossibility of securing a chairman as yet, with the necessary courage to keep the ladies in order, we treat with the contempt it deserves.

No! you are wrong. We assert without fear of contradiction that the mixture of earth and moisture you occasionally find in Keyham Lane, although it may affect the leather somewhat, will not affect the iron in your boots. As to whether you should use hob-nails or protectors we are not prepared to advise.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

Two matters of special interest transpired at the Monthly Meeting held on the Oct. 19th. One arose through the Secretary reporting the G. C.'s decision to erect shops and offices; it was, of course, to be left to the members to decide how they should be used. After some discussion it was decided to call a Special Meeting of all adult residents. The other matter, Mr. Mann introduced by venturing the opinion that it was high-time the Institute was let free of charge to the various organizations under the Society's banner; that the Society was not sufficiently alive to the social and educational side of its activities. Concerning this it was urged by other speakers that the Society had no funds for the purpose suggested, and another member pointed out that profits could be made out of the proposed shops which could be used for this purpose. In reply to a member the Secretary stated that steps were being taken to persuade the postal authorities into recognising the necessity for an evening delivery. Mr. Mann gave notice to move at the next meeting "That all permanent improvements made to property in future shall be charged into the rent."

NOTE.—Thursday, the 10th, at 8 p.m. has been fixed for the Special Meeting mentioned above. Ladies kindly attend.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, Oct. 14th, Mr. Law gave a paper on "What is the cause of the grave unrest in Trade, and can it be justified?" Mr. Law must be complimented on his introduction, which shewed that he had studied the matter very deeply. Domestic industry had changed to factory industry, meaning large factories and large capital anticipating demands and requiring large profits. Taking 30 years at 30/- per week as average figures for a working man, it only shows a profit of 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ % on his life's labour, which in other words is his capital, whereas the ordinary capitalist would require more than this as interest alone and a good profit on his business besides.

On Friday, Oct. 28th, Mr. S. Wilford introduced the subject of "Poor Law Administration." A very comprehensive paper and one that included figures taken from different authorities including the Local Government Board. On Jan. 1st of this year there were 942,000 people under Poor Law relief, of which 100,000 were able-bodied persons. Since 1850 the cost of relief had risen from 1/9 to 2/8 outdoor, and from 6/5 to 11/3 indoor. Mr. Wilford recommended certain compulsory powers to be given to the authorities, Both the Minority and Majority Reports of the Royal Commission were considered, and Messrs. Jayes, Gilliver and Law took part in the debate.

We have awarded the Prize of 5/- offered in our last number to the writer of the following.

## THE FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF THE ANCHOR TENANTS AS A SOCIAL COMMUNITY.

I can imagine some Anchor Tenant of a 100 years hence, taking out a copy of your first issue from the place where his treasures are kept, and reading the paragraph inviting articles on "The Future Possibilities of the A. T. as a Social Community," proceeding to appraise the value of the efforts, made by us the first Anchor Tenants in the direction of developing our common interests.

In such event, we are all I hope ambitious enough to desire that it may with truth, be said concerning us, that not only did we build a Garden Suburb where we and ours might enjoy the pure air, the song of the birds, the fragrance of the flowers, and the beauty of field and hedgerow, but also did what we could to make life brighter, happier and more joyous, than heretofore. For we may be well assured that posterity will praise or blame us, not because we came out of the town, and built better houses with larger garden plots attached than town conditions afforded, but according to the efforts put forth, in the direction of training able-bodied pure-souled, noble-minded, well educated men and women.

But in stating that, let me not be understood to belittle one jot, the great work accomplished, after much thought, anxiety and labour, by the men to whose efforts we are indebted for the community we enjoy; for it is that accomplished work of theirs that provides us with the clue for the best development of our social interests. By Co-operation our Estate has been founded; by Co-operation our common interests will be best served.

Efforts towards this have been made by the Social Service Committee, who have supplied seeds and trees and some household necessities, and who should, why not, in the future supply most household necessities, and considering the meagre resources at their command, and the difficulties in their path, these have been very praise-worthy efforts. That Committee has spent many hours and much thought, in endeavouring to supply certain needs, and devise certain pleasures, among the latter being catering for holiday seasons, Saturday Evening Concerts and Lectures, and the training of the young folks. For which service they have hitherto been rewarded by much criticism and no pay, pay however they did not expect, but seeing that the community profits by their efforts it might perhaps be less lavish with its criticism, and it occurs to me, seeing that the profits they make are shared by the community in some form or other, that it would not be unwise to increase the volume of their business and thus extend the measure of their usefulness in organizing the social life of our beautiful estate. For it is of vast importance. Life would be dull indeed were

it wholly monopolised by business; recreation and amusement are quite needful and legitimate desires, and surely among future possibilities one must number facilities for cricket and football, an estate library, study circles, debating and choral society, and other agencies for the social well-being, all of which might in time be financed by some portion of the profits from co-operation in the supply of necessities, sale of surplus and I might add, profit accruing from catering for parties who from time to time visit the Estate; and last, but by no means least, the training of the children is important.

A modern prophet, who like ancient prophets will be better understood and appreciated by other generations than his own, has said: "There is no wealth but life. Life, including all its power of love, of joy, and of admiration. That country is richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings, that man is richest who, having developed the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his possessions over the lives of others."

Do we not feel the truth of the statement, and have we not all to deplore the fact that life is poorer, because stress of circumstances and lack of opportunity, has hindered its full development for us. Then let us determine that we owe it to ourselves and the generations of Anchor Tenants who shall follow on, that neither cause shall hinder the development of any bright intellect or special ability that may become apparent in our young folks, and that all of them if possible shall enter life's battle better equipped than were we. It will be possible to do much in this direction by continuing, as we have begun along the lines of co-operation and mutual helpfulness, and so we may develop that truest of all wealth, perfected life in such abundance as to leave our mark upon the future. And my Anchor Tenant of 100 years hence, shall have cause to say with pride "Our father built this city, and this rich social heritage, with its opportunities for social development, and for service is the result of their thoughtfulness and of their sacrifice."

"FORWARD."

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The opening services in connection with the new Meeting House just finished for the Church of Christ, took place on Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and 29th. Upwards of 200 visitors and friends sat down to a pleasant tea, and took part in a meeting in the evening. Mr. J. North presided and several speakers addressed the meeting. A financial statement was given, which enabled many to appreciate the creditable manner in which the business of building the Meeting House was carried out, from the point of view of funds. The meetings on Sunday were all that could be desired. Mr. James Leavesley, that veteran of the Leicester Churches, who has the love and respect of so many of its members, addressed the morning meeting, and in the evening Mr. H. Johuson of Birmingham, preached the gospel of Christ. The Church at Humberstone has every reason to feel congratulated and enthused by such an inspiring rally as the occasion has produced.

## Gardening Notes.

Now that the 5th of November will soon be with us again it should be a good reminder to all gardeners that every bit of rubbish should be gathered together and burned.

If any new arrangements are to be made in the herbaceous borders there is no better time than the present month to do it in. Also the planting and re-planting of ornamental and fruit trees and bulbs which are intended for spring decoration should be done as soon as possible.

Pruning if intended to be done in the Autumn, should be pushed along at once, because this should never be done while frost is in the wood. Better leave it till March.

If land is infested with grubs or slugs of any description give a dressing of crith lime at the rate of one bushel to the rod, digging it well in, and leaving as rough as possible, so that winter frosts may pulverize and sweeten the land.

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### NOVEMBER.

No sun, no moon,  
 No morn, no noon,  
 No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day ;  
 No sky, no earthly view,  
 No distance looking blue,  
 No road, no street, no "t'other side of the way ;"  
 No end to any row,  
 No indications where the crescents go ;  
 No top to any steeple,  
 No recognitions of familiar people,  
 No courtesies for showing 'em—  
 No knowing 'em :  
 No travelling at all, no locomotion,  
 No inkling of the way no notion ;  
 "No go" by land or ocean ;  
 No mail, no post,  
 No news from any foreign coast ;  
 No park, no king, no afternoon gentility,  
 No company, no nobility ;  
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,  
 No comfortable feel in any member :  
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees ;  
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,  
 November !

A. WARWICK.

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## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
 have arranged the following :

Nov. 5th—Mr. Bosworth & Party.      Nov. 19th—Sanvey Gate Choir  
 Nov. 12th—Mr. Tipping & Party.      Nov. 26th—Open Night.

## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

**Letters to the Editor need not be signed. Writers name and address must accompany letters, but will not be published unless required.**

ARE FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOWS PROFITABLE  
 TO THE EXHIBITOR ?

Dear Sir,

Rusticus doubts whether with all the prize money received exhibitors have reaped a financial success. Yes! undoubtedly, yes! because in growing produce for exhibition they cultivate the soil to the highest perfection of their ability. They grow the finest variety of seed obtainable, then, with but a little extra trouble in attending to the plants they realize much extra produce from their plots and, note, with such fine quality they are able to select perfect specimens for exhibition purposes.

"Note," says Rusticus, "the necessary care, and the numberless hours of extra labour involved." Yes, but the extra joy, and the numberless hours of extra pleasure spent in watching the growth and development of the plants; and the great study of plant-life in trying experiments with this vegetable and that flower, all going towards helping to develop our lives in a happier association with nature—a something the ordinary gardener don't bother to see. One thing I want to impress on Rusticus, it takes no more room to grow the best than the worst. I am of the opinion that it would be better for the A. T. if there were more exhibitors. There would not be so many rubbish heaps of gardens, because exhibitors have to cultivate their gardens or failure is certain. Speaking of surplus produce grown on the estate, I am waiting for some of the tenants who have given a more careful study of the question than I have done.

Yours truly, SUPER.

THURNBY,

Dear Sir,—Although not a tenant of the A. T. Suburb, I have read with pleasure the letter by Rusticus, who confesses his grave doubts as to whether growing flowers, fruits and vegetables for exhibition is a financial success. I firmly coincide with his remarks and there are very few people who would not agree with him from his standpoint. I feel, however, quite convinced in my own mind that the main points have been overlooked; for instance, I consider the duty of every member should be to keep his garden in such order as to be a credit to himself and his fellow neighbours. This point should be taken very much into consideration, because to do this he must arrange his garden to the best advantage by giving proper space to allow for the development of his produce. Now all this goes a long way towards helping him to become successful at the local Shows. In my opinion it is good policy to endeavour to produce from the garden the finest quality that can be attained; in so doing he would find himself acquiring more love and enthusiasm for his garden, which would develop a knowledge of practical gardening that neither literature nor lectures can possibly give. Wishing your A. T. F. every success.

Yours sincerely, T. ROWLETT.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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The Editor,

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"St. Ive's," The Avenue.

We ought to feel exceedingly gratified at the splendid tone of the meeting which was held on Nov. 10th, to consider the desirability of a Distributive Society for the Estate. With the exception of a few words which in our opinion would have been better left unsaid, there was no cause for complaint at the speeches made, and the subject was thoroughly discussed. But we are especially pleased with the result of the meeting; inasmuch as it brings within reasonable practability the establishment of a Monthly Journal, owned by, and run in the interests of the Estate in general. The Press to-day holds such an enormous influence in moulding and shaping the course of events, that if it be possible to do otherwise, it must not be allowed to continue in the hands of private persons, whose main idea is the making of a profit, often at the expense of truth and justice. That there is ample talent and ability on the Estate to make a paper of our own quite attractive and useful we are convinced. The expenses would be borne, if not entirely yet nearly so, by the advertisements which would be inserted by the firms supplying the goods to the different departments of the Stores. It must be got up in such a manner as to be a credit to us in the eyes of the outsider, thereby proving itself a useful advertising agent on behalf of the A. T. to all and sundry. We therefore suggest, that one somewhat similar to the **A. T. F.** with covers and additional inside space, would meet the requirements of the Society for the present at any rate, the front page of the cover to be occupied by different views of the Estate, including the Shops and Offices. Our ambition a very laudable one we trust, is to place the A. T. in the forefront of the Garden Suburbs, and so far we have cause to be proud of its development and of those who have been responsible for it.

It is not too early for the General Committee to be considering a scheme for celebrating, next year, the completion of the first portion of the A. T. Estate. This should not be done in any half hearted manner. The G. C. should be prepared to spend both time and money in order that the work may be done creditably and so reflect the pardonable pride with which the members view the wonderful progress made. The G. C. may take the whole of the tenants into its confidence appointing the necessary sub-committees in order to secure, to the fullest extent possible, the hearty co-operation of all, thereby ensuring the complete success of the scheme. To these, might be allotted certain duties, such as Exhibitions, Advertising, Catering, Musical Programme, etc., etc. It may be suggested also that the Educational Committees of Derby and Nottingham, and other centres be approached with a view to the organization, where possible, of excursions to the Estate on the date fixed. Doubtless other suggestions will arise which will require due and careful consideration.

## WHAT IS EDUCATION ?

Education is the educing, or drawing out into activity, those capacities which are already within. It follows from this that there are three things which education is not, and does not do. It is incorrect to speak of its making people this or that; education makes nothing. By no possible training can we give a new capacity, or exchange those faculties a man has for others which we think would be more desirable for him.

Instead, therefore, of determining that men and women ought to come up to this or that ideal standard, and endeavouring to raise them to it we must strictly limit our attempted education to the putting it into their power to make the most of themselves, of their merits, and deficiencies; so that it will be possible for them, if they will, to become and to do the best which is in them to do, and to be. Next, education is not the putting correct notions or sound information into the mind. Its object is not the possession of truth, but the attainment of the power of acquiring and possessing it.

And lastly, education is not, and has nothing whatever to do with preparing a man for any special profession. It has to prepare and fit him to live well and worthily the life he is to live in this world.

DR. MELCOMBE.

## OUR MOTTO.

"What is chiefly needed in England at the present day is to show the quantity of pleasure that may be obtained by a consistent, well-administered competence, modest, confessed, and laborious. We need examples of people, who, leaving Heaven to decide whether they are going to rise in the world, decide for themselves that they will be happy in it, and have resolved to seek NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES; not higher fortune, but deeper felicity; making the first of possessions, self-possession: and honoring themselves in the harmless pride and calm pursuits of peace."—RUSKIN. "Unto this last."

The above extract from which our A. T. F. motto is taken, was written more than fifty years ago by a philosopher whose memory is revered, and whose teachings and reasonings are continually referred to by all studious and progressive men, and yet, on reading such beautiful words, one is almost tempted to think that they have been expressly penned for the tenants of a Garden Suburb such as ours.

"Not greater wealth" No! not as the world counts wealth—from a sordid monetary standpoint—and if this has been the aim of any one of us in coming out from the town into the beautiful country, then we have surely missed our mark. But the idea is too ridiculous to be considered for a single moment.

Then what has been and still is to be our object? Is it simply to attend to and get what we can from our little plots of land, "minding our own business" as the old saying goes and leaving our neighbours to do the same. This is a mean and selfish conception of happiness; at any rate it is not the "deeper felicity" which Ruskin had in his mind; and will not obtain the real genuine wealth which is within our reach and unlimited—the wealth of comradeship.

As citizens of a Garden City it is our duty to endeavour to so live and administer its affairs, that we may become real examples to others, of happy men and women "honouring ourselves in the harmless pride and calm pursuits of peace." These in themselves will certainly bring their reward, for we shall be far healthier both in bodies and in minds: rich blessings which will undoubtedly pass along as legacies to future generations.

But to my mind the "simpler pleasures" go much further than that. We must realise that we are part of a community with a set purpose individually and collectively, and that upon our present day exertions depend our future happiness and real wealth.

John Burns, M.P., recently remarked "Labour without leisure is drudgery to a man, but leisure without labour is a crime to society" and in my opinion this is especially applicable to our own Society. We must use to the full, whatever abilities we possess

to secure the complete success of any scheme brought forward for the progress of our Estate, whether it be in connection with industry, education, recreation, or the upkeep of its beauty.

But what is far beyond this, let us enter into the joys and sorrows of our neighbours, our fellow members, our community, our brotherhood. These suggestions undoubtedly mean some personal sacrifice, but as the years roll on and our city continues to grow in happiness and in beauty, we shall ourselves enjoy the result of our labours and then leave to our children a heirloom which, of itself alone, the wealth of the whole universe could not purchase.

SIMPLICUS.

## REPORTS.

### SPECIAL MEETING.

The Special Meeting called by the S.S. Committee was held on Thursday, Nov. 10th. Mr. Groome presided and every available seat was occupied. Mr. Taylor, the Secretary of the Committee, stated briefly the object of the meeting, which, it will be remembered was to consider and decide what should be done in regard to the shops and offices on the eve of erection by the G. C. Three possible courses were suggested; that the shops be let for private enterprise; that the Leicester Distributive Society be persuaded to form a branch; and that the A. T. should form a Distributive Society of their own. The speaker moved on behalf of the S. S. C. that the latter course be taken. He reminded members that funds were needed to carry on the necessary social work of the A. T. and a profitable business was the only means of supply for this purpose. If the L. D. S. opened a branch the profits could not be handled for local purposes. Mr. Wilford seconded and urged that a growing number of members of the A. T. Society were not co-operators, and such a class must of course be catered for. Mr. Mann rose to move an amendment to the effect that the matter be adjourned for twelve months. He thought the whole scheme was much too premature, he was confident that such a business, for a very long time, would not ensure members the same satisfaction as they were at present obtaining from the L. D. S. He contended that there were not sufficient members to make the scheme a success and instanced several rural branches of the L. D. S. which were a loss to the Society. He was certain the L. D. S. could not be persuaded to form a branch here for a similar reason. Mr. P. Mann seconded the amendment. Mr. Hibbett supported the resolution and instanced some rural districts with local societies who paid dividends of from 1/6 to 2/- in the £, and the reason why other villages had failed was because the spending power of agricultural lab-

ourers was considerably less than the artisan in the town, whose trade was naturally much more the type of resident on this estate forms a still greater comparison. Mr. Beamish made it a point that while we were paying for the educational advantages provided for by the L. D. S. we were too far away to participate in them. He supported the resolution. Other members speaking for themselves only voiced sympathy with the scheme, but pleaded that their incomes were so small that they could not support anything that would lessen them, which the lesser dividend and necessary share buying would assuredly do. The resolution on being put was carried by a large majority. Four additional members were elected to serve on the S. S. Committee specially for the new business.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The usual Meeting was held in the Institute on November 17th, and Mr. Groome presided over a fair attendance. After the usual formal business, the delegates to the Conference of the District Association, held at Groby, were called upon to report. Mr. Law in the course of his report criticised freely Mr. Kemp's paper on "How Co operation benefits the working classes," which was read to the delegates. He contended that the aim of co-operation as interpreted by Mr. Kemp was set too low. He maintained that co-operators had not risen to the responsibilities of their ideals. Mr. S. Wilford's impression was that Mr. Kemp had written for his audience who were mainly delegates from county districts. He held that co-operation is a relative term, and is what we ourselves conceive it. The president spoke in similar terms.

## Items of Interest.

It has transpired that Mr. Hibbett, is to be nominated for a vacancy on the Parish Council. He has our congratulations, so has the Council. Although he is short we have every confidence that this will not deter him from sitting long.

We understand that the S.S.C. are already taking steps for the welfare of the children, for instance—terms are if possible being arranged for the special instruction of a group of young violinists resident with us.

We thought Guy Fawkes Day had passed until the bomb exploded in the Co-operative Hall at the Quarterly Meeting. Could anyone oblige us with the information as to which member of the Committee reached the platform rail first? Please understand this is not railery.

It is the opinion of certain of the ladies who attended the S.S.C. Special Meeting that most of the

arguments began and ended in smoke; that in every case the point was 'mist'; that the real point at issue should have been "Is burning tobacco a necessity at public meetings."

It is gratifying to note that the prize awarded for the article which appeared in our last issue has been refused on principle, thus confirming the high standard anticipated of the A. T.

The elder scholars of the Sunday School are heartily taking part in the formation of a Saturday Guild, formed for the purpose of entertaining and educating the children, and meeting from 6 to 7-30 o'clock. A small library has been formed from books kindly lent by teachers, and it is hoped that parents will aid the children in carefully using them.

We were to have a new post in the Avenue, we wonder if the matter has been post-poned.

The lady who occupied the chair at the excellent concert given by the Sanvey Gate Choir, must be complimented on her apt observation "When the carpet laid dear father on the stair." What a masculine growl went through the auditorium; but the chair MUST be respected.

Recollections of exhilarating hours spent upon the frozen Scaptoft Pool, in bygone days, impel us to suggest to the Secretary that he write to the gentleman at Scaptoft Hall for his kind permission for A. T.'s to skate upon the said pool when the occasion is ripe.

Mr. J. T. Taylor having resigned the secretaryship of the Social Service Committee, Mr. Jayes has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

It has been thought advisable by the S.S.C. owing to the increased numbers of residents upon the estate, to hold the adults and children's festivals on different nights.

Would all members in favour of forming a library kindly communicate with Mr. R. Law. It is suggested that book lovers may be kind enough to loan a few books each, thus making a nucleus of a future library. Mr. Law will stand as librarian and will organize the whole matter. Such a collection should prove invaluable to debaters as a means of reference, to say nothing of the general benefit by temporary exchange. This is Co-operation. Mr. Law will make a call on residents for the purpose of seeing what can be done.

### WATCH THIS COLUMN

in our next issue as the Social Service Committee have expressed a desire for space in the **A. T. F.**

## Gardening Notes.

When the month of December arrives with its short days and long evenings, many gardeners prefer to do part of their gardening by the fireside, so perhaps a few hints for this purpose will be acceptable.

A most enjoyable book is Mr. John Wright's 10 Lectures on Gardening, dedicated to the Surrey County Council, to be had at the Educational Depot, I believe, for tenpence. If any good lady wishes to make her husband a christmas present she will find this a capital one.

Get out a plan of your garden, showing the various plots to be used for the following season, flowers and vegetables, which will help you considerably when the time comes for planting.

A few good catalogues will offer you some interesting reading, which will encourage you to make out your seed list for the coming season.

The Notes for last month may still be kept in mind if not already complete.

I hear from good authority, the fungus pest known as the American Woolly Aphis, has been seen in this district. Will all A. T.'s please examine their trees for this pest, it is quite noticeable, by its fluffy appearance, which usually infests the stems at every notch where a cut has previously been made, and seriously injures the trees. If this pest is taken in hand as soon as noticed it can easily be eradicated, but if left for the wind to blow it about it will soon become very serious both to yourselves and your fellow-neighbours. I have seen whole orchards infested with this pest in a couple of seasons.

The following will be found good remedies:—Methylated Spirits brushed well into the bark, at the same time being careful not to allow the fluffy substance to escape; or dissolve a quarter of a pound of soft soap and a walnut-sized lump of soda in a gallon of soft boiling water, and while hot stir in violently a wineglass-full of petroleum such as is burned in lamps.

T. R.

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## DEBATING SOCIETY.

Owing to pressure of space we regret we are unable to give full reports of the meetings of the above Society. On November 11th, Miss Pethick, the local Secretary of the Suffragette movement gave an interesting address, and as it was an open meeting, the Institute was crowded with tenants and their wives who expressed their appreciation of Miss Pethick's efforts. On November 25th, Mr. Neal introduced the subject, "Business: does sentiment pay?" and a long discussion followed.

## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

Letters to the Editor need not be signed. Writer's name and address must accompany letters, but will not be published unless required.

Dear Sir,—The letters published in your Nov. issue in reply to the one written by me for your previous number, are worthy of the consideration of all gardeners on the A. T. Estate. Undoubtedly quality should be the first consideration, and cleanliness is one of those points that immediately catches the eyes of all visitors. The question of a market for all surplus produce was not touched upon, but, I suppose, time will bring along with it those facilities necessary for the purpose.

RUSTICUS.

*We regret that we must remind our readers that we cannot insert any letter unless accompanied by the sender's name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.*

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## SNOW FLAKES.

Out of the bosom of the air,  
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,  
Over the woodlands brown and bare,  
Over the harvest fields forsaken,  
Silent, and soft, and slow  
Descends the snow.

Even as our cloudy fancies take  
Sudden shape in some divine expression,  
Even as the troubled heart doth make  
In the white countenance confession,  
The troubled sky reveals  
The grief it feels.

This is the poem of the air,  
Slowly in silent syllables recorded:  
This is the secret of despair,  
Song in its cloudy bosom hoarded  
Now whispered and revealed  
To wood and field.

LONGFELLOW.

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## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

- December 3rd,—Social and Dance.  
" 10th,—Mr. Ellson and Party.  
" 17th,—Open Night.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

- December 24th,—Parent's Night. Choral Society.  
" 28th,—Children's Christmas Party.  
" 29th,—Whist Drive for benefit of Choral Society  
Tickets 6d.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

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This is the first number of the **A. T. F.** for the year, 1911, and can fitly be called its New Year Number. As is customary at this season of the year, good wishes have been flying from friend to friend, and from relative to relative. Cards have been coming and going in their thousands and even millions, bearing good wishes expressed in far prettier language than we ourselves could use, and what is better, there has been and still will be many a handshake accompanied by hearty expressions of goodwill.

Some of the greetings between friend and friend may possibly be a little matter-of-fact in their tone, because they are in the way of a "compliment returned" yet without doubt the great majority are sincere and hearty wishes for the future happiness of the recipient.

We probably consider that during the year now closing some of our near friends and relatives have suffered a little more anxiety and trouble than should have been their due, some of the greatest trials undoubtedly being the ones unmentioned as far as the lips go, but easily understood by the close friend. Even if our friend has apparently enjoyed a happy twelvemonth, our only desire is that he or she may have a repetition or an increase of their happiness during the new year.

Hence this time-honored custom, and as the mouth-piece of the Anchor Tenants "Family" the **A. T. F.** would be sadly failing in its duty if it did not express to the whole of its readers and the Estate generally, its sincere wishes for

A Happy and  
Prosperous New Year.

We cannot review the history of the A. T. S. at this New Year land-mark of time, without taking to ourselves some measure of satisfaction at the progress made. We have during the past year completed and tenanted 20 houses, representing a capital cost of £5000, and we may add to this the erection of the Christians' Meeting House. We have also in course of erection 8 houses at the present time, an increase of 2 over the same date last year.

Along with this we have developed a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile of road, planted with trees and grass margins, which with the uncompleted houses represents about £1000.

These figures have been made largely possible through our affiliation with the Federated Tenants, which was a most important step taken. While realizing that our progress in building is noteworthy, and is, logically, the initial work upon which all else depends, a far greater work of serious importance, is quietly making itself felt in the individual activities of the tenants and those connected with them. During the past year we have formed as off-shoots of the parent society, Saturday Concerts and Lectures; a small library; Debating and Choral Society; and a League, which being political, can hardly take its place among the foregoing. Much, however, remains to be done and the advent of a new year opens up for us possibilities which may develop into accomplishments before the year is dead. The first thing for every tenant to try to realize is the fact that he is a unit of this Society, and not speak or think of the Society as apart from himself. This realized, he will perceive the Society is aiming for far greater ideals than building model dwellings, as important as that may be. We must have Cricket, Bowling and Tennis Clubs formed. A Swimming Bath is too much to hope for so early perhaps. We ought to have a Reading Room and a good Library, and might it be mentioned, also have a Journal, run by the Society and controlled by a board of tenant members. We need to have better facilities for the recreation of the children. We want a Gymnasium, but this too, may be out of reach. Educational advantages we must have, and much may be accomplished for another winter. There is work done behind us, much more lies before us. All coats off.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The usual Monthly Meeting was held in the Institute on December 15th. In the absence of Mr. Groome, Mr. Hibbett was voted to the chair, and he presided over a fair attendance. In the course of the monthly report the Secretary informed the members that all was clear for proceeding with the next development of the estate, towards which a further £2,400 had been advanced by the Federated Tenants.

The Seed Committee was elected, and it was announced that every care will be taken to obtain a better quality of seed than hitherto.

Mr. Mann's resolution followed which read: "That all permanent improvements made to property shall be charged into the rent on the same basis as the original cost." The mover based his argument upon two points: first, the internal cleaning of property, which is regulated by one of the rules of the Society. This says in effect that all periodical internal cleaning shall be borne by the tenant. Mr. Mann would have it that the cost of internal cleaning should be met by an estimated percentage charged into the rent. He realized the difficulty of altering the rule. His second point relates to external and internal improvements. He considered the present method of out-and-out payment by tenants to be a mistake both for the society and for the tenant. That while the society only part owned the property awkwardness with new tenants cannot always be avoided. Then the case of the poor tenant, it surely could not be more difficult for a tenant to pay a percentage of a penny or so per week in his rent than it could be to pay cash down.

Mr. Goodman seconded, and referred to the cost of moving in which was large, owing to the distance and numerous extra expenses. Much discussion followed. Mr. Freeman supported the resolution, but desired that only the correct percentage should be charged. He objected to paying recurrently any more than he was justly entitled to do. Mr. Beamish was against the resolution, and preferred to wait until he could pay for the improvement right out. As to whether he would lose if the necessity for vacating the house arose, he was prepared to take the responsibility. He would not expect the society to take responsibility for his ideas of improvements, which, to a new tenant may be objectionable. Mr. Gilliver thought the case could be met by giving the tenant the option of purchase. Mr. S. Wilford thought some limit of cost of improvement was necessary so that rents should be kept down as much as possible. Mr. Parker wondered what difference would be made to the rates with the extension of rents through improve-

ments. An amendment was moved to refer the matter to the consideration of the G. C.; Mr. Mann agreed, and the meeting closed.

### HUMBERSTONE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

The first public Meeting of this League was held on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended, the Institute being well filled. The Secretary, Mr. Winterton having announced that the purpose of the League was twofold, comprising the study, as well as the propagation of Socialism, the President, Mr. Gilliver gave a short address on the League objects, which were mainly the study of Socialism, and creation of socialist opinion in the district.

Then followed Mr. T. F. Richards, Ex. M.P., with a speech which contained many good points and telling arguments. Several of those present afterwards made short speeches, one pleasing feature being the high moral plane upon which they based their Socialism, considering it to be the logical outcome of their Christian faith.

## Items of Interest.

We wish Mr. J. Rowlett every success in the scheme for making the lads useful, and are certain that our already handsome estate will be beautified thereby.

Wanted.—Volunteers to assist the roadman in his labors. Seven miles of road to beautify. Full time and old age pensions guaranteed. Splendid opportunity for exercise. Don't "brush" it lightly aside.

There is every evidence that we may be expecting shortly our well-to-do neighbours. We trust their coming will prove mutually beneficial from every standpoint possible.

We hope the children's confidence in Santa Claus will not be shaken by his inability to keep his moustache from wandering. Santa has our deepest sympathy for had he opened his mouth for any purpose whatever, his hirsute adornment would undoubtedly have disappeared.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Kirton and the members of the S. S. C. who so ably furnished and decorated the Institute for the festivities.

It is interesting to note the continued increase in Garden Cities. The latest is the one at Ruisly Manor, near London, which will cover an area of 1300 acres, with sites for factories quite separate from the residential portion. It has 3 miles of frontage to road.

"Pomeranian."—From your "doggerel" we take it that you have some little grievance against the canine residents on the Estate. We agree with you that they are somewhat out of tone when holding their nocturnal concerts, but we are hoping that for the future, tenants desirous of midnight protectors will endeavour to "curtail" the "breed" of any "growling" from their neighbours by doing their best to harmonize the voices of their darlings.

The cinder paths leading to the Estate have certainly been of great benefit this winter and much appreciated, but what is sadly needed is a solid crossing of some kind from causeway to causeway in Keyham Lane. Perhaps the authorities will kindly take note.

Make a note of the Concert on Saturday, January 21st, in aid of the funds of the Choral Society. Mr. Philpott has secured exceptional talent. Tickets, 3d. each.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The Senior's Party on Christmas Eve was opened by a seasonable Concert given by the Choral Class. A number of part songs and carols were rendered by the choir. Two pieces were ably sung by a double quartette of male voices, and the solos by Mrs. Purdy and Messrs. Riley and Philpott were heartily appreciated. It was decided to make a collection towards the expenses of the Children's Party. After the concert, light refreshments were partaken of and games indulged in. Promptly at midnight, the party formed themselves into a choir and making a detour of the estate, Christmas Day was fittingly ushered in by the rendering of time-honored carols and melodies at several different points.

On Wednesday Evening, the Institute, so gaily decorated, was scarcely large enough to hold the crowd of juniors who had come together for their annual Christmas Party. Besides over 60 children, there was a fairly large company of parents who had brought their little tots to receive their presents from Santa Claus. The Christmas tree which was over 8 ft. high was heavily laden. Games of a homely character were indulged in followed by refreshments. Then Santa Claus made the hearts of the children glad by his distribution of the free gifts.

On Thursday Evening, a Whist Drive was held to aid the finances of the Choral Society. The Institute was crowded with a hopeful company of whist players. Twelve tables were used and the prizes were won by Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Wilford, and Messrs. Morris and Murby.

On New Year's Eve, the Lord's Day School Anniversary tea was held in the Meeting House. Besides teachers and friends some 50 scholars sat down to well-spread tables. At 6-30 an open Concert was given entirely by the children, comprising solos, duetts recitations, piano and violin solos. A number of the parents were present and evidently appreciated their efforts. At the close each scholar was presented with a New Year memento.

## Residents on the Anchor Tenants Estate READ THIS.

We all desire to increase the facilities

FOR OUR SOCIAL WELFARE!

AND FOR OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION!

The way to do this without increasing the cost of commodities to the purchaser, is by trading with the Social Service Committee whenever possible.

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"Killarney,"  
Keyham Lane,

Will Sweep your Chimneys at your  
convenience when required.

And last but not least important, a small **SAVINGS BANK** will commence with the New Year. For information regarding which apply to the Secretary, Mr. Jays, Mr. J. S. Wilford, or any member of the Committee.

Help to develop the Social Life of the  
Estate by trading with your Social  
Service Committee.

## Gardening Notes.

During the long spell of wet weather we can scarcely think of practical gardening; because it is best left till workable. Still there are several things we may do, such as getting edgings and paths in order, also our tools and spades to over-haul, sharpen and clean, etc.

By the way, if anyone has not yet tried this method of keeping their tools clean, especially the spade, allow me to recommend a trial. Simply wash and dry well, then rub over with an oily cloth each time after use, and you will soon have a tool that will be a pleasure to work.

All who wish to grow a few large unions for exhibition purposes, and have a greenhouse at their disposal, should sow a few seeds very thinly in a box on the 10th of January, at a heat not exceeding 54 degrees.

I believe I have the honour of telling you a secret. We are to have a Rockery in connection with the Bowling Green. If anyone, after their usual rearrangements, should have any specimen rocks or rock-plants to dispose of, they will be very acceptable and may be handed over to Mr. J. Rowlett. —T. R.

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## SELECTIONS FROM NEW YEAR CARDS.

Just wealth enough to give and spare,  
Just health enough to banish care,  
Just friends enough—steadfast and true,  
What more want I?  
What more want you?

There is no gladness like remembering friends and  
wishing them the joy that New Year brings.

The hand that made the fields so gay,  
And scattered flowerets in thy way,  
Bids thee hail a fairer morrow,  
And never, never brood o'er sorrow.

Old times may alter and changes befall,  
But old friends are old friends in spite of all.

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## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

- January 7th,—Mr. Langley and Party.  
„ 14th,—Mr. Tipping and Party.  
„ 21st,—Mr. Philpott and Party.  
„ 28th,—Mr. Ellson and Party.

## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

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Dear Sir,—I have read your latest A. T. F. with interest, and would like to make a suggestion, if such may be allowed from an outsider. I would recommend you A. T.'s to consider either the question of erecting a regular boarding house on the estate, or to arrange for those tenants, who could and would, agree to take in boarders. No doubt many would gladly avail themselves of the chance of spending a few days in such a spot at any time during the year. For even in the winter with chapel, social meetings, etc., with not many yards to walk for either when one once arrived at Anchorville. A week-end from Saturday tea to Monday after breakfast, would be a rare change; rest, for mind and body, without great expense. As soon as the visitors grew sufficiently numerous you could then erect and run a regular boarding house which could be made popular and profitable. Then also, you could easily arrange to convey week-enders from car to Anchorville at 4 p.m. Saturday, and back at between 8 and 9 a.m. Monday. Kindly take the foregoing for what it is worth.

Yours truly, I. JESSE.

Dear Sir,—I notice with pleasure there is one gentleman who has planted an apple tree in the centre of his front lawn. This idea is worthy of consideration because it has the double advantage of being ornamental and profitable; of course, a little judgment is essential to see that you get good, sturdy, upright growers, then, with the usual pruning, success may be expected. There appears to be grave doubts in the minds of many of our tenants, as to whether this is a wise thing to do; they think it is tempting the boys to pilfering. But personally, I believe the future teaching and training of our children will be of such a character that they will not only scorn such an idea, but will make them act as keen detectives and constables, if they should see any other boys dare to do anything which would be to the detriment of the estate which they will feel so proud to protect.

Yours truly, RUFUS.

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## Notices.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**—A Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Christian's Meeting House, when Mr. A. Mann will deliver a Lecture. Subject: "The Church of Christ; What is it? Can it be found?" Questions and discussion invited.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

No. 5

FEBRUARY, 1911.

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All Communications should be addressed not later than the 25th of each month to

The Editor,

c.o. Mr. E. W. Harris,

"St. Ive's," The Avenue.

The delay in the publication of the New Year Issue of the **A.T.F.** resulted in many enquiries concerning it. This proves to us that an Estate paper is desired, our experiment has been justified. But as the funds placed at our disposal for this experiment will be exhausted with the March issue, that issue will necessarily be the last of the **A.T.F.** and we shall be compelled to leave the establishment of a permanent Estate paper in the hands of our G.C. or the S.S.C.

THE EDITORS.

As the report of the Social Service Committee, appointed to frame rules for the New Distributive Society, which it was decided to form at the meeting of inhabitants of the Estate in November last, cannot now be long delayed, we desire to make a suggestion regarding the method of carrying out one of the aims of the new Society, namely, the development of the social and educational life of our estate. Undoubtedly some portion of the profit that may accrue to the society by trading, will be set aside for purposes of education and social advancement, which is in keeping with the co-operative spirit and practice.

But it is regarding the control and disbursement of such funds that we are chiefly concerned at present. The social development of our estate is of such supreme importance that it ought not to be entrusted to a small sub-committee of a Distributive Society, but should be made more directly the concern of the whole of the inhabitants. To achieve that end we would suggest the formation of an Estate Council, say of 12 members, to be elected annually by the inhabitants of the estate, every person above 16 years of age being eligible to vote in the election of its members, such Council to have sole responsibility for the well-

being, recreation, and social development of the inhabitants. It might be divided into committees, each committee responsible to the whole council for some definite portion of the work in hand, the sanction of the whole council being necessary to any scheme or expenditure that any of its committees might propose.

At the onset, two committees would be necessary; an Educational Committee which would take in hand, the training of the children, the provision of free Concerts in winter, and occasional open-air Concerts in summer, the formation of an Estate Library as required, the provision and financing of Debating Societies, Study Circles, Classes, and meetings of various kinds of an educational character.

Also a Recreative Committee which should cater for the physical development of the people, by providing facilities for Cricket, Football, Bowls, Tennis, and all such outdoor games that might, from time to time, be required.

Of course, all these things could not be achieved at once, but all such requirements and work in other directions would be accomplished in time by such a Council.

Regarding the finances for the provision of these things we would suggest that they be met partly by grants from the Distributive Society, partly by grants from General Committee, and partly by sources of income that might open out to it as its work proceeded. We feel sure that such a Council would have an important and useful future before it, as the well-being of the community being its sole concern, and it being directly responsible to the inhabitants, these would ensure efficiency and economy without parsimony.

A Council whose functions were the physical and intellectual education and happiness of the community would be unique in its powers, and might prove productive of that true wealth, which is—abundant, well-developed life.

Ne'er suffer sleep thine eyes to close,  
Before thy mind hath run  
O'er every thought, and deed, and word,  
From dawn to set of sun.  
For wrong take shame, but grateful feel  
If just thy course hath been;  
Such efforts, day by day renewed,  
Will keep thy conscience clean.

## WHY STRUGGLE ?

The smallest effort is not lost,  
Each wavelet on the o'cean toss'd  
Aids in the ebb tide, or the flow ;  
Each raindrop makes some flow'ret grow ;  
Each struggle lessens human woe.

—MACKAY.

"I am tired of the struggle." These words, uttered by a friend, have been uttered by countless sad, human hearts since the world began, and what is sadder still, these woeful echoes are increasing as the fight for existence becomes keener day by day. So much human energy is taken up in maintaining what little life there is, that none is left wherewith to struggle for the fuller life that might be. Can we, as "garden citizens" be neglecting, instead of aiding to lessen this constant struggle? For, with our recognition of the higher delights of life, which our newer citizenship proves, we increase our own responsibility towards our less fortunate brethren, grovelling through the dark and mire of town. We, our daily labour done, anxious to arrive at our haven of rest; more anxious as the days expand; they, of the depths of the town, anxious for, hastening to, whither?—not home. So then, we still have the problem of action with us, our duty is still calling to be done.

But it is not so much of the primary struggle, terrible though it be, that our poet sings, but of the efforts made by the individual to gain that which is fulness of life. How many secrets could be gathered from the caverns of the human heart, could we but seek those smallest efforts; and how many of those same smallest efforts would prove to be very big indeed could we but learn their history. Our judgments of the efforts to dispel evil are often very short-sighted. Rubber wheels usually travel farthest and fastest. We expect much of "Jack Frost" when we see his dazzling white coat of hoar spread over the face of nature, but most often his bite is keenest when we see least signs of his presence. Yes, truth was in the poet's mouth when he said that "things are not what they seem."

All great works and reforms for the benefit of humanity, that have left their mark on history, have originated somewhere, obscurely perhaps, in some little effort. The individual himself, may be, could not trace any result of his effort; but somewhere, silently, the seed had fallen, and who can measure the power of it. Now, at this present day, are we reaping benefits, which others in days past toiled for, yet dare not hope to see, and in so much as we lack a similar spirit towards the future, we are in debt to these noble souls of a bygone day. Many of us very much underate the power of our influence for good or evil among our fellows. "I cannot live to myself; I must either

be a light to illuminate, or a tempest to destroy" said a great preacher, and truly it is with each of us. The world was never in riper condition than to-day to rise and bless us for those small efforts lovingly made towards lessening human woe.

—IGNOTIUS.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly business meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 19th, in the Institute, and was well attended. In the absence of Mr. Groome, Mr. J. T. Taylor was voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In his monthly report the Secretary stated that Mr. Mann's resolution which had been referred to the G. C. at the previous meeting, had been considered by them, and that they could not recommend its adoption. He also stated that the time had arrived when certain rules regarding the election of officers must be enforced. Mr. W. Neale was appointed to attend as delegate at the Coventry and Leicester District Joint Conference. The Seed Committee gave a report on the progress made, and solicited orders for pea and bean sticks.

### DEBATING SOCIETY.

The first debate of the new year took place on the 13th January, in the Institute, under the presidency of Mr. S. Beamish. The small attendance was unfortunate seeing that Mr. Shardlow of the Peace Society, introduced the debate on "Fraternity versus Imperialism." He contended that Fraternity was becoming more and more a fact among civilized nations of the present day. That the policy of statesmen tended more and more to universal brotherhood. That Imperialism had no real meaning, for our colonies were not profitable to us, and that we need not fear them being taken from us for no country would be burdened with them. Some discussion followed, and also a vote of thanks to Mr. Shardlow.

### THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

The usual Saturday Evening Concert on Jan. 21st was set apart to benefit the funds of the Choral Society. Mr. A. Philpott had kindly promised to provide the evening's entertainment, and it was held in the chapel by kind permission of its members. There was a record gathering which fully appreciated the exceptional musical treat given. The Choral Society are indebted to Mr. Philpott in having secured such well-known vocalists as Miss Emily Higgott, Miss Elsie Carter, and Mr. W. Sutcliffe, with Madame Carter as accompanist, not forgetting his own efforts.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

On Wednesday Evening, Jan. 18th, Mr. A. Mann delivered a public lecture in the Meeting House, on the subject: "The Church of God; What is it? Can it be found?" The tenants came in fairly good numbers. In the course of his remarks the speaker endeavoured to point out from New Testament teaching the main features by which the Church of God can be recognised, and what is required of those who desire to become members. A very long and interesting discussion followed, several of the audience evidently not fully agreeing with the views advanced by Mr. Mann.

### Items of Interest.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Mann for stepping into the breach caused through Miss Cort's inability to give the time necessary to train the children for their annual Musical Entertainment which we understand will take place on Saturday, March 18th. The cantata which has been selected is entitled: "Little Folks at Play."

Following on our previous "item" it should be exceedingly gratifying to our fellow-members that Mr. A. Mann, who is one of our number, is to be asked to occupy the very important position of President for the ensuing year of the Labour Co-partnership Association, a position which has already been filled by such eminent gentlemen as Earl Grey, The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, and others.

"Tearing round the broad sweep of beautiful road which lay before us, we dashed——!" Ah! but you are entirely wrong in your surmises, dear reader. This is not an extract from an up-to-date blood-curdler, but simply Keyham Lane corner with its hedges trimmed.

The teachers of the Lord's Day School have decided that the Scholars' Annual Outing shall take place on the last Saturday in June, with a day's trip to Mablethorpe. With a view to helping the scholars save their coppers towards the necessary fare, a Savings Bank has been formed at the School, and has already a list of nearly 40 names.

We feel compelled to express our great surprise at the deep sorrow which was so manifest amongst our members at the monthly meeting. All hearts were evidently so full to overflowing that not one member had sufficient confidence in himself to rise and move a vote of condolence on the passing away of an old and tried resident on the estate. Who said Captain?

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### WINTER IS PASSING AWAY SPRINGTIME IS AT HAND

And soon YOU will be thinking about those new clothes. WE have been thinking about them and have pleasure in announcing that our

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### PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are arranging for an Exhibition in the Institute in March. Look out for and book the date.

Help to develop the Social Life of the Estate by trading with your Social Service Committee.

## Gardening Notes.

All fruit trees should have their winter cleansing done at the end of this month. They should be sprayed or brushed with a solution made by dissolving one pound of soft soap in half-a-gallon of boiling water, stirring violently till thoroughly dissolved, then add one and a half pounds of Caustic Soda, filling up to ten gallons with soft water. This will kill a great many eggs of several different kinds of insects, and will give your trees that clean and healthy appearance which is so admired by all lovers of the gardening art.

The first sowing of broad beans should be made this month.

The following is a list of flower seeds that will give a good return for a small outlay and may be sown in the open about the middle of April. Pansies, a favourite strain with me is Cassier's Wrinkled Edge, Violas, Sweet Peas, Sweet Sultans, Shirley or Iceland Poppies, Candy Tuft, Mignonette, Tom Thumb, Nasturtiums, Stocks, Asters, Schizanthus, Verbena, Zinnias, French and African Marigolds.

If a few plants of the last seven named are required, they may usually be bought off anyone who has a greenhouse.

—T. R.

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## Notice.

It is now known that we are to have a rockery in connection with the Bowling green. Will the boys on the estate who would like to take part in the formation of same meet Mr. J. Rowlett in the Institute on Saturday, February 29th at 5 p.m., when he will try and give a few ideas as to the blending of plants and placing of rocks, etc.: it is certain they will find it both interesting and instructive.

Will parents please assist by trying to induce their boys to come and help to beautify the estate.

Boys! take note of the date.

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"How small a portion of our life it is that we really enjoy. In youth we are looking forward to the things that are to come; in old age we are looking backwards to things that are gone past; in manhood, although we appear indeed to be more occupied in things that are present, yet even that is too often absorbed in vague determinations to be vastly happy in some future day when we have time."

COLTON.—

## Letters to the Editor.

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Dear Sir,—There is a little matter to which I should like to call the attention of the Medical Aid Committee. A few days ago we had to apply for medical attention for my youngest child who is just four months old, when the question was asked if the baby was in benefit. Now, sir, I should have thought that if a member takes a family card, and is in benefit, all children belonging to that member would be entitled to medical attention from birth, until they reach the age of fourteen years. I ask, is it just, that a baby must be three months old before it can receive any benefit from our Medical Aid? I think this point wants clearing up as soon as possible, and if the rule requires altering, the sooner it is done, the better for all concerned. Thanking you in anticipation for space in A.T.F.

Yours faithfully, J. H. SMITH.

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## A CONVICT POET.

The Weymouth Male Voice Choir gave a sacred concert in the Roman Catholic Chapel at Portland Prison, to the great enjoyment of the convicts. The hon. secretary of the choir has just received a touching sonnet from one of the prisoners, who signed himself "Syzygas," the poetic sentiment of which may be illustrated by the following stanzas:

Methought from Heaven in raptured homage came  
Celestial voices blent in harmony;  
Filling the place where, mute and sullen, we  
Were brooding o'er our sorrow and our shame.

You sang of hope, of courage and resolve,  
In tones that roused the manly part to play,  
And in life's battle dare to do the right,  
And who that heard you sing "Lead, Kindly Light"  
Although bedimmed year on year revolve,  
Shall let the harrowing impulse fade away.

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## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

February 4th,—Mr. Riley and Party.

„ 11th,—Mr. J. Rowlett and Party.

„ 18th,—Mr. Tipping and Party.

„ 25th,—A Night with Dickens.—Mr. J. S. Wilford



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"St. Ive's," The Avenue.

## FELLOW MEMBERS,

As was intimated by us in the previous issue, this, the current number is the last of the A.T.F. Although we have found the work at times somewhat irksome, it is with a tinge of regret that we bid adieu to the first estate journal. However, we have every confidence that the wishes expressed by the members at the last monthly meeting, as to the establishment of an estate paper, will have their due weight with the committees. In fact, the S.S.C. have already considered the matter and have generously offered to hold themselves responsible for two-thirds of the cost for the next six months; Mr. Jays, we understand, has been appointed its representative on the staff of the paper. We have every confidence that the G.C. will be willing to subscribe the remaining third of the cost and appoint its representative.

We are now enabled to ask, without any reserve as previously, that members co-operate with the new board for the journal, in making it a thorough success, by sending in such literary contributions as may be suitable. Mr. Hibbett, for instance, might send us interesting sketches of "Local History." Mr. Law could serve us with important economic facts occasionally. "The picturesque in Nature" could be ably dealt with by Mr. Harrott. Mr. Mann may not perhaps be too busy to write us upon the Co-partnership movement. Mr. Riley could fix us up a corner of "Musical Notes" and so on indefinitely. We would desire also that all members take reasonable advantage of the correspondence section to raise any topic of general interest or discuss any topic raised. Let those members who feel they dare not trust their grammar, be not deterred from putting down their thoughts and

ideas, for one of the staff will be allotted for the duty of licking them into shape, and all correspondence will be treated strictly confidential.

The name "Forerunner" as is readily understood, ought to lapse with this number, and we would desire our readers to send us suggestions for a new name before the 25th; but as to whether it retains this name, or another is selected, we must leave to the discretion of the board.

We have felt, although a certain secrecy was necessary, that the withholding of the identity of those actively connected with the A.T.F. has deterred some from taking more active interests in its aims therefore we offer ourselves,

Sincerely yours,

W. MASON.  
E. W. HARRIS.  
J. T. TAYLOR.

Just previous to going to press we are pleased to learn on good authority, that the results of this year's working of the Society are of a satisfactory character, and that there is a likelihood of the tenants receiving a benefit from the same.

Stop and consider! life is but a day;  
A fragile dewdrop on its perilous way  
From a tree's summit; a poor Indian's sleep,  
While his boat hastens to the monstrous steep  
Of Montmorence. Why so sad a moan?  
Life is the rose's hope while yet unblown;  
The reading of an ever-changing tale;  
The light uplifting of a maiden's veil:  
A pigeon tumbling in clear summer air;  
A laughing schoolboy, without grief or care,  
Riding the springy branches of an elm.

—KEATS.

It is feared that the summer trading advantages which should accrue to the new Distributive Society, will be nullified by the lack of shops. What are the G.C. doing in the matter?

## AMBITION.

*"Towns turned to ashes: fanes involved in fire,  
These deeds the guilt of rash ambition tell."*

What is Ambition? Without doubt we all have some idea of the general meaning of the term;—that it denotes a desire for something we do not possess, or an aspiration for something higher or nobler, and we feel just a little sorry for the man without an ambition, one who is willing to live "in the present day" only. But an authority states that "it more commonly denotes an inordinate desire of power or eminence often accompanied with indifference as to the means of obtaining it."

In other words, so long as an ambitious man attains his ends he cares not in the least on whom he brings suffering. Take for an example, the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. Dr. R. S. Candlish in his "Formation of Character and the responsibility of Self-Government" writes "The conqueror of a hundred battles, whose ambition vaulted into an imperial throne and aspired to grasp the sceptre of the world could and did command himself. This power of will he had under control. But his spirit formed to lead was itself led by overmastering vanity at last and the votary of ambition became its miserable victim." When his final fall came and he was banished by the Powers to the lonely island of St. Helena it was surely a punishment worse than death to a man with such an implacable ambition.

Then we have the dying words of the historical Cardinal Wolsey, who, when on his way to London summoned by Henry VIII to answer charges of supposed misdoings, died in Leicester Abbey, a broken-hearted man. "I charge thee, fling away thy ambition. By that sin fell the angels. How can man then, the image of his Maker hope to win by it? Love thyself last. Be just and fear not. Let all the ends thou aimest at be thy God's and truth's; then, if thou fallest, thou fallest a blessed martyr. Oh, had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, He would not in mine age have left me naked to mine enemies."

Shakespeare, who must have been a great judge of human nature, evidently considered ambition deserved the punishment of death, for in his "Julius Caesar" he puts into the mouth of Mark Antony, who is speaking to the Romans on the assassination of Caesar the following words:

"But Brutus says he was ambitious  
"If so 'twas a grievous fault and grievously  
"Hath Caesar answered it"

A philosopher of the old school gives it as his opinion that "Small-brained men are generally the most obtrusively ambitious. Who are the men in

Corporation towns who are ever pushing themselves forward to municipal honours? Who are the men in politics who have the strongest aspirations to make the most strenuous efforts for Parliamentary honour? As a rule, small-brained men. Truly, there are exceptions and the exceptions are our social and political salvation. As a rule great men are not ambitious for such distinctions."

In the words of Solomon "Put not forth thyself, and stand not in the place of great men. For better it is that it be said unto thee "Come up hither" than that thou shouldst be put lower."

Shelley says:

Man who man would be  
Must rule the empire of himself; in it  
Must be supreme, establishing his throne  
On vanquished will, quelling the anarchy  
Of hopes and fears, being himself alone.

—SIMPLICUS.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The usual business meeting was held in the Institute on Thursday, the 16th. Mr. Groome presided, and Mr. Hibbett acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. S. Wilford who was busy with the audit. The usual formal business being disposed of, it was announced that two nominations for committee were to hand in addition to the four retiring members, viz: Messrs. Harrott and T. Neal. Voting papers will be subsequently sent to each member and must be returned not later than 3 days prior to the annual meeting. The delegates to the Coventry and Leicester District Joint Conference, Mr. W. Neal and Mr. A. Smith gave their report. A report was also given by the Seed Committee. In general business the question of the fate of the **A.T.F.** was brought forward and it was decided to lay the matter before the G.C. and S.S.C.

### HUMBERSTONE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

A good attendance gathered on Sunday afternoon February 26th. to hear an address from Coun. J. W. Murby, descriptive of his recent tour in Germany. In an interesting speech he gave his impressions of German cities and systems. He eulogised the German Educational System as providing for better results than our own, and recognising the importance of the child, in the State economy, it provided for it being well clad, fed, and educated. He mentioned that three languages were taught, English, French and German, and that after 14 years of age when exempt from school, a portion of the daytime was still devoted to technical

instruction. The outcome of this more complete educational equipment was better systems of organization which made the position of the worker more secure than in this country, so that although poverty and unemployment were prevalent, what with effective voluntary and trade union organization, backed by state insurance against invalidity, there was not the danger of the unemployed man drifting into such hopeless condition as here. Other features of German life were dealt with and a good discussion followed.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 22nd, Mr. Entwistle delivered a lecture in the Meeting House, on the subject of "The Kingdom of God." A goodly number of tenants attended, and some took the opportunity, as on a previous occasion, of questioning the lecturer and discussing his subject. The lecturer in presenting three phases of the Kingdom of God, laid special stress on the necessity for recognizing the one at present established, and pointed out the advisability of complying with the conditions laid down for admission to citizenship.

### Items of Interest.

Thanks, Mrs. Gamble, for the beautiful operetta given in the Institute, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. The tenants who were absent from the evening performance missed a treat.

Will members and friends please note the special Concert arranged for March 25th by Messrs. Philpott and Riley to assist the funds of the S.S.C.

It is noticed that there is likely to be a hard fight for the prize, which it is expected will be offered, for the finest show of front garden this summer. Diamonds as well as hearts can be found, but we fancy the Queen of Spades will stand best chance. This is a private matter and does not concern clubs.

We understand the Temperance Hall was crowded on February 16th. Mr. Riley must have found a ready sale for his tickets. No wonder there was an abnormal increase in the takings on the cars that week when 19—yes, nineteen—followers of Orpheus rode all the way to Humberstone terminus by a late car. According to the conductor this was an unprecedented event and the strain must have been terrible.

Following on the previous item we ought to see the "tone" of our Choral Society somewhat raised and that those who have been taking a "breve" rest will cease to "quaver."

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ARRANGED FOR US, BY US.

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TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Sir,—A few years ago some working men conceived the idea of co-operating to build a Garden-suburb. During the period of developing rules, and buying land, many ideals were bandied about by enthusiasts, both in a jocular and a serious manner. I remember one such remarking "that it would be all right when we all have the Christmas dinner together"; and many other proposals were made of what could be done co-operatively. Some of these, I am pleased to say, are already established, such as the buying collectively, of garden requisites. But, in the main I think, the tenants have moved more on individualistic lines than co-operative lines. Upon our estate has been built a place of worship, for members of the Church of Christ; of course, I know anyone could attend the service and be made welcome. Following that, a Debating Society was formed, having a distinct membership, and I understand, papers are read by members or friends, and discussed by members. Now a Socialist League has been formed, and anyone joining must, of necessity be a Socialist. These three branches of our Estate activities are good and point to brotherhood, but I belong to none, and after much thought I have come to the conclusion that there is no brotherhood in its true sense. Of course I may be wrong, but have we not all gone after our own, which is not co-operation. I think the women are to be congratulated on the conduct of their meeting. As I understand it, all is free and open, and any woman can join regardless of what her opinions may be; I hope the women will continue in this manner. I had hoped Mr. Editor, to have written this for a previous number of the A.T.F., expecting some ventilation of opinion, and I should be sorry if this were the last of your pleasant little paper.—Yours respectfully,

"One of the Enthusiasts."

TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Sir,—I have been deeply interested in the criticisms expressed by certain visitors regarding the lack of privacy in our garden-city life. It is not surprising to hear such when we realize how tenants have been walled in on the town principle all these years. We should like our visitors to recognise that this is, in our opinion, one of the worst features of town life, and we have accordingly taken care to improve on it. Instead of walling in we think it better to encourage our members to cultivate their gardens not only for use but artistically, so as to be well pleasing to the eye of a visitor. Personally, I think there might, perhaps, be one little improvement made in the way of privacy, just around the side entrance of our houses. I would suggest a privet hedge be planted

close around the trellis. This privet could be planted to form various designs to suit the taste, and in the course of a few years, the trellis may be removed, and the privet would form a substantial fence and add largely to the beauty of the estate. By the way, seeing we have competitions in gardening for the adults of our community, why not encourage the young folks on the same lines? Three prizes might be offered for the best plot of garden, 3 yards by 2, and planted by each boy and girl with, say, a selection of the flowers named in Gardening Notes of Feb. A.T.F.

Yours sincerely, PRIVET.

## Gardening Notes.

All planting and pruning of fruit trees which are not yet complete should be hastened along leaving those which have been planted this season to be pruned on the last week of the month; strict attention should be given to keep the branches as near nine inches apart as possible so that the sun and air may play their part in ripening the fruit spurs.

The general crop of broad beans may now be planted.

It is usual for many gardeners to be very anxious to out-pace their neighbours with the earliest crop of peas. To those I would say plant a few of the dwarf wrinkled varieties, but as a rule this is rather disappointing, because, at this time of the year, the grubs and birds appear to be very hungry. The writer always prefers to leave his sowings till April.

Rhubarb may be planted in soil that has been deeply dug with plenty of manure well worked in; Raspberries may also be planted but without manure, a mulching on the surface being more beneficial.

Do not plant general crop of potatoes till first week in May, for fear of late frosts, but have your land thoroughly ready for that date.

Parsnips are best sown this month, and should not be grown less than six inches apart: a good plan is to sow three seeds close together in sets, six or eight inches apart, and when the seedlings are well up, thin out to one, leaving the strongest to grow.

Sow a few cauliflower seeds in a cold frame, an excellent variety for this purpose being Sutton's Magnum-Bonum.

If the onion bed is not already prepared it should be done at once. Deep cultivation is very essential, working in plenty of decayed manure; make a fine surface and sow seeds thinly in drills one foot apart.

—T.R.

## Saturday Evening Concerts.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
have arranged the following:

March 4th.—Mr. Ashton and Party.

" 11th.—EXHIBITION.

" 18th.—Children's Cantata.

" 25th.—Special Concert.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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The Editor,

"St. Ive's," The Avenue.

It is, doubtless, a matter of satisfaction for all that we are enabled to continue to supply a journal of records, news, and general literature concerning our Estate. This result has been made possible by the Society itself stepping forward and supplying the necessary finances. Such a course naturally makes the journal the property of the Society, which was the aim of the promoters of the **A.T.F.** It has consequently, elected its own Board of control through its two committees, the G.C. and the S.S.C., which bodies have undertaken to bear the cost in two-thirds and a third respectively for the next six months.

Their representatives, Mr. A. H. Hibbett and Mr. J. Jays together with the original three, make up the new Board, and our greatest hope is that members will establish the paper as their own by stamping their individualities in it with contributions to its pages.

A. H. HIBBETT, Chairman.

J. JAYS.

J. T. TAYLOR.

W. MASON, Secretary.

E. W. HARRIS, Editor.

It is perhaps somewhat unusual to be reviewing a past year's work in an April issue, but as the Annual Meeting of our Society is not held until the end of March, for which, of course, a statement of accounts is specially prepared, this in our case is the best possible time for taking stock of what we have accomplished and what lies before us in the immediate future.

During the past year, as our accounts shew, we have raised a capital of £23,945. Nearly £8000 of this has been expended in real property, viz: the completion of twenty houses ready for tenancy, and ten houses in course of erection, development of roads, open spaces, etc. The repayments of our private mortgages and loans cover £16,000. Our capital account stands at £11,000 more than last year, the difference being made by bringing into our accounts the mortgage on our outstanding land.

For a comparison:—Our Share Capital has increased by £650; our Loan Stock by £1,100; our Loans by £1,300; our Mortgages by about £8,000. Our receipts from rents and rates have increased by £420 in the twelve months, the year's total amounting to the respectable sum of £786 10s. 9d.

Perhaps the best feature of our year's progress has been the consolidation of our finances, our obligations for the larger part of our capital being placed with a Government office, providing for a regular and steady diminution of our liability in this respect over a period of 40 years, and also the automatic provision of a Sinking Fund varying in degree with our responsibilities.

During the past year we have emerged from a purely local self-centred Society, into a Society affiliated to all the other Tenants' Societies in the country which are amalgamated together in the Federated Tenants, Ltd., of 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, under the chairmanship of our old co-partnership leader, Mr. Henry Vivian. There is no doubt that this has been largely to our advantage. (1) Financially—because of the ability shewn by their organizing Secretary, Mr. Litchfield, and the influence that has been brought to bear upon the Public and the Loans Commissioners by other well known prominent men in social and public life, associated with them on the Board of Management. (2) By the prominence which has been given to our work over a larger area than we could have possibly reached by our own local efforts. How far this has spread can be gauged from the fact that enquiries have reached our office from all parts of this country, Spain, Austria, Bohemia, Germany, and the South American States, for information as to our methods, etc.

Satisfactory as our progress has been, if this were all we do not think we should have accomplished much towards our ideal, if we could only review our progress in figures and bricks and mortar. Happily we can count to our progress that we have brought sixty families into well-built sanitary homes, surrounded by those health-giving properties that only nature can bestow, with all that increased health can render in the well-being, and prosperity of working class families.

We have also done something towards stimulating a good social life, where we may come into contact one with another on terms of perfect equality. The greatest among us being, not those who can contribute most in this world's goods, but those who give themselves in service for the welfare of all. May we not regard this as a religious work, that in our time and generation, we may do something to make more possible the living of a fruitful life, and bring into closer realisation the time when heaven and earth are synonymous terms. This will be when each of us realize the great possibilities that lie before us, and are willing to give ourselves unsparingly for the public good. This should then be our future aim, the organization of all our forces, that there may be no overlapping; no one idle who wishes for a sphere of useful work. Concentration of purpose, feeling that our work has only just begun, and that the same energy, self-denial, and thrift exercised in the beginnings, shall be still carried on that we may have an ever widening circle of FRIENDS living upon our estate.

The fact that our neighbours-to-be have already fixed upon a name for their estate has aroused some interest amongst us. There has also been a few comments as to whether it is appropriate or otherwise, but our desire here is not to discuss that question at all. It is to point out that our friends have realised the necessity for a name before a single resident is on their estate, whilst we with a matter of sixty houses already erected and an increasing population have allowed nearly four years to elapse without deciding upon a definite recognised address. Up to now many of us have simply direct our interested enquirers to the Humberstone Garden Suburb, but of course this is now insufficient as we are not the only Garden City in Humberstone, and we feel bound to consider it somewhat of a menace to our growing popularity. The question of a name for our estate is therefore forced upon us and cannot be shelved longer. We must give it our serious consideration and decide upon a name agreeable to the majority, which, besides giving us a distinct standing in a postal directory, will make our Garden Suburb immediately recognisable when appearing in different journals and reports up and down the country.

## The Humber-Stone.

By PENDA.

"When the pterodactyl ambled, or fluttered, or swam, or jumped,  
And the plesiosaurus rambled, all careless of what he bumped,  
And the other old time monsters that thrived on land and sea,  
And didn't know what their names were any more than to-day  
do we."

—JOSH WINK.

What is the Humber-Stone? And where is it situated? Answering the last question first, this stone also known as the Holstone or Hellstone, is reached from the village by way of the lane leading to Barkby and Thurmaston. Climbing the hill and proceeding along the lane to where it divides, one part going over the fields to Barkby, and the other turning to the left for Thurmaston; take the Thurmaston turn and about fifty yards inside the first gate on the right hand side going down the hill is a large block of granite showing a surface of about 7 feet by 8: this is the Humber-Stone. The soil has been cleared from the sides, and the top is about level with the surrounding turf land. The question arises how did it get there? There is no granite nearer than the Charnwood Hills, visible on a clear day some seven or eight miles off across the Soar valley. Old time superstition attributed these things to Satanic agency, or perhaps a battle between giants, a stone like this being used as a missile in one of their fabulous encounters. But Science has come along with more accurate methods of investigation, the pundits of the Geological Society have measured it, and reckoning granite so many cubic feet to the ton, have estimated its weight at about twenty tons; have examined it and say that it is "a boulder of granite essentially composed of quartz,

orthoclase, plagioclase and biotite, which last is often weathered into chlorite and epidote," with much more to the same effect; and from its position have concluded that it was brought there by a glacier during the Ice Age.

From 80,000 to 240,000 years ago, this country was covered with ice, and sometime during that period, one of the glaciers in the course of its travels detached a piece of stone from the hills in the neighbourhood of Mountsorrel, slowly pushed and dragged it along across the valley until it reached this slope and then dropped its burden. The grinding to which it has been subjected is visible on the stone, for all the sharp granite edges are worn quite smooth and every corner and angle rounded off.

Man, Prehistoric, Briton, Roman, Saxon, Dane, and Norman, has traversed that valley and climbed these slopes in the hundred thousand or more brief years since this boulder was dropped into its resting place, and, during the more recent historical period, political and industrial revolutions and enclosure acts have changed the face of the land. Through all the commotion and upheaval, undisturbed by the latest invaders of the parish, it still keeps its place, a silent witness of the force of nature.

## REPORTS.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the members of the Anchor Tenants Ltd., was held in the Institute on Thursday, March 16th. Mr. E. T. Groome presided over a large attendance. After the minutes were read and confirmed Mr. Beamish was called upon to deliver the monthly report. According to this, building operations had been pushed along rapidly during the month: the matter regarding the A.T.F. had been settled; the committee had also decided to advertise the Society in two of the local newspapers. It was also mentioned that, besides the purchase at a low figure of a lawn game, namely croquet, a set of bowls had been given to the Society, the donor of which wished to remain anonymous; acclamation greeted this item.

The report and balance sheet was next presented by the President, who expressed his pleasure in being able to declare it more than satisfactory. This was passed after the usual explanations.

The result of the voting for members of committee was next announced, the order was as follows: Mr. J. S. Wilford 85, Mr. E. T. Groome 63, Mr. J. Rowlett 57, Mr. A. Smith 53, Mr. E. Harrott 36, Mr. T. Neal 27. The four retiring members were therefore re-elected.

Mr. J. Rowlett gave a report of the work of the seed committee during the month.

In general business, the matter of properly numbering the houses was mentioned by a member, the Secretary replying that steps would be taken in the matter when the present development was complete.

A number of members also raised espostulations regarding the danger to residents and gardens of dogs who roamed the estate without sufficient control. The President expressed the hope that the hint would be taken.

## THE EXHIBITION.

The second exhibition promoted by the S.S.C. took place on Saturday, March 11th, in the Institute, and was well patronized by the residents and their friends.

The previous evening was devoted by the committee and a few willing helpers, to the work of arranging the goods for exhibition, and when on Saturday afternoon the exhibition was opened, there was a good display of boots, shoes, hosiery, cutlery, clothing, dress fabrics, and other necessary household requisites; a refreshment stall was also conspicuous. The evening, which was a busy one, was further enlivened with several songs ably rendered by Mrs. Purdy and Messrs. Philpott and Riley, to whom the committee tender its best thanks. The services of many kind friends did much to make the show an undoubted success from more than one point of view.

## HUMBERSTONE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

On Sunday March 26th, Mr. Thomas Adcock addressed a good audience in connection with the above league in the Institute, on the subject of "Socialism in the light of Jesus' Teaching." In his usual interesting manner the speaker reviewed several ideas held by modern Socialists in the light of Christ's teachings. The ideas of what constitutes a good man were changed in socialist opinion. In the past the good man was judged by what charity he bestowed; but the socialist wanted to know whether that which was bestowed was obtained unjustly or not. It was better to be purely just, than to distribute charity from illgotten wealth. The instance was given of a well-known brewer who, some years ago, subscribed a large sum of money to be spent in destroying some of the Dublin slums and a section of the press were applauding his beneficence. It omitted to state, however, that probably the means by which this sum was obtained were instrumental in producing worse slums and deeper degradation. The teaching of Jesus in the incident of the tax gatherer was certainly being upheld in socialist principles. Many other points were raised, and parallels drawn by the speaker, who was much appreciated.

## HUMBERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Schoolroom, on March 16th. Mr. W. G. Turner presided over a full Council. A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Swain, a former member of the council; the chair in a few well chosen words paying a graceful tribute to his memory. Six names were selected for Parish Constable; the custom being for this number to be submitted to the magistrates from which list they choose one to serve for the year. Mr. W. G. Turner resigned his seat on the School Management Committee, Mr. J. S. Wilford being appointed in his place. Accounts were passed for lighting the village, the gas bill for one quarter showing an increase of only 6/2 on corresponding period last year with four extra lamps; the saving being due to the use of incandescent mantles. Three of the garden plots on Keyham Lane, all of which belong to the Parish, being vacant were let to applicants residing in the village.

## Items of Interest.

Well done! Mr. Wilford, we hear you have not finished with school matters even yet, though it seems you have turned the tables, and are appointed Manager instead of having to be managed as in other days.

It was an agreeable surprise that met our tenants on their perusal of the year's balance sheet, when it was found that, out of unexpected profits, 8d. in the £ on the year's rents would be credited to them as dividends.

We hope the Mountsorrel stalwarts will not be so bold as to claim their boulder, as that would leave Humber-stoney.

The Postal authorities have certainly filled a much needed requirement with the installation of the new letter-box, to say nothing of the evening delivery; for rustics we are indeed fortunate.

The Humberstone district is the first to be selected for inspection by the Medical Officer for the Billesdon Union under the new Town-Planning Act.

Our new Distributive Society need not be short of capable sales folk if it could but command the services of those kind workers who did so much to get ready, and rid of, our Exhibition stock. The S.S.C. tender heartiest thanks to all.

## DON'T FORGET!

You can still obtain your Coals cheap and good through the S.S.C., who have served you well during the winter.

## After the Exhibition!

We are in a position to obtain and shall be pleased to supply goods of like character to those on view at the recent Exhibition.

**Orders to Mrs. GOODMAN,  
Keyham Lane.**

## The Summer is Coming

and your LAWNS will need mowing. The S.S.C. are prepared to undertake the work at a small charge according to size of Lawn.

**Orders to Mr. H. GREWCOCK,  
Woodbine Cottage, Keyham Lane.**

## Gardening Notes.

The month of April has the honour of being called the seed month of the year, probably because, with the exception of such as Beetroot and Kidney Beans, all other seed if sown this month appear to give the best results. If a continued supply of peas is needed, sowings at intervals of about every 10 days should be made. "Gladstone" is a real favourite which only needs a trial to recommend its superiority over all others.

Autumn sown onions, also spring sown, which have been grown in a greenhouse should be transplanted as early as possible on land that has been deeply cultivated; this is very essential if good sized bulbs are required. Also put in early potatoes towards the latter end of the month.

Pot off Chrysanthemum cuttings, using a little sand and put into a cold frame where they will soon make sturdy plants.

Pyrethrums and many other perennials and herbaceous plants may now be split up and re-planted.

Plant Dahlia Bulbs on a hot-bed with a frame over them and when the shoots are from 1 to 2 inches long they may be cut off and put into thumb pots with leaf mould and a little silver sand.

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### SPRING.

Sure, since I looked at early morn,  
Those honeysuckle buds  
Have swell'd to double growth; that thorn  
Hath put forth larger studs:  
That lilac's cleaving cones have burst,  
The milk-white flowers revealing;  
Even now, upon my senses first  
Methinks their sweets are stealing.  
The very earth, the steaming air  
Is all with fragrance rife:  
And grace and beauty everywhere  
Are flushing into life.

—CHAUCER.

There's perfume in every wind,  
Music in every tree,  
Dews for the moisture-loving flowers,  
Sweets for the sucking bee:  
The sick come forth for the healing breeze;  
The young are gathering flowers;  
And life is a tale of poetry  
That is told in golden hours.

—WILLIS.

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### DEBATING SOCIETY.

On March 24th, Mr. F. H. Parker gave a paper on "Ought Capital Punishment to be abolished?" In his opinion capital punishment was justifiable and ought to be retained. Each person has the right to his own life, but if another violates all personal and collective rights and abuses the freedom and privileges which society allow him, he forfeits his own to the same degree, and capital punishment would act as a deterrent to a great extent. The discussion was very interesting and prolonged, a strong opposition being shown.

## Letters to the Editor.

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TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Sir,—I was very much interested in the letter in your March issue, signed "One of the Enthusiasts," but cannot understand some of his ideas of what Brotherhood means, and most certainly cannot agree with some of his criticisms of the various organisations at present in existence on the Estate. In the first place the Debating Society and ladies' At Home are mentioned. I think that he is entirely wrong in his conception of how the Debating Society conducts its meetings. Anyone may attend, no matter what his or her opinions may be, and take part in debate, and anyone may introduce a suitable subject for discussion. All are welcome but it is optional whether they become subscribing members or not, so that I fail to see where they are behind the ladies' At Home, where all have to pay their subscription when they attend the meeting. It strikes me as rather a curious position for one pleading for brotherhood, to admit that a number of these organisations are good and point to brotherhood, and yet to state that he belongs to none of them. He says that he has come to the conclusion that there is no brotherhood in its true sense. I disagree with that conclusion but surely standing aloof will not bring us any nearer to the ideal state of brotherhood, which is defined as "Being a Brother" and "An association of men for any purpose." As one who is an enthusiastic advocate of the principles of Brotherhood, let me plead with him to adopt an attitude more consistent with the plea which he has put forward by joining in the good work that is already taking place, and work—FOR WE CAN DO WITH ENTHUSIASTIC WORKERS—for the ultimate realisation of his and our ideal, a community governed and controlled by the one great law of Brotherly Love.

There shall come from out this noise of strife and groaning,  
A broader and a juster brotherhood,  
A deep equality of aim, postponing  
All selfish seeking to the general good,  
There shall come a time when each shall to another  
Be, as Christ would have him—Brother unto Brother.

—LEWIS MORRIS.

Yours faithfully,  
"ANOTHER OF THE ENTHUSIASTS."

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## Members Notice.

A New Undertaking by your General Committee!

PAINTING AND RE-DECORATING  
of Property by direct labour  
under our own Management.

ALSO SHORTLY,

Gas-Fitting, Glazing & Plumbing.

Why go elsewhere when WE ARE ON THE SPOT.

Seek Manager for estimates, all who require  
such work done.

Your Committee means business in your interests.



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The Editor,

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The Spring awoke in her beauty clad,  
And the green earth smiled, and the sky looked glad,  
And the young flowers basked in the vernal sun,  
And the trees put their beautiful foliage on---  
I listened for music then.

*Ruth Wills.*

And indeed music and harmony are characteristic of the spring-time; what can be so inspiring as a typical spring day amid natural surroundings. The air harmonious with the singing of birds, the hedgerows bursting into leaf, the fruit trees and bushes decking themselves with blossoms, the humble violet, the pale primrose, and the lordly daffodil announcing by their fragrance or bright freshness that spring has come, while in every meadow the buttercup and the daisy are studding the green grass with yellow and white.

Surely if Easter to the devout has its sublime lessons of resurrection and life, so surely nature to us all, in bursting bud and opening flower and song of bird, proclaims that resurrection and life are the chief characteristics of every springtime, and the air vibrates with music to those who have ears to hear.

And who, amongst the large gathering of tenants and friends present at the Easter sports in the large field, could fail to realize that the spirit of the season was with us, and its music was finding expression in exuberant joyous mirthfulness, good humoured banter, harmless jest and rollicking laughter. Keen interest was shown by the spectators regarding which of the youngsters would first pass the tape, great excitement prevailed, as the ladies with egg in spoon, were trying their best to be careful and make haste both at once, though with good humour they joined in the laughter that greeted their discomfiture, when egg and spoon parted company before reaching the goal. Bursts of laughter came peal after peal when the girls unexpectedly beat the boys at tug of war: and when someone suggested that to wind up the afternoon's proceedings, the tenants of Keyham Lane should pull the rope against the tenants of the Avenue, and after a few moments tugging the rope objected to the process, and parting in the middle, sent both teams sprawling on the grass, combatants and spectators alike laughed till their sides ached. Space forbids us to do more than just mention the tea for the children,

to which they did ample justice, or the concert in the Institute with which the day's proceedings terminated.

"Not greater wealth, but simpler pleasures," is the motto of our paper. Simple pleasures these Easter Monday festivities were, but judged by their joyful mirthfulness, very effectual nevertheless in affording a maximum of fun and merriment.

There were town folk present with us that day, who, impressed by the joyousness of the scene, and the beauty of the surroundings, feel inclined to join our Society. We shall be glad to welcome such, there are indeed sports and pleasures and interests possible in a garden suburb in which the town dweller cannot share.

Last month's issue contained a summary of the progress made by our own society, and it will perhaps be of some interest to our members to learn of the progress being made by other Federated Tenant Societies.

Burnage (Manchester Tenants Limited) has the honour of being the first completed estate. The area is eleven acres, houses 144, rentals from 5/3 to 14/- weekly. This is a very pretty village, with artistic cottages, giving variety and interest in what architects call the "street picture."

Harborne, near Birmingham, is next in order of completion; 500 houses upon 53 acres of land are expected to be fully completed during the present year. 4/8 per week to £50 per year in rentals give a large variation in type of house built. This, it is believed, is the only society, as yet, who has attempted to build a block of flats, whether this will prove acceptable to the type of tenant we get upon our co-partnership estates, remains to be seen. Social life is being fully developed on this estate; a handsome club house, large public hall, shops, lawn tennis and bowling greens, being a distinct feature of the development.

Ealing Tenants.—The first and relatively the richest of our societies, are extending their work. 2/- in the £ dividend upon rents for two years running, added to previous accumulations, have put many of their tenants in the happy position of having equal to half a year's rent in their repairs fund account. The Society has re-invested £5,000 of capital. It has built up a sinking fund in such a way that its chairman can prophecy that in forty years time the whole capital value of the estate will be wiped out, the then value of the whole developed estate will be the entire property of the society in trust for its members.

Hampstead Tenants.—The third Hampstead Tenants Society has been formed and has commenced work. The development will now extend altogether over nine miles of the Heath. 26,000 people will be

housed, 22,000 of these by Co-partnership Tenants Societies.

Altogether, the work now in hand upon estates federated to the Co-partnership Tenants will, when complete, amount to the enormous value of Four Million Pounds Sterling.

## The Uses of Imagination.

BY IGNOTIUS.

"The impressions on the imagination make the great days of life; the book, the landscape, or the personality, which did not stay on the surface of the eye or ear, but penetrated to the inward sense, agitates us, and is not forgotten."

*Emerson.*

Imagination is that faculty which forms new combinations of ideas from materials already stored in the mind. In other words it is the constructive or inventive faculty of the mind. We are all inventors, more or less, in some direction or another, though the products of our imagination may often fail to be as useful as the power itself is lively. Properly exercised this faculty can be made the source of continual mental delight, because its very essence is variety. Our every conversation is illustrated by innumerable views, at more or less distinct focus, thrown upon the screen of memory by the lantern of the mind's eye. Our every anticipation depends for its keenness, on the fact that the labour that the reality so seldom is as bright and as lasting as the pleasurable anticipation.

As deep as our sentiments, our sensibilities, our passions may be, by so much will our imaginations be brighter, more various, more intense than reality. Our summer excursions to the seaside, or country furnish us for weeks beforehand with anticipations of delights to-morrow. We are full of visions of sunny days, cooling breezes, sparkling seas with dashing waves; or shady glens, singing brooks, giant trees, and everlasting hills. But on arriving at the scene of our dreams we find the sun not so bright, nor has the sea quite all its visioned lustre; the glens, they seem too dim, and the brook it sings with but half a tune; the whole fact anyway is just a little disappointing.

The imagination is also a valuable aid to memory. The pictures that are cast before the mind's eye at any eventful moment serve as the greatest factor in reproducing the impressions when wanted. The first stanza in Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith" serves as an apt illustration of this process:—

"Under a spreading chestnut tree

The village smithy stands"

Who can recall these words without picturing the fine old tree he used to stone in olden days for "cheggies;" or hear again the ring of the hammer in some obscure village of childhood rambles. We unite the tree and the smithy and form a new picture.

A proof of our common use of the imagination may be noticed in the frequent use of the word "like;" like fire, like lightning, like a sheet, and so on. It is

the frequent use of comparisons and symbols that makes the best reading so delightful. They call up the imagination, the exercise of which takes us out of ourselves, causes us to forget our petty miseries, and live, for a time, in a new world. For this reason is poetry ever the best reading, for it abounds in symbols; not only is there pleasure in the visionary picture, but the very fact that one has solved the symbol, and gained the key to what appeared to be a mystery, is self-satisfaction.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

At the Monthly Meeting in the Institute, on the 20th, Mr. J. T. Taylor, in the absence of Mr. E. T. Groom, presided over a fair attendance of members. Mr. Gilliver presented the Committee's Report which included the matter of the increase in rates, particularly the water rate, this, subsequently creating some discussion. It was also reported that the Society had commenced to do the painting direct and intend soon to do the plumbing; and that shortly the next ten acres of the estate will be taken over and building operations commenced thereon. Mr. Mason reported re management of A.T.F., and hoped the tenants would help by contributions (literary of course, not financial) to make the paper interesting and instructive to its readers. He also invited suggestions for new name. This caused some discussion, opinion being apparently divided. Mr. J. Rowlett reported that the seed committee had nearly completed its work for the Season, and Mr. Wilford announced that the G.C. were providing an open air skittle alley, and would provide a cricket pitch for the coming summer. A resolution was proposed and carried that the Secretary convene a meeting to form a Sports Club to carry on the various outdoor games.

### THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

Easter Monday has always been recognised as the children's day on this estate since the S.S.C. was first formed, and this year was no exception to the rule, for the children were undoubtedly well catered for by their friends of that committee. As early as—well one youngster was seen dressed ready to take part in the football match, bare knees, etc., as early as seven o'clock: kick off eleven o'clock. But 2-30 was the time for the great events of the day to commence, and at that time the course was crowded with competitors and spectators all eagerly discussing the coming events, and the faces of the youngsters were a picture that must have gladdened the hearts of those responsible. At about 2-45 a start was made and the following races were run:—

- Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race,  
1st, Mrs. Beamish, 2nd, Miss Langley.
- Ladies' Flat Race,  
1st, Mrs. Aston, 2nd, Mrs. Harris.
- Girls' Flat Race, 10 to 14 years,  
1st, Mabel Greenwood, 2nd, Alma Harding.
- Girls' Flat Race, 7 to 10 years,  
1st, Hilda Winterton, 2nd, Rene Mason.
- Girls' Flat Race, 3 to 5 years,  
1st, Edna Harris, 2nd, Freda Parker.
- Tug of War, 9 Girls v 6 Boys—Girls won.
- Boys' Flat Race, 10 to 14 years,  
1st, Horace Winterton, 2nd, Edgar Winterton.
- Boys' Sack Race, 10 to 14 years,  
1st, Ht. Kirton, 2nd, Harry Smith.
- Boys' Flat Race, 7 to 10 years,  
1st, Will Harding, 2nd, Walter Scott.
- Boys' Flat Race, 3 to 5 years,  
1st, Reggie Kirton, 2nd, Stanley Beamish, 3rd, Mark Bowerman.

The event of the day however, was, without a doubt, the tea provided in the Institute for the children after the sports. In the races previous to this some of the youngsters ran remarkably well, but in this event

they *all ran well*, in fact, when the prizes were distributed, one prize winner was still busy absorbing. But if anyone had a doubt as to whether the youngsters enjoyed their day, the distribution of prizes after tea would speedily have led to conviction for they nearly lifted the roof off. Enjoy themselves? not half! to use a vulgar term, in fact it was quite common to hear the adults saying "the best day yet."

### The A.T. & District Choral Society.

A most successful season in connection with the above society was concluded with a social evening in the Institute, on Wednesday, April 19th, to which members and friends were invited. A most enjoyable time was spent, and refreshments were provided. A brief survey of the work of the session shows that nearly thirty members have made almost full attendance, at practice, which proves their desire to build up a useful and efficient musical society. The following items show that something has been accomplished, though not all that could be desired. On July 23rd, 1910, a Sunday Evening Concert was given in the open. Selections were rendered at the Adult Schools Meeting on the Green, on August 14th. The North Evington Women's Adult School had the opportunity of listening to the choir on Sunday, October 11th, in the Asfordby Street Rooms. The Christmas Season did not pass without a concert being given by the society in the Institute, and a most successful Whist Drive took place in aid of the funds. The last concert of the season was given in the Institute on Easter Monday, hardly room being found in which to sing. The conductor, Mr. T. Wilford, has every cause to be satisfied with the progress of the choir, and Mr. W. Neal is ably watching its interests as Secretary.

### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The above society concluded the Winter session with an interesting discussion around the subject of "Slums and Garden Cities of the Brain," ably introduced by Mr. H. Hallam. The speaker based his argument on the idea that inasmuch as the higher or lower sections of the brain were the more greatly developed, so the mind dwells, metaphorically speaking, in a garden city or a slum. Various types of the human head were examined in diagram, and its variations from the lower to the higher types explained. The speaker pleaded for what he termed a normal type of brain, which obtains when every faculty of the mind of each individual is developed to the full. The narrowness of present day commercialism had the effect of keeping the activities of the mind in the lowest quarters of the brain—the slums. If the mind could have the opportunity to live in its garden cities, instead of its slums, life would be a pleasure instead of a struggle for a mere existence. An interesting discussion followed, and was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Hallam.

### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A most interesting lecture was delivered in the Meeting House, on Wednesday, April 12th, by Mr. F. S. Hene, on "How the Bible came to us." With the aid of limelight illustrations he traced the history of the Sacred Book from the earliest stones and manuscripts to the authorised version of to-day. From the original Hebrew and Greek text into the Latin, by the important translations of St. Jerome, called the Vulgate; onward into the Anglo-Saxon through Caedmon, Bede, Alfred the Great, and known as The Lindisfarne Gospels, right onward, with a brief recognition of the great work of John Wycliffe, into the first days of printing and the brave labours of Tyndalle, from whom we derive, in a large measure, the version as we have it to-day. One can only wonder, said the lecturer in other words, that, with all the numerous translations and persecutions the Word of God has passed through, we are as near to the original testaments as is necessary to our understanding. The lecture was much appreciated by a good audience.

### HUMBERSTONE VESTRY.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held in the Village schoolroom on April 19th. The Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Bates, presided, and in the course of his opening remarks referred to the scarcity of curates, and stated that he had failed to obtain an assistant in spite of repeated advertising, but he hoped to obtain one before long. Mr. Fowler, the Parish Warden, presented the accounts. The Crow orchard, which lets at £20 per annum, half of which is for charity and half for Church

purposes, had produced three half years rent during the past Church year. The charity account had a balance to begin of £3-7-2, half the rent £15, and a rebate of income tax £1-6-3. Out of this over £6 had been spent in repair of fences, and 15 deserving old people had received 10/- each at Christmas, the balance being carried forward. The Church account income was about £88, £53 being voluntary subscriptions, £15 half rent of Crow orchard, and the rest Church collections. The expenditure, which included choir expenses, lighting and heating Church, and half fencing account of orchard, etc., amounted to £78-3-6. Mr. Warburton was elected Vicar's warden, and Mr. Fowler parish warden, Messrs. Richardson and Hackett, sidesmen. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding terminated the proceedings.

### PARISH ANNUAL MEETING.

The above meeting was held in the village school-room, on Monday, April 24th, but apart from the Parish Councillors only one resident attended. With Mr. Turner in the chair the minutes were read and confirmed. After which the matter of Coronation celebrations was discussed, and it was resolved to call a special meeting to be held on Friday, May 6th, in the hope that a large number of ratepayers would attend. A Parish Council Meeting was also held at which Mr. Turner was re-elected chairman, and Messrs. Fox and Rouse appointed overseers. It was decided that the clerk write the County Authorities requesting them to remove an iron fence which they had erected in front of some land owned by the Parish on the Thurnby Road.

### Items of Interest.

Oh! that tug-of-war between the teams of "old-uns" on Easter Monday. The strain on mind, body, and rope must have been enormous, and something had to give way. We suggest a ship's hawser for the next attempt.

And then to break the winning post down in the flat races, because of their inability to pull up when once going.

But what grand testimonials to the strength-giving properties of our beautiful garden suburb.

We congratulate Mr. Harrott on his appointment by the Leicester Co-operative Society as their delegate to the Annual Congress at Bradford.

According to the result of their match with Crafton Street S.S., our junior football team not only requires a "coach," but if our information is correct a "van" also to cart away the injured.

We should like to call our Members' attention to the trip to Oxford, on May 20th, arranged by the Joint Educational Committee, for an inspection of the University. The fare will be 3/-, with 9d. extra for tea.

The youngsters have found the See-Saws just erected, extremely exhilarating, and they are to be congratulated on having some one in office so mindful of them and their innocent pleasures.

### SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Orders for COAL will be received and attended to  
By Mr. H. GROOCOCK,  
"Woodbine," Keyham Lane.

## Gardening Notes.

Plant general crop of potatoes. Give a dressing of soot and superphosphate at the rate of one handful to the running yard, this being much better than stable manure.

Kidney beans and beetroot sown on the 12th of this month usually escape the Spring frosts. A good dressing of superphosphate and, say two handfuls to the square yard, well worked into the soil, will give good results for the beans; and one handful of salt to the yard for beet as a top dressing.

By this time we shall be thinking of beautifying our gardens with the many varieties of annuals, such as Stocks, Asters, Zinnias, Antirrhums, and many others too numerous to mention. If we wish to get the best results from these they must be planted in beds or patches of each variety. Care should also be taken in the blending of colours, so that we get our beds to harmonize one with the other.

Onions should be given a top dressing of salt and soot alternately every three weeks, one handful to the running yard and raked into the soil.

The hoe should be used freely among all crops to kill weed and keep the surface loose which will save much watering.

### The Sands of Dee.

O Mary, go and call the cattle home,  
And call the cattle home,  
And call the cattle home,  
Across the sands o' Dee!

The western wind was wild and daub wi' foam,  
And all alone went she.

The creeping tide came up along the sand,  
And o'er and o'er the sand,  
And round and round the sand,  
As far as eye could see;

The blinding mist came down and hid the land—  
And never home came she.

Oh, is it weed or fish or floating hair—  
A tress o' golden hair,  
O' drowned maiden's hair,  
Above the nets, at sea?

Was never salmon yet that shone so fair  
Across the stables on Dee.

They row'd her in across the rolling foam,  
The cruel crawling foam,  
The cruel hungry foam,  
To her grave beside the sea;

But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home,  
Across the sands o' Dee.

*C. Kingsley.*

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To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see reply to my letter of March issue, by "Another Enthusiast," but was sorry I failed to make myself properly understood. The point I was driving at, lay in the fact that there are a number of distinct Societies formed, whereas I had hoped to see formed, one large body, having for its object "Brotherhood"; holding no particular creed, not being controlled by any particular party. Such should hurt no one's conscience either in religious, or secular matters. The ladies' "At Home," I repeat, is nearest this ideal; any lady can attend, I understand, without having to conform to something she doesn't believe in. I quite agree that every meeting needs to cover expenses, and while subscriptions are more stable than collections, the latter are often much more convenient, for obvious reasons. I am pleased to be corrected in regard to the Debating Society in so much that debate is open to anyone. The suggestions in regard to the Sports' Club bid fair to run along the lines I desire; a Sports' Club having its various games controlled, to some extent, by the main body, not split up into separate distinct clubs. I desire to say in conclusion that I have not stood aloof, though I have not belonged to the Societies in question.—Yours respectfully,

"ONE OF THE ENTHUSIASTS."

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to call the attention of tenants to the very reasonable request printed on the back of the rent book, "Tenants are requested to refrain from working in the garden on Sundays, this conduct lowering the residential value of the Estate." It has been observed by many, that for some time past, this expressed wish has been allowed to slip from the memory of some of us, so that, gradually, gardening has increased on Sundays until, instead of a few greens gathered before breakfast, you may see some tenants gardening in earnest till dinner-time. This, I for one, believe, is detrimental to the best interests of the Estate, and the rising generation. While believing this has occurred owing to want of thought, it is to be hoped that now the matter has been mentioned, both visitors and tenants may see a decided improvement in this respect.—Yours truly, "A TENANT."

The following suggested names for the estate have been forwarded and will be passed on to the G.C. for full consideration.—Hopedale, Southvale, Gladburne, Healthbourne, Holyford, Blandvale, Girney, Ashthorp, Thorpash, Ashville, Edenville, Bernby, Wenby, Uplands-garth.

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One of the penalties attaching to the present age is the fact, that however good a movement may be, it is absolutely necessary to its success, especially if it is a movement involving the interests of a large number of persons, that it must seek publicity. This is a truth presented before our minds every day, sometimes, in a none too pleasant way, when we read the specious advertisements of some more enterprising than truthful business firms, or view the pictures that disfigure the hoardings in the most prominent positions of our large towns. Movements which are for the public good, cannot escape this penalty if they would be successful, hence the need for continued propaganda work.

But we can in this, as in all other things, have an Ideal;—we can appeal to the higher instead of to the lower instincts of human nature. We can have a truthful and educational propaganda, aiming at creating a healthful enthusiasm for the object we have in view, especially if we believe that the work we wish to accomplish is capable of improving and uplifting the material and moral wellbeing of the people whose sympathy we would enlist.

With thoughts such as these we would approach our coming demonstration on July 1st, 1911. We have been fortunate in securing for our speaker upon that occasion the services of our old friend Mr. Henry Vivian, of whom it can be said, there is no man more sincere, of greater practical knowledge, or with more enthusiasm for, and faith in our movement of co-partnership housing than he, who is regarded as the father of our Tenant Societies. Chairman of the Co-partnership Tenants Ltd., founder of the Co-partnership Housing Council, the man above all others, as late M.P. for Birkenhead, to influence the Government in all appertaining to the better planning and building of houses for the workers, he surely can speak with authority upon this subject. Of his special ability for this purpose there can be no doubt; in demand all over our own country, he has also found time to make an extended tour through Canada at the request of Earl Grey, the Governor General, to carry the ideals of housing to the people of their large towns and provinces. Prince and Peer, Statemen and Commoners; all alike have come under his persuasive influence, and help with their money and their talents to make possible the coming time when our country shall be covered

with garden villages and our large towns shall have their garden suburbs, where it shall be possible to live a free and healthy life of mutual service and love one to another.

With the member of Parliament for our division Colonel Yate, as chairman, and Mr. Vivian as speaker, we are looking forward to a useful, educational, propaganda meeting, the influence of which may be felt by those seeking good investments, and also by those others who feel a personal need for better housing, such influence it is hoped will result in bringing to a successful issue the work to which we have set our hands in the larger development of our estate. Success will be ours if all our friends will interest themselves to ensure us a large attendance at our meeting by influencing all that they may come in contact with to visit our estate upon this occasion; to hear Mr. Vivian, and to see the work we have done and learn of the greater work which lies before us.

The formation of an Estate Council, or more correctly the "Forerunner" of an Estate Council, (for as the new body elected by the inhabitants in public meeting is charged with the duty of drawing up a Constitution for an Estate Council, and submitting it for the approval of the inhabitants, it can only as yet be considered an Estate Council in the making,) is nevertheless a matter of such prime importance to the future development of our Estate, that it may well be considered the chief event of the past month.

To be charged with the duty of formulating a body, to inaugurate, provide, and control the facilities for education and recreation, amongst other matters appertaining to this new and growing Estate is to be engaged in a work unique in character, requiring keen insight, and a broad comprehensive outlook. For upon the manner in which the new body builds its constitution, and performs the work which lies immediately to hand, will depend in no small measure the social development of our community.

Sincerely do we hope therefore that the Estate Council, both "Forerunner" and duly constituted, will strive in catering for the inhabitants to hold the balance just and even between all interests. There are social, physical, and intellectual needs, all of which will claim your attention and require your services; games for the sport lover if you will, they assist to develop the physique, but they must not be provided to the exclusion of educational advantages for the children and the studious, or at the cost of social functions in which all may participate.

Let it be clearly understood at the outset that no Estate Council will be worth its salt, or can permanently make a place for itself in our development, unless

it cultivates the broad outlook, and caters for all types of the population.

An Estate Council is not a Sport's Committee, nor an Educational Committee, nor an Entertainment Committee, and it is not specially any one of these, because in an equal degree it is the whole of them combined, in short, a General Welfare Committee.

Our Estate Council must to use a well understood phrase, be an 'whole hogger' or nothing, and therefore it would be difficult to magnify its importance.

The chief danger attending such a body in its initial stages, will be a tendency to use up its limited resources in catering for sections of the community. Keen watchfulness will be required to avert that tendency, but safely averted a great and useful looms ahead, for it lies within the power of the Council as the years pass to make the Estate so abound in those advantages, opportunities, and facilities, necessary for the development and enjoyment of life in its fulness, that all sorts and conditions of men shall find in our beautiful Estate, the promised land of their desires, their hopes, and their ambitions.

Members of the first Estate Council Committee "The Forerunner" wishes you God speed in your important duties.

## The Worker's Educational Association.

### ITS OBJECTS AND METHODS.

BY R. LAW.

For many years now, the working classes have been gradually called upon to take a more active share in the local and national life. As a consequence, responsibility for their acts must be accepted by them. In order to undertake this responsibility, it is essential that they should understand the social problems with which they have to deal, not only from the practical side, but from the theoretical aspect as well; that is to say, the workers must become students as well as administrators. That they are anxious to do so is indicated by the subjects chosen by them for study under the auspices of the W. E. A. Up to the present, a keen demand for a knowledge of History, both Industrial and Economic has been very pronounced; hitherto access to this special knowledge has been difficult for the average worker. To remove this difficulty is the object of the W. E. A. The Association's aim, is to bring the working man into closer touch with the Universities, so that he may partake of that intellectual food which only the University can give.

Its argument is, that brains and character should alone qualify for admission to the highest educational privileges and that money and pride of birth, should have nothing to do with the matter at all; that those men and women, who have a desire for this knowledge even amidst their social burdens, should be able to claim a share of the best that the Universities can give.

It is very gratifying to find that some of the more enlightened of our University men also take this view, and are just as anxious to gain an insight into the practical side of life as the worker is to obtain an insight into the theoretical side. It is not a question as to who will profit most, the fact is, that the whole of Society will benefit as a consequence of these reciprocating desires.

Now the W. E. A. has made this possible by forming classes of working men with a tutor to instruct them, who is actually engaged in teaching at the University at the same time. This method ensures that the practical lessons learnt by the tutor, should thereby pass into the ordinary teaching of the University. This, the working man student considers very important, in fact essential.

The method the W. E. A. adopts is briefly as follows: A branch is formed in a town, say like Leicester, to which Co-operative Societies, Trade Unions, Adult Schools and Educational Organisations are invited to affiliate and send delegates to manage the organisation. A class is then formed a subject chosen and a competent teacher engaged to give a series of lectures. This is termed a "preliminary class" the object being to give the students a general idea of the subject chosen. The number of students to this class is practically unlimited. In the following year, it is hoped that sufficient interest has been aroused, that thirty will join a Tutorial class in order to follow a more detailed consideration of the subject, or one cognate to it. Each student is called upon to take three years course of seventy-two lectures and write thirty-six essays. This is by no means an easy task, as the course is equivalent to a first-class honours taken in the University itself.

In Leicester "Industrial History" was chosen for the preliminary course, when all phases of English Social History were examined, the co-operative and trade union movements coming in for special treatment.

Out of this course a Tutorial class developed; "Economics" being the subject for special study and which has now finished its second year. In spite of the many difficulties which workers have to face, the class is performing its task remarkable well. Professor Chapman has inspected the class and expressed satisfaction with its work. The expenses of these classes are borne by the University, Board of Education and the local education authorities along with the fees from the affiliated societies and students.

It is an experiment. If the Universities are satisfied that the workers do desire this access to the "higher education" they will respond and assist them. It will be a great pity if they (the workers) do not take advantage of this great opportunity.

The W. E. A. has many friends in the academic world, such men for example as Sir Oliver Lodge, Bishop Gore, Canon Masterman, Professors Chapman, MacGregor, Sadler and Hothouse, and men like Canon Barnett.

It is important to note also, that the W. E. A. is of a non-political and non-sectarian character, of course I mean it is not a party matter. Its whole object is to assist men to analyse the facts as they are and to be sound in their judgment.

One thing is certain, and that is, that the workman scholar is as capable as any other scholar, and has therefore a right to enjoy that intellectual life which has hitherto been denied him.

This is the claim of the W. E. A.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

There was a fair attendance at the Monthly meeting on the 16th inst, under the presidency of Mr. E. T. Groome. The monthly report presented by Mr. Hibbett showed that the Public Works Loans Commissioners had made satisfactory inspection of latest block of buildings, that the present development is nearing completion, and that the Society will shortly come into possession of part of the next field and will commence operations thereon forthwith. A preliminary announcement was also made of a Demonstration to be held on July 1st, at which Mr. H. Vivian is to be principal speaker, and at which we have secured Col. Yate, M.P. as chairman. Mr. Law reported on work of Worker's Educational Association, and was re-elected delegate to same for ensuing year. Mr. Harris called attention to scarcity of suggestions re name for estate; this led to some little discussion. Complaints were made regarding the fence at bottom of field; a promise was made that the matter should receive attention.

### SPECIAL MEETING.

On Thursday, April 23rd, a large number of the residents of the estate met together in the Institute to consider matters of recreation and social work, the outcome of which was the election of a preliminary Estate Council which should have for its immediate work the arranging of outdoor sports and pastimes for the season. Subsequently it shall draw up, for a more representative meeting in August, a constitution for the working of the full Council then to be established.

Following on this meeting the new Council arranged for the formal opening of the Bowling Green, and on Saturday afternoon, May 13th, in delightful weather, a goodly gathering of the tenants assembled

at the gates for the purpose. Mr. J. T. Taylor had been requested by the Council to kindly perform the ceremony but before this was done Mr. S. Wilford made a few introductory remarks on the object and aims of the society in providing suitable recreation for all classes on the estate. Then Mr. Taylor, who was received with applause, gave an interesting and instructive address on Outdoor Games; special mention being made of Bowls with its ancient origin and certain historical facts connected with it. At the close of his address, Mr. Taylor formally opened the gates and the company entered the Green with him; then by throwing the first bowls and leading off in the first game of Croquet, both these innocent pastimes were inaugurated, which have already found great favour.

### LADIES' "AT HOME."

The first session of the above closed with a special meeting on Saturday, May 27th. This was in the form of a Social to which the husbands were invited, and a most enjoyable time was spent. During the season we have held 15 meetings and although we have not been able to obtain as many lady speakers as we wished, still the afternoons have been very pleasant. We are indebted to Miss Noble of the Health Society for her chat on the Children's Act; to Miss Gill, of Norway, on the Suffrage Movement; to Miss Deeming of the British Women's Association on Temperance; and to Mrs. Shardlow of Leicester, on Woman and War; other speakers have promised to favour at some future date. Occasionally our own ladies have contributed interesting and instructive readings, out of which discussions have arisen, and sometimes humorous readings and musical treats have been provided. We greatly appreciate the musical items supplied by our own ladies. We do not perhaps all feel capable of contributing towards an afternoon's programme, but even by our presence we may help those who are doing what they can to provide pleasant entertainment. We are, as our name implies, "At Home," and our meetings generally end by partaking of the cheering cup of tea. One of the ideals of our meetings is to promote goodwill and fellowship amongst the ladies of our estate, and if this is attained we may assure ourselves some little good has been done. We each contribute 1d. per meeting towards expenses, which include rent of room, postage, etc. Our gatherings will most probably commence again in October, and we take this opportunity of extending to each lady resident on the estate a hearty invitation to join us. E. W. PURDY, Sec.

### BAND OF HOPE.

The winter session of the above was brought to a close on Wednesday evening, May 24th, when a concert was given by Miss Lottie Russell and Party. The session has been a highly successful one as since February 1st, eight Temperance addresses have been delivered by different gentlemen, which have evidently been well appreciated by all who attended and the result of which has been that twenty two have signed the pledge. But although this is the main object of our meetings, yet we have also catered for the social and recreative side of the children's life. We have had five concerts, three of which we are proud to say, have been given by the youngsters themselves who have displayed undoubted ability. Then on March 1st, Mr. T. Allen brought a party of children from the Crafton Street Band of Hope to entertain us. We have also had two lantern exhibitions and it is unnecessary to say how these were received. But apparently the outstanding night of the session was the "Free and Easy," on which occasion more than a hundred children took part in innocent and homely games for an hour or so, and then finished up with the well-known buns and coffee. We must also mention our second Essay Competition, the subject chosen being "What is the meaning of True Heroism?" Give two examples. Two prizes were offered and fourteen papers sent in. All of them were good, but Mr. Harris judged those sent in by May Hern and Horace Winterton to be winners. Altogether we have had a very pleasant and enjoyable time and our thanks are due to all who have so kindly rendered service in the work.

J. A. WARNER, Sec.

### HUMBERSTONE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

On Sunday, May 21st, Mr. W. Gilliver presided at the usual fortnightly meeting of the above, and during his opening remarks he reviewed the work of the members class since its inception and appealed to all socialists to join the class and so help to find the truth. The speaker Mr. T. F. Richards took as his subject "Co-operation and its relation to Socialism." The motto adopted by the early co-operators and which was the principle underlying the co-operative movement was,

"Each for all, and all for each," that was the fundamental principle of Socialism. After an appreciation of the aims of Co-operation the Co-operative movement came in for some criticism which was due, the speaker averred, to its becoming permeated with the Capitalist spirit in too large a degree. He gave several quotations from the sayings of the Saints shewing their opinions as to the iniquity of worldly riches. Questions brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

### "FAREWELL."

Some eight or nine years ago, when a group of working men put their ideas and their capital together with the intention of teaching the public a lesson in practical housing reform, Mr. A. T. Smith was one of the original enthusiasts, a member of the first committee, and who helped to hold the group together when the realization of the scheme seemed as distant as the Eldorado to the adventurer of the Middle Ages. The relentless march of time, which bringeth many changes, has caused Mr. Smith to seek a new home at the Antipodes, and the community of the estate thought it fitting to honour the occasion of his departure with a presentation. A social gathering for this purpose was held in the chapel on Thursday, May 25th, under the presidency of Mr. Taylor, the musical part of the programme being supplied by Mrs. Purdy, Miss Meekins, Messrs. J. Morris, Riley and Wilford. Short valedictory addresses were given by Messrs. Groome, Mann and Wilford, after which the presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Smith by Mr. S. Beamish on behalf of all concerned. It was truly a fitting farewell.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A.S.S.—Yes, you are quite right. The prize offered is a bag of soot and a man is free to offer what he likes. But please mark this, that when you put the question as to whether we consider it a 'soot-able' one, we sweep it aside with the scorn it deserves. It is a black calumny from the mind of a worm.

How fitting that Mr. Taylor who opened the Croquet lawn should run out winner of the first game. But what a 'crooked' word Croquet appears to be. The question as to whether the 't' should be sounded is a fair 'teaser' to some.

May we draw our reader's attention to the annual Sunday School Outing on Saturday, June 24th, to Mablethorpe for the day. Parents and friends are cordially invited to join them but names should be given in immediately to enable the necessary arrangements to be made. See Notice case for particulars.

Well Done! A.T. Cricketers.—2 matches played, 1 won and the other a tie. Certainly it deserves recording.

"His one thought to reach his destination before the call of time, he bravely tore down the "Rockies," but his heart came into his mouth as he heard a sudden angry snort, and looking up quickly he saw before him a huge monster with a long neck, spitting out fire and ashes; his boyhood's geological knowledge refusing it a name. He knew his end was come"—So he got off his bike, dear reader, and walked a short distance for the road in Humberstone was under repair and a steam roller was at work.

### OUT-DOOR RECREATIONS.

Residents wishing to join in any of the games provided by the Council can do so on paying a fee of Sixpence for the session.

Friends who may accompany contributing members, and who wish to play, are required to place One Penny in the box provided for such privilege.

The following regulations governing the playing of the games, have been arranged by the Council.

- 1.—The Green will not accommodate both Croquet and Bowls played together; therefore on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Croquet only may be played after 6 p.m., Bowls on Tuesday and Friday after 6 p.m., either games may be played before 6 p.m. on Saturday. Croquet, 2 p.m. till 5 p.m., Bowls, 5 p.m. till dark.
- 2.—All members after playing one game are requested to give way to any others desiring to play.
- 3.—The last players of any game are held responsible for returning same to the recognised store-place.
- 4.—Children are not allowed on the Green; members are requested to aid the Council in this matter.
- 5.—All persons over 14 years old are eligible for membership.

## Gardening Notes.

The continued warm weather of last month has hatched out many insect pests, namely the gooseberry caterpillar and the caterpillar that curls the leaves together on the apple trees for a hiding place; then there is the greenfly which infests roses, apples, currants, gooseberrys and many others. The best remedy for the first named is to lay two sheets of brown paper on the ground, one on each side of the stem, give the tree a good shake and most of them will fall off, this makes them easy to collect into a bucket, and some boiling water poured over them will soon end their career. The second named should be handpicked, spraying is of very little use because the leaves are so drawn together that they act as a shield against any insecticide. Paraffin Emulsion is a good solution for greenfly and may be made as follows:—Take half a pound of soft soap simmer in about half a gallon of soft water, stirring till the soap is dissolved, then while boiling, whisk into it a wineglassful of Paraffin oil, stirring well till all is mixed together, add water to make five gallons. A syringe should be used with plenty of force on the under-side of the leaves.

Sow seeds of biennials such as wallflowers, sweet williams, and honesty, also borecole.

Peas sown this month usually go mildew, which is very disappointing.

Peas that are about three or four inches high should be given a handful of superphosphate to the running yard which should be raked in, taking care not to get any on the foliage.

### From Master Minds.

Habit is our primal, fundamental law: Habit and Imitation; there is nothing more perennial in us than these two. They are the source of all working and all apprenticeship, of all practice and all learning in this world. (*Carlyle.*)

It is the past alone that can explain the present, and it is the youth that alone can mould the remedial future. (*B. Disraeli.*)

"The hand of the diligent maketh rich." "Rich," "Yes, rich," not necessarily in £ s. d. nor yet in honours, but in something even better—in knowledge which as Bacon says, is power, in will which is personality, in character which is eternal."

### THE VALUE OF ENTHUSIASM.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm; it is a real allegory of the lute of Orpheus; it moves stone; it charms brutes: Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.

(*Lord Lytton.*)

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm. (*Emerson.*)

New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of truth. (*J. Russell Lowell.*)

## Letters to the Editor.

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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.

R.W.M.—The matter, re your letter, for which, thanks, has been under consideration for some time; will keep your communication before us. —EDITOR.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to prolong the controversy if such it can be called, which has been initiated by "Enthusiast", but for a remark made in his last letter I would have remained silent. With the idea of Brotherhood I have full sympathy, and, in everything in relation to secular well-being, would help forward any movement for the good of all. Surely he does not mean that each tenant must give up his or her convictions upon matters of principle in order to appear united; such conduct would rear up a race of hypocrites, or else men and women with no backbone. For instance, suppose I believe that strong drink is bad for my fellow-tenants, must I hold these views in abeyance, and stop advocating them because my neighbour thinks a glass of beer is good. Brotherhood at that price would be dearly bought, and would be worth nothing when obtained. When he enters the domain of religion, and suggests the arrangement of a Church that men and women of all creeds may meet together, he surely has forgotten that Christianity was established by Jesus Christ, and that He has laid down the conditions by which His Church shall be bound; and to alter such an arrangement is to put man's wisdom before the wisdom of God. No, the spirit of Brotherhood should be the possession of all, and the most perfect brotherhood is that contained in the New Testament, brought about by attendance to the conditions laid down in that book. Until such brotherhood is universally accepted, I trust we may all work together in good causes, and join together in both work and play as often as possible; but I hope we shall never flinch our opinions or convictions upon right and wrong, but continue to advocate them in reasonable and peaceful controversy, seeking to make the truth clear which in the end will prevail. It is only by so doing we can raise a race of sturdy men and women.

—AMOS. MANN.

## Anchor Tenants Limited.

### Preliminary Notice and Programme.

SATURDAY, JULY 1st,

## GRAND DEMONSTRATION

Chairman: - Col. C. E. YATE, M.P.

Address by Mr. H. VIVIAN.

Chairman - Co-partnership Tenants, Ltd.

3-0.—Viewing Estate and Houses.

3-30.—Children's Dumb Bell Display.

4-30.—Afternoon Tea (Invited Guests).

5-30.—Address by Mr. H. Vivian.

7-0.—Music and Dancing.

A BAND will be in attendance conducted by Mr. W. Langley.

Cricket Match. Lawn Croquet. Bowls. Skittles.

N. B.—All Games must be put on one side during the time of Meeting.

# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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One of the dangers of democracy is its short-sightedness, and consequent proneness to hasty and ill-considered judgments, formed without or with only partial consideration of facts, or upon facts so distorted by prejudiced opinion that they appear, as does the insect under the microscope altogether out of proportion to their actual size or significance.

Another danger equally great is an attitude of mind, exemplified by the man, who when found loudly declaiming against matters of public importance and policy, gave as a reason for his declamatory utterances that he was "agen the government," and being further questioned regarding his attitude in case the "gov'ment" was changed, declared that he would still be "agen the gov'ment," and in short that his mental attitude was "agen" authority, organization, or control of any kind. Such an attitude is of course nonsensical folly, its success would mean confusion, failure, chaos, to any democratic institution or society, while its result to the individual is a warped judgment, an inability to see any question in all its bearings, inevitably followed by an unfitness to take an intelligent part in organizing or developing institutions or schemes of a democratic character. For to us it seems self-apparent that a policy of mere negation leads nowhere. It is no easier to build the social fabric on opposition, than to build houses without materials, and while fair, just, and reasonable criticism is not objectionable, but often very useful, an unreasoning "agen the gov'ment" attitude, the object of which is to create trouble, stir up strife, and make the already difficult duty, more difficult still, is unmanly, devoid of intelligence, and ridiculous in the extreme. But that even is not its greatest condemnation. The greatest condemnation of the "agen the gov'ment" attitude is that its appeal must always be made to individual self-interest. It is never what are you willing to surrender of your personal comfort, time, talent, or possessions in order that the lives of your fellows may be enriched by your sacrifice, but always "don't forego your privileges, don't deny yourselves of anything for other's sake, see to it that your personal liberty is not curtailed, look well after number one, don't trouble about society as a whole."

Fortunately, however, for human progress, the majority are not swayed by self-interest alone. Human nature is too noble a thing to be always seeking its own individual ends, and though it may seem at first that a certain line of policy is for us a very mountain of restricted liberty not to be suffered under any consideration, when we lay aside the "agen the gov'ment" microscope we find that after all the supposed mountain of restricted liberty is but a mole-hill of self-sacrifice, beyond which lies a sweeter, fuller and more harmonious liberty than we had dreamed of, and that the facts of the case which were also distorted by the microscope, have shrunk like the mountain to their actual size and significance, and we find to our shame, that we have made "much ado about nothing" and, after preparing the tribunal, have no case against the supposed delinquents. In short the case we thought we had, having melted into nothingness before public examination, like snow melts in the sunshine.

We, as a community, cannot expect to escape these dangers to our success. The microscope will be, indeed has been, held to our eye, and we have been inclined to pass hasty judgment, and take ill-considered action. Let us not forget that,

"Evil is wrought by want of thought  
As well as want of heart."

Therein lies the cause of friction; it is want of thought that makes mischief; the hasty speech, the imputed motive, the false accusation, the distorted or misrepresented fact and the groundless suspicion.

We are a democratic society, engaged in a great movement. There is no want of heart to mar our work. We are sure of the soundness of that. Let us be careful that our work is not marred by want of thought.

The holding of a congress, if it means anything at all, means that the bodies represented realise that to achieve their true aim they must work in unison one with another, must be national not parochial; and this was the outstanding message of Bradford Co-operative Congress. There are those who regard conferences and congresses as so much money wasted, apparently because their benefits cannot be included in the asset side of the balance sheet. But the co-operative movement claims that modern business is soulless, and the soul, the ideal, the principle—whatever term you give it, can only be maintained by joint meeting and discussions, by local considerations being made subservient to national ones.

So much for the general principle which this Congress emphasised. One impression gained was that co-operators are undoubtedly strenuous. In a stuffy hot atmosphere the hall was uncomfortably packed throughout every sitting. The evening



meetings were well attended also, while at one hotel organised discussions were conducted each night, going on till 12, 1, and 2 a.m. At street corners, on the station, at the garden party, in fact one was continually coming across groups wearing the congress button, earnestly arguing, almost heatedly occasionally. Verily if "out of much discussion cometh truth," this congress has made a good stride in that direction.

The chairman's address is always looked forward to for a lead as to future work, rather than a retrospect, and Mr. Geo. Thorpe, of Dewsbury, certainly looked ahead. His tone was perhaps a little too sanguine, when he claimed that if it was right to apply co-operation to grocers, it was equally right in regard to railways, and every other activity of the nation. This brought the expression "rank heresy" from Maddison, but as both he and Thorpe are of the same political school, it is evidence of the growth of the belief of many in the orthodox parties, "that management by the people for the people" is the goal at which to aim.

The decision to expel Berwick Society was the first occasion on which the Union has had to use this means to show their disapproval of the movement for unco-operative methods. Berwick is a small society started a few years ago because the original society refused to open a branch. Then new blood came into the young society, and although the founders were well-meaning in their first efforts, their successors pursued a policy of open competition with the original society.

Taken as a whole, the congress was both business-like and inspiring. There was very little oratory, the speeches for the most part being the homely expressed opinions of workers rather than statesmanlike perorations. But they were none the less sincere and to the point.

Prof. M'Gregor's paper was worthy of every co-operator's study. It showed the impartial attitude and deep insight which characterize modern economists, and the truths which he propounded were a healthy antidote for egotism and self sufficiency which a congress of these proportions is liable to engender in its constituents.

E. H.

## Music.

What charms the name calls forth. Immediately music is spoken of, we are reminded of beautiful harmonies and entrancing melodies. The duration of any musical performance is not long and yet we are lifted into a higher plane of being after hearing one of the works from the Great Masters. Music seems to be the natural companion of the soul as well as the intellect. It appeals to something within us which is more than brain or understanding. When we hear the glorious harmonies of Handel's 'Messiah,' or the sweet melodies of Mendelssohn's 'Songs without Words,' we are, for the time, carried away from the worries and anxieties of earth, we see visions of a greater and higher life. Whilst listening to the performance of a great pianist, we have before us the visions of running

brooks, we listen to the wind in the trees; the scene changes and we hear the roar of the thunder, the patter of the rain; then the clouds break and the sun shines again, and the birds begin to sing, nature smiles, and everything is lovely. A performance does not last long and to all appearances when it is over it is no more, but if we could look into the hearts and minds of the hearers, we should see there its fruits. The fruits which music bear are not seen with the naked eye, they are too spiritual to be perceived except by the spirit. If simply to hear music will yield all this joy, what will the personal study and practice of music do for the individual. There is no art which is more inspiring than music none more beautiful, and none which so much repays the endeavour and appreciation of the student. In a certain way it seems as though there is a means of the expression of the soul through the art of music, either in song or instrument. However humble the student, however poor his results may seem, there is always some inspiration received from the study of this beautiful art. Of course it is always understood that a person must have a special gift in order to take up music as a profession, but there is much to be gained by the humble amateur student providing he is willing to make the sacrifice which is necessary. It is a mistake for people to think that because they are not specially gifted, that is to say, because they cannot become so successful as to play or sing in public, or even get a livelihood from the practice of music, to fold their hands and sink back and think this is a closed door to them, because it is not so. The truth of the great saying is nowhere felt more than here, that to him who knocks shall the door be opened, and to him who seeketh he shall find! Much more may be said on this very interesting topic, but space forbids. At some future time I will pursue the subject further. I only hope that I have succeeded in arousing more interest in this grand and delightful study.

BREVE.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The long light summer evening was probably responsible for the somewhat meagre attendance at the monthly meeting on the 15th of June, over which Mr. E. T. Groome presided. Mr. Wilford gave the monthly report in the course of which he stated that the building operations were at present proceeding rather slowly, this part of the estate being now nearly complete, and the next part will be taken in hand very shortly; the arrangements connected with the opening ceremony being dealt with later in the meeting. He also gave an interesting account of a visit to the Polytechnic Institute, London, in connection with the new scheme of technical instruction for workers on Co-partnership estates. Mr. Jackson gave report of Estate Council, stating that they had arranged the Whitsuntide Sports, and had made 67 members during the month, and they had repaired and renewed some of the cricket kit, and they asked for help and suggestions from the tenants. The rest

of the meeting was devoted to making arrangements for Demonstration on July 1st.

### WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

The shortness of the Whit Holidays had recompense in the fulness of the pleasures of Bank Holiday Monday. The Estate Council had provided for that day more than enough of pastime for all. At some expense they had arranged a clown cricket match which proved that a number even of the more serious of our tenants can don the cap and bells in its various phases on occasion, with a large amount of success. Sports consisting of orange races for the children, ladies tug-of-war, ladies cricket match, married versus single, the ladies winning by 7 runs. A concert in the open closed a most enjoyable day.

### CORONATION FESTIVITIES.

Friday, June 23rd, was reserved as a field-day for all the children of the parish. On the Society's invitation sent on an appropriate card, they all assembled in the village at 2 p.m., and marched to the big pasture, on entering which they received each a bag of sweets and a ticket for ice cream. There they should have partaken in a large programme of sports, but, unfortunately, here as elsewhere, rain compelled them to seek shelter indoors, and the chapel, through the kindness of those responsible, was thrown open for this purpose. Here the youngsters were treated to an impromptu concert which they thoroughly enjoyed until the signal for tea (which was arranged in the Institute) was given. Needless to say, full justice was done to the meal, and each child had the special delight of drinking out of a fine new Coronation mug, of which they were afterwards to become the owners. On leaving they were each presented with a bag of strawberries. The weather had now cleared up sufficiently to allow of some of the sports programme being carried out, and it was quite dusk when the prizes were distributed. Many thanks are due to all the subscribers to the fund which made this festival possible.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.

The trip to Mablethorpe on Saturday, June 24th, was unfortunately somewhat marred by the unfavourable weather. As far as numbers were concerned it was a great success consisting of about 90 adults and children. Owing to force of circumstances we had to go by an earlier train, than originally arranged, but this did not discourage the children who left the Avenue just after 6 a.m., loudly cheering. On arrival at Mablethorpe an adjournment was made direct to the "Welcome" Cafe for lunch, where tea, which had been arranged for, was ready.

After lunch the weather cleared up and there was bright sunshine for nearly two hours, during which, the majority of the party both old and young, thoroughly enjoyed themselves by the sea, some paddling, and others building castles. Rain afterwards came on and although it continued without break, the youngsters were not at all disheartened but thoroughly enjoyed themselves the whole day. Home was reached about 10-30, the youngest being met at the station by a wagonette. W. MASON, Sec.

## Items of Interest.

Many inquiries have been made as to who the sedate old lady was, who became so "nippy" during the progress of the "witty" cricket match—pardon! it should be Whitty. It was probably the village black-Smith.

And when John Willie's bucket of trinkets was upset, he himself was sadly upset also.

And evidently P.C. Tubby had missed his vocation for he did far more "running out" than "running in."

There is no doubt that the difficulty of choosing the best developed baby at the show was great, but then it is questionable as to whether the baby appreciated the honour, and whether the tears it shed when held up to view were of joy or sorrow.

It may interest our readers to know that our late fellow tenant, Mr. T. A. Smith is now on his way to New Zealand. He was detained in London for a day or two owing to the Seamen's strike in the country, but a letter was received from him on Wednesday last which had been posted at Plymouth, where the steamer calls to pick up its first-class passengers.

All honor to the youngsters who went to Mablethorpe, and remembered that they were the caretakers of the Estate Rockery, if their intentions were honest. Without interfering with the sand, several of them filled their pockets with Mablethorpe "rock of several colors," but unfortunately most of it had "melted" by the time Humberstone was reached.

Those concerned will appreciate the following:

Dear children and friends, I wish to thank you all for your kindness in presenting me with that splendid writing-desk. When I leave England I shall not forget to write to you on that desk. I am very sorry for some things that I am leaving the old country, yet I am pleased to leave for others, but I shall always, when writing a letter, remember my old friends and playmates.—From your friend and playmate,

HARRY SMITH.

### Social Service Committee.

#### DON'T FORGET!

We exist to cater for

Household requirements,  
and use our profits  
for SOCIAL purposes.

AND OUR ABILITY TO DO THE LATTER  
DEPENDS UPON YOUR LOYALTY. :: ::

Pending the opening of our Shops, state your requirements at the  
**Store "HOLYOAKE," KEYHAM LANE,**  
And we will do our best to meet them.

## Letters to the Editor.

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E. T. W.—The A. T. F. has not at present scope for such a communication as yours.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—May I through the columns of the "A. T. F." express my thanks to all the members and residents of the Estate for their kindness to myself and family on our leaving for New Zealand. Personally I do not think that the small part I have taken in the work of the Estate was worthy of such generosity expressed both by the speakers and the very beautiful and useful presents given to us at the gathering in the Chapel on the night that will long be remembered by myself. What I have done is nothing at all when compared with the work and time given by many others in the building up of such a beautiful Estate; such a pleasant place I feel sure it will be, to live in, that my earnest hope is that the circumstances of all residents may improve so that they may enjoy it to the full. May I again tender my sincerest thanks to everyone who took part in thought or deed in the presentation and good wishes for our prosperity and happiness in our new life. And I can assure the residents that my thoughts will often be with them and the "Anchor Estate, Humberstone,"

Sincerely yours, T. A. SMITH.

### "THE CORRINATION."

Mister Editor,—When owd Bill axed may if I war gooing to the Corrination do, I towed him I didn't think it wuth while, as I'd heerd as how some on'em, thim folk wi' weak stumacks I reckon, were ony gooing to hev a tea. But when hey towed may there war gooing be a good lunch as well I sed I'd go, and very glad I war as I went, for it war a regler slap-up affair, plenty o' beef and mutton and good stuff too. Yer no Mister Editor, I've fed and foddered menny a baste and ship in my time, but when it come to eatin' 'em, aint allus hed a plateful to goo at. But we did that day I can assure yer. Arter the lunch there war a band, and some sports for the young 'uns, and some what-do-yer-callem's dressed up and singing. But I could not gi much account o' them for I hed a very comfortable feelin' all the arternoon and did not bother about owt else. Then there war a tea for the wimmin and them as didn't come to the lunch and I hope they enjoyed their do as much as we did. Arter tea they axed may to run in some o' the races but I hed to cry off, for it war gettin' late in the day afore I could fasten may buttons. But what made may write to yo' Mister Editor, I thawt we ort to thank them as gen the money and them as did the wuk, and I thawt yore paper war the best way o' doin' it, and the next

time our member of parlyment comes to address his constituents, (I think thats what you call 'em) I shall ax him if he can't get a bill passed to mek a Jubilee or a Corrination about every other year.

OLE HUMMERSTON.

## Gardening Notes.

The recent rain has evidently made our gardens feel that they have not been left out of the Coronation festivities, and they will, by now, be showing their beauty to perfection. This should remind us that all old blooms and seed pods must be cut off as they appear, if we wish the plants to keep blooming. Then there is the general tying up and staking, which must be attended to or the wind may play sad havoc with our plants and ruin many of them.

Use weak liquid manure twice a week, it will give renewed colour to foliage and blooms. This may be made as follows:—take 1 peck of fowl or any other good manure and soot, put together into a coarse bag with a brick tied to it, then sink all into a tub of soft water. Let it stand for three days, then stir well and use one part to two of water. This will be found very cheap and effective.

Spring Cabbage and Tripilo Onions may be sown the last week in this month, also All-the-year-round Lettuce for spring use.

Plant out Celery into permanent quarters.

If fine specimen blooms are desired off Roses, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, etc., disbudding must be taken in hand at once.

Summer pruning of fruit trees should be attended to at once, pinching back the side shoots to the third leaf from the base. The leading shoots should be left till the sap has gone down in the autumn.

T. R.

### ZEPHYR.

Hiss through the barley fields; moan through the pines,

Laugh where the poplar shakes its tittering leaves;  
Weep where the sorrow-laden willow grieves;  
Strike the soft harp of roadside marching lines;  
Tease the stiff yews; ruffle their barbered signs;  
Play with the tassels on the larches' sleeves;  
Swing where the oak, an anchored galleon, heaves;  
Stir on the walls the crimson-clambering vines.

Wander through squalid courts and grimy ways,  
Where belching chimneys stain a palid sky,  
And echoing rivets clang with hideous din,  
And dusty whirlwinds at the corners spin.

Grope through the stifling city's wildering haze,  
Thalassa sleeping find; kiss her; then die.

AP ADAM.

(In the Daily News.)

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### A LEICESTER GARDEN SUBURB.

The importance of the housing conditions of the people of our large towns is increasingly recognised, and every experiment towards better housing which is successfully carried out gives added hope to those who seek a solution to the problem.

It is not claimed that our Co-partnership Tenants Societies solve the whole problem, but their promoters firmly believe that they clearly show how the houses of a considerable part of our town population might be improved, the worker's lives be made brighter and happier by more direct contact with natural surroundings, their social sympathies expanded by wise direction into useful channels, and by good environments, their characters developed to make them independent, thoughtful, and useful citizens.

The following pages contain an account of our Society—its aims, objects and methods, illustrated to show the progress made.

The Society was formed and rules drawn up and registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, in November, 1902, by a group of workers engaged at a Co-partnership Boot Factory, as a result of an article which appeared in the Productive Federation Year Book from the pen of Mr. Henry Vivian. This described the system put into practice by the Ealing Tenants, Ltd, claiming its methods to be essentially co-operative in their character. "Many workmen," stated Mr. Vivian, "find it extremely risky, as well as expensive, to try and buy the house they live in on the usual individualistic plan. To deal with expense first:

one plot of land will cost more in proportion than fifty or a hundred plots. The legal expenses, the survey fees, and the building of the house cost more proportionately. The interest to be paid, and the legal charges in connection with the borrowing of the margin which a workman usually requires to enable him to build, are also proportionately heavy, this because everything is necessarily done on a retail basis, with obviously retail expenses.

By association, the tenant owner can get everything done on wholesale terms, thus effecting a large saving.

Then in regard to the risk. Large numbers of the best class of workmen have no certainty of employment in one place. This often means that after a man has partly bought his house by a very expensive

method, he is burdened with the expense of finding a tenant, and collecting the rent of one house or of selling his interest at something below what he has given for it.

Many reformers with these facts before them, conclude that the only other alternative is municipal building, because there is gained in this way the economy of wholesale dealing, and relief

for the workman-tenant of risks. This reasoning, however, ignores the very important and responsible part that individual interest—using the term in its best sense—plays in the management and use of house property, with the educational value to the individual and the community in enlisting the same. In short, what we want is wholesale economy and retail responsibility."

The cogent reasoning contained in that article, of which the foregoing is a brief summary, along with the faith inspired by our knowledge of the enthusiasm and work of Mr. Vivian for Labor Co-partnership schemes, had the effect of stimulating us to consider whether we could not emulate the Ealing Tenants by establishing a similar society at Leicester. Meetings were called, discussions ensued, and finally Mr. Vivian invited to come down to Leicester and expound his



THE ESTATE, LOOKING SOUTH-WEST.



scheme to us, with the result that a Society was registered as the Leicester Anchor Tenants Ltd.

Ideals do not fulfil themselves—it was now needful to take steps to obtain the necessary capital. A secretary was appointed to obtain weekly subscriptions of small sums from the workmen, the first year's result being a share capital of £200. The second year this reached the sum of £339. The third year interest in the scheme began to wane a little, waverers lost faith through their ambition not being fulfilled as rapidly as they desired, with the result that at the end of 1905 the share capital stood at only £317. The year 1906, ended with capital still further reduced to £277. However, 1907 must ever be looked to as the turning point in the history of the society. Two things helped towards its success: (1) Four years of patient plodding had been a testing time, eliminating the waverers, leaving a smaller band, more determined than ever to persevere and overcome all preliminary difficulties. (2) The encouragement received from the Hon. Secretary of the Housing Council, Miss Sybella Gurney. The

Close enough proximity to the town to link up the advantages of country life.

Inexpensive land for securing spacious gardens surrounding each dwelling.

Reasonable stipulations for the controlling and laying out of the estate, preserving its natural beauties, as far as possible, and limiting the number of houses to the acre to prevent overcrowding.

In this respect one of the rules of the society debars the erection of more than ten houses per acre; and, in fact, the observant visitor will be surprised to find there is an average of only seven dwellings to the acre.

## The Demonstration.

The demonstration organized by the "Anchor Tenants Ltd" took place on July 1st 1911, the objects being a mutual hand-shake on the completion of the first development of the estate and the further



writer well remembers attending one of the meetings of the Council in London, when after the meeting, Miss Gurney took him on one side and asked how things were going down at Leicester, and when we were going to look out for an estate, promising at any time desired to invest £100 in share capital. The confidence thus shown in our ultimate success stimulated us to such efforts that at the end of year 1907 our capital was increased to £1500, and we had entered into a contract to purchase, on favorable terms, the estate situated at Humberstone from Captain Burns Hartopp.

The estate purchased consists of forty eight acres situated to the east of the old-world village of Humberstone, where are found, along with those natural advantages of good altitude, restful and picturesque scenery and good subsoil, the conditions which contribute to healthfulness, comfort, and convenience of home life, such as—

A supply of pure water and gas mains.

Low rates and freedom from tithe and land tax.

arousing of public interest in the work and aims of the society. The co-operative spirit shown in the organizing of this affair in which so many of the residents gave their energies is typical of the means by which this society has attained its present success. A large number of interested people availed themselves of the invitations sent them, and it is doubtful if any went away dissatisfied, on the other hand the satisfaction of some has materialized since in increased investments with the Society.

The first part of the afternoon was spent by the visitors in admiring the beauties of the Estate, a number of houses being thrown open for inspection, and on every hand were heard expressions in appreciation of the healthy situation, the well planned houses, the pretty gardens, the picturesque surroundings.

After tea an open-air meeting was held in the Avenue, under the presidency of Colonel Yate, M.P. Mr. Henry Vivian was the principal speaker. On the platform were also Mr. Charles Bennion, Councillor W. Bates, Dr. C. Killick Millard, (Medical Officer of health for Leicester.) The Rev. F. L. Donaldson, Mr. Amos Mann, Mr. J. T. Taylor, Mr. E. T. Groome, and Mr. J. S. Wilford, Secretary.

Ald. T. Windley, J.P., Ald. J. Chaplin, J.P., Miss Clephan, Mr. J. Leeson, Mr. Geo. Somerville, Mr. A. H. Baddeley, Mr. G. Gristwood, Mr. G. W. Moore, Mr. Edwin Crew, and others were present. Apologies for absence were sent by the Mayor of Leicester, Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, M.P., Sir. Edward Wood, and others.



## COL. YATE'S SPEECH.

Col. Yate said he considered it a compliment that he should have been invited to take the chair at that gathering. It was not the first time that he had been there. He was there some two years before—long before he was honoured by being chosen as their representative—as a private individual, and as one who came as the result of a desire to take an interest in everything that appertained to the comfort, the happiness, and the welfare of the British working man. (Applause.) He went over it all, he looked at the estimates, and at the way they were working. He had been a practical administrator all his life and was, therefore, able to understand the work they were doing. It seemed to him that they were working on sound business lines. (Hear, hear.) That afternoon he had seen the result, and was delighted with it. (Applause.) The progress during the last two years had been wonderful, and he and the others on the platform rejoiced to see it. This great question of the housing of the working classes was one of the most urgent social reforms of the present day. (Applause.)

"Look at these houses," he exclaimed, "these acres, and everything here, and contrast them with one of the back streets in Leicester or West Humberstone. Look at the monotony of the one, and the beauty and joyfulness of the other! Nothing delights me more than to think that this great social reform is one that is receiving encouragement from the highest and the lowest in the land." (Applause.)

There was nothing more encouraging than the official report

towns of Britain, the United States, and Germany, had been able to draw continuously upon fresh supplies of robust life from the rural districts, they would have decayed and died. He did not think it was necessary that towns should be so built that people could not be healthy in them, and he believed it was possible to have highly organised industry coupled with a healthy life. (Applause.) There was a richness and an education that came of the association of one man with another, and of one family with another, that could not be got in isolation in rural districts. They wanted so to organise town life that intellectual alertness and physical robustness would go side by side. (Applause.) From this time forward the law ought to make aggregations of people in unhealthy conditions practically impossible. (Hear, hear.)

## A SOUND COMMERCIAL IDEA.

It was one thing to preach better housing, added Mr. Vivian, but it was of far more value to be able to point to an actual example, such as the Humberstone Garden Suburb. Co-partnership suburbs were not the hobbies of millionaires; they had got beyond that, and had become a sound commercial idea, in which the ordinary man might take up shares and anticipate a moderate return on his capital. The movement now had over £2,000,000 worth of property, and had been able to meet its obligations from the start. The tenants possessed what he termed "house-pride," and outside investors might rest assured that their conduct, compared with the conduct of average tenants, was



which was presented at the annual meeting in March. It was a sound document, showing how well the whole system was managed.

The Garden Suburb was being run on sound commercial lines. His desire in life was to do something to help the working-man, and he could not do better than by helping him to have a decent house in the country, where he could bring up his family in health and comfort, which could not be got in a town. He wanted to see such work carried out all round Leicester.

## MR. VIVIAN AND "A NATION OF LEANERS."

Mr. Henry Vivian also spoke of the progress he could see on all hands. In the long run, he said, a nation could only hold its own in the struggle of nations by having healthy, robust individuals. Everything sprang from the individual. They ought to avoid creating a nation of "leaners," who were always leaning against something instead of standing on their own feet, and had no driving force within them. The more a man relied on external forces, the less help would he be to the nation. The great value of garden suburb schemes was that, while they utilised to the full the power of organization, the health and economy that came from association, they at the same time appealed to an individual's love of home and garden. They had not made the thing a success by suppressing individuality, but by drawing it out and organising it for the common good. One of the most striking indictments of the modern town was that, from the physical point of view, it had not been able to generate its own life. Unless the big industrial

worth something in the coin of the realm. The movement was worth helping on, not only because it was excellent from the social point of view, but also because it was safe investment. The attractiveness of the estates was shown by the fact that out of 2,000 houses not a dozen were empty. (Applause.) Of all the attractions that the movement had, there were none so great as the observation of the effect upon the women and children of living in garden suburbs. Garden suburbs had a striking effect upon the physique of the people, and were therefore important from the point of view of providing soldiers for the battlefield and men for the workshop. A man born in the slums, who grew up in bestial surroundings, had not the desire or the strength to struggle for anything better, and one of the great needs of the day was a desire for something better on the part of the downtrodden section of the community. It was gratifying, he observed in conclusion, that they had a platform in social reforms on which they could forget party. (Applause.)

The Rev. F. L. Donaldson moved a vote of thanks to Colonel Yate and Mr. Vivian, and referred to the thousands and thousands of "degenerates" who could not form a society like the Humberstone Garden Suburb. For these he hoped for state aid. The movement had already passed through the capitalistic and the co-operative stage, and the municipal stage would come in the future. He considered that garden suburbs would eradicate consumption, not by attacking it when it was there, but by rearing children who could never have it. (Applause.)

Mr. Amos Mann seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause.

The welfare of the children of the Estate is one of the Society's greatest aims. Work of a recreative educational character is continually being carried on. It is recognized on every hand that what is so difficult to accomplish in this generation in regard to the co-operative spirit in social and business life is already half a fact for the next, through the purifying influences brought to bear on the minds of children. An instance of this was shown, after the termination of the meeting, in an excellent display of dumb-bell exercises given by the children under the leadership of two lady residents; this, interspersed with creditable singing, completed the official programme.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS.

The remarkable measure of success achieved by the local movement in the direction of co-partnership housing was demonstrated on Saturday by the tour of inspection of the Humberstone Garden Suburb Estate. The affair was essentially non-political, and for the

add to his efficiency if he is able to spend his leisure time away from smoke and grime, amid rural surroundings, and a purer atmosphere. At Humberstone one sees an example of practical self-help, and one can only hope that other garden suburbs on similar lines will spring up all over the country.

*"Leicester Evening Mail."*

The following scraps of conversation were overheard as the crowd passed round the Estate on July 1st:—

"There's a lot more houses than there were when I saw it last, if they keep on building they'll soon have"——"seven rooms and a bath in the kitchen for 7/6 is all right, as good as you'd get"——"on the children's playground where"——"we could get week-end accommodation for"——"raspberries on that lot of canes as big as"——"Scraptoft



moment two men of such widely differing opinions as Colonel Yate, M.P., and Mr. Hy. Vivian found themselves on the same platform. One does not wonder that there should be a demand for houses in the suburbs. The wonder rather is that men and women should have been so long content to exist in the stuffy courts and back streets of large towns. We imagine that once a man is induced to go out into the suburbs, where he is permitted breathing space and his garden is not confined to the limits of a back yard, he requires no persuasion to remain there. We look upon the co-partnership system as going a long way in the direction of solving the housing problem, and our hope is that it will receive every encouragement both from the authorities—both municipal and national—and from the people in whose interests the movement was begun.

*"Leicester Daily Mercury."*

Gratifying progress is being made in Leicester's "Garden Suburb" at Humberstone. The demonstration on Saturday was sufficient evidence of this, and should serve to draw public attention to a movement which deserves support. The conditions of life in large towns are the reverse of desirable for the average worker, and it must

Church and wood look very picturesque across the valley"——"and red tiled roofing adds to the effect of"——"the distance to the car in the winter when"——"the youngsters are going to do musical drill on"——"that flower bed is laid out very nice"——

Just then the band struck up a lively tune and further conversation was lost.

The Society is pleased to acknowledge its indebtedness to the following newspapers for their reports of the Demonstration:—

"The Leicester Daily Post," "The Leicester Daily Mercury," "The Leicester Evening Mail," "The Leicester Advertiser," "The Midland Free Press," and "Lloyd's News."

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The importance of the meeting announced by the Social Service Committee for August 31st, can hardly be exaggerated, for almost the first question asked by thoughtful people when establishing themselves in a permanent home, is what are the facilities for obtaining supplies; and thus on all our Garden Suburbs a shopping centre becomes a necessity to the proper development of the Estate, and no building committee could afford to ignore this essential need, for to do so would jeopardise the success of their scheme. And surely the success of the scheme is of vital importance to each resident, for, from the oldest tenant to the youngest child, we each, whether conscious or unconscious of the fact, have a personal as well as a collective interest in obtaining the best results.

So the shop question is not simply a question of building and letting, but of so letting that the profits accruing from resultant trade, shall, like the profits accruing from the house property on the Estate, benefit the residents individually and collectively by aiding the development of those plans and purposes for a fuller life, which are or should be the aspirations of every Garden Suburb dweller. And it is just this Garden Suburb problem of a fuller life, with the necessary provision for its solution that makes it advisable that we should collectively control the sources of profit that may arise in the course of our development.

There may be some amongst us who question the wisdom of our decision of last year to start a Distributive Society on our own account, instead of seeking the establishment of a branch of the Leicester Co-operative Society. We would commend to such the following considerations:- First, the well known unwillingness of the Leicester Society to establish a branch with a moderate trade. Their policy, we may venture to predict, would be to place a branch near the town boundary to include us, or await our further growth before taking action, in the meantime losing profitable trade to private traders. In the second place suppose they were willing to place a store in our midst, we could not expect to be allowed to control for our own purposes the profit resulting, that of course would be merged into the profit arising from other

branches and utilized in accordance with their usual plans and policy.

The needs peculiar to a Garden Suburb development would have no special interest and could not expect to receive special consideration from the committee of a large town society; they have not our problems to face. Others again may, for economical reasons, think it best to be a part of a large national or town society. Well! bigness is not everything; it does not even always spell success, or stability, or perfection, and the last word in co-operation still remains to be said.

The Garden Suburb movement as represented by Tenant Societies like ours, is a new phase of co-operation, not big yet like its parent, but a healthy growing child nevertheless, and enthusiasm can adopt all that is best of the old ideals and graft them on to the new and the child may grow bigger and better than the parent, ready in turn to give birth to still newer phases of co-operation better and more perfect still. We appeal therefore for the wider outlook. Our interests are mutual. Enthusiasm, confidence, and care will succeed in this new venture, and succeeding, provide further funds for the important Social and Educational work of the Estate Council.

Social organization means many meetings. This is a truism we residents upon Co-partnership Estates soon learn, for each season brings the need for special work suitable to the time and the variety of human characteristics. Every development of our Social and Economical forces means work and sacrifice to be made for the public weal. Happy are we that, though organizations multiply as our Social life develops, and our residents increase in numbers and in diversity of needs, desires, and aspirations, we find always enthusiasts in sufficient numbers ready to serve in any and every capacity.

The time has now arrived according to our resolution, to discuss and form our constitution, for the guidance of our Estate Council, and to elect the members of the council to carry out the work for the forthcoming session.

Clause 2 of the proposed constitution, states the aims and objects of the Council, and how successful the present preliminary committee has been in providing recreation, promoting that goodwill and fellowship stated as the object, is apparent to all. Hurriedly convened, hampered with little or no experience, the committee's work, in this respect, has been a huge success, and this summer, it is certain, will be looked back upon as one during which a great deal has been done

to cement friendships, break down artificial barriers, and help towards the realization of the spirit of the larger family life, we desire so much to foster.

One of our members, at the meeting convened to establish this Estate Council, compared our Estate to a well governed township, pointing out that we had a General Committee concerned with building, sanitation, and the development of our resources from the Estate point of view. Also we were to have a Supply Association, with a Committee entrusted with the care of providing our household commodities, but that the Estate Council should be the body, initiating, supervising, directing and controlling the numerous organizations necessary to fully develop our Educational, Social and Recreative needs, thereby making a complete whole, by supplementing the work of supplying our physical needs, with this organization for taking due care that our mental and social faculties, should be duly encouraged and developed on right lines.

A few minutes thought will show us how large a view of the work this is to take.

To be concerned with the Soul of the movement is to take part in the development of the real character of our citizens, present, future and prospective. This is, indeed, a great work, calling for our best efforts to discover the right men and women, most suited by temperament and training to the most important office, with a real and burning desire on their part to unselfishly serve in the capacity for which they are most suited.

Space forbids or it would be well to elaborate upon the essentials of the work that lie before this Council in the immediate future. Mentally, Socially, Morally, we must be the better for their work.

The task of moulding the character and disposition of the next generation is theirs: what a glorious opportunity! what a field of Service!

No meeting can possibly excel in importance the coming Estate Council Meeting. If we are any judges of the signs of the times, they surely show that its importance will be recognized, its Ideals established and its opportunities seized by all our Tenants eager to take part in its service.

## "An Appreciation."

By A STRANGER.

To one who has been long in city pent,  
'Tis very sweet to look into the fair  
And open face of heaven—to breathe a prayer  
Full in the smile of the blue firmament.

It was with such feelings as the poet Keats here expresses that I made the acquaintance of the Humbersstone Garden Suburb. Mine was only a brief visit, yet I realized that one can get the above experience and still be within reach of home comforts, swift travel, and the other advantages which proximity to a large town gives, or is supposed to give.

One most pleasing feature of the settlement which impressed me was the real neighbourliness, the good

fellowship. I stood at my host's front door and was not prevented by some stupid fence of brick and iron from enjoying the beautiful vista of form and colour provided by all the gardens on the road. I felt it was all mine to enjoy. In the street where I live I am just getting to know the people across the road after 4 years residence. They, living in a bigger house evidently appreciated the fact, but though I have always been friendly with their children and spoken to them as they played about, the adults have only of late condescended to know me, and this because we have joined the same tennis club so that they could scarcely help it! I cannot imagine such an experience at the Garden Suburb.

Yes, that absence of brick walls was fine in another way. I sit at the table at home and look out of the window at bricks and chimney pots. At Humbersstone one's eye looked across to tree-covered hills with a grey church spire nestling in their midst.

One feels that to enjoy such extended horizons is good for men and women who are trying to see into the "beyond" in all that makes their life; building for to-morrow and for a future generation.

That last word suggests the children. One was struck with their happy, healthy look. It is to be hoped that they will be able soon to get on the spot the best of education, to interest themselves in their own little garden plots, to get out into the country—so blessedly near—and study nature's wonders in wood and pond and hedgerow, to develop their capacities for artistic handicraft and music, not forgetting a love of order, a reverence for all that is great and good, a tender sympathy and spirit of helpfulness, qualities which are so sadly lacking in many of the youths and maidens in our crowded city life.

I am greatly in debt to the friends who gave me not only much pleasure in seeing, but set my thoughts at work in new channels. I feel better for breathing an air untainted by any whiff of the landlord!

E.G.A. (Notts).

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The Monthly meeting held on July 20th, was quite up to the average attendance. Mr. E. T. Groome presided. Mr. Jays gave the Committee's report, which showed satisfactory progress in all directions. Sixty-three houses are now tenanted, the shops are nearing completion and the other houses on this part of the estate are in course of erection. Turning to Demonstration of July 1st, he stated that it was a success, and thanked the helpers. We had good reports in the papers and the financial results are fairly good. Four new members all intending tenants have been made during past month. Mr. Wilford reported progress re the new rates and after some discussion the scheme was adopted. He also gave a report of the Annual meeting of the Leicester District Co-operative Association at Huncote on July 15th, when he was

elected to represent the Anchor Tenants on that body. Mr. Jackson dealt with the report of the social side of the Estate, stating that the ladies had formed a cricket team, and that we expected one or two choirs and St. Andrew's Orchestra to entertain us in the near future. Some suggestions were made for the winter's work of Estate Council.

### AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING.

Some forty of the sixty odd tenants of the Estate were present at the Monthly meeting in the Institute on the 17th August. Mr. E. T. Groome presided, and Mr. Wilford in the course of his report gave an account of the progress of the shops, and a description of the method of lighting and heating by Cox's air gas. Mr. Jackson gave the report of Estate Council: the holiday programme had been carried out satisfactorily, the collections at the Sunday evening concerts realized 31/-, and a sovereign had been received from the seed committee's profits towards Council's expenses. Several questions were asked respecting the Festival at Hamstead on August 26th, and also re orders for fruit trees during the coming autumn; it being decided to form a party to visit the Abbey Nurseries as soon as possible.

### Holiday Notes.

Owing to so many of our number being away from home the official programme for the holiday entertainment was limited to mixed cricket and skittle matches on Bank Holiday Monday.

The ladies suffered badly in the Cricket Match owing to one of their opponents being ambidextrous to a slogging degree. The score—we whisper it—was 40 against the ladies.

They made up for it in the skittles however, winning three legs out of four. This is only another proof the wonderful benefits of Garden City life. It was really surprising that such a number of our usually staid ladies, s-t-a-i-d if you please, could manipulate a skittle ball to the discomfiture of their fish-out-of-water opponents. Why, even the writer, a mere man—sprained his wrist the first time he threw the ball, he has consequently never thrown one since.

Officialdom however does not do all things, for on Tuesday some busy-bodies were running about getting volunteers for entertaining with song and recitation etc. a crowd who could keep awake till the hour the fairies dance. Thus eventually a concert commencing at 9.30 did not complete its programme till midnight. Twenty-four artists took part and were rewarded with bouquets of flowers for ladies, and bouquets without flowers for gentlemen.

An unusual type of sport also occasioned some fun on the Tuesday, for, we understand, three Fern-risers went a fishing with two friends. One early riser broke his spade delving for bait for the fishing fleet. The crew consisted of an Admiral, Skipper, Mate and Trawl-hawler, and they weren't downhearted.

When the even was come, it was announced for the benefit of expectant palates that the catch had been left in the village to be cooked, and visions of a Fern-rise feast were fast flitting forward. The eventful moment arrived and one of the Fern-Rise monster dinner-dishes, such as is used for the Christmas Turkey, was carefully manipulated with its burden to the scene of operations. Oh! most delicate of palates; brightest of eyes; most fastidious of tongues and clamorous of appetites, what more could you desire; a dish for a lord, beautifully embellished with asparagus and—er—fulness of time. One roach, or was it a salmon; one perch, or may be we're mistaken, a halibut and one minnow with aspirations to pike-land. Well-done Fern-Risers, enthusiastic stalwarts of Angle-land, may you ever claim victory over your erring enemies.

### Items of Interest.

A Skittle match arranged between the A.T.'s and Messrs. Leeson's employees was played on Saturday, 19th, and resulted in a win for the visitors of 3 legs to 2.

It is pleasing to note the interest which some of our fellow-tenants have taken in regard to inducing parties to visit us for various purposes.

Specially does the above refer to Skittle and Cricket parties, and it is expected next year that there will be keen competition for fixture dates.

It may interest many to know that our fellow-tenant and contributor, Mr. R. Law has just completed his third week at Oxford University where he has been studying, along with others of the local branch of the Worker's Educational Association.

It is surprising to learn that the new gas-plant in the possession of the Society did not gain the first prize at the flower show; its unique feature being, that its odoriferous and fiery petals—or rather, to be correct, petrol—possesses the property of luminosity in darkness, and there is no information to hand of any other plant in the district with like virtues.

The attendance of all adult residents is desired at the Annual meeting of the Estate Council to be held on Thursday, 14th September, at 8 o'clock.

The Anniversary Services in connection with the Lord's Day School of the Church of Christ will be held on Sunday, September 10th. The children will sing special pieces at the evening service, and Mr. J. W. Black is expected to address the gathering. A cordial invitation is extended to parents and others.

### Social Service Committee.

#### IMPORTANT.

A meeting of the residents will be held in the Institute, on Thursday, August 31st, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:—To adopt rules for and form the new Distributive Society.

And to take into consideration its policy.



## Gardening Notes.

The dry weather has caused the watering cans to take a prominent position in the garden, thus making very hard work. The most economical methods should be resorted to. The best way to keep the garden moist and in good condition is to give a copious watering one night, and a good hoeing or raking over the next. This should be repeated once a week while dry weather lasts.

Giant Rocca Onion seed may be sown on land that has been deeply dug and a fair amount of manure worked in. A good sprinkle of woodash and soot should be given on top of the seed, then tread firm.

A good supply of early greens may be had by sowing one penny-worth of Dobbies White model turnips; sow broadcast and rake lightly in.

Continue summer pruning and thin out fruit where crop is heavy.

Give ferns and all window plants weak soot water twice a week.

Cut away all old wood that has fruited on blackcurrants and raspberries, also any weak shoots that may be found having only the sturdy wood of this year's growth for next season's fruiting.

Gooseberry trees may have all branches taken away that touch the soil also any that are too close together. —T.R.

## To the Ocean.

Roll on thou deep and dark blue ocean—roll!  
Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain;  
Man marks the earth with ruin—his control  
Stops with the shore; upon the watery plain  
The wrecks are all thy deed,

Thy shores are empires, changed in all save thee—  
Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage what are they?  
Thy waters washed them power while they were free,  
And many a tyrant since; their shores obey  
The stranger, slave or savage; their decay  
Has dried up realms to deserts: not so thou;—  
Unchangeable save to thy wild waves' play,  
Time writes no wrinkle on thine azure brow:  
Such as creation's dawn beheld, thou rollest now.

Thou glorious mirror, where the Almighty's form  
Glasses itself in tempests; in all time,—  
Calm or convulsed, in breeze, or gale, or storm,  
Icing the pole, or in the torrid clime  
Dark heaving—boundless endless and sublime,  
The image of eternity, the throne  
Of the invisible; even from out thy slime  
The monsters of the deep are made; each zone  
Obey thee; thou goest forth dread, fathomless, alone.  
BYRON.

## Proposed Constitution of Estate Council.

1. This Council shall be called the "Anchor Tenants Garden Suburb Social Recreative and Educational Council."
2. The aim and object of the Council shall be to afford to its members facilities for social intercourse, recreation, mutual helpfulness, and improvement in all that tends to goodwill and fellowship.
3. The Council shall be elected annually at a General Meeting, which shall be held in the month of August, it shall consist of eleven members (three of whom shall be ladies) who shall elect their own Chairman and Secretary. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
4. The Council shall have the right to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year without calling a General Meeting.
5. The Council shall present to the members an Annual Report and Balance Sheet at the Annual Meeting.
6. The Council shall have power to call a General Meeting whenever such a meeting shall appear to be necessary.
7. Any ten members shall have power to have a General Meeting called provided two weeks notice of the business to be considered is given to the Secretary of the Council.
8. The foregoing rules are subject to alteration from time to time as the Members may direct at General Meeting, subject to Seven Days Notice being given to Secretary of proposed alteration.

Anchor Tenant gardeners have again shown themselves worthy at the Flower Shows, with results as follows:—

Mr. M. FREEMAN,

Abbey Park Show :- 1 first, and 2 second prizes  
Thurnby :- 3 firsts, 2 seconds, 4 thirds, also  
second for garden.

Mr. J. ROWLETT,

Abbey Park Show :- 1 first, 1 second, 1 third,  
1 fourth.

Thurnby :- 8 firsts, 6 seconds, 3 thirds, also  
first for garden.

Mr. T. ROWLETT, our Garden Notes' contributor  
Thurnby :- 5 firsts and 5 seconds.

Mr. W. GILLIVER,

Thurnby :- 9 prizes

Mr. G. HERN,

Thurnby :- 1 first.

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The meeting of residents convened on the 7th inst, by the preliminary Council for the two-fold purpose of establishing a constitution and arranging for the election of a new Council was not lacking either in numbers or interest, certainly not in importance. The rules were adopted after slight alterations in the text had been made.

The election arrangements took the form of nominations, which were to be sent in by Saturday, 9th, the same to be published in the notice-case. Eight gentlemen and three ladies were to be voted for in the Institute between 6 and 9 o'clock on Monday, 11th, for which purpose blank voting lists were to be used. This arrangement though a poor substitute for printed ballot papers was improved by numbers being used instead of names.

The subsequent poll, the results of which were not declared till 10-30 o'clock on Monday, 11th, was certainly surprising, and it is sincerely to be hoped that future support of the Council's work on the part of those voting will nullify any impressions gained in some quarters that voters flocked to the polling booth as to a new toy, a variety of the moment.

Nominations consisted of 16 gentlemen and 5 ladies as follows:—Mrs. Jayes, Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. A. Mann, Messrs. R. Scott, E. Moore, A. Orton, Spencer, P. Mann, Noon, J. S. Wilford, Winterton, H. Bowerman, T. Neal, S. Wilford, H. Murby, Folwell, Diggle, W. Neal, and G. H. Riley. Altogether 123 residents voted and the scene outside the Institute soon after 9 o'clock was indeed animated the whole of the voters evidently had turned up for results. Good humour was rampant when the results were declared and these are as follows:—Mrs. Jayes, 91; Mrs. Ward, 87; Mrs. Smith, 78; Mrs. Harris, 50; Mrs. Mann, 48; Messrs. Winterton, 101; G. H. Riley, 95; T. Wilford, 87; Bowerman, 73; J. S. Wilford, 71; T. Neal, 57; R. Scott, 56; P. Mann, 56; W. Neal, 54; Spencer, 51; Folwell, 49; Murby, 44; Diggle, 44; Noon, 40; Moore, 37; Orton, 30. Mr. Jayes, acting as Returning Officer, spoke a few earnest words, implying satisfaction with the interest taken in the election, and gratification for the spirit shown by those nominated in consenting to stand for such an unknown volume of work. With this the crowd melted away.

The interest taken in these events has its foundations not only in the work to be done, but also, unconsciously perhaps, in the work that has been done by the old Council, and, what is more notable still, in the personalities that composed that Council. The fact that the greater part of the members of that body were new to any kind of social work, and, we can well imagine, felt somewhat awkward in it, only falls into the background when a survey is taken of the work accomplished. The report given by the late secretary, Mr. H. Jackson, at the Annual Meeting is eloquent in this respect. One hundred and ten names have been enrolled for membership in the recreative section. The subscriptions from this source amounting to £2-18-0. Two sacred concerts organized by the Council brought in £1-11-4½; this sum we understand is predestined for a special purpose. This, with a grant of £2-2-0 from the G.C. and a donation of £1-0-0 from the Seed Committee completes the income. Expenses has not been heavy and a balance of £4-13-0 has been handed over to the new Council. Pleasurable holiday programmes had been carried out; nine cricket matches had been played, four won, four lost, and one drawn; fourteen skittle matches had resulted in eleven wins and 3 losses. Thus is shown a very encouraging report.

The new Council, however, has a somewhat different kind of programme to formulate for the dark months. Many of our needs as a social community are obvious and hardly need repeating, such as: a Recreation room, suitable for dancing, Gymnasium, etc., with corresponding organizations. Certain study classes should also meet with support, such as a Gardener's Circle conducted by a specialist; a class in Dramatics, if only in the form of a sketch party; a Science Class, more particularly for the study of physiology; and that which embraces all these, a Library. Let it not be said that a society like ours enlightened with wider views of co-operation, has failed to supply a need for co-education within its own borders. Apart from the cases of books that may be borrowed from certain societies, we are confident that there are many volumes in odd corners of some of our tenant's houses, unnoticed, unread, almost unknown, that, if they could be collected, would be found to be fitted to the needs of some other tenants. This is co-operation.

"Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man; and therefore, if a man write little, he hath need of a great memory; if he confer little, he had need have a present wit; and if he read little, he had need have much cunning, to seem to know that he doth not."—*Bacon*.

## An Old Footpath.

BY PENDA.

An old footpath! What visions the phrase brings up—grass and flowers, trees and hedgerows, which the traveller on the dusty highway misses, but which make the path across the fields “so much pleasanter.” And round our old village footpaths are plentiful, most of them relics of the old time before the country was enclosed, and when men took a fairly direct line from place to place although the line was not always quite straight. One of the old paths whilst not in the parish is closely associated with it, and dates from the time when the monks of Leicester and Launde Abbeys used to pass through the village in their journeys between the two abbeys. Let us follow one of these travellers in imagination. Starting from the Abbey of Leicester, he would cross the meadow, and the arm of the Soar that is now the canal by a bridge known as Our Lady's Bridge, pass along the road that was afterwards Sidney Street and is now the Abbey Park Road, cross Belgrave Road with the town a mile away on the right, looking picturesque enough at that time no doubt, with its walls and gables and towers, but without its present array of tall chimneys. Then he would cross a piece of land then known as the Bishop's Wood, a smaller portion of which was afterwards the Parish Piece, and a still smaller portion of which is now the Recreation ground. Strange how these public lands diminish! Continuing his way along the flat meadows bordering the Willow Brook (whose willows by the way have all disappeared) he would come some little distance this side of where the railways now run to the common land of Humberstone, with its strips of cultivated ground allotted to each resident and its wide expanse of grazing land where the cottagers had rights of pasturage for their cows and sheep. This extended right up to the village and this point reached, the monk, if he was of the type generally pictured, would be glad to avail himself of the rest and hospitality provided at the house belonging to the Abbey which was situated, according to an old historian “contiguous to the churchyard eastward.” Here, half-a-dozen of his brethren were kept to provide a warm welcome, a cool pint, and a square meal for the members of their Order.

## REPORTS.

### The Humberstone and District Supply Association.

If a large attendance and great enthusiasm be the keynotes of success, then the future prosperity of the new Distributive Society is assured. A meeting of residents interested in the formation of this society was held on August 31st in the Institute; Mr. J. T. Taylor presided over a good attendance. The secretary of the S.S.C., Mr. Jays, gave a brief but very interesting report of their past work, pointing out that the

aim of the committee had been to provide, on a small scale, a few things so necessary for the comfort of the residents. The effort had met with a fair measure of success, trade being done in grocery, milk, clothing, and coal, to such an extent as warranted the new venture. Catering for visitors in large and small parties had been very profitable during the summer months and with better facilities provided by the new premises the outlook for another year was of the brightest. The report was accepted. The meeting then proceeded to consider the name, seal and rules of the Society. After considerable discussion it was decided that the name should be “The Humberstone and District Supply Association.” The seal recommended by the committee is, in design, typical of a garden-suburb, the foreground represents a Maypole with children dancing and in the background are cottages, this is encircled by the motto taken from the A.T.F. “Not greater wealth but simpler pleasures.” This design is the work of one of the lads resident on the Estate and was unanimously adopted. The rules, as suggested, were passed with very little alteration, the principle of bonus to labour being admitted in the rules, but only to be applied by resolution of a members' meeting. At the close of the meeting a goodly number gave in their names as members.

A further meeting was held on Sept. 8th, to consider the future policy of the Society, and it was decided that the S.S.C. continue to manage until the end of the first quarter; that they be empowered to advertise for and select a capable working manager; and that efforts be concentrated mainly in running a grocery and provision trade to commence, and adding, as wisdom dictates, other departments in the process of time. The shops will be opened at the earliest possible date.

### THE HAMPSTEAD FESTIVAL.

Aug. 26th, 1911, will always be regarded as a red letter day in the lives of our children, for this was the day when with flags and banners flying, we journeyed to the “Greatest City in the World,” “the dream city of boyhood,” not merely to pay a sight-seeing visit, but to take part in the National Co-operative Festival, held on the Garden Suburb at Hampstead.

A Flower Show, Sports, and the Suburb itself was an attraction, but the Musical Festival with the Adult and Junior Choir Contests, with all the associations suggestive of so many previous contests of their predecessors, at the Crystal Palace, was the anticipation of the day; and we were journeying to London to take part in these. A bright and sunny morning welcomed us as we peeped from our beds very, very, early that day. By 7-45 we were lined up at the top of the avenue, our friends ready to give us a hearty send-off, perhaps with some misgivings in their hearts, as to the wisdom of so many of our younger children taking so long a journey for the first time.

But we, nothing daunted, followed our leaders carrying the banner (presented to us by a resident) bearing the emblem “Anchor Tenants Garden Suburb, Children's Choral Society” calling with all the light-

heartedness in the world to all and sundry to "Fall in and follow me."

At last Golder's Green was reached after many bewildering sights amid the rush and traffic of the city, impressing us with the fact of our insignificance, even with so many wee lives trusted to our piloting care. It was now past 12 o'clock and we were due to sing at 2 o'clock. Thoughts flashed through our minds;—what if we should fail; if we should forget the words; who were we going to compete against; and what, it being all over, if we succeeded in gaining a prize, how happy we should be, what a welcome we should get on reaching home. No more time for thoughts (nerves our elder friends call them) the time has arrived and we gaze on a sea of faces, recognising a familiar one here and there. Now we only see our conductor, the signal is given and we sing our test piece.

The following are some comments made by a listener:—"What a small choir, how young they are, and from Leicester, the only Garden Suburb to send a junior choir; well done! I hope they'll succeed."

"Very good! well sung! but they require a little more finish! only been in training a short time! their first attempt! capital!"

"Now they are to sing their selected piece 'I sing because I love to sing.' Splendid! they have entered into the spirit of that. Volume of tone and treatment of piece very good indeed; if the test piece had been sung as well as that I should have given them at least second prize; we'll go and congratulate their conductor."

With spirits raised by such pleasing comments, we made a brief tour round the city: seeing Buckingham Palace, Fleet Street, Trafalgar Square with Nelson's Monument and the National Gallery and other sights, ultimately landing back in Leicester.

So ended our first visit to London: with perseverance on a future visit we shall yet hope to bring home the Shield to decorate the Hall of the Humberstone Garden Suburb.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on Friday Sept. 15th, all the members being present. The chief business was the lighting of the village during the coming winter, the lamps to be lit from September 16th to April. Various accounts were passed, and a 3d. rate was estimated to provide sufficient funds for the coming winter illumination. It was also decided to insure the lamplighter the Council's only employee, under the Workman's Compensation Act. The Clerk announced that he had been in communication with the County authorities, re lectures on gardening by Mr. Wooley, but details of this matter will be announced later. Some correspondence was also read about the obstruction in front of Parish property on the Thurnby Road, and the Clerk was instructed to see the Highway authorities respecting the matter.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

On Saturday Sept. 9th, the members of the above Church held their first Anniversary. Tea was partaken of at 5 o'clock to which a goodly number of visitors and friends sat down; and was followed by a meeting in the chapel at 6-30., addressed by Messrs. J. Leavesley, J. W. Black and W. G. Chapman.

On Sunday Evening the Lord's Day School Anniversary was also held. The Chapel was crowded by friends and parents of the scholars who during the meeting under the leadership of Mr. Howard, sang several special hymns, the rendering of which reflected great credit upon their training and delighted their parents. The members also ably sang an anthem "Daughter of Zion." Mr. J. W. Black was the speaker his subject being "Authority" which he dealt with in an impressive manner. A collection was taken in aid of the Leicester Infirmary, a sum of £2 being realised.

## ANCHOR TENANTS MEDICAL AID SOCIETY.

### BALANCE SHEET for use of Members at Meeting.

RECEIPTS.				CASH ACCOUNT.				EXPENSES.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance brought forward from March 18th, 1911	...	17	15	1½	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
Subscriptions	...	16	2	2½	...	...	...	...	...	13	19
Member's Cards	...			3	...	...	...	...	...	19	7½
Entrance Fees	...		2	3	...	...	...	...	...		8
Members' share of Doctors' Accounts	...	4	17	0½	...	...	...	...	...	22	6
Deposit Account	...		3	0	...	...	...	...	...	1	12
		£38	19	10½						£38	19
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BALANCE SHEET.				BALANCE SHEET.				BALANCE SHEET.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance in hand—With Treasurer	...	22	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	19	0
With Secretary	...		1	12	3	...	...	...	...	1	2
Arrears	...		1	12	3	...	...	...	...	22	7
Members' proportion of Outstanding Accounts	...		9	9	...	...	...	...	...		11
		£24	9	5						£24	9
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The ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Institute on MONDAY, Sept. 25th, at 8-30 pm. prompt.

## Gardening Notes.

Apples and pears should be gathered as soon as the pips are brown and placed in a dry cellar; or a cold room on a northern aspect will make a capital storeroom. Straw should not be used because it gives the fruit a peculiar musty flavour. Ventilation is very necessary except in very frosty weather. It is a good plan to cover the fruit over with brown paper so as to exclude light, or the fruit may shrivel.

Prick out cabbage plants as soon as they can be handled into a bed three or four inches apart, they will then make sturdy plants for the final planting next month.

Now is the best time to plant bulbs such as Snowdrops, Crocus, Daffodils, Narcissus, and all others for spring-flowering.

Gather onions and see that they are well dried before storing away.

Earth up late celery and give a good watering one day before the operation because the roots will get very little more moisture before the plants are ready for getting up.

While the soil is still warm and in good condition we may propagate all such plants as Violas, Pansies, Penstemons, Snapdragons, Calceolaries, Privet golden and green, and many other varieties of herbaceous plants by taking off young shoots and inserting them in good loam with a sprinkle of silver sand.

If Carnations are not yet layered they should be taken in hand at once.

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### WAITING FOR WINTER.

What honey in the year's last flowers can hide,  
These little yellow butterflies may know:  
With falling leaves they waver to and fro,  
Or on the swinging tops of asters ride.  
But I am weary of the summer's pride,  
And sick September's simulated show;  
Why do the colder winds delay to blow  
And bring the pleasant hours that we abide;  
To curtained alcoves and sweet household talks,  
Or sweeter silence by our flickering Lamps,  
Returning late from Autumn evening walks  
Upon the frosty hills, while reddening Mars  
Hangs low between the withered mullein stalks,  
And upward throngs the host of winter stars;

—Henry A. Beers.

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### SATURDAY EVENING CONCERTS

Arranged by the Estate Council.

October 8th,—Mr. Wadeson and Party.

„ 15th,—Open Night.

„ 22nd,—Mr. Riley and Party.

„ 29th,—Dance.

## 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.

### “MY FIRST COUNCIL MEETING,”

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—“Tonight at 8 o'clock, if you are at liberty,” that was the verbal message I received on the night of my first Estate Council Meeting and although of course I had been expecting a call, I was somewhat surprised at the abruptness. Still, it was a cheery “shall you be alright,” and of course I was alright. Well, the time came and I accordingly turned up at the Institute to find some of my co-workers already present, others followed quickly, and we immediately proceeded to attach ourselves to the good work which our friends had been doing previously. Now, of course, the business of an estate like ours must of necessity be of a very varied character, and although we hope the outcome of our work will give great pleasure in one way or another, to all the residents, both old and young, we have to start in all things to be successful with a sound business-like policy. Accordingly we elected our chairman who immediately asked for a secretary, then when these initial steps had been taken we went one further and proceeded to express ourselves on the possibilities of what we might do this coming winter, and to tell you my opinion there is no reason at all why we should not be able to do a great deal. Of course some things would seem to be a long time moving before we could see them as perfect as we hope to, but then as thoughts began to transmit themselves into words I myself was in agreement with the expression of opinion that, one good thing at a time and that done well, was the thing required by all our members. So as I warmed to the work through my mind, I chilled to the bone through my body, and as we were breaking up I was pleased to hear someone remark “Shall we have a fire next week?”

VERITAS.

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## Humberstone and District Supply Association.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The business of the above society will commence on  
**Saturday, September 30th.**

If you have not already joined, do so now, and begin at the beginning.

We shall make it our duty to study your requirements and supply them.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to record the death of our late friend and manager Mr. G. Hern, which occurred at his residence "Haslemere," Lilac Avenue, at 5 a.m. on the 13th of October, after a week's illness with pneumonia. A close friend, a confidant, and an adviser to me on more than one occasion, it seems almost impossible to realize that his cheery presence has gone from us for ever. I will endeavour as briefly as possible to set out some of the incidents in his career whilst crossing "the narrow isthmus between the two eternities"—very narrow, alas! for him.

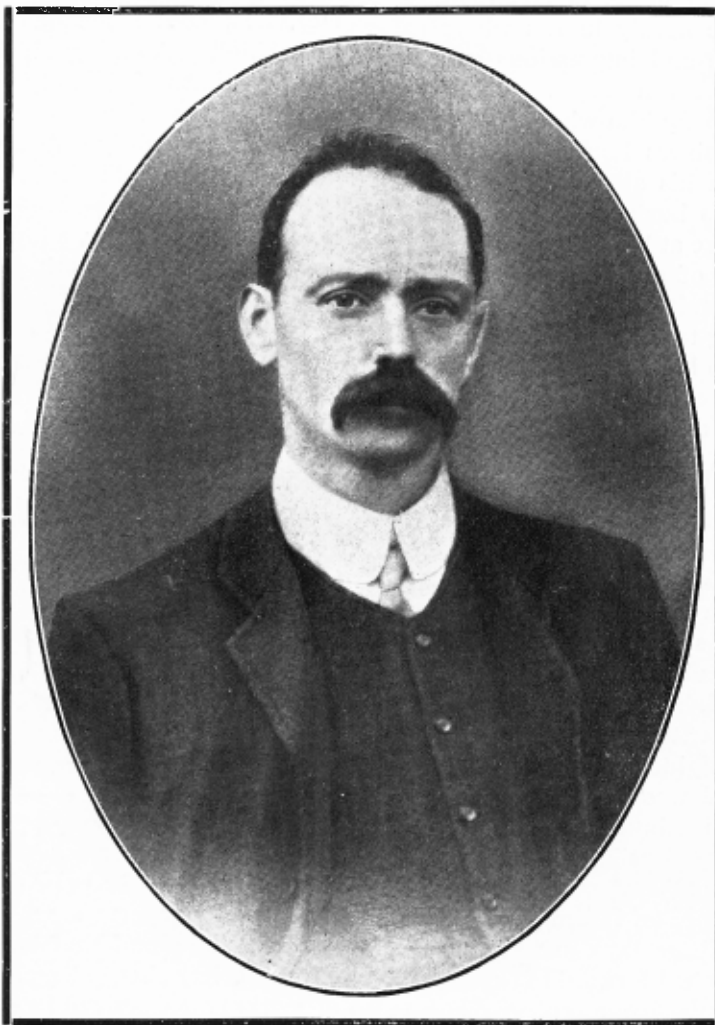
William George Edward Hern was born at Rothwell, in Northants, on September 5th, 1873, the oldest boy of a fairly large family, his father being in the building trade. He has thus been amongst wood and building construction during the whole of his life. When he was five or six years old the family came to Leicester, the town at that period growing very rapidly, and the building trade consequently being very brisk. Settling at Belgrave, it was there that the major portion of his life was spent. His mother naturally was a very busy woman, and George being the oldest son, was his mother's "handy-man," and learned to do many things that were useful to him in after life; for on many occasions he has been called on to help one or the other of us out of a difficulty, and if George could not find a way out, then

the business was serious indeed. His early education was obtained at Mellor Street Board School, and after leaving school was apprenticed to his trade, spending most of his evenings at Drawing Classes or the Technical School. Shortly after being out of his time he went to assist his father in his business, and passed from there to manage for another builder on Belgrave Road. It was from here that he came to fill his position with us,

selected from about thirty applicants, and I think we have had no reason to regret our choice. Interested in the Anchor Tenants from the commencement of the Society, I well remember his first introduction to the Estate. In the autumn of 1907 when we had just come into possession of the land, I had promised to meet him in the village and show him what we regarded as the "Promised Land." The day turned out very wet, but he was there to time in spite of the weather and we made our way up to where the first house in Keyham Lane now stands. I can see him now, as he stood gazing over the stile, at what was then a grass field, his thoughts probably building not castles, but cottages in the air. These have since taken definite shape; although at that time we had very little idea of building our own houses, and if we had, that he would be the architect. For we did not come to a final decision regarding the busi-

ness until some months elapsed, appointing him manager in May, 1908, his first pair of cottages being completed in October of the same year. Three years later came the awful black week, when the life of the Estate was hushed, and everyone went about enquiring of his neighbour if there was any change in the invalid's condition. We may say of him as Carlyle said of another who only saw about half the three-score years and ten:—"Continually so far as he went he was a teacher, by act and word, of hope, clearness, activity, veracity, and human courage and nobleness."

A. H. H.



## "AN APPRECIATION."

My acquaintance with George Hern only extends over the brief period of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, yet during the whole of that time there has hardly been a day but what I have not been in close communication with him. In business, in pleasure, in home life, I have been exceptionally blessed to have his sincere and whole-hearted friendship. Busy years they have been, but happy, notwithstanding, too brief, but never forgotten, a time of insight into such a character and disposition that one feels no better ideals could fill one's mind than to try and emulate them. "A man of many parts, a fine business man, firm, courteous, obliging, of genial disposition," is the summary of a business friend writing to me. All these and more, in fact in duly estimating his qualities one hardly knows where to begin. My first experience and impressions gained of him were purely of a business character. It was my duty and pleasure to accompany him when first opening up negotiations with business houses, and I was immediately impressed with his absolute knowledge of the many intricacies of his business; prices, quantities, all alike were at his finger-ends. He knew the values and uses of all commodities, and knew instantly what would suit his purposes. It was of no use anyone attempting to sell him anything he did not want, or to place too high a value upon what he did want. Everyone seemed to know instantly that they were dealing with an expert, and were glad to avail themselves of his intimate knowledge, which he was always ready to give when advice was sought for. As an architect with Ideas, he sought our service because he was desirous of a larger scope for them than he was obtaining in his previous position. He soon became imbued with a love for our Co-partnership principles, and our aims and objects became his. He quickly realised its difficulties and limitations, but gave out of love for the work his wholehearted service to overcome the former and extend the latter. I look with pleasure to many late nights, when after completing our business in the old wooden building on the Children's Playground, we continued to sit and chat over our work, discuss its responsibilities, and look forward with pleasure to every successive stage of its progress, and what its influence on Life might be. We drew very near together in those days, making in our friendship ties that each looked forward to becoming closer as the days passed by. No morning seemed well begun that did not bring his tap at my door, and his gentle whistle as he walked in with a smile and cheery word. No day finished until we had reviewed its work, planned its tomorrow, often moved to laughter with his jokes and shrewd comments on the people with whom he had come in contact during the day. A great sense of humour obsessed him. He saw or made a joke upon everything, being of such a bright, cheerful, and sunny disposition, that he laughed at difficulties, overcoming them often with sheer good humour.

One could easily understand that this very trait in his character, might be misunderstood by anyone who knew him less than his most intimate friends, and that it might give an impression that he treated serious things too lightly, but this would be a great mistake. He had serious views of his own responsibilities, and he could be stern with all who shirked their duties. Quick of thought and action, it irritated him more than anything when dealing with its opposites, and it was only his almost infinite patience that allowed him to listen to and deal so generously with those of slower thought and action.

As a father, friend and foreman, he was continually exhibiting virtues and qualifications previously unthought of by his friends. Even his wife once stated to me that George was full of surprises, and none were greater to her, than when once during his short illness, with a beautiful peaceful expression upon his face, he placed his hands together and became as a little child. A strong capable man he was looked to by all in times of difficulty and trouble, always ready to render a service, no matter how mean the work. He would cheerfully before a meeting, help to clean a room, or remain behind, chaffing our lady friends while helping to wash up. He was generous and just, a kind indulgent father, a loyal friend, patient, untiring and unselfish in his work. A man of many parts indeed, his place in our affections will be hard to fill.

One could fill a book of his droll sayings that will live for years, but one only must suffice in conclusion.

During his residence in the village his son Eddie had two white mice which were favourite pets of the boys. Unfortunately they also possessed a cat with the result that one day the mice were missing. Great was the grief of the boy, and it was with tears in his eyes that he told his father what had happened. With a look at the cat, and a sly wink at his boy, his consolation was, "Well, never mind Eddie, it is not so bad as if you had lost them,—you do know where they are."

J.S.W.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The September meeting was held on the 21st. Mr. E. T. Groome presiding. Mr. J. Rowlett gave the monthly report, emphasising the need for more share capital; and that one third of the total capital of the Society should be, according to present method of working, subscribed by shareholders. He also reported that the shops (which have since been opened) were nearly complete and that 120 bentwood chairs were on order to furnish the room over the shops. Mr. Harris then gave the report of A. T. F. Committee stating that the September issue terminated the duties of the present committee, and asking for suggestions re future policy. After some discussion it was decided to continue the paper, under the same committee with the exception of Mr. Harris who resigned, a vote of thanks being accorded to him for his services as Editor: the Estate Council to nominate a member in

his place. Mr. R. Scott, secretary of Estate Council, followed with a short report, stating that they had drafted a rough programme of the coming winter's work, and the Saturday concerts would re-commence shortly.

### **MEDICAL AID SOCIETY.**

The Medical Aid Society held their second Annual Meeting in the Institute on Monday, September 25th. The attendance was a little better than last year but not so good as the committee would have wished. The Secretary presented his report and balance sheet, and the same were considered very satisfactory. The year's working ended with a balance in hand of £22 7s. 11d. out of which it was agreed to place 1/- to the deposit account of each member of 12 months standing, in case of family card, 4/- withdrawable for Doctor's bills only. The following Doctors have attended to members; Doctors Clarke, Gilroy, Harrison, Musson, Bradley, Braye, Crosby, Lilley, Waite, and Riddett.

There are at present 186 members, an increase of 58 for last year. Several alterations were made to rules. A newly-born infant may now become eligible for immediate benefits upon payment of 3d. entrance fee.

Officers were elected as follows:- President, Mr. S. Beamish, Secretary, Mr. G. Purdy, Treasurer, Anchor Tenants Ltd, Committee, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Kilby, Messrs. J. Jays, T. Neal and H. Folwell, Auditor, Mr. A. H. Hibbert.

C. W. P.

### **ESTATE COUNCIL.**

A special meeting of the residents was held on Friday September 29th, to discuss the desirability of forming a Recreative and Social Club. There were not many present, but still sufficient in number to prove that it was necessary to meet once or twice a week, and have a friendly game and chat, and after much useful discussion a small committee was formed to make the needful arrangements for an early start.

A special meeting was called on Friday, October 6th, for the purpose of forming a Debating Society and Students Class. Though small in numbers they showed enthusiasm and speaking generally upon the work of last season, it was evident that much good was done and it was therefore agreed to re-commence as speedily as possible, Mr. Noon, being elected secretary,

### **The Humberstone and District Supply Association.**

The past month has been both busy and important for the new Society. In the first place the task of choosing a manager from 130 applicants hailing from all parts of the Kingdom, was no light business for the committee. But in Mr. R. Minns on whom the final choice rested, they believe they have secured one who combines with experience and knowledge of his business, a desire to please and satisfy the require-

ments of his customers, and do whatever lies in his power to ensure the success of our enterprise. The first week of trading was more successful than the committee had dared to hope, and they thank all the members and friends who have helped to achieve that good result. In a few days we hope to have our shop finished and rely on your patronage of your own business to ensure complete success.

The Social to welcome Mr. Minns held on Thursday October 5th, was a great success, the singing of our friends, Mrs. Purdy and Mr. Philpott, was excellent, while the enthusiasm and optimistic tone of the meeting with regard to the future, and the large measure of success reported as a result of the operations of the Social Service Committee, all tended to enthuse the members with the determination to achieve success. In years to come, that meeting will be memorable in the annals of the Anchor Tenants Society, not only as the first Social of the Supply Association, but also as being the last appearance amongst us of our late and highly esteemed works manager Mr. Geo. Hern. None amongst us ever imagined, that in so short a period, his useful life would be ended, and we should be called to mourn the loss of his kindly genial spirit.

## **Items of Interest.**

At a meeting held on Sunday afternoon last, in the Assembly Room, it was decided to commence a series of meetings on Sunday Evenings. The services will be undenominational, and all not connected with any other institution are heartily welcome. The first meeting will be held on Sunday evening October 29th, commencing at 6.30.

The retiring Editor of the A. T. F. fully deserved the vote of thanks given to him at the Monthly Meeting, for without doubt his position had been a truly "Harris"—ing one.

And just as a master "Mason" must have sufficient material for the erection of a beautiful stone edifice, so the new Editor will require from his readers the necessary mind and matter, for the upkeep and improvement of their journal.

Overheard-----"I say, Mrs. Tenant, my husband has often expressed a wish that our little Jack would some day prove to have some "grit" in him. Well, he's got so much in him now that he leaves some on the floor at every step when he comes home from school." Perhaps she did not know that the causeways were being relaid.

Please note that a few sickroom appliances are now kept on the Estate and may be hired upon application to Mrs. Purdy, secretary of "Ladies at Home."

## Gardening Notes.

The present autumn is one that will be remembered by every Tenant on the Estate, for while we mourned over the loss of one we all sincerely respect, the beautiful tints and colour of the leaves seemed as though they tried to cheer us on our way.

One good frost and these will be as a carpet for us walk upon. Then comes our work of collecting them together into a heap turning them over several times during the next month, then with a little turf soil they will make an excellent potting compost.

Pea sticks and bean poles should be carefully packed away taking care to place them in such a position that will carry off the rain and allow the wind through them.

Hyacinths and other bulbs in pots should be placed in a dark shed without water till they have made at least half an inch growth, then brought to light and given water three times a week.

The re-arranging of Herbaceous Borders may be taken in hand. Remove and divide all plants that have not been taken out for two or three years and plant them into fresh beds. Deep cultivation is very essential working in a fair amount of well decayed manure.

If any member wishes advice on the planting of Fruit Trees or any other subject the writer will be pleased to answer any question to the best of his ability either in person or by post. T.R.

It is with pleasure that we place on record the splendid success of our Exhibitors in connection with the Co-partnership Festival on August 26th. The prizes won amounted to £8-8-0, the following being obtained besides others;

Mr. Gilliver,	...	6 firsts.
„ Freeman,	...	5 „
„ J. Rowlett	...	4 „
and Bronze Medal.		

Certificates were also given with every first prize and our winners have each passed one on to our Secretary for hanging up if thought desirable.

Such grand success ought without doubt, create a desire amongst all our gardeners to enter the competition next year. This, in addition to the ordinary open prizes, would enable us to make the necessary arrangements to compete with the other Societies for the Gurney Trophy, with an excellent chance of winning it.

## SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS.

in the Assembly Room.

November 4th,—Concert arranged by Mr. Bowerman.

„ 11th,— „ „ Mr. Purdy.

„ 18th,—Dance.

„ 25th,—Concert arranged by Mr. J. Essex.

## Letters to the Editor.

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### THE NEW SUNDAY EVENING MOVEMENT.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—It was rather a timid gathering that met on the afternoon of Sunday, October 22nd. to discuss the desirability of providing or creating some sort of a Meeting for Sunday Evenings.

That there was a need, was quite evident from the fact that so many turned up, shewing by their presence that they considered a Sunday Evening Meeting desirable. But as I have already stated, it was a timid gathering, inasmuch as only two of those present had anything to say as regards suggestions and only two asked any questions.

Still the movement has been decided upon, and it now remains to be seen to what extent the Residents will support the Committee which has been appointed to inaugurate the work. There are surely other members of this community, who, though not present at this meeting and do not see their way clear to join our Friends at the "Meeting House," would welcome some sort of a movement or organization which had for its object the betterment of the Sunday Evening.

It is to them I would appeal to give their support by their presence at the meetings that are being provided for, commencing on October 29th, when we may rest assured an enjoyable time will be spent, as our friend Mr. Jays has charge of the programme for that evening.

At the same time we must be careful that we do not allow any conditions to arise that will tend toward friction in any shape or form. We must not lose sight of the fact that we are one big Family, with the interests of each wrapped up in the interests of the whole.

Yours for Successful and Pleasant Sunday  
Evenings, Atlanta.

## Humberstone and District Supply Association.

We are in business to supply our needs,

Therefore if we do not see what we require,

We must ask for it and the manager will do his best to satisfy our requirement.

We must remember it is

— our business and —

its success is our success.

# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

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## TO OUR CHILDREN.

What a happy time our Garden Suburb Children have to be sure. Can we imagine anything better in the summer than a beautiful playing green with its swings and see-saws or bumpers as the children call them and other kindred things with which to while away their happy hours of playtime, surrounded by the countless many-hued flowers, most of them laden with sweet perfume, which are in the gardens adjacent to their playground. There is no need to wonder why it is that they are all looking so healthy, bright and happy. See them on the swings, full of spirit and energy, some working as hard as they can, swinging higher and higher until you would almost think they were going over the top, others rocking gently to and fro, humming some Old English Home Song, or perhaps singing loudly in their childlike way some well-known melody. Others are lying full length on the grass basking in the sun and listening to the birds so sweetly singing, and then in another moment are upon their feet chasing butterflies, thus enjoying themselves in many ways which only their Suburb life can give them. But now it is Autumn and what a change, still happy though they cannot use their swings upon the green, or roll upon the grass as in the summer. Nature's heavy dews have caused them to come to the roads for their play, for when the weather permits they will be out of doors for nothing pleases them better than to have a real good rollicking time with their playmates. They cannot play as they would wish in their homes, for even if they had enough room they would make such a noise, for who can imagine three or four boys or girls playing quietly together for any length of time; no they like to be able to whistle and sing, to laugh and dance and so are compelled to play in the roads, but between these roads and the foot-paths runs a wide belt of turf in which trees have been planted and which they know full well have been put there to beautify their home surroundings. They love the trees when in full leaf, and the grass when it is green, and this makes them very careful in their play lest they should harm them by chipping off the bark or breaking the branches, or injuring the grass which surrounds them; put there for several purposes and especially to help the trees to retain their moisture.

So when they are on the roads, they are somewhat restrained in their play and their childish minds long for something else, something they hardly know what; may be those who are always anxious for the children's enjoyment, will in the near future have a pleasant surprise for them. It would be splendid to have a nice place to play in during the winter, a Play House it could be called. It would be much better than having to play in the roads or the square or even round the shops where you are now tempted to congregate because of the extra light the windows afford you, and you do like to see each other in your play. But we want to teach our children to play not only for their own amusement but for the pleasure of others too, and we know full well that our children are realizing this and have no wish to play round the stores. They know it upsets those that are in charge in their work, and as they are hoping when they grow up to be taking an interest in all our undertakings they agree to get near a lamp and have a game there. Then they are always glad when gymnasium time comes, and how they do enjoy it, dumb bells, Indian clubs, jumping, etc., then another evening they are attending their singing class, and how they do sing to be sure; they will certainly win first prize one of these days at the Co-partnership Festival so enthusiastic are they, and at our weekly concerts how they love to clap and stamp, and oh! when interval time comes it does one good to see the appetites they have, never was it so pronounced in town life. It is then their turn, and instead of being listeners, they are the artists, and they enter into their work so full of jest and spirit that it would do credit to many an adult combination. But whether as entertainers or entertained it matters not to them, they enjoy it and show their enjoyment, and so they will continue growing in all that is good and noble learning to do something better than they have ever done before. They have the opportunity which many would like, healthy homes and happy surroundings, and who knows but what our Estate Children who have already done many worthy deeds, may grow up and when old enough to think for themselves, do much which we older people never even dreamed of. Children, take the opportunity which your parents have given, exercise your minds to the full, always play to enjoy yourselves, but never to the discomfort of others. Remember that though you have something which your parents would have gloried in during their childhood, you yourselves are to grow up to manhood and womanhood and doubtless will be able to do something better still, knowing that as the world grows older, experience may teach you that the best has not been obtained even in your beautiful Garden Home.



## Music.

To return to this subject our readers will doubtless remember in a previous article I endeavoured to set forth a few of the joys and delights to be obtained from a study of this art. After the rudiments have been mastered and the student is able to play simple tunes nothing is more beautiful and more conducive to harmony and joy in the home, than for the family to gather round the piano and pour out their souls in song. Even if at first they are only simple tunes, it must be remembered that the door to higher and greater music is always open. To my mind the attitude of the nation towards music is a test of the character of the nation. There are some great souls who seem to be barren of the appreciation of music, but these are rare. Generally, we shall find that with greatness of mind comes full appreciation of this, one of the greatest of God's gifts to men.

Then passing from the music of the human voice and instruments made by man, the student will go on to greater and higher appreciation of the music of Nature. The singing of the birds, the hum of the bees, the sighing of the wind in the trees, and the roll of the sea and thunder of the waves, all these things will have new meaning and he will feel that Nature is in tune with the infinite and his soul and body will be as it were in a great and grand harmony with both Nature and the infinite. Most of us have at one time or another listened to performances which have more or less stirred the emotions within us. If it be pleasantly associated in our history, if it recall fond scenes of the past, which we would fain renew, we love it. We are indulgent listeners whatever be the voice, the instrument, the style, and are grateful for the privilege of being so agreeably affected.

There are those dear to our hearts who have passed away from earth, the grave has closed over them. The buds which last they gathered have crumpled into dust and the flowers which they planted have ceased to bloom. But there was an air, a piano-piece, a song, a psalm-tune, which they were wont to sing, or to play, or to admire, and with which they are now inseparably associated. There is nothing like music to embalm and to reproduce the past. And thus we love the music, not for its own sake, but for theirs who now live for us in its strains. We praise its every repetition. The newer compositions are very beautiful but sometimes we think there is nothing on earth that has the power to stir us to nobler, higher and better things than some of the grand old melodies of years gone by.

BREVE.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The November Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday the 23rd, this being the first monthly meeting in the room over the shops. Mr. E. T. Groome

who presided over a fair attendance, referred in his opening remarks to the death of Mr. Hern, this being the first monthly meeting since that sad occurrence. Mr. Wilford gave the committee's report stating that this portion of the estate is practically complete. In about three and a half years it has been brought from agricultural land to a value of about £22,000, no mean achievement in the time. He also reported that Mr. A. Hern had taken his brother's place as manager, he having been closely associated with him in that capacity for some time. Some complaints were made about the children playing too much on the grass margins of the roads. Mr. R. Scott gave report of Estate Council. They had held several concerts and dances and a whist drive; had started a Recreative Club, a Student's Class, and a Debating Society. The chief items of interest in general business was a criticism of the evergreens in the central square, one of the members suggesting that flowers would have been more suitable.

### Humberstone and District Supply Association.

One of the first essentials to success is a good start, and without question a good start has been secured by the above Association. Up to the present the measure of success achieved, has falsified all the pessimistic forecasts of some of our friends, and surpassed the moderate expectation of others who knowing the difficulties of the situation, were not prepared to predict an immediate success for the venture. Every week during the past month has brought additions to our membership roll, and there now remains but a very small percentage indeed of the residents who are holding aloof from the Society. We give these a very cordial invitation to join us and help to increase the measure of our success. The two members' meetings which have been held since our last report, were both well attended by interested members who seemed determined to do their utmost for the society's welfare, while the action of the Leicester Society in refusing business offered to them, came in for severe though good-tempered criticism, none of the members appearing to contemplate lack of food supplies or clean collars on that account. Surely, however it is about time large Distributive Societies, like Leicester, tried to understand the problems of development peculiar to Garden Suburbs, that they might strive to help rather than hinder their attainment. As in our case however, their action has had the effect it might have been expected to have, of increasing the determination and loyalty of our people. We have no reason to complain, though we may venture to express a hope that sometime they may understand our aims and purposes better.

### ESTATE COUNCIL.

During the last month we have had some rich treats in the way of concerts, which have reached a high standard of excellence, and Messrs. Riley and Bowerman and Mrs. Purdy are to be complimented

upon getting together such a splendid body of performers at their respective concerts. Mr. J. Essex too is to be thanked for his visit to the estate, the selections on the banjo, the ladies singing, and the humorous items helped to make a good concert. We have also had two dances, very successful ones too, not only from a financial standpoint but showing the social feelings which exist on the Estate. Then every Saturday we hold a Learner's Dancing Class in the Institute, which has been appreciated. We have also had a Whist Drive in which about 40 players took part. Our Tutorial Class though not strong in numbers we hope will grow strong in wisdom and we hope their numbers will increase as the weeks go by. The Debaters this winter have not been so successful but we hope after Christmas they will pull themselves together for a good three month's work. Meetings every Friday. Then we have to report the Recreative Club, who have made a fair number of members, but the secretary would be pleased to see many more present. Their nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Then we must report progress with regard to Miss Meekins and her class in the drilling of the children. Also Mr. Tom Wilford who is training the children in their singing and is working hard to get them fit for their Concert in December.

#### THE ESTATE CRICKET CLUB.

During the past month, meetings have been held of those interested in the above and it has been decided to form a Subscription Cricket Club. At the meeting held on Wednesday November 22nd, the following officers were elected:

President : - Mr. S. Beamish.  
 Treasurer : - Mr. C. Goodenough.  
 Secretary : - Mr. W. Folwell.  
 Committee : Messrs Ward, Purdy, A. Wilford,  
 Bowerman, and J. A. Smith.

The first years subscription was fixed at 10/6 2/- to be paid up by January 1st. as entrance fee, half the remainder by May 1st. and the balance by June 1st.

Will all intending members please communicate with the Secretary.

W. FOLWELL.

### Items of Interest.

The Concert on December 16th. to be given by the children will no doubt prove very enjoyable, as in addition to Songs and Duets there will be a Dumb-Bell and Indian Club display.

Although County residents, the new Estate C.C., with its lithe, energetic and loose-limbed members could aptly be styled "The Grasshoppers" in contradistinction to "clodhoppers". What's in a name?

**Church of Christ.** On Wednesday December 13th, Mr. F. S. Herne will deliver a Lecture in the

Meeting House on "The Origin of the New Testament." Many will remember Mr. Herne's previous interesting lecture on a similar subject, and a hearty invitation to be present is given to all.

Gideon—(Perhaps you mean Giddy-un,)—No, as far as we know there is no age limit in connection with the Learner's Dancing Class, as there is such a thing as second childhood. But as to weight we are not prepared to answer, as accidents WILL happen and you might catch your toe.

At the "Ladies at Home" on November 16th, Mrs. Donaldson, (of St. Mark's Leicester,) representing the Health Society, gave an instructive little talk to those present on "Health in the Home," pointing out particularly the importance of admitting as much light and air into our rooms as possible, and keeping out dust and dirt which carry disease germs about. A number of questions were asked and answered.

"The scene was striking, all the benches filled with members whose demeanour was that of strained expectation and absorbed attention." The above is an extract from our local evening paper of Tuesday last, but does it not fully describe the audience at Mr. Essex's concert when the chairman announced the appearing of "A truly happy married man."

It is undoubtedly a very distasteful subject to write upon but although we in our little City are happily out of the reach of such awful calamities, our hearts truly go out to those who are suffering in such a cruel manner as we continually hear about. People we are told having to find their way through the streets of their cities by feeling their way along the walls and railings, just as if they had been stricken with a sudden blindness, and in their frantic desire to reach their homes and families ere it was too late, jostling and knocking each other over with curses and execrations. What a sad picture, and yet we are only writing of the thick fog which enveloped Leicester on Wednesday evening last.

May we be allowed to remind our contributors to whom we offer our best thanks for their assistance, the remarkable fact that this year Christmas Day falls on December 25th. We should therefore feel obliged if they will have their storyettes, poems, and articles ready as early as possible in the month. But jesting aside, fellow-members, should not those who are able to help in the upkeep of their little journal, and there are many, consider it their duty to do so.

We hear there is a machine used in the making of boots and shoes which is described as a "knocker-up." The thought occurred to us that there is a fortune awaiting the man who will invent a really good effective "knocker-up" for use on our Estate on these dark cold winter mornings. The will-power necessary to turn out at the proper time is enormous.

## Gardening Notes.

November is the best month in the year to plant all kinds of ornamental and fruit trees. If the soil becomes sticky before the operations are complete lay the roots in a hole and cover well over with soil till early in March.

Flower Beds and Borders cleaned up this month will look tidy through the winter.

Winter digging should be commenced at once and where the soil is inclined to be heavy, or should there be any trouble with garden pests a good dressing of fresh white lime should be worked in. It should be remembered that lime is fertilizing to the soil.

I have been asked on several occasions what I consider best for pathway edging. This has been a difficulty with many gardeners, including myself, and has had my careful consideration. I have made up my mind that Grotto is the most effective and cheapest material to use, one load can be made to go a long way and should not cost more than twelve shillings delivered on site. Tiles are good but will cost three times as much. Boards are expensive and very seldom give satisfaction.

### AUTUMN.

Autumn has come to stay awhile  
And Nature's leaves are turning gold,  
Her grandeur makes the heart to smile  
As she her beauty doth unfold;  
But flowers die and fade away,  
No more to kiss the morning dew,  
Nor open to the suns bright ray  
As once to us they used to do,  
And Summer mourns, for she has lost  
Her beauty, which we loved to view;  
Her grief we share, ah! at what cost,  
For we have lost, a flower too.

T. NEAL.

*Omitted from the October A.T.F. owing to lack of space.*

## Saturday Evening Entertainments

In the Assembly Room.

December 2nd,—Whist Drive.

„ 9th,—Concert arranged by Mr. C. Goodenough.

„ 16th,— „ by Children.

„ 23rd,—Dance.

Friday, December 29th,—**SPECIAL**

Recitals by - - Mr. J. T. HARDY

:: :: and Musical Selection. :: ::

## Letters to the Editor.

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Sir,—Allow me through the aid of your valuable paper to suggest what I believe would be a very useful work for the Estate Council to take in hand. The children residing upon the Estate are one by one arriving at that age when the law permits them to leave school and seek employment and we must all recognise what a difficult problem it is for their parents to know what to do for the best, with the apparent lack of suitable situations and the tendency for many children to drift into the lower grades of employment. Now where one cannot help the many, many may be able to help the one. Let the E.C. keep a register where the children's names can be entered (if so desired by the parents) say at least six months before they leave school, so that an attempt may be made by the E. C. to find such situations as will tend to give our children better opportunities and a greater desire as they grow in years to do all possible for the good of this community and their country generally.

Yours, ANXIOUS.

Following on the above it is very pleasing indeed to note that practically the whole of our youths are attending two or even three of the Evening Classes carried on during the winter in the Leicester Council Schools.—Editor.

## Humberstone and District Supply Association.

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## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

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### CHRISTMAS.

Once again Christmas season approaches, bringing with it the expectation to most of us,—would it were to all—of festivity and mirth.

This is the season when we all become young again, and lay ourselves out to enjoy life. It is even possible to find stern fathers and careworn mothers joining in the children's games, fully enjoying the mirth and frolic, jest and joke, which befits the occasion, though perhaps they do not care to count the Christmasses that have passed since Santa Claus last filled their stockings, out of his wonderful bag; making them so happy and delighted with his gifts. Good old mysterious Santa Claus, just the same to-day as when the oldest inhabitant was a child, the same jolly round face, the same white whiskers, the same air of benevolence. One can see at a glance that his purpose is to give pleasure and create happiness; and though for some of us the mystery of his coming and going was long since dispelled, we still have happy recollections of his past favours to us in the happy days when he filled our stockings from his wonderful stock of good things, sometimes, jolly old joker as he was, playing a prank on us as well, by carefully wrapping in oh! so many papers, something which we thought must be of value by the care bestowed on it, but which eventually turned out to be a small bit of coal, perhaps a button, or something else equally valueless and equally mirth provoking. Happy days! gone beyond recall for some of us, leaving cherished memories nevertheless, which as they grow more distant as the years pass, grow more precious and sacred, recalling to our minds old associations, the old home, and the old friends.

Wonderful time Christmas! let it not pass without our learning the lesson of it. We celebrate by it

the birth of Jesus; what more in keeping with such celebration, than that we should be possessed of a desire to give pleasure to those about us; to cultivate a kindly humane spirit, and to make life as jolly and mirthful, happy and buoyant as possible to everybody. Dickens tells us of Old Scrooge who thought Christmas a nuisance, and that Old Scrooge was greedy and grasping and sour and unhappy. No wonder! if we would be jolly and happy and young in heart, even though the hair may be turning grey, we must imbibe the Spirit of Christmas, and carry it along with us through all the year. We are more humane at Christmas and being more humane are more human and being more human are nearer the Divine. When the Spirit of Christmas permeates society, then the earth will be merry and its inhabitants nobler and purer than now. Let us all unbend then, get pleasure by giving pleasure, determine to make the season as pleasant to everybody as possible. Don't let us stand on our dignity too much, or think the world was made for our special benefit.

The Christmas Spirit is abroad, your "Forerunner" sees it approaching and gladly proclaims the fact. Let us all strive to lay hold of that Christmas Spirit and make it our guest; and that all may have a right Merry Time is the wish of

Yours truly,

A. T. FORERUNNER.

The Recital by Mr. J. T. Hardy, to be given on Friday December 29th, will be of a character appropriate to the season as will be seen by the list of items given below:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| "MY BEST TIP" (A Porter's Story)   | Cassells' Magazine. |
| "COPPERFIELD AND THE WAITER" ...   | Dickens.            |
| "MR. PICKWICK ON THE ICE" ...      | Dickens.            |
| "BOOTS AT THE HOLLY TREE INN" ...  | Dickens.            |
| "MR. MacMUNN'S LAST COURTSHIP" ... | Scotch.             |

The recitals will be interspersed with solos, and a most entertaining evening is in store.

One can only hope that the kindness of the busy professional elocutionist in thus visiting us, will be recognised and ensure a crowded audience.



## STORYETTE FOR THE CHILDREN.

### Dolly's First Letter.

Tomorrow was Christmas Day. Dolly's little mind had evidently been full of some trouble for a week at least and her mamma had been watching her very closely to try to find out the cause. Questions had been put to her and answered, but Dolly was not quite satisfied. She had been very lonesome for some weeks, as Jacky Jones, her special playmate, who lived near, had been very poorly and was now so ill with a child's complaint as to have to keep his bed.

"Are you quite sure, mamma, that Santa Claus is still alive?" she suddenly asked, her eyes lifting up to her mother's face with an enquiring gaze, "are you quite sure that he will not forget to come to the Estate tonight to fill our stockings?"

"You can take it from me, Dolly," her mamma replied, with an amused smile, "that although Santa Claus is a very, very old man, as long as there are little girls and little boys in the world who are good children and obey their parents, he will keep alive and will always remember to reward his little pets on Christmas Eve."

"But how will Santa Claus bring all the presents that even we shall want? Why, mamma, there are more than seventy scholars in our Sunday School alone and how can a poor old man carry such a load of Dollies, Teddy Bears, Oranges and Sweets as it will take to fill all our stockings?"

"Well, my dear, Santa Claus no doubt has a very strong back and perhaps he will carry them in a large bag slung across his broad shoulders. I have seen a picture of him with a bag on his back which was so big and so full of presents that it reached quite as high as the roofs of the houses he was passing. So do not be afraid that he will forget you, darling."

"As high as the roofs of the houses," repeated Dolly sadly. This was just what she had been afraid of, and she felt as if she would like to have a good cry. Her mamma had told her that Santa Claus came only to children who were fast asleep, so that if she kept awake she would not see him. She sank into deep thought and after a time appeared to have made up her mind what to do, for when her mother, later on in the evening, left her alone in the room to go and attend to her housework, Dolly obtained some note-paper and a pencil and was soon busy writing, her little tongue going first into one cheek and then into the other.

Bedtime came and Dolly, after hanging up her stocking with seeming great care, was tucked up in her cosy bed and in a short time was fast asleep.

Then the night crept on and Santa Claus duly arrived with presents for his numerous little pets. But when he came to Dolly's bedside with the usual oranges and sweets and a large Teddy Bear, he found it impossible to get them into her stocking. The cause of this, however, was not far to seek, for pinned inside the top was a letter addressed to "Mr. Santy Claws" which read as follows:

Deer Santy Claws,

My playmate, Jacky Jones, who lives down the Avnoo is very poorly and I am very very sorry for him. So please Mister Santy Claws I am riting to ask yu if yu find yu can't get yure big bag under the lamp arch and have to go round Fern Rise first will you please keep a very nice present til yu get to him, and if yu will doo so yu needn't give me one. Please scuse my riting.

Yure lovin, DOLLY.

When Santa Claus read this thoughtful little missive he laughed out so loudly that he almost awakened Dolly, who however only turned over in her sleep with a smile. But tears came into the eyes of Santa's companion who with a whispered "My Darling" bent down and lightly kissed little Dolly. When morning came both Jacky and Dolly found splendid presents in their stockings, for kindly deeds, however small, never go unrewarded, children.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, December 14th. In the absence of the President. Mr. A. H. Hibbett was voted to the chair, and presided over about forty of the tenant members. Mr. J. T. Taylor gave the committee's report, stating that the workmen were levelling a part of the ground set apart for recreation purposes, for a cricket pitch for next season. They requested tenants to clear up as far as possible the allotment rents and other small accounts which may be owing. The Secretary followed with a request for all pass-books to be brought in for audit, and went on to explain the financial position of the Society, and the need for raising £600 to purchase next plot. Twelve hundred pounds is required for the purpose, but Co-partnership Tenants have promised half, providing that the other half can be raised locally, in either Shares or Loan stock. Mr. Scott gave report of Estate Council and Mr. Murby of Recreative Club, both institutions being in a satisfactory state. In general business some complaints were made regarding dogs not being kept under proper control. The meeting also decided to send a message of sympathy to Mr. Jackson, formerly secretary of Estate Council, who is ill.

### Humberstone and District Supply Association.

The past month has been a period of steady satisfactory progress new members are still being made, and we are doing our best to supply all the requirements of our customers. We are grateful to find by the



upward tendency of the weekly receipts, that our attempts are appreciated by the residents. Our first quarter is nearing its close and your committee anticipate being able to report a very satisfactory result. Members will please bear in mind the important first quarterly meeting in January. Look out for the date.

### Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting.

Ting! Ting! Ting! Ting! It was the unusual sound of the village school bell calling the parishioners to the Parish Meeting at 8 p.m. on the 30th of November. This meeting, which had been previously called by notice on the board in the usual way, is necessary according to the Act for that purpose made and provided (as the lawyers say,) before any expenditure can be made for lighting the village for the winter. But so interested are the residents in local affairs that the combined efforts of notice board and bell only succeeded in "skeering up" two, both of whom reside on the Estate. These in addition to the Parish Council constituted the Parish Meeting. The only item of business was to sanction £24 being spent for lighting purposes. This was proposed from the "platform" and seconded by one of the "audience" the assent and consent of the local Referendum being obtained unanimously. A 2d. rate is estimated, with the balance in hand to raise sufficient revenue; the chairman remarking facetiously that we had enjoyed (?) a 4d. rate for this purpose and then a 3d. one, and now no doubt we should appreciate one at twopence.

After the Parish Meeting a meeting of the Parish Council was held, when Precepts on the Overseers were signed for current expenses. It was also decided to repair hedge and fence of allotments on Keyham Lane hill; to put swing gate at entrance to church field to correspond with the one at the back of the church, and to write to the County authorities re dangerous corner at bottom of Thurmaston Lane.

### ESTATE COUNCIL NEWS.

On December 2nd, a Whist Drive was arranged which proved most enjoyable. On the following Saturday December 9th, Mr. C. Goodenough kindly provided the programme, which was much appreciated. Mention must be made of the very juvenile performer who sang her song in most creditable style.

December 16th was a night long looked for, and a pleasing surprise it turned out to be, for this was Children's Night. They sang in capital style, the precision and enunciation was very good and they well deserved the encore they received for their last piece "Children's Voices." Mention must also be made of their drill, both with the Dumb-Bells and Clubs. All honour to those who have given their time and services in their training.

The Estate Council are very busy with the 'Xmas Programme and it is hoped there will be happy times for all.

### THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

The effort to inaugurate on the Estate meetings for worship, on the simple basis of aspiring humanity, has been amply justified so far by the results, both as regards the quality of meetings held, and the number of residents present.

This report is written at the conclusion of the sixth meeting, the last of the temporary series originally decided on. No one who has been present at any meeting, participated in the hearty singing, or heard the thoughtfully chosen readings, prayers, or addresses, will be surprised to learn that at the general meeting, held to consider the question, it was unanimously decided to establish the services on a permanent basis. The committee responsible are determined that the meetings shall be as before, varied.

We recognise that as a community our tastes and aims differ, at least in form; we so believe that our platform must be an open one to men of different views. All we ask from our speakers, is a tolerant attitude to their hearers, and that they themselves sincerely mean the things they utter.

Again, we want bright meetings. The heartiness of our singing has been a feature already, and we are now fixing up a choir which should mean yet further advance in this direction.

As a seasonable change the Service on December 24th. will be a "Carol Service," and be mostly musical in character. *Optimist.*

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

On Wednesday December 13th, Mr. F. S. Herne of the Leicester Permanent Library, gave a lecture in the Meeting House on "The Origin of the New Testament." It was a most interesting address, Mr. Herne undoubtedly having a good grip of his subject. He stated that for twenty years after the death of Christ, the Gospel was proclaimed orally, or by mouth alone, there being no literature. Then the Apostle Paul wrote his first Epistle, which was to the Church at Thessalonica about A.D. 52 or 53, to be followed by his Epistles to the Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans, which after century's research and attacks, have been admitted by all as authentic. The Gospels were written after the Epistles, probably about A.D. 70, Paul having died A.D. 68, and 300 years later a canon of 27 books was decided upon as authentic and Apostolic in Corinth A.D. 397. The lecturer pointed out that the fact of the Epistles having been brought together in such a wonderful manner, testifies to their authority and the Divine intention and should strengthen the faith of all believers in the Word of God.

### Items of Interest.

A dog was observed on the 4th inst. on the Estate with four legs, one at each corner.

Look out for "The Cornstalks" this Christmas; performers who have appeared before all the "Crowned Heads of Europe"—ever thought of hearing cornstalk?

Is it fair that the Whist Drive booby prizes should be monopolised by one individual as they have been?

Dear Editor,—Will the Estate Druggist be carrying on business on Boxing Day?

Anxious Enquirer (mother of six).

Church of Christ Lord's Day School.—The annual scholar's tea and distribution of prizes will take place on Saturday, December 30th in the Meeting House. Tea on tables at 4-30 p.m. to be followed at 6 by the meeting at which the scholars will help to entertain by songs and recitations. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

"A keeper, who was attracted by trumpetings and loud roarings from the elephant cage in a menagerie at Woodbridge, found one of the elephants in agony. He was unable to relieve it, and later heard a thud on the floor. It was found that the elephant had cast a tooth, weighing, it is stated, about 7 lbs."

The above is an extract from our local newspaper. It takes some swallowing—we mean the story, not the tooth.

Just as we go to press we have received an interesting letter from Mr. T. A. Smith, once an Anchor tenant, now residing in New Zealand, desiring us to convey his best Season's Greetings to all his old associates. We hope to insert his letter in our next issue.

## Gardening Notes.

The dark and gloomy days of December usually bring thoughts of Christmas festivities in preference to gardening. We clean up our tools, put them in order and bid them goodbye; unless by chance there is a bit of nice weather during our holiday, and we feel we should like to counterbalance some of our superfluous energy by a little double-digging. If this should happen let us prepare our plot for Broad-Beans as these will be the first seeds to be planted in the open. But I think most of us will be satisfied to sit by the fire and get out our plans for the coming spring.

Read an occasional book of which there is quite a good collection in our free Library, such old favourites as Dr. Hogg, J. Wright, Walter Wright, Cassell's Illustrated Gardening, Beeton's "All about Gardening" and many others.

If any reader wishes to make up a pretty and effective little decoration for Christmas, the following may be made pleasing and worthy of the little trouble it entails. Take an ordinary dish, fill it with one of the garden mosses, add a little water to keep it fresh, get a few flowers such as Violas, Pansies, Violets or Lily of the Valley and insert their stems into the moss forming a design to suit taste. It is surprising what may be done with about a dozen blooms worked on these lines. Wishing every reader a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. T.R.

The year lies in the evening light;  
The poet, musing in autumnal woods,  
Hears melancholy sighs  
Among the wither'd leaves.

Not so! but, like a spirit glorified,  
The angel of the year departs; lays down  
His robes once green in spring,  
Or bright with summer's blue.

And, having done his mission on the earth—  
Filling ten thousand vales with golden corn,  
Orchards with rosy fruit,  
And scattering flowers around—

He lingers, for a moment, in the west,  
With the declining sun, sheds over all  
A pleasant, farewell smile—  
And so returns to God.

Selected.

## Saturday Evening Entertainments IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM.

January 6th,—Concert arranged by Mr. Aston.

„ 13th,— „ „ Miss L. Meekins.  
„ 20th,—Whist Drive.  
„ 27th,—Dance.

## 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 was pleased to see the letter of "Anxious" in the A. T. F. in respect to the future welfare of our boys and girls on the Estate, but he has only touched the fringe of the subject. What is needed first is to endeavour to find out the adaptabilities of the child. That, to the writer, is where so many parents have made the mistake of placing the boy or girl to some trade or occupation without full consideration as to whether the child's talents run in that direction. I think if we did our best to understand the youngsters from their side, we should be building up a community of healthier and more contented men and women, thus giving them the chance to bring into reality some of the dreams of their parents and friends. Might I here be permitted to make another suggestion to the Estate Council? Now is the golden opportunity, if they can find someone able and willing to form a class of elder boys and girls, to teach them the higher ideals of life as advanced by R. Owen, J. Ruskin, W. Morris, Kingsley Arnold.

Yours, SPRINGTIME.

To the Committee of A. T. F.

Dear Sirs.—I must congratulate you upon last month's paper being so bright and cheerful. But now to my way of thinking, it is time you altered the name, for a paper like last months, cannot be styled a "Forerunner." I think it has come to stay. Might I be allowed to suggest two names that would be suitable for future editions.

(1) "The Beacon" because it seems to throw a light over the whole of the Estate.

(2) "The Link" because it seems just what is necessary to hold us all together. W.N.

## HUMBERSTONE and DISTRICT SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Store will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next.

## LAST DAY OF QUARTER.

Our First Quarter will end on December 31st.

# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

No. 16

JANUARY, 1912.

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The Editor,

"Burnbrae," The Avenue.

Winter in the country! The town dweller will tell us that the country is very nice in summer but in the winter, when to use the words of an old writer "nature lies despoiled of every charm," well, he would rather not. But let us both examine the matter fairly, and see if nature is so lacking in the winter. In the first place the winter has to be passed somewhere, and the majority of us cannot dodge it by going to the Riviera and returning with the swallows, so perforce have to spend it near to our place of business. Typically winter is the time of snow and skating, but the long spell of these seem to have gone out of fashion with the stage-coach, the Clerk of the Weather apparently thinking we cannot stand much of this sort of thing in these degenerate days. Anyhow, during the brief reigns of King Frost, the great white expanse of upland and meadow is as pleasant to the eye as the snow on the roofs in the town which quickly changes its colour and eventually slides off on to the dustbin lid.

But winter is chiefly dull and rainy, and the dweller in an ordinary street of an ordinary town has the worst of it from many points of view. Certain aspects of Nature are visible to a country dweller at this time of the year that are not visible in the summer. The leaves that have to a certain extent hidden the formation of the trees, have put on their autumn tints and finally disappeared leaving the delicate tracery of bough and twig outlined against the sky. The hard storm-defying angles of the oak, the beautiful curves of the ash, the large and powerful looking elm, and the supple willow are quite as picturesque as a long ridge of roof, interspersed with chimney pots. And although the birds are not so numerous as in the summer, the kinds that do not migrate seem tamer than at other parts of the year, and allow us to see more of their beautiful shapes and colours. Then on clear days the sun-rises and sun-sets are worth seeing, especially the sun-rises, for Old Sol is more considerate now and does not get up at an unreasonable hour, when only the very earliest birds are stirring.

And what of the nights? When the sky is clear, we get a very expansive view of the stars, not a narrow strip the width of a street, and the sky is worth look-

ing at on such a night. But how about the dull weather? Well it is common to the whole of the land, and the country looks as wholesome as the town even at the dullest time. The drops of Scotch mist that drip from tree and hedgerow are clear, and compare favourably with the sooty fog of a town street. But it is so dull in the country they say. Is it? Nature is never dull to her lovers, and this is the whole secret. The townsman has been so long shut away from her that he has forgotten how to read her book: it is unintelligible to him. Yes, winter is better in the country for the beauty of the best and the bracingness of the worst weather make life worth living.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the Committee and members of the Supply Association on the success that has attended their efforts in the first quarter's trading. Although the most sanguine of its members were convinced that it would be possible to establish a Society that would pay its way from the very commencement yet none could have anticipated such a satisfactory balance of profit for disposal. And now we would suggest to members that care be taken not to pay away in dividends too large a proportion of this profit, but that their aim be to make the foundation of the Society secure by a good reserve fund. Again, they should not overlook their obligations to the Estate Council, which has provided business premises splendidly fitted up for their special requirements. We think they ought to consider themselves in the same position as the ordinary tenant, who, by the rules, is expected to invest regularly, or as circumstances permit, in the General Society until the amount reaches the value of the house he occupies.

We also venture to urge upon the Committee and Manager a forward movement. The past quarter's trading shows that they are upon the right lines; then by all means let them press forward, increasing their scope of usefulness and their sphere of influence. The advantage of co-operation in distribution, should be brought more fully before the residents of the old portion of the village, thus trying to bestow upon them the benefits that they, the present members seem likely to receive. From the financial standpoint there should be no difficulty for it is quite evident from the balance sheet that the worthy secretary has had no cause for anxiety as to the payment of accounts when due, and we have no doubt members generally will realize what thousands of others have done, that there are nothing safer or more remunerative (and yet so easily realised if required) than investments in ordinary distributive societies.

## News from New Zealand.

BY AN OLD TENANT.

May I be permitted through the columns of the "Forerunner," for I feel sure that this paper is still being circulated on the Estate, to wish each and every one a most happy and prosperous new year. I suppose by the time this is seen by the Tenants it will be almost be too late to wish each a Merry 'Xmas, and if it should be, I sincerely hope everyone will have had a most happy time. Whilst they are enjoying themselves around the 'Xmas fires I shall no doubt be having my "Duck and green peas" out camping somewhere in the open country, for it will be the mid-summer holidays, when most of the workshops close for about a fortnight. A large number of people in New Zealand spend their holidays in camps.

When walking around the suburbs of Auckland my thoughts are sure to wander back to the Garden Suburb I have left, and the other Garden Cities in England, for the suburbs are laid out on quite garden city lines. They are good wide streets with houses all standing back, each one in its own grounds, and with a nice frontage, most of them of 50 feet and about 120 to 150 feet in depth. The sections are sold at so much per foot frontage, (the plots of land here are called sections). Close to where I am living it is worth £3 per foot; a little further out one may buy as low as 30/-. The land speculators are making a good thing out of it in N. Z. towns. On the dominion road which is the main road of the district, the land is worth, or at least it fetches £10 per foot, and in the busy parts of the city land might make up to £200 per foot. The houses here are of wood and built all on one floor, and set in their own grounds with verandas along the front, they look very nice and much prettier than the ordinary brick buildings at home. Of course the chief reason why the houses here are built detached I suppose, is the fear of fire, and this keeps the town very open and much healthier than would be the case if built close together. Although there is no depth of soil here, Auckland being composed of volcanic rock, one sees some very nice flowers in the gardens of the houses and parks. Cinerarias grow very fine out in the open; flowering shrubs do well here; and many plants are grown in the open that can only be grown in glasshouses in England. I am very pleased to be able to say that I am in better health than when I left Humberstone nearly six months ago. In conclusion I again wish all connected with the Estate a Merry 'Xmas and a Prosperous New and the efforts of all those who are trying to make life pleasanter for their fellow workers, the success they deserve.

T. A. SMITH.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.—On Saturday, December 30th, the Scholar's Annual Tea and Prize Distribution was held, when a happy company of children sat down to tea at 4.30. In the evening some 25 books and bibles were distributed.

## REPORTS.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The weather was probably responsible for the small attendance at the monthly meeting on January 18th. Mr. Groome presided and Mr. Wilford gave the monthly report, stating that satisfactory replies had been received to the appeal for capital, and work on new part of Estate would commence as soon the weather permitted, and that Mr. Albert Hern had been appointed permanent manager. He also appealed for more regular contribution to share capital from the Tenants; which would enable the Public Works Loan Board loan to be paid off without any difficulty, and make the Estate the actual property of the Tenants. Nominations for Committee must be in at the office by February 10th, there are five required, Messrs. Taylor, Hibbett, Mann and Beamish retiring, and the vacancy caused by Mr. A. T. Smith leaving for New Zealand. Messrs. J. Rowlett and Beamish were appointed to attend a District Conference at Aylestone Park on "Co-operative Small Holdings." Questions were asked re plans of houses for new development, and also about seeds, it being announced that the Supply Association had taken the seed business in hand, and they would be obtained through the store.

### ESTATE COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

On Wednesday December 27th, the Children's 'Xmas Festival was held. They enjoyed a substantial tea and afterwards, the room having been cleared, they indulged in various 'Xmas Games, the fun being fast and furious. Then a real Santa Claus put in an appearance and he commenced to give each child a gift off the very large tree that had been provided, and which was loaded with some very useful and beautiful presents. Then came more fun, for when orange and lemon was played some of the adults joined in, and much merriment was caused. So the time went joyously on until 10 o'clock, when the youngsters trooped off home after one of the finest holidays they have ever had.

Thursday December 28th, was the Council's "At Home" for the parents and adults, and long before the time stated groups of them were there anticipating a few happy hours and they were not disappointed soon the party was in full swing, and then came the turn of the evening, when the Cornstalks, about whom all had heard yet had not seen arrived, and what a reception they had to be sure. Roars of laughter greeted them as they paraded round the Hall, and when Lady Godiva rode in on her beautiful charger, she received such an ovation which might have frightened the steed had it not been well trained. The band had been well rehearsed and the music went with a swing. The duet brought poor Godiva to tears and such tears too, and then the Emperor's speech, which was quite a masterpiece, proved a fine ending for a holiday k-night. Then the Cornstalks warbled their famous parody which concluded their performance.

After this friends partook of refreshments, followed by more singing and reciting, when all too soon the clock struck eleven and Auld Lang Syne was heartily sung by all.

Please note that lady Godiva Cornstalk wishes to thank all who contributed to her very "tasty" bouquet.

On Friday December 29th, we had another rare treat, Mr. J. T. Hardy having kindly offered to give a night's elocution. He did splendidly and deserved all the applause he got. His little anecdotes were also very good.

Mention must also be made of the soloists on that night, Mr. A. Keywood and Mr. Harvey both sang well.

### THE PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

This meeting is more than fulfilling the expectations we had when it was started.

The meeting on Sunday December 24th, was devoted mostly to music, and Christmas carols being chosen for the hymns, and musical items, recitations, and a suitable reading took up the rest of the evening. We are indebted to friends from the town for some excellent addresses.

Optimist.

# Humberstone and District Supply Association Limited.

REGISTERED NO. 5354.

## FIRST QUARTERLY BALANCE SHEET.

To The Members,

December 31st. 1911.

In presenting the first Report and Balance Sheet the Committee desire to congratulate the members upon its satisfactory character.

The accounts as now presented cover the period commencing with September 30th. and ending December 31st, but as our Store was not opened until October 14th, it really comprises a trading period of but eleven weeks.

The business done in that period, and the profit realised, cannot, we think, be considered otherwise than as highly satisfactory, and affording abundant hope and encouragement for the future success of the Society.

The Committee desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Manager Mr. Minns, whose experience and loyal service have done much to make possible the success of their efforts.

For the future we again appeal for the loyalty of our members and give a hearty invitation to all, who as yet have not joined our number, to do so.

### CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Cash from Social Service Committee	...	34	5 4	By Goods	...	275	11 8
„ Social, October 5th.	...	0	9 5½	„ Expenses of Social	...	0	6 2½
„ Store Receipts	...	356	9 10	„ Small Savings Repaid	...	30	7 10½
„ Various Receipts	...	14	3 2	„ Loan to Estate Council	...	11	0 0
„ Subscriptions to Share Capital	...	94	3 6	„ A. T. Forerunner Account	...	3	10 0
„ Entrance Fees	...	1	17 6	„ Wages and Expenses	...	47	12 6½
„ Small Savings Fund	...	10	1 9	„ Bank Deposits	...	384	13 3
„ Bank Withdrawals	...	265	15 3	„ Cash in Hand	...	24	4 3
		£777	5 9½			777	5 9½

### TRADING,—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Sales	...	382	4 6	By Stocks September 30th.	...	24	14 0
„ Stocks	...	174	14 0	„ Goods	...	447	2 0
„ Entrance Fees	...	1	17 6	„ Wages	...	24	11 7½
				„ Expenses	...	13	16 6½
		£558	16 0	„ Balance Profit	...	48	11 10
						£558	16 0

### PRELIMINARY EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Charged to Reserve Fund	...	10	6 11	Advertising	...	0	12 3
				Travelling Expenses	...	1	3 8
				Rules, Pass Books, etc.	...	7	11 0
		£10	6 11	Registration Fee	...	1	0 0
						£10	6 11

### RESERVE FUND.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance handed over by Social Service Committee	...	50	0 0	Preliminary Expenses Account	...	10	6 11
				Balance	...	39	13 1
		£50	0 0			£50	0 0

### FIXED STOCK AND PLANT ACCOUNT.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Handed over by Social Service Committee	...	24	14 9	Depreciation 10% per annum.	...	0	14 5
Additions	...	4	3 0	Nominal Value	...	28	3 4
		£28	17 9			£28	17 9

### BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Share Capital	...	94	3 6	Stocks, January 1st. 1912.	...	174	14 0
Accounts owing	...	178	10 10	Fixed Stock Account	...	28	3 4
Savings Fund	...	9	14 4	Accounts owing	...	24	14 0
Reserve Fund	...	39	13 1	Bank Balance	...	118	18 0
		322	1 9	Cash in hand	...	24	4 3
Balance Profit	...	48	11 10				
		£370	13 7			£370	13 7

The QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, in the Assembly Room at 8-15 prompt.

(MEMBERS ONLY ADMITTED.)

BUSINESS :—Minutes. Report and Balance Sheet. Committee's Recommendation *re* disposal of Profits. Nominations and Election of 12 members of Committee and 2 Auditors. General Business

TAKE NOTICE :—Dividends will be paid at the Store, Saturday, February 10th, 3 to 5 p m.



## Gardening Notes.

Seed catalogues for the coming season should have a careful perusal and orders made out early so that no disappointments may arise through stocks being sold out. Also advantage should be taken of any favourable opportunity to get on the garden. Those who wish to plant Eschallots may do so as soon as the soil is in workable condition, and then there is the onion bed to prepare. This will repay for deep culture, working plenty of good rotten manure into the subsoil and a good dressing of soot into the top spit. The pruning of gooseberry, and currant trees should be taken in hand at once; to be followed by plums, then pears and apples, leaving those planted this season till the end of March. Do not prune roses till Easter. Anyone not familiar with the art of pruning should ask a friend to give them a lesson or two and they will find it a very interesting hobby.

Seed potatoes should be set up in boxes to sprout, with their crowns upward. The potatoes I should recommend for this purpose are those of a fair size and shape with a good bold crown.

Cold frames should have their lights removed on fine days taking care to replace them at night. T.R.

### GENTLE WORDS.

The sun may warm the grass to life,  
The dew the drooping flower  
And eyes grow bright and watch the light  
Of Autumn's opening hour,  
But words that breathe of tenderness,  
And smiles we know are true,  
Are warmer than the summer time,  
And brighter than the dew.

It is not much the world can give,  
With all its subtle art,  
And gold and gems are not the things  
To satisfy the heart:  
But oh, if those who cluster round  
The altar and the hearth,  
Have gentle words and loving smiles,  
How beautiful is Earth.

Selected.

### SATURDAY EVENING

#### ENTERTAINMENTS,

in the Assembly Room.

February 3rd.	...	...	Mr. Grant and Party.
" 10th.	...	...	Mr. Spencer and Party.
" 17th.	...	...	Mr. Aston and Party.
" 24th.	...	...	Mr. Riley and Party.

## Letters to the Editor.

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69 Halstead Street, Leicester.

Mr. Editor,—May I through the medium of the Forerunner express in some small way my thanks for the many kindnesses shown to myself and boy by so many friends on the Estate since Mr. Smith left me to make a new home for us in New Zealand. Just now on the eve of my departure, I feel that I must acknowledge the kind ways in which all have tried to make me feel that I still belonged to them. I have visited many friends personally at their homes and have also felt that I have been welcomed at the Estate Social Gatherings upon all occasions. How much this has done to lighten my loneliness and to make the time pass pleasantly for me, no one can appreciate but myself. As the time draws near for my departure, I feel I cannot let it pass without thanking all, and shall carry grateful memories away with me that will live and renew friendships in my heart for all, though seas divide us. May it be my lot and my happiness in the future to pass along the spirit of good fellowship to some others in the course of years to come that it has been my lot to receive from you. The best is yet to come it is said. I feel that the best of the Estate life in social goodwill has grown rapidly during the last few months and no better wish can I leave you than that this spirit shall be maintained and continue to grow in an ever widening circle as the years pass on, fostered as it is by so many earnest men and women amongst you. I feel this wish will be fulfilled and from time to time I may continue to hear of your many happy and social events, that my thoughts may ever be with you in your gatherings though I hear of them many weeks after they have taken place.

(Mrs.) A. E. SMITH.

## Humberstone and District

### Supply Association.

#### DON'T FORGET!

We are arranging to supply seeds and all garden requisites.

#### ALSO NOTE!

Our Spring samples for clothing and costumes are now at hand.

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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.

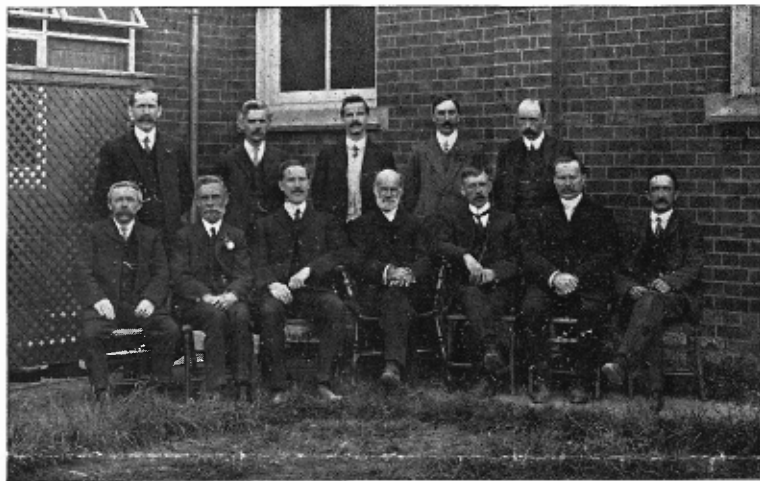
Members will readily remember the letter which appeared in the correspondence column about three months ago, suggesting the word "The Link" or "The Beacon" as two very suitable names by which the paper in future might be known. These are certainly two good names, but if any member has other ones to suggest, 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

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.



GENERAL COMMITTEE—ANCHOR TENANTS LTD.

## "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 to 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.	...	...	...
" 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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and hope for your patronage.



# THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

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The Editor,

"Burnbrae," The Avenue.

The subject of our illustration for this month is well known personally to all our readers. Yet we cannot let pass the appointment of our fellow-resident without a few words of appreciation.

Mr. Mann has recently been appointed to the most important position of Organizing Secretary to the Labour Co-partnership Association. This we take to be, not only a great honour, but also a call to a larger sphere of usefulness and influence, for which our friend is so admirably qualified, both by his wide knowledge of our movement, and his general acceptance and fitness as a public advocate of our cause.

Mr. Mann's connection with Labour Co-partnerships dates as far back as the year 1892, when in November of that year a small committee was formed to consider the advisability of commencing a Co-partnership Society for the manufacture of Children's Boots and Shoes. In January 1895 Mr. Mann was appointed President of this Society, a position which he has held ever since.

Our friend's special ability soon made itself felt in the movement generally, and before long his services were called into request as a platform advocate and in many other ways. For a short time he served as a member of the Committee of the Leicester Distributive Society, but retired upon being elected a member of the Town Council, upon which body he sat for a period of twelve years, representing conscientiously and with conspicuous ability democratic principles at a time when there were fewer representatives of this character upon our public bodies; and when the recognition so freely given at this time to representatives of the working classes was not so fully bestowed.

But the work which has been nearest to his heart and has won our appreciation and admiration, is that which has been especially devoted to the propagation

of Co-partnership principles and ideals.

Appointed Treasurer of the Production Federation on the death of Mr. T. Newell, a new field seemed to be opened to his special fitness for this work. From that time to the present, no man has been more in request, no man more acceptable to fill the vacancies caused on the public platform by the loss of such men as Neale, Holyoake and Blandford and the increasing years of E. O. Greening and others. The summit of a laudable ambition may be said to have been reached when he was appointed to the Presidency of the Labour Co-partnership Association, following such

men as Earl Grey, Lord Brassey, A. J. Balfour, Sir George Livsey and many other notable men in every sphere of life. A tribute to his power of reasoning was paid at that memorable meeting at the Church House, Westminster, when following Sir Christopher Furness and others, Mr. A. J. Balfour paid him the compliment of saying, that the best informed speech of the meeting was that of his friend from Leicester, Mr. Amos Mann.

President of the Leicester Distributive Society, as well as the Anchor Boot & Shoe Productive Society; Treasurer of the Productive Federation; Candidate for the Midland Sectional Board of the Co-operative Union, etc., Mr. Mann is leading a busy and useful life. We sincerely offer him our congratulations upon

his new appointment, and trust that his health may be spared to carry on his great work with that measure of success which we feel his special fitness for this most essential work commands.

Although this appointment may interfere with local work we feel that we are not losing his services, but committing them to the larger sphere of the whole movement. Co-partnership has never been more of a national question than at the present time, when there is talk of a Royal Commission to enquire into it; and its importance recognised to such a degree as to warrant an amendment to the King's address.

We feel sure that in its national aspect it will gain considerably from having secured the entire services of our friend Mr. Amos Mann.

Men are born serviceable to one another therefore either reform the world or bear with it.

MARCUS AURELIUS.



## Is it Worth the While ?

How often one over-hears the above remark when the question of the appointment of a delegate to a conference comes before a meeting of members.

Surely the proper time to raise such a query is when the members are discussing the desirability of becoming affiliated to a central organization, because however much we may differ in opinion about the wisdom of connecting ourselves with a large number of societies whose aims and objects are similar, if the majority of the members agree to such an arrangement, it must of necessity, carry with it an obligation not only to subscribe to its funds but also to take a responsibility in moulding and giving effect to the policy such an organization should pursue in the interest of the whole. Our aim should not be to grumble at the little expense incurred in sending delegates to conferences, but rather adopt some method by which our society may train individuals to not only attend conferences with advantage to all, but if the occasion arises to fill the responsible position of seeing that the policy of the whole is carried out in the wisest and best manner, so that the ideals of the pioneers may be more and more realized.

The course generally followed in selecting delegates, is by members of committees taking it in turn as required, or members in meeting assembled, electing one or more of their number. It is therefore apparent that in either cases delegates may be appointed to attend some conferences of importance who have not the ability to voice either their own or their society's opinions upon questions that may be laid before them. Again it does not give that continuity that is necessary if one wishes to take the responsibility of directing any policy for the good of the movement. Now while I do not suggest doing away with the democratic method of electing delegates, some of us must realize that we are only useful, yet essential, as hewers of wood and drawers of water, and have not the ability necessary to be the architects and designers who shall so arrange the various parts of the edifice that when completed it shall present a harmonious whole. My suggestion then is that we try to set aside certain members who are willing, and whom we believe to have the ability and character required in order that they make it their special study to become thoroughly familiar with some phases of the movement, if not all. Allot these to the various spheres of activity, viz: Co-operative Union, Productive Federation, Tenants' Co-partnership and Labour Co-partnership Associations, giving them the opportunity to attend all conferences in connection with these Associations, and when the occasion arises let us nominate them for a position on these same bodies (one of our members is already nominated for the Central Board) thus trying to secure that some of those at the helm of affairs shall have by experience, a clearer vision and broader outlook, which shall be

used for organizing the production of wealth so that those coming after us may have greater opportunities for enjoying the best of this life.

## Our Birds.

One of the delights of living on our beautiful Estate is to notice with interest the pretty and varied bird life that is around us. I often wonder how many of our children could name the birds they see, as they pass to and fro from school. I thought it might be interesting to name the birds I have observed during my two year's residence. I will first give the names of the birds seen in our gardens, and what a pleasure it is to stand at the window and watch them as they hunt about for their daily food. I might state that there is no bird but what it is useful to us as gardeners so let us encourage them to visit us, for if they do have a little fruit in the season they are only taking toll for what they have helped to produce for it were not for the birds visiting the gardens and making short work of the many kinds of insects which they find, we should soon be bewailing our bad crops. The birds I have noticed in my garden are the House-Sparrow, Hedge-Sparrow, Robin, Starling, Thrush, Blackbird, Pied Wagtail, Yellow Hammer, Blue Tit, Jenny Wren, Chaffinch, Green Linnet. Then when taking a walk around the Estate, in addition to the above you may find the Crow, Plover, Jaybird, Woodpigeon, Magpie, Green Woodpecker, Missle Thrush, Field-fure, Brown Linnet, Bullfinch, Skylark, Redwing, Treecreeper, Peggy White Throat, Hawk, Owl, Cuckoo, Swallow, and last, but not least in interest, I have heard but not seen, the Nightingale.

BIRDIE.

## REPORTS.

### ESTATE COUNCIL.

On February 24th. Mr. Riley and Party provided us with a treat, it was a real good Concert all through, every item being good.

On March 2nd. Mr. Len Weston and Party gave the Concert which was much different to the general run, for in addition to the singing and Pianoforte, we had the hand bells delightfully played by Mr. L. Weston and Son. Then the Two Jays amused us greatly with their droll sayings and cross talking, whilst Professor Marzon wriggled out of the Hand-cuffs in a manner that was amazing. The Sketch Party are also to be complimented.

Following on the suggestion made by a correspondent in the February A.T.F., the Council have decided to hold a Festival of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, open to all residents, the date of which will be announced later.

We should like to make this a Gala Day, and would urge all residents to take interest in it and make up their minds that the Assembly Hall on this day shall be a sight to behold.

It is not intended to make this a flower show, with its numerous Classes and Prizes, but the Council are prepared to offer Certificates of Merit for the best displays. They are to be well got up in design and colour and will make, we hope, a very good picture. They also offer a prize for the Best Kept Garden (back and front) on the same date, cleanliness, order and general upkeep to be considered, the Council to act as judges. Look out for the date.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the village schoolroom on Monday March 4th, Mr. W. G. Turner presiding. The Clerk reported that the gate to the church field and the fence to allotments had been erected. Several cheques for lighting and current expenses were passed. Messrs. S. W. Fox and A. Rouse were re-elected overseers, and half a dozen names selected to be submitted to the magistrates from whom to choose parish constables for the ensuing year. It was decided to continue the lighting until April 13th.

### CRICKET CLUB.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the above was held Wednesday, March 6th, at which much important business was transacted.

We have arranged a full season of Fixtures, only two of which are away from home, so that we hope to be able to provide some enjoyable Saturday afternoons for our fellow-residents, any one of whom is invited to become an Honorary member, subscription for which is 2/6 per annum.

We have also arranged for Mr. Alderman Flint to perform the opening ceremony of the new Cricket Ground on Saturday Afternoon, April 27th.

The Officers of the Club for this season are as follows:

*President*: Mr. S. BEAMISH.

*Vice-Presidents*:

Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. Chas. Bennion, Mr. J. S. Paine, Mr. Peter Allison, Mr. Paul C. Hanisch and Mr. Keywood.

*Treasurer and Captain*: Mr. C. H. GOODENOUGH.

*Vice-Captain*: Mr. C. W. PURDY.

*Umpire*: Mr. DUFFIN.

*Kit Steward*: Mr. E. PEBERDY.

*Committee*: Messrs. G. Ward, C. W. Purdy, J. A. Smith, H. Bowerman, and A. Wilford.

*Secretary*: Mr. H. FOLWELL.

### The true shape of the Earth.

On March 14th. Mr. Karl Smith obliged us with a lecture in the Assembly Hall on the above subject. As is generally known Mr. Smith is an advocate of the Flat Earth theory, and the company present undoubtedly enjoyed the visit. In the course of his address which lasted for nearly an hour, the lecturer endeavoured to shew that the globular theory of the scien-

tists was an impossible one from a common-sense standpoint, was against natural laws and had been upset by simple experiments. Questions and discussion followed until 10-30, and great interest was shewn in the subject. A vote of thanks was passed.

## Items of Interest.

**Whereas** Certain persons (otherwise K'nuts) did recently by their Kernel challenge that peaceful and law-abiding body of warblers, the Cornstalks, to engage in deadly combat on the football field, and all subsequent warnings to the K'nuts not to thus commit suicide having proved unavailing

**Be it Known** that the aforesaid Cornstalks, having the defence of their honour thus thrust upon them, will be pleased to enter the lists against the K'nuts, Easter Monday, at 11 a.m. and wage battle under Rugciation Rules, scratch-as-scratch-can.

**Furthermore** The Cornstalks request that all loyal Garden Citizens shall be present to witness the grim struggle and that they shall duly provide abundant supplies of splints, cotton wool, bandages, sticking plaster, and seccotine, for the benefit of such K'nuts as are not beyond repair after the fray.

And in that grim hour when the dead and wounded K'nuts are being removed from the gory scene—what time the Cornstalks are being disinfected—let it be remembered of the victors that the combat was not of their seeking.

Witness my hand this 9th day of March, 1912.

(Signed) THE ADJUTANT.

From the Chamberlain's accounts for the Borough of Leicester, 1611. "Item—The 24th daie of februarie paide for a pottel of wine given to Mr. Warner vickar of Humberstone who that daie preached at Leicester, X X D."

A pottel is a measure containing four pints, and probably the preaching had been at St. Martin's Church.

One wonders whether the wine was as good as the sermon, and whether the four pints were all in the "pottel" when the reverend gentleman reached Humberstone.

**The Cornstalks** are disporting themselves, Saturday March 30th,—and are undertaking out of the proceeds of the evening to provide Curtains for the platform in Assembly Room. Tickets price 3d. each are now on sale, and as the accommodation is limited, ticket holders will have preference for admission. See announcement in case.

## Gardening Notes.

At this season of the year it is quite a usual thing to see our ladies and children anxious to help in the floral decoration of the garden. I have often heard them say how they would like to have just a little plot all on their own, but of course father cannot spare it.

Now I think it would be very nice if fathers would encourage these little plots, and if necessary, give advice as to the laying out of same.

When your committee asked me to have a little chat on this subject I was quite pleased with the idea and promised to do my best. So I decided to give a brief description of three small beds which I think for an outlay of about 6d. would look very neat.

If one bed only is required, I would recommend the centre one which we will take first.

This I would make oblong in shape with rounded corners and raised a little higher in centre. Plant this with seeds of the deep Lilac dwarf Candy Tuft with a border of Virginia Stock all round the edge.

Then for the two outside beds I would form designs of half moons, placing them so as to appear like brackets to the centre bed. In these I would plant Lilly-put Nasturtiums or Nemesis, with a border of Mignonette. All these seedlings, with the exception of Virginia Stock, when nicely up should be thinned out to nine inches apart. T. R.

To the tough hearts that pioneer their way,  
And break a pathway to those unknown realms,  
That in the earth's broad shadow lie enthralled,  
Endurance is the crowning quality,  
And patience all the passion of great hearts.

—LOWELL.

We live in deeds, not years ; in thoughts, not breaths ;  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial ;  
We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives  
Who thinks most, feels most, and acts the best.

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## Letters to the Editor.

CORRESPONDENCE INVITED.

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To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent Natipur starts his letter in last month's issue, by saying he does not want to introduce matter of a controversial nature, but straitway affirms that a certain recreation, largely favoured by a great number of our residents is a menace to the tone and future happiness of our Society.

This opinion is not likely to pass uncontraverted by others quite as concerned for the moral training of our young people as Natipur himself. He does not wish to condemn a natural desire for recreation for reasons stated, but by inference implies that Dancing does not conduce to harmless and healthy recreation.

Whats wrong with it? (or is it him). A morbid imagination which sees evil in an innocent recreation for which he himself has no desire and perhaps no real knowledge of and points the way for thoughts and suspicions which should not exist is not a possession to be envied. To the pure in heart, all things are pure. "Dancing a pastime which grows upon one and leads to waste of time." Does not Football, Cricket and numberless other things innocent in themselves do the same?

No right-minded man or woman condemns the game itself, but the ill-regulated, ill-balanced mind which places no check upon the abuse of its opportunities. That dancers generally deserve the stigma—that their company is not fit for our children we do not admit.

But we do not protest against an institution so actively promoting the good-fellowship existing in our community coming under his condemnation.

Yours faithfully, The Estate Council.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—We insert this letter in full as received but can take no responsibility for the unkindly expressions used. Had it come from a private individual we should have been compelled to reject a goodly portion of it.

To the Editor,

Sir,—Shall be glad if you can find room for my little "open letter."—Yours, etc., NOAH'S ARK.

"Poor Natipur! thou must have been well nigh overwhelmed by the torrent of criticism (?) that followed the publication of your letter in the last issue. Methinks I can see thee in splendid isolation and deep meditation, trying to fathom the oddities of human nature. Thou must be by now a wiser if not a sadder being, having learnt by bitter experience how on the one hand, it is difficult to swim against a swift flowing stream, and on the other, how easy it is to turn the little in which one moves upside down, by gently stroking it the wrong way. Shouldst thou desire any consolation, read Acts 19, v. 22-41, and thou wilt learn that thou hast not been the first to make this error.