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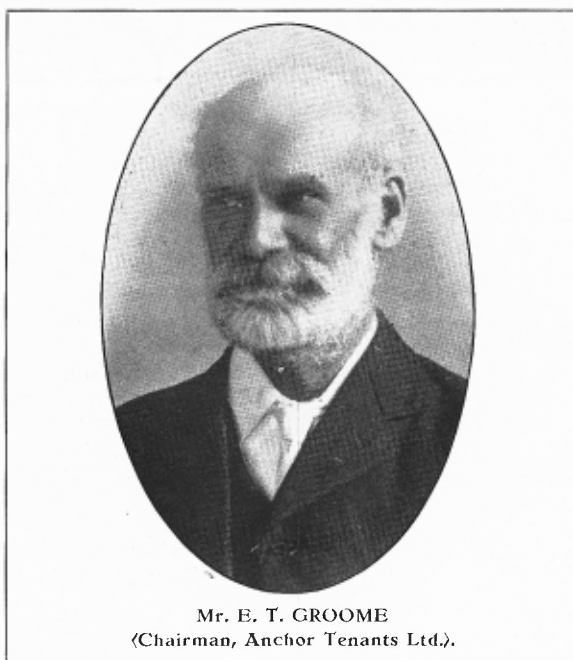
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Editorial.

BETWEEN OURSELVES.

It frequently happens in the life of an organisation that friction arises on matters of policy. Just as in national affairs there are many people who are always "agin the Government," so in smaller concerns there is a proneness on the part of the rank and file to regard the elected person as a target to be shot at. In this respect our own little community proves no exception to the general rule, and as a result situations fraught with possible consequences of an unwelcome character have arisen. This is to be regretted, and we feel that the time is opportune to make some reference to the relations which ought to exist between those occupying positions of responsibility and the rank and file. Each one of us is faced with the duty of carrying on the work of our estate in the further stages of its development, and—while unanimity of opinion is neither to be expected nor desired—it is essential that all should seek to realise the spirit and purpose of government if we are to cope successfully with the problems which confront us. As individuals we must try to cultivate a tolerant and discerning habit of mind. Too often, when smarting under a supposed grievance, we indulge in spasms of unbalanced criticism, which call forth equally vigorous reply, and although, on reflection, it may ultimately dawn on all concerned that the outbreak has resulted chiefly from misunderstanding, the consequences are not always easily effaced.

In the performance of their oft-times arduous and trying duties, we all agree in our calmer moments that those who serve us deserve sympathy and consideration. This does not mean that the elected person should be put on a pedestal and rendered homage, but still there are certain rules and ethical considerations which ought to guide our conduct. Government by committee for instance, has been proved by long-established usage to be a sound method, and it is only by giving a fair measure of freedom in administration that good work can be done. Generally speaking, committees may be trusted to perform their work in a conscientious manner, and they have access to facts on which to base their judgment which are not available to the outsider. For this reason a large amount of confidence ought to be reposed in them; but if a real difference in principle should arise there is a proper time to make effective protest, and if changes do take place when the time for re-election comes round there need be no aftermath of bitterness.

There is another point also that should never be lost sight of, and it is this. In movements such as ours,

growth—both in its numerical and financial sense—is chiefly from without. We can in no sense become a self-contained community. At weekends we may temporarily withdraw ourselves from the larger world around us, but the quest of bread compels our return on Monday morning. Considerations of capital also require that we should retain the goodwill of outside friends; while a spirit of helpfulness and fellowship in our relations towards each other is to be commended, our very existence demands that we should not lose our larger outlook. Let us beware of carrying the insular idea too far.

If our experiment in housing reform is to grow and prosper, it is up to every one of us to see that we do nothing, by word or act, likely to influence adversely public opinion outside our own borders.

Coming Events.

Saturday, Nov. 1st.—Mr. Essex and party.

Thursday, Nov. 6th.—Talk, "The Winter's Work in the Garden," Mr. T. Rowlett, of Thurnby, 8 p.m. Collection at door.

Saturday, Nov. 8th.—Mr. Vass and party.

Saturday, Nov. 15th.—Mr. Wykes and party (in Chapel).

Thursday, Nov. 20th.—Members' Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22nd.—Mr. Payne and party.

Saturday, Nov. 29th.—Dance.

An article by a resident, descriptive of a holiday in Paris, will appear in next issue.

LADIES' "AT HOME."—Under the presidency of Mrs. Parsloe a fortnightly gathering has again been arranged on Thursday afternoons in the Institute at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Mawby is again the secretary, and a committee has also been elected. Mrs. Wilford, the retiring president, who did not seek re-election, was thanked for past services. On October 16th, Mr. Amos Mann gave an address, and other speakers are being arranged for at intervals. Every effort is made over the teacups to foster the social spirit, and all old and new lady residents are welcomed. A Ladies' Gymnastic Class, under Mrs. Parsloe's direction, also practices weekly, and to this also recruits are invited.

MONTHLY MEETING.—The Monthly Meeting held in the Assembly Room on October 16th was sparsely attended. Mr. E. T. Groome presided, and Mr. J. S. Wilford presented the Committee's report, in the course of which he stated that the transfer of the Co-operative Insurance Society to the C.W.S. being now completed, our share of dividend on premiums and bonus on shares held by us, amounted to £30 6s. od., a cheque for which sum had been received, and that the auditors had been down lately getting out a claim against the Revenue authorities for a rebate of Property Tax which, if successful, will yield another substantial sum. About fifty loads of ashes had been tipped in Stein Lane, and about twenty more would make it a passable road. Mr. R. Scott reported that the Estate Council's programme for the winter session was complete, and by the time this is in print the work will be in full swing. Mr. A. H. Hibbett was appointed to a Co-operative District Conference at Coalville, and Mr. W. Gilliver to represent the society on the W.E.A. in the place of Mr. R. Law.

Items of Interest.

BIRTHS.

On October 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Mawby, a son.

On October 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Peutrill, a daughter.

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On Sunday, October 5th, Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, the Senior Member for Leicester, who was accompanied by Dr. Bond, visited our estate.

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We have been asked why no report appeared in last month's LINK of the recent special meeting of the Supply Association. Our answer is that (unlike "Truthful James") we found it quite impossible to "tell in simple language" what took place.

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Golf has "caught on." On Saturday afternoons there is quite a stir on the Lappalongs, where enthusiasts for our new pastime can be seen wielding the trusty cleek in the intervals when they are not engaged hunting for the "wee ba'." But there is still room for increase in the membership. Come and share in the sport!—and bring your fishing net.

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A correspondent writes:—"In the course of his admirable lecture on Switzerland, our good friend Mr. Hodges stated that 'Zermatt churchyard is nearly full of the graves of people who have lost their lives.' Strangely enough, the same remark applies to Humberstone!"

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We hear the "scrumping" evil has again been rampant, and hope everything possible will be done to check it. Even the most mild-mannered gardener objects to being deprived of his harvest after all the care and attention bestowed.

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On Thursday night, November 6th, commencing eight sharp, in Assembly Room, Mr. T. Rowlett, of Thurnby—the writer of our "Garden Notes"—will talk on "The Winter's Work in the Garden." It is hoped there will be a large attendance of "the fraternity."

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The Secretary to the Estate Council will be glad to have the names of adults willing to be in attendance at Miss Meekins' Children's Gymnastic Class on Wednesday evenings to assist in maintaining discipline. Parents and others who can assist should leave their names at "Abbotsford."

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We understand that the proceeds of the concert on November 15th, are to be devoted to the Senghenydd Relief Fund. An exceptional programme is to be presented by Mr. Wykes and party, and, in view of the object, there will no doubt be a bumper house.

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In Memoriam.—In memory of George E. Hern, late Anchor Estate works manager, of "Hazlemere," Lilac Avenue, who departed this life October 12th, 1911. Gratefully remembered and deeply lamented.

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Believing it will interest our readers, Mr. George Scott ("Dalkeith") has favoured us with particulars of a year's results in keeping fowls on the "intensive system." He started on October 11th, 1912, with nine pullets and had his first egg on that day. During the twelve months ending October 11th, 1913, he has had

1,481 eggs, an average of 164 per bird and five over. Here is the monthly average:—October, 17 eggs; November, 41; December, 61; January, 77; February, 61; March, 173; April, 203; May, 193; June, 174; July, 202; August, 162; September, 109; and October (up to the 11th), 8. The system is an American one, and is now being practised very largely all over England, and, to quote Mr. Scott's own words, under the new method "the fowls are better housed and more healthy."

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ADULT SCHOOL.—During October we have found ourselves thrown on our own resources for the conduct of our meetings to a greater extent than usual. Excepting October 12th, when Mr. Food came and gave us a thoughtful paper on "Religion and the Social Problem," we have at each meeting formed ourselves into a class group, considering in the light of the teachings of Jesus such subjects as "Waste," "Home life as a factor in the making of a man," and also the momentous question of the tendency of employment under to-day's conditions, in shaping the rising generation. We gladly note that more of our members are "finding expression"—and that a growing interest in the meetings, and enthusiasm for the movement is evident. We have decided to alter the time of starting our meetings to 9.30 a.m., in the hope that those neighbours and friends who plead our early meeting time as a reason for absence, will now come amongst us to our mutual advantage. See advertisement in this month's issue of THE LINK.—"Member."

CHURCH OF CHRIST (GARDEN SUBURB).—On Saturday, September 28th, the Church meeting here held its usual Anniversary Tea and Social Meeting. The tables were well spread and gaily decorated by cut flowers and plants. Tea was partaken of at 5 p.m., and the meeting commenced at 6 o'clock. Though the number of visitors was not so large as could have been desired, partly owing to a counter attraction at Leicester, a very pleasant time was spent, addresses by Mr. James Leavesley and Mr. T. Langton being interspersed with some hearty singing. Mr. E. Meekins presided, and gave a résumé of the work done during the past twelve months. This was followed on Sunday by the Lord's Day School Anniversary Services, Mr. Harry Langton having been invited to give special addresses both afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was well attended, Mr. Langton giving most of his attention on this occasion to the scholars who were on the gallery. In the evening the meeting-house was practically filled by parents and friends of the scholars, who followed with deep interest Mr. Langton's address. Hymns and anthems had been specially prepared by the scholars for each occasion, and were undoubtedly appreciated by the congregation, particularly the anthem given by the little ones under six years, entitled "We are little pilgrims." A special collection in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary was taken at the evening service and resulted in a sum of £1 6s. 7d. being forwarded and duly acknowledged in the local press.

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Peeps into the Past.

IN THE DAYS OF "GOOD QUEEN BESS."

"In 1593 Jane Boose (or Bowes) of Humberstone, was fined £55 as a reason for absenting herself from the Parish Church for three months following April 1st, in the 34th year of the Queen's reign." The Queen, of course, was Elizabeth, and the time was that romantic period when Raleigh and Drake and the rest of them were opening out the wonders of the New World, and which has been so graphically described by Kingsley in "Westward Ho!"

It would perhaps be of interest to review the circumstances of such an extraordinary case a little; in the first place, we may take it for granted that the second name is the more correctly spelt, for it was a period of very indifferent orthography so far as proper names are concerned; there being ever so many ways, for instance, of spelling Shakespear's, who was living at that time. The fact of anyone being fined such a sum for non-attendance at church shows that we are dealing with a time and a world that is so totally different from ours that we can scarcely realise it. The idea underlying the statecraft of the past was that the State and the Church were one and indivisible, and that all who accepted the protection of the State must also subscribe to the polity of the Church. It is not our duty to argue the pros and cons of the matter; oceans of both ink and blood have been spilt in this controversy, and it is chiefly interesting when we get a concrete case like this to see the method of enforcing what the majority of people then considered was a just punishment.

Let us look at the times for a minute: only five years had elapsed since the Spanish Armada had been sent to conquer England, and although it had been totally destroyed, and there was little fear of another coming on the same errand, public opinion was roused and severe laws were passed—against, on the one hand, the adherents to the old faith—the Roman Catholics, for the Reformation period was still young—and on the other hand against the Puritans or Dissenters. On the one hand there were the people who had not changed with the change of the ruling powers; on the other, the people who thought the change did not go far enough, and who in the next century developed into the great Puritan body. Against both these, severe laws were enacted and enforced, and although we do not know to which party our heroine belonged, she had evidently made herself obnoxious to the powers that were, to incur a fine of such magnitude for what seems to us such a trivial offence.

But Jane had not done yet, for the account goes on to state—

"and £20 more for a like absence from Tuesday in the fourth week of Lent to the 24th of April (being one month) in the 35th year."

It will be noticed that the authorities stick to the monetary fine, and say nothing about any alternative imprisonment. Had Dame Bowes tried her passive resistance in any other country of Christendom, Spain for instance, she would not only have lost her property, but her life as well, and not by any easy method either. We may congratulate ourselves on this, that religious persecution adopted more lenient methods, and then died out earlier, in this country than in any other country in Europe.

An "Inquisition" (ugly name, conjures up all sorts of unpleasant things) taken at Loughborough on the 28th of May in the 36th year of the Queen's reign, before Sir George Hastings, Kt., and Francis Monk, Esq., found that she had

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The firm of two messuages, &c., at Evington, worth 13s. 4d.,

all of which were seized into the Queen's hand till she should make submission."

The one failing of these scanty records, is that they are not complete. We do not know for certain whether she left the place or whether she duly "made submission" and lived here in peace, to end her days and be buried in the shadow of the building it had cost her so much to keep out of. It is probable, however, that someone with a similar name, most likely one of her descendants, held some property in the place about eighty years afterwards, for there was an inscription on one of the church bells,

"Jane Bose gave me, 1673."

"PENDA."

HEALTH SOCIETY MEETING.—A drawing-room meeting was held on behalf of the Leicester Health Society, on Monday afternoon, October 13th, at Humberstone Hall, by kind invitation of Lady Levy. A very pleasant time was spent, and after tea addresses were given by Dr. Bessie Symington and Dr. Spriggs as to the objects of the society. Dr. Symington said the chief aim was to prevent infant mortality, crippled, diseased, and sightless lives by inaugurating "Schools for Mothers" or "Babies' Welcomes," of which at present there are four in operation in Leicester, where advice and instruction are given to mothers on how to feed, dress, and guard the health of infants. They are encouraged to bring their babies each week to have them weighed and examined. A nurse also visits the homes, in cases where the baby is not making the necessary increase in weight, to give further advice. Dr. Spriggs spoke of the methods of health societies in other towns and countries, and the urgent need of subscribers and helpers to extend the work. The Rev. Manvell moved a vote of thanks to Lady Levy for her hospitality, and spoke of the gratitude of the mothers and the good work done by the society in his parish.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING.

A Sunday night gathering of an undenominational character, where residents of all shades of religious thought may meet in fellowship during the winter months, has again been commenced in the

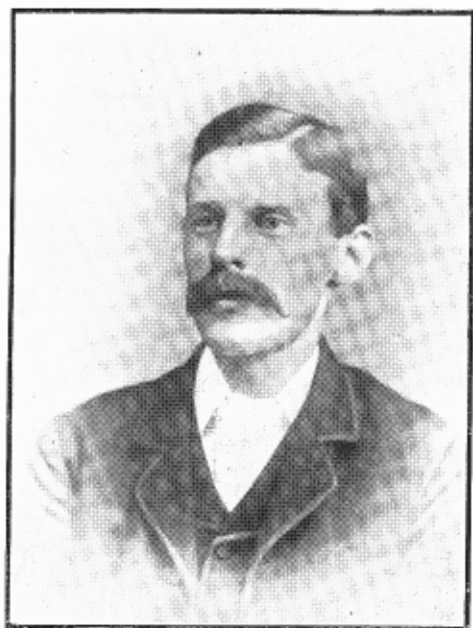
ASSEMBLY ROOM.

Speakers come from town from time to time, and every effort is made week by week to make the meeting bright and helpful. A hearty welcome is given to all not otherwise engaged to

COME—SUNDAYS—6.30.

From Workshop to University.

By courtesy of the *Leicester Pioneer*, we are able to give below a photograph of Mr. Robert Law, late carpenter on our estate and now Collegiate of Trinity College, Cambridge. As most of our readers will know, Mr. Law was nominated by the Leicester Branch of the Workers' Educational Association for a twelve months' resident scholarship at Cambridge, and, the nomination



having been endorsed by the W.E.A. Joint Committee, he entered Trinity College on Friday, October 10th—the first student to be sent there by the Association.

All who have come into close personal contact with Mr. Law know that the honour is richly deserved. Of a persistent disposition and possessing great aptitude for study, for years he has been applying himself closely to class work in industrial history, economics, and the natural sciences; and that he was always ready to assist others in the search for knowledge was evidenced by his readiness to take up tutorial work, as in the case of our own estate class last winter and that at Fleckney.

Here is an extract from a letter received the other day:—"Am afraid my time will be filled up completely with my work. I find reading round thirteen lectures a week, besides paper work and interviews with tutors, will take all my time, allowing, of course, a decent amount for exercise. My subjects are:—Advanced Economics; Economic History (England and U.S.) of the nineteenth century; Economic Function of Government; Political Science; Structure and Problems of Modern Industry; and Unemployment. Have some very good friends, who have made my way easy and pleasurable."

In a newspaper interview prior to his departure, Mr. Law paid a tribute to his wife, "who deserves as much credit as I do for allowing me the time, and securing the peace of home so necessary for quiet study."

Will the ladies who have favourite recipes in their possession kindly send them along? Variety is the spice of life—and new methods of concocting plum puddings, Christmas cakes, &c., are always welcome.

Estate Council News.

With the advent of the dark nights the winter session is now in full swing.

On September 27th, the Estate Council invited the residents to a conference with a view to discussing what could be done in the way of educational work during the winter. There was an encouraging attendance. After a few remarks from the chairman of the Council (Mr. S. Wilford), a general discussion took place, suggestions being made in favour of a drawing class, a Shakespearian class, and a class to study co-operation. As two classes have materialised—viz., in drawing and co-operation—the result of the conference may be termed successful.

Mr. L. B. Hodges lectured to a full audience on "A Holiday in Switzerland," in the Assembly Room, on October 2nd. By the aid of a map and limelight views, the lecturer gave his audience an insight into the character of the country and of its inhabitants, telling in most interesting fashion his experiences during his many visits both to the Swiss towns and the mountainous districts. Those who had the pleasure of listening to his racy anecdotes and descriptions of scenery will readily accept Mr. Hodge's statement that he knows Switzerland "as well as Granby Street," and we feel sure his audience would welcome a return visit. Mr. P. Mann manipulated the lantern.

The first concert of the season was given by the Melville Troupe of Boy Pierrots, on October 4th, when there was a small attendance of adults, but the front benches were well filled by juveniles, who thoroughly enjoyed the fare provided, being especially tickled by the "Railway Porter."

Saturday, October 11th, was devoted to an evening's dancing, and a "ripping" time was spent, Miss Kemp being the pianist.

On October 18th, Mr. Pepper was responsible for the arrangements, and brought Mr. Sutliff and party to entertain us with a high-class programme of song and recitation, the audience being most appreciative.

On October 21st, a concert was held in the Chapel (the use of which was kindly granted for the occasion), when the artistes were Madame Lily Callis, Miss Woolley (soprano and violinist), Miss M. King, Mr. Sidney Harris and Mr. Lygoe. This proved to be one of the best ever held on the Estate, Madame Callis's rendering of "The Rosary" being particularly appreciated, but all the items on the programme were good. The chairman was Mr. G. Riley. The only regrettable feature was the somewhat poor attendance.

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aims at affording men of all creeds (or of none) a common meeting ground for mutual friendliness, education, and Bible study. Its object is not to displace the churches, but rather supplementary—it seeks to apply the teachings of the New Testament to the conditions of everyday life.

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each young fellow of sixteen upwards, who reads this is invited to come and join in the quest for deeper truth and a fuller life. If our life together is to realise its possibilities we must know each other. The Adult School offers to each of us the opportunity to serve and the environment that encourages growth—which is Life. Come next Sunday morning to the Assembly Room at 9.30.

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Children's Corner.

ONLY A QUARTER.

'Please, sir, do you want some chestnuts?'

'Chestnuts? No!' returned Ralph Moore, looking carelessly down on the upturned face, whose large, brown eyes, shadowed by tangled curls of flaxen hair, were appealing pitifully to his own.

'Please, sir, do buy 'em. Nobody seems to care for them, and—'

She fairly burst into tears, and Moore, who had been on the point of brushing past her, stopped instinctively.

'Are you so very much in want of the money?'

'Indeed we are, sir,' sobbed the child; 'mother sent me out, and—'

'Don't cry,' said Ralph; 'I don't want your chestnuts, but here's a quarter for you, if it will do any good.'

He did not stay to hear the delighted thanks the child poured out through a rainbow of smiles and tears, but strode on his way, muttering between his teeth: 'That cuts off my cigars for the twenty-four hours. I don't care, though, for she really did cry as if she hadn't a friend in the world. Dear me! I wish I were rich enough to help every poor creature out of the slough of despond.'

While Ralph Moore was indulging in these reflections the dark-orbed little damsel whom he had comforted was dashing down streets with rapid footsteps, utterly regardless of the basket of unsold nuts that still dangled upon her arm. Down an obscure alley she darted, and up a wooden staircase to a room where a pale, neat-looking woman was sewing as busily as if the breath of life depended upon every stitch, and two little ones were playing in the sunshine that supplied the place of the absent fire.

'Mary! Back Already? Surely you have not sold your chestnuts so soon?'

'Oh, mother, see!' ejaculated the breathless child. 'A gentleman gave me a quarter! Only think, mother, a whole quarter!'

If Ralph Moore could only have seen the rapture which his small silver gift had brought into that poverty-stricken home he would have grudged still less his privation of cigars.

Years came and went. The little chestnut girl passed entirely out of Ralph Moore's memory, but Mary Lee never forgot the stranger who had given her the silver quarter.

The crimson window curtains were closely drawn to shut out the storm and blast of the bleak December night. A fire was glowing cheerily in the grate, and the dinner-table was a-glitter with cut-glass and silver.

'What can it be that detains papa?' said Mrs. Audley, a handsome matron of thirty, as she glanced at her watch.

'There's a man with him in the study, come on business,' said Robert Audley, a boy of twelve years, who was reading by the fire.

'I'll call him again,' said Mrs. Audley, stepping to the door. But as she opened it the gaslight fell on the face of a humble-looking man in threadbare garments who was leaving the house, while her husband stood in the doorway of his study, apparently relieved to be rid of his visitor.

Charles,' said Mrs. Audley, 'who is that man, and what does he want?'

'His name is Moore, and he came to see if I would give him a position in the bank.'

'And will you?' she eagerly asked.

'Don't know, Mary; I must think about it.'

'Charles, give him the situation.'

'Why, my dear?'

'Because I ask it of you as a favour, and you have said a hundred times you would never deny me anything.'

'And I will keep my promise. I will write a note this very evening.'

An hour later, when the children were tucked snugly in bed, Mrs. Audley told her husband why she was interested in the fate of a man whose face she had not forgotten in twenty years. 'That's right,' said her husband, when the simple tale was finished. 'Never forget one who was kind to you in the days you needed kindness.'

Ralph Moore was sitting that self-same night in his lodgings, beside his wife's sick bed, when a servant brought a note from Charles Audley.

'Good news, Bertha!' he exclaimed joyously, as he read the words. 'Mr. Audley has promised me the position.'

'You have dropped something, Ralph,' said Mrs. Moore, pointing to a slip of paper on the floor. It was a fifty-dollar bill, neatly folded in a piece of paper, on which was written:

'In grateful remembrance of the silver quarter that a kind stranger bestowed on a little chestnut girl twenty years ago.'

Ralph Moore had thrown his morsel of bread upon the waters of life; after many days it had returned to him.

Garden Notes.

One of the most important items in the garden for November is the cutting off of dying foliage, and general tidying up. Re-arrange rockeries if necessary and cut back all plants that are growing straggly and bare, to encourage new growth. Burn all rubbish as early as possible, because if left on the garden to rot through the winter it will become a refuge for slugs, which will cause much trouble in the spring. Store carrots, parsnips and beetroot in a trench eighteen inches deep; line out with a little straw making a covering with the same over the roots; bank up with nine inches of soil, leaving a tuft of straw in the centre to allow for evaporation of moisture.

Winter prune fruit trees, commencing with gooseberries and currants; newly planted apples, pears and plums are better left till March. When planting fruit trees take care not to plant too deep; they should never be more than one inch deeper than they have been in the nursery, which may be ascertained by looking at the bottom of the stock.

Prepare beds for carnations by deep digging and working in a quantity of old mortar-scrap or road-grit. Carnations which were layered in August should be separated from the parent with a sharp knife, care being taken not to damage the new rootlets. Plant firmly and cover over with mesh wire to prevent birds or rabbits from eating them.

Draw a little soil around spring cabbage plants to keep the wind from rocking them about through the winter.

T. ROWLETT.

THE WINTER'S PROGRAMME.

MONDAY.—From 8 to 9.15 p.m. a study class in "Industrial Co-operation," is held in the Institute under the guidance of Mr. A. H. Hibbett. The class is for adults—ladies specially invited—and a hearty invitation is given to residents of studious temperament to come and profit by the study of a subject of great interest.

TUESDAY.—On this night the Institute is open for indoor games. The Council have purchased a new skittle table, an innovation that will be appreciated. It is hoped that residents will enrol themselves as members, and make this a weekly meeting night for a social chat and a friendly game, amid comfortable surroundings. Subscription for the session, 1s.; occasional visitors, one penny per night. At the opening on October 21st, there was an encouraging attendance.

WEDNESDAY.—Miss Meekins conducts a physical drill class for children in the Institute. Children of school age will practise from 7 to 8; those over school age from 8 to 9. On the same night in the Assembly Room, commencing 8 sharp, Mr. Winterton conducts a drawing and painting class for pupils over nine years of age, students to provide their own drawing materials. This is a useful class, and we are pleased to hear eighteen students have already presented themselves.

THURSDAY.—Night left open for lectures and the Estate monthly meetings, which latter are held on the third Thursday in every month, when progress is reported and any matters of interest to the estate discussed.

FRIDAY.—The new Musical Society meets for practice in the Assembly Rooms. Ladies and gentlemen with musical proclivities are invited to join, and will receive a hearty welcome. Particulars from Mr. T. Wilford (conductor), or Mr. C. B. Goodenough (secretary).

SATURDAY.—Concerts, dances, &c., are arranged for week by week in the Assembly Room. Particulars in LINK and on the notice board. In addition, from five o'clock till seven a Learners' Dancing Class is held in the Institute, the charge being twopence per night. Learners of all ages and weights are welcomed.

Little Johnnie, aged four (to Teacher in Kindergarten Class): "Please, teacher, me ate a worm!"

Teacher: "Oh, how shocking! Just think of the sufferings of the poor mother worm when she realized that the offspring she had so tenderly reared had gone from her!"

Johnnie: "But me ate she's ma, too!"

(Collapse of teacher, and discipline.)

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