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Editorial.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL,"

At the moment "Business as Usual" is the national motto. It is an excellent ideal, but one difficult of realisation. Undoubtedly the chief concern of Britain at present is the horrible business of war—fortunately an unusual occupation—and those of us who can claim to be busy are engaged chiefly in producing the adjuncts of war, either directly in the shape of armaments, or indirectly in organising transport, making clothing, &c.

Our insular position has given us a natural security not possessed by our allies, and for the time being at least those of us who remain at home can regard the conflict without much serious individual concern. We have been urged to remain calm and to carry on as usual. We have been calm, and we have kept cool, and it may be that some of us have already become hardened and callous. We applaud, like the patron of the prize-fight, when our side gets "one on the spot," and rejoice exceedingly when our adversary is nearly counted out. We do not feel his pain nor share his agony. Our usually humane feelings have become blunted, and it seems as though, for the nonce, civilisation is retrogressing at a fearful rate as we read the terrible stories of slaughter which are served up daily in the newspapers.

Truly it will be well at times to indulge in the calmness of reflection, for this will tend to counteract the dehumanising influences of the time. When we rejoice at the heavy losses suffered by our foes, let us also remember that even our hated enemies have kith and kin who mourn their loss, and that—as in our own land—thousands of wives and mothers, sweethearts and sisters, are apprehensive for the safety of their loved ones. Those of us who have some of our dear ones in the battle line know what the calmness of reflection means.

Still, we cannot all share the glories of the battle charge, and it will not avail us much to sit and mourn. It matters not whether we are termed pacifists or jingoes; we are now in it and have no earthly means of escaping the consequences. Where there is work to do, let us do our part manfully, and in that way help to minimise the havoc which war always brings and leaves in its train. And let us think also of our responsibilities for the future. The awful conflagration which is now raging will ultimately be quenched. When the boom of cannon is stilled and the wreckage cleared away, the foundations of the future will have to be laid. Let us do our little part to ensure that the spirit which is to animate the Europe that is to be will be more worthy of twentieth century civilisation than that which has

prevailed in the past. Let us do our best to eradicate race hatreds, with their necessary concomitant, the piling up of huge armaments, and so pave the way to that social regeneration and international amity which should be the real hall-mark of "higher culture."

THE DEPARTURE OF Mr and Mrs. H. FOLWELL.

An event of the past month has been the departure of Mr. and Mrs. H. Folwell, who sailed on September 22nd, for the land of sky-scrapers and tall stories. A very pleasant social evening was spent on Saturday, September 12th, when the members of the Cricket Club and their friends gathered together, to wish Mr. and Mrs. Folwell *bon voyage*. After the president (Mr. S. Beamish) had expressed regret at losing their services, and best wishes for their future welfare, and Mr. Folwell had replied, the evening was wound up by joining hands, and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mrs. Purdy, Messrs. G. Riley, W. Butler, H. Rowlett, E. Peberdy and Miss Langley (who presided at the piano for the songs and dancing).

During the afternoon the members of the Cricket Club lined up in front of the camera, and, judging from the result, it would appear that they are no more afraid of that kind of opposition than of the kind they usually encounter on the cricket field. Before leaving Leicester, a framed copy of the photograph was presented to Mr. Folwell, who wishes to express his thanks to the members for the gift, and also his best wishes for the future success and prosperity of the club.

CHORAL SOCIETY.

The above society commenced what we hope will prove to be a successful and enjoyable season's work on Friday, September 25th, when the first rehearsal was held. As the Editor is on the warpath for early copy, these notes are being written some days prior to that date, so that it is not possible to state from actual experience what the prospects are likely to be, but we have every reason to believe that we are in for a good time. We expect that practically all the old members will turn up in full force, and several other ladies and gentlemen have intimated their intention to join. We take this opportunity to give a very cordial invitation to all adult residents, who take an interest in singing, to come and join us. Rehearsals are held in the Assembly Rooms on Fridays at 8 o'clock. Subscription 6d. per month, which pays the rent of the room, and also provides all music free.—T. WILFORD, *Conductor*: C. H. GOODENOUGH, *Secretary*.

LADIES' "AT HOME."

As in past years, it is hoped to arrange Thursday afternoon gatherings, to foster, over the teacups, a spirit of fellowship amongst our lady residents, and to listen to lectures, readings, &c. Up till now this organisation has done good work, and will no doubt in the coming winter justify its existence. At the time of going to press no definite particulars are available; but a meeting of lady residents will shortly be called to decide on what line the meetings are to be conducted.

The school children at Old Humberstone have collected 6s. in pence for the Red Cross Society.

Our Winter's Work.

With the advent of Autumn, residents are now directing their thoughts to the winter's work, and, with a view to assisting in initiating same, the Estate Council acted wisely in asking all those interested to meet them and talk things over. At the meeting on August 18th, there was a very gratifying attendance.

The President of the Council (Mr. J. S. Wilford) outlined the arrangements which had been made (details of which are given below), and, on the suggestion of the meeting, committees were also appointed to bring into being a Literary and Debating Society and a Book Exchange. Suggestions were also thrown out that a physical culture class for men would prove a useful feature, as also would an Anchor Tenants' Fire Brigade; but the first proposal was "turned down" on account of the lack of accommodation and the latter because of the high cost of equipment. It will be seen that a very full winter programme has been arranged, and we trust the active co-operation of residents will be forthcoming in order to achieve full success.

CONCERTS AND DANCES.

On Saturday evenings, as in previous years, concerts and dances will be held. Messrs. G. Riley and T. Wilford again have the musical arrangements in hand, and they will be glad to have the co-operation of residents who can assist in the provision of musical talent, either by making themselves responsible for the supply of individual artistes or in arranging a full evening's programme.

SINGING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN.

On one evening each week, from 5.30 to 6.30, Mrs. Clark has kindly consented to take a class of children, nine years of age and under, who will be taught action songs, &c.; and Mr. Clark will also conduct a class for children from nine to fourteen in folk-songs and part songs. Further particulars as to opening night, &c., will be announced in case.

THE ESTATE BAND.

This newly-formed organisation will meet on Monday evenings at 8 in the Institute for practice under the leadership of Mr. Langley. The Secretary—Mr. Winter-ton, "Newnham," Laburnham Road—will be glad to hear from others wishing to join. The fee is 2d. per week.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

This meets on Thursday nights at 8 in the Institute. Already two sketches are being rehearsed, but there is need for a few more members, ladies especially. Entrance fee, 6d.; annual subscription, 1s. Further particulars from Mr. R. Scott, "Abbotsford," Fern Rise.

GYMNASTIC CLASS.

This will be held in the Institute on Wednesday evenings under the leadership of Miss Mabel Meekins. The class is confined to "girls" of all ages above ten years, which, of course, includes a wide range—say, up to three score and ten. Date of starting will be found in case.

RECREATIVE CLUB.

This will occupy the Institute on Tuesday evenings, when table skittles and numerous other recreations will be available. The subscription is 1s. per session (casual visitors, 1d. per night). Secretaries: Messrs. Hextall and Butler, who will be pleased to enrol you.

FLOWER CULTURE.

In order to interest children in the culture of flowers, the Estate Council have arranged for a supply of snow-drop and crocus bulbs, which are to be presented to children for cultivation. Before the scheme is started, Mr. J. Rowlett will talk to the children on bulb cultivation. A date is to be fixed in the spring for an exhibition of the children's efforts, when prizes will be presented to the successful growers. Each child participating will pay a penny, which will be returned to those who bring their bulbs for exhibition.

Adults also are to be encouraged to take up hyacinth culture in the same way. Here again an exhibition will be arranged for. A charge of 6d. will be made for each bulb supplied.

Fuller particulars respecting both schemes will be announced later.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Committee, consisting of Mrs. Steer, Mrs. Elliot, Messrs. Gill and Whitfield, and a nominee of the Estate Council, has been formed for the purpose of organising a Literary and Debating Society. The Students' Class held last year was felt to be unsatisfactory from the point of view of numbers, and it is hoped in the above way to cater for a greater number of residents and to provide many interesting and instructive evenings, but details are not yet available for publication.

BOOK EXCHANGE.

A Committee has also been appointed—consisting of Messrs. Wright (Estate Council), Ward, Wheatley and Elliot—to work out details for above, and to submit same to Estate Council for approval. We understand that some hundreds of books have already been promised provisionally, and there is every likelihood of the scheme materialising; but it is yet too early to make a definite announcement. In the meantime any of the above-named will be glad to hear from prospective lenders.

CHURCH OF CHRIST PICNIC AND SPORTS.—The first annual sports and picnic tea—for the primary department and scholars who could not avail themselves of the Sunday School outing to Sutton-on-Sea—took place on August 22nd. The event proved an unqualified success and delighted the children, the tiny tots entering into the games with the utmost freedom. In this connection a word of thanks must be given to Mr. Warner, who converted himself into a donkey and other ferocious animals for the benefit of the children. After tea the scholars from the whole school entered into the sports, races being the principal feature, an obstacle race causing a great amount of fun. The weather was good throughout, but the last prize had just been distributed when rain began to fall.

We regret having to hold over E. J. M.'s second article on Folkestone.

Peeps into the Past.

WHEN LEICESTER WAS A GARDEN CITY.

There are certainly a good many parts of Leicester that are not by any means like a Garden City to-day, but there was a time when a goodly number of Garden City characteristics were to be found in the old town.

Let us take an imaginary stroll through the town about the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Entering from the London Road, we should find the actual town beginning at Horsefair Street, the Three Crowns Inn, on the site now occupied by the National Provincial Bank, being the first building. Turning into the Market Place nature was not quite shut out, for a large elm stood in the north-west corner, a centre for the gossips and idlers of the day. The town stocks were situated on this spot, and no doubt one of the attractions was the sight of the fragrant town drunkard doing his penance and recovering his sobriety between the narrow walls of this outdoor prison.

Continuing our way westward we should pass the site of the present New Street, then the garden of the old Grey Friars—the friars had gone many long years before but their garden remained, one of several such pleasant spots right in the centre of the town, and on the other side of the street now called St. Martin's, then as now the open churchyard of the church of that name. A few more yards still westward we should be in the High Street, now Highcross Street, then the main artery through the town. Most of the road between the Magazine and the present Infirmary Square was then in the country, while on one side the Grange Lane led to the Grange or farm, and the road we now know as the Welford Road was not yet made.

Turning back in a northerly direction, we should find elm or other trees either singly or in groups along the route of this main street, while towards the west, down Shambles Lane (now St. Nicholas Street) and Applegate Street on the Bath Lane side of the Soar, stood the Vauxhall Gardens, a favourite place for Eighteenth Century school treats. When the Navigation Company took over the river and made a canal of it, the gardens were removed to the site of the present Vauxhall Street, that part of the town consisting chiefly of meadows and orchards, which occupied most of the ground around All Saints Church and on in a N.W. direction to the river.

Passing along the Northgate towards St. Sunday's (now the North) Bridge, we should find evidence in the trim houses (perhaps we ought to call them villas), for this district at that time shared with the Newark the honour of being the Stonegate of the town. Sanvey Gate was one row of houses removed from open country, the east window of St. Margaret's Church looked over the fields, and a map of Leicester published in 1722 shows the present Burley's Lane as a country road. In Belgrave Gate the town ended just below the Old Cross, and in Humberstone Gate it did not extend far, for at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century people desirous of migrating out of the town for their families to get the benefit of the country air went to live in Charles and the adjacent streets, which were then being built, and no doubt they were told by their friends and acquaintances that they were leaving the comforts of civilisation and going to live in the wilds of the country.

Of course there was another side to the picture—life was not all May blossom and new mown hay in some of the streets of any Eighteenth Century town; but it was left for the Industrial Revolution and the hustle and bustle of the next century to make a hideous monstrosity of the place where the people had to pass their existences. Leicester was much of a mediæval town in the middle of the Eighteenth Century; what it was in the middle of the nineteenth would take some describing; the gardens and rural features were squeezed relentlessly out, and every inch of available space covered with alleys and courts, many of which have been cleared out during the past thirty years or so, but sufficient remain to show the genius of unrestrained industrialism in housing the greatest number of human beings on the smallest possible area.

PENDA.

Items of Interest.

We have received a postcard from Mr. and Mrs. H. Folwell, written prior to sailing, asking us, through the medium of THE LINK to say good-bye to all their friends.

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In order that residents may have an opportunity of contributing to the relief of distress resulting from the war, an Estate Fund has been opened. It is proposed to devote the proceeds to the Belgian Relief Fund, to be used locally. On Saturday evenings, September 19th and 26th, a dance and a concert were held in order to raise funds for the purpose. Individual contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. R. Scott, "Abbotsford," Secretary to the Estate Council. "They give twice who give quickly."

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We are asked by members of the Ladies' Sewing Meeting held in connection with the Church of Christ to enlist the help of parents in putting down the nuisance caused by youngsters exploding fireworks in or near the building while the meetings are in progress. This and similar reprehensible pranks played by thoughtless youngsters are also being adversely commented upon by members of organisations holding meetings in the Institute, and if the practice is continued drastic steps will have to be taken in the matter.

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MONTHLY MEETING.—At this meeting, held on August 17th, there was a fair attendance of residents. Messrs. Beamish and Elliot reported on the recent conference held under the auspices of the Leicester Co-operative Society's Education Committee, at which Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., was the principal speaker, and which had for its object the bringing into closer relationship of the co-operative and trade union movements. Several matters of a minor character also came under discussion, but the meeting was only brief.

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PARISH MEETING.—Although proper notice was given, not a single parishioner other than the members of the Parish Council turned up at the Parish meeting held on September 17th, to fix amount to be spent for lighting purposes for the coming winter. It was estimated that £44 would be required, and this amount was voted accordingly. It was also proposed to extinguish the lamps at 11 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 10 as heretofore.

Children's Corner.

Just now you will all have noticed some very pretty butterflies darting about in the sun. "Frenchies," they are often called, but their proper name is tortoiseshell, from the beautiful colour of their wings, which are very much like a piece of common tortoiseshell.

These "butties," in common with all other butterflies and moths, have a most interesting life story. They first enter the world in the form of tiny eggs, just as birds do, and these little eggs are placed on the leaves of all kinds of plants and, if seen through a magnifying glass, are beautifully formed and coloured. After a time these hatch and small caterpillars come out, which at once commence feeding on the leaves.

Garden Notes.

Autumn is with us again, making it essential for the clearing of all tender plants from beds and borders, which should be deeply dug at the same time, adding some well decayed manure. The vacant positions will then be ready for Spring bulb planting, and no time should be lost in getting these in. By the way, I hear there is to be a Bulb Flower Competition in the spring, with a special class for snowdrops and crocuses to be exhibited by the juniors. It is hoped that this will arouse enthusiasm amongst our junior friends and so make their first opportunity a real success. Further details will be found in another column.



Opening Day on the Tennis Courts.

It's a wonderful fact that the eggs are always laid on the plant that the caterpillar likes best. For instance, the tortoiseshell caterpillar is very fond of stinging nettles, so the eggs are always laid there. The common white "buttie" places her eggs on cabbages, and you may easily find plenty of the caterpillars if you look; they are green with yellow stripes down each side, and are very busy in most gardens in the Garden City just now. They have enormous appetites and scarcely stop feeding all day long, and grow so fast that in a few days the skin gets too tight and splits up the back, showing underneath a "suit" a size larger, which it soon fills out in the same way. When it gets full grown it crawls away into some quiet corner and turns into a chrysalis.

If you seek in the cracks underneath the window ledge facing the garden you will find some specimens. In a short time the chrysalis breaks open and out creeps the perfect butterfly, with sadly bent and crumpled wings, but these soon dry in the bright sun, and then the insect flies off and is ready to lay more eggs, which in the course of time produce more butterflies.

T.E.J.

Plant out biennials, such as wall-flowers, Canterbury bells, sweet-williams, &c.

Rambler Roses should be pruned, taking away all old wood and training new canes into their positions.

Cuttings of antirrhinums, pentstemons, and calceolarias may be planted in a cold frame sunk into the soil about nine inches below the level of the soil. Plant firm, give a good watering and close the frame down for about a week, then give air on all fine days through the winter.

Cuttings of Violas, if planted early this month in sandy soil, will strike freely, preference being given to thin growths about three inches long, discarding all strong hollow ones.

Late apples and pears should be gathered and stored on a dry floor or shelf on a north aspect if possible. Do not mix bruised or damaged ones with the sound fruit. Lift late potatoes and pick out seed if required, also any which show signs of disease, before storing.

T.R.

CRICKET CLUB

The third and most successful season was brought to a close on September 19th, with a victory over Dover Street Adult School. The full season's record and averages appear below. May I remind those members whose subscriptions are not yet paid up, that the financial year ends on October 31st, and I shall be glad to receive them by that date, in order to get the accounts audited, and the balance sheet prepared for the Annual Meeting in November.

THE SEASON'S RECORD.

Played 23. Won 12. Lost 10. Abandoned 1.
Runs scored.—For, 1,278 for 223 wickets. Average per wicket, 5.73.
Runs scored.—Against, 1,538 for 227 wickets. Average per wicket, 6.77.

BATTING AVERAGES. (QUALIFICATION 6 INNINGS.)

	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
G. Ward ..	17	1	217	29	13.56
A. Wilford ..	6	3	39	24	13
E. Peberdy ..	20	0	204	34	10.2
E. Wilford ..	16	3	79	21	6.08
E. Pepper ..	15	2	77	13	5.92
C. H. Goodenough	13	1	65	4	5.42
W. Harding ..	9	0	42	11	4.66
G. Hecks ..	14	1	54	20	4.15
W. Shilton ..	12	0	49	17	4.08
H. Bowerman ..	17	2	54	13	3.6
W. Butler ..	19	0	64	16	3.37
G. Riley ..	16	1	48	20	3.2
H. Rowlett ..	15	0	40	15	2.66
F. Parker ..	15	6	19	4	2.11
C. W. Purdy ..	14	1	23	5	1.77
A. H. Vass ..	12	0	11	4	0.92

ALSO BATTED.

T. Parish ..	3	0	8	4	2.66
A. Aston ..	5	0	11	5	2.2

BOWLING AVERAGES. (QUALIFICATION 10 WICKETS.)

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
C. H. Goodenough	104.4	22	236	52	4.54
E. Peberdy ..	159.1	26	349	66	5.29
G. Ward ..	78.3	12	169	27	6.26
W. Butler ..	41	8	96	13	7.4
H. Bowerman ..	39.5	5	120	15	8
E. Wilford ..	26.3	2	86	10	8.6
E. Pepper ..	46	1	159	15	10.6

ALSO BOWLED.

W. Harding ..	14	3	24	7	3.43
G. Hecks ..	4.3	0	14	3	4.66
W. Shilton ..	18	1	62	4	15.5
C. W. Purdy ..	10.2	1	42	2	21

C. H. GOODENOUGH, *Sec., pro. tem.*

THE COLORADO BEETLE

Has not been seen in this country for a number of years. It has appeared in Germany recently, however, and so deadly do they consider it, that in some part the military have actually been called out to help cope with it—the ammunition used is not stated. The beetle is $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch in length, yellow, with five dark stripes on each wing, and has red legs. They multiply very rapidly, and the larvæ feed ravenously on the potato foliage, and unless checked would quickly destroy the crops in a whole district. It is as well to remember that there is a penalty of £10 for failing to notify the local Inspector of the Board of Agriculture of its appearance.

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The spider wears a plain brown dress,
And she is a steady spinner ;
To see her, quiet as a mouse,
Going about her silver house,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

She looks as if no thought of ill
In all her life had stirred her ;
But while she moves with careless tread,
And while she spins her silken thread,
She is planning, planning, planning still
The way to do some murder !

My child, who reads the simple lay
With eyes down dropped and tender,
Remember the old proverb says
That pretty is which pretty does,
And that worth does not go nor stay
For poverty nor splendour.

'Tis not the hoase, and not the dress
That makes the saint or sinner ;
To see the spider set and spin,
Shut with her web of silver in,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner !

—*Children's Magazine.*

VEGETABLE DISHES.

MASHED CARROTS.—*Material* : Large carrots, allow three a-head ; chopped parsley, some ; seasoning, as required ; butter, 2 ozs. ; melted butter, some. *Method* : Boil the carrots in the usual way. When quite soft take out and drain. Now mash them down with a fork, or, better still, pass them through a coarse sieve. Now return them to the saucepan with the butter and seasoning. Allow to simmer for 10 minutes. After they are dished up sprinkle over the parsley and throw over the melted butter.

CAULIFLOWER STEW.—*Material* : Cauliflowers, two ; butter, 2 ozs. ; pepper and salt, some ; stock, some ; milk, a gill ; cream, some. *Method* : Cut away all the flower, allowing no stalk at all. Separate the little branches. Put these into a saucepan with the milk and stock and seasoning. Let them stew gently till quite tender. Ascertain by tasting. Now add the cream and butter. As soon as the butter is melted it is ready to be dished up. All the rest of the cauliflowers put on the fire at once with water for a cauliflower soup.

SPINACH.—*Material* : Spinach, 1 lb. ; pepper and salt, to taste ; butter, 2 ozs. ; hard-boiled eggs for garnish, two. *Method* : Pick the spinach over carefully, removing all big stalks and rubbish. Wash thoroughly in more waters than one. Put the clean spinach in a saucepan with very little water and boil for 15 minutes. Take out and drain in a colander and press out all moisture with a vegetable presser. Now spread it out on your vegetable board and chop it up very fine. Return it to the fire with the butter and seasoning. Be careful you do not make it too salt, as spinach has a salty property of its own. Decorate the dish with the hard-boiled eggs cut into sections. Be sure you have them hot. Winter spinach requires longer cooking than the summer variety.

Mr. A. GOLLAND, Professor of Music (Organist & Choirmaster, St. Anne's Church, Western Park), receives pupils for Piano and Organ. Special terms for Estate residents. Residence :—"Ingleside," Fern Rise.

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