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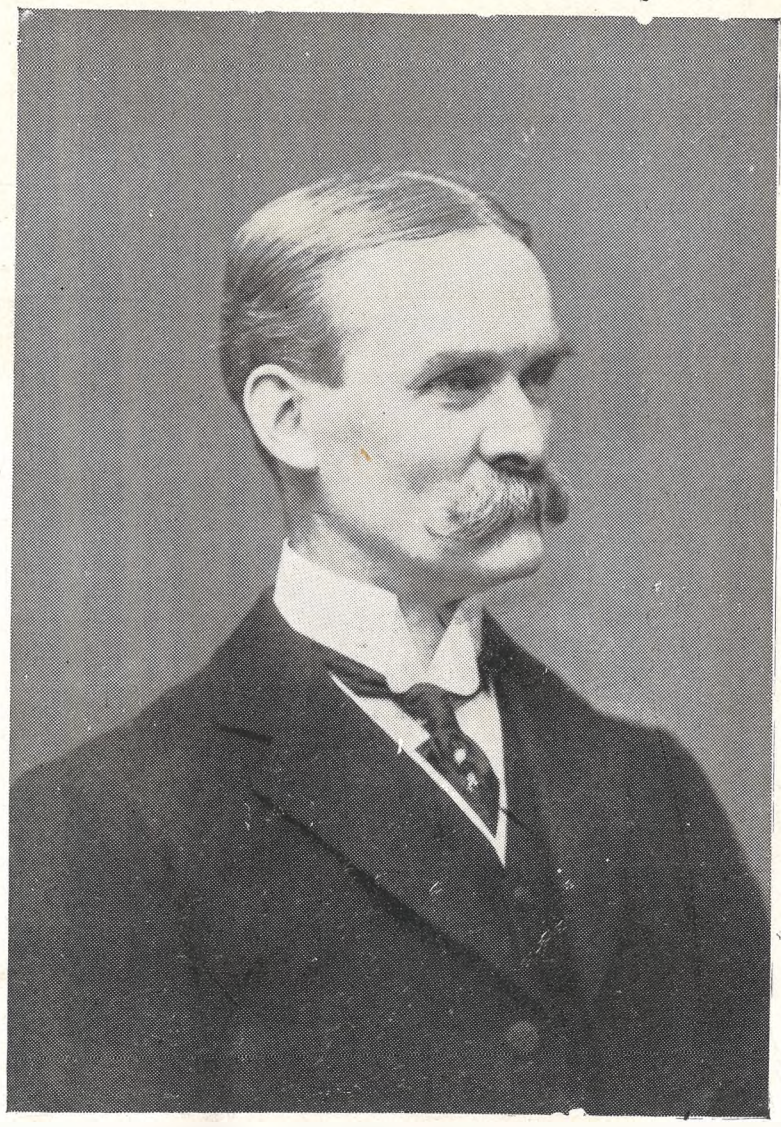
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THE EVOLUTION OF THE WALL-PAPER INDUSTRY.

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From the remotest antiquity man has striven to decorate the walls of his dwelling, be it cave, mud-hut, or more substantial abode. Many ages before wall-paintings and sculptures were even in their nascent dream-stage—for everything that is was first a dream—our remote ancestors employed skins of animals and trophies of the chase wherewith to embellish their habitations. The extreme antiquity of these decorative methods has received abundant confirmation from the labours of the Egyptian Research Department, at Heirakonopolis, where wall-paintings have been discovered in an ancient tomb which is probably not less than 7,000 years old, as also by the discovery of ancient buildings under the sand dunes of the Sahara desert. The painted mural decorations in some of these archaic dwellings—to-day so far removed from habitable and cultivated land—have been preserved by the dry sand, and remain almost as fresh as when they left the artist's hands, far back in the dim twilight of the centuries.

Many old writers have averred that block-printing was practised by the Chinese several centuries before the Christian era, but it does not appear to be possible now to obtain any undeniable confirmation of the statement, while the evidences of the use of tapestries to cover up bare walls are mentioned by the ancient poets.

The beautiful wall-paintings of Pompeii have furnished us with examples of decorative art which have served as models to generations of architects and decorators, while in more modern times tapestries—usually the work of ladies whose lords were engaged in warlike expeditions—were carried about from place to place for the decoration of the houses of the great. Of these, probably the oldest now extant is the celebrated set of pieces known as the Bayeux Tapestry.

Decorations of this character, having the advantage of portability, and often descending as heirlooms from sire to son, were yet very costly, and it was the constant aim of merchants and traders to discover something of a less expensive nature to answer the same purpose, and yet to come within the means of a greater number of their patrons. The first step in this direction was the importation by the Dutch, about the middle of the sixteenth century, and by the gentlemen adventurers of the time of good Queen Bess, of painted hangings from China and the East. It is most probable that they originally came to us through Persia, for the word "chintz" is of Persian origin, and in the French language woven fabrics and wall-paper, printed with many colours, and somewhat similar in design to these old painted hangings, are known by the name of "perses." The employment and study of these imported paintings in England soon passed to France, and thence into Germany and other Continental countries, leading by steady progression to the first crude beginnings of the art now called paper-staining in Europe.—"Magazine of Commerce."

Birmingham charities benefit by £5,090 under will, proved on Monday, of Miss Grigg, of Edgbaston, who left £38,499 gross.

A blackbird twenty years old, belonging to Mr. R. Cathey, of Leyton, has just died. It ate enough to keep a three-year-old child.

So effective was a strike of beer drinkers at Genck, North Belgium, against an increase in the price of beer that the brewers and retailers have had to lower it.



GUY RICHARD ROY PRESTON
(formerly of Cheltenham),

one of the principals in the Alleged Cheque Forgeries under investigation at the Central Criminal Court.

CATCHING LION CUBS.

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To steal a litter of lion cubs is not so difficult a feat as might be supposed. In the heart of the deepest, darkest tangle of cane, thorn, and bushrope, the lion mother has worked a clearing and scratched and gathered a nest of leaves and grass upon which to bed her young. Here the yellow babies lie, huddled and mewling, or sprawling over one another in kitten play, while the anxious mother, fawning close beside her magnificent lord and master, lies, chin on forepaws, eyes closed and ears alert and twitching. Not in the wild world, it would seem, was family ever so protected. And yet, safely hidden in a thicket to leeward, where no wind can carry the strong human scent, recognisable to almost every warm-blooded creature except man himself, the trapper is hard at work. Beside him is a pair of Kaffir hunters with his guns and repeating rifles, and hour after hour the men sit silently until the lion parents, unsuspecting of impending danger, depart to hunt for their meal. Often, as a preliminary, the male lion lowers his nose toward the ground and emits that terrifying, reverberating bass roar that strikes panic to the hearts of all living things within ear-shot and startles them to a betraying flight—the very object of the rear, it is supposed. The crack of a dried twig sounds sharply; scarcely more than as if wafted by a sudden breeze and bushes rustle and part, and the kingly head uplifted and nostrils scenting, the magnificent monarch steps, soft-padded and noiseless, through the thicket, followed by his legal spouse.

One hour, two, and even three may pass before the lions have struck down their buck; and the kidnappers, making sure only that the formidable beasts have gone, move to their robbery. On hands and knees, creeping and crawling as only experienced hunters can, noiseless and ever ready for sudden attack, the men progress through the maze of cane and vine and bush until they come to the thicket where the young ones lie asleep.

They may be kittens, with eyes scarcely more than open and may be picked up and bagged before they can stagger away on tiny legs; or they may be four-week-old whelps, lively and frisky, showing their inborn hatred of man by spitting and trying to scratch when picked up in arms. Four, five, even six young lions may be gathered up in this way to be borne to the nearest station and raised in captivity, while out of the depths of the jungle, deep into the night, roll the rumbling challenges of the bereaved parents.—"Strand Magazine."

SUBTLETIES OF SPEECH.

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What a strange unlooked-for meaning can be put into the two little words "my dear." Considered dispassionately, says a writer in "Black and White," they have an affectionate sound, and their signification is tenderness itself, but through the innate perversity of human nature they are almost always used to convey reproof or criticism. "My dear, you are late." "Really, my dear, I can't truthfully say you are looking your best." Sweet little syllables, put to "uses vile." When a man says "dear" to his wife it merely implies his habitual consciousness of their relation; when he says "darling" he is again the lover of the honeymoon; but when he says "my dear" he is asserting his dignity as head of the household. This subtle distinction reminds me of a quaint speech made years ago by a ten-year-old country lassie. "When mother calls to you 'Come, honey!' you know it's cake or something good; when she shouts 'Come, Lizzie!' it may be dinner or just nothing; but when she calls out 'Come, Lizzie Briggs!' well, then, you'd best look out!"

HOW TO SUCCEED IN THE LAW.

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Sir J. Gorell Barnes presided at a dinner of the Birmingham Law Students' Society on Saturday night, and advised students to try to get a sound knowledge of the law and not take a mere cursory glance at it. They should also have a good sound business knowledge and training, and a good grip of commerce from the point of view of book and account keeping. It was not entirely brains that made a successful lawyer. If a man looked forward to standing at the top of his profession, he wanted character, which meant honesty, trustworthiness, and the capacity to give the right advice.

It was stated at an inquest near Ruabon on a child who had fallen into a bucket of boiling water that flour and treacle were at once placed on the wounds.

Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour has been awarded the good service pension of £300 a year, in the vacancy caused by the death of Admiral Sir F. Leopold McClintock.

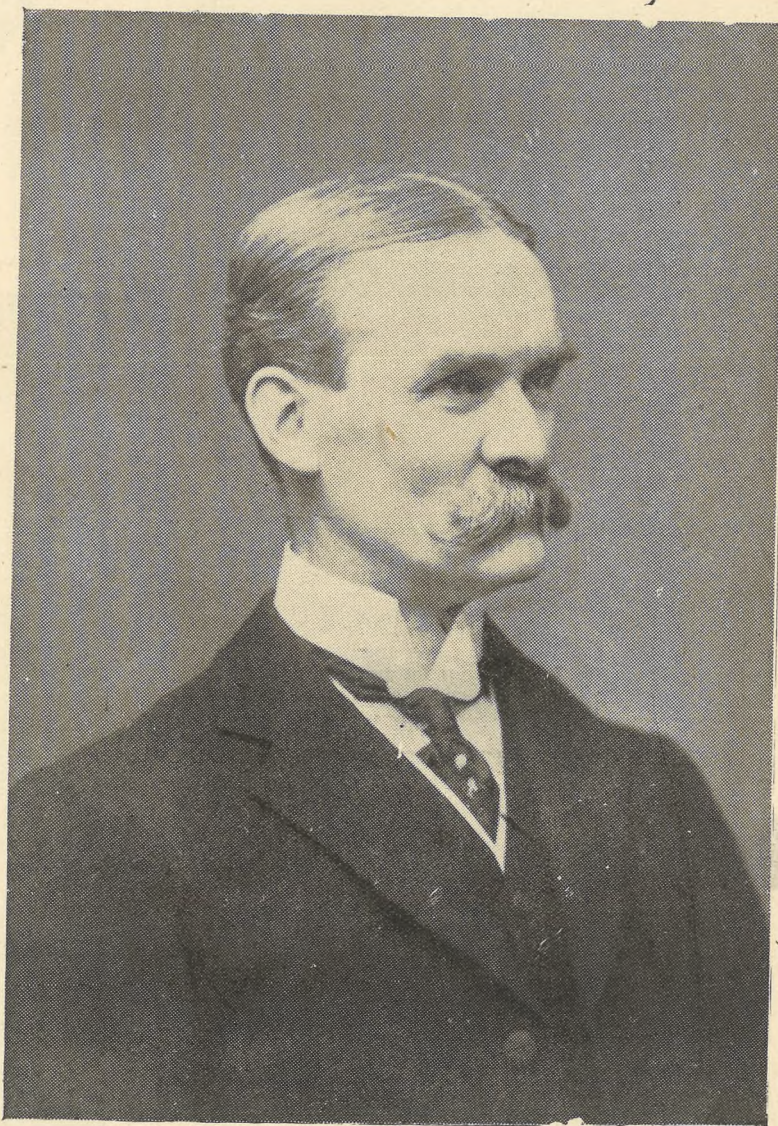
In fining the owner of a dog for allowing it to be at large without a collar bearing his name and address, the Mayor of Lowestoft expressed the hope that a similar law applying to cats would soon be in operation.

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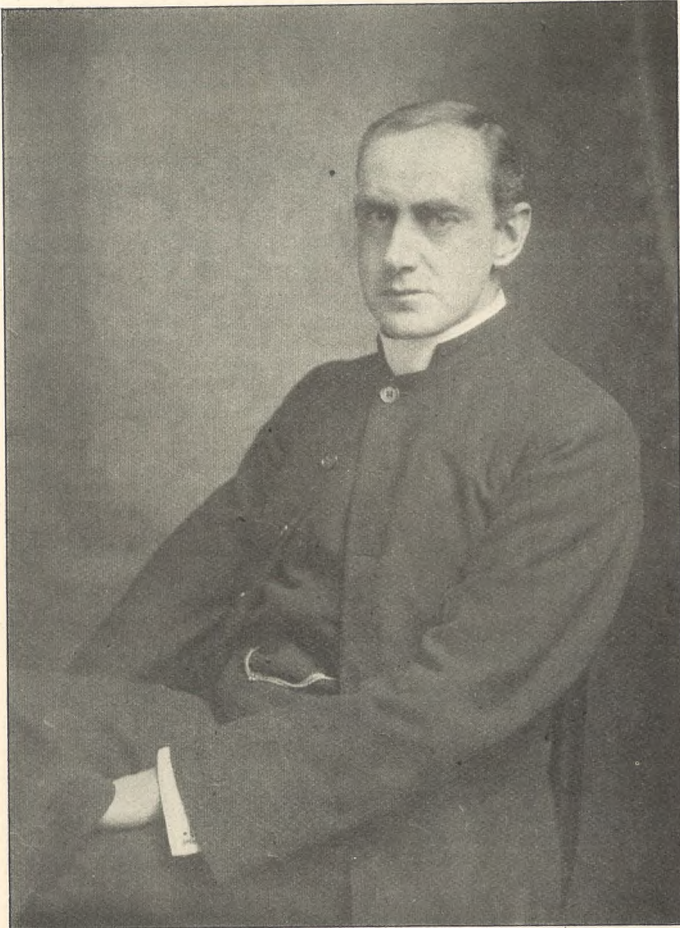
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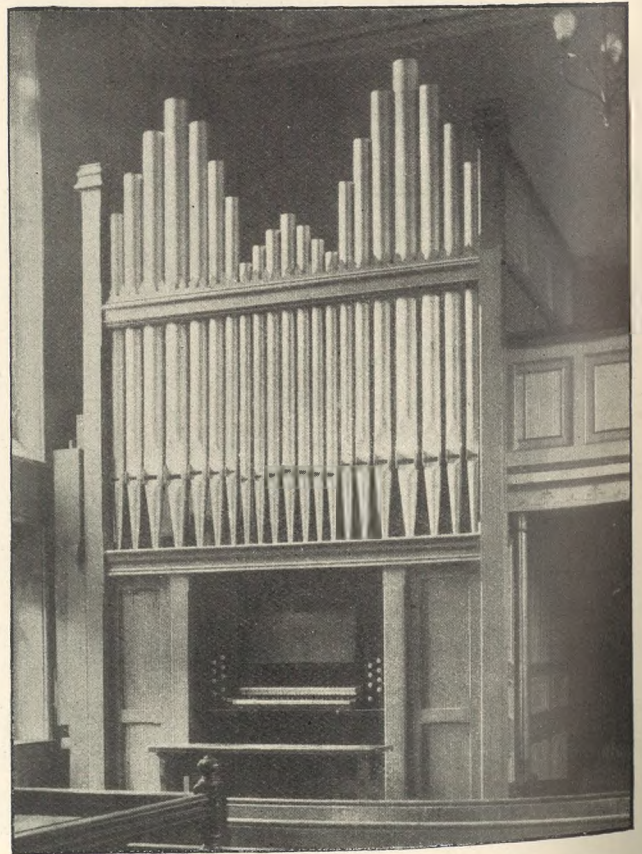


REV. W. H. HARDING,
NEW VICAR OF CHURCHAM-WITH-BULLEY.

The rev. gentleman obtained an exhibition and passed to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1892, and proceeded to his master's degree in 1896. He received his theological training under the present Bishop of Gloucester at Wells Theological College, and was ordained by the Bishop of Southwell to the curacy of Hucknall Torkard, a large mining town in Nottinghamshire, more generally known perhaps as the burial-place of Lord Byron. His only other curacy was in the heart of London, at the Church of St. Peter's, Westminster. It was at this church that the special services were held in commemoration of Nubar Pasha, and also for the freedom of Crete. These services were specially interesting to English Churchpeople, inasmuch as, by permission of the Bishop of London, part of the service was said in Armenian, the Greek and Armenian archpriests joining the English clergy in the procession. At the latter service the English Church was represented by Bishop Mitchinson.



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CHELTHENHAM HARRIERS.



START FOR FOUR MILES HANDICAP RACE, NOV. 30, 1907, OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS, PRINCE OF WALES, CHELTENHAM.

Winner (Smart, of Bredon) on extreme left, in white running shoes.

Gloucestershire Gossip.

The wedding of Lord Chancellor Loreburn and Miss Violet Hicks Beach duly came off on Tuesday last. It has been an affair of several surprises to the public in the fact of the engagement itself and the hitherto unheard-of place in which the marriage was solemnised. This place (St. Mary's Chapel, Westminster Hall) has been made intensely interesting, not only by reason of the fact that the building has been rescued from comparative oblivion by the marriage ceremony, but because it was the first marriage ever celebrated in it, and that of the only Lord Chancellor who has taken unto himself a wife during his term of office. Indeed, most interesting precedents have been established under the very appropriate auspices of the highest legal luminary. These nuptials afford another instance of how little strong political differences keep families matrimonially apart. Here we have Mr. W. F. Hicks Beach, the bride's father (when acknowledging the congratulations of the Cheltenham Board of Guardians) saying that he had known Lord Loreburn since his boyhood, and that "statesman was as straight as they made them," and adding that he knew of no one to whom he would rather give his daughter than Lord Loreburn. And a few days before Miss Beach, in returning thanks to the North Gloucester Women's

Conservative Benefit Society for a silver rose bowl, said that her future husband had been chaffing her about belonging to a Conservative Benefit Society, but when she showed him their elegant present, she was sure he would appreciate it as much as she did.

I have been exercising my memory as to the number of cases of daughters of commoners of this county who have been married to peers in esse or in posse. They are, I find, Miss Harford, of Oldown, who became the Duchess of Beaufort; Miss Kingscote, of Kingscote Park, the Marchioness of Cholmondeley; and the three Misses Probyn, of Huntley Manor, the Countess of Lisburne (afterwards Countess Amherst), Countess of Lisburne, and Baroness Rodney respectively; the two Misses Holford, of Westonbirt, the Countess of Morley and Countess Grey; Miss Dyer Edwardes, of Prinknash Park, the Countess of Rothes; Miss Wormald, of Brockworth Manor, the Baroness de Blaquiere; and Miss Hicks Beach, of Witcombe Park, the Baroness Loreburn. It is worthy of note that the three latter parishes, adjoining, each furnished a peeress.

A month of the foxhunting season has now passed by. Several packs opened well—the V.W.H. (Earl Bathurst's) with two brace killed; the Duke of Beaufort's, the Croome, and the North Cotswold, each with a leash.

On two occasions the Cotswold put a brace to their credit. Curiously enough, one of the kills, that in Humblebee, was of a fox found to have an iron trap and chain on a foreleg. On this same day a hound dived into a rabbit bury in Chatcombe and, turning a somersault, dislocated its own neck. A fox pursued by Lord Fitzhardinge's Hounds to Sharpness took to the Severn estuary and swam across safely to the Lydney side. The two most remarkable and effective runs were by the Duke's Hounds, one for two hours and another for ninety minutes, both with kills in the open. Will Dale, the huntsman, unfortunately met with a slight accident on the 28th.

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Mr. Groves was engaged in the first place fifty-eight years ago by Mr. J. W. Tayler, and is at the present time employed regularly by Messrs. Tayler and Co. He was with Mr. William Lane, the well-known Cotswold sheep breeder, at Broadfield Farm, Northleach, for twenty years, and twelve years on the Right Hon. Lord Eldon's estate at Stowell Park. He and his wife are shown surrounded by some of their sons and daughters and grandchildren.

Photo by Barry Burge, Northleach.

THE SOCIALIST AND THE SELFISHIST.

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[BY JOSEPH BIBBY IN "BIBBY'S ANNUAL."]

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With our present imperfect faculties, it would be a hazardous undertaking to separate men into different moral classes, describing the one class as sinners and the other as saints.

Human nature is very complex, and if an attempt were made to classify people into different groups, it would be found that amongst the saints there would be some who still retained traces of moral weakness, and amongst the sinners those who would occasionally surprise us with some abounding virtue.

Nor can we, with any nearer approach to accuracy, define one man as a Socialist and another as a Selfishist, for traces of the primordial selfishness will crop up in some who have attained to great social virtue, and amongst the Selfishists will be found many who are beginning to manifest qualities which mark them out as potential Socialists.

Let us at once state that we use the word

Socialist in its etymological meaning, and not as a description of the political party of that name; for the Socialist of the kind referred to in these lines belongs to every party and to every class, and we describe him briefly as a man who loves his neighbour as himself.

We define the Selfishist as the man who seeks personal desire or private gain at the expense of others.

The drunkard, the sensualist, and the miser may be regarded as extreme types of the genus Selfishist; and great seers, such as Jesus and Buddha, perhaps offer the best examples of the thorough-going Socialist; and a study of both of these opposite and distinct types cannot fail, we think, to make it clear that the Selfishist is one who is blind to his own true interests, while the Socialist is the enlightened Seer.

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It would require more space than we have to spare to demonstrate, as we might do, that every time a selfish wish or desire is entertained we are injuring ourselves, and enfeebling our capacity for useful service!

Nearly all the great seers who have ever lived have borne witness to these truths.

Most people see that the evils which befall the great sinners are brought about by causes which they themselves have set up, but it

was left to the Lord Buddha to point out that all the miseries and sorrows that come to men have a like origin: that they are self-caused and have their rise in personal desire.

His remedy for the sorrow and suffering of human life was the renouncement of selfish desire; it is a teaching which reminds us of the paradoxical saying of our own Great Master: "Whosoever will lose his life shall save it."

The underlying thought in the minds of both teachers appears to be that when the personal life of the cell is too much regarded, it suffers a loss which is shared by the organism of which it forms a part; but when the interest of the part is lost in the welfare of the whole, then the cell enters upon the fuller and more abundant life of the larger organism.

In the lives of the above examples of two widely varying types of men, we may detect the operation of an unerring law which is operative in all men and at all times.

The Socialist of the kind we are studying is a firm believer in the teaching of the seers, also in the evolution and progress of the individual soul; and he has already a dim sense, if he does not more fully realise it, that the good and ill that come into every life are there by a just and beneficent law



East Gloucestershire Liberals at Cirencester, Dec. 3, 1907.

(MR. ESSEX, M.P., AND MRS. ESSEX IN FOREGROUND).

which brings the right thing, and which, if met in the right spirit, will always help him to further progress.

If he suffers ill, he is conscious that it is because of his own sowing, perhaps in the long forgotten past; and he takes care that when he shall come to garner the harvest of his present seed-time, it shall be a more satisfactory one than that which he is at present engaged in reaping.

He also sees quite clearly that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things which he possesseth. In this connection it is worth noting that the Lord Buddha gave up his princedom and became a poor man, in order that he might have more leisure to meditate on the evils from which mankind suffer, and so discover a way to lessen human misery; and his successor, the Great Master Jesus, actually gave up His life when He saw that the sacrifice of His own body would minister to the good of mankind at large.

On the one hand we have our great heroes and saviours, true Socialists, who radiate an influence for good upon millions of men; on the other we have the extreme Selfishist, the drunkard and sensualist, who exert, as we see, a baneful influence wherever they are found.

That the Great Master Jesus intended His followers should be Socialists of this true type is manifest from the fact that one of the last exhortations He gave to His disciples was concerning the duty of cultivating that spirit of helpfulness to others which characterised His own life, and He illustrated

the teaching by the object lesson of washing with His own hands the feet of His disciples.

That personal progress is best promoted by giving of our best service to others, is a theory of life which has never been popular.

The popular man is he who tells us our ills come from outside, and that we should look to outside sources for the remedy; he tells us our diseases and our misfortunes are the result of other people's faults, and that poverty is the result of the wickedness and greed of the rich.

But the true teacher directs attention to the reign of justice in the universe and in the life of man, and he tells us that all men will obtain better conditions as soon as they have rightly earned them.

A type of the Selfishist frequently to be met with is he who is constantly expressing his dissatisfaction with the conditions around him, thus wasting energy in fruitless worry which, if diligently applied to useful service, with its resulting self-culture, would bring him gradually what he desires.

It may be noted in this connection that acts of heroism are never inspired by the Selfishist spirit, and when actuated by love and directed by intelligence, they infallibly return in the form of blessing of a permanent character.

Whereas the temporary gains of the Selfishist in the shape of lower pleasures have no power of survival; they are of the body and must perish with it.

It is pleasant to reflect also on the fact that the spirit of the true Socialist is one



which promotes alike the common good and contributes at the same time to personal well-being; for the two things go together and cannot in reality be separated.

The spirit of the Selfishist, it should also be noted, leads ever to strife, bitterness, and loss; that of the true Socialist to love, unity, and concord.

And perhaps the best thing of all that can be said about this type of Socialist, is that he does not doubt the coming of the social millennium; for is he not in his own life beginning to enter upon it, and is he not also practically contributing to the conditions which will alone make such a consummation possible?

There is no reason why we may not make a start in this direction at once; for an honest desire to be of service to our fellows in the position in which we find ourselves, is the only condition necessary to admittance to this truly socialistic brotherhood: the means to serve lie also ready to hand in the home or in the workshop, if so be that the spirit of true service be ours. And as the power to do comes of doing, the exercise of the capacity to serve will doubtless increase from time to time, until one day—perhaps a life or two ahead—we also in our turn shall become helpers and saviours of men.




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"HIS" FAVOURITE FLOWER.

A malicious tale is told of the late Lord Beaconsfield to the effect that his admiration for primroses arose from the fact that he was extremely fond of them as a salad to eat with cold mutton. Whether this be sad fact or pleasant fiction, we know not; but the moral that can be drawn from it is that the English public does not know how many flowers are eatable.—"Country Life."



THE FAVOURITE FEMININE WEAR.

The long coat will be far and away the most popular model for out-of-door wear. It is fashioned in every kind of material, from rough tweed, serge, and face cloth to velvet, whilst the most popular colours are green, brown, dark striped materials, and every shade of grey and mole colour. To be correct, these coats should fit perfectly behind, and be cut rather longer-waisted than they have been before.—Mrs. Hugh Adams in "London Opinion."

FASTEST TRAIN IN ENGLAND.

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Top row:—H. J. Parsons (Cheltenham linesman), F. Troughton, R. Long, P. Sheen, R. S. Campbell, L. Gough, W. G. Evans (referee), V. Hodges, W. H. Hook, T. Etheridge, H. Daniels (Gloucester linesman).
 Second row:—S. Durrett, T. Smith, R. Lewis, T. Catesby, H. M. O'Connor, V. Acton.
 Front row:—S. H. Dawes, H. D. Wooster (Cheltenham captain), C. Baldwin, A. E. South, W. R. James, and W. R. Littley.
 (G. Gill, the Gloucester captain, and J. K. Macdonald unfortunately missed the train, and did not arrive in time for the group).

A FAMOUS SONG-WRITER'S END.



The sad fate of Ascher, the composer of "Alice, Where Art Thou?" is told by Dr. Forbes Winslow in his reminiscences appearing in "Cassell's Saturday Journal." He had overworked himself, and when I found him (says the doctor) he was in tears because his nervous system was ruined and he could not play. "Try this," I said cheerfully, placing a copy of "Alice" in front of him. "You can manage this better than anybody I know." The young man smiled and commenced to play, but all he played was discord. Having lost the controlling power of his fingers, he could not strike the proper notes.

"Wait a minute," he shouted. "Wait a minute! I'll do it!"

He failed, however—failed miserably. After several attempts he retired beaten to a corner of the room, and bursting into tears buried his face in his hands.

Soon afterwards his reason forsook him, and he died. I was present when the young man breathed his last.



"My husband is a highwayman," said a woman in Wakefield County Court on Wednesday, explaining afterwards to the astonished judge that she meant a roadman.

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OLDEST ODDFELLOW.

The death was announced on Monday at Burton-on-Trent of a somewhat remarkable character. Mr. Thomas Sturgess, who carried on a wood turnery business at Branstone, a suburb of the town, passed away in his 99th year. He was the oldest Oddfellow in all England.

He was once seized by the press gang, but was liberated when it was discovered that he had a broken finger. He regularly attended the local Congregational Church, of which he had been a member for 75 years.

The ages of himself and his six brothers totalled 595 years.



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**MRS. ESTHER MARY NEVINS,
DIED AT MOUNT SHANNON MANOR, LISNAGHRY,
COUNTY LIMERICK, DECEMBER 3, 1907.**

She was the widow of Mr. Thos. Nevins, who will be remembered in Cheltenham as the founder of the Light Railway and the pioneer of light railways in Gloucestershire.



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There were on the last day of last month 125,081 persons receiving poor relief in London, of whom 79,143 were indoor paupers and 45,938 were outdoor paupers. This is a slight increase on the numbers of last year, but is less than the figures of 1904 or 1905.

Our Portrait Gallery.

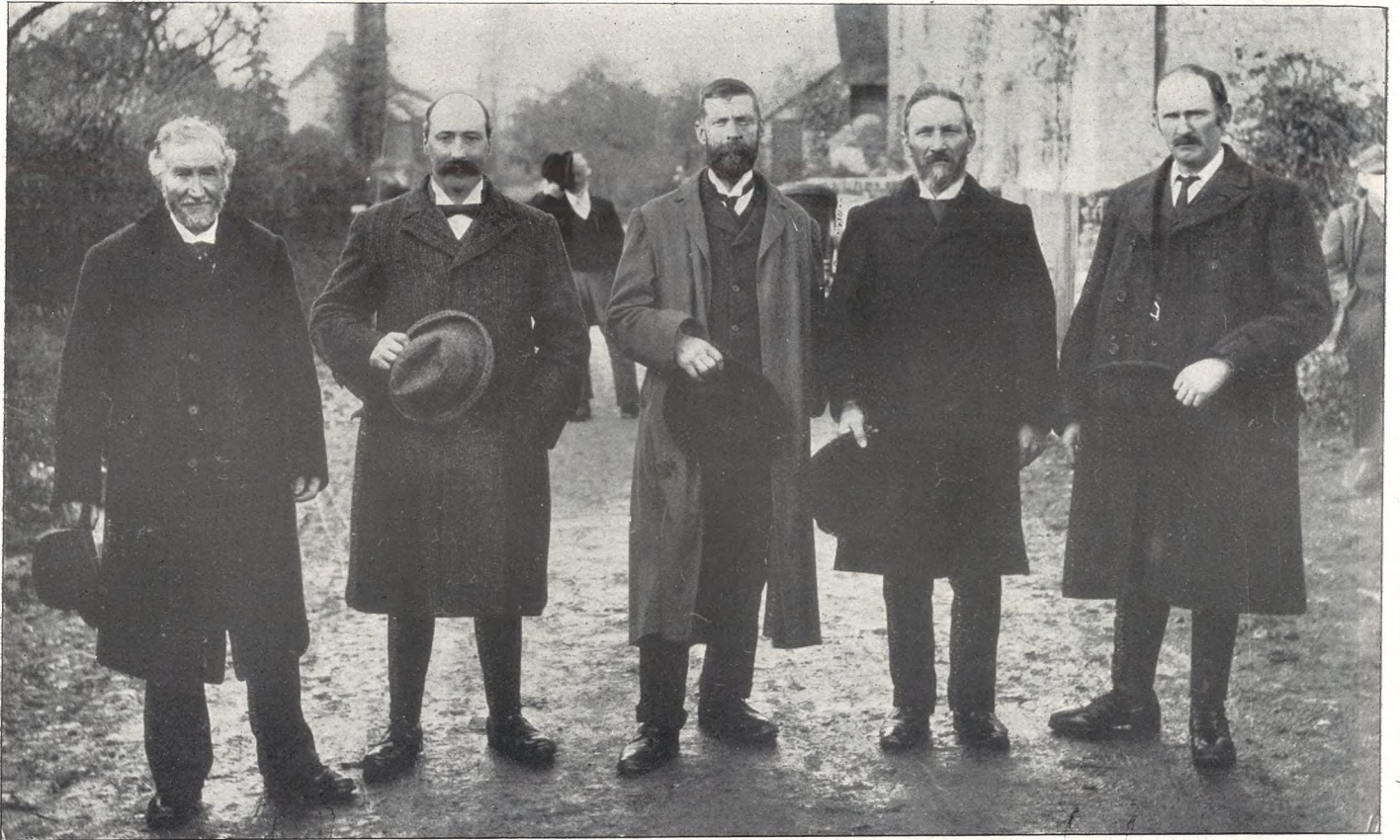


REV. H. W. CLABURN,
OF CHARLTON KINGS, WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE
CHARGE OF WESTMANCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEAR BREDON.

Carcases of Canterbury mutton are being forwarded by Cornish residents in Christchurch, New Zealand, as Christmas fare for the inmates of the Redruth Workhouse.

Squirrels have done so much damage to property at Greely, Colorado, that the citizens organised a hunt, and have killed thousands.

GOTHERINGTON RIGHT OF WAY DISPUTE.



PARISH COUNCIL, WHO DEFENDED THEIR RIGHT OF WAY.
Messrs. William Holmes, George Pocock, Samuel Price, William Reeves, and J. C. Yend.



WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENCE : SOME OLD INHABITANTS.
Back row : James Thompson, John Jackson, John Reeves. Front row : Henry Aston, Joseph Wilks, —, Cherrington, John Chess, John Aston, and George Price.

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MR. W. B. STRUGNELL,
OF STROUD, AND FORMERLY OF
CHELTENHAM,
who died Dec. 5, 1907, aged 84 years.

"FEASTS OF COLOUR."

A Pittsburg doctor has prescribed various coloured foods for a patient who is losing his sense of taste. He asserts that certain colours produce sensations in the brain resembling those conveyed through the medium of the palate, which may thus be superseded by the eye.

A live frog was found in a cavity in the centre of a large mass of stone which was quarried at Melbourne. It promptly hopped off to join the local population.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

The Proprietors of the "CHELTENHAM CHRONICLE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAPHIC" offer a Weekly Prize of Half-a-Guinea for the Best Summary of a Sermon preached in any church or chapel or other place of worship in the county not earlier than the Sunday preceding the award.

The 263rd prize has been divided between Miss Daisy Carpenter, Pine Villa, Belmont-road, Cheltenham, and Mr. W. C. Davey, Exon, Charlton Kings, for reports of sermons by the Rev. Percy Waller at Holy Trinity Church, Cheltenham, and Rev. Edgar Neale at Charlton Parish Church respectively.

The sermons will be found in the main sheet.

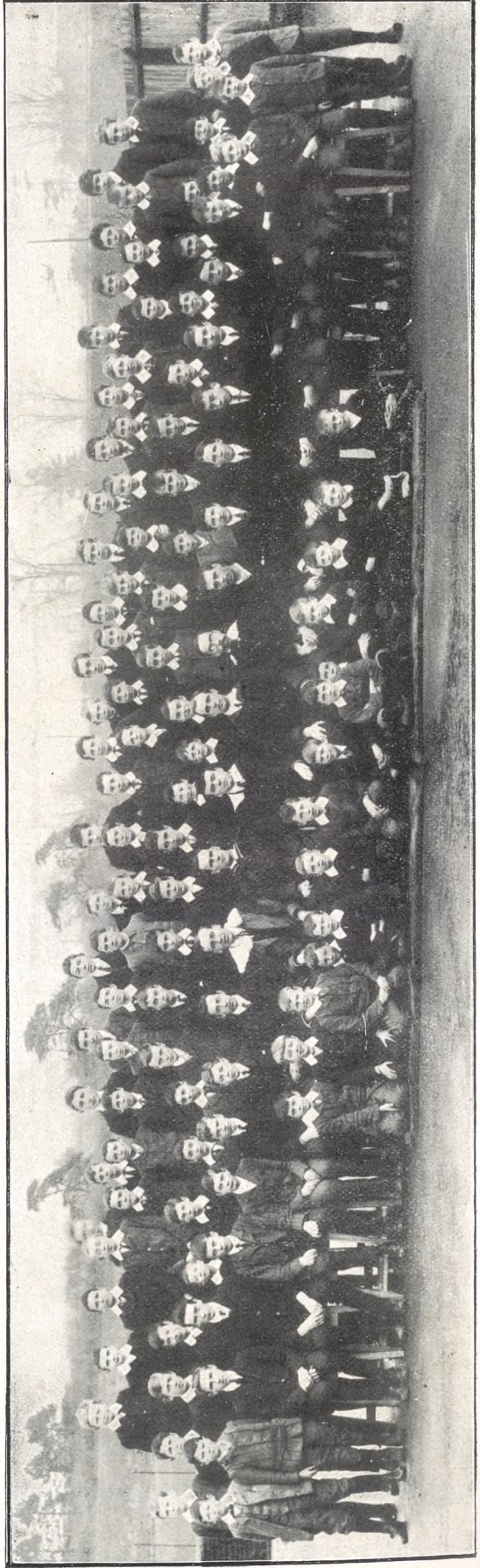
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HARD AND SOFT WATER.

The difference between hard and soft water is thus explained by a writer in the "Building World." Water containing less than 6 gr. per gallon (degrees on Clarke's scale) of the carbonate or sulphate of lime or magnesia is known as a soft water; and water containing 12 gr. and over per gallon of those substances is known as a hard water. Anything between would be a slightly hard water. The hardness produced by the carbonates is called temporary because it is removable; that produced by the sulphates is permanent. Iron also renders water hard. Hard waters chiefly occur where there is a chalk or limestone subsoil. Surface water and rain-water are soft. The principal cause of the furring-up of hot-water pipes is the deposition of the carbonate of lime by boiling.

CIRENCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.



GIRLS, WITH TEACHING STAFF. Names of mistresses, seated in centre of group: Miss Hall, Miss Mathison, Miss Myles, Miss Hay (headmistress), Miss Sheldrake, and Miss Townsend.



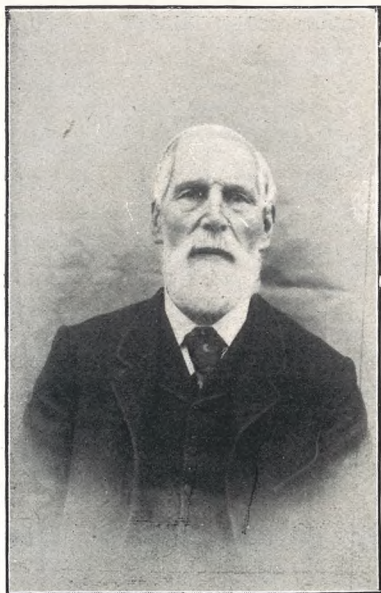
BOYS, WITH TEACHING STAFF.

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TEACHING STAFF OF BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Back row:—Mr. F. Marks, Mr. C. Parsons, B.A., Mr. W. G. Parkinson, B.A., Mr. F. A. N. Lane.
 Front row:—Mr. S. G. Deed, M.A., Mr. A. C. K. Toms, M.A. (headmaster), Mr. A. W. Gaskin, B.A.



MR. ENOCH TAYLOR,
 Secretary Gloucester Co-operative Society
 1863-1907,
 Died December 9, 1907.

Gloucestershire Gossip.

* *
 Archdeacon Scobell, in response to the clerical toast at the annual dinner of the Gloucester Traders' Association, made a very happy speech, in which he incidentally referred to the change in things, mentioning that a lady of about ninety years had told him that she could remember when traders used to sit out in Westgate-street on summer evenings and discuss the affairs of the city, smoking those long "fumitorial appendages" known as "churchwardens'" pipes, if he might so describe that elongated mode of conducting narcotic to the brain. From what I know of the cathedral city, I should say this was very likely many years ago. But I can vouch for it as a fact that, even in the Archdeacon's time, the parishioners of the churchless parish of Holy Trinity, down West, used to annually have a dinner and jollification defrayed out of certain parochial funds. And it was at one of these symposia that I heard a citizen, who did undertaking, in responding to "Success to the Trade and Port of Gloucester," say that trade was then very bad, as he had "not buried a living soul for the past month." By-the-by, there stands a house which was partly in this parish and partly in another before the unification of all the city parishes for civil purposes, and close enquiry had to be made whenever a birth or death occurred in this house to ascertain

the particular parish in which the case had to be registered.

* *
 We often read of "howlers" more or less genuine in examination papers. I am in a position to give a few genuine ones culled from scriptural essays written recently at school by the little daughter of a clergyman:—"Joseph was sold to Potiphat and Potiphat's wife was very unkind to him and said unkind words to him. One day Potiphat's wife told Potiphat that he went away and left his coat for her to look after and Potiphat believed in his wife and so he was sent to prison. And there was a kind man and he said he could look after and this was Farrors butler and baker and they both had a dream and this dream was that he had some grapes in his hand and he had Farrors cup and he saw the grapes in the cup and made it in to wine and then he woke up and told Joseph that he did not do what he ment."—"Isac had a dream and this dream was that he saw some fat cavs and some thin cavs and the thin cavs ate up the fat cavs and still they did not get any fater. And Isac could not understand and then he woke up and then he went to sleep again and dreamed a nuther dream and saw some thin sheeps ate up some fat sheeps and still they did not get any fater. He woke up and he could not understand this one to." I have punctuated these essays to make them understood. GLEANER.



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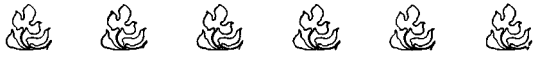
MR. OSWALD REDFORD'S BENEFIT.

AMATEURS AT CHELTENHAM OPERA HOUSE IN "THE SCHOOLMISTRESS,"
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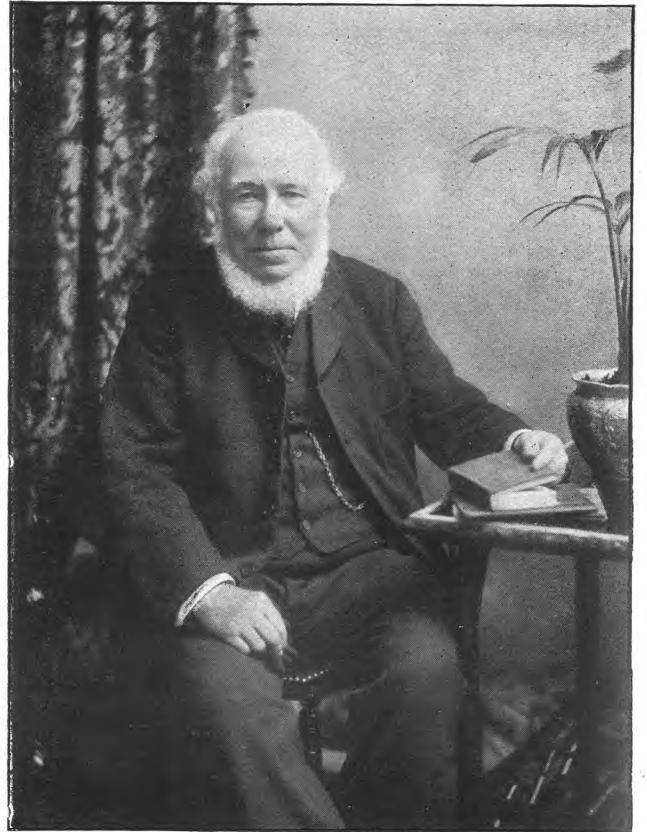
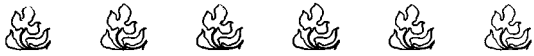
Back row:—G. G. N. Tinson (Reginald Paulover), Miss E. Rathborne (Ermyntrude Johnson), J. Townshend (Goff), T. Currie (Jaffray), Miss B. Ranken (Mrs. Rankling), C. D. La Touche (Jack Mallory).

Second row:—Miss M. Gardner (Dinah Rankling), P. R. Clauss (the Hon. Vere Quickett), Miss Sybil Ker (Miss Dyott), Miss G. Rathborne (Peggy Hesslerigge), I. G. Lloyd-Jones (Admiral Rankling).

Front row:—H. H. Lewis (Mr. Saunders), Miss E. Mouat-Biggs (Gwendoline Hawkins), W. N. Weech (manager), Miss D. Townshend (Jane), B. A. Bowers (Tyler).



REV. HENRY J. WICKS, B.A.,
PASTOR OF CIRENCESTER BAPTIST CHAPEL
(one of the oldest Baptist communities in Gloucestershire), who
is leaving Cirencester to take up a pastorate in London.



MR. WILLIAM GREGORY, OF CHELTENHAM.
DIED DEC. 7, 1907 AGED 83 YEARS.
For eighteen years he was superintendent of Cheltenham Cemetery,
and for sixty years was a chorister at St. John's and St.
James's Churches. He is survived by his wife, to whom he
had been married sixty-one years.



INTERIOR OF CIRENCESTER BAPTIST CHAPEL, COXWELL STREET.



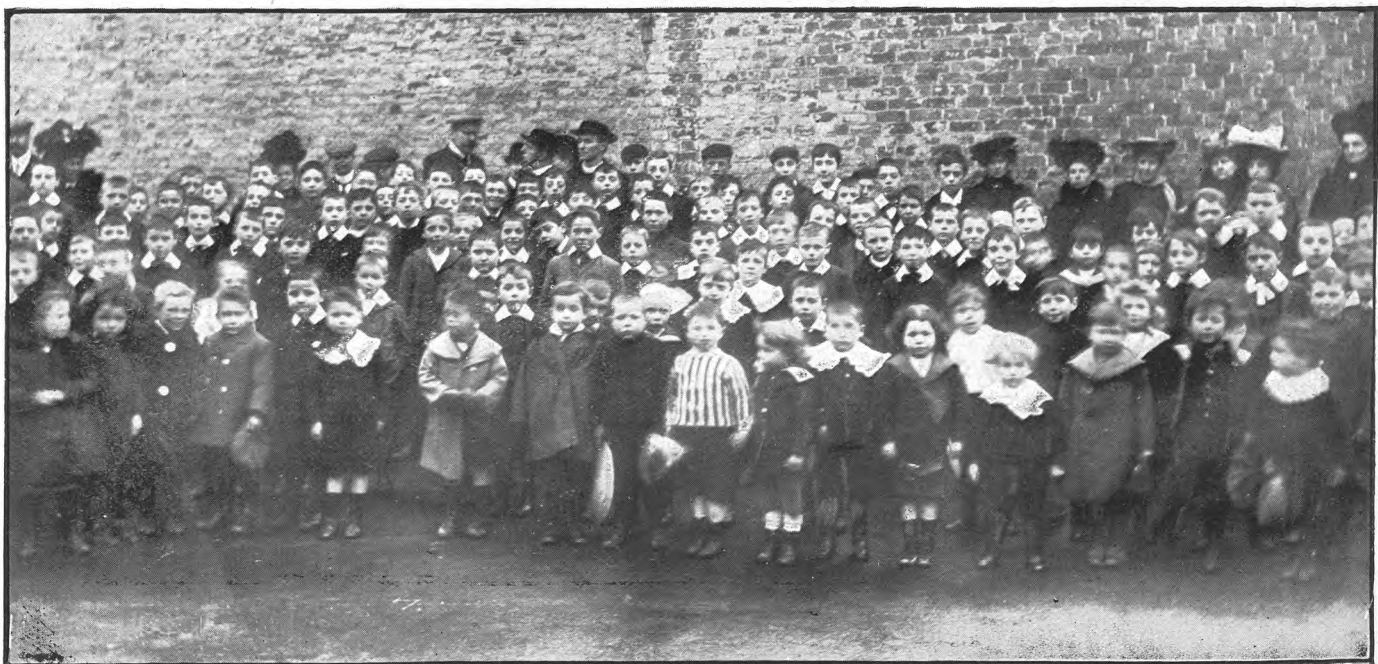
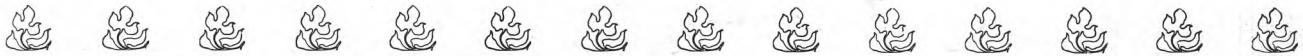
MR. ROBERT MARSH,
A waiter and wheelchairman. Lived all his
life in Cheltenham.
Died Dec. 4, 1907, aged 63 years.



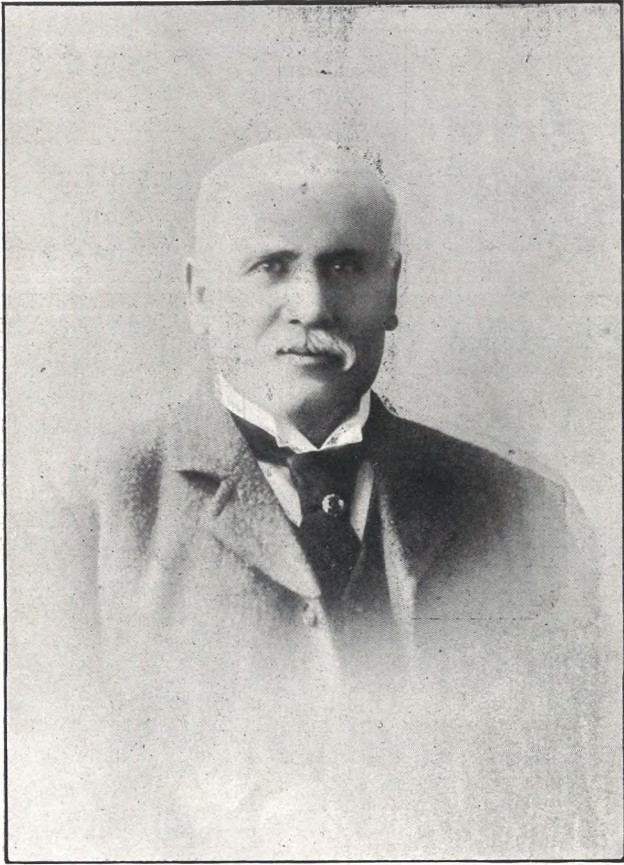
Presentation of Union Jack by National Service League
to St. Luke's School, Cheltenham, Dec. 9th, 1907.



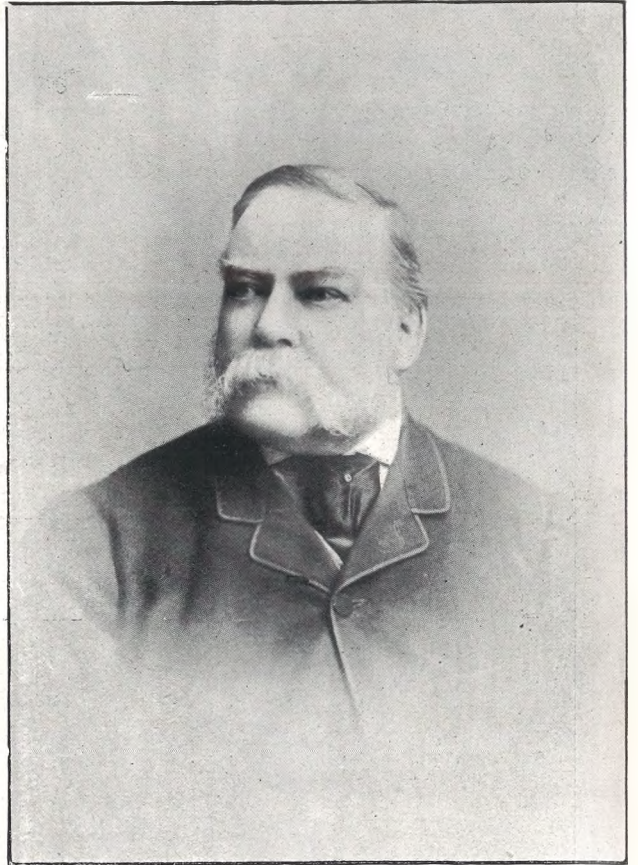
GIRLS WATCHING FLAG HOISTED.



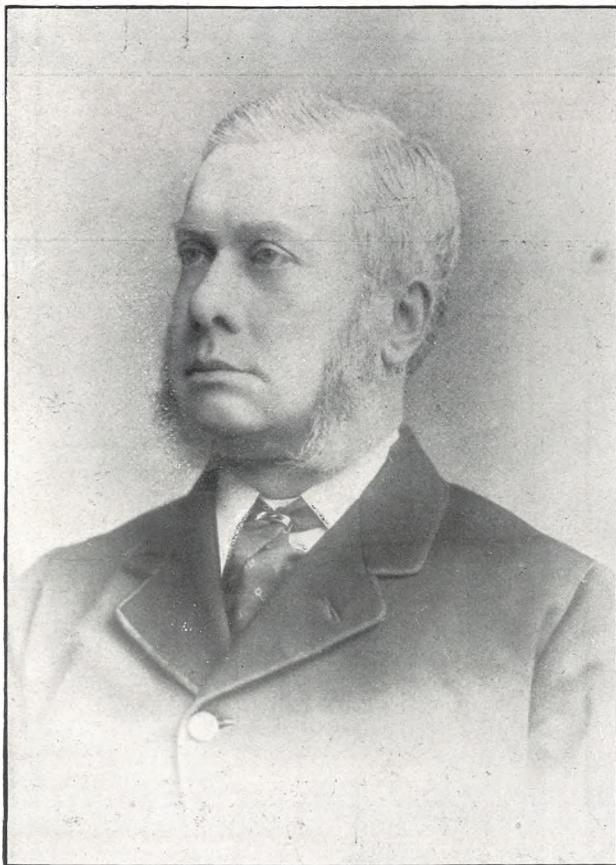
GROUP OF BOYS.



MR. T. H. SPARROW, OF CHELTENHAM,
DIED DEC. 12, 1907, AGED 63 YEARS.



MR. WILLIAM SHEPPARD, OF CHELTENHAM,
DIED DECEMBER 11, 1907.



MR. JAMES LLEWELLYN MATHEWS,
CLERK OF ASSIZE ON THE OXFORD CIRCUIT.
Died at his residence, Bromley, Kent, Dec. 15, aged 79 years.

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The wonderful mysterious Immaculation,
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Gloucester, Christmas, 1907. A. W. B.

Despite December's deluges, the rainfall
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who on Nov. 13, 1907, celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Tyson is 71, hale and hearty. His wife, who was one of a family of thirteen children, is herself the mother of thirteen. Four of her brothers and three of her sons have served in the Army, and two of her daughters have this year celebrated their silver weddings.



A GLOUCESTERSHIRE CENTENARIAN,
Miss Eleanor Willoughby,
OF CHESTNUT HILL, NAILSWORTH,
Died Dec. 14, 1907, aged 104 years.



FLOOD FUNERAL AT GLOUCESTER.

Last Monday two boats, one containing the body of Mr. Edwin Watts, landlord of the Jolly Waterman Inn, on the left bank of the Severn, and the other containing members of his family, were rowed across the flooded meadows to dry land near Kingsholm Close, and the corpse was conveyed thence to the Cemetery and buried. By an extraordinary coincidence the funeral of Mrs. Watts (the wife of the deceased) took place under similar circumstances nearly four years ago, Messrs. G. Harris and Son, of Worcester-street, being the undertakers in each case.

Photo by H. E. Jones, Northgate-street, Gloucester.

Snapshots at Gloucester Christmas Fat Stock Market, Dec. 9, 1907.



1. Farmers looking at Mr. J. Horlick's pen of first prize ten fat ewes.

2. Fat pig weighing over 6cwt.

3. Mr. G. F. Moore, of Bourton-on-the-Water (in light coat), talking to his brother and bailiff. Mr. Moore won first prize for ten fat lambs.

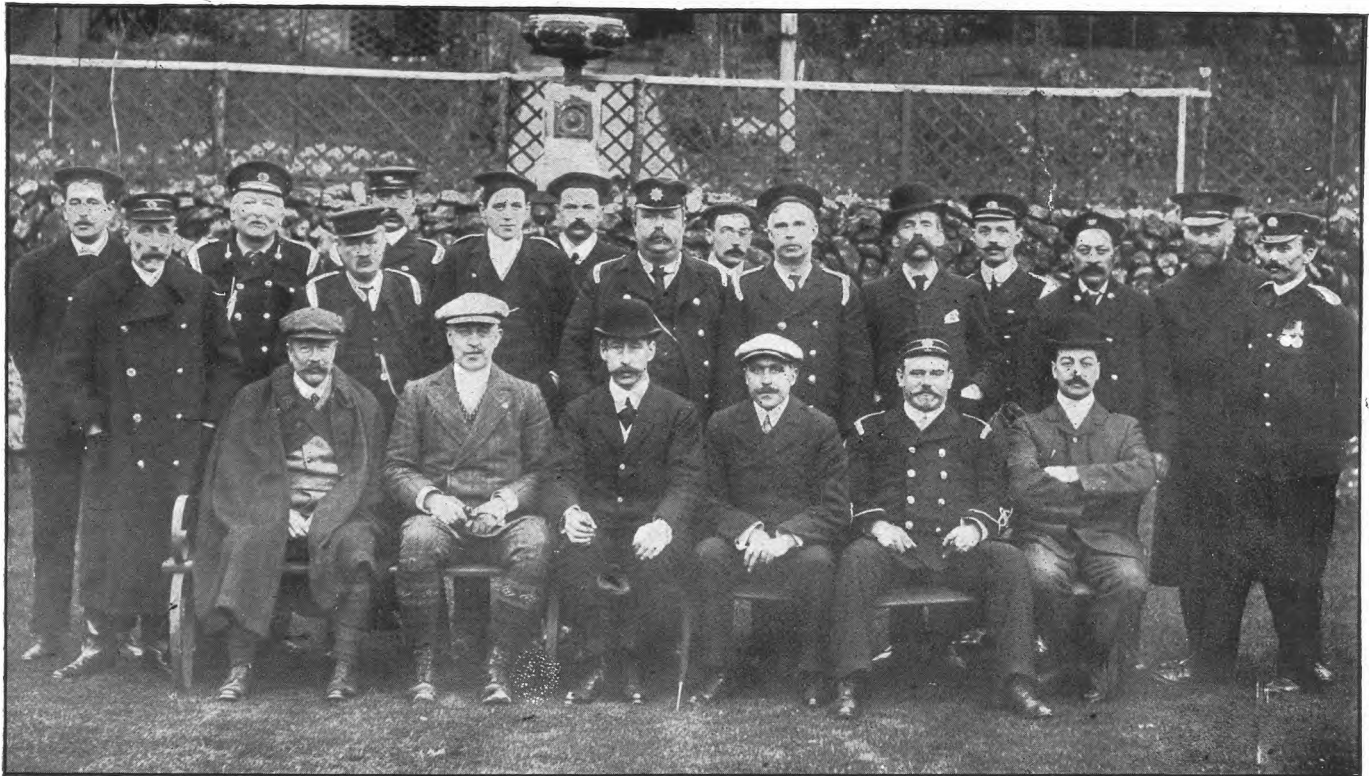
4. Well-known habitues of market.

5. Five heifers that won first prize.

6. Sheep auction.

NATIONAL FIRE BRIGADE UNION—WEST MIDLAND DISTRICT.

ANNUAL MEETING IN STROUD, DECEMBER 14, 1907



DELEGATES.

Standing:—P. Luscombe (Stroud), Hon. Chief Officer E. Marsland (Painswick), Chief Officer J. Such (Cheltenham), Chief Officer W. H. Burdock (Painswick), Second Officer C. Pockett (Stroud Volunteer), Third Officer Frank Ford (Stroud Volunteer), J. Pegler (Stroud Volunteer), Chief Officer Monk (Burford), W. White (Stroud Volunteer), Second Engineer A. Ashmead (Stroud Urban District Council), Second Officer C. Clifford (Stow-on-the-Wold), Second Officer E. Ewart Gardner (Stroud Volunteer), S. Marshall (Hook Norton), Second Officer Rowles (Gloucester Fire Float), Bandmaster J. Hewett (Cheltenham).
Sitting:—Second Officer P. J. Armstrong (Malvern), Surgeon C. E. Mouat-Biggs (Cheltenham), Chief Officer J. V. Williams (Malvern) (Chairman of District), Chief Officer A. E. Mace (Chipping Norton), Chief Officer Phipps (Chippenham), Second Officer W. M. Coxeter (Abingdon).

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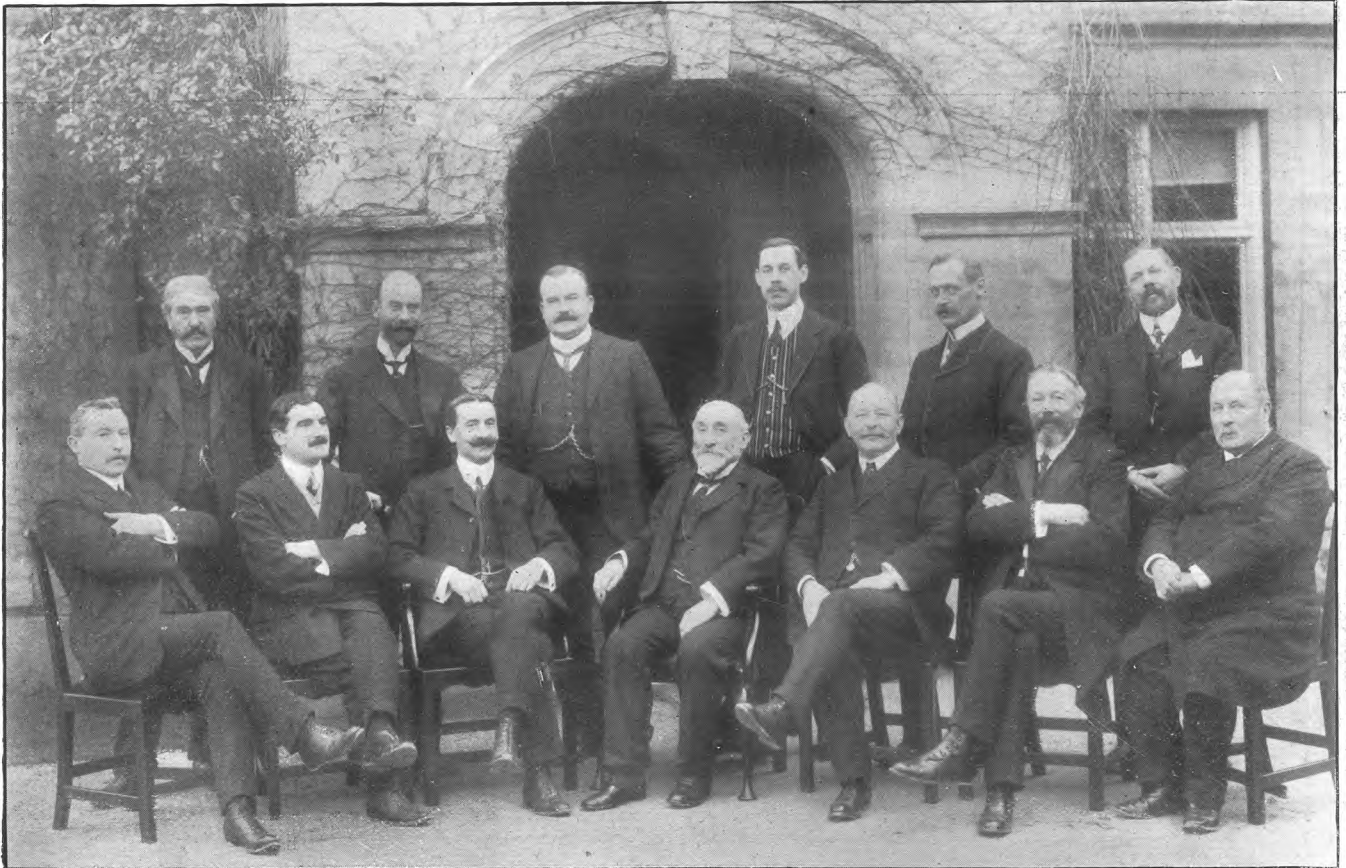
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 Sitting:—Mr. Moran (Ireland), Mr. Thomas (England), Mr. Charles Apperly, J.P. (director), Sir Alfred Apperly, J.P. (chairman),
 Mr. Black (London) (director), Mr. Wallis (England), Mr. Davis (England).
 Photo by Henry J. Comley, Photographer, Stroud.



LOCAL WEDDING.—LOMAN—VON ELISCHER.
 AT THE DUTCH CHURCH, AUSTIN FRIARS, LONDON,
 DEC. 19, 1907.



MR. ALFRED THOMAS ROBERTS,
 OF STROUD.
 Died Dec. 16, 1907, aged 30 years.



The scheme for laying out a model village at Warley, near Birmingham, has been abandoned.

The Black Country is to be beautified by an extensive scheme of tree planting.

Mr. J. M. Hogge, of the National Anti-Gambling League, declares that £50,000,000 a year changes hands in betting transactions.

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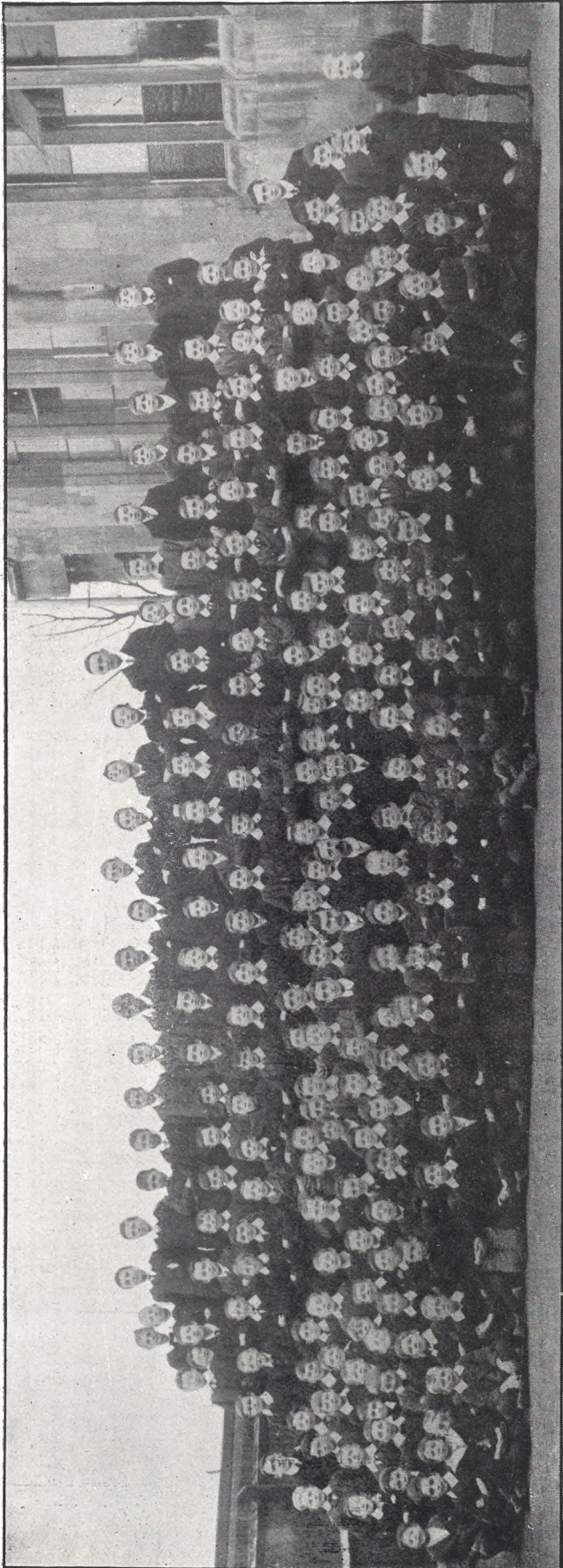
Because a sermon preached by the vicar of Christ Church, Sandown, Isle of Wight, proved helpful to her, a lady visitor has sent him a cheque for £150 for the men's and boys' club in the town.

Our Portrait Gallery.

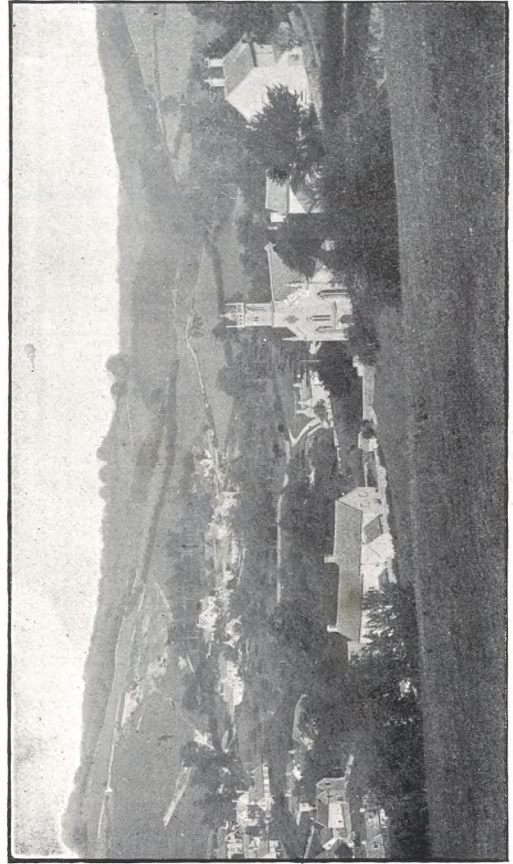


MR. JOHN DAVIS,

just appointed Headmaster of Gloucester-road Council Schools, Cheltenham, and for many years previously Headmaster of Christ Church Boys' School.

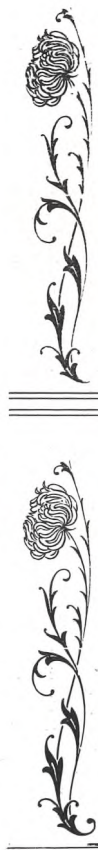


CHRIST CHURCH BOYS' SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM, Last Muster under the Old Regime, Dec. 18th, 1907.



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MR. ROYLANCE'S GRAVE IN CHELTENHAM CEMETERY,
 showing the beautiful collection of flowers sent by relatives and
 friends.



POULTRY RUN IN A GALE.

Miss M. Y. Newall, of Ellingham House, Cheltenham, sends above photographs to illustrate the force of the gale on Dec. 12. The run is at Woodmancote—length 36ft., width 8ft., height 6ft., with roof and sides of corrugated iron. The wind lifted it and landed it upside down.

A VANDYCK FOR FOURPENCE.

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A remarkable find is reported from a little Flemish village called Waesmunster, in the shape of an authentic canvas by Anton Vandyck. It is a portrait of Vandyck's sister, who was a nun in the Convent of

Woesmunster. The painting was made in the convent, and had disappeared. On Thursday some old stuff remaining from the old convent was sold by auction, and one lot was sold for fourpence. It was discovered later that among these materials the painting was lying nearly intact.

For the first time in New York eighty-six negro carpenters have been admitted to the trade union—the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Love of cigarettes, it was stated at Bacup Police-court, caused an eighteen-year-old mill-hand to commit burglary.



SCHOOLBOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL MATCH. Cheltenham v. Gloucester.

Played on the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, Saturday, December 21, the home team winning by a goal to a try (5pts. to 3pts.).

THE CHELTENHAM TEAM.

Top row:—Beacham (All Saints), Beckingsale (Gloucester-road), Fletcher (Parish), Webber (St. Mark's), Cherrington (Naunton), Wildsmith (St. Peter's), Lippett (St. Paul's).
 Second row:—Large (Charlton Kings), Sly (St. Peter's), Craddock (St. Paul's), W. T. Jeffery (hon. secretary Cheltenham Schools Union), Bloodworth (Charlton, captain), Herbert (Gloucester-road), Keys (Parish).
 Bottom row:—Edwards (St. Paul's), Peacey (Charlton).

FIRST-BORN AND GENIUS.

It is a trite saying that there is one genius in every family; but whether there is any physiological explanation of the phenomenon is a problem too profound for most scientists to grapple with. It was recently asserted that geniuses are rarely first-born children, but many people hold the contrary view. "Take, for instance, the law of entail"—says a physician, who holds the opposite opinion—"the law bequeathing the bulk of the family property to the eldest son. There is fifty per cent. of logic in that law, and if all the family property went to the first-born, whether son or daughter, the law would contain one hundred per cent. of logic. For the first-born child is practically always the best—best in brain, in build, in beauty, in everything. Why is this so? It is because married people love one another more profoundly at the beginning than afterward; for love, like all things, grows old, grows weak, often dies. Mrs. Craigie—John Oliver Hobbes—was a first-born child. So was Marie Corelli. So was Richard Mansfield. So were Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Kitchener, Max Muller, Henry Irving, George Meredith. Look back into the past and we see again the preminence of the first-born, among them Mohammed, Confucius, Raphael, Milton, Dante, Goethe, Byron, Shelley, and Heine."—"P.T.O."

MOTOR v. WIND, WEIGHT, AND DUST.

Two very important factors governing the speed of cars are wind and weight, and the effect these have upon it is clearly shown in an article which appears in "Pearson's Magazine." Many interesting experiments have been made by Mr. S. F. Edge, and some very surprising facts have resulted—for instance:—

"Mr. Edge's recent experiments were nothing if not thorough. They were made on the Brooklands track with a six-cylinder Napier, fitted with a specially-designed wind-screen, and the speed made in each test was timed by two officials of the Royal Automobile Club. The screen was erected in front of the car. It was built up of laths, six feet long and two inches wide, so that each lath represented one square foot. For the first test the total area of the screen was 30 square feet. This area was gradually reduced during fifteen succeeding tests by the removal of two laths after each run.

"In the first run, when the wind-screen measured 30 square feet, a speed of 47.85 miles an hour was attained. In the second run, when the wind-screen measured 28 square feet, the speed rose to 50 miles an hour. In the third run, with 26 square feet of wind-screen exposed, the speed rose to 52.29 miles an hour. And so on through each test, every

reduction in the size of the wind-screen caused a corresponding increase of speed. The fifteenth test, with only two square feet of wind-screen exposed, saw the speed of the car raised to 73.8 miles an hour. The sixteenth test, with no wind-screen, was made at 79 miles an hour. Thus, the addition of wind resistance caused a variation of 31 miles an hour in the speed of the car."

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THE IDEAL STATE.

Fair Luxemburg has been growing in beauty and in size since it was relieved of the iron bracelet of tortresses which kept back its development. Everybody in the country is well educated. Everybody speaks equally well French and German; every child is taught both languages at school. In my dream of a future Europe, liberated from the demon of militarism, with no gigantic standing armies, and no gigantic waste of public money in their maintenance, I think of the question of France's lost provinces settled after the same fashion; with the forts dismantled; the troops disbanded; the territory neutralised; and the two provinces thus placed between France and Germany, not as the governing and permanent source of hatred and threatened war, but as the buffer that will create a Truce of God between the two nations.—T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in "T.P.O"



SCHOOLBOYS' RUGBY FOOTBALL MATCH. Cheltenham v. Gloucester.

THE GLOUCESTER TEAM.

Top row:—Mr. J. Colwell, Pollard (National), Gough (Linden), Sadler (Linden), Dorchester (Linden), Cromwell (National), Wheeler (Deacon), Brooks (Deacon), Williams (Deacon), Hyam (reserve), Mr. W. Nolder.
 Second row:—Mr. Green, H. Sysum (National), Thomas (Deacon), Mr. A. George, Mr. E. Keys (hon. secretary), Ashmead (Linden), Webb (Northgate), S. Sysum (National).
 Bottom row:—Collins (Deacon), Hughes (National).

THE MAGIC OF NAMES.

It is said that a Spanish Ambassador to England was not a little perturbed when Queen Elizabeth directed that he should be housed by a wealthy citizen named John Cuts. "He imagined that a man bearing a monosyllabic name could never have performed anything great or honourable, but when he found that honest John Cuts displayed a hospitality which had nothing monosyllabic in it, he groaned only at the utterance of his host's name. Englishmen, indeed, care all for the man and little for his name. Peter, Giles, or Michael has only to distinguish himself to find his name become as euphonious and suggestive as he can wish. It is doubtful whether a man was ever quenched by his name who could have made another name illustrious. Sterne's opinion notwithstanding, a man is not so easily "Nicodemused into nothing."

Of course, a well-sounding name is not to be despised, and a man should take it into consideration when he is selecting his parents. If he distinguishes himself, history will record his name in letters of gold, even if it should be Nogs, but the poets will infallibly try it on the tuning-fork first. Brass and marble alone might have perpetuated the loss of the "Royal George" if Kempenfeldt's name had not appealed to Cowper's ear, and posterity might never have glowed at the line, "And Freedom shrieked when Kosciusko fell," if the deliverer of Poland had borne a name a little less pronounceable, or even shorter by a syllable. Undoubtedly the harshness of many modern

names excludes them from poetic honours in a way that is to be regretted. What modern lyricist dare spangle his verse, as did Horace, with the names of his personal friends? A Pompeius Varus, a Pollio, or a Licinius Marena, has but to be civil to a poet to stand a chance of accompanying him down the ages, while the sworn devotion of a _____ goes unsung. Great is euphony.—"T.P.'s Weekly."

THE HUGUENOT HAT.

Some entirely new hats have put in an appearance, together with some models that reproduce the absurdities of the past few months, with their extravagant brims and their excessive trimming. One of the newest shapes is the "Huguenot, with a high crown and a rather narrow brim. Most of the hats are over-trimmed, some being topped with enormous bows of ribbon or velvet, and others being crowded with plumes of a most elegant and expensive variety. Again, birds and wings are seen, but always to an exaggerated extent; some hats having as many as six large-sized wings starting from a chou in front and overhanging both crown and brim. The hat with the wide brim turned up shapely in front is also seen; and usually this hat has its brim smartly faced with black moire, silk, or satin in a fetching and becoming way. Many of the hats shown are absurdities, but as nothing is obligatory, the business of the sensible woman will be to select a pretty new hat with which to greet the autumn days.—"Autumn Fashions," in "P.T.O."

WHAT THE PARROT THOUGHT.

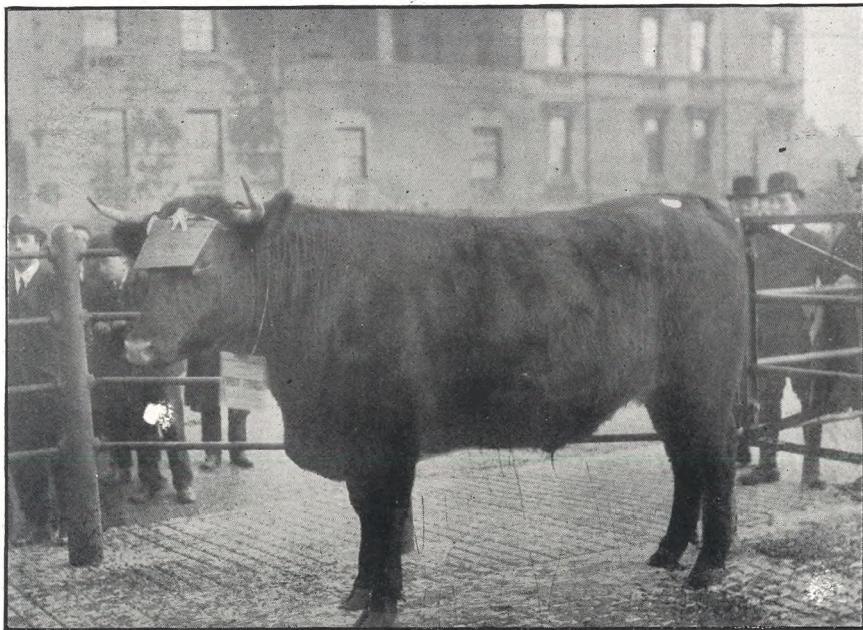
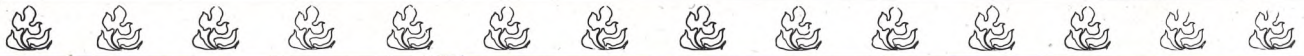
At a recent reception at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, Kubelik retired to a corner after play, rather ill at ease and silent. A young girl, approaching him, said: "Pardon me, sir, but your handkerchief is hanging out of your pocket." "Thank you," said Kubelik, "thank you for this warning. You know the company better than I do." But Kubelik's English has not always been so good as this; indeed, he speaks it brokenly still. When he was a guest of Canon Fleming at York, and was being shown round the Canon's house, he shook his luxuriant head of hair in front of the Canon's parrot. The bird naturally expressed considerable surprise. "Ha!" exclaimed the violinist, "he tink I am an ourang-outang!"—"P.T.O."

£7 FOR A FARTHING.

The remarkable collection of English, Scottish, and Irish coins of Mr. H Osborne O'Hagan, an enthusiastic member of the Numismatic Society, has undergone dispersal at Sotheby's. Few superior collections have come under the hammer in recent years. A pattern farthing, dated 1665, sold for £7, having increased by £1 in value during the past few years. A proof farthing of 1806 and another coined for Ireland realised £7 15s. A noble of the reign of Edward III. sold for £2 16s.

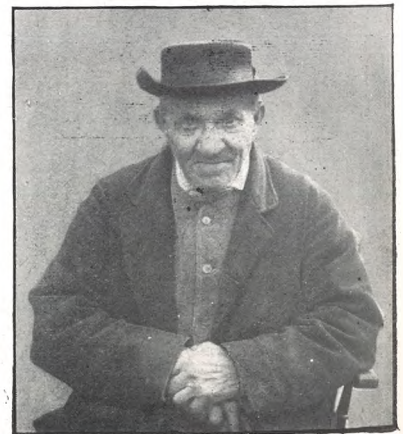
Cirencester Christmas Poultry Market, Dec. 16, 1907.

SCENE IN MARKET SQUARE: MR. A. F. HOBBS SELLING LIVE TURKEYS BY AUCTION.



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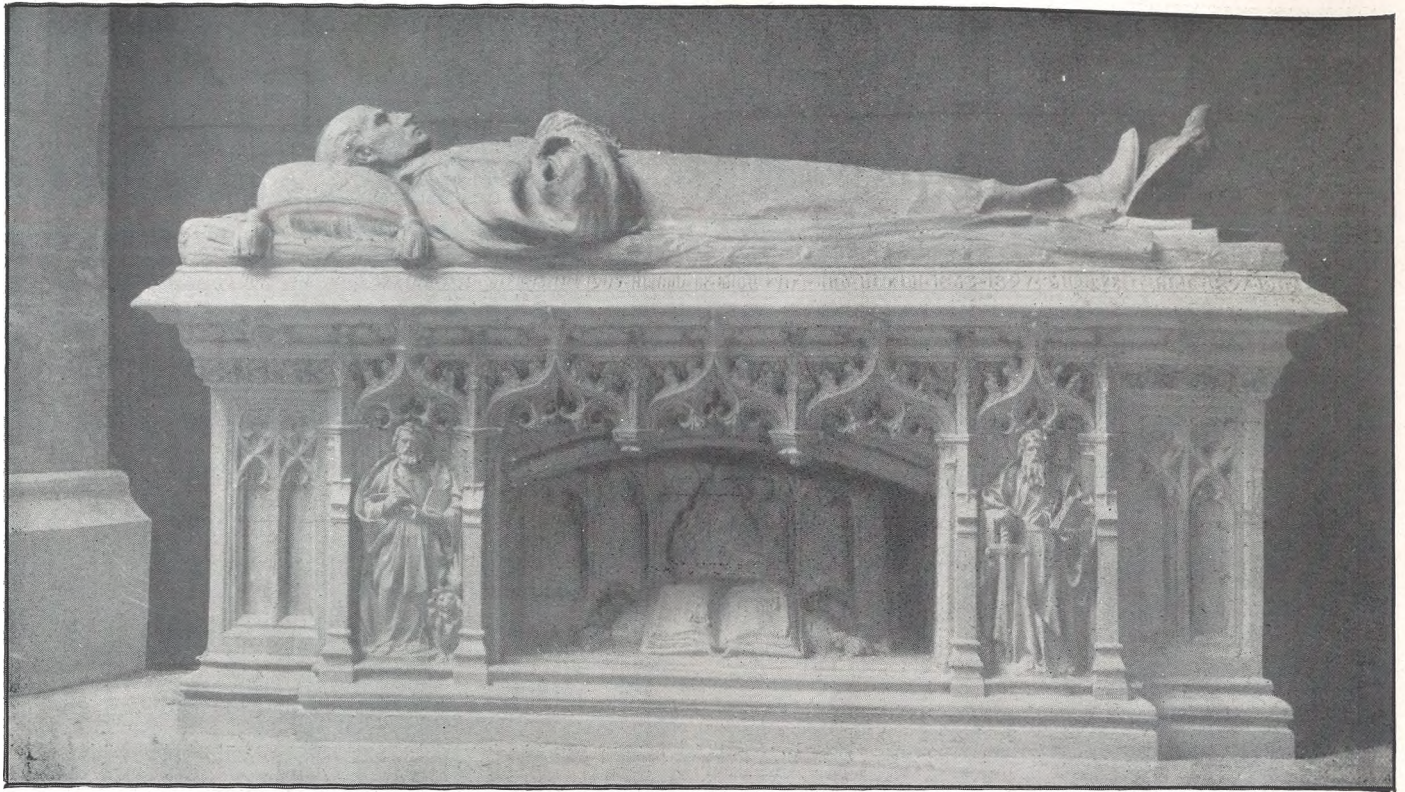
which won first prize for best fat beast in the show and first for best in the sale. Sold to Mr. C. R. Rickards, of Haresfield, for £32 15s., the highest price.



**CRIMEAN VETERAN IN CIRENCESTER
WORKHOUSE.**

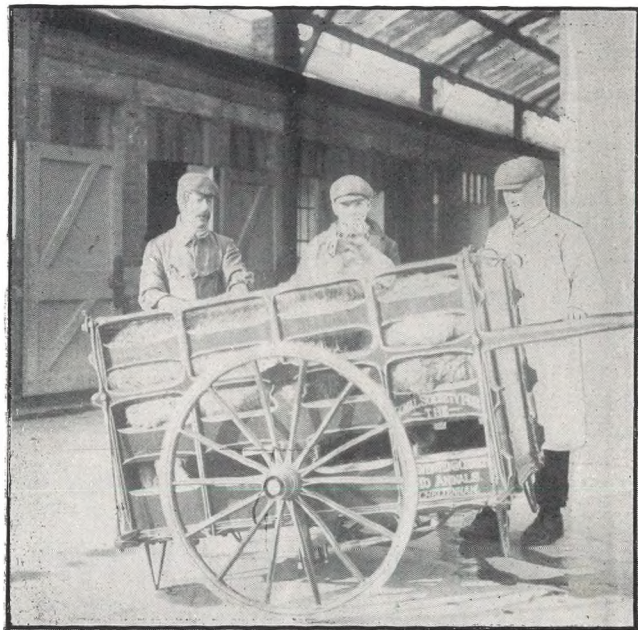
Frederick Brooks, 2nd Rifle Brigade, who served during part of the Crimean Campaign, and received a shot wound in the leg; also served during part of the Indian Mutiny, and was invalided with rheumatism; total service 13 years. He was granted a pension of 9d. per day. Brooks is now an inmate of Cirencester Workhouse.





MODEL OF THE BISHOP ELLICOTT CENOTAPH MEMORIAL,

Placed last week in the south ambulatory of Gloucester Cathedral, on the approved site where the monument, now being sculptured by Mr. Wm. S. Frith, of London, is to be fixed.



FLOAT PRESENTED BY CHELTENHAM BRANCH R.S.P.C.A. TO THE TOWN ABATTOIR FOR CONVEYANCE OF CALVES, PIGS, OR SHEEP FROM THE RAILWAY STATION.

The float is very light, and easily managed by one man, and strong enough to carry four calves or sheep. It is so constructed that the animals can walk in at one end and out at the other. Front and back drop down, forming a platform nearly level, the body being hung very low to the ground, so the loading and unloading is very easy. The doors and the floor are battened across to prevent the animals from slipping. Designed and built by Watts and Son, Cheltenham.



MR. WILLIAM CHARLES JEFFRIES, OF BLEDINGTON, THE COTSWOLD FARMER WHO HAS AT LAST AGREED TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND QUIT HIS FARM.



TOM ELLIOTT, THE GRAVEDIGGER FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS AT CHELTENHAM CEMETERY.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

The Proprietors of the "CHELTENHAM CHRONICLE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAPHIC" offer a Weekly Prize of Half-a-Guinea for the Best Summary of a Sermon preached in any church or chapel or other place of worship in the county not earlier than the Sunday preceding the award.

The 255th prize has been divided between Mr. Frank A. Jenkins, Rugby, Alstone-avenue, Cheltenham, and Mr. J. W. Howling, jun., Mona-place, Hale's-road, Cheltenham, for reports respectively of sermons by the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips at Cambray Baptist Church and the Rev. J. Lloyd Davies at Highbury Congregational Church, Cheltenham.

PUNISHMENTS IN THE SERVICES.

The punishments in the Services should be modified. Discipline to-day is not exercised upon the class of men who were soldiers and sailors a century ago. Each unit nowadays has to exercise intelligence if he is to be a useful fighting man. It follows, therefore, if only on grounds of militant efficiency, that he can no longer be treated as if he were a two-legged brute—a senseless cog in a machine. The principles of penology that prevail in the civilised world must prevail in the smaller world of the Navy and the Army. Discipline and fighting strength will gain—not lose—by departure from the savage traditions of the past.—"London Opinion."

WHAT CAUSES BALDNESS.

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To a number of gentlemen distinguished by cranial baldness who are eminent in the worlds of science, letters, and politics, the "Strand Magazine" recently addressed the following question: "Do you hold that baldness is hereditary and inherent, or the result of mental effort, or of sedentary habits, or the wearing of unfavourable headgear?"

Archdeacon Wilberforce sends his opinion as that of "a clergyman, even though 'distinguished by cranial baldness,' who has never given a moment's thought to a problem which baffles experts in dermatology.

"Considering the fact that male youth constantly becomes bald, and that female youth does not, it is possible that hair upon the male head is weakened and caused too frequently to bleed by constant cropping. I do not believe that mental effort causes cranial baldness. Many mental giants have luxuriant hair, and many non-thinkers are as bald as an egg.

"Mr. John Bright told me that a barber who was cutting his hair once said to him: 'You have a large 'ead, sir; it is a good thing to have a large 'ead, for a large 'ead means a large brain, and a large brain is the most useful thing a man can 'ave, as it nourishes the roots of the 'air.'

"Perhaps the barber was right. Certainly Mr. Bright retained his leonine head of hair to the last."

"Undoubtedly hereditary," writes Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P., one of Mr. Cham-

berlain's stanchest henchmen; while Mr. A. W. Pinero, the celebrated playwright, expresses a similar opinion:—

"I am bald from heredity. Why other people are bald I have no means of knowing."

"My opinion," writes Sir J. H. Puleston, chairman of the City of London Conservative Association, "is that baldness in the very large majority of cases is hereditary, though excessive mental efforts and sedentary habits and life worries, I should say, count undoubtedly for some bald heads."

"I am afraid," writes Dr. Thomas Bateman Napier, M.P., "I have no theories on the subject of baldness. I began to be bald when I was about twenty-five years of age, just after undergoing severe mental effort coupled with a great deal of bodily pain from an accident, the result of which lasted for many years. In my case the baldness is certainly not hereditary, nor is it due to headgear, nor, till the accident which I mentioned, was I of sedentary habits."

"Hair and brain," writes Canon Scott Holland, "are dwindling together, I fear. But so far as the hair goes I owe its loss, not to the dwindling brain, but to my father, I think. All my brothers go the same way."

About £7,000, most of which will go to charities, has been realised by the sale of the late Lord Brampton's furniture, which concluded on Saturday.