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Editorial.

THE ORIGIN OF LIFE.

The speculations of science are usually interesting, if they are only the quasi-scientific speculations of the novelist; but during the last few days we have been treated to a scientific speculation on an intensely interesting subject—The Origin of Life. The pundits of the British Association in Congress assembled have been listening to a remarkable address from their President, Prof. Schäfer, in which he advanced a theory that is not by any means new, but, clothed in the eloquent language of the speaker, was presented afresh for the consideration of the public, and as was expected, is provoking a torrent of criticism from platform, press, and pulpit. The handiest definition of life is Herbert Spencer's "The definite combination of heterogeneous changes, both simultaneous and successive, in correspondence with external co-existences and sequences." The terminology is accurate enough and we had better leave it at that. Schopenhauer defined Philosophy as the *what* of the world in abstract form, and Spencer's definition is the *what* of life, what it *is*; but Schäfer dealt more with its origin—Can it be artificially, or, to use the modern term, synthetically, produced? Amongst inanimate things we have synthetic indigo as an article of commerce, synthetic rubber is definitely promised, and Schäfer now announces the probability of the gulf between the organic and the inorganic being bridged over, and the cell, the embryo of living organism being produced artificially. Of course his colleagues are not all of his opinion in the matter; there are two different schools, the Mechanists who lean to the Materialistic side, and the Vitalists who lean more to the Spiritual side. Both agree that living matter possesses vitality or "soul," but it is the nature of this about which they disagree, the ideas ranging from Haeckel's "sum-total of the cerebral functions," to Dr. Haldane, who believes in a "vital force separate and distinct from the forces of matter," a kind of transcendental super-imposition that is independent of the material. A third group represented by Professor Geddes says they are both wrong—the Mechanists being woefully ignorant of psychology, and the Vitalists on their part not having a thorough understanding of physiology. His solution is by way of a "bio-psychology linked up with a psychobiology"—but he apparently has not yet found an automatic coupling. The point of agreement between the various men who think life capable of artificial

production is that the chemist is the man who will solve the problem. The constituents are known—so much oxygen, so much carbon, and several other things, with at least 70 per cent. of water (reads like a cookery recipe), and the chief difficulty is the condition of mixing, and the fortuitous combination of circumstances under which the colloidal compound can be produced are being anxiously sought. We are told not to expect a very elaborate organism; it will not be an Admirable Crichton who will step from the apparatus, but simply a group of cells capable of reproducing their kind. We must also bear in mind that even this has not been definitely promised, but like the Old Age Pension scheme of a once famous politician, only proposed. The accomplishments of science are Radium, X Rays, Wireless Telegraphy; and we must not be too sceptical about the speculations, for the speculations of one generation are often the accomplished facts of the next. Anyway it is, as the Yankees say, "up to them" to prove it, and although they admit it has no commercial value, it will be, if it is done, the veritable apotheosis of Chemistry. The ordinary person who tries to take an intelligent interest in his surroundings can only wait and see.

On Saturday, August 24th, the second Annual Flower Show and Festival was held at Ealing under the auspices of Co-partnership Tenants Ltd. Comparing this with the first held at Hampstead, I should say considerable progress has been made, both in organisation and also in the flower show itself.

The recreation ground of the Ealing Tenants Society, where the Festival was held, lends itself admirably for a purpose of this kind. Placed at the extreme end of the Estate is a level greensward, some ten acres in extent, bounded on one side by the railway bank, on the other by the backs of a row of the Tenant Society houses, many of which have small verandahs on the first floor giving a good view over the recreation ground, with its cricket pitch, tennis courts, quoit ground and pavilion.

The Flower Show was held in the best tent I ever saw for the purpose, being about 300 feet by 40 feet, allowing for tables for exhibits all round the sides, and a good wide stage running up the centre, besides ample space for promenading between, so that one could comfortably walk round and view the whole of the exhibits.

The exhibits were good, and well staged, the table decorations being particularly striking and original, making in all a fine display, which was a pleasure to see. One saw with pride that the representatives of our little Estate were well to the front; by far the greater number of awards being given to Leicester in proportion to the number of exhibits shown.

The "Gurney" trophy, which is given for the best collective exhibit from any of the Co-partnership Estates, was again of great interest, this time being won by Ealing from Hampstead (the holders of the trophy), by one point, after, I am told, the judges had spent one hour in coming to a decision. Here one could not but feel somewhat disappointed that we were taking no part in this competition, and I hope we shall join in this friendly Estate rivalry another year, and show what we can do towards making this competition more successful still, by adding one more to the number of competitors.

The Sports held on that portion of the ground usually devoted to cricket were exceptionally good, the comic events being most amusing.

The Choral Competitions occupied the whole of the afternoon, the Institute which adjoins the grounds being used for this purpose. The singing was of high merit, and to judge by the large crowds constantly coming and going, proved a great attraction for the visitors to the Estate. This had not the interest to us this year as last, when we provided a competitor in our Children's Choir. However, good resolutions may be formed every year, and we made one for forthcoming festivals, which we hope may reach fruition.

Estate Council Report.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

As we are all aware the above was held on August 31st, and although our worthy President, Mr. S. Wilford, was not with us, he left for our benefit an address which, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, the acting Chairman read, as follows:—

Once more we reach our Half-yearly Meeting, providing a season when one can look back and view the work of a definite period of time. I regret very much that business prevents me from being present, but the view of my committee was that the Council held in London, this afternoon, was the most important for me to attend.

However, I have no doubt you will allow me to express in this way, something of what I should have said to the meeting, had I been present.

You will see from the Balance Sheet, that during the six months under review, we have raised something like £17, which, with the balance brought forward, brings up a total of just over £20; the expenditure for the period being this amount less £1 15s. 3d. carried forward. Our greatest source of revenue is, of course, the proceeds of concerts, dances, &c., carrying out the doctrine of taxing our pleasures, to provide the source of revenue for other work. Although this has not been what one would consider the season for concerts, I am sure all will agree that what have been held have been most successful and enjoyable, and have filled in time and provided entertainment for what otherwise, owing to the adverse weather, would have been dull evenings indeed. We have catered for two holidays, the programmes both at Whitsuntide and Bank Holiday being enjoyed and appreciated, I am sure, by all who entered into the spirit of the social life provided at these times.

Our outdoor games have not been so successful this year as last; again I feel sure only because the elements have been, all this summer, against outdoor recreation. The receipts from Subscriptions and Visitors' Fees, have been £1 11s. 6d. (some £2 less than last year, I believe), expenditure on New Kit being 15s. 9d. out of this. There has been considerable expenditure for printing of hymn sheets, entertaining and remunerating special organisations who have entertained us during the season. We are indebted to the St. Andrew's and the Imperial Bands, and the concert parties for the splendid services rendered at so slight a cost to ourselves.

To Miss M. Meekins and Mr. T. Wilford for their services in relation to the work amongst the children we are also deeply indebted, although we have cause to regret that we were not able to organise a choir for the Co-partnership Festival as last year. This was a disappointment to us, and to the children, and I hope to the parents also. One might here make an appeal to the parents present to take a larger interest in this work, particularly by the admonition of their children, instilling into their minds that their behaviour should be as good when out of the parents' sight as when in their homes. I feel that it is

most important in the training of our children, that we should emphasise the point of view, that these occasions are only an extension of the family life into a larger sphere, and the same spirit of kindness and brotherliness should be extended to their instructors and playmates, as their respect and love of their parents induces them to exhibit in their homes. Our greatest expenditure has been the cost of piano; unfortunately, our first experiment not being very successful, we were forced to a larger expenditure for this purpose. It is possible for the wisest of us to make mistakes, and we felt that we could not possibly carry on our work without one. I consider we may congratulate ourselves upon meeting this cost without appealing for any subscriptions from any source whatever. I do not think many of us thought in the first instance that the work of the Estate Council could be entirely self-supporting in the way it has been. We would have liked to have rendered more service to the Link Committee, than just handing over 30s. to their funds, but still hope to be able to do something more during the winter. We welcome one new organisation into our midst during this period, the Adult Male Voice Choir. Already we have found their services useful, and are looking forward to enjoying many of their musical contributions during the coming winter. There is room for a revival during the winter of something on the lines of last winter's "Cornstalks," also a Literary and Dramatic Society. The Estate Council will be glad to be able to render any help they can, in the formation of these or similar organisations.

I am sure, before closing you will allow me to say how well the Council have worked together. There has been a splendid spirit of willingness to perform any work that has come to hand; sometimes not altogether congenial work, exacting time and patience, keeping us at our posts for meetings and service at times when possibly we would have preferred to have been engaged in other things elsewhere. But all service has been rendered in a good spirit, with the one desire to be useful to our fellows, to help, brighten, cheer, and make worth living our life on this our own Garden Suburb.

We look forward to the future work of the Estate Council with hope, that from these humble beginnings we may broaden out our work, with the experience gained from time to time, until it embraces our lives at every point, socially, morally, educationally, organising and providing for our many varied needs, remembering at all times, that it is not so much what function we perform in this complex life of ours that matters half so much as the spirit in which it is done. We must aim at providing the means, which will best help us to cultivate this right attitude of mind.

FUTURE WORK.

Perhaps the meeting will in its discussion give some guide, as to its needs and desires for the coming winter's work. Social work on the lines already carried out I think, justifies itself from past experience. I hope the class of students will continue under Mr. Law's guidance. I suggest a *continued* course of lectures on some subject, books, or social reformer, for those who cannot devote so much time to study, in preference to odd lectures, and a class on history and principles of Co-operation for juveniles—these depend of course upon the desires of the residents—as a basis for discussion; they point the way we might go if sufficient interest is shown to warrant the carrying out.

PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULE.

The difficulty arises from the fact of the varied interpretation of the rule which says there must be three lady members of the Council. The proposal is to alter, so that it may be put on a purely democratic footing, with no distinction between ladies or gentlemen. If electors desire to elect more than three ladies, they can do so, all being on an equality. If we failed to get three ladies nominated, their places could be filled by males, those polling the highest number of votes being elected irrespective of sex. Otherwise the words, *not less* than three ladies must be inserted.

I like the former, because it means Adult Suffrage with no distinction of sex, either for votes or service.

It is very pleasing for an organisation like our Council, which has to be entirely self-supporting, to be able to show a balance on the right side, particularly after such a purchase as a piano, and it is to be hoped that the residents will give their support to all that the Council may promote so that this balance may be increased, for after all, these events are only a means

to an end, and the end in this case is the development of the Social and Educational side of our Estate life.

Mr. Winterton's motion that Rule 3 of the Constitution be altered so as to allow for more ladies on the Council was a very commendable one, as there is certainly more work to be done, particularly during the winter months, than what three ladies ought to be called upon to do.

Mr. Headley moved a very kindly vote of thanks to the Council for their past work, which was ably seconded by Mr. Jayes; to this the Chairman suitably replied. It is very gratifying to know that we have the support and confidence of our residents in this way, as it makes it so much easier to enter upon the arduous task of the coming half-year's work.

The latter portion of the meeting was usefully occupied by suggestions, and discussion of them, for the Council to work upon when arranging the winter's programme.

The election to fill the Council for the next six months, which took place on the following Saturday, resulted in the following ladies and gentlemen being returned:—Mrs. Jayes, 124; Mr. Riley, 115; Mr. Winterton, 109; Mr. T. Wilford, 103; Mrs. Vass, 95; Mrs. Ward, 86; Mrs. Langley, 76; and Mr. Bowerman, 76.

Programme of Coming Events arranged by the Council:—

Sept. 21st.—Whist Drive in aid of the old debt left by the A.T. Forerunner; tickets 4d. each.

Oct. 3rd.—Lecture by Mr. Law. Subject: "£1 in 1908 equal to 17s. 10d. in 1912. How are we to explain this?"

Oct. 5th.—Concert by the Male Voice Choir. Tickets 3d. each, proceeds to go to help in the reduction of the old A.T.F. debt.

Oct. 10th.—Lecture by Mr. Law. Subject: "Social and Economic Effects of Changes in the Value of Gold: How are they to be met?"

Oct. 12th.—Concert by Mr. Pepper and Party.

Oct. 19th.—Dance.

Oct. 26th.—Concert by Mr. Riley and Party.

The Council wish to announce that this winter the charges will be made as follows:—Concerts: Adults, 2d.; Children, 1d. Dances, 3d. Lantern Lectures: Adults, 2d.; Children, 1d. Lectures: Collection.

The Council is also pleased to announce that it has arranged for various Lectures during the winter, and is also arranging for a Students' Class under the guidance of Mr. Law. We hope to introduce various other items of a social and educational nature, details of which will be announced in due course.

The old Recreation Club will, we hope, be revived, as we are arranging to have a regular caretaker for the Institute, to keep it clean and see that it is lighted and heated upon such nights as it will be required.

We hope to be able in the near future to call a meeting of all those youths and maidens between the ages of 14 and 18 to see if something can be inaugurated that will be of interest to them. Will parents please note this and lend us their assistance.

The Saturday evenings will be devoted to Concerts and Dances as last winter.

REPORTS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The August meeting was held on the 15th ult., Mr. E. T. Groome presiding over a fair attendance. Mr. Mason reported visit to a District Conference at Earl Shilton, at which Mr. Kemp gave a report of the Co-operative Congress; and that a delegate present from the A.O.S. reported that a stall would be taken in the Wholesale Market next year for the disposal of small-holders' produce. The report was supplemented by Mr. Harrott. Mr. J. Rowlett gave Committee's report. The buildings are still progressing and the gas and water mains are shortly to be laid round the new part of the Estate. The Secretary emphasised the necessity of building up the financial side of the Society, urging the members to do their best to make it as sound as possible by contributing to the fixed capital. Mr. R. Scott gave Estate Council's report, which was chiefly concerned with the arrangements for the Flower Festival on the following Saturday. The school petition was presented for signature at the close of the meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

On Saturday, August 30th, the Anniversary Tea and Social in connection with the above was held, and was well attended by visitors from Leicester and District Churches. At the Social meeting addresses were given by Messrs. J. Leavesley (who occupied the chair) and W. Richardson, of Crafton Street Chapel, Mr. T. E. Bambury, of Andrewes Street, and Mr. T. E. Entwistle (Evangelist), which proved most interesting and encouraging to all present.

This was followed on Sunday, September 1st, by the Lord's Day School Anniversary, when services were held in the Meeting House in the afternoon, addressed by Mr. Twilley, of Melbourne Road Chapel, and in the evening by Mr. J. North, of Crafton Street, whose address was undoubtedly appreciated by the crowded audience of parents and fellow-residents on our Estate. The scholars and members rendered several musical selections during the meeting, and at the close a collection was taken towards the Leicester Children's Hospital Extension Fund.

HUMBERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Schoolroom on Friday, August 23rd, Mr. W. G. Turner in the chair; also present, Messrs. Underwood, Fox, Taylor, Hibbett, and J. B. B. Robertson, clerk. The gas accounts for last season amounting to £8 18s. 9d. were ordered to be paid. Several small accounts for rates, repairs, and general expenses were also passed. A letter was read from the Town Clerk of the Borough notifying the intention of the Leicester Corporation to apply for power to supply electricity to several parishes surrounding the town, Humberstone being amongst the number. The lamps were ordered to be lit on Saturday, September 14th, it being customary to get the village illuminated a few days before the "Wake."

CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual Meeting of the above will take place early in November, when the election of club officers will take place. The balance sheet will also be presented—and as this is our first, the Committee trust that all members will assist in making it a clean sheet by seeing that their subscriptions are all paid up by the end of October.

Garden Notes.

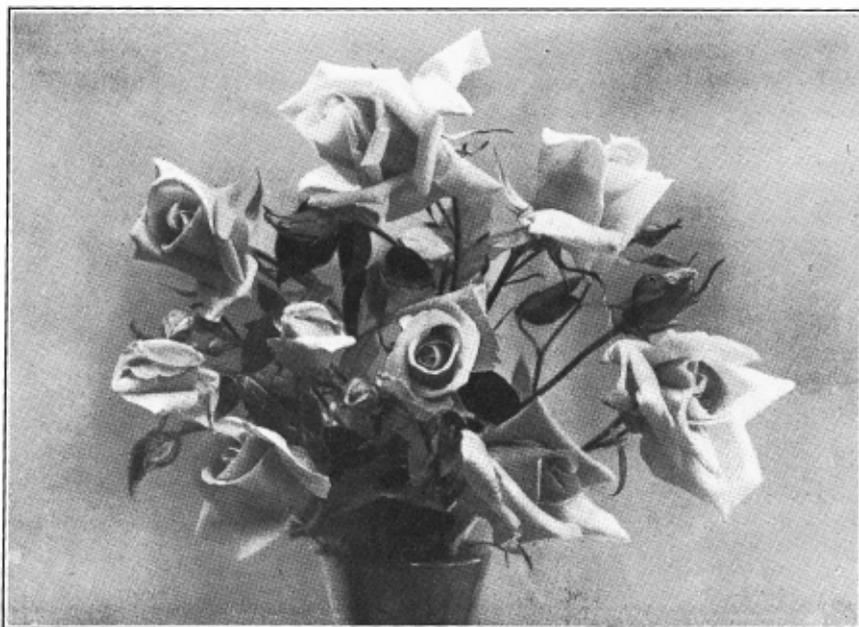
The cold and short evenings remind us that the time for replanting all kinds of trees and shrubs will soon be with us again, and if we require any fresh stock the sooner we place our orders the better, knowing it is usual for nurserymen to sell their best stock first.

Perhaps there is no variety of trees which cause greater anxiety in selection than roses, so I thought a short list of varieties would be acceptable. The following will be found hardy and free blooming, combined

Crawford; Richmond; Viscountess Folkestone; Lady Roberts; White Killarney; Victor Hugo; Mrs. E. Mawby. If soil is poor dig in some well decayed manure, mixing it well with the soil. Never place manure round rose trees after planting.

We are indebted to a local rose grower for the photo and description of Lady Hillingdon. T. R.

The rose, Lady Hillingdon, here illustrated, although only introduced in the year 1910, has already jumped into the front rank of popularity. Its long bud, with its pure golden yellow colour, is sure to appeal to everyone who sees it, and coupled with its splendid upright



with quality. If six only are required, take the first-named in order:—Frau Karl Druschki; Joseph Hill; Huge Dickson; Lady Ashtown; Madame Abel Chate-nay; Lady Hillingdon; Betty; Lyon Rose; Le Progress; Killarney; Mrs. John Lang; Dean Hole; Edu Meyer; Gustave Regus; Clara Watson; Countess of Gosford; Grace Molyneaux; Mrs. R. G. Sharman

growth, and its extraordinary free flowering qualities, is sure to very quickly establish for itself a place in every rose lover's garden. The writer has counted as many as eighteen blooms in various stages on a single tree, and can personally recommend this variety for bedding purposes or for growing in greenhouses.

E. KING.

CHURCH OF CHRIST,

GARDEN SUBURB.

BAND OF HOPE.

THE WINTER SESSION

WILL COMMENCE ON

Thursday, October 3rd, 1912,

WITH A

FREE AND EASY,

At 7.30 p.m.

All Children and Young People resident on the Estate and in the village are cordially invited to be present.

Items of Interest.

We notice that a meeting has been called to consider the formation of a class for the coming winter for the study of the "History of Industry." Teacher: Mr. R. Law. We trust the same has found favour.

The collection taken at the Church of Christ Lord's Day School Anniversary Service on Sunday evening, September 1st, amounted to £1 11s. 3d., which was duly forwarded to the Children's Hospital Extension Fund.

Mr. Hardy, the well-known reciter, has promised the Estate Council to give us an evening's entertainment during the Christmas holidays. This, we are sure, will be greatly appreciated.

MARRIAGE.

THACKER—BATES.—On Sept. 12th, at Old Humberstone Church, by the Rev. A. M. Harper, Vicar of St. Matthews, William Ernest, youngest son of the late John Thacker, to Mary Hannah, fourth daughter of Alfred Bates.

We know we are speaking for the whole of the Estate when we express our sincere wishes for a long life and every happiness for our new members, especially when we remember that Mr. and Mrs. Thacker are the first to celebrate their wedding in our Garden Suburb.

It has been suggested that a column in THE LINK be set apart as a Ladies' Column. Perhaps our lady members will consider the matter and appoint one of their number to collect the necessary interesting items each month.

BIRTH.—On Monday, Sept. 9th, to Mrs. Keywood, wife of Mr. Keywood, of Ivy Cottage, Laburnum Road, of a son. Congratulations.

We understand that Mr. Amos Mann is to give us a Lantern Lecture during November, also Mr. Harrott.

Look out for the Estate Council's "Home Industries" Exhibition. Particulars later.

We understand that the Store receipts for August were a long way ahead of any previous month. This is encouraging to both committee and members.

No doubt the meat sales helped in the achievement of this result, though that fact does not account for the whole of the increase, which we hear averaged about 30 per cent. per week.

We cannot expect the meat department, however, to swell the profits much at present, though it seems likely to justify the enterprise of the committee.

Is it true that the Association is still increasing its membership? Yes; we have it on very good authority that such is the case. New tenants are not slow to perceive the advantage of a well-stocked Store on the Estate.

We are asked to announce that the next Members' Meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 30th, at 8.30, in the Assembly Room, which, by the bye, will be the last day of the quarter.

CRICKET RESULTS.

Aug. 31. Humberstone, 26; Curzon Street, 103.
 Sept. 7. Humberstone, 76; Victoria Road, 43 for 6.
 „ 14. Humberstone, 30; Borough Asylum, 267 for 5.

Anchor Tenants' Medical Aid Society.

BALANCE SHEET for half-year ending August 31st, 1912.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENSES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	23	16	8½	Subscription Book	0	1	6
Subscriptions	17	9	5½	Accounts paid to Doctors	22	18	3
Member's Cards	0	0	3	„ „ „ Members	1	14	0
Entrance Fees	0	1	3	Withdrawn from Deposit Account	1	10	9
Members' Deposit Forfeited	0	3	0	Balance in hand—			
Members' Share of Doctors' Accounts	7	11	2	With Treasurer	17	19	0
Interest on Capital	0	12	6	„ Secretary	5	10	10
	£49	14	4		£49	14	4

BALANCE SHEET.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand—				Deposit Account	5	15	7
With Treasurer	17	19	0	Outstanding Doctors' Accounts	5	11	6
„ Secretary	5	10	10	„ Members' Accounts	0	12	8
Arrears	0	3	6	Balance	15	0	9
Members' Proportion of Outstanding A/cs.	3	7	2				
	£27	0	6		£27	0	6

Audited and found correct, Sept. 9th, 1912,

FRED. MORRIS,
A. H. HIBBETT.

The Half-Yearly Meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday, September 18th, 1912, at 8 o'clock.

Children's Corner.

FOR HIS MOTHER'S SAKE.

The florist's boy had just swept some broken and withered flowers into the gutter, when a ragged urchin darted across the street. He stooped over the pile of mangled flowers, and, looking them carefully through, came at last upon a rose seemingly in better condition than the rest. But as he tenderly picked it up the petals fluttered to the ground, leaving only the bare stalk in his hand.

He stood quite still, and his lips quivered perceptibly. The florist's boy, who had been looking at him severely, felt that his face was softening. "What's the matter with you, anyway?" he asked.

The ragged little fellow choked as he answered: "It's for my mother. She's sick, an' she can't eat nothin', an' I thought if she'd a flower to smell it might make her feel better."

"Just you wait a minute," said the florist's boy, as he disappeared. When he came out upon the sidewalk he held in his hand a beautiful half-opened rose, which he carefully wrapped in tissue paper. "There," he said; "take that to your mother."

He had meant to put that rose on his mother's grave, and yet he knew he had done the better thing. "She'll understand," he said to himself, "and I know this will please her most."—*Selected.*

POOR JOHNNY.

"It's no good learning, that is plain;
Who thus seeks wisdom seeks in vain;
Lessons are just as dull as lead,"

Our Johnny said.

"Study hard, from morn till night,
In sunshine and by candle-light,
And am I clever! Not a bit!"

Now why is it?

"There must be some far better way,
From which I have contrived to stray;
If I could but know where it lies,

I'd soon be wise!"

Dear Johnny, though with zeal you're burning,
There is no royal road to learning;
The steps to wisdom must be slow,

As you should know.

Take up your books and master them,
Let learning be to you a gem,
Worth years of labour, never past

While life shall last.

Give up all thoughts of being clever,
Or you will fail in your endeavour;
In all you do just strive your best,

And leave the rest.

A WORD TO THE GIRLS.

Who is lovely? It is the girl who drops sweet words, kind remarks, and pleasant smiles as she passes along—who has a kind sympathy for every boy or girl she meets in trouble, and a kind hand to help her companions out of difficulty—who never scolds, never contends, never teases her mother, nor seeks in any way to diminish, but always to increase, her happiness. Would it not please you to pick up a string of pearls, drops of gold, diamonds, or precious stones, as you pass along the street? But these are the precious stones which never can be lost. Take the hand of the friendless—smile on the sad and dejected—sympathise with those in trouble—strive everywhere to diffuse around you sunshine and joy. If you do this you will sure to be loved.—*Romaine*

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.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad to see that someone is giving serious thought to the effect which the National Health Insurance Act will have upon our own Medical Aid Society, but I cannot agree with him that some compensating scheme should be arranged to induce our male members to retain their membership. Personally, I am of the opinion that for the slight subscription of one penny per week our present male members might easily see their way clear to retain their membership if only out of the noble idea of helping the women and children, because there is no doubt that the latter are by far the largest users of the benefits of our society even at present, and it would be a very great assistance to them if we men would continue our subscriptions and at the same time only make use of our benefits through the approved society of which we happen to be members.—Yours, &c.,

H. FOLWELL.

PEACE.

A Garden bower'd close
With plaited alleys of the trailing rose,
Long alleys falling down to twilight grots,
Or opening upon level plots
Of crowned lilies, standing near
Purple-spiked lavender:
Whither in after life retired
From brawling storms,
From weary wind,
With youthful fancy re-inspired,
We may hold converse with all forms
Of the many-sided mind,
And those whom passion hath not blinded
Subtle-thoughted, myriad-minded.

Tennyson.

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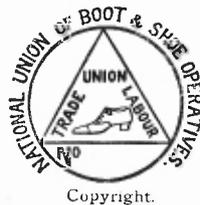
The Sales for the half-year amount to £6,796, an increase of £912 over the corresponding period of previous year.

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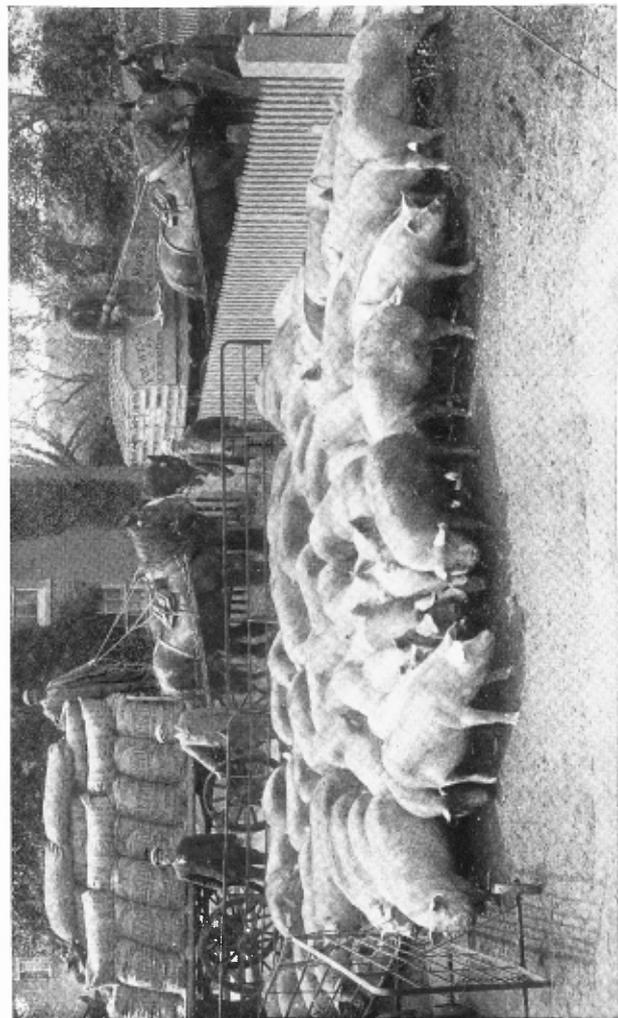
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