were lower rates accepted. Maize slow, but prices were, as a rule, maintained. Oats, with a lessened demand, scarcely so buoyant. Beans and peas, from continued scarcity, held for full values.

EAST ILSLEY SHEEP MARKET, Wednesday.—There was again only a moderate supply of sheep, for there were only about 3,000 in the pens, but quite enough for the demand, as there were not a great number of dealers present from a distance. Trade was very quiet at a little less money than at the last market. Tegs made from 35s to 52s, and couples from 45s to 68s.

DEVIZES CATTLE, Thursday. The bright sunshine and the better state of the roads had the effect of considerably enhancing the attendance, and the supply was better than for several weeks past. There was a few head of horned stock in the open market, and the pig market was fairly well supplied. Prices kept up, and the factory prices were well maintained, 10s per score being given for the best bacon pigs.

DEVIZES CORN, Thursday.—There is again no change to note in the value of any description of corn. Quotations were as follows: Best new wheat, 14s to 15s; secondary, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; malting barley, 24s to 30s; feeding ditto, 20s to 24s; oil oats, 21s to 23s; new ditto, 18s to 21s; beans, 16s to 18s; fine flour, 21s to 23s; extras, 25s to 27s; best bread, 9d.

SWINDON BUTTER MARKET. — Price (wholesale) for current week, 1s 2d; retail, 1s 3d per lb.

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BIRTHS.

DAVIES.—March 18th, at 36, Crombey Street, Swindon, the wife of W. Davies, of a son.

DAVIS.—On the 19th inst., at 70, Lansdown Road, Swindon, the wife of George R. Davis, of a daughter.

FIDDES.—March 16th, at 1 Euclid Street, Swindon, the wife of F. A. Fidder, of a son.

FORRESTER.—March 11th, at Abbey Row, Malmesbury, the wife of Arthur L. Forrester, of a son.

JANES.—March 18th, at Dryden Street, Swindon, the wife of F. C. Janes, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WILLWAY—IRELAND.—March 21st, at Victoria Street Congregational Church, Swindon, by the Rev T. Garbutt Vinson, Alfred Ernest, youngest son of H. P. Willway, of the Sands, Swindon, to Esther Maud, eldest daughter of Abel Ireland, of Page Street, Swindon.

DEATHS.

BEANLANDS.—March 10th, at 37, Hughes Street, Swindon, Lillian Louisa, only daughter of Ernest and Mercy Beanlands, aged 11 months and 10 days.

CARTER. — March 19, at Abingdon, Walter Carter, aged 43 years.

COULDREY. March 15th, at 29, Sheppard Street, Swindon, Agnes, the dearly-loved wife of F. T. Couldrey, aged 54 years.

COCKRILL.—March 18th, at 28, Hughes Street, Even Swindon, Edgar Leopold Cockrill, aged 40 years.

READ.—March 15th, at Westbury, Frederick Read, ex-Superintendent of Police, aged 54 years.

HIETT.—March 6th, at Stratton St. Margaret, Charles Hiett, of Rodbourne, aged 20 years.

STEVENS.—March 6th, at Stratton St. Margaret, Fredk. William Stevens, of Swindon, aged 2 months.

TIMBRELL.—March 18th, at 17, Princes Street, Swindon, Mary Ann, wife of Mr C. Timbrell, aged 63 years.

THORNE.—March 20th, at 8, Commercial Road Swindon, Albert Thorne, aged 42 years.

TUCKER.—March 20th, killed on the G.W.R. at Swindon, John Tucker, of Coate, aged 60 years.

VOYSEY.—March 12 at Ledwell, Woodstock, Oxon, Charles Voysey, aged 63 years.

WATKINS. — March 14, at Granville Street, Swindon, Charles Watkins, aged 71 years.

WEAVER. — March 12th, at Princes Street, Reading, Sarah, wife of Thomas Weaver, aged 67 years.

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HOCKEY.—Broome Ladies played Swindon Technical School at Broome yesterday (Thursday). Result, a drawn game of 4 goals each.

CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the members of the Swindon Cricket Club is to be held next Monday evening at the King's Arms Hotel, to elect officers, etc. The balance sheet shows a total income for the past year of £131 2s 7d, while the expenditure was £130 12s, leaving 10s 7d in treasurer's hands.

MRS. C. WATKINS AND FAMILY desire to tender their sincere thanks for the very many expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement. 8693

ACCIDENT.—A man named Matthews, living at No. 2 Butterworth Street, Swindon, was admitted into the G.W.R. Medical Fund Hospital, last Monday morning, suffering from scalds on the arms and body. Matthews, who is employed in the Stamping Shop, of the G.W.R., slipped into a tank of boiling water.

SWINDON VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—The following gifts received this week, are thankfully acknowledged, and include illustrated papers by Mrs Morrison. Patients admitted during the week, 6; discharged, 4; remaining in Hospital, 18. Medical Officers for the month: Drs. Maclean and Reid.—W. H. Shepherd, Secretary.

N.U.T.—The following ten delegates from the Swindon and District Association of Teachers have been appointed to attend the annual Conference of the National Union of Teachers, to be held at Easter at Oxford:—Mr W. D. Bavin, Mr A. E. Bullock, Mr G. Cressey, Miss Rance, Miss Gover, Miss Coleman, Mr G. E. Webber, Mr C. Jeffery, Mr Smith (Wootton Bassett), and Mr L. Monks.

Mr J. Shipley Slipper, R.D.S., Surgeon Dentist, of 37, High Holborn, London, W.C., may be consulted every alternate Tuesday from 12.30 to 3.30 at Mrs Walters Fancy Repository, 15, Bath Road, Swindon. Artificial Teeth painlessly fitted by the new American process without plates or wires, from 5s 6d per tooth, and from 20s a set complete. Consultations and all information free. Next attendance: Tuesday, April 2nd, 1907.

N.D.F.S.—The North District of the National Deposit Friendly Society held its third annual meeting in the schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Gorse Hill on Friday last. The balance-sheet, which was read by the secretary (Mr O. Talbert) proved to be in every way satisfactory. During the past three years upwards of 100 members had been enrolled. The sickness experienced still maintained the lowest position of any existing Friendly Society. The election of the Committee took place, and Mr F. Litten was chosen as chairman for the ensuing year.

TRAFFIC RETURNS. — The following are the comparative traffic returns for the M. and S.W. Jn. Railway for the past week:—

	Pa's'g's	P'r'ls.	Gds.	Tl.
Week ending Mar. 17, 1907	451	188	716	1335
Corresponding week, 1906	431	188	675	1294
Increase	—	—	41	41
Decrease	—	—	—	—
The aggregate for 11 weeks is:—				
Weeks ending Mar. 17, 1907	4660	1965	7577	14202
Corresponding weeks, 1906	4707	1994	7623	14324
Increase	—	—	—	—
Decrease	47	29	45	122

SUCCESSFUL BALL.—A private subscription ball to wind up the season in connection with a series of private subscription dances, which have been held at the Bradford Hall, Devizes Road, Swindon, was held last Thursday. There was a numerous company, over eighty dancers being present, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The floor was in splendid condition, and the hall was effectively decorated and furnished. Mr H. Viner's Band supplied the music. The refreshment caterers were Messrs A. J. G. King and Son, Mr C. D. Godwin, of the King's Arms Hotel, Swindon, supplying the wines and spirits. Every credit is due to the Committee and the joint secretaries for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the party. The Committee were Miss A. Bosley, Miss R. Pigott, and Mr Fred S. Smith; and the joint secretaries were Miss Docie Piggott and Mr G. Arthur Bowers.

A SWINDON MAN SENT TO GAOL AT EXETER.—At Exeter Police Court on Saturday, Archibald McSmithers, an engine fitter, in the employ of the G W R Co., and living at 20, Morley Street, Swindon, was brought up charged with failing to comply with a maintenance order made in respect of his wife on February 2nd, 1905, and being in arrears to the extent of £28 10s. An order of 10s per week was made at Weston-super-Mare for the support of his wife, and one child, two years of age, on the ground of defendant's persistent cruelty. Defendant had paid nothing on the order. Detective Parkhouse arrested McSmithers at Swindon, where he was living with another woman, and there was also a child in this case. The defence was that McSmithers was unable to pay the money on account of illness. The Magistrates sentenced defendant to gaol for two months, with hard labour.

DEATH OF THE REV. A. J. EVERETT.—The death took place at the Rectory, Sutton Veny, on Monday, of the Rev. A. J. Everett, the Rector of the parish. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, came of a well-known Wiltshire family. He was formerly curate of Wells, Somerset; and from 1861 to 1895 was Vicar of Berry Pomeroy, Devon. In 1895 he was appointed to the living of Sutton Veny, the church school of which had been built by his family. He leaves a family of eight sons and two daughters. One of his sons is Police Supt. Everett, of Devizes, formerly Inspector at Swindon.

SMOKING CONCERT.—A successful smoking concert was held on Saturday night at the Ship Hotel, under the auspices of the Trades Union Branch of the Tariff Reform League. The chair was occupied by Mr E. Wager, and there was a good muster which included Mr J. Reid (Bristol), and Mr W. M. Turnidge. A thoroughly enjoyable programme was gone through, the contributions by Mr Arthur Coleman, Mr W. Brookman, and Mr Stanley Cook being appreciated. Mr Reid, in an interval in the programme, made a brief speech, and alluded to the progress which the Association had made, and was making in the Bristol district. Since the general election, he said no less than three thousand men had joined, and sixty new branches had been opened. He referred to the recent success of Sir Berkeley Sheffield, M.P., in the Brigg Division, and said that seat was won in the full interests of tariff reform.

SALE OF WORK.—On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a sale of work was held at the Sanford Street Congregational Schoolroom, Swindon, by the members of the Women's Adult School. The sale was opened by Mrs. W. H. Williams, Councillor J. J. Shawyer presiding. The room looked very gay, the lace curtains being kindly lent by Mr O. Milsum, who also provided assistance in decorating the stalls. There were plain and fancy work, cake, jumble, pound, and refreshment stalls. Two competitions were arranged for the afternoon. There were other attractions, including "Tricks without trickery," a most interesting display of chemistry by Mr Warner, and, last but not least, a very graceful display of musical fan drill, under the leadership of Mrs Jenner, whose work in this direction is always so highly appreciated. A sum of between £10 and £11 was realised, and the funds thus raised are to be used, for the extension of the Womens' School. Great thanks are due to the members of the Men's Adult School for the very efficient aid rendered throughout the sale.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—Anniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, Cricklade Road, Swindon, were held on Sunday, March 10th, when sermons were preached by Alderman F. C. Linfield, Mayor of Worthing. At eight o'clock a musical service was given by the P.S.A. Band, which was greatly appreciated. On Wednesday an entertainment was given by the young people, presided over by Mr A. Grose, when a good programme was rendered, followed at 9 o'clock by a coffee supper. The services were continued last Sunday, when the Rev G. K. Fawell was the preacher. In the afternoon, a gospel song service was conducted by Mr S. Fry. On Monday evening a public meeting was presided over by Mr W. E. Morse, when addresses were given by the Revs. F. C. Shellard, W. J. T. Scruby, and A. Smith. The Secretary's report showed a successful year's working, and that £25 10s had been paid off the debt, leaving a present debt of £444 6s 8d. The proceeds of the services were £17 10s, including £5 from the Sewing Circle.

JUVENILES' VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.—Mrs Ada M. Brocklehurst Hack is running a further series of variety entertainments by Swindon juveniles. The first entertainment took place last Tuesday night in the large hall of the Swimming Baths. It was a very boisterous night as far as the weather was concerned, and this largely, no doubt, accounted for the very meagre audience. One questions the wisdom, however, of engaging so large a hall. In a smaller building the children would be more at home, and the chances of better and more compact audiences would be enhanced. As far as the performance is concerned, it is well worthy of patronage, and seen, say, from the stage of the small baths or the Bradford Hall, or even the Corn Exchange, would be extremely effective. But in the great lofty hall of the Swimming Baths its effect is lost. The programme, a lengthy one, consists of songs, choruses, duets, sketches, and dances, the three principal features being the presentation of the pantomime scena, "The Rainbow and the Rose," the libretto of which is by Mrs Ada M. Brocklehurst Hack, and the music by Messrs Everard Chase and Joseph Carter; the romance, "The Highborn Spider and the Adventurous Fly;" and a series of pretty tableaux. Among the juveniles who contribute to the success of the entertainment are the Misses Frances Porter, Iris V. Hobson, who so charmingly impersonates the little god of love in "The Rainbow and the Rose" scena; Violet Baker, Lucy Curtis, Josephine Farrell, Alice Brockway, Roseline Birbeck, Eva Kent, Ethel Kent, Little Stella, Isabel Baker, Maude Barnes, and Hilda Marlow; Masters Harry Southwell, S. Ginsberg, and J. Hedges. The entertainments were repeated in the large hall of the Swimming Baths on Wednesday, and again on Thursday night.

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WESLEY GUILD.—The meeting of the Faringdon Street Wesley Guild on Monday last was held in connection with the Literary Section, and three of the members gave papers on favourite books. Miss O. Matthews opened with an able appreciation of "David Copperfield;" Mr S. A. Dyer followed with a paper showing intimate knowledge of Rudyard Kipling's "Kim;" while Miss L. Clark contributed a capital account of "The Gladiators," by White Melville. On behalf of the members present, the Rev W. J. Chant, who presided, thanked the essayists for the interesting evening they had provided.

SEE POOLE'S.—That annual and welcome visitor to Swindon, Poole's splendid entertainment, will visit Swindon next Monday, opening for a fortnight at the large hall of the Swimming Baths. This time it is the Chas. W. Poole's No. 1 Colossal Hyper-Myriorama, with all the latest pictures, including the great earthquake at San Francisco, the wreck of the Berlin, and a spectacular production—Waterloo. In addition, there will appear each evening a troupe of entertainers, including Woolford's performing ponies, donkey, and dogs; the Lizzette Troupe of four graceful lady acrobats; etc. For further particulars, see advertisement on page six.

FREEMASONRY.—The annual festival in connection with the Gooch Lodge of Freemasons No. 1295, Swindon, took place last Wednesday night. There was a large number of visitors of high rank in Masonry present. The following officers were installed for the present year:—W. Bro. W. G. Little, M.M.; W. Bro. W. D. James, I.P.M.; Bro. C. R. Thomas, S.W.; Bro. A. J. Griffin-King, J.W.; W. Bro. J. Brewer, P.M., treasurer; Bro. J. Lott, S.D.; Bro. J. N. Jefferies, J.D.; W. Bro. A. G. While, P.M., D. of C.; W. Bro. G. Whitehead, P.M., organist; Bro. W. H. Lawson, I.G.; and Bros. W. W. Dickson and E. O. Twitcher, stewards. The usual installation banquet was served at the Queen's Royal Hotel. An excellent programme of music was contributed to by W. Bros. F. E. Streeten, J. S. Protheroe, H. W. Thomas, W. D. James, E. Bishop, Bros. C. R. Thomas, E. O. Twitcher, and E. C. Fielder. The splendid contributions by the members of the Windsor Glee and Quartette Party constituted one of the leading features of the evening's entertainment. W. Bro. W. D. James and Bro. H. J. Davis were the instrumentalists. Bro. Davis, L.R.A.M., officiated as accompanist. It only remains to be said that W. Bro. W. G. Little had a most auspicious send-off upon his taking the rank of W.M.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE.—A meeting of the Women's Association was held on Tuesday in the Small Baths, Swindon. Among those present were Mrs S. B. Morrison (President), Mrs Eliot (President of the Fulham Women's Association), Mrs Elwell, Miss Elwell, Mrs Brewer, Mrs Kirby, Mrs A. A. Crates (Hon. Sec.), and members of the Committee. Letters of apology for not being able to be present were read from Lady Banbury, the Hon. Mrs Agar, the Hon. Mrs Bouverie, Mrs Goddard, Mrs Wykeham-Martin, Mrs Baines, and others. Mrs Elliot, in addressing the meeting, dealt with the Tariff Reform question, laying much stress on the important factor a woman might easily become in the welfare of the country, by interesting herself in a proper direction in political and social matters. She must read the daily papers in what leisure time she had, in order to be able to discuss political and social problems, and to be able to impart to others the knowledge so derived. Mrs Elliot went on to say that the burning question of Tariff Reform ought not to be, and ought never to have been, made a party question. It was a question of most vital importance to the country, and until something was done in this direction, the number of unemployed and the amount of distress throughout the Kingdom would most assuredly increase instead of decrease, as it in reason ought to do, under the present booming trade conditions. The speaker appreciated greatly the sympathetic manner in which her address was received by the large audience.—Mr S. B. Morrison, in a short address, gave a few instances which had come under his immediate notice, and expressed his great pleasure in being invited to that meeting, and in endorsing everything Mrs Elliot had so ably put before them.—A resolution was proposed by Mr Morrison, and carried, welcoming the Conference of Colonial Premiers, shortly to be held in London, its aims and objects.—Mrs S. B. Morrison proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Elliot for her able address, which was seconded by Mrs Nash, and carried. Tea was served towards the conclusion of the meeting, and a vote of thanks to Mrs S. B. Morrison terminated a most successful meeting.

SWINDON ENGINEERING SOCIETY.—On Tuesday evening the tenth ordinary meeting of the present Session was held in the Society's Lecture Hall, Emlyn Square. Mr A. H. Nash presided. An instructive paper was read by Mr G. W. Palphramand (member) on "Ferro-concrete structures." The author said reinforced concrete, so called, consisted of concrete having iron or steel sections introduced in its substance in such a manner as to take up those stresses which could not be resisted by the concrete unaided. Concrete as a building material had been used for many centuries, but its use had been limited to purposes where subjected to compression only. During the last generation engineers had discovered methods by which the tensile strength which had been hitherto lacking was added to the properties of concrete. In dealing with the properties and advantages of ferro-concrete, Mr Palphramand said that it was found especially economical where used in the construction of factories where the walls could be formed in bays with columns or lintels. It had been found an excellent material for fire-proof buildings. The concrete protected the iron work embedded in it by reason of its low conductivity of heat, and as the co-efficients of expansion of iron and concrete under the action of heat were practically identical, no internal stresses were set up due to the differences in expansion and contraction. Reinforced concrete structures were not affected by atmospheric condition or corrosive fumes. Mr Palphramand dealt very fully with the materials used in construction of ferro-concrete, and afterwards gave numerous examples of the various uses to which the material had been put to.—At the conclusion of the paper, the Chairman opened a debate on the subject, in which Messrs C. T. Cuss, L. A. Brewer, F. Marwood, T. C. Davison, H. Holcroft, C. S. Wilson, F. J. Tonkin, S. F. Tyrwhitt, D. G. Slatter, and the author took part.—A vote of thanks to Mr Palphramand was heartily accorded at the termination of the meeting.

CHOIR FESTIVAL.—In connection with the Manchester Road Primitive Methodist Church, a public tea was held on Saturday last, when about 120 persons sat down to an excellent tea. The ladies presiding at the tables were Mesdames Bowsher, Reeves, Greenwood, Gale, Lewis, Pellow, and Smith, Misses Anger, Bezer, Clack, Greenwood, and Walman. After the tea, an entertainment was given by the Choir and friends, presided over by Mr H. Cook. The programme was as follows: Pianoforte solo, Miss Grace Halliwell; song, "The poor that helps the poor," Miss Greenwood; recitation, "Don't punish father," by Mrs Pellow; song, Miss May Nash; solo, Miss Blanch Clack; selections on the gramaphone, Mr Frank Harwood; solo, "The Fisherman and his child," Mr Fred Clack; recitation, "The Smitten Rock," Miss Pollard; oboe solo, Mr Halliwell, which demanded an encore, and also the solo by Mr Fred Clack; song, "The very worst girl in the school," Miss Harding; solo, "No night in Heaven," Mr Frank Smith.—On Sunday, Mr Hamson preached two excellent sermons, to a large congregation. The Choir rendered special anthems and Miss B. Clack sang very effectively "Will there be any stars in My Crown." In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Guided Home" was given by the Rodbourne Road Primitive Methodist Choir; reader, Mr Hatherall; organist, Miss Loveday; conductor, Mr Ponter. The chair was taken by Mr Bowsher, in the place of Mr Garrett, who was ill. At eight o'clock a musical service was given by the Swindon Male Voice Choir, conductor Mr .. Wilson, and pianist, Mr E. Yates. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Nash, in the place of Ald. B. Harding, who was indisposed. Following was the programme: Chorus, "Comrades song of hope, Choir; song, "He wipes the tear from every eye" Mr Harding; song, Mr Richards; chorus, "Crusaders," Choir; solo, "I will guide thee," Mr Hughes; quartette, "Remember me," Messrs Williams, Price, Griffiths, and Robinson; hymn, "When wilt thou save the people" solo, "From cross to crown," Mr H. Perham; chorus, "Hallelujah Choir. The services were well attended, and the Church at night was filled to overflowing. The collections were far in advance of last year. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr T. Miles.

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THE Wilts Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held at the Secondary Schools, Malmesbury, on April 4th and 5th, and the opening ceremony on the first day will be undertaken by the Countess of Radnor, who will come to Swindon the following week to open the Red Cross Bazaar at the Swimming Baths.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Swindon Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m. Mr H. C. Toller will preside, and an address will be given by the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, M.A., ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference.

WE have received from Mr Sidney Evans, of Cambria Place, Swindon, a copy of a South African paper containing a report of a dinner held some five weeks ago. The gathering took the form of a social and dinner and was really a reunion of ex-Swindonians, all of whom had at one time or another been employed in the G.W.R. Works at Swindon. Amongst the names of those present we notice those of Mr Hawthorn R. Thornton, a son-in-law of the late Mr Samuel Carlton, a former Manager at the Swindon Works. Another old Swindonian present was Mr Harry Evans, who receives his copy of the "Advertiser" regularly each week.

DINNER AND "SMOKER." — Last Wednesday evening a most successful dinner and smoking concert was held at the "Bell and Shoulder of Mutton," Swindon, the company attending spending a very enjoyable evening. A first-class repast was provided by Host and Hostess W. Mason, and the tables were nicely laid and effectively decorated. Mr T. Tranter, President of the Swindon and District Licensed Victuallers' Association, made a most genial Chairman, and he was ably supported by Messrs R. W. Menham, C. G. Kent, Mark Applegate, T. Smallbone, H. Gough, C. Walker, and others. After full justice had been done to the repast, the evening was devoted to harmony, a splendid programme having been arranged. Speech-making was reduced to a minimum, and harmony reigned supreme. After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the health of the Chairman was drunk with enthusiasm, and the toast of the "Host and Hostess," was proposed by Mr R. W. Menham in felicitous terms, and received with musical honours. Mr W. Mason suitably responded. The evening's programme was admirable, and included banjo solos by Mr T. Angle, mandoline solos by Mr Gunter, and some capital songs by Messrs Arthur W. Dixon, Sid Speller, Arthur Coleman, George Rose, C. G. Kent, M. Applegate, and A. C. Woolford, all well known local vocalists. Needless to say, encores were numerous. Mr Will Drake was the efficient accompanist, and the happy gathering dispersed shortly before eleven o'clock, all having spent a most enjoyable evening together.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—At the Bradford Hall, Swindon, last (Thursday) evening, a meeting was held on behalf of the Church of England Zenana Mission. The Vicar of Swindon, the Rev. Canon E. W. Estcourt, presided, and was accompanied on the platform by Miss Gore, Church of England Zenana Missionary at Andul, North India. During the course of his remarks, the Vicar said they were all indebted to Mrs Kinneir, whose work enabled them to hear year after year accounts of the work that was being carried on amongst their sisters in the East. He had read the last report issued—it was a bit out of date now as the year ended March 31st, and it was issued last March—and he had found the most interesting pages under the heading of "Indian Widows' Union." The work seemed to be especially to give instruction to those widows to enable them to support themselves instead of falling into poverty, and worse still, into temptation. He supposed we hardly realised the comfort that Christianity could minister to people in distress. We failed to realise the blank there was in the lives of those who had not that comfort. He hoped they would stretch out their supporting hands to those who were doing their work.—Miss Gore then introduced to the audience a number of ladies attired in native costumes, and pointed out the significance attached to the wearing of different kinds of apparel by the native women. She described the work of the mission amongst the women of the East—Zenana meant lady, and the Zenana missionaries went into that part of the house in which the ladies lived. The Society wanted £2,000 more income a year, and because of that a Committee had pledged themselves that they would not run into debt, and that every quarter if there was a deficit they would make it up from the capital fund. Once during this year the capital fund was, through that, reduced to £5. They were asking that the Society's income should be increased from £42,000 to £44,000 and she wanted them all to help.

REFUGE ASSURANCE CO.—On page six will be found an advertisement giving full details for the year 1906 of the Refuge Assurance Co. The aggregate premium income amounted to £2,210,091 17s 1d, thus establishing a marked record over any other year, the advance in premium income as compared with the previous year amounting to no less than the sum of £190,980 1s 1d. The influence produced by this accession of new premium income upon the development of the funds is demonstrated by the fact that the funds at the close of the year amounted to £4,903,301 2s 3d, indicating an increase of £614,246 17s 2d during the year under review. The total number of policies in force as at 31st December, 1906, amounted to 3,115,519. During the year the Company has issued several new tables. On one you may insure for the first five years at almost half of the usual funeral premiums, and there is also a child's endowment. That on the death of the parent, the policy at once becomes an asset; that is, that the full amount assured, with profits, would be paid at the expiration of the term without any other premiums having to be paid. The progress since Mr J. R. Pastfield became Chief Inspector for the Southern Districts (three and a half years ago) has been remarkable. There are now 84 districts, in place of 13, in the area under his Inspectorship, and an increase in the cash receipts of over £37,000 testifies to the solid character of the work achieved. These districts are worked in Divisions, of which there are five, with an assistant Divisional Inspector to each, under Mr Pastfield. We understand that, as usual, the Swindon District, under Mr J. G. Parkhouse, has done well, having made the largest increase in the C Division in both the ordinary and industrial branches. All information can be obtained of Mr J. G. Parkhouse, District Superintendent 42, Victoria Road, Swindon.

DEATH OF EX-SUPERINTENDENT READ.

We regret to record the death, which occurred at Westbury on Friday last, of Ex-Superintendent F. Read. Mr Read was Superintendent of the Malmesbury Division, and retired on a pension last year, on account of ill-health. He had previously held Inspectorships at Westbury and Bradford-on-Avon, being stationed at the latter place for a number of years. He was a most zealous officer.

Deceased was for many years stationed at Bishopstone, when he was a constable, under the late Supt. George North. Mr Read was formerly a member of the "True Heart" Lodge of Oddfellows, Bishopstone, and took a great interest in Friendly Societies. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, one of his sons being a Sergeant in the Wilts Constabulary, now in charge of the Market Lavington Division.

The funeral took place at Westbury on Monday last, and was made the occasion of a remarkable display of esteem, not only by the members of the force of which he was such an able and popular officer, but also by the inhabitants of Westbury in general. The cortege left the house at Church Street at 3 p.m. In addition to the mourners there were the following members of the Wilts Constabulary: Supts. Tyler (Trowbridge), Longstone (Salisbury), Lane (Warminster), Daly (Chippenham), Malony (Tisbury), Collins (Malmesbury), Inspectors Pinnell, Miller, Mackie, Webb, and ex-Inspector Smith; Sergts. Millard, Batchelor, Cowdrey, Mead, Perry, Pike, and about 40 constables. Inspectors Pinnell and Hancock and Sergts. Cowdrey, Mead, and Batchelor acted as pall-bearers. A contingent from the Westbury Lodge of Oddfellows, of which deceased was a member, was present.

The Rev. J. W. Clarke, of Westbury Congregational Church, officiated. Bro. Ingram, of the Westbury Lodge, read the usual burial rites of their Order prior to the benediction.

The coffin, which was of polished elm, with brass fittings, bore the following inscription, "Frederick Read, Died March 15th, 1907. Aged 54 years." The coffin was covered with wreaths from the following:—Harp, with broken string, "from his loving and faithful wife"; In loving memory of our dear father, from his children; In loving memory of our dear brother, from his brothers and sisters; With deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Burden (Mere); In loving and sweet memory of grand-dad, from Daisy, Freddie, Wallace, and Cyril; With much sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Welch (Rowde); In loving memory, from Miss Annie Cottrell (Westbury); With deepest sympathy from the Misses Michael (Westbury); With deepest sympathy and respect, from the Superintendent, inspectors, and members of the Trowbridge Police Division; With sincere sympathy from the officers and men of the Swindon Police Division; With deepest sympathy, from the officers and constables of the Warminster Police Division; With deepest sympathy from the officers and constables of the Malmesbury Police Division.

The police were formed up on either side of the cemetery entrance, and at the graveside, arrangements which were admirably carried out by the Superintendents present, and which made quite an imposing spectacle.

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SUDDEN DEATH IN SWINDON

INQUEST TO-DAY.

At noon to-day (Friday), Mr A. L. Forrester, the Coroner for North Wilts, held an inquest at the Rifleman's Arms Hotel, Swindon, on the body of Albert Thorne, aged 42 years, a labourer in the G.W.R. Works, who was discovered to be dead in bed at No. 8, Commercial Road on Wednesday morning.

Mr Charles G. Kent was appointed foreman of the jury.

William Thomas Sutton, trimmer's assistant, was the first witness called. He said he lived at No. 8, Commercial Road. The deceased was his half-brother, and was a general labourer in the G.W.R. Works. On Tuesday night the deceased, who had lodged with witness for over 20 years, went to bed as usual. Witness last saw deceased alive at breakfast on Tuesday morning. Deceased appeared in his usual health, and went to work. Deceased had complained a good deal lately about his heart, and he suffered from shortness of breath. Deceased was not a temperate man. On Wednesday morning, on going upstairs at 8.30, witness found Thorne dead on the bed. Deceased was lying on the bed on his back, and his legs were on the ground. Witness sent for the police. Deceased was fully dressed.

Ernest Hayward, lodging at No. 8, Commercial Road, said that on Tuesday, about 5 p.m., he was having tea when Thorne came in by the back-door. He took his coat off and went into the kitchen. He sat down in a chair, and took his boots off. He said he was going to bed. Deceased called to witness to ask him to see him upstairs. Deceased was hardly sober. Thorne walked upstairs without assistance, and witness followed him up. On reaching his bedroom, Thorne sat down on the bed. Witness noticed that deceased had a bottle in his pocket with paper round it. Deceased asked witness to close the window which was open. Witness then noticed that Thorne was drinking from the bottle which he had in his pocket. The bottle (produced) contained gin. Witness took the bottle from the deceased, telling him that if he drank more he would upset himself. Witness took some of the gin out of the bottle and returned it to the deceased, or, rather, put it on the table. The deceased laid down on the bed, and said, "Good night." Witness then left him, and did not see him alive again. Witness was called upstairs the next morning by the previous witness, and found Thorne dead on the bed. He was lying on the bed in the same position as witness left him the previous night. The deceased was not a temperate man by any means. The bottle of gin was a full bottle. When witness took the bottle away he emptied some of the gin out, and then filled the bottle up with water.

Dr William Harrison deposed to being called to 8, Commercial Road, on Wednesday morning. On arrival he found Albert Thorne quite dead. Thorne must have been dead some few hours. In witness's opinion, death was due to heart failure accelerated by excessive indulgence in alcohol.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE WORKS.

John Tucker, aged 60, of Coate, met with a fatal accident in the G.W.R. Works, Swindon, early on Wednesday morning. He was a points cleaner and while at work near the saw mills was knocked down by a steam crane, the wheels of which passed over his body.

Death was instantaneous.

Deceased was a careful, steady man.

The deceased leaves a widow and nine children, one of the latter being at home seriously ill when the sad accident happened.

The inquest was held this afternoon at the Mechanics' Institute, Swindon, a report of which will appear in our evening issue to-morrow.

The funeral will take place at Liddington to-morrow afternoon. The cortege will leave deceased's late resident at Liddington Wick, at 3.15 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GUARDIANS AND MEDICAL OFFICERS' DUTIES.

To the Editor of the "Swindon Advertiser."

Sir,—On a question of public health, one would have thought the old saw that "two heads are better than one," etc., was a safe axiom. It is therefore regrettable to read the remarks of the Chairman of the Swindon Board of Guardians characterising as absurd a joint responsibility on the part of the two medical officers for the discharge of patients suffering from an infectious disease from one public institution into another. The rules of the Hospital Board provide that in all cases of convalescence, the Medical Superintendent of the Gorse Hill Isolation Hospital shall notify the medical gentlemen sending the cases in that to the best of his belief the patients are convalescent and free from infection, and invite their attendance to examine and confirm. If on examination he does not agree, then the patient is detained. The question therefore, arises, are the patients from Stratton to be treated differently to others. The difficulty, I believe, arose recently through the Medical Officer to the Guardians asking for extra remuneration for such attendance at the Isolation Hospital. Representatives of the Board of Guardians were present when the Hospital Board unanimously agreed to the resolution in question, so that one cannot easily be led to believe that the Board of Guardians were all of the opinion of the Chairman.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. MAYELL.

42, Chester Street, Swindon, March 21st, 1907.

Other correspondence will be found on pages 4 and 8.

Miss Mary Bateson, of Cambridge, a writer on historical subjects, has left the whole of her estate, valued at £8,880, to Newnham College, with which she was associated.

WILTS COUNTY COUNCIL.

EAST WARD VACANCY.

We understand that Mr J. S. Protheroe will come forward as a candidate for the vacancy in the East Ward, Swindon, caused by the lamented death of Mr James Hinton.

MOTOR CAR FATALITY.

A CHILD KILLED AT MARLBOROUGH.

Last Wednesday evening about six o'clock a little girl of four years of age, named Sutton, was playing in the High Street, Marlborough, when she was knocked down by a motor car owned and driven by Mr W. J. Randall, of Andover.

The child was picked up by Mr H. M. Jarvis, stationer, and taken to Dr. Maurice's surgery near at hand, but she expired in a few minutes.

The car was being driven carefully, and was only proceeding at a moderate pace.

The child was walking backwards at the time, and though the driver of the car did all he could to avert an accident he was unable to do so.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.

This afternoon, Mr A. L. Forrester, Coroner for North Wilts, held an inquest at the Mechanics' Institute, Swindon, on the body of Edgar Leopold Cockrell, aged 40 years, employed as an erector in the G.W.R. Works, lately residing at 28, Hughes Street, Even Swindon.

It appeared from the evidence that deceased had been employed in the Erecting Shop, when he complained of illness, and fell down in a pit. He was at once attended by Dr Haddon, and was ordered home, where he died.

A verdict of death from mitral disease of the heart was returned.

SECOND EDITION

LATEST TELEGRAMS

THE WHITELEY MURDER.

TRIAL OF RAYNER.

At the new Central Criminal Court this morning, Horace Rayner was brought up for trial charged with the wilful murder of Mr Wm. Whiteley.

The Lord Chief Justice tried the case.

Mr Muir, in opening the case for the prosecution, said it was clear that prisoner went to Westbourne Grove determined to kill Mr Whiteley. It was not till prisoner was three years of age that any member of his family was in any way connected with the Whiteley family. About the year 1900 Rayner became aware, if he did not previously know, of relations between his aunt and Mr Whiteley. Prisoner had always been poor, but shortly after this he told a friend he was coming into some money. When prisoner went to Mr Whiteley's office he spent half an hour with him, which was significant, remembering that Mr Whiteley was a very busy man. There was no reason to believe that the rash act was committed in self defence or in a sudden rage.

Sir George Lewis, asked whether he had acted for Mr Whiteley in a matter connected with Emily Turner, and pleaded solicitor's privilege. The Lord Chief Justice directed him to answer "yes" or "no." He replied "yes."

Louisa Turner said she had a son by Whiteley. Prisoner knew who this person was. She knew her sister had an elder child than prisoner, but did not knew who the father was.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held this morning at the Prime Minister's private room, House of Commons.

TO-DAY'S

RACING & BETTING

LIVERPOOL.

1.30—THURSBY HANDICAP.

Battle Ground	... ...	1
Vardon	... ...	2
Cock of the Roost	... ...	3

6 ran.

Winner trained by F. Hartigan.

Betting: 5 to 2 agst Marie Jeanne, 4 to 1 Cock of the Roost, Battle Ground, 5 to 1 Erin's Beauty, 6 to 1 Vardon, 100 to 8 Sugar Apple. Won by a neck; half a length between second and third.

2.0—BICKERSTAFFE STAKES.

Maya	... ...	1
Jolly Jap	... ...	2
Beattie	... ...	3

8 ran.

Winner trained by J. Powney.

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Beattie, 3 to 1 Lowland Lord 4 to 1 Knight of Tully, 6 to 1 Maya, 7 to 1 Jolly Jap, 10 to 1 others. Won by three lengths; one and a half lengths between second and third.

3.0—GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

EREMON	... ...	1
TOM WEST ...	... ...	2
PATLANDER	... ...	3

23 ran.

COURSE BETTING.

GRAND NATIONAL.

Before racing.

6 to 1 agst	Red Lad
6 to 1 —	Eremon
100 to 12 —	Ascetics Silver
100 to 8 —	Timothy Titus
100 to 8 —	Extravagance
100 to 7 —	Tom West
100 to 7 —	Ravenscliffe
100 to 6 —	Rathvale
20 to 1 —	Centre Board
20 to 1 —	Kilts

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