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Editorial.

It is a matter for congratulation that with the present issue of our Estate Journal we have been enabled to take a step which has been under consideration for some little time. We, of course, refer to the enlargement of our paper, together with the adoption of a new title. At the same time we have no doubt whatever that many of our members will have just a tinge of regret at the burial of our little A.T.F., which for 18 months has undoubtedly had the respect of its readers. It has also been of use to some who previously were ignorant of certain abilities which they possessed of writing for the entertainment of their fellow-members or the interchange of ideas. But beyond this it has been the means of placing upon a permanent record the progress and accomplishments of our Society and its offsprings during the time of its publication. In the years to come when our City has become fully developed, both materially and intellectually, as we trust it will, and some of us have become old in its service, how pleasant it will be to refer back to its pages and cogitate on the times when

our Society was practically in its infancy, and ponder over the names to be found in its pages of those who were helping in its early responsibilities.

It was, however, never intended by the originators who ran the publication for the first few months that it should always be a "Forerunner." They were convinced that it would quickly develop into a necessity that would require satisfying, and this opinion was fully justified when it was taken over by the Estate. But owing to the rapid growth of our Estate it has become imperative for even this department to be put upon a proper business basis, and when the matter was brought forward at the Society's last business meeting, it was easy to see that our suggestions received the full support of our fellow members. Hence our new publication, which we trust will develop into a permanent institution, increasing both in size and usefulness. The title, very suggestive, was one of a number submitted by our members. May our paper prove to be the means of linking up our interests in the fullest possible manner. It was decided at the meeting that the paper should still be distributed free of charge, but as several expressed a desire to assist in its cost, a subscription list was opened, and Mr. Jackson was appointed to call upon each resident with an invitation to become a regular subscriber, either monthly or yearly. In conclusion, fellow members, let us remind you that "The Link" is your publication, and that its success depends upon the interest you take in it, especially in providing the contents for its columns.

A. H. HIBBETT, *Chairman.*

J. T. TAYLOR,

J. JAYS,

J. S. WILFORD,

T. NEAL,

W. MASON, *Secretary and Editor.*

BALANCE SHEET OF The Anchor Tenants' Medical Aid Society.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance brought forward	...	...	...	23	18	9	
Subscriptions	...	...	...	16	12	1	
Members' Cards	...	...	...	0	10	2	
Entrance Fees	...	...	...	0	1	9	
Members' Share Cash	...	3	13	3			
of Doctors' A/cs Taken from Deposit	2	4	10				
				5	18	1	
Deposit Account	...	...	...	1	0	0	
				£48	0	10	

EXPENSES.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Secretary's Remuneration	1	16	9	
Medical Forms	0	2	0	
Members' Cards	0	15	6	
Postage and Receipt Book	0	0	11	
Accounts paid to Doctors	17	8	6	
" " Members	1	15	7½	
Withdrawn from Deposit	2	4	10	
Balance in hand—							
With Treasurer	22	6	6	
" Secretary	1	10	2½	
				£48	0	10	

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand—			
With Treasurer	22	6	6
„ Secretary	1	10	2½
Arrears	0	7	0
Members' Proportion of Outstanding Accounts	3	7	0
	£27	10	8½

	£	s.	d.
Deposit Account	6	17	2
Outstanding Doctors' Accounts	9	1	6
" Members' "	0	18	0
Balance	10	14	0½
	£27	10	8½

C. W. PURDY, *Secretary.*

Estate Council.

EASTER FESTIVAL.

The programme arranged for Easter was one calculated to give everyone pleasure. This holiday is always called the Children's Day, and they have learned to look forward to it as such. Unfortunately, the day was not an ideal one for outside sport. The wind blew a gale and was extremely cold, too, and the children's outdoor part of the programme was therefore postponed. Still, we did enjoy our Easter Day, and we started it early, too. The comic football match (twelve a side) between the K'nuts and the Cornstalks furnished the morning's fun, and long before the kick-off gaily-dressed sportsmen had met together in the institute for a jovial chat. Much merriment was caused when the players filed out along with their mascots. Having been photographed, the players marched on to the field, and when the referee started the game the fun commenced. The play was fast and exciting, and after many valiant attempts by both sides a try was obtained by the K'nuts towards the end of the game, but no goal was scored, the result, therefore, being a win for the K'nuts by a try to nothing. The afternoon being spoilt by the weather, we had to wait for the children's evening concert, and this proved a very enjoyable affair. We had quite a crowded room, residents and friends evidently enjoying themselves. At the close of the concert, the football shield and medals were presented to the victorious side, "Kernel" Orton suitably acknowledging for the K'nuts, while the Cornstalks, who had gone into half-mourning, limped up in a body with their adjutant to receive the wooden spoon. Tuesday being brighter, it was decided to have the children's sports and gymnastics. It was really much too cold for the very small ones, but the children were determined, and so the affair came off. The dumb-bell exercises, Indian clubs, and pyramids were all creditably performed, while the smaller children tripped the Maypole in a very pleasing manner and with very few mistakes for such young performers. Afterwards, racing was indulged in, flat racing, egg and spoon, &c., bringing an enjoyable afternoon to a close just about tea time. In the evening a dance was enjoyed by many of the residents, fancy dress being worn by many of those present. During the interval, much merriment was caused by about forty taking part in a game at musical arms. On the following Saturday, as a wind-up, a social and concert was arranged, and this, like all the other good things, was enjoyed to the full, lasting well towards eleven o'clock, when—very tired, though happy—we returned to our homes, many remarking it was the best Easter we had so far spent.

Estate Council News.

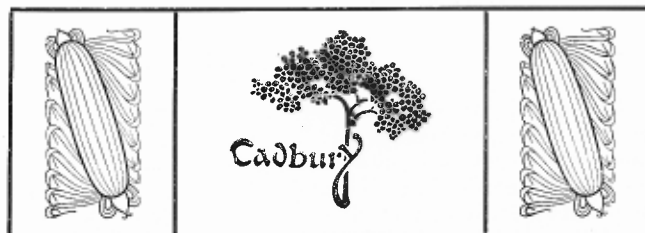
During the last month we have had a visit from the Sanvey Gate Adult Male Choir, and a rare treat they gave us. What with part songs, solos and duets, we had as good a night as we could wish for.

Messrs. Mawby also arranged a concert for Easter Saturday, the feature of which was the banjo playing.

We have also had two lectures, one by Professor Timson on "Phrenology," and the other by Mr. Osborne on the "Home Rule Bill," both being much enjoyed. Altogether the month has been a very busy one.

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The Man with the Bag.

An attempt to comply with your request, Mr. Editor, and write of experiences that come to one when travelling, has shown me how difficult it is to convey impressions in cold words, also, that the material is so plentiful that an article such as this must be very incomplete.

Suppose then, I write now of the traveller himself, as I have met him, putting the wider subject aside for a time. Before I came into actual contact with commercials as a class, I shared, with many others, the view that they are generally men with plenty of bluster and bounce, often dissolute, and mostly out to get business by a display of the kind of smartness to be met with in the cheap-jack or bookmaker. Closer acquaintance with him has shown the error of that impression.

Like every other section of the community, the commercial class is a varying quantity, and includes every type of man. Look there for the profligate, and you will find him, an exception to the rule among his fellows.

The rake here goes the pace more than he would if he had not the opportunities and temptations of a roving life.

But he does not last long. Whatever may have been true of him in the "good old times," it is certain to-day that he is shortly to end his business career, for nowadays the doors of the licensed house are the avenues to commercial failure, at any rate in all ordinary industries.

In isolated cases a man may obtain orders by drinking with an individual who prefers to do his business that way, but usually the man who resorts to treating, as a means of getting trade, will lose more orders than he ever gains, as a consequence. The fact is that in these days of keen business, the man who succeeds must have a clear brain, and needs also to command the confidence and respect of others. Despite all assertions to the contrary, business is built up, not on false smartness, nor cheating, nor giving short measure, or deficient quality; but on straight dealing, belief in the genuineness of those with whom we trade, and giving twenty shillings worth of value for every pound.

After all, the buyer is usually a seller in his turn to someone else, and needs the same qualities of alertness and sobriety to command the respect of his own customers. The disreputable man in commercial life is a declining quantity as regards older men; the younger man, if he does not speedily cease fast living, soon ceases commercial travelling, he fails to make it pay.

One must pay a tribute to the elderly man on the road—usually well informed and well read, they frequently exhibit a ripeness of character, knowledge, and experience, and include some of Nature's own noblemen. Generally, one meets with tolerance, consideration, and much kindness on the road, from fellow commercials. In the absence of home-life there is need of a companionable spirit, without formality or stiffness and there is an abundant supply. A great danger in a traveller's life is shallowness. If, like the rolling stone, he gathers little moss, he certainly gets experience of men and affairs. This, with much newspaper reading, combines to produce a mood of self-confidence, readiness of repartee, and pseudo smartness. Far too frequently these requirements have to take the place of serious thought, solid reading, and earnest study that make for depth of character.

On the whole, our commercial chum is not a bad fellow; he compares very favourably with any other class in the nation.

When you take a railway journey while there are no public holidays or coal strikes occurring—you will meet him—and this is how you may identify him, if (as is usual) he talks. Either he will be arranging the Government of the Kingdom as he thinks it should be done, or he will be explaining how to manage a great railway, or discussing hotels.

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REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET for Quarter ending March 30th, 1912.

TO THE MEMBERS.—In presenting the 2nd Quarterly Report and Balance Sheet, your Committee are pleased to notify a steady increase in the business of the Association.

The trade receipts show an increase of £103 1s. 3d. over last quarter, but owing partly to the coal strike and partly to fluctuations of prices of other goods, the trade has not produced so large a percentage of profit as before. However, after payment of expenses we have a fairly satisfactory margin of profit for disposal, as will be seen from balance sheet, and we have every reason to hope for the continued success of the Association.

I. CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
Share Contributions	...	...	...	77	19	4½
Deposits to Small Savings	...	...	...	23	3	10½
Sales of Goods	...	...	...	473	13	3
Fees (Entrance)	...	...	...	0	4	0
Loan Repaid	...	...	...	11	0	0
Bank Balance, December 31st, 1911	...	...	...	118	18	0
Cash in hand	...	...	...	24	4	3

£729 3 9

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
Share Capital Repaid	...	...	...	10	0	0
„ Interest „	...	...	...	0	4	1½
Dividends to Members	...	...	...	27	18	3
Small Savings Repaid	...	...	...	6	18	6
Goods, including Carriage	...	...	...	533	4	1½
Wages and Honorariums	...	...	...	33	8	3½
Rent and Insurance	...	...	...	10	10	0
Other Expenses	...	...	...	1	15	10
Donations	...	...	...	4	4	0
Balance in Bank, March 31st, 1912	...	...	...	78	10	1
„ hand „	...	...	...	22	10	6½

£729 3 9

II. GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

INCOME.				£	s.	d.
By Sales of Goods	...	...	...	462	16	5
„ Stock, March 31st, 1912	...	...	...	301	17	4

£764 13 9

A.—TRADE OF QUARTER.

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
Purchases, including Carriage	...	...	...	514	11	7
Distributive Expenses	...	...	...	41	13	1½
Stock, December 31st, 1911	...	...	...	174	14	0
Balance profit to Account B	...	...	...	33	15	0½

£764 13 9

APPLICATION OF PROFIT.

				£	s.	d.
Interest on Shares	...	...	...	0	4	1½
Dividends on Purchases	...	...	...	27	18	3
Educational and Provident Fund	...	...	...	10	17	2
Reserve Fund	...	...	...	1	16	0
Honorarium—Secretary	...	...	...	2	2	0
„ Miss Minns...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Balance forward	...	...	...	4	13	3½

48 11 10

B.—PROFIT AND LOSS.

				£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward last Quarter	48	11	10

48 11 10

Balance Disposable as Account III...	£38	12	4
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RESERVE FUND.

				£	s.	d.
Balance at Beginning	50	0	0
„ Dec. 31st, 1911	1	16	0

£51 16 0

				£	s.	d.
By Preliminary Expenses	10	6	11
Balance A/c III.	...	...	...	41	9	1

£51 16 0

FIXED STOCK AND PLANT ACCOUNT.

				£	s.	d.
Dec. 31st, 1911	...	...	...	28	17	9
Additions	...	...	...	7	12	3

£36 10 0

				£	s.	d.
By Depreciation	...	...	...	0	14	5
Nominal Value	...	...	...	35	15	7

£36 10 0

EDUCATIONAL AND PROVIDENT FUND.

				£	s.	d.
Donation to Forerunner Fund	...	...	...	2	2	0
„ „ Estate Council...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Dividend on Wages	...	...	...	0	18	0
Balance forward...	...	...	...	5	15	2

£10 17 2

				£	s.	d.
Allocated, Dec., 1911	...	...	...	10	17	2

£10 17 2

III. BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.
To Shares	...	...	...	162	2	10½
„ Small Savings Fund	...	...	...	28	1	8½
„ Trade Accounts Owning	...	...	...	176	8	6½
„ Reserve Fund	...	...	...	41	9	1
„ Educational and Provident Fund	...	...	...	5	15	2
„ Balance Profit	...	...	...	38	12	4

£452 9 8½

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
By Stock, March 31st, 1912	...	...	...	301	17	4
„ Fixed Stock	...	...	...	35	15	7
„ A/cs due...	...	...	...	13	16	2
„ Balance in Bank	...	...	...	78	10	1
„ „ „ Hand	...	...	...	22	10	6½

£452 9 8½

Audited and found correct, April 23rd, 1912.—C. W. PURDY and A. H. VASS.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held in the Assembly Room on FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, at 8 p.m.

REPORTS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

This was held on March 21st, Mr. E. T. Groome presiding. The report stated that 69 houses were now complete and tenanted, and that shops and business premises had been built during the year, and were now occupied by the Supply Association. The balance sheet shows the value of the Estate at nearly £28,000, and a net profit from property revenue of £22 18s. 10d. After some little discussion the balance sheet was passed, the secretary intimating that three things require watching, viz., rates, repairs and general expenses. The four retiring members of committee, Messrs. Taylor, Beamish, Hibbett and Mann were re-elected, with Mr. G. Ward in Mr. A. Smith's place. Mr. Taylor gave notice to move that we send a delegate to the Co-operative Congress to be held this year at Portsmouth. A complaint was made regarding the amount of gardening done on Sunday, and the wish expressed that tenants would comply with the request printed on the rent books.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST LORD'S DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The second session of the above library has now ended, and the librarian, and others of the church closely interested, have reason to feel some satisfaction in the success already attained in this venture. Twenty-six lads and lassies of the school have been continuous borrowers of books from week to week, and what is very significant also, many of the parents have availed themselves of the opportunity presented to read the books borrowed by the children, which speaks well of the character of the literature. During the session 220 exchanges of books have been made, and we have close on 80 volumes, most of which take part in this circulation. Every help is given the borrower in the choice of suitable books, and it is our object to try and create a taste for the best literature. We hope to open next session with an additional supply of books, keeping the parents in mind, and shall endeavour to make "library night" more attractive in a number of ways. E. W. HARRIS.

CHURCH OF CHRIST BAND OF HOPE.

The Winter session of the above was brought to a close on March 20th. Meetings have been held every Wednesday, and have been well attended, our average being forty-two. We have had some good addresses on Temperance, which the children have highly appreciated. We have also had two other addresses, one by Mr. J. S. Wilford upon "Discipline," the other by Mr. Eagle upon "The Importance of Fresh Air," which proved very interesting to both young and old. We have given the children three lantern lectures with crowded houses to each of them. We have had a reciting contest, prizes being awarded to Mabel Winterton, Hilda Mawby, and Wilfred Meekins. We have also catered for the social welfare of the children, three concerts being given by friends from Leicester. The outstanding nights of the season were the first and the last, each of which was a free and easy with buns and coffee free of charge. The conduct and character has been well maintained, and altogether we have had a good time together. J. A. WARNER, Sec.

HUMBERSTONE VESTRY MEETING.

Held in the Schoolroom on April 12th, the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Bates, presiding. Mr. Fowler, the people's warden, presented the accounts, which showed an income for the year of £80 3s. 8d. and an expenditure of £84 16s., but another amount on the income side was due which

would make a small balance in hand. The income from the Crow Orchard (the parish charity) provided donations of 10s. for fourteen deserving parishioners, chiefly widows and elderly people. The Vicar's warden, Mr. Warburton, having resigned, Mr. Bates appointed Mr. Shilton to be his warden, and Mr. Fowler was re-elected people's warden, Messrs. Richardson, Hackett and Thornton being elected sidesmen. A resolution condemning the Bill for Disestablishing the Welsh Church was proposed by Mr. Fowler and seconded by the Vicar and carried *nem con.*

Items of Interest.

Preliminary Notice.—On June 8th, the Leicester Churches of Christ Bands of Hope Choir, of 100 children's voices, will give an outdoor concert on the Estate, the proceeds to be added to the fund for sending children to the sea-side.

Enquirer.—Yes, your friend is correct in his statement that we have a goodly number of Dukes on our Estate, but he would be referring, we think, to the Duke of York seed potatoes that are now being used so freely.

Sir Maurice Levy, M.P., paid a visit of inspection to our Estate on Saturday, the 20th, accompanied by Baron de Forrest, who was greatly interested in our "City," and was anxious to obtain as much information as possible as to its objects and methods.

We very much regret that, at the close of the Rugbians Football Match, on Easter Monday, P.C. Tubby should have found it necessary to arrest the charming Countess of Keyham for violent conduct. She evidently had got overheated and needed "a rest."

We must congratulate Mr. Jays on being appointed the first A.T. delegate to a co-operative congress, and trust his visit to Portsmouth at Whitsuntide will prove both instructive and enjoyable.

We understand also that Mr. and Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Meekin, and Mr. and Mrs. Murby will be there, so our Estate will be well represented.

"Say, Dick, what did the Cornstalks mean when they said that for the future they would describe dancing as a 'paltry emotion.'?" Was our friend in a quandary as to "the poetry of motion"?

The writer was agreeably surprised when in Liverpool to find that Lewis's, the great firm of Liverpool, whose advertisements appear in most magazines and journals, were local agents for the "One and All" Agricultural Association.

The ladies of the "At Home" are to be congratulated on the splendid evening's entertainment they gave to their "hubbys" and friends as a wind-up to their winter session. May it often be repeated.

We have no doubt whatever that the powers that be, will get the public lamps cleaned before next lighting-up time arrives.

If the rumour is correct that we are to have a public clock, we would suggest that it be of an up-to-date scientific make, in touch with all the residences, so that for the sake of punctuality at meetings, &c., we may have only one time for the whole of the Estate.

Garden Notes.

I think most people will agree that garden peas are among the choicest of our vegetables, and like all others will pay well for good cultivation. April is the best month in the year to sow them; if sown earlier, they are often disappointing, for what with the insects and mice eating the seed, and the birds nipping the shoots off as fast as they appear, it only leaves a poor proportion for the grower. There are many good dwarf varieties, such as Little Marvel, Sherwood, and others which may be seen in any seedsman's catalogue, but my own favourite is the Gladstone, which grows three feet high and requires sticking, for which it well repays. If sown about the middle of May, it will crop till the end of September. Different gardeners have their own way of preparing the ground for this crop, but I have tried the following method for ten years and have found it very satisfactory. I get out a trench, eighteen inches wide and from two to three feet deep, at Christmas, throwing the soil out into ridges on each side; then into the bottom spit I work one handful of basic slag to the running yard and leave it exposed to the frost till March. It is then in good condition. As I fill in my first eighteen inches of soil I work in one handful of bone meal to the running yard, then fill in to within six inches of the surface. I next put in my peas two inches apart and four abreast, with three inches of soil on the top. As soon as the peas are just breaking through, I give a good dusting of soot, which must have been out of the chimney at least six weeks. This I comb in with a fork, first taking it down the row and then across. This gets the soot to the roots, and begins its work straightway. The shoots are soon up too high for the birds; it is just as they are peeping through that the birds appear to like them best. When they are about four inches high, I give them a dressing of superphosphate of lime; one handful to two running yards along each side of the trench, taking care not to get any on the plants for this would turn them yellow. Then I hoe in another two inches of soil, leaving one inch below the level of the ground which acts as a receptacle for any rain that comes along and finally for liquid manure when the peas are filling. Any one who has followed the habit of shallow digging and earthing up their peas above the level of the ground will soon appreciate this method when once they have tried it. The same cultivation is equally good for all kinds of beans.

T. R.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR MAY.

May 4	Tramways' Friendly	Home.
" 11.	Smith, Faire & Co	"
" 18.	Rover Cycle Club	"
" 25.	Needlegate Adult	"

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THE ESTATE COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Time and experience have demonstrated to a certain extent the strength, and also the weakness, of the constitution of the Council. Like all new organisations, it was not to be expected that at the first attempt a perfect scheme could be elaborated. But in the constitution, no means were taken to ensure that a meeting of those eligible to vote should be held, in order to receive and discuss a report of past work, future activities, and a properly audited balance sheet. I would suggest that steps be taken to remedy what, in my opinion, is a serious defect. There need not be many meetings; twice a year would, perhaps, meet the case—say a month previous to the retiring of members of the Council. Trusting they will give this matter serious consideration,—Yours truly,

A VOTER.

THE LAND OF LITTLE PEOPLE.

Far away and yet so near us,
Lies a land where all have been,
Played beside its sparkling waters,
Danced along its meadows green,
Where the busy world we dwell in,
And its noises only seem
Like the echo of a tempest
Or the shadow of a dream;
And it grows not old for ever,
Sweet and young it is to-day
'Tis the Land of Little People,
Where the happy children play.

And the things they know and see there
Are so wonderful and grand,
Things that wiser, older people
Cannot know or understand;
In the woods they meet the fairies,
Find the giants in their caves,
See the palaces of cloudland
And the mermen in the waves,
Know what all the birdies sing of,
Hear the secrets of the flowers—
For the Land of Little People
Is another world than ours.

Once 'twas ours; 'tis ours no longer,
For when nursery time is o'er,
Through the Land of Little People
We may wander never more;
But we hear their merry voices
And we see them at their play,
And our own dark world grows brighter,
And we seem as young as they,
Roaming over shore and meadow,
Talking to the birds and flowers—
For the Land of Little People
Is a fairer world than ours.

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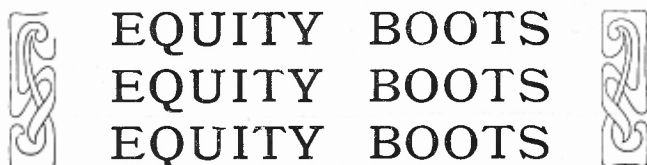
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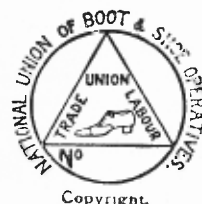
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