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EDITORIAL

The Reason Why.

READERS will no doubt be somewhat exercised in their minds as to why, with the present issue, THE LINK has changed in size. The alteration has come about for reasons of economy. Notwithstanding the valuable and much-appreciated help received from advertisers, our journal has never been self-supporting, and voluntary appeals to residents' generosity have had to be made periodically in order that we might keep clear of debt. The Committee responsible feel that, having in view the temporarily restricted spending power of our community consequent upon the War, every effort should at present be made to avoid running up debt—hence the shrinkage.

The human being is a social animal, and THE LINK is primarily intended as a medium for fostering the gregarious instinct and keeping tenants in touch with each other and with the different organisations which have been brought into being to minister to their social needs. We hope to continue our career of usefulness in this direction; but if contributors find in future that our blue pencil has been more than usually vindictive we hope they will understand the Editor has merely been making a virtue of necessity. As in the past, we shall always be glad to receive *short* articles, correspondence, reports, news items, &c., likely to be of interest to our readers. The greater the number of our contributors the fuller will be our opportunities for usefulness. Our ambition is to render the maximum of service; therefore, although we have shrunk in size, we trust our friends will not shrink from writing us when they have something of interest to communicate.

Sincerity, a deep, genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

DEATH.—On September 30th, at Epperstone House, Keyham Lane (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neep), Sarah Ann, the wife of Private Charles Heathcote Neep (Northumberland Fusiliers, on active service), aged 32 years.

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The Band is reported to be making excellent progress under Mr. Langley's tuition.

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The Tuesday Evening Recreative Club is going stronger than ever this season.

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At the Gymnastic Class on Wednesday evenings Miss Mabel Meekins would welcome the presence of a few more of the older girls.

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According to the official communique of the Estate Council, we are threatened with invasion by a force of minstrels during November. Tenants are requested not to depart in fear, but to attend in force and meet them in the Assembly Room. The trumpet call will be sounded and the amount of the indemnity announced later.

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It is probably known to many ere now that steps have been taken in a voluntary way to meet the need of our young lads for fellowship and recreation. Once a week (Mondays from 8 to 9.30) they are welcomed to "Hazlemere," Lilac Avenue, where games, books and papers are provided, and other work of an educational nature undertaken. It is pleasing to know that the lads are responding in a thoroughly good spirit to the efforts made on their behalf, and we feel sure the results will be wholly good. The thanks of our people are due to their kind and well-intentioned hostesses.

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MONTHLY MEETING.—Mr. E. T. Groome presided over a small attendance at the Monthly Meeting held on October 15th. Mr. Wilford gave the Committee's report, which was considered satisfactory; and he also gave the report of the Estate Council, which showed the winter's work was getting into shape. Mr. H. Grocock was appointed to attend a conference of the Co-operative District Association to be held at Shepshed on October 24th.

Women's Social Guild.

A preliminary meeting of the "Ladies' At Home" was held in the Assembly Room, on Thursday, October 8th, and a fair number of ladies attended, to discuss the advisability of continuing the meetings during the coming winter, which met with general approval. The opinion was expressed that "Ladies' At Home" was not a suitable name for the meetings, and it was decided, after some discussion, to change the name to "Women's Social Guild." The following were elected officials and committee:—President, Mrs. Mann; Vice-president, Mrs. Langley; Secretary, Mrs. Elliot; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Gill; Committee, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Jays, Mrs. Wilford, Mrs. Barraclough, and Mrs. Steer. It was decided to meet on alternate Thursdays at 3 o'clock in the Institute, when all lady residents will be welcomed; the meetings to take much the same form as before, with an occasional social afternoon. Membership to be one penny fortnightly.

The Committee are trying to make the meetings as bright and attractive as possible, and it is hoped our lady residents will respond to the efforts made on their behalf by attending as often as possible and helping to make things cheerful during this exceptionally dark winter.

The first meeting of the Women's Social Guild was held on Thursday, October 15th, in the Institute, and took the form of a Social afternoon. Songs were nicely rendered by Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Stanion, and recitations given by Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Hewitt, after which tea was served and an hour spent pleasantly in social intercourse. Over forty names were given in, and many of those present expressed the hope that Social Afternoons would frequently be held in a similar way.

Another meeting of the Guild was held on October 22nd, when Mrs. Beddow, of Leicester, gave an interesting Address on the "Work of a Poor-Law Guardian." Several questions were asked and answered; Fellowship Songs were sung, and the afternoon concluded with tea and chat.

The next meeting will be held on November 5th, when Mr. Chapman will attend and give an Address on "How to deal with an outbreak of fire." This will be useful and instruc-

tive, and it is hoped a large number will be present. On November 19th Mrs. Bond has promised to come and speak. See Notice Boards later.

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.

ESTATE COUNCIL REPORT.

The winter programme of the Council commenced on September 25th, when a Dance was held in the Assembly Room, followed on October 3rd by a Concert. The entire proceeds of the two, supplemented by contributions from residents unable to attend, realised £2 10s. This has been forwarded by Mr. R. Scott to the local Belgian Relief Fund, as per resolution at General Meeting.

A Demonstration to school children was given by Mr. J. Rowlett on October 6th on "Bull Culture." A good number attended and were very interested. Thirty-three children have taken bulls for potting purposes, and it is anticipated that a very good show will result in the Spring.

A somewhat slack night (due to great attractions elsewhere) on Saturday, October 17th, was occupied by a Whist Drive in the Institute. Six tables were occupied.

The programme for November will include a Concert by Miss Kemp and Party; an excellent entertainment by "The Rustics"; and we are also to have the initial performance of our own Dramatic Society with a sketch entitled "The Lad from the Country."

Another meeting was held on October 22nd to further the projects to provide a Book Exchange and a Literary and Debating Society on the Estate. The sub-committees appointed at a previous meeting reported in regard to same, and further steps were taken to forward both schemes, of which, no doubt, more will be heard in the near future.

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

A HOLIDAY at FOLKESTONE.

[CONCLUDED.]

Now we know the Germans are not at Flushing we can breathe more freely and continue to take a quiet look round the above-named town. Taking our stand on the broad Promenade Pier, a fine view is obtained of the town from the sea. On the left is seen the sea front, with its well wooded cliff and beautiful zig-zag paths, while the coast line is visible as far as Dungeness, and the lighthouse stands out like a sugar loaf.

To the right of the pier there is a vast contrast. It is truly said you could throw a line from the Harbour and divide the town into old and new, so marked is the difference in every respect. Facing the inner or smaller harbour which is used by fishermen, we get a good view of the fish market and auction yard; lively scenes are witnessed here all through the day and people are anxious to see the celebrated Dover sole brought in, on which many of them hope to make a tasty tea. Behind the market are the fishermen's houses, and the old town built on the lower part of the cliff. Rising one above another the houses form a wonderful and bewildering view. No two are alike. They have an architectural beauty all their own, and I would suggest when our worthy Secretary is at a loss for new designs for houses he should take a trip to Folkestone for his health's sake and combine business with pleasure. Making our way up a short narrow street and mounting some sixty steps—and there are plenty of steps in Folkestone—we cross the Derlocks. Here the fishermen make and mend their nets, and the ladies use the same square to dry the family washing, Sunday morning being a good time to study the latest designs in see-more blouses and newest patterns of lace. From here we come right on to the East Cliff, about 150 feet above the sea level.

A good broad road rises and falls at various points, with a grassy slope running its whole length, and here people like to lounge, reading and sewing the whole day through. They get a wonderful view of the Channel and the French coast, besides being able to watch the endless stream of people, old and young, rich and poor, whole families and couples, some with well filled luncheon baskets, while

children can be seen with string bags containing supplies of food and the usual bottle of cold tea, or a darker liquid which a boy shakes as he goes along; hoping to get the best out of this special vintage, his heart is made glad as he sees the colour deepen. With one thought and one mind they are all going to the Warren, which is also known as "Little Switzerland," about a mile distant, for a day's picnic. The Warren is the happy hunting-ground of all lovers of beauty—animate and inanimate. It is about three miles long and of varying breadth, the ground at places going down to the sea, while at the back cliffs rise in majestic beauty to the height of 600 feet. Beautiful colourings are seen in the face of the cliffs, and these extend for miles until they join the Shakespeare cliff at Dover, which is one of the glories of Kent and the admiration of all people who cross from the Continent. It is said that on nearing the shore a knight in armour on horseback can be seen outlined in the flints in the cliffs. A good view of the rugged coast line as far as Dover Point is seen, while the Admiralty Pier is also visible.

As to the Warren it would require the pen of a Dicken's to describe its beauty or the poetry of a Tennyson to sing its praises, while a combination of Gilbert and Sullivan might be called in to give those brilliant touches which make one laugh without regret. Grassy mounds, winding paths, hills and dales, little glens and woods; room for the children to play; cosy corners for fathers to have forty winks; nooks and crannies where lovers can enjoy the company of each other, and tell the old, old story with a spirit newly inspired by the beautiful surroundings of sea and country. A kettle singing here, a bottle popping there, lunch at mid-day and tea at four o'clock, with a little refreshment thrown in between—what can be nicer, who could be happier, for there is room for all to go as they please, and no one to say them nay.

Another page might well be devoted to a description of Folkestone New; but considerations of space forbid and here I must conclude.

E. G. M.

It was Josh Billings who said he had "seen some awful bad throat diseases completely cured in three days by simply joining a temperance society."

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Permit me through the medium of THE LINK to deny the rumour now being circulated that, as Secretary of the H. & D.S.A., I am in negotiation with the Committee of the Leicester Society for the transfer of our business to them. This rumour, while of no advantage to those responsible for its circulation, is likely to tend to a reduction of our trade and to retard progress. As a matter of fact, the question has not even been hinted at, much more discussed by the Committee.—Per pro the Society,

JOHN T. TAYLOR, Sec.

Humberstone and District Supply Association Limited.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Friday, October 23rd, in the Assembly Room, the President (Mr. S. B. Beamish) presiding over a moderate attendance. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting having been read and signed, the Secretary (Mr. J. T. Taylor) moved the adoption of the Eleventh Quarterly Report and Balance Sheet, and expressed the regret of the Committee at the decrease in trade of £150, but congratulated the members upon the marked improvement in the position of the society. While the expenses had risen owing to the decrease from 10½ per cent. in the previous quarter to 12½ per cent. in the present, the gross profit had risen from 11 per cent. to 15 per cent., so that had the members remained as loyal, and given the Committee the same support as in the previous quarter, it would have resulted in an increase in the net profit of £22. After a little discussion the report and balance sheet were adopted. Messrs. J. S. Wilford, E. G. Meekins, and H. Grocock were re-elected on the Committee. In general business the Secretary took the opportunity of appealing to the members for support for the drapery department, pointing out that there is a very large and excellent stock at old prices, those members who regularly patronise that department declaring that the value was not to be excelled by any shop in the town.

The great thing in the world is not so much to seek happiness as to earn peace and self-respect.

GARDEN NOTES.

Bulb planting should be fully completed this month.

Take gladiola bulbs that have ripened, dry them, save small bulblets at the base of bulbs and keep them separate for sowing in drills the following spring. Store large bulbs in dry sand in boxes for the winter, as these are generally tender.

Work in planting or renovating herbaceous borders and rockeries should not be delayed, as it is undesirable to have pleasure gardens in an untidy state all winter.

Let the lights of frames be thrown open on dry days but close on wet ones.

Heaps of garden refuse of all descriptions, especially such as have been used to grow vegetable marrows, should be turned over, have a good dusting of soot given in the process of turning, and then be utilised as manure.

Complete moulting up of celery, leaving ridges firm and neat.

Where apple and pear trees are making very coarse growth, root pruning should be attended to this month.

T. R.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, HUMBERSTONE GARDEN SUBURB.—The members of the above body had great cause for satisfaction in the success of their Anniversary Celebrations on September 26th and 27th. On the Saturday afternoon a good company of visitors and residents sat down to enjoy the "cup that cheers." The meeting following was addressed by Mr. H. F. Johnson, of Birmingham, and a most enjoyable time spent. On the following Lord's Day afternoon the children proved how well they could acquit themselves in a musical programme, their success in this direction being striking. Mr. Johnson's address to the children and parents was greatly appreciated. In the evening the same speaker preached a powerful sermon to a full house of residents and friends. The children again rendered songs of praise. A collection, amounting to £1 3s. 7d., was taken for the Royal Infirmary.

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I'd ask my darling mistress
To take me for a walk.

I really am so tired and cross
Through staying in since noon,
I shall be quite bad-tempered,
Unless I go right soon.

'Tis true I am a naughty boy
And clearly understand,
My mistress ought to thrash me
For snapping at her hand.

Though I didn't mean to hurt her,
But just to let her see
How very much I wanted
To have my liberty.

But sad to say, my mistress dear,
(Although she is so kind)
Can only guess what's passing
Within a doggie's mind.

I'm certain that its six o'clock,
And time to go again,
Down to the railway station
To meet my master's train.

I am getting so impatient,
I could insult the cat,
But wait a bit, my mistress
Is putting on her hat."

C. STEER.

A little girl, who was asked what
conscience was, gravely replied: "It's
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when Johnny does wrong."

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