

THE LINK

PRECEDED BY THE A. T. FORERUNNER.

The Official Organ of the Humberstone Garden Suburb.

"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES."

No. 10.

JANUARY, 1913.

Application
for
Share Capital
5% Interest,
and
Loan Stock 4%
Invited.



ROTHLEY TEMPLE.

Loans
for short periods
taken at
rates of interest
and
Terms of
Withdrawal
agreed upon.

The best form of investment for those of small means—who cannot afford to take large risks—is that form of investment which concerns itself with Real Property only—particularly that form known as Tenants' Societies. It eliminates many of the risks of ordinary property owning, by sharing the responsibilities with its Tenants. This system has proved itself a success and offers a fair remuneration to Investors.

Full particulars - Secretary, ANCHOR TENANTS LTD.

Humberstone and District Supply Association Limited.

We are now in a position to supply your requirements in
DRAPERY AND SMALLWARES, BOOTS AND SHOES.

Ask to see our Stock before going elsewhere.

Oh Yes! You can obtain your

WINTER OVERCOAT, HOSIERY & UNDERCLOTHING

At the Store.
VALUE GOOD. PRICE MODERATE.

The "Link" is published monthly.

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

The Editor,

"Burnbrae," The Avenue.

Occasional Advertisements inserted at a charge of 1s. per inch.

Small Advertisements (Sale or Exchange, &c.), 25 words, 6d.; every additional 10 words, 3d.

Editorial.

The New Year has now entered with all its hopes and fears—many more, we trust, of the former than the latter—and we can take a retrospective view of the year that is past and gone, with a great degree of joy. Not that we are entirely satisfied with the amount of work attempted or accomplished, for were this so, our vision would be indeed dim and our aspirations very small. The work of extending our Garden City has progressed favourably during the last twelve months, thirteen houses having been erected and occupied, and the number of residents upon the Estate increasing by more than sixty. The harmonious working between us and the Public Works Loan Commissioners is very manifest in the increased facilities given us of obtaining loans on very favourable terms from that body. It also indicates that the plans, workmanship, and material are all of such a character and quality as to deserve their approbation. Then the continued growth of the Supply Association is also a matter for congratulation, for to more than double the trade within one year is an indication that those responsible are alive to the requirements of the residents, and the great variety of goods sold, the high quality of same, and the cleanliness and promptness with which all desires are met, certainly play a very important part in their winning the confidence of the members and effecting such a large demand. The Estate Council has again maintained that vigorous enthusiasm of action in its work that was promised when first established, and has well catered for the intellectual, moral, and physical well-being of the community. Its lectures have been of such a character that both the subjects chosen and the ability with which they were dealt with, reflect great credit upon the Council and the lecturers, and have added to the knowledge and wisdom of those attending. The concerts arranged by them cannot be spoken of too highly, and the most fastidious and critical of the residents must have found it difficult to be otherwise than charmed by the conspicuous talent of the artistes. But it would be unwise to omit mentioning one of the grandest successes of the Estate Council, viz., the first Flower Show. The hearts of its promoters must have been gladdened by the readiness with which the residents gave of their very best, and the lilies, roses, and sweet peas with their fragrance still lingers to the memory. May the Flower Show of

1913 be a still greater success. So much for the past; what of the future; the year upon which we have entered? If our success is to continue, if we desire to reap abundantly that which we have sown, we must ever be on the watch-tower seeking to promote those activities that tend to spread the spirit of harmony, peace and goodwill which will enable us to make progress. That this spirit in the past has helped us to enjoy more fully a life in the country no one will deny. We cannot stand still, we must assuredly go forward. Our duty is clear, to give every encouragement to those whose vision first conceived, and then organised, and so made all these joys possible and by our united efforts the progress of our community in its threefold aspect shall be greater in the year 1913.

News of interest to town planners comes from Paris—the Municipality of that city are not exactly beating their swords into plough-shares, but something of a kindred nature is happening. Paris is surrounded by a ring of obsolete fortifications, and it has been decided to demolish these and devote the space thus obtained to purposes of public utility. Something of that kind was done at Vienna some years ago, when the old city wall was cleared away and the famous "Ringstrasse," said to be one of the finest promenades in Europe, was formed. At Paris, the greater portion of the space is to be used for parks and playgrounds, and a small part for working-class dwellings to be let at reasonable rents. An improvement of this kind being effected between the dense part of the city and the suburbs will no doubt be greatly appreciated. That it is not on a small scale is shown by the price of the land, for the State is to receive from the Municipality the sum of £4,000,000 for the site.

Monthly Meeting.

The December Monthly Meeting was held on the 19th, Mr. A. H. Hibbett presiding, in the absence of the Chairman. Mr. Wilford gave the Committee's report. There had been some delay in obtaining steam-roller for finishing Fern Rise, but he hoped the matter would be settled shortly. All the houses on the Estate were let, 82 now occupied representing an annual rent of about £1,500. Mr. Winterton reported attending Conference at Kettering on "The Co-operative Men's Guild, its place and work in the Movement." Mr. R. Scott gave Estate Council's report, chiefly concerning arrangements for the Christmas festivities.

Extract from our esteemed milkman's diary (not dairy, Mr. Printer, please):—"January 11th, 1913. Terrific snowstorm. So deep that customers will not expect me to round my round until it (the snow, not the milk) is somewhat condensed." Will study Tennyson's grand poem "Babes not to reason why—their's but to weep and cry."

We understand that the worthy conductor of the Male Voice Choir has approached the Council respecting a Concert to be arranged by them on a Saturday evening in aid of their funds. More power to your elbow, Tom.

Estate Council Report.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

These began on Christmas Eve with a grand Costume Dance which, the Council consider, was a gigantic success; fifty-four dancers, only three of whom were non-residents, and fourteen non-dancers, making a total attendance of sixty-eight; evidently the graceful art is becoming more popular than ever upon our Estate. Only about six of those attending were in ordinary dress, so that the sight presented was the finest we have ever had; those who missed it missed a treat. As a body we wish to thank all who came for the interest they displayed, and for the expense to which a lot of them had gone in order to assist us in making it the success it was. The characters whose name is Legion were representative of many eras and countries; there was the Mikado of Japan, strange to relate with two wives; Claudian, of ancient days; Captain Kettle; the Boy from the Zuyder Zee; the Toreador, and others too numerous to mention; one lady came as the "Craze of the Estate" alias Billiards; Spanish ladies and Dutch girls were there also, in fact, the result of this venture suggests to our minds the possibility of some similar event for outdoors in the form of a Pageant; the music was very ably rendered by Miss Lant on the violin, accompanied by Master W. Meekins on the Piano. The "Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was very ably rendered by our friend, Mr. Hardy, on the Friday evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The Estate Council's "At Home" was, we believe, enjoyed and appreciated by everybody, and to us it is very gratifying to see the pleasure on everyone's face at the close of the evening. We sincerely hope that this event has come to stay.

The Children's Xmas Party was taken care of on the Monday after Christmas, and we consider that by dividing them into two sections of ages, we made a great improvement on last year; as it was, the Institute was packed in the afternoon to overflowing—even the newest arrival on the Estate coming in person to claim his present from "Father Christmas." In the evening the elder children were entertained, and went home at a rather late hour, fully appreciating all that had been done for them.

The final event of the holiday programme was held on New Year's Eve, this being left in the hands of our worthy President, and he created a precedent which we hope to see followed up, that is, a "Social Evening" was arranged, but any member of the company present was liable to be called upon to provide an item of entertainment, and we are pleased to say that everyone who was appealed to responded willingly. After a few hours fun we wound up the night by dancing, whilst the distant bells proclaimed the birth of the New Year, after which we joined hands round to the good old song of "Auld Lang Syne." May we always enjoy that spirit of the Real Brotherhood of Man.

We regret that the ordinary Saturday Concerts of the past month were somewhat marred by the regrettable incident that the Belvoir Quartet Party were unable to visit us, as you are all aware, on account of the inclemency of the weather, but we hope to make future arrangements with them.

The Hill Street Concert and Sketch Party gave us a very enjoyable evening last Saturday, when they presented the "Breach of Promise" proceedings of Bardell v. Pickwick. To all friends who have assisted us we express our deepest gratitude and say "Come again."

Now a word about our Home Industries; we hope and believe that this is going to be a great success, but space here forbids a lengthy detailed account of what we aim at. Full particulars will be posted in the "Notice Case"; what we wish to emphasise is the Competitions for the Children. There will be two classes for singing, soprano and contralto; piano playing for students of under twelve months learning in one class, and over twelve months in another; also a competition in recitation of Poetry, and a Reading of Prose. All entries for each class are subject to a fee of 3d., and must be in Secretary Scott's hands by Monday, February 3rd.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The Council has arranged for the above Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 20th, following the Monthly Meeting, and all nominations for election must be in by that date. The retiring members are: Mrs. Dyc, Mrs. Langley, Messrs. R. Scott, S. Wilford, W. Neale, H. Folwell, and H. Bowerman. We understand that some of these will not seek re-election, and we therefore appeal to all residents, especially the newer ones, to allow themselves to be nominated, thus making the election which will take place on Saturday, March 1st, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., a thoroughly good contest.

Coming Events.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31st.—Quarterly Meeting, Supply Association.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1st.—Dance.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8th.—Concert arranged by Mr. A. H. Vass.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13th.—Cricket Club Whist Drive.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15th.—Concert arranged by Miss Smith.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20th.—Half-Yearly Public Meeting of Estate Council.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22nd.—Home Industries Exhibition.

Congratulations to "Bob" Law on his appointment by the Birmingham University to conduct a class at Fleckney.

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.

AUCKLAND,

NEW ZEALAND,

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Letters have reached me from the Estate saying how disappointed many are at not having a letter from me in the LINK, so I will try and give you a few lines on my trip to New Zealand.

Saturday, February 3rd, 1912.—All passengers aboard midday, and by 12.15 we were being towed out of the docks by a tug and had started on our long voyage.

Sunday morning we arrived at Plymouth during a severe snowstorm, and received passengers. Left Plymouth at 5.30 p.m. As soon as we departed the boat seemed very much inclined to roll over; we could not stand or walk about, and very few escaped sea sickness; the sea was very rough, water came through port holes, everything swimming about, hatchway was broken and wood splintered, and one night crockery was smashing, cabin boxes were sliding from one side of the cabin to the other. I think it was worse at night than during the daytime; and so it went on for a week, the sea was awfully grand, the waves were mountains high with the boat in the hollow.

As we neared Teneriffe the sea grew calmer, sun shone and was quite warm, but it was dark when we arrived so could only see the lights, but very soon boats of all descriptions were alongside, and apples, oranges, bananas were hoisted up; the decks were soon like a fair, coal and water were taken on during the night and we managed to get one good night's sleep without being rolled from side to side in our bunks; next morning we were up very early, longing to see land. Oh! what a glorious sight! The town is situated quite close to the water's edge, and has for a background the beautiful mountains. We started midday on our fourteen days' trip to Capetown. The sea was beautiful, with scarcely a ripple; weather got warmer every hour. There was always something going on to keep one alive: concerts, dances, whist drives, sports. We had some rare fun when we crossed "The Line." At night we used to watch the beautiful stars: "The Southern Cross," "Gem of the South," &c. The next few days were very hot, but the sailors had canvassed the boat so we were sheltered from the scorching sun.

A few days before we reached Capetown every child under fourteen years had a small present and prizes were given to the winners of races, &c.

When land was sighted all were excited and anxious to get ashore, which we did as soon as possible. After being on the water twenty-three days it was a pleasant change to get on dry land. We saw many strange sights, railways running along the roads; Table Mountain we could see very clearly; black women dressed in beautiful white clothes with bundles of laundry work on their heads. The kaffirs were very interesting, with arms and legs full of bangles which looked nice on their dark skins; nearly all shops close at 5 p.m.

The next morning we started on our three weeks' trip to Hobart. Albatrosses, such lovely birds, followed the boat and seemed very tame. After a few days of nice weather it began to rain, and the boat rolled and pitched very badly, and many were sick. We had very heavy head swells, but we were fortunate in not having fogs; only one day was bad, the boat scarcely moved, the fog horn was going every minute.

On St. Patrick's Day all the Irish wore their green ribbons, and many others wore their bit of green. We had Irish jigs and all sorts of amusements, so the time seemed to pass away more quickly, although three weeks is a long time when one sees nothing but water. Only a few boats passed, and it was very exciting when land was sighted; we got ashore as soon as we could. What a beautiful place is Hobart; nearly everyone wanted to settle there. We went to many interesting places; the fruit was delicious, peaches just ripe. The Australian passengers left at Hobart, and many were the goodbyes and good wishes as our boat sailed away.

One day we went to inspect the engines, but they were too wonderful for me to describe. We found the time pass quickly after leaving Hobart; had a Grand Concert and Confetti Carnival to finish up.

Wellington at last, seven weeks after leaving England. Was met by several friends and stayed with them two days. Started by train midday, reached Auckland at 7 a.m. next morning, rather tired after travelling all night. Several Maori women with tattooed faces were in the same compartment. Was met at station by my dear husband, and did justice to a good breakfast.

Well, dear friends, I hope I have not wearied you. I often hear from some friends on the Estate, and so pleased to hear everything is going so well. Would like to be with you all when you are having your "At Homes," dances, &c.

Hoping the New Year will be bright and prosperous for all residents on the Estate.

(MRS.) A. E. SMITH.

REPORTS.

CHURCH OF CHRIST LORD'S DAY SCHOOL

On Saturday, January 11th, the Annual Tea and Distribution of Prizes in connection with the above was held in the Meeting House, and although the weather was most inclement there was a large muster of scholars, teachers, and members. A very enjoyable time was spent, the youngsters evidently appreciating the goodly things provided for them for tea, which commenced at 4.30 p.m. Then at 6 o'clock the meeting commenced, Mr. J. T. Taylor, the superintendent, presiding, and after a lengthy programme of entertainments, including singing, reciting, and pianoforte selections had been given by some of the scholars, Mr. A. Mann, who had been requested by the teachers to do so, distributed the prizes to the successful scholars, with appropriate remarks. The teachers are pleased to be able to report a continued increase in the number of scholars, nearly 100 names now being on the roll, and they trust the parents will help them in their work by sending the children as regularly and promptly as possible.

WM. MASON, *Secretary.*

HUMBERSTONE AND DISTRICT SUPPLY ASSOCIATION LTD.

Registered No. 5354.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET for Quarter ending January 4th, 1913.

TO THE MEMBERS.—In presenting the 5th Quarterly Balance Sheet and Report, your Committee are gratified to be able to report a considerable increase in the trade receipts for past quarter, the amount being £700 12s. 5d., as against £592 1s. 6d. the previous quarter. The net profit after payment of business expenses amounts to £47 15s. 7½d., an increase of £9 19s. 5d. on last quarter's profit. Your Committee recommend the payment of a dividend of 1/3 in the £ on members' purchases, plus the usual grant to Educational and Provident Fund.

I. CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Share Contributions	29	10	1	Repaid Share Capital	17	17	3
Small Savings Deposits	12	19	3½	Interest on Shares	1	11	4½
Sales of Goods	677	4	9	Dividend to Members	31	11	3
Entrance Fee and Fines	0	10	0	Small Savings Repaid	15	19	2½
Bank Balance, Sept. 30th, 1912	34	2	3	Goods and Carriage	607	3	7
Balance in hand „ „	48	11	10½	Wages and Honorariums	39	0	1
				Rent and Insurance	11	17	6
				Bank Charges, Postage, etc.	6	1	10
				Bank Balance, Jan. 4th, 1913	23	15	5
				Balance in hand „ „	48	0	9
	£802	18	3		£802	18	3

II. GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
By Sales of Goods	700	12	5
„ Stock, Jan. 4th, 1913	473	16	10½
	£1174	9	3½

A.—TRADE OF QUARTER.

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
Purchases including Carriage	658	13	2½
Distributive Expenses	51	15	5
Stock, September 30th, 1912	416	5	0½
Balance profit	47	15	7½
	£1174	9	3½

APPLICATION OF PROFIT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Quarter.	38	1	2½
Reserve and Dividend Fund	5	5	11
	£43	7	1½

	£	s.	d.
Interest on Shares	1	11	4½
Dividend to Members	31	11	3
Educational and Provident Fund	8	15	1
Stock Depreciation	1	9	5
	£43	7	1½

RESERVE AND DIVIDEND FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, Sept. 30th, 1912	33	6	7½
	£33	6	7½

	£	s.	d.
Application of Profit	5	5	11
Balance in hand	28	0	8½
	£33	6	7½

FIXED STOCK AND PLANT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Sept. 30th, 1912	58	15	10
Additions during Quarter	5	5	2
	£64	1	0

	£	s.	d.
By Depreciation	1	9	5
Present Nominal Value	62	11	7
	£64	1	0

EDUCATIONAL AND PROVIDENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Sept. 30th, 1912	12	9	0
Added during quarter	8	15	1
	£21	4	1

	£	s.	d.
By Honorariums	4	4	0
„ Donation to Christmas Children's Festival	1	0	0
„ Link A/c	1	15	0
Balance in hand	14	5	1
	£21	4	1

III. BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Shares	190	4	6½	By Stocks, Jan. 4th, 1913	473	16	10½
„ Small Savings Fund	28	7	2	„ Fixed Stock	62	11	7
„ Trade Accounts Owing	327	18	8	„ A/cs due	28	7	2
„ Reserve Fund	28	0	8½	„ Balance in Bank	23	15	5
„ Educational and Provident Fund	14	5	1	„ „ „ Hand	48	0	9
„ Balance Profit	47	15	7½				
	£636	11	9½		£636	11	9½

BALANCE DISPOSABLE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Balance brought down	47	15	7½	Balance Disposable	48	5	7½
„ Entrance Fees and Fines	0	10	0				
	£48	5	7½		£48	5	7½

Audited and found correct, January 29th, 1913.—C. W. PURDY and A. H. VASS.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on **FRIDAY, JAN. 31st**, at **7.45** p.m. **BUSINESS**—Report and Balance Sheet. Election of Four Members of Committee. Recommendation regarding payment of Share Capital. General Business.

Extracts from Jimson Minor's Diary

Xmas, 1912.

DECEMBER 25TH.—*Motto for To-day*: "Eat as fast as you can, so as to make room for more as quickly as possible."

At 1 a.m., me and my cousin, young Freddie Foster (he's only 11½—I'm 12½ you know) rigged ourselves up as the family ghost, by means of a big sheet and a bike lamp. (Didn't it niff!) Young Freddie got on my back, and he could see through some holes I'd made with my knife (Won't Ma be waxy when she sees 'em!). He'd got the lamp strapped on his napper to give what he calls a "fossferessant glow." I don't know what that is, but Freddie says all real ghosts have it. Anyway, he had it, and I daresay the scorching will do the sheet good.

Well, we sneaked into Uncle Will's room, and young Freddie bified him on the napper with his fist, while I said, in a disguysd voice, "Awake, Captain William Jimson! I come to warn thee of thine impending doom!" (I got that out of "The Spectre of Spookson's Creek"—it's prime.)

Sure enough, he woke! But weather he tumbled to the dodge, or weather it was he ain't afraid of spooks, I don't know; anyway, he jumped out and landed the ghost a real stunner on his half-way mark (which hapened to be my boko!). Nacthally, that upset the hole applectart, and we got sumwhat pasted before we sorted ourselves out and skedaddled. Forchnutty, Uncle Will trod on the smashed bike-lamp, or we should maybe have got some more. How he did cuss! We got in our room and locked the door, double-quick, you bet!

Well, since then, everybody's been roasting us about ghosts and swollen bokos, and black eyes, and things. Even Ma's been grining like a higheener—but she ain't seen the sheet yet!

I couldn't get half enough prog down for wriggling over the blame thing going wrong!

Then after dinner, Uncle Will got pulling our legs when they were all playing "Meeting—Consequences."

We've got fairly sick of it, but let him wait—we've hit on a stunning wheeze to get even.

That ass, my major, with his four-inch collers, and his nine-inch grin, has been haw-hawing at us all day, but I reckun he'll not grin so much when he finds his apple-pie bed; and he won't grin at all when he wakes up to find his napper glued to the pillow!

We have locked our door again to-night, and I am writing this while I've time.

DECEMBER 26TH.—*Motto same as yesterday.*

After everybody had gone to bed (about 1.30 a.m.) we stole out and bagged Douting Thomas, our cat; then we slipped through the back door (didn't it creak, just) and unchained Beelzebub, our bull-pup. Them pair can't go near each other without fighting, but we

smothered 'em up a bit till we got to Uncle's room. The blooming fraud had locked his door, but forchnutty, dad's key, which we pinched from his door, fited first rate, and as Uncle had put his key on the dressing table, we could procede O.K. We opened the door and chucked Beelzy in; then we got Thomas in likewise, though he scratched young Fred. But that's all right. We next closed the door and took the key out, so's to see the fun. It was scrumshus! I forgot to say that we slightly lit the gas while the old joker was still snoring. The two annimals tore round the room like one o'clock, and rushed over and under the bed, while the gallant Captain (that's my Uncle) sat bolt upwrite as if he was frozen.

Uncle Will mayn't be funky of spooks, but by Jingo he's funky of cats and dogs! We stood peeping by turns through the key-hole until the unerthly racket roused the hole house, when we juged it best to go to sleep—very sound. We also barrykaded the door, which was just as well, cause my major came tearing up the passage, with a pillow sticking to his napper. He didn't wake us though. Oh, no! It's our turn to grin to-day, and we'll do it when we're up.

* * * * *

So we did, and when we got playing "Consequences" again, we introduced a spoof slip in a carefly disguysd hand, as follows:—"Captain Bluefire (Uncle never knew we'd herd that pet name) met Thomas and Beelzy in the dark. He said '*!!?!', and they said something simmular. The consequence was he got in a blue funk, and the world said 'Serve him jolly well right!'" While my major was reading this out, Uncle Will sat with a phiz, like a graven image with the toothache; but somebody must have told him it was my writing, cause when my major had finished he got up and came for us. We diddled him that time, but we had to keep out of his vue till bed-time. We likewise kept out of my major's way. He seemed bad tempered about something. Had a jolly day all-together.

DECEMBER 27TH.—*Motto*: "Allways be good."

Feel very bad. Can't bother with diaries!

FINIS.

R. C.

"The world is a looking glass, and gives back every man the reflection of his own face. Frown on it, and it will turn and look sourly upon you; laugh at it, and with it, and it is a jolly kind companion."

We are very pleased indeed to be able to insert a communication just received from our late fellow-tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who left the Estate to try their fortune in New Zealand, and which we trust will not be the last by any means.

GENUINE HAND-PAINTED WATERCOLOURS
BY GOOD ARTISTS.

Single Pairs at Wholesale Prices. Sizes from 8in. x 5in. to 25in. x 20in.
Prices from **6d.** per Pair
(UNFRAMED). **CASHMORE, Fern Rise.**

Garden Notes.

The Garden for Pleasure and Profit.

BY A TENANT.

The time has now arrived when the ground should be turned up as deeply and roughly as possible, thus allowing frost and air to sweeten and pulverize the soil; this being one of the great essentials for the success of the coming season's crop. Tenants who know their soils best, and sow and plant accordingly, are likely to be the most successful, and I would also recommend that a plan be drafted out each year so that they may know when and where the most suitable things should be planted. As can easily be understood, this would prevent many mistakes by enabling them to decide what seed, &c., they would require for each coming season. Then never leave till to-morrow what should be done to-day, as many of our failures are due to this weakness.

Usually there is a "best week" for the main sowing of seed during April or early in May; and the most should be made of this opportunity, seeing that the soil is on the moist to dry side, but never sticky. The same rule applies to the planting of cauliflowers, autumn cabbage, Brussels, kale, savoy, celery, &c., most of which should be completed by the end of June. Do not overcrowd or plant between potatoes, as this often leads to failure.

Much pleasure and benefit is derived by knowing the names of plants, the kind of soil and positions they require, many of the names being simple indications as to where the plant is a native of and its habit and colour. For example: Alba means white; Plena means double; Japonica means native of Japan; and many others could be mentioned, but these will suffice. The blending of plants is also a very interesting and important study, for many of our best roots are lost or discarded because they have perhaps been planted in a wrong position or in unsuitable soil. For instance: mortar scraps are very helpful in growing carnations, but rhododendrons would quickly perish if lime or mortar scraps were in the soil. Should any of our Tenants (whether new or old) be in doubt as to varieties, &c., they need not be afraid of seeking information from fellow members who, I can assure them, are only too willing and anxious to help each other in the advancement of horticulture on our Estate.

J. R.

Items of Interest.

DEATH.—On January 16th, 1913, at "Clydash Vale," Laburnum Road, Mr. William Smith, aged 69. Condolence.

We were often told in our youthful days that "time flies," so it behoves all Tenants to see to it that their orders for seeds should be given at once to our Stores manager.

"It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the Committee be given to the Estate Council and Male Voice Choir, for their kindly help towards the finances of our Journal. This was carried unanimously." The above is an extract from the minutes of the LINK Committee Meeting held November 15th, 1912, and is now inserted with the Editor's apologies for overlooking it.

Notwithstanding the fact that we are still in the snowy season, we understand that the Catering Committee of the H.S.A. is already considering plans for meeting the increased demands for teas and refreshments from visitors during the forthcoming summer.

And they will be glad to receive any suggestions from residents who can put them in touch with any parties where a little influence might induce them to pay us a visit.

The Home Industries Exhibition to be held next month promises to exceed in interest any festival yet held on the Estate, and the Council are to be congratulated upon their decision to offer Certificates of Merit instead of money prizes.

February 13th, 1913 may be an unlucky number, but the Cricket Club don't believe in luck (nor duck), they are enthusiastic about their Whist Drive anyway.

All who joy would win must share it,
Happiness was born a twin.

—Byron.

BROUGHTON & JONES, General Ironmongers, MARKET PLACE, LEICESTER.

FIRE GRATES, MANTEL PIECES,
and COOKING RANGES in great variety.
GARDEN TOOLS, WIRE NETTING.
SHEFFIELD PLATE AND CUTLERY
at lowest prices.

PILLS FOR HOME REMEDIES.

TRY OUR SPECIAL FAMILY PILLS.

HEAD and STOMACH, DIGESTIVE, LIVER, BACK and KIDNEY, RHUBARB.

ANY OF THE ABOVE MAY BE HAD AT

6 for 1d. Large Box of 24 for 3d.

VIOLET POWDER, FULLERS EARTH, SHAMPOO POWDER.

All at One Penny per packet

TO BE OBTAINED FROM

Willowdene, Laburnum Road, Garden Suburb,
HUMBERSTONE.

LEICESTER Co-operative PRINTING Society LIMITED.

Printers for those to whom
Quality Appeals.

Our Trade is increasing:—

The Sales for the half-year amount to £7,574, an increase of £1,096 over the corresponding period of previous year.

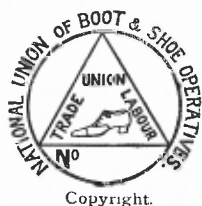
The Total Sales for 1911 amounted to £13,273, an increase £2,359 over the previous year.

WE GIVE SATISFACTION.

ATTENTION!

The only way to make certain
that your FOOTWEAR has been
produced under Fair Conditions
of Labour is to

**BUY ONLY THOSE BOOTS AND
SHOES WHICH BEAR THE TRADE
UNION STAMP UPON THEM.**



ARE YOU WEARING TRADE UNION STAMPED FOOTWEAR?

If not, purchase a pair at once at your Retail Store,
where they will be glad to supply you with them.
By wearing Union Stamped Goods you will be helping
both the Trade Union and Co-operative movements.

Further particulars about the Stamp can be obtained from
E. L. POULTON, General Secretary of the Boot Operatives'
Union, St. James Street, Leicester.

KETTERING Clothing Manufacturing Society Ltd.

Noted for FIT, STYLE, and FINISH.

FOR ALL KINDS OF

MEN'S CLOTHING,
The Latest in JUVENILES',

OR FOR

LADIES' Tailor-Made COSTUMES,

Ask at your Store for KETTERING make.

WE CAN SUIT YOU. - - - - - TRY US.

ANCHOR

:: :: Boot and Shoe :: ::
Productive Society Ltd.,

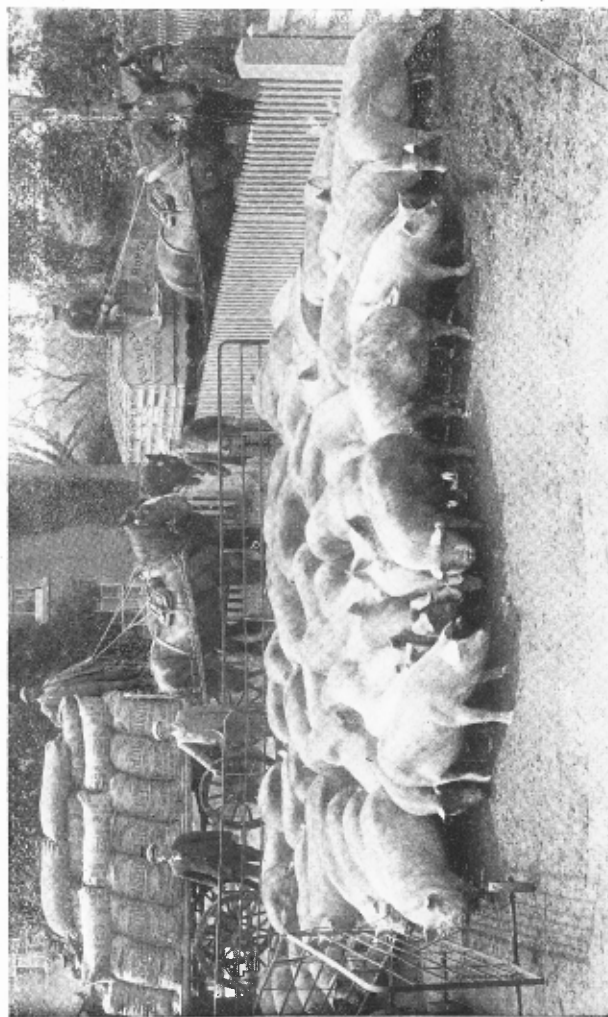
NEW EVINGTON, LEICESTER.

"OUR CIRCLE"
School Boot,

MADE IN BOX CALF, BOX
HIDE, AND GLOVE HIDE.

G. FOLWELL & SON,
MARKET PLACE, LEICESTER.

Ham and Bacon Curers. Pork or Veal and Ham Pies.



View on our Pig Farm, Norfolk.